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Continued improvement reaps positive results for ARES

By Lori Penner

Altona/Rhineland Emergency Services (ARES) has been steadily upgrading its level of service and support, and those improvements are reaping positive results.

Equipment such as the compressed foam truck, added to the fleet in 2022, has proven to be quite the game-changer, according to Chief Greg Zimmerman.

Not only does the system use 10 per cent of the water to put out a fire, but it has also improved the department's response times. The truck only fits two people, meaning it can be deployed sooner and allow the first-arriving firefighters to do more in the early minutes of an incident.

"We're finding the foam truck is on the road as I'm still driving to the call, the truck is usually a minute behind me. We've shaved about five or six minutes off our response time, which can make a huge difference," Zimmerman says.

The compressed foam system recently played a big role in resolving a

barn fire in Neuberghal.

"We're all excited to see how well it worked. The nice thing about foam is that we can do a quick attack from the outside. If we have people inside, it will extinguish most of the fire and bring the heat down to where it's still survivable in the building."

It also makes economic sense.

"I might use a jug of foam, which costs about \$175. Plus, it takes an hour off my time and my members."

The biggest problem, he notes, is that everybody wants to drive it.

Other upgrades, such as the ladder truck and the two rated pumpers the department acquired several years ago, have not only improved their firefighting capabilities but also improved the community's insurance rating through the Fire Underwriters Survey. Certified fire protection specialists use these detailed surveys to determine fire risks and fire defenses maintained in municipalities across Canada. The results of that survey establish a classification for each community.

"For commercial and industrial



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Altona Fire Chief Greg Zimmerman seated in the compressed foam truck acquired by the department last year.

purposes, we were rated at 7, and we've now been upgraded to six. This means when insurance companies look at the grading, all the commercial and industrial businesses in Altona should get a cheaper insurance rate. The insurance companies recognize that our firefighting capabilities have improved."

That's part of the benefits of acquiring vehicles and doing the training, Zimmerman says.

"The fire service is one of the few services that pays for itself. Although you pay taxes, what you pay in taxes for fire protection is usually equal to your insurance savings, not to mention the losses that can be avoided through proper equipment and training."

While equipment comes with a big price tag, Zimmerman says he's thankful that both councils have supported ARES in their upgrading endeavors.

"How do you put a price on the safety of your firefighters, or giving victims a better chance to survive? How much is that worth?"

ARES' \$330,000 annual budget is split between the RM and the Town.

"And look what they got: in just seven years, we supersized the tanker and put a ladder truck in. We bought a foam truck and 21 new air packs. We now have heavy rescue equipment on our rescue truck. We purchased the struts, and now we purchased the

hydra fusion as part of the strut package, so we can tackle accidents with rail cars or highway vehicles. We can use the same struts for trench rescue for shoring support, and we can also use them if we encounter a house natural gas and smoke explosion. Where the house is unsafe, we can now brace it with struts and search for victims.

"We've also upgraded our spreaders and cutters. This is all part of being able to do heavy rescue. My councils have supported us and it's hard to cry poverty when in seven years you've done all this stuff."

They'll need to replace the 25-year-old pumper truck in the near future.

Zimmerman says he will continue to encourage improvement of lifesaving services in Altona and Rhineland year after year until the day he retires.

Zimmerman has been a firefighter for 45 years this July. After working in Prince George, B.C., he went on to work with the fire marshal's office in Inuvik and later as a fire chief in the Pas. He became Altona's fire chief in 2016.

"I'm still very much enjoying the role, and don't plan to retire anytime soon," he says. "Council is very supportive, and my crew is awesome, I have one of the best crews around. And this is a great community. Everything is going well, so why stop?"

"WE'VE SHAVED ABOUT FIVE OR SIX MINUTES OFF OUR RESPONSE TIME, WHICH CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE."

An advertisement for the Altona Aquatic Centre. The background is a photograph of children playing in a swimming pool. A large blue banner at the top reads "Season Passes Available Now!". In the center, there is a QR code. At the bottom, a blue banner with a white star contains the text "Altona Aquatic Centre".

BTHC hosts medical students for Rural Week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

First-year medical students got the chance to see everything our area has to offer during Rural Week 2023.

Eight students from the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine were in Morden-Winkler last week, shadowing physicians at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre, and the Menzies Medical Centre.

"Some of them are from rural Manitoba and so have a bit of a sense of what it's like to live in a rural community, but some of them have only ever lived in a larger urban centre," said Dr. Kevin Earl, one of the physicians who worked with the students. "And so the comments we got from a lot of them were that they couldn't believe the medical care that can be provided in our region."

The students spent their days working in a variety of departments to get a real sense for what rural medicine is like.

"We had them scheduled with some of the anesthetists, some of the emergency room physicians, the family physicians, the surgeons, so they get exposure to different areas of medicine rurally," Earl said.

They were also treated to tours of some of the recreational options the Pembina Valley has to offer, including ziplining and enjoying a beverage and a tour at Dead Horse Cider.

Reaching out to medical students at this point in their education has proven to be very effective in aiding later recruiting efforts, Earl shared.

"In the first one to two years of medical school, that's really when students start to think about what their career path might look like. So planting the seed that rural medicine

can be really rewarding, exciting, and living rurally can actually be a really nice lifestyle, it's really important."

The week certainly left an impression on Winnipeggers Kieran Milner and Vaishali Shenoj.

"It's been an amazing learning experience," Milner said. "It's also been our first real experience doing a lot of shadowing in the hospital. For a lot of our school year it's been mostly studying in classrooms, so it's been really cool not only to get to see medicine but how rural medicine works."

"It's not at all what I was expecting," he continued. "I thought it would be a lot smaller facilities, but the clinics are really nice and the doctors are amazing. And the community is amazing."

In his time here, Milner got the chance to see medical professionals at work on everything from kidney stones to emergency traumas.

"Before this week, I didn't really even consider family medicine, but now it's probably one of my top choices for a specialty just because I see how you can do a little bit of everything," he said.

Shenoj was impressed by the relationships rural doctors get to build with their patients, some of whom they may have treated since childhood.

"It was neat to see that bond with patients. They kind of know them as their whole family, too, not just the individual," she said, noting there's a real sense that the doctors are part of a close-knit community. "There's more of a connection, a personal relationship."

"The thought of a community knowing each other so well, it's really appealing ... I feel like rural medicine is definitely on the map now for me."

"I FEEL LIKE RURAL MEDICINE IS DEFINITELY ON THE MAP NOW FOR ME."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Eight first-year medical students from the University of Manitoba were in Morden-Winkler last week for Rural Week, which gave them the chance to shadow physicians at the hospital and the Morden and Winkler clinics to learn about what it's like to practice in rural Manitoba

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Federal Conservative leader makes a stop in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Conservative Party of Canada leader Pierre Poilievre made a stop in Winkler Friday night.

The Leader of the Official Opposition was in Manitoba to show his support for the Conservative candidates running in the federal byelections in Winnipeg South Centre and Portage-Lisgar.

Branden Leslie is running here in Portage-Lisgar for the Conservatives against Maxime Bernier of the People's Party, Nicholas Geddert of the Green Party, Kerry Smith of the Liberals, and Lisa Tessier-Burch of the NDP (you can learn more about all the candidates on Pg. 9).

At the meet and greet, held in the Meridian Exhibition Centre, Poilievre laid out his hopes and plans should the Conservatives win the next federal election, slated to take place in 2025.

He decried Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government as lacking common sense, lamenting the impact of high taxes, inflation, and



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Conservative Party of Canada leader Pierre Poilievre was in Winkler Friday night to rally Tory supporters ahead of the Portage-Lisgar byelection.

rising crime.

If elected as Prime Minister, Poilievre promised to get government spending under control.

"A Poilievre government will bring in a common sense law that will re-

quire a dollar of savings for each new dollar of spending," he said, stressing this is how Canada will get a handle on runaway inflation and debt.

He said he also intends to reform the tax system to ensure people get to

keep more of what they earn, increase the number of building permits issued to address the housing crisis, eliminate the carbon tax and fertilizer mandates to help farmers be able to afford to produce more food affordably, and make sure the country is producing natural gas for Canadian use.

"We will be a nation that stands on its own feet, produces its own goods, and brings homes and businesses and jobs back to this country," Poilievre stressed.

He also pledged to repeal Bill C-11, the Online Streaming Act, which subjects social media platforms and streaming services to Canadian content requirements and regulations comparable to those imposed on traditional broadcasters.

"I will stand up for freedom of expression," Poilievre said, noting he also intends to ensure funded Canadian post-secondary institutions do not "muzzle" faculty and students for voicing their opinions.

Morden announces \$70M wastewater treatment project

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is at long last moving ahead with a wastewater treatment plan.

What is estimated to be a \$70 million project will utilize what is described as a lagoon-based Moving Bed Bio-film Reactor (MBBR) treatment system. Mayor Brandon Burley last week said council feels this is the best op-

tion for the growing community.

A key point for him was that although this option has a bit more of a financial impact, it is also believed it will go further to address the odour issue with the lagoon.

"To expend dollars and not be able to mitigate the smell, I think, would be considered a failure by most of the residents in Morden," Burley said. "So we spent about 10 per cent more

to tackle the odour issue. We think that's a pretty fair purchase price.

"I think it's a prudent decision. I recognize it is the largest investment in a capital project that the city has ever made, but we made it with due caution and proper consultation."

Morden worked with the Manitoba Water Services Board to evaluate a number of options for upgrading the wastewater treatment system,

including a lagoon-based wetland treatment system, the MBBR system, a SAGR system (Submerged Aerated Gravel Reactor), a regional facility with Winkler, and a subsurface treatment wetland system.

After preliminary evaluation, the lagoon-wetland option initially emerged as the preferred option followed by the MBBR and SAGR system. However, after further investigation, it became apparent environment act licensing may be challenging and time-consuming for the lagoon-wetland option, with the possibility of it not getting approval.

The MBBR system will include a mechanical treatment process followed by the lagoons to be used for clarification, and the sludge from the lagoon cells will be removed and all the cells will be lined.

The height of the dykes will be increased to provide the additional storage capacity, and the trunk sewer mains leading to the lagoon site will also be realigned as part of the project, so it is believed this system will also significantly mitigate the odor issues associated with the current lagoon.

The cost of the option is estimated at \$70 million, and the city's announcement last week noted there will be



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Rockin' the park

A bit of rain Sunday afternoon didn't put a damper on the Back 40 Folk Festival in Morden Park. Artists weathered the storm by playing unplugged under the shade tent before retaking the stage once the downpour stopped. Clockwise from left: The Silas Presley Band had a rockin' set; vendors had a myriad of wares to sell festival-goers; the festival's tribute to the Last Waltz by The Band; headliner Joey Landreth takes the stage.

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> RURAL WEEK, FROM PG. 3

Shenoi has an interest in obstetrics, so getting to sit in on a number of pre-natal visits at the Morden clinic was a highlight.

"Being able to see how an ultrasound would go, or even see how far along someone is or this is where the baby is positioned, hearing their heartbeat, it was definitely interesting."

For Morden native Vienna Peters, Rural Week was a welcome opportunity to be behind-the-scenes in the local medical facilities she grew up with.

"I think it's super special to recognize people in the hallways here [at BTHC] and at Menzies clinic, feeling that sense of a shared common-

ality and community. It was cool to be back"

Peters has her eye on family medicine in the future.

