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Hundreds of members and supporters of the 2SLGBTQIANB+ community gathered in Altona Saturday for the town's first Pride parade. It's the second such event hosted by Pembina Valley Pride, which held its first parade in Morden back in 2019. For more, see Pg. 2.

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"We do have a community down here, and we're not alone"

Pembina Valley Pride hosts parade in Altona

By Ty Dilello

It was a perfectly sunny day last Saturday afternoon as the Town of Altona hosted its inaugural Pembina Valley Pride parade.

Roughly 500 members of the 2SLGBTQIANB+ community and its allies came out to take part and support diversity and inclusion.

The afternoon started with a warm welcome and raising of the Pride flag at the Altona Civic Centre, which was followed by a two-kilometre march to Centennial Park, where people celebrated and took in several speeches and live music performances.

"We were very excited when we got the request to hold this Pride festival in Altona," said Mayor Al Friesen. "We felt this festival aligned properly with our town's value statement, which is: 'Altona strives to be a progressive, sustainable, competitive, at-

tractive and safe community for all.' We may not always reach that, but we strive for that.

"I've been living in Altona for my whole life and I can say that the community has changed in that time," Friesen noted. "I think it's time to turn the page together."

Altona teacher Peter Wohlgemut is the president of Pembina Valley Pride. They noted how Morden's first Pride parade in 2019 got things going and identified that there are lots of 2SLGBTQIANB+ connections in southern Manitoba.

"We do have a community down here, and we're not alone," said Wohlgemut. "People out there might want us to be ashamed of who we are, but we are extremely proud to be the Rainbow community. And we're not going anywhere.

"This was a celebratory day, and things could not have gone better," Wohlgemut added. "Thank you, Altona! We can't wait to have a second Pride festival here."

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Pembina Valley Pride standard bearers, including president Peter Wohlgemut (centre), led the way on the first local Pride parade hosted since 2019, and the first one ever in Altona. Right: Wohlgemut raises the Pride flag at the Altona Civic Centre. Below: Hundreds of members and supporters of the 2SLGBTQIANB+ community took part in the festivities.



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Morden PD bids farewell to police dog Chase

By Lorne Stelmach

A ceremony at the Morden Civic Centre last Wednesday paid tribute to a retiring Morden Police Service member.

Police dog Chase and her handler Cst. Scott Edwards were honoured for her 11 years of service.

It was a bittersweet moment for Edwards, but he looks forward now to having his family be able to fully enjoy the companionship of Chase, who turns 12 in July.

"It's not something that service dogs always get to do though to reach retirement, so I'm happy for that," said Edwards, who anticipates going on more walks with Chase and enjoying activities like camping. "She's definitely part of our family, and I love her, and we're excited to be part of the next chapter in her life."

Chief Brad Neduzak said having a police dog has been a valuable addition to the force.

"We definitely saw a need for it. It has certainly shown how valuable a tool a canine can be in your community, and a great ambassador as well.

"She was a multi-trained canine, which means she's a drug detection dog, does tracking, search and rescue," he explained.

"When you're out in a rural area like we are, you can run into so many different situations, and it's nice to have that option to use your canine in any way that you can," Neduzak said. "And she's been at so many community functions ... everybody loves to

see the dog ... everybody has wanted to see Chase."

"It's been a rewarding experience," said Edwards. "She's been a big part of our team with the Morden Police Service and has been a good partner to me. And she's been a really awesome ambassador to the community for our service. And I'm excited to see the continuation of our K9 unit with police service dog Ice and Cst. Curtis Warkentin."

Edwards reflected on the experience of developing a relationship with Chase while remembering she was a working dog and less so a pet.

"It's not always easy ... they're very smart dogs, so they can also be very frustrating dogs," he said. "She came from an awesome bloodline. Her mom and dad were both police service dogs in Winnipeg, and our new dog Ice is also from the same line.

"She was definitely one of the top dogs going through her training," he continued. "She still has that ability to use her nose; even upon retirement, she's still pretty sharp, and she's still really healthy.