"I love that longitudinal care—from kids to seniors," she said. "I have always liked the idea of family medicine, and coming back here this week really solidified it for me."

"It's been an awesome week," Peters said, expressing her thanks to the physicians who took the time to expose the students to a variety of educational opportunities, be they hands-on (helping to flush out a patient's blocked ear was a new experience for her, she noted) or as observers. "It's been an honour working with them all."

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The best of days

For everyone there is a different day (or days) in the year that usher in a great sense of well-being and rightness.

For some it may be the crisp, bright, frozen blue of a late January day. For others that late September, early October hint of frost eve that suggest Autumn and the change that come with it. Still others thrive in that late June day that spirals into a more than 30 degree blistering welcome of summer which triggers the prairie thunderstorm in all its grandeur.

For me, it is usually a late May day where the westerly breeze is just right and the temperatures hover in the high twenties,



By Peter Cantelon

bringing a wondrous haze into the atmosphere. It is a day that says spring is truly rooted and summer is around the bend.

We are so tied to our environment that these days cannot but move us and motivate us into a new frame of mind. Something hopeful and positive.

This past May long weekend was just such a time for me. Mostly cloudless skies and high temperatures heralded a season of verdant green and life ahead (for a time). It portends all the good things I remember about late spring and summer of my youth when I imagined the bright green, rolling hills of southern Ontario were like an English countryside I had yet to visit.

Nowadays I am enamoured with the wide, unending prairie skies of southern Manitoba and, to steal a few words from J.R.R. Tolkien, the smell and love of “a good tilled earth.”

It is in these days, far from the cold, grey, dreary, dank, wet days of late autumn that I despise, when I feel most

myself. These are the days when I am mindful and I reach the peak of optimism and hope. Somehow the world seems bigger and more embracing to me in these days.

Perhaps these good days are a remembrance of a time of unfettered freedom. As a child it was these days, either after school or during summer holiday, when I would roam or bike with abandon, rising up early and hitting the road with nothing for breakfast, skipping lunch and home late just before sunset, ravenous, exhausted, and adventured out for the day.

During these days as a child you could come and go into other groups of children without even an introduction. You could just merge with what they were doing, no questions asked, and no petty squabbling about politics or religion and the like. It brings to mind a quote from the wise-beyond-her-age Anne Frank when she wrote:

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Letters

PLAN NEEDED FOR MORDEN'S COMMUNITY GARDENS

The value of Morden's community gardens should be evident to almost everyone.

Take a walk or drive by the recently centralized Homestead location on Loren Drive, especially now on a watering evening. The 145-plot site is often a beehive of activity as devoted gardeners nurture and assess

their plantings. It's a global market square of good intentions and neighborliness.

But what many of those gardeners don't know is the site may not be there for them next year. That location is city-owned and awaits redevelopment. Should development proceed, a new location will have to be found or the city must reevaluate its need for community gardens.

The Homestead site doubled in size this spring after the city decided to close both Grant Avenue gardens and the Co-op location. The Grant site served as a buffer between light industry and a housing development and offered little room to grow. The Co-op location is in redevelopment process.

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> LETTERS, FROM PG. 6

The future of Morden's community gardens must not be left in limbo. With the future of the Homestead site in doubt, a longterm plan is needed, understanding required.

Gardening is a joy that requires hard work. It feeds one's soul and the bellies of many. Requirements are simple: a fertile plot, seeds or bedding plants, considerable effort, water and the earth's warm embrace. Rewards are plentiful.

The City and Many Hands Resource Centre joined forces this year to administer the gardens. Issues from the past linger, as is most often the case. And, as it always does, the issue comes down to economics. A plot costs \$30. With 145 plots the City and Many Hands divvy \$4,350 on a 75-25 per cent basis respectively. The city picks up the cost of tilling spring and fall, supplies water and the site clean-up. Many Hands registers plots and administrates the program.

Every gardener is a paying customer. Equitable treatment is expected. The issue of water persists, particularly during long bouts of heat. The four large water tanks all are located along the north side of the gardens. But, the freshly tilled southside plots mean water must be hauled further and straw and root debris from the freshly-tilled crop must be managed.

Water usage is easy to understand. If one plot uses just 10 liters of water each day to nurture bedding plants or sprouting seeds the tanks run dry in three days. Most gardeners know instinctively when water is required.

They also know the entire community gardening issue digs deeper than just gardener-to-gardener griping.

It is up to the City and Many Hands to begin an open communication regarding the future of community gardens in Morden. Solutions to many issues need to be addressed.

For those who care about future community gardens now is the time to contact your counsellor to discuss the issue.

**Barry Mullin,
Morden**

A LESS INFLAMMATORY APPROACH IS NEEDED

Recently, Conservative candidate Branden Leslie was quoted describing "the desire to end the Prime Minister's reign of terror." [June 3, *Pembina Valley Online*]

Perhaps Mr. Leslie is unaware that the term "reign of terror" stems from a specific period in the time of the French Revolution in the late 1700s, which involved state-sanctioned violence, mass imprisonment, and the killing of those suspected of counter-revolutionary activities. Between 300,000 and a half million people were arrested, and 30,000 to 50,000 died.

Meanwhile, Maxime Bernier and the People's Party of Canada would have us believe that scientists around the world are wrong in their worry about climate change, calling it "climate hysteria."

Comparing any current Canadian political activity to the Reign of Terror is either a sign of ignorance or a deliberate attempt to create support from those who don't understand this history. Rejection of so much cumulative evidence around climate change is similarly a sign of ignorance or a

deliberate attempt to create more confusion and mistrust.

Those who have convinced themselves to think of climate change as fiction, of gun violence as something we should accept, and of mask mandates and other public health measures as undue pressures attacking their autonomy are particularly vulnerable to the fear mongering currently being applied by some political candidates.

Obviously, they don't agree with the current party in power, with its approaches to climate change, gun registration, or with the current prime

minister. That's fine. But when it comes to discussing the issues, I expect a more carefully considered and less inflammatory approach from elected or potentially elected public officials, one that convinces me that they understand the past and the present. Only that will provide evidence of potential reasonable leadership for the future.

**Cornie Woelk,
Winkler**

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> PENNER, FROM PG. 6

"I think it's odd that grownups quarrel so easily and so often and about such petty matters. Up until now I always thought bickering was something children did and that they outgrew it."

Sadly it seems we do not outgrow it but rather we grow into it.

At the end of the day who knows why we imprint on certain days and

seasons. We are complex creatures of our surroundings and the people in them.

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Big Bros. bringing the MEGABike to Altona

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley is bringing something not just big, but *mega* to Altona this month.

The mentoring agency plans to host the MEGABike, a 29-person bicycle, for an event June 27 to raise funds for regional youth mentoring programming.

"We'll be riding it down Centre Avenue and the ride will be about two and a half kilometres," shares executive director Jenelle Neufeld, explaining there will be several 45-minute time slots that Tuesday starting at 10 a.m. and running throughout the day.

She's hoping to fill the bike's seats with staff from numerous local businesses, but individual riders are also most welcome.

"We're really encouraging businesses to sponsor spots on the bike as a fun team-building exercise," she says. "And if we have a lot of individual riders, we'll group them together in a time slot to fill it."

Cost to participate is \$3,000 for the

entire bike, \$1,500 for half the bike, \$750 for six riders, or \$250 for one rider. The registration fee can be covered by corporate sponsorship or by collecting pledges. Riders must be at least 14 years old to take part.

Proceeds from the day will go directly to support local Big Brothers programs, which includes a variety of one-on-one and group mentoring matches and activities.

The agency has about 40 kids across the Pembina Valley involved right now in their programming.

They hope to grow those numbers in the years ahead, including by expanding the in-school teen mentoring program (which pairs up high school students with younger mentees) into more schools in Winkler, Morden, Altona, and Carman. Right now that program is wrapping up its first year at Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler.

"For September we're hoping to get that started at Morden Collegiate and at Northlands Parkway, and then eventually at W.C. Miller and Carman as well," Neufeld says.



The MEGABike comes to Altona later this month to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley.

They're also always looking for adult volunteers for the traditional community matches.

"A lot of people think they don't have the time and that's what deters them from being a part of it, but we're always willing to work with people's schedules," Neufeld stresses, noting even just a few hours a month can make a big difference in a child's life.

If you'd like a seat—or several—on the MEGABike, contact Neufeld at jenelle.neufeld@bigbrothersbigsis-ters.ca.

SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT

If biking isn't your thing, Big Brothers Big Sisters is also looking for teams for its second annual Slo-Pitch Tournament next month.

The co-ed tournament (minimum three women on the field) takes place at the Morden ball diamonds July 14-16.

The entry is \$250 per team, which comes with a three-game guarantee.

Register online at pembinavalley.bigbrothersbigsis-ters.ca by July 3.

"We have the ability to add into the system"

From Pg. 5

a cost to the ratepayers through increased sewer rates as well as increased development levies on developers.

Further information will be provided through a public hearing process, but it was suggested early indications show the current sewer rate of \$4.20 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption will increase to \$20.51 per 1,000 gallons.

Burley suggested if it works out to about two cents per gallon in terms of increased cost for treatment, he thinks it is a reasonable cost.

"It still is very much in line with or below other utility costs around the province," he said.

The biggest factor though is that this will serve the city for a longer period of time and be but the treatment system will be sufficient to meet the city's current and growth needs for at least the next 20 years but with room for further growth beyond.

"Smell and odour, as the seasons turn, was also a major one ... another one we had to factor in was the ability to hire and retain operators with the correct accreditation and training levels," he said. "The capital cost is in line with our earlier projections ... operat-

ing cost is in line with our expectation in terms of per capita per household or even volume flow through cost.

"The one that sold council on the MBBR as the right option was the ability to expand into the future ... parts are modular so we have the ability to add into the system," Burley continued. "Also the lagoons, as they are now, will be used for storage of water after treatment ... we do get additional capacity but the thing that sold us on this as opposed to other technologies was that in time, if we seek continuous discharge, we have the ability to pump it out on a year round basis.

"If we can't produce capacity, our economy shuts down. We can't grow ... so it is investment worthy," suggested Burley.

He concluded that the support of the federal and provincial governments are also vital with the province having announced earlier this year a commitment of possibly up to \$19 million more in matching funds in addition to its earlier commitment.

"Without those dollars, we simply would not have been able to do this project," said Burley, stressing that it will mean the amount that the city will need to borrow will be reduced once firm cost estimates are in place.

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Five candidates asking for your vote in Portage-Lisgar

Who are they? What do they stand for? Why do they think they deserve your vote June 19?

MAXIME BERNIER, PEOPLE'S PARTY OF CANADA

People's Party of Canada leader Maxime Bernier says Portage-Lisgar reminds him very much of his home riding of Beauce, Quebec, where he served as MP for 13 years as a Conservative Party member before starting the PPC.

"It is a rural riding with real conservative values, like my former riding," he says, explaining our area got his attention after the 2021 federal election when the PPC earned 22 per cent of the vote.

"We did very well in the last election here ... I believe that it's a nice opportunity for me to be back in the area and representing people from the riding with real conservative values," Bernier says, noting he's prepared to move to Manitoba if he's elected in the June 19 byelection.

Bernier's campaign has painted the PPC as the only truly conservative option for voters.

"I believe that they're not conservative anymore, only by name," he says of the Conservative Party of Canada, "and they don't want to do a real fight on a lot of issues like abortion, climate change [the PPC stance is that human-created climate change is not a scientifically proven fact]."

"I'm the only real conservative here representing the people," Bernier says. "If they vote for me, they will have a national discussion about the important issues."

The PPC, he says, is prepared to reopen the abortion debate, starting with making late-term abortions illegal unless the mother's life or health is at risk, there has been rape or abuse, or the baby has a lethal abnormality or no brain function.

They are the only party, Bernier says, committed to withdrawing Canada from the Paris Agreement, which has set a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 40-45 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030 and reaching net zero by 2050.

In recent weeks the party has also released its stance on what it calls "radical gender ideology," asserting there are only two sexes and those who feel misgendered are suffering from gender dysphoria. Part of its policy



Maxime Bernier

on this topic includes outlawing the use of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgeries that serve to help minors transition to another sex.

"The Conservatives won't speak about that," Bernier says, lamenting the "woke" culture that promotes what he calls a toxic ideology. "We are promoting the drag queen story hour in our schools and libraries across the country and promoting young girls or young boys who may not feel comfortable, if I can use that word, in their body, that they are able to transition. That doesn't exist. There's no transition. A boy is a boy and a girl is a girl ... we need to protect children."

Should the Conservative Party step up to speak out against these and like issues, Bernier says he will support them.

"We are kind of your insurance policy, being sure that the Conservatives will be conservative. And if they won't, I won't support them."

He appeals to conservative voters concerned about splitting the vote to concentrate on voting their conscience.

"There's no such thing as splitting the vote," Bernier says. "Because you won't change the government in this byelection. The Trudeau government is there and after the election will still be there."

"There's no chance that you will elect a Liberal or an NDP [candidate] here. The contest is between me and the Conservatives."

"I'm saying to people vote for your values for once, and if you don't like me and what I'm doing in Ottawa, you have the chance to vote me out in 2025."

"I want to tell you that it's time to act, because we are in a culture war in our country."

NICOLAS GEDDERT, GREEN PARTY OF CANADA

Nicolas Geddert hopes having his name on the ballot as the Green Party of Canada candidate will be a step towards building bridges in the riding.

"It's something that we at the Green Party take very seriously is getting green representation on the ballot ... to at least give people that voice," Geddert says. "But we also are looking at it as an opportunity to develop some relationships in the area."

"We tend to get a little city-focused as a party, naturally that's where a lot of our membership comes from, but being an ecologically-based party, we

need to have that broader connection so that our larger environment is being represented so we can say we're doing things with the voice of the people who actually live here."

This is Geddert's first foray into federal politics, though he's been active for some time with the Green Party of Manitoba, running in the Elmwood riding in the last election and taking a leadership role as one of its deputy leaders. He's currently the provincial party's communications chair, based in Winnipeg.

He has family in Carman and so has spent a fair bit of time in the region, and he's eager to spend the next few weeks reaching out to like-minded residents and be "a little bit more visible but also be a bit more active in supporting citizens who are trying to take climate action, or take responsible community action."

Geddert stresses that the Green Party of Canada is committed to letting the voices of people who know what they're talking about actually be heard.

"I think that's that's one thing that we fail to do so often as political parties and politicians is we try to posture like we know about everything that we're talking about. Really, we just need to be understanding what it is that we're hearing."

"Most of the problems that we're dealing with have been researched and talked about and discussed ad nauseam, and we know what works and the people on the ground know what works," Geddert says "So for us as a party, we need to leverage that. For me, as a politician, I need to encourage that to come out and provide a safe space [for people to speak up]."

"One of the problems with politics is that the people who should most be in politics rarely join because of the nature of politics," he reflects "That's one of the big challenges is bringing those people to the table .. bring [their] thinking into this so that we can better describe it, so that all of us can better understand the issue."

One issue Geddert is passionate about is seeing progress made on consumers having the right to repair their own equipment.

"I can't say that I know a whole lot about farming or what farmers

go through, but I do know that you when you buy a million dollar piece of farm equipment and you have it out on your field and something breaks down, and you are legally not allowed to fix it, that's a problem. That's not the spirit that Canada was built around."

"We're a frontier country, and it was people who were able to do things for themselves and by themselves [who built it] ... that's what I think we need to tap into again."

He'd also like to see the nation take a common-sense approach to environmental stewardship.

"We tend to worry about things like straws getting into the ocean and choking turtles, but really it's not the straw's fault—it's our fault for not being more responsible with how we use our materials."

"Surely there are ways that we can sustainably use our material resources so that we're cutting out waste. That's one of the biggest problems in everything we do; food waste is a problem, but also bureaucratic waste. We spend a lot of time waiting for issues and not taking responsibility for things. That's a waste of everyone's time for not taking action. That's a waste of energy and resources and even just the community's sense of well-being."

BRANDEN LESLIE, CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA

Branden Leslie was inspired to throw his hat in the ring as the Conservative candidate in Portage-Lisgar for one simple reason: he's fed up.

"Fed up with this Liberal government and its constant attacks on our rural way of life," he says, noting it's a sentiment he hears echoed over and over again as he goes door-to-door across the riding.

He also heard it, during his years with the Grain Growers of Canada, from countless farmers who feel they're under attack by the Trudeau government

"I was fed up with the carbon tax that disproportionately affects rural Canadians. I was fed up with the plan to ban



Nicolas Geddert



Branden Leslie

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a number of hunting rifles. I was fed up with loss of freedoms—freedom of speech, freedom to stand up for our for our rights. I was fed up with the proposed expansion of MAiD [medical assistance in dying].

“In big picture terms, I was fed up with the direction that our country has been going under the federal Liberals under Justin Trudeau, and thought that I could do a good job of trying to represent our rural southern Manitoba values and defend our communities.”

The Portage la Prairie native comes to the race with plenty of experience already behind-the-scenes in Ottawa, with roles both in the Harper government and the private sector.

“Having spent a lot of time working within politics in the background and, of course, being Candice Bergen’s campaign manager in 2019, I’ve learned a lot about both politics and a whole host of policy issues that matter to our riding,” Leslie says.

“I’ve been fortunate to have a number of great bosses on Parliament Hill. I’ve had the chance to advise a number of members of parliament and cabinet ministers on important issues to many folks across rural Manitoba and rural Canada more broadly, such as standing up for defending the rights of law-abiding firearms owners, on hunting and angling issues ... standing up for our farmers.”

A farm boy a heart—he grew up on his family’s farm just outside Portage—supporting producers is one of Leslie’s passions.

“I have a lot of very specific ideas as it relates to agricultural policy to ensure that our farmers have the newest innovations, that we’re able to bring private investment in new technologies such as gene editing and variety development,” he says, adding that he wants to depoliticize “what is happening right now with the number of agricultural regulators and the department of agriculture in general and really try to get back to basics and make sure that we ... get the government out of the way and let the private sector provide the tools that farmers need to feed Canada and the world and make sure that our communities remain vibrant. Agriculture is at the backbone of a riding like ours.

“At the end of the day, being from here is vital, knowing this riding, being able to hear out the needs of our communities,” he says. “I want to see

our rural communities being vibrant, thriving communities. Growing. Being a good place to live. I think it’s very difficult for somebody from another province to come here and have that same vision and same desire to see that for our communities.”

Leslie spoke out against opponent claims that Conservative Party isn’t conservative enough.

“In talking to a lot of people right across this riding ... people are very happy with Pierre [Poilievre] as our leader. I think they view the party with a high level of excitement and momentum as the best option to end the Prime Minister’s time in office here at the next general election.

“I think of myself as a team player, one that is willing to do his part to make sure that Pierre Poilievre becomes our next prime minister and we can get this country back on track.”

KERRY SMITH, LIBERAL PARTY OF CANADA

Kerry Smith doesn’t necessarily consider herself a dyed in the wool politician, but she thinks that might be just what Portage-Lisgar needs.

The Liberal Party candidate comes to this byelection with 25 years of experience working with the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF).

“I’m the senior director for Métis employment and training,” she shares. “And I’ve had the opportunity to be a part of many different strategies involving childcare and education, housing, as well as employment and training.

“These are all programs that are developed and delivered by the Government of Canada, so I have seen firsthand what some of these programs look like when they get to the service delivery ground level.”

She feels that personal, grassroots experience will hold her in good stead should she earn the seat in Portage-Lisgar.

“I feel like I have a lot to add in the development of the programs themselves,” Smith says, noting she’s no

stranger to taking a leadership role when it comes to lobbying for her community. Her work with MMF has helped thousands of Métis people with their training and employment goals.



Kerry Smith

She has also served on the Future Skills Council, a federally appointed group of community leaders who share advice regarding skills development and training.

“For me, being the Liberal candidate is fantastic because I feel that they have developed a lot of great programs,” says Smith. “Obviously, everything can be improved, and that’s where I come in. I feel like, given the opportunity ... my experience would be a huge benefit.”

Raised on a farm near Brandon, Smith today calls Tyndall home, but she’s very familiar with Portage-Lisgar—she and her family lived in Starbuck for years before moving to be closer to work.

“I am really familiar with the riding,” she says, acknowledging the strong grip the Conservatives have traditionally had on the riding, but stressing just how important it is to have a variety of voices on the ballot to truly represent the full breadth of its constituents and give people options.

“I feel like, typically, everyone there that wants to vote a different party hasn’t felt like there has been anyone to truly invest in,” Smith says. She hopes she can be that candidate. “I really feel like Portage-Lisgar needs an option that believes in all Canadians and wants to support LGBTQ, wants to support womens’ rights, wants to support the communities themselves.”

Her visits throughout the riding thus far have yielded a lot of fruitful discussion and positive feedback.

“That shows me that the community needed something else; they needed something fresh and they needed somebody like myself ... somebody that’s community-first and represents the true faces of Portage-Lisgar.”

Smith urges people not to vote from a place of fear but rather one of informed choice, for the candidate you truly feel best reflects your values and hopes for the future.

“Please, please come out and vote. Do not take this opportunity lightly,” she says. “This is the time for change.

“When you live in a rural community, especially in Manitoba, you almost feel like if you don’t live in the city of Winnipeg then you don’t even really have a say on what’s going on,” Smith says. “I want to be that say. I want to be that person that literally takes the concerns of the community forward.

“It’s not just nodding my head and going with whatever the party tells

me I have to say at that particular moment. I am voted in by people and I’m there to represent those people.”

LISA TESSIER-BURCH, NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

New Democratic Party candidate Lisa Tessier-Burch comes to this byelection with a lifetime of political interest and activism behind her.

“I’m a close political follower, just given the nature of the family I was raised in,” she says “We’ve always been very socially aware and politically active.”

Tessier-Burch explains she was encouraged to throw her hat in the ring by friend Niki Ashton, who serves as the Member of Parliament for Churchill-Keewatinook Aski.

“We’ve known each other since childhood, and we’ve continued to bond over politics and the work that she does, which I think is wonderful. She suggested maybe it’s time you think about running and serving your community and your riding.”

Tessier-Burch, who lives and works as a teacher in Portage la Prairie, agreed it was time to step up and get involved in representing a party she believes has the right plan for the riding and the nation as a whole.

“In one way or another, I’ve been connected with the NDP basically my whole life,” she shares. “Whether it was helping family deliver flyers or put up signs for candidates.”

Tessier-Burch grew up in northern Manitoba but has lived in Portage since 2008.

“I grew up in a family of blue collar workers. My mom’s dad was the head of the steelworkers union,” she says. “Union values were something that was very important to us when I was growing up. It was a value we upheld in our household.”