"She has a high drive; she's high energy," said Edwards. "She is obedient and healthy and sociable ... and for a small community like Morden, that's a bigger part than I think we probably realized, having the ability to have her in amongst the community, going to visit schools and day cares and visiting businesses and doing presentations. That's been a big part of it, and she has done a phenomenal job."

"SHE'S BEEN A BIG PART OF OUR TEAM."

After 11 years of service with the Morden Police, K-9 officer Chase will now get to enjoy her retirement years with handler Cst. Scott Edwards and his family.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE



Our mistake

Teddy Bear Picnic is on this Sat., June 18

A story in the June 9 edition of the Voice included the wrong date for the Teddy Bear Picnic being hosted in Winkler by the Winkler Family Resource Centre and the Morden and Parent Child Resource Centre.

The correct date is *this* Saturday, June 18, at the Winkler Parkland Stage (or inside the arena if it's raining) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The day includes a teddy bear clinic featuring representatives from the lo-

cal health care community, face painting and henna tattoos from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a barbecue lunch available for purchase from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and entertainment from the Paw Patrol Show (12-12:30 p.m.), Lulu and the TomCat (12:30-1 p.m.) and the DanceWorks Dancers.

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Katie Cares honours its first scholarship winner

By Ashleigh Viveiros



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From left: Kristin Buhler was selected by Katie Cares' Ruth and Randy Reimer and Kerry and Darlene Pollack as the recipient of the first Kaitlyn Marie Reimer Scholarship for graduating Garden Valley Collegiate students.

The very first recipient of the Kaitlyn Marie Reimer Scholarship has her sights set on becoming a nurse.

Kristin Buhler was honoured at a ceremony at the Katie's Cottage respite home last week.

She's the first Garden Valley Collegiate graduate to be selected to receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the endowment fund that was created last year at the Winkler Community Foundation by Morden's Kerry and Darlene Pollack.

In her application, Buhler shared the hospital experiences her family had after her brother was in a car accident. She got to see firsthand the impact nurses have on the lives of their patients.

"My brother had a roommate that was very young and he didn't have any parents there at all ... definitely seeing how the nurses cared for my brother and cared for that little boy, it really touched my heart."

Buhler will start her studies at the University of Manitoba this fall. She hopes to one day go into either pediatric or neonatal nursing.

"I love kids, I adore them. I know that experiences in the hospital are awful, for kids especially. They're terrified," Buhler said. "Anything I can do to make their experience a little bit more uplifting and happy is something I definitely want to try to achieve."

Kerry Pollack said Buhler's personal essay really resonated with the application committee.

"We felt Kristin best represented Kaitlyn's memory," he said.

The Pollacks created the scholarship fund as a way to pay things forward themselves while also honouring Kaitlyn.

"It's important that other students have that opportunity to carry forward her dreams," Pollack said, noting he has no doubt Kaitlyn would have pursued post-secondary education herself.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Kaitlyn's passing. She lost her battle with cancer at the age of 15.

Before her death, she helped create Katie Cares to reach out to kids in hospital and help make their stay there a little easier. The charity today

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distributes care bags and stuffed animals to child patients across southern Manitoba and also operates the respite home across the street from the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Kaitlyn's mother, Ruth Reimer, executive director of Katie's Cottage, says Buhler's desire to help parallels Katie's own passion for giving back.

"I think the line that sums it up for me from the winning essay is: 'I see myself making a difference as a nurse by comforting children and trying to make their hospital stay less stressful. Whether it's sitting with them and holding their hand or by telling them a joke and making them smile.'"

With the presentation of this first annual scholarship, Reimer feels like things have come full circle in a way.

"Now we're giving away a scholarship to a deserving student like herself ... [Katie] would have gone on to post-secondary, she would have been that student that would have excelled and wanted to learn more and be in school ... it's fitting."

For her part, Buhler is honoured to have been selected.

"It's all very overwhelming right now. I'm super grateful for the opportunity, though," she said. "This is really exciting for me. I'm excited for this new chapter in my life."

She noted she finds Kaitlyn's story inspiring.

"I love how she just wanted to make a difference, even though she was going through some of the worst moments of her life."

Anyone can make a donation to the Kaitlyn Marie Reimer Scholarship fund. As it grows, the interest it generates will allow larger scholarships to be distributed each year.