Tessier-Burch says the NDP is “the party that takes care of people. They’re the party that has established institutions that Canadians identify with being Canadian. Things like universal health care.”

As a teacher, Tessier-Burch has spent her career working to improve the ed-



Lisa Tessier-Burch

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Farm Fest raises funds for Adult & Teen Challenge

The Martens Brothers took the stage at Farm Fest 2023 on a farmyard south of Winkler last weekend. The two-day music festival/fundraiser drew several hundred people both days, shares organizer Betty Hiebert, and featured performances from numerous local artists and a Sunday morning church service hosted by Adult and Teen Challenge. There was also plenty of food, 50/50 draw, and a silent auction. Donations collected went to the Christian ministry's work with people suffering from addiction. Final numbers were not available at press time.

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Morden business community taking part in Krazy Dayz

'90s shop-local event returns June 16-17

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is bringing back Krazy Dayz.

The shop-local initiative, last held in 1995, is making a comeback of sorts June 16-17.

"We were looking for ideas for some kind of spring sale here in Morden to encourage people to shop local and check out all the great deals and shopping opportunities we have in town," explains chamber executive director Clare Agnew.

"A few different names were tossed around, and the people in the room remembered when it was Krazy Dayz back in the '90s," she says. "We thought maybe we could bring that back."

The chamber has reached out to all of its members and also intends to get the word out to non-members in the hopes of getting as many Morden area businesses to take part.

Agnew notes it may not look exactly the same as the old Krazy Dayz event, but they're hoping the business community will take the opportunity and really run with it.

"Maybe in the future, if there's lots of buy-in from the business community, this could become our annual spring event."

Krazy Dayz 2023 might include

sidewalk sales, special sale items, promotional offerings, and other miscellaneous activities designed to draw customers to town.

"The main message is to make it fun ... whatever you can think of to create excitement," Agnew says, sharing she's suggested businesses perhaps consider celebrating the retro roots of the event. "Bring back the '90s at your business, either by dress and/or music. Since 1995 was the last time we had this, put something on sale for \$19.95. Or maybe price items for part of the day at '90s prices."

Chocolate bars, for example, sold for just 50 cents back then, she notes.

The festivities will run during regular business hours, although stores might want to consider extending their hours, especially on the Friday night, which coincides with the Crocus Suncatch Sounds concert happening downtown.

Posters will be going out for participating businesses to hang in their windows. The chamber will also be sharing social media posts to let people know about some of the deals and activities being offered.

The chamber itself is hosting a Krazy Dayz barbecue lunch on the Friday, June 16, from 11:30-1:30 p.m. in the Suncatch Plaza on Eighth Street (beside the clocktower).

Lunch will be provided for a minimum donation of \$2, with proceeds going to the Boundary Trails Health Care Foundation.

If you're a business looking for more information about how you can take part, Agnew can be reached at 204-822-5630 or via email to execdirector@mordenchamber.com.

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ucation system.

"I do a lot of extracurricular for the school division. I've been a committed immersion educator since 2008 when I started working in Portage la Prairie. I've given a lot of my time and my energy towards the betterment of education for our youth."

She feels she would bring a strong voice to Parliament.

"I will be a voice of advocacy for working people in the Portage-Lisgar riding," Tessier-Burch stresses. "I'm a voice that would very much take into consideration not just the more affluent people or the people who are fortunate not to have to worry about cost of living or affordable housing or access to equitable health care. I'm the person that will advocate for those people that don't

have a voice ordinarily in those areas."

Agriculture is also something she feels passionately about supporting.

"It is such a huge part of our economy and the way of life of a lot of people here in the Portage Lisgar riding," she says. "I married into a farm family, so agriculture is very important to us."

"We are the breadbasket of Canada. We feed our nation. So it's really important that farmers be taken care of and that people aren't forced to sell family farms so that they can make ends meet. Giving up their inheritance of a family farm is something that my husband's family had to do, so it's something that's very important to me."

Tessier-Burch is excited to give vot-

ers "a progressive voice on the ballot."

"I think that's something that the people of Portage-Lisgar have slowly been missing when it comes to elections here," she says. "An NDP voice on the ballot, and someone that is living in the region and working in the region and is in touch with what the needs of the riding are."

Advance voting in Portage-Lisgar takes place June 9-12. Check your voter card for locations or head to elections.ca. Election day is Monday, June 19.

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Elma Thiessen fondly recalls the hours upon hours she spent watching the NB Aces hockey team compete. The team is one of those highlighted in the new Neubergthal at Play sports exhibit at Neubergthal Commons.

Neubergthal hosts Picnic & Games day

Marks launch of new sports exhibit

By Lori Penner

The Neubergthal Commons was a busy place on Saturday as dozens showed up for the village's nostalgic Picnic & Games event.

The hot weather didn't seem to slow down any of the visitors who participated in the old-fashioned picnic games and baseball, or stifle the appeal of the delicious baked goods, ice cream, and watermelon. The evening concert in the Commons Barn by local performers Nick of Time also drew a crowd to round out the day.

It was also opening day for the historic exhibit *Neubergthal at Play*, featuring sport in Neubergthal dating back to the early 1900s.

Visitors headed to the Bergthal School, where they were able to view the original vintage uniforms and gear used by teams like the NB Vets and the NB Jets, along with photos, information, and lots of stories.

"Sports have created important and exciting times in the history of this village, and this exhibition is intended to recognize and pay homage to that fact," said curatorial committee mem-

ber Pauline Villeneuve. "We tapped into the memories and hearts of participants, teammates, family, friends, and spectators. It was a privilege to hear the stories and the memories as we delved into this great project."

For Villeneuve and her family, there is a specific soft spot for the exhibit: the NB Vets were founded by her late father and her uncle.

"They started the team in the mid-1950s and thus created entertainment and excitement for many, and the team itself played for a dozen years. Hearing stories about him has been extremely heartwarming and has made this project even more valuable to me."

The committee worked hard to track down as much information as they could, and Villeneuve hopes the exhibit provides a clear window into the past.

"There will be many stories left untold, unfortunately, and that has to be okay. We built this exhibit to be informative, full of humour, and still respectful. Please accept what we have gleaned, and please forgive any omissions or interpretations. We are thankful for this opportunity and truly appreciate all the people who contributed."

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Raising the Pride flag

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Pembina Valley Pride president Peter Wohlgemut (left) and vice-chair Ryan Schroeder raised the rainbow flag at the Access Event Centre in Morden June 1 to kick off Pride month. The regional Pride celebration takes place in Morden on Saturday, June 10 at 1 p.m. and will include a parade through town followed by entertainment and guest speakers back at the park afterwards, starting at about 1:45 p.m. There are a number of other Pride events planned for later in the month, including an open mic night June 14 at Rendezvous in Morden and a Rainbow Fest Craft Show June 17 in Carman. For the full list of events, head to pembinavalleypride.ca.

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Committee chair Susie Fisher says they've been working on the exhibit since last year.

"We're so excited that it's finally up and running, and I think it will draw a variety of visitors to the village this summer. It's always nice to have something new to look at. Choosing the schoolhouse as a venue is also a neat opportunity. We haven't had an exhibit there before."

The exhibit is of special interest to 90-year-old Elma Thiessen, who grew up in the village.

Staring at the old black and white hockey team photos of the NB Aces, she said, "I knew all the players. I don't think there are too many people left who were originally from Neuberghthal, but I'm one of them."

"I went to all the hockey games. I watched them all. That was our entertainment and they had to have somebody to cheer them on. I can still picture them out there, flooding to make the ice. It's all still fresh in my mind."

The *Neuberghthal at Play* exhibit will be open all summer.



Wheelbarrow races at Neuberghthal's Picnic & Games event last weekend.

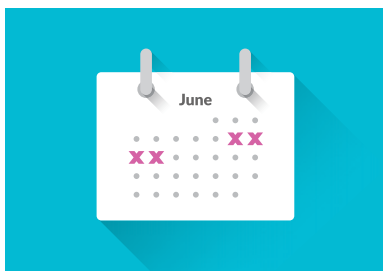
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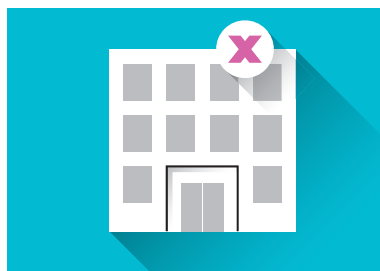


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Paddlefest at Lake Minnewasta June 17

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers with the city feel the Morden Paddlefest has helped spark more interest in the whole range of paddle equipment, and it has also been further boosted since the community's move to ban power boats on Lake Minnewasta.

If the weather cooperates, they are anticipating getting another good turnout at the lake for the 2023 Paddlefest on Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We've seen a big increase in paddlers ... and we like to see the increase," said Brian Thiessen, beach and campground manager for the City of Morden.

He agreed that it has likely become more attractive to people with the elimination of power boats from the lake.

"And it's a great location. It's so close ... but it felt like a small lake when there were lots of boats," Thiessen suggested. "You have lots of space. It's a very safe way to spend an afternoon on the water and to enjoy not only the scenery but get out with family and friends."

Paddlefest offers an opportunity for people to try out canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards for free. The Manitoba Paddle Association will also be out that day with some dragon boats.

There is no charge to use the equipment (though the lake's gate fee is still in effect), but advance registration is recommended to secure one of the time slots.

"Just to make sure we have enough equipment, we're hoping people can register that they're coming and with how many people so that we can make sure we have enough equip-



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Paddlefest gives you the chance to try out various watercraft on June 17.

ment for them," Thiessen noted.

The event has also tied in well with the efforts of the local Morden paddle club to promote paddling as a low impact sport for people of all ages and abilities. The Morden Paddle Club offers the opportunity for rentals at the lake throughout the summer, and it is under the umbrella of the Manitoba Paddle Association.

"We started this in part just to give another recreation option for people," noted Thiessen. "We're trying to find ways to help people keep active. If you've never paddled before, it can be quite a workout."

You can find more information and register for Paddlefest slots online at mymorden.ca.

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arts & culture

Gallery in the Park launches new season

By Lori Penner

Altona's Gallery in the Park launched their spring season last week, featuring an eclectic variety of artistic creations for all to enjoy.

Curator Susie Fisher said it's great to start another season and visitors to the gallery are in for a real treat.

"This season celebrates the launch of four very different exhibitions."

Winnipeg's Barb Bottle, who is exhibiting in the gallery's second floor, describes herself as a queer, interdisciplinary artist whose work features themes of grief, loss, and adoption trauma.

Fisher says Bottle was initially inspired by her mother's stroke and subsequent death. Her exhibit, *Untethered*, is a new body of work focusing on her personal experiences as an adoptee.

"She also deals with questions around adoption and loss, place, belonging, identity, and the lack of identity."

Without being limited or confined by where she is from biologically, Bottle has the freedom to choose her place. This has empowered her in a way that has come to develop this exhibit.

"Having spent a great deal of time at and developing a connection to the Herdsman's House in Neuberghthal, the first iteration of this new body of work features the historic Herdsman's House and Southern Manitoba landscape. You'll also see in some of her photographs a Kroeger clock that is normally in the house, but is on exhibit here."

This season also includes the work of Winnipeg artist Candace Propp, whose work was inspired by trips within the grain belt of North America.

"She became aware of deterioration in and around many of the small towns and farming communities. A sense of impermanency and transition pervaded. Candace began to understand more fully how everything in our contemporary life is in constant



Winnipeg artist Barb Bottle with one of her pieces that was set in the Herdsman's House in Neuberghthal, and also features a Kroeger clock.



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Jenna Klassen, board member of the Kroeger Clocks Heritage Foundation, provided tours of the exhibit for guests at Gallery in the Park last week.

fluctuation. Nothing is as it was a second ago."

The images within the paintings of her exhibit, *Ghost Towns*, go from poignant, direct statements of our destructive nature to sentimental scenes reflecting our past to humour and even sarcastic interpretations of life as is or might be.

"Candace is a mixed media artist and likes to shift her process of image making to best achieve specific goals. Perspective and proportions, colours and light are all slightly off from each other, producing an uneasy, ungrounded and surreal quality."

Also on the gallery's second floor is the work of Jozanna Loewen. The Altona artist discovered pottery during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"She is new to the craft, but it doesn't show," Fisher says.

Loewen's collection is named *Reclaimed Art* and is made from reclaimed clay in her home studio. Through a long process, she is able to reclaim bone-dry clay into workable, pliable material.

"Jozanna loves the thought of making old things into new and beautiful pieces and giving them new life as a new art form."

Each piece in the exhibit is inspired by natural elements of the earth. She works with the clay to bring out the organic bends and curves of each piece and does a lot of work with

chains and chainmail, which is usually constricting in nature, but created with clay facilitates an interactive sense of mobility in the pieces. The surface expressions, colours and textures come together to create an organic and uniquely spirited form.

Gallery in the Park also launched their feature exhibition, *Keeping Time: The Art and Heritage of Kroeger Clocks*.

The Kroeger Clock Heritage Foundation in partnership with Mennonite Heritage Museum in Steinbach have put together an exhibition of nearly 30 Mennonite clocks, bringing to life the stories of these treasured artifacts. For centuries, Mennonite clockmakers focused their talents and energy on creating iconic clocks that brought beauty and structure into homes and communities.

"Today, these timepieces carry emotional meaning. They survive as cultural representations and witness to the social and political upheavals experienced by their makers and owners. These clocks and their stories now span the world as treasured historical artifacts. As you tour the exhibit, you'll learn about clockmakers honing their craft, you'll follow clocks moving across continents and oceans with waves of Mennonite migration, and you'll admire the beauty of these clocks up close."

The Gallery in the Park Spring Exhibit will be on display until July 29.

Students learn about financing and paying it forward

By Lori Penner

A group of Grade 7-8 students at École Parkside School recently learned about the intricacies of running your own business.

Every two years, teacher Melissa Nicholson's Social Studies curriculum includes a project about microfinance, teaching students about everything from financing and marketing their services or products to juggling profits and expenses.

Students had to come up with their own business plans and pitch them *Dragon's Den* style.

"Once they had their idea, in order to get the money, they had to write a script and ask people for microloans, like \$5 or \$10, knowing it was a loan and wasn't their money to keep," Nicholson said.

Eight groups of students each developed a business, which included services like shoe cleaning and desk cleaning, and selling baked goods, cat treats, juice, and snacks.

While the businesses are usually promoted in-house with a schoolwide market to sell their wares, one group of students decided to go out into the community to find customers.

Kai Hildebrand, Tallon Peters, and Oliver Wiebe went door to door to get the financing they needed for their lemonade and cookie stand, which was set up on Main St. last Tuesday.

After paying off their loans and expenses, the group ended up with a \$400 profit.

"This isn't the typical bake sale where mom or dad make everything for you," Nicholson noted. "They had to go price out all the ingredients and



PHOTO BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

École Parkside students Kai Hildebrand, Tallon Peters, and Oliver Wiebe raised money for Kiva at their lemonade and cookie stand last week while learning about how to finance a business.



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Leah Klippenstein and her five-year-old son Brody were excited to go swimming at the Altona Aquatic Centre for the first time this year. The facility opened for the season on Saturday with free swimming all day. The 2023 swimming lessons for all ages get underway June 19, with sessions running until late August. For details, go to altona.ca or call 204-324-9005.

supplies they needed.

There was a philanthropic piece to the curriculum, as well.

"We've also been looking at people who haven't been able to go to a financial institution and take out a loan because either they don't have photo ID or they don't have anybody to sign for them, or they have nothing to their name," Nicholson said. "They learned how that's kind of an issue with people living in poverty. They have ideas, but how do they get out of poverty and how do they launch their business ideas? How do I start something if I have no money?"

To support those individuals, the profits raised by each group of students will go to Kiva, a non-profit organization that allows people to lend money via the internet to low-income entrepreneurs and students in 80 countries.

"We as a class get to pick somebody that they feel is deserving," Nicholson explained. "They're going to be a borrower for somebody looking for money for their business. Then whoever the recipient is pays us back, that money goes back into our account, and we can help somebody else."

"This is not just a donation; it's giving them money that keeps helping

others."

Nicholson says she's proud of how well the students were able to learn about microfinancing and the level of independence they showed.

"They realized how much work it is to follow through with a plan. There were lots of money management lessons, like where to spend and save. They learned about a good work ethic and the importance of finding good business partners. And how running your own business isn't a possibility for many people. It really covered a broad range of learning."

For the lemonade sellers, the experience taught them that running a business isn't as easy as many think.

While business was steady, Peters said they still had to pay back the people they canvassed around town to fund the ingredients.

"We didn't charge anything for the lemonade and cookies, it was all by donation," he said. "We originally were hoping to raise \$65, but we made much more."

They were surprised at how well the plan came together.

"We made everything ourselves, and we learned that doing something like this really works," Hildebrand said.

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From left: Cheryl Dueck (Altona Community Foundation), Paul Krahn (Neubergthal Heritage Foundation co-chair), Joe Braun (NHF board member), Marilyn Houser-Hamm (Curatorial committee), Jolanda Friesen (NHF board member), Karen Martens (NHF board member and food and kitchen committee), Katie Saunders (NHF administrator), Kimberly Sawatzky (NHF events coordinator), and John Giesbrecht (NHF board member).

ACF supports NHF accessibility project

By Voice staff

Altona Community Foundation board member Cheryl Dueck stopped by the Neubergthal Commons recently to present the Neubergthal Heritage Foundation with a \$2,000 grant towards its walkway project.

"These new sidewalks are an important part of our ongoing plans to make Neubergthal Commons accessi-

ble and more easily navigable during wet weather, and attractive to anyone looking for a good place to hold an event—a concert, conference, wedding, family gathering, or any kind of celebration," noted NH board member Joe Braun. "We really appreciate the community foundation's support for projects like this, that help organizations reach their goals."

Classic car show at Homestead South Monday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Homestead South in Morden is inviting the community down for a celebration next week.

The assisted and independent living complex for seniors is hosting a small car show mid-afternoon on Monday, June 12.

They're inviting people to stop by for refreshments and tours of the facility from 1-3:30 p.m. Classic car owners are expected to be at the building starting at about 2:30 p.m. to show off their wheels., weather permitting.

"This is something we're doing as a Father's Day celebration for our male residents," explains Homestead's Kim Striemer, noting they hold a variety of such fun events throughout the year for residents. "We always try to do something for the holidays, for any special occasion that comes up."

With so many local car enthusiasts in the area, they wanted to get the word out that next week's gathering

is open to everyone.

Striemer says they're not sure how many cars will be taking part, but they've put a call out in the classic car community and hope to have at least a few unique vehicles to showcase.

It's also a fun chance to learn more about Homestead South, she adds, noting that while it's been open for over a decade, a lot of people in the area still aren't familiar with what they have to offer.

The 83-unit complex, located at 400 Loren Dr. on the east end of the city, offers seniors a place to retain their independence while having access to services such as meals and house-keeping as needed.

Striemer notes they have a handful of suites available right now—and that summer is a great time of year to move house.

Learn more online at homesteadmanitoba.ca/homestead-south-assisted-living-morden/ or stop by for a tour next week.



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Homestead South in Morden is hosting a car show, tours, and refreshments on Monday, June 12.

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Green thumbs at work

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Volunteers and city staff were out in Morden and Winkler last week getting the public flower gardens planted. Above, from left: Darlene Maxsom and Tanya Wainio of the Morden Horticulture Society joined city employee Carter Hynes downtown on Wednesday. Right: Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers Orville and Anna Enns and Sylke van Niekerk got their hands dirty at the beds by the Winkler Centennial Library.

Tim Hortons Smile Cookies raise \$30K for Big Bros

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The staff at Tim Hortons Morden last week presented Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley with the proceeds of this year's Morden-Winkler Smile Cookie campaign: a whopping \$32,313.

"It was fantastic," executive director Jenelle Neufeld said of the May 1-7 push to sell as many smile-adorned cookies as possible in support of local mentoring matches. "I think the change in the time of year [from fall] really benefited us, as a kickoff now to spring and summer.

"We smashed our goal," she add-

ed, noting they had been aiming to sell 20,000 of the \$1 cookies. "We surpassed it. It's just so amazing to see the community respond to this year after year."

"All of our fundraising efforts, especially from Smile Cookies, go right back into our programming," Neufeld said, explaining that includes their traditional community mentoring matches between volunteers and kids as well as the in-school and group mentoring programs.

Linda Doerksen of Tim Hortons said she and husband Jeff are thrilled to be able to support Big Brothers Big Sisters, as they have since the first Tim

Hortons opened in Winkler 19 years ago.

"Our team did an amazing job, everyone just worked so hard, made so many cookies," she said. "We're just so thankful to the community for supporting this program."

Tim Hortons also works with Big Brothers to select local campers to attend the Tim Hortons Foundation camps each year.

"That's where the relationship began," Doerksen said. "And we're very pleased to help them do what they do best in the community as well."

"WE SMASHED OUR GOAL ... IT'S JUST SO AMAZING TO SEE THE COMMUNITY RESPOND TO THIS YEAR AFTER YEAR."



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Morden-Winkler Tim Hortons raised \$32,313 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley during Smile Cookie Week last month.

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Morden Achievers 4-H wrap up a busy year

Submitted by the Morden Achievers 4-H Club

The Morden Achievers 4-H Club wrapped up another successful year with Club Achievement Night on May 8.

Twenty-one members registered in the club this year, working on projects including outdoor living and archery, poultry, foods, crafts, fibres and fabrics, and more.

Members were led by eight volunteer leaders and helpers. Thanks to JoAnn Enns and Pam Heide for reviewing the members' project displays prior to Achievement Night.

This year's club executive consisted of Jeri-Lynn DeJaegher (president), Charity Snider (vice-president), Leah Wolfe (secretary), and Emily Chawrun (treasurer).

Members participated in many events through the year, including the FCC Drive Away Hunger Food Drive, Red River Area 4-H Curling Rally, an Epicure fundraiser, a family 4-H Christmas party, 4-H Camps, and the Morden Corn and Apple Festival.

Public speaking is an important part of the 4-H program. Club members prepared speeches and visual presentations for the Club Communications



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Event in February.

Winners from this event included James Kestirke (Cloverbud Speech), Emily Chawrun (Junior Speech), Avery Buelow (Alternate, Junior Speech), Cameron Davison (Intermediate Speech), Kolbie Saltel (Alternate, Intermediate Speech), Charity Snider (Senior Speech), Priya Rowley (Cloverbud 1-Person Visual), Lyric Schwarz-Peters (Junior Reading),

Austin Saltel (Alternate, Junior Reading), Noah Mason (Junior Creative Expression). Thanks to the volunteer judges for this event, Tara Ritchie and Paula Wilson.