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Morden Paddlefest on this weekend

Indigenous People's Day festivities also happening Saturday afternoon

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Paddlefest returns this weekend to Lake Minnewasta along with an Indigenous People's Day celebration.

Paddlefest had gone on four years before being cancelled due to the pandemic for the last two, so organizers are happy to be back with something they feel had been gaining popularity. "I think it had caught on ... there had been lots of interest," suggested Stephanie Dueck, recreation programmer for the City of Morden. "I

also just think people are looking for things to do and are excited to be out and about again."

"We hope there will be a good response, and we had a number of people registered," she said last week. "We hope it also sparks interest in our Morden Paddle Club operating out of Lake Minnewasta. They have kayaks and paddle boards to rent throughout the season."

Paddlefest takes place this Saturday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., providing an opportunity for people to try out canoes, kayaks, and paddle-



IIU investigating after man injured in attempted traffic stop in Winkler

By Voice staff

Manitoba's Independent Investigation Unit is looking into an incident involving a Winkler police officer and an injured suspect.

The IIU announced Monday that it is investigating the circumstances surrounding serious injuries being sustained by a man following an attempted traffic stop by a Winkler Police Service officer.

In a release, the IIU notes they were contacted by the department on June 8 about an incident that took place that evening.

The officer attempted to pull over the operator of a dirt bike on a roadway within town limits.

Police say the man fled and subsequently struck a concrete curb, at

which time he lost control and was ejected from the dirt bike, breaking his wrist. The man was treated and released from hospital.

As a broken wrist is defined as a serious injury, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

Witnesses or other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll free at 1-844-667-6060.

In its weekly police report released Monday afternoon, Winkler Police noted that the driver of the dirt bike was a 22-year-old Brandon man. He is facing charges of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, flight from police, driving while prohibited, and failing to comply with a release order.



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Paddleboards are a familiar sight on Lake Minnewasta. If you haven't had the chance to try one out yet, Paddlefest this weekend is the perfect time.

boards for free.

The Manitoba Paddle Association will be coming out with two dragon boats as well along with 12 canoes, 10 kayaks, and 10 paddleboards.

There is no charge to use the equipment, but you need to register in advance to guarantee that you can get one of the 45-minute time slots.

New this year will be an official dragon boat race. People are encouraged to sign up a team of 10 to compete. There will be practise sessions before the races, which will be scheduled throughout the day. The two fastest teams will race in the final at day's end.

"That should be kind of fun, raise a little competitive spirit ... if the in-

terest is good, we might bring more boats out," said Dueck.

In addition to all the fun out on the lake, beachside the city is hosting a National Indigenous People's Day celebration the same day from 2-5 p.m.

A Swan Lake First Nation elder will share a message shortly after 2 p.m. followed by performances by powwow dancer Kelly Chinchilla, youth hoop dancer Riley Sandberg, and band One Night Stand.

The celebration will also include bannock and face painting.

Learn more about both Paddlefest and National Indigenous People's Day online at www.mymorden.ca.

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"You are changing people's lives"

By Lorne Stelmach

Oksana Druchinin may have needed to flee Ukraine to Canada, but she is still playing a vital role in helping people in her homeland.

Now based in B.C., Druchinin continues to her work with the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine, an organization that has been involved in providing humanitarian aid for the past 25 years in the area of the former Mennonite colonies in Ukraine.

She is able to manage all donations sent to the centre in Ukraine and remains in regular contact with partner agencies and staff at the centre in Molochansk, which is now in Russian occupied territory.

"I'm here and I'm safe ... but I feel so much for those people who are left behind. The only thing you can help them with now is to just be there for them," said Druchinin, who spoke at the Morden Mennonite Church last Thursday as well as at churches in Winkler Friday and Altona Saturday. "It does feel meaningful. You feel like you are doing something and you are changing people's lives."

The organization has been able to carry on with its mission, although the circumstances have changed significantly amidst the Russian invasion.

The facility is supported by the Canadian-based Friends of the Mennonite Centre, and it is managing to continue to operate in what is an old school building in the former Mennonite village of Halbstadt.