4-H members and leaders are recognized with certificates and seals for their 4-H participation of five years and longer. This year, Jeri-Lynn DeJaegher receives a 5-year member certificate. As well, leaders Janelle

Chawrun (7 years) and Norma Wood (41 years) are recognized for their volunteer service with the 4-H program.

The club plans to participate in the parade and volunteer in the Cider House at the Morden Corn and Apple Festival this summer.

4-H registration for youth ages 7 and up for next year will be held in September.

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On June 3, the Blair Sharpe Miami Active Living Centre held its grand opening with a luncheon at 11 a.m. followed by speeches at 12:30 p.m.. Active living activities followed in the afternoon, which included pickleball and various medicine ball workouts.

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High school rodeo finals



The Pembina Valley was well-represented at the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association's High School Finals last weekend in Oak Lake. The list of local competitors included Reinfeld's Natalie Elias (at left in the goat tying event), Morden's Rylee Olafson (right, breakaway roping), Jill Goff from Carman, and Miami's Alana McCarthy and Morgan Turner. Olafson fared the best, with a third place finish in breakaway roping and top ten finishes in all her other events.

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Morden Mud Hens undefeated so far

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Mud Hens are unbeaten in the early going of the Border Baseball League season.

They improved their record to 3-0 after two convincing wins in the past week, following up a big 13-9 win over the Carman Cardinals May 30 with an equally lopsided 14-5 victory last Friday over Clearwater.

The Winkler Whips are right on their heels after picking up a second straight win with an 8-1 defeat of the Altona Bisons May 30.

Meanwhile, the Bisons rebounded from their loss to the Whips Friday by blanking the Carman Cardinals 4-0.

At press time, Morden was atop the east division at 3-0 with Winkler right behind at 2-0-1 followed by Altona at 1-1 and Carman at 1-2-1.

The Morden Mud Hens made short work of the visiting Carman Cardinals last week Tuesday, winning it 13-9.

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In the west division, Cartwright was at 1-1, Baldur and Pilot Mound at 1-2, and Clearwater at 1-3.

Winkler hosted Morden and Altona hosts Carman Tuesday night. Results were not available at press time.

The Mud Hens then return the favour by hosting the Whips Sunday.

Orioles, Bisons split Sunday doubleheader

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles and Altona Bisons split their Sunday afternoon MJBL doubleheader in Winkler.

The match-up of the regional rivals saw the Bisons take game one 9-4 but then the Orioles rebounded for a 7-5 win in game two.

Altona took command of the opener with five runs in the top of the fifth inning after trailing the Orioles 3-2. Hits were 14-8 in favour of the Bisons, who

were led by Isaiah Letkeman with a triple and two singles.

Having big games for Pembina Valley in the second half of the doubleheader were Ethan Klassen connecting for three hits and Darius Peters driving in three runs.

Earlier last week, on Wednesday, the Bisons were at home and edged the Elmwood Giants 6-4. Trent Peters had a home run and drove in two runs as Altona took down the defending MJBL champions, who had a 12-10

edge in hits.

The Orioles were also victorious that same evening in defeating the Carillon Sultans 11-6. Pembina Valley connected for four runs in both the second and seventh innings, with Owen Goertzen recording two hits and three RBIs.

It leaves both Pembina Valley and Altona in the middle of the pack in the standings with 5-5 records alongside the Elmwood Giants.

St. James leads the way at 7-4 fol-

lowed by Interlake at 6-4, and St. Boniface at 6-5. Trailing are Carillon at 4-6 and Winnipeg South at 3-7.

This week, Pembina Valley hosts Winnipeg South Wednesday and then visits St. Boniface Friday before heading to the Interlake for a Sunday doubleheader.

Altona hosts St. James Wednesday and then plays in Elmwood on Friday before hosting Carillon for a Sunday doubleheader.

Winkler Flyers nab 11 players in MJHL Draft

By Voice staff

The Winkler Flyers secured several players in the 2023 Manitoba Junior Hockey League Draft June 4.

Their first-round pick was Brandon's Dustin Bell. The left defenceman plays for the Brandon Wheat Kings in U18 AAA. He contributed

four goals and six assists last season.

Successive round picks included:

- Forward Connor Vandal, Winnipeg Bruins U17 AAA.
- Right defenceman Isaac Mcleod-Catcheway, Norman Northstars U18 AAA.
- Centre Oli Chenier, Winnipeg Wild U18 AAA.

• Left defenceman Kaeson Fisher, Brandon Wheat Kings U18 AAA.

• Goalie Burke Hood, Rink H.A. Winnipeg U18 Prep team.

• Forward Nate Lodewyks, Pembina Valley Hawks U18 AAA.

• Centre Jett Lajoie, Winnipeg Bruins U18 AAA.

• Centre Owen Martin, the Rink

H.A. Winnipeg U18 Prep.

• Forward James Franklin, Rink H.A. Winnipeg U16 Prep.

• Forward Avery Samuels, Rink H.A. Winnipeg U16 Prep.

The Flyers also auto-protected Pembina Valley Hawks forward and Winkler native Kameron Thomas.

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Baseball Hall of Fame inducts class of 2023

By Lorne Stelmach

Another esteemed list of notable individuals and teams were honoured last weekend at the 25th induction into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in Morden.

Eight individuals and four teams were celebrated at Saturday's ceremony, including a resident of Holland, MB who is credited especially for helping advance girls baseball in the province.

For Patti Hacault, there was some reluctance to be in the spotlight.

"I'm very surprised," she said in advance of the ceremony. "I'm kind of a background person, so it's quite an honour to be included with this 2023 group of inductees ... but it's kind of intimidating."

Hacault has coached many teams in Holland, Treherne, and Pembina Hills and held numerous executive positions, including playing a role in founding the Pembina Hills program.

In 2011, she was selected Baseball Manitoba's volunteer of the year and Sport Manitoba's volunteer of the year. In 2017, she was inducted into Baseball Manitoba's Honour Society.

"I've been around for quite a while," said Hacault. "I was part of the group that set up the Pembina Hills minor baseball when Tiger Hills and Turtle Mountain amalgamated ... the reason for that was we wanted to garner higher level ball for our kids."

"I was part of the girls baseball committee, and I have been very active in promoting girls baseball," she continued. "It has been important to me ... it was like hockey in the beginning. It's



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Some of the members of the 2023 Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame, including (clockwise from above) Corey Billaney, Patti Hacault, Keith Carriere, and the 2006-2015 Minnedosa Mavericks.

"HONOUR THE PAST AND ENSURE THE FUTURE IS OUR SLOGAN."

kind of a struggle to get the girls out there ... but we've had a lot of success at the national level with our teams."

She said the only reward she needs is to see girls getting the guidance and coaching they need and to see them succeed and get the accolades.

"It's really rewarding. The girls have done really, really well ... they are known as friendly Manitoba on the national stage," Hacault noted. "And baseball is really a special sport ... not just for the baseball skills, it's also the life skills."

Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame administrative manager Jim Mutcheson said Hacault's contributions cannot be overstated.

"She's done a lot with sports and especially the girls side of it ... and it's been a passion of hers for a long time."

As for Mutcheson, he was excited to be involved in his first induction evening since assuming the hall of fame managerial role from Joe Wiwchar.

"Seeing all the people and knowing some of the inductees too, you want to make it extra special for everyone," he said. "Honour the past and ensure the future is our slogan ... so we want to do our best."

"Having been here for almost seven months now, it's amazing the amount of artifacts that are here," said Mutcheson, who also heralded



Wiwchar for all that he has done for both the game and the hall of fame.

"I was told when they first started, they had over 100 applications ... so it was hard picking out people," said Mutcheson, who noted the 2023 inductees again cover a broad spectrum.

"They're from various parts of the province from Boissevain to Holland to Hamiota and Steinbach area ... a couple guys from the city."

In addition to Hacault, the 2023 class of inductees includes:

- Corey Billaney - He has been inducted three times as a member of teams. In 27 of 28 seasons from 1990 to 2017, he played in at least one of the championship tournaments for Manitoba, western Canada and Canada.

- Jeff Bouchard - He was part of teams that won six consecutive league championships, six consecutive provincial senior championships and one Western Canadian championship.

- Junior Brake - He was an outstanding pitcher in senior ball for 25 years and was part of a Boissevain team that won their league championship nine times and were provincial senior AA champions on four occasions.

- Keith Carriere - With Legion 141 in the Manitoba junior league, he made three all star teams. He was a perennial all star in both the Red Boine League and the Winnipeg Senior League.

- Laurie Langrell - With the Balmoral Orioles in the



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McLaren Custom Grills partnership off to a great start

By Ty Dilello with files from Tobie Christie

McLaren Custom Grills, a Winnipeg-based BBQ company with Roland roots that specializes in custom BBQ grills for sports fans, has recently partnered with Richard Childress Racing to sponsor world-renowned NASCAR driver Kyle Busch and the No. 8 team in the NASCAR Cup Series.

McLaren Custom Grills is owned by Roland's Mike McLaren, who has been making solid moves in the BBQ business over the past few years.

It was in September of 2020 when McLaren first pulled out his welding tools inside his house garage, and the very first custom sports-themed barbecue was born. Fast forward a few years, and McLaren Custom Grills now owns patented sports-themed barbecues for every major sports league, officially licensed by the NBA and NASCAR legend Kyle Busch.

The current sponsorship with Busch began in March. Part of the agreement meant that McLaren and his team could provide the paint scheme for Busch's car, the No. 8 Chevrolet Camaro.

"Kyle's sponsorship team called me as I was getting out of my truck, and I honestly thought it was a joke," said McLaren. "But I hopped in my truck and drove 23 straight hours to their headquarters in North Carolina. And I just sealed the deal in the room with them."

Busch is currently driving the No. 8 McLaren Custom Grills Chevrolet in select races during the 2023 season as part of the multi-race partnership.

"Both Richard Childress Racing and Kyle Busch have wide-reaching fan appeal, so we can't wait to cater to their passionate fan base with our custom grills," said McLaren. "We believe this race team partnership is the perfect platform for our custom grills and can't wait to see the McLaren Custom Grill Chevy on the track this season."

In addition to their partnership with Kyle Busch's NASCAR team, McLaren Custom Grills is also the Official Barbeque Grill of the NBA, as they make custom grills for all 30 teams.

It was a magical day when Busch won his first race at the Talladega Race track in late April when he was sporting his new McLaren's Custom Grill sponsored car.

So, it goes without saying, that when Kyle Busch parked his No. 8 Chevrolet Camaro at the start-finish line after winning Sunday's 196-lap contest in spectacular fashion, interest was piqued about the



PHOTO BY HAROLD HINSON/HHP FOR CHEVY RACING

After a dramatic victory at Talladega for Kyle Busch, McLaren Custom Grills has seen an influx of traffic on their website, which has caused it to crash, likely as a result of an endorsement from the two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion.

two-time champion's brand-new sponsor. Even further than that, an endorsement from one of the most popular drivers in NASCAR, who has spent the last year as a hot-button topic after leaving Joe Gibbs Racing, will certainly make the phone ring off the handle.

"Just a great day for another new sponsor at [Richard Childress Racing] with McLaren Custom Grills," Busch said on the frontstretch after the race. "If you ain't got a custom grill yet, these McLarens are pretty bomb. You have to check them out."

Well, it appears that the millions watching the GEICO 500 broadcast on FOX listened to Kyle Busch's call-to-action and flooded the website of McLaren Custom Grills, which the company says caused its website to crash. Posting to Instagram – while in victory lane, apparently – the company said: "Our website is currently down because of the overwhelming amount of interest. Don't worry, we're working on it and it will be back up in no time."

"It happened within three minutes of him crossing that finish line. It seems like everybody wants a piece of McLaren Custom Grills now. It's growing a lot quicker than I expected."

Needless to say, the partnership between Busch and McLaren Custom Grills has gotten off to a fantastic start, not only with the victory, but with tons of exposure for a brand that has looked



The McLaren Custom Grills Large Ceramic Clay Kamado style barbecue is the perfect grill for NASCAR fans that are looking to host a race day feast. With 346 inches of stainless steel cooking surface area to utilize, hosting a game day party of 10+ people is never out of the question. Equipped with a dual adjustable bottom vent and an adjustable top vent, achieving the perfect cooking temperature is a breeze.

to enter the sports world through deals within NASCAR and the NBA.

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If you're interested in a custom grill, please check out their website at mclarencustomgrills.com.

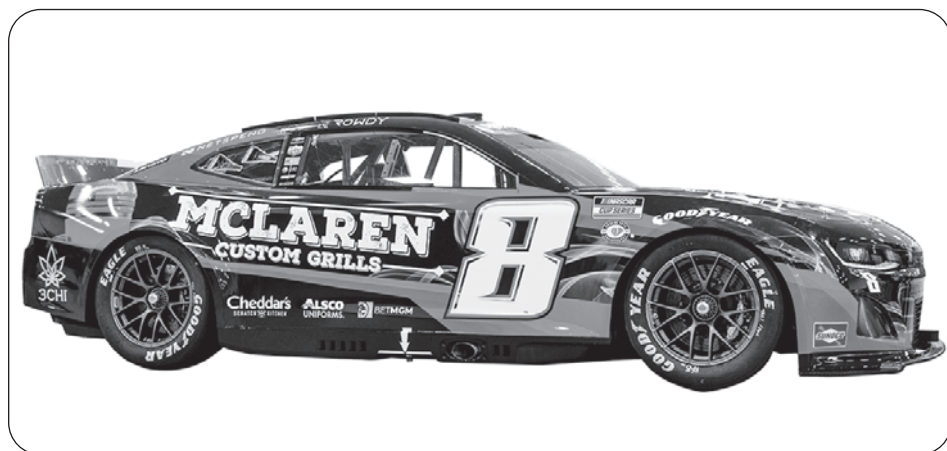


PHOTO BY MCLAREN'S CUSTOM GRILLS

McLaren Custom Grills has partnered with Richard Childress Racing to sponsor Kyle Busch and the No. 8 team in the NASCAR Cup Series.

Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom partnering with Carman Fair

By Ty Dilello

Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom is set to host the Carman Fair hospitality tent for the next three years. With their handcrafted beers brewed locally in Morden, Rendezvous aims to bring a taste of their exceptional brews to fairgoers this July.

With a commitment to producing high-quality brews, Rendezvous has garnered a loyal following of beer enthusiasts who appreciate their unique and flavorful creations.

On May 30, Dufferin Agricultural Society (DAS) President Bernie Townsend and Entertainment Director Amanda Reimer met up with KB Marketing representatives and Rendezvous Brewery owners Caylie and Grant Nicholson to tour the brewery and celebrate this exciting new partnership.

The tour provided a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the brewing process, allowing all parties to witness firsthand the dedication and craftsmanship of creating Rendezvous' signature brews.

"Caylie and Grant are not only passionate about brewing exceptional beers but also conscious of community involvement," said Townsend. "They believe in giving back to the wider community that has supported them throughout their journey. The Carman Fair provides the perfect platform for Rendezvous to showcase their commitment to the local community."

The Carman Fair, known for its family-friendly ambiance and captivating entertainment, draws thousands of visitors annually. Rendezvous Brewery, known for its upscale brand and exceptional craft beers, will host the hospitality tent for three years. The DAS envisions this vibrant space as a place for friends to gather, relax, and enjoy delicious craft beers while fully immersing themselves in the Carman Fair festivities.

"We are honoured to have this privilege," said Caylie Nicholson. "I think it will be a wonderful



PHOTO BY KARINA BUECKERT

On May 30, the Dufferin Agricultural Society announced its new sponsorship with Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom for the upcoming Carman Fair. From left to right: Daniel Sukkau (KB Marketing), Nathan Krahn (KB Marketing), Caylie Nicholson (Rendezvous), Amanda Reimer (DAS Entertainment), Grant Nicholson (Rendezvous), and Bernie Townsend (DAS President).

partnership and experience. We are very excited."

With Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom stepping up as the hosts of the Carman Fair hospitality tent, the stage is set for an extraordinary three years of community, camaraderie, and craft beer. As fairgoers eagerly anticipate the upcoming Carman Country Fair, they can look forward to immersing themselves in a family-friendly atmosphere filled with captivating entertainment and the delightful flavours of Rendezvous' exceptional brews.

The DAS is thrilled to have Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom as the hosts of the Carman Fair hos-

pitality tent. Their commitment to brewing exceptional craft beers aligns perfectly with their vision of providing unique and memorable experiences for fair attendees. With Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom taking the helm of the hospitality tent, fairgoers can anticipate a remarkable fusion of community spirit and delicious craft beer.

Mark your calendars for the Carman Country Fair, which will take place from July 13-15, and join in the festivities as you delight in Rendezvous' exceptional brews.



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The 2009-2015 Reston Rockets were among four teams inducted Saturday.

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Winnipeg Senior League in 1967, he was both league batting champion and MVP. He hit .407 and stole 25 bases.

- Thomas Smith - He had not played sports until at age 21 when he had to have one of his legs partially amputated. In mid-1950s, he organized little league baseball, and he did everything as he coached, organized fundraisers, took boys to out-of-town games and tournaments.

- Todd Smith - He was arguably the best shortstop ever to play in the Manitoba Senior Baseball League, having competed in eight provincial championships, nine Western Canadian championships and five national championships.

- Norwood Community Club - the team won various city and provincial championships from 1953 to 1956.

- Minnedosa Mavericks - the team won 10 straight championships between 2006 and 2015, and for six years, 2006-2011, they never lost a game in league or playoff competition.

- Reston Rockets - The team became a force in Manitoba senior AA baseball early in the 2000s. In 2007, they joined the Manitoba Senior Baseball League and from 2009 to 2013 they won two pennants (2010, 2011) and two championships (2011, 2013).

- Hamiota Royals - The juvenile team of 1966 were western Canadian champions.

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- Zoned CN – Commercial Neighbourhood Zone

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- Roll 197100.000
- 12068 RD 13NW
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2. Tenders must be received at or before 5:00 pm on June 15, 2023.
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4. The Purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.
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7. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
4. Successful bidders will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2023.

To book an appointment to view or inspect the property, contact the Municipality of Rhineland at (204) 324-7510, attention: Craig Smiley.

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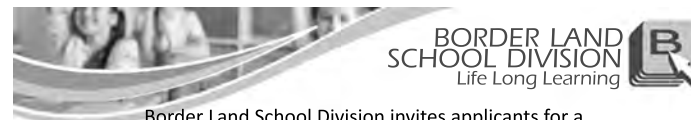
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a hearing at which time and place the council of the City of Winkler will receive representation from the applicants and any other persons who wish to make representations in respect of the Rezoning Application No. RZ2023-004 and By-law No. 2306-23, being an amendment to Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21 of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2306-23, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

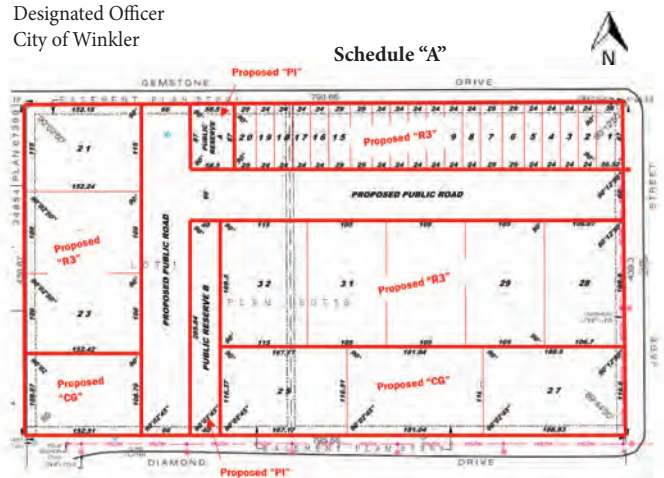
1885 and 1825 Diamond Dr, legally described as Lots 1 & 2 Plan 60716 MLTO, as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "CH" COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY ZONE
TO: "CG" COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONE
"PI" PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ZONE, &
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A copy of the above By-Law No. 2306-23 and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

Date of Hearing: June 27, 2023
Time of Hearing: 6:30 p.m.
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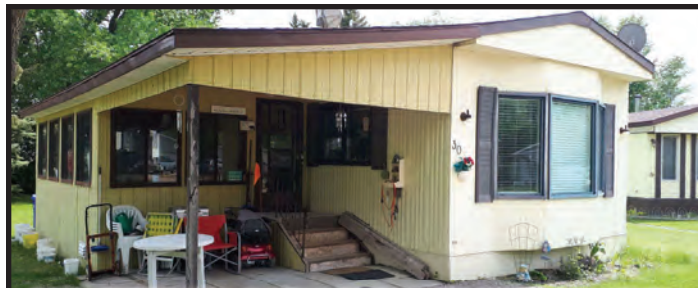
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UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR RE-ZONING By-Law # 1813/2023
On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

TRUSTEES OF THE BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA, (applicant) of mailing address 117 2ND ST NW, ALTONA, MB, ALTONA, has made an application to amend the Town of Altona Zoning By-Law 1792/2021 and Re-Zone the easterly portion of the land legally described as Lot 13-17 Block 4 Plan 60 in the SE/SW 8-2-1W, civic address 46-5TH AVE NW, roll # 11500 from "5:11" EI - Educational & Institutional" to "5:4" RLD - Residential Low Density"

HEARING LOCATION: Town of Altona Council Chambers
111 Centre Avenue East, Altona
June 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM

DATE AND TIME:

GENERAL INTENT:

The applicant is applying to rezone the property to "5:4" RLD - Residential Low Density from "5:11" EI - Educational & Institutional on the property described above. A Public Hearing is required for this purpose. Notices were sent out within 100 Metres.

Please see attached Schedule "A" for reference. (Proposed Lot 2)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Stein, Community Development Officer
109 - 3rd Ave NE, Box 270 Altona, MB R0G 0B0
Phone: (204) 324-5357 Email: manager@rpgamb.ca
Please see attached Schedule "A" for reference.

SCHEDULE "A"



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MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 08-2017.**

HEARING: Morden Civic Centre

LOCATION: 195 Stephen St., Morden, MB

DATE: June 26th, 2023

TIME: 7:00pm

From: "CR" Community Reserve

To: "RS-L" Residential Single Family Large

"RM-M" Residential Multiple Family

"RT" Residential Two Family

AREA:

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As shown outlined in red lines on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and

INFORMATION CONTACT:

Santokh Randhawa, M. Eng., P. Eng.