The centre started in 2000 in response to the needs especially in the rural communities and particularly Mennonite communities in Ukraine. It distributes a range of humanitarian aid to villagers in rural Ukraine.

One focus is on education assistance such as helping schools with equipment and providing post-secondary scholarships, while a second emphasis is on medical assistance such as providing support for specialized treatment or equipment and supplies for hospitals and clinics.

In addition, the centre supports

"WE NOW FEED ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE WITH HOT LUNCHES A WEEK ... IT USED TO BE ABOUT 200."

church and community projects such as summer camps for youth and disabled, and there is also a twice weekly meal program with an emphasis on support for local seniors.

"They saw the poverty and decided they wanted to do something for these people. The primary direction was just to help those who are in need in any way they can," said Druchinin, who has been working for the centre for 15 years.

"I started there as an accountant, but then I was promoted and I took on also management. Up until now, I'm still doing the accounting and the managing," she said.

They have seen the need steadily increase over time including in 2014 when they began providing assistance for people impacted when Russia seized the Crimean region.

Then of course came the challenges presented by COVID.

"It all stopped when the pandemic came, and we had to restructure, and for some time we were not even allowed to function," Druchinin said. "Then we got together with the staff and we decided we can't leave these people without help, so we would go visit them in their homes and deliver food to them."

A key focus for them now is providing meals and food hampers to people. Despite the circumstances of the Russian invasion, the centre's four or five local staff have been able to carry on in these efforts.

Druchinin recalled what started as a seniors tea program where they would simply be given two pieces of meat and a piece of cheese. That soon expanded into a full meal program as



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/
VOICE**

Oksana Druchinin of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine spoke about the work of the organization at events in Winkler, Morden, and Altona last week.

well as food hampers.

"We now feed about 1,000 people with hot lunches a week, and it used to be about 200. And we have given out about 5,000 food hampers," she estimated.

"We still have some suppliers who are able to supply us with food. Basically our facility turned from a visiting area into storage where our rooms are full of food, and our staff are packing it into food hampers and giving it out to people ... some people come at three in the morning from other villages just to get a food hamper.

"We didn't know whether we were going to be able to function because three days after the invasion our territory was occupied," said Druchinin. "We were not certain if we were able to send money from Canada to Ukraine ... we thought how do we do

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Winkler grad parade takes place Monday, June 20

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Class of 2022 will be the first one in years to get a normal graduation celebration, but one popular event created in response to pandemic restrictions is set to live on in Winkler.

The Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate aftergrad committees have decided to once again host a joint grad parade.

"We've heard so much from the community around how they've loved the parade and having it together with both schools," said Val Harder, NPC aftergrad chair. "So when we were doing our plans, NPC and GVC, we had a lot of conversation around how can we still do something that's together even though we're both planning our own regular grad and aftergrad celebrations?"

"We're looking at this as kind a kick-off for the whole week," she said, noting GVC's graduation ceremony takes place on Thursday, June 23 followed by NPC's ceremony on Friday, June 24.

The 2022 parade is scheduled for Monday, June 20 starting at 7 p.m.

Graduates from both schools will gather at the Meridian Exhibition Centre parking lot before

setting out on a route that will take them down Park St., South Railway Ave., 8th St., Pembina Avenue, 15th St., and Grandeur Ave., ending up back at the MEC.

The parade has proven to be hugely popular the past two years, with friends and family and the community at large coming out to line the streets and cheer the grads on.

"That first year, in 2020, we were still fairly fresh into pandemic living and everybody was just looking for a way to do something special for our grads," Harder recalled, noting the classes of 2020 and 2021 both had to make do with online ceremonies and scaled-back celebrations thanks to COVID-19. "So to have the community come out the way that they did both years ... we're just so thankful our community wants this to happen and comes out to support the kids."

It's amazing to see a new tradition rise out of the challenges of the past few years, Harder reflected.

"It's really cool to see how excited the kids are about it—they're already making plans to decorate their rides, to get all dressed up."

This year organizers are hoping to coordinate school colours for each vehicle so people can



clearly see from further away when a GVC Zodiac or NPC Eagle is about to pass by.

Highway 75 fully reopens from Winnipeg to U.S. border

By Ty Dilello

Highway 75 has finally completely reopened after being out of commission for the last month and a half.

The major roadway from Winnipeg all the way to the Canada-U.S. border opened to traffic once again last Monday.

A ring dike closure on the north side of Morris was the final stretch that

had remained cut off, as was a part of Hwy. 23 west of Morris. Both routes are now open.

"It's a big relief to us and a beginning to a return to normal," said RM of Morris Reeve Ralph Groening last week. "The condition of the highway is a concern for some of the residents, but it certainly expedites the flow of traffic that has to come out of Rose-

nort and south to the American market. Everyone now benefits from the simplicity of the highway reopening fully."

Water damage has left the highway in less-than-stellar condition and so drivers are warned to drive carefully.

"The province ensured that the road, when it reopened this week, that it was as safe as possible for cars and trucks driving on it," Groening said. "The province has also hired a company to do the basic repair work that needs to be done to repair the flood damage, and then there was also a plan before the flood to improve and repair the condition of the road ... they will also get to that after the basic repair work gets done."

Groening notes that nearly everyone has returned home out of the 150

residents that were forced to evacuate from their homes due to the flood.

"We just have one family that was the first to move out, and they have not yet moved home, but that is very close. And we hope to have them back home real soon."

With the waters having receded and warm weather finally arriving, local farmers are doing the best they can to get on their fields before the crop seeding deadline passes.

"We've been really challenged by farmers to get the roads in shape so they can move their equipment and unplug culverts, so it's really been a race and continues to be," Groening noted. "We are working our hardest with different contractors to open drains and repair roads so that they can do their job."

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fundraisers? And is there a point in doing them if we will not be able to send money?"

Thankfully, the centre has been able to stay connected to its supporters around the world.

"The money we have sent over has increased dramatically ... of course, the need has also increased dramatically," noted Dave Regehr, vice-chair of the Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Manitoba.

"We have spent as we never have before," Druchinin noted. "It used to be that our budget was about \$350,000, \$400,000 a year. Up until now this year, we have already spent \$900,000."

Given that, she knows it is important for her to continue to raise awareness as well as funds for the

centre.

"I just tell people what we are doing, and I just want people to know with their support what we can do and how we can help," she said. "I see how far we have come ... we are doing our best to help people survive."

Anyone wanting to help can donate by cheque to Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine (FO-MCU) c/o George Dyck, 3675 N Service Rd., Beamsville, ON, L0R 1B1, by e-transfer to gtdyck@gmail.com (make sure you include your mailing address), or online at mennonitecentre.ca or helpforukraine.ca.

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BY LORNE STELMACH/
VOICE**

Steps for Pets last week raised over \$15,000 for the Pembina Valley Humane Society to cover the costs of veterinarian treatment for the animals in its care. In addition to the walk, the day also included a series of agility demonstrations from Extreme Dogs.

Steps for Pets raises \$15K

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers were very happy with the response to the Steps for Pets walkathon Saturday in Morden.

The fundraiser in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society returned after being cancelled the last two years due to the pandemic, and any doubts about supporters returning to the event were quickly erased.

"It exceeded our expectations," said Holly Thorne, PVHS public relations rep. "We're still finalizing, but it's safe to say for sure that we have exceeded our \$15,000 goal with the support of all of the people in the community, and we couldn't be happier.

"It was challenging to do an event coming out of the pandemic," she noted. "We didn't know what we

were getting ourselves into ... and we didn't know the support would come out as well as it did.

"The amount of people who came out and the amount of people who still want to show their support to the animals in our community is amazing. We couldn't be more grateful."

The funds raised by the walkathon will help the regional animal shelter provide veterinary care to the dogs and cats in its care, ensuring they are all spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and tattooed before they find their new homes.

This year's event also featured an agility demonstration by Extreme Dogs along with a variety of pet related vendors as well as refreshments and food.



CFDC receives funding for field station build

By Lorne Stelmach

Significant federal funding will see the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre introduce new and improved dig tour programs and services next year.

The federal government last week announced more than \$10.8 million to support Manitoba travel, tourism, and recreation initiatives, and the CFDC is among the beneficiaries with \$263,602 to market and launch new palaeontological dig tours, build a field station, and buy an excavator to aid with its site work.

The federal funding is benefitting 39 projects across Manitoba's tourism, travel and recreation sector. Other recipients in the wider region include the Harvest Moon Society

with \$27,910 to create ski and snowshoe trails for enhanced year-round recreation and the RM of Lorne with \$44,625 to create an outdoor trail and signage in Swan Lake.

"It is great news," said Adolfo Cuetara, executive director of the CFDC. "It was a long process; for five months, I was dealing with it ... but finally we got it."

Even better is the fact the CFDC is receiving a number of grants to cover the costs of around \$331,000 with Travel Manitoba tourism innovation and recovery funding as well as a Manitoba 150 grant and Signature Museum funds that can be used for marketing.

"The CFDC is not putting in a single dollar for this project," Cuetara

said, noting the money allows them to address something that has been on their radar for some time now. "The main program for the CFDC is the dig tours ... but the dig tours were not working properly for the last few years for a few reasons.

"We were not really making money with the dig tours. We were conducting the dig tours but not in the best way," he continued. "The intention was to start from scratch and create it as a real business with profit ... but it's also about the image that we project of the centre."

Cuetara sees this as allowing them set it up a better dig tour program with more complete service, as there have until now been no amenities available on site. That will change

with the construction of the field station.

"One half will be for storage of materials and tools, and the other half will be for reception for people to have lunch there," Cuetara explained. "There will be a small kitchen, and the whole building will be equipped with solar panels and a wind turbine, so it will be autonomous."

The facility will also be vital for research students who come out to the sites, and he noted such research will continue this year while they prepare to start up tours again next year.

"The plan this year is to find those sites with good fossils and build the field station, so the reopening of the

Winkler Senior Centre's gym renos are complete

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre is enjoying a spacious new gym now that renovations are complete.

The centre, located in the Buhler Active Living Centre downtown, has expanded its fitness room into space formerly occupied by its gift shop.

The new gym is nearly double the size of the old, leaving a lot more breathing room between the exercise machines and creating an overall more inviting space.

It was a difficult decision to close down the gift shop, said executive director Nettie Dyck, but they feel it was the right one.

"We saw the need for space in the gym and so we kind of were trying to figure out where we could open up that space," she said, explaining they did a survey of their services and determined the gym was seeing a great deal more use by members than the shop, which had struggled heavily in recent years.

When the H. F. Wiebe Pharmacy, also located in the BALC, expressed an interest in carrying gift items, it seemed the perfect solution.

"It was a win-win because the people that enjoyed that service can still get it and the people that needed more space for the gym, we've got that as well now," Dyck said.

The gym generally sees between 250-300 uses a month, but WSC board president Peter Wieler expects the new space will steadily draw even more people in.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Winkler Senior Centre's gym is now twice the size it was before, taking over space formerly used by the gift shop. Executive director Nettie Dyck and board chair Peter Wieler invite the community to come check it out.

"There are new people coming all the time," he said, noting he and his wife are regular gym-goers and enjoy the variety of machines and their ease of use.

Many of the machines are tailor-made for older adults, including a treadmill that operates without a motor—its motion is user-generated, so there's less chance of slipping and falling.

"It makes it more senior-friendly," Dyck said, noting the device is their most recent addition, purchased

thanks to grant funding. "We have been very fortunate in that we have received some very good government grants for our equipment."

They also have machines designed to allow people with recent joint replacements to work out, Dyck continued, as well as "a series of strength machines that one of our local physiotherapists helped me pick out for some of the most important areas to target for seniors.

"The goal is to stay active," noted Wieler. "A lot of seniors, their doctors tell them to keep moving—they can come here and do that."

The gym is open to the general pub-

lic, though WSC members receive a 50 per cent discount on their gym membership.

Annual and drop-in fee details are available online at www.winklerseniorcentre.com/gym-workshop.html#/ or by stopping by the senior centre.

If you've never used gym equipment before, Dyck, whose previous career was as a fitness trainer, has got you covered.

"I take them through an orientation and make sure they're familiar with all of it," she said.

The WSC gym is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The gym's latest addition is a manual treadmill, which is a bit more user-friendly for older people work out on.

> CFDC FUNDING, FROM PG. 8

dig tours will be in 2023."

The CFDC funding is coming through the Tourism Relief Fund, which was launched in July 2021 to help organizations and businesses in the tourism sector adapt their operations to meet public health requirements and offer new or enhanced products and services to help the sector attract more domestic and international visitors and prepare for future growth.

The combined \$10.8 million investment in Manitoba's tourism, travel and recreation sector will help tourism operators and communities welcome visitors and residents back for new and upgraded experiences across the province, said federal representatives.

"Tourism is a critical industry for

Manitoba and through these investments, our government is helping the travel, tourism, and recreation providers create new—or enhance existing—experiences, revitalizing communities, and attract visitors," said Dan Vandal, Minister for Prairies Economic Development Canada. "Together, we are ready to welcome people from across Canada and the world back to Manitoba."

"Over the last two years, our tourism operators have demonstrated a spirit of unbreakable perseverance and resilience," noted Terry Duguid, parliamentary secretary to the minister of environment and climate change. "It is a pleasure to be able to support them in their efforts to showcase us among Canada's top destinations."

Celebrating Arbor Day



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Park was the perfect setting for the city's Arbor Day celebration Sunday afternoon. It was kicked off with a ceremonial tree planting that included Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen and Mayor Brandon Burley (right). The festivities also included a chance to take a ride high into the city's tree canopy in One Two Tree Service's bucket truck (above), a wood carving demo by Barry Dueck (above, right), a saw mill demonstration, and the opportunity to get advice on tree pruning tips from certified arborists.



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- 4 strips Applewood Smoked Turkey Bacon
- 2 tbsp | 30 ml fresh grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 cups | 750 ml romaine, chopped
- 1/2 cup | 125 ml croutons
- 3 tbsp | 45 ml Caesar salad dressing
- 1 tbsp | 15 ml fresh squeezed lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp | 1.25 ml fresh ground pepper
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How to maintain an older vehicle

New cars have been costly for quite some time, but those costs have spiked considerably since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. That unprecedented rise has led many motorists to wonder how they can get more mileage out of their existing vehicles. According to data from Kelley Blue Book and Cox Automotive, the average cost of a new car in September 2021 was just over \$45,000. That marked a \$3,000 increase from June 2021 and a \$5,000 increase from the end of 2020.

Drivers who can't afford to keep up with the rising cost of new vehicles can take these steps to keep their existing cars running smoothly for years to come.

- Take care of the timing belt. Engines may get all the glory, but they




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cannot run smoothly without a fully functional timing belt. Engines need various components to do their job, and those components must do so at the right time for the engine to run smoothly. Fully functional timing belts help to synchronize movements, but belts must be replaced every so often. Owner's manuals may note when to replace the timing belt, but they generally must be replaced every 60,000 to 105,000 miles. That's infrequent, but drivers can ask their mechanics to keep an eye on their timing belts. One issue many drivers encountered in the early months of the pandemic when people were driving less frequently was timing belts that were failing long before they reached the projected mile markers. That's because infrequent driving can hasten the demise of the timing belt. This is something for aging drivers who no longer drive a lot to keep in mind.

- Take care of the brakes and associated components. The experts at Popular Mechanics urge drivers of older vehicles to replace their brake fluid every two years. Popular Mechanics also advises drivers whose

cars are more than seven years old to replace the rubber brake lines when major brake work is required.

- Pay attention to oil levels. The older engines get, the more oil they're going to burn. So drivers of older vehicles should check their oil levels more often than they would if their vehicles were brand new. This also is a great way to discover leaks before they lead to potentially significant issues.

- Don't skip maintenance appointments. Even if you're still driving less due to the pandemic, it's best not to skip recommended maintenance intervals. That's true for drivers of all cars, but especially those whose vehicles are aging. Routine tune-ups and oil changes, which may need to become more frequent the older the vehicle gets, can keep cars running smoothly and protect the engine over the long haul. The rising cost of new cars is compelling millions of drivers to keep their cars longer than they might have anticipated. Some simple maintenance measures can help those cars run strong for years to come.



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Central Stn. on the move

An army of volunteers helped Winkler's Central Station Community Centre make the move from its old location on Industrial Dr. across the street to newly renovated space in 555 Main St. (Main St. Plaza) Programming was on hold last Thursday and Friday for the big move, with the doors officially opening again on Monday. Central Station's new home is not only much larger than the old but designed to be a more accessible community hub, with lots of space for people to gather and visit. It's also home to the Winkler and District Food Cupboard, which now has the room to offer a more shopping-like experience for its clients.

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Burley joins Federation of Cdn. Municipalities board

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Mayor Brandon Burley will be one of Manitoba's five municipal leaders to represent the province at the national level.

Burley was recently appointed to serve a one-year term as a director for Manitoba on the board of Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

"To be able to advocate and have a local voice in there I think is going to be a good opportunity," Burley said last week after receiving the appointment the previous week at the FCM meeting in Regina. "We've got to make sure they know that we're in the room and that we're being heard."

Manitoba has five seats on the 72 member FCM board. Two of those five seats are always the chair of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and a council rep from Winnipeg; the other three are elected from among all

other municipalities.

There is no financial cost to Morden, Burley noted, as the AMM covers all expenses.

"The reason they do is to ensure that small communities that might not be able to carry the costs of hotels and travel can still be represented at the table."

The FCM advocates federally on issues affecting municipalities across Canada like housing, community safety, inflation, equity and so many more, said Burley, who also recognized the challenges faced in Morden are not unlike those faced by communities across Canada.

"One thing you find at this level is the more you think that you're different, the more you realize you're like so many other communities, all striving for the same things. We all have the same challenges," he said. "So

there's a good opportunity here to have our voice heard and not just on behalf of Morden but all 137 municipalities in Manitoba."

Burley said he welcomed the opportunity as he feels the FCM has played a vital role in getting the attention of the federal government.

"It was something I became interested in a couple years ago, as I saw a substantial amount of municipal funding flowing through that organization and in particular 'green' municipal funding," he said.

"As well, I was seeing the impact of the FCM on the federal dialogue and discourse around municipalities and their relationship with the federal government," he continued. "Our relationship with the federal government otherwise is through the province ... so the FCM is really the sole point of contact for municipalities across Canada."

"I've seen the FCM do have the ear of the federal government. They represent about 2,000 municipalities across Canada, so for the priorities that we have as municipalities, to have that direct point of contact with the federal government is invaluable," said Burley. "In particular, we talk about financial concerns and matters of infrastructure investment ... to be able to have them understand what our priorities are is important."

"My priorities right now are things like dependable, predictable infrastructure investment, policing and community safety, green investment," he concluded. "We need to have full partnership at the table when it comes to levels of government and decisions that affect municipalities directly."



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A blast from the past

The Montcalm Heritage Festival, a two-day event celebrating culture and tradition, was held last weekend in St. Joseph. The festivities began with a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning which was followed by a parade, family activities, entertainment, food, a beer garden, and heritage demonstrations.

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> PEMBINA VALLEY PRIDE, FROM PG. 2

Pembina Valley Pride chairperson Kathryn Basso added, "To look out and see so many people from so many different walks of life coming together to celebrate themselves and each other was overwhelming in the best possible way.

"I saw so many people working to keep others safe in so many different ways—sometimes obvious, and sometimes in ways nobody would notice. You take care of each other," Basso said. "You are all amazing, and I am so grateful for every one of you for showing up and showing your pride—not just today, but every single day."

Altona's LJ Barquilla, who identifies as trans-

gender, was one of the speakers at the event. In their speech, they challenged local businesses to make small changes to make the Rainbow community feel at home, such as providing inclusive bathroom facilities.

"Thank you all for standing up and being here today," Barquilla said. "Let us be like dandelions who thrive in optimal conditions and survive in extreme ones. Even if we are pulled out, intentionally or not, we still survive and thrive."



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Hundreds of people took part in the Pembina Valley Pride parade June 11.

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Altona's Karen Braun is a top Alzheimer Soc. fundraiser

By Ty Dilello

Manitoba's top individual fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba over the last several years is none other than Altona