133 7th Street, Morden, MB R7M 1V3

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OBITUARY

Linda Braun (nee Hildebrand)

Peacefully on Saturday, May 27th, 2023 at the Altona Community Memorial Health Center, Linda Braun passed away at the age of 93 years.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Ed; four sisters and four brothers.

Left to cherish her memory are children Rhonda (Jack) Driedger, Gail (Tom) Braun, Barry (Dorothy) Braun and Laurie Braun (Jim Dueck), as well as 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mom was born on June 30, 1929, daughter to Henry H. and Aganetha Hildebrand. She was the second youngest of nine children. She grew up in the Edinburg area on a small family farm. Mom and Dad got married on August 5, 1951. During their marriage Mom worked at Altona Farm Service for a number of years. The rest of the time she was a full time homemaker. They had been

married for nearly 63 years, when Dad passed away on June 3, 2014. Mom was living in Golden West at this time, where she lived until February 2020. At that time she moved to The Gardens on Tenth to make a new home for herself and because she liked the idea of having someone else doing the cooking for her. She was doing well living independently despite some setbacks. Mom loved to play canasta and Tuesday nights were reserved for an evening at the Seniors Center. Then she started playing canasta with a group of another three ladies every Monday night at The Gardens. When we were packing up her things at The Gardens to move her to the 24/7 assisted living apartments, I asked her if she wanted to keep her bag of canasta. Oh yes, she said. She loved the game and the friendships she'd made. Mom had a very strong faith in God. She didn't preach it, she lived it. She had a great love for her family and could never get enough visits from them. She was a very sociable person and loved to interact with other people. She had scheduled breakfasts with friends on Thursday and Sunday. She treasured those times with friends. She loved her coffee and she would never refuse an invitation to go out for a meal. She liked to tell stories and she had a great sense of humor. She was genuinely interested to hear what people were doing and how life was treating them. She was such a generous, kind, caring and loving woman. She was also a woman of great strength to face life's challenges head on and a woman of great determination. She was admitted to the hospital on March 27th, where she remained until her passing on May 27th, 2023. It was then, as she said earlier, she was going up those stairs to greet her Lord. We miss you, Mom.

Wiebe Funeral Home Altona is in charge of arrangements

OBITUARY

Isaac (Ed) Edwin Fehr 1944 – 2023

Ed was born on March 30, 1944 in Winkler, Manitoba and passed away suddenly on Monday May 29, 2023 at his home he shared with his wife Sadie in Morden.

Born to Isaac and Eva Fehr (Friesen), he was raised on the family farm south of Morden in the Glencross District. In Grade 8 he quit school to help his dad full time on the farm. Over the next few years, he did a variety of jobs both on and off the farm which ultimately led to him taking over the family farm from his parents. In 1961 Ed met Sadie Wolfe and they were married in Morden on October 24, 1965. They made their first home together in Winkler and moved to the family farm a few years later. In 1969 their first son, Craig was born followed by Clint in 1972 and Cam in 1977.



In his younger days he enjoyed playing baseball with the Diamond Steelers. He also enjoyed bowling in Winkler in both the men's league and in the mixed league with Sadie, where they travelled to various towns competing in tournaments. They also enjoyed various fishing trips with family and friends with his favorite location being Dauphin River close to Gypsumville. His antique tractor "addiction" started in the 1990's and he was so proud of all the tractors he purchased and fixed up over the years. In 2021 his beloved collection was sold to a local buyer right here in Morden. Ed took pride in his work and meticulously maintained and upgraded the farmyard and buildings. Together with his family and mother, Eva, he was proud to celebrate the Fehr Family Farm Centennial in 1996. Ed and Sadie retired from farming in 2002 and passed the farm on to Clint and Andrea. They lived on the farmyard until 2013 when Cam built them a house and they moved to town (Morden). The jobs Dad did over the years are too many to list and no one defined his "career". Safe to say Dad was always meant to be a farmer.

Ed leaves to mourn his wife of 57 years, Sadie; sons, Craig (Michelle), Clint (Andrea), Cam (Kelly); grandchildren, Ella, Kate, Tyler and Jesse; his siblings, Irene Rawluk (Alex), Edna (Don) Stobbe, Tammy (Lawrence) Dyck and Nancy (Russ) Rach.

Ed was predeceased by his dad, Isaac in 1992, his mom, Eva in 2015 and his brother, Jack in 2019.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2023 at the Morden EMMC with interment at Southside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ed's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

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OBITUARY

Anna Friesen (nee Rempel) 1936 – 2023



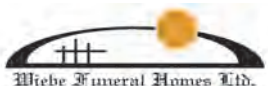
Anna Rempel was born on November 6, 1936 to Cornelius and Anna (Funk) Rempel in Schoenberg, Mexico. She had one sister and four brothers. She met Benjamin Friesen and soon fell in love. They got married in Mexico on February 4, 1961, and lived there for eight years. They moved to Canada in 1969; living in Alberta, Saskatchewan and finally settling in Manitoba. They lived on a small acreage in Reinfeld for most of their married life. After a few years in Roland, they moved to Winkler where shopping and doctor appointments were closer as they became more frequent. Benjamin went to be with his Saviour in 2011 after a short battle with cancer. Anna was quite lonely without him, and really appreciated the visits from family, friends and ministerial couples.

She especially enjoyed visits from her great nieces and nephews, and more recently a few great, great nephews. She passed away peacefully in her sleep, with her nephew and niece at her side. Anna was 86 years, 6 months and 22 days old.

She is survived by one brother, Cornelius and his wife, Katherine in Bolivia and many nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday June 3, 2023 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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Vegan Brownies

flaky sea salt, for garnish
To make prune puree: In blender, combine prunes and water. Pulse to combine then blend until smooth, pourable consistency forms, scraping sides, if necessary.

Store puree in airtight container in fridge up to 4 weeks.

To make brownies: Preheat oven to 350 F. Line 9-by-9-inch baking pan with parchment paper then lightly grease with nonstick cooking spray.

Using double boiler, melt chocolate and olive oil. Whisk in sugar and prune puree; mix until dissolved.

Into large bowl, sift flour, baking powder and cocoa powder. Gently fold in chocolate and prune mixture then add vanilla.

Spread batter in prepared pan, sprinkle with flaky sea salt and bake 20-25 minutes, or until top starts to look dry and brownies are just beginning to pull away from sides of pan.

Cool in pan. Remove then cut brownies into 3-inch squares.

- Prep time: 10 minutes
- Cook time: 25 minutes
- Servings: 9
- Prune Puree:
- 16 ounces pitted California prunes
- 1/2 cup hot water
- Brownies:
- nonstick cooking spray
- 6 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 1/2 cup California extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cups light brown sugar
- 10 ounces California prune puree
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract



Chocolate Covered Prune Fudge Cake

to sift cocoa into saucepan. Stir with spatula until completely smooth. Remove from heat and set aside.

In bowl of food processor fitted with "S" blade, place prunes and syrup. Top with cooled butter mixture then process until smooth. Transfer to large mixing bowl, scraping all chocolate mixture from food processor with spatula.

In bowl of stand mixer fitted with whisk attachment, whip eggs and coconut sugar on high speed 7 minutes, or until tripled in volume.

Add one-third of egg mixture to bowl with chocolate mixture. Using spatula, gently fold together until completely combined. Add almond meal and remaining egg mixture to bowl and gently fold to combine.

Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 55 minutes, or until set. Once cooked through, transfer cake to cooling rack and cool completely in pan.

To make ganache: In top of double boiler, melt coconut milk and dark chocolate until completely smooth. Pour prepared ganache over cake. Serve immediately for molten fudge effect or allow to completely set.

- Prep time: 15 minutes
- Cook time: 55 minutes
- Yield: 1 cake (8 inches)
- Cake:
- Coconut oil spray
- 14 tablespoons butter, chopped
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup cocoa powder
- 10 soft, pitted prunes, chopped small
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup coconut sugar
- 1 cup almond meal
- Ganache:
- 1 cup full-fat coconut milk
- 1 1/3 cups dark chocolate morsels
- To make cake: Preheat oven to 300 F. Lightly spray bottom and sides of 8-inch springform pan with coconut oil spray. Place round piece of parchment paper in bottom of pan and lightly spray with coconut oil spray.
- In small saucepan over low heat, place butter and vanilla. Use sieve

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Susie Schwartz

By Susie Schwartz

Here's one for people who care.

By now you know I am a proponent for feeling our feelings – happy ones or unhappy ones. We were built with emotions, and they will always be in us, fluctuating like blood sugars. Up and down. Down and up. Sometimes manageable, sometimes not. Why? Because life's like that. One moment we are zip-lining over Niagara Falls beside our husband, flying with glee, and the next moment our husband's cable snaps and tragedy ensues. (Yikes! That escalated quickly!)

When it comes to illness and hard times, people try to be encouraging by saying things like, 'Everything happens for a reason' or, 'Stay positive' or, 'It could always be worse, right?'

Honestly? By saying 'it could always be worse' makes it worse. Why? What's the problem?

Words matter.

When we are thrown these cliches, our struggle is immediately dismissed

and invalidated. First of all, will we ever make sense of why bad things happen to good people? Trying to find a reason for our pain is not only impossible, it's exhausting to the already exhausted. And 'God is in control' or, 'God needed another angel' after an innocent mother loses her daughter in a drunk-driving car accident paints God as a monster and induces an added layer of anger they could do without.

Second, commands like 'look at the bright side' not only feel like pressure, but the underlying message is, 'Change your emotions. They are unacceptable.' Sure, we can change our attitude, but our emotions are a natural response to circumstance that exist within us regardless of attitude.

I get it. I've said these things too in the name of compassion. We just want to help.

Which is why we need a reframe. Our language needs to change.

Maybe next time a friend is going through a hard time say, 'I don't understand why life can be so hard' or, 'I really hope things get better for you' or, 'Sometimes life doesn't make sense.'

And if you don't know what to say, say that.

Being at a loss for words says a lot.

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and musician, Susie currently lives in the UK. Find her on Instagram @medicalmiss_stress, and at www.lesshealthstress.com where you can sign up for 'Convos with Carlos'. Her book, 'Help the Doctor Help You – 32 Secrets and Tips for Self-Advocacy to Get the Best from Your Appointments' is now available on Amazon!



Chocolate Energy Balls

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

To make prune puree: In blender, combine prunes and water. Pulse to combine then blend until smooth, pourable consistency forms, scraping sides, if necessary.

Store puree in airtight container in fridge up to 4 weeks.

To make energy balls: In mixing bowl, stir oats, coconut, nut butter, pecan meal, prune puree, cocoa powder and vanilla until completely combined.

Cover and chill in refrigerator 30 minutes. Once chilled, use small cookie scoop or measuring spoon to measure equal-sized amounts of mixture then form into balls by applying gentle pressure to dough using palms. Do not roll as balls will break apart.

Store covered in airtight container in refrigerator up to 1 week.

- Recipe courtesy of Meg van der Kruik on behalf of California Prunes
- Prep time: 10 minutes
- Cook time: 30 minutes
- Yield: 24 pieces
- Prune Puree:
- 16 ounces pitted California prunes
- 1/2 cup hot water
- Energy Balls:
- 1 cup old-fashioned or gluten-free oats
- 2/3 cup toasted, unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup creamy natural nut butter (peanut or almond)
- 1/2 cup pecan meal
- 1/2 cup prune puree
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

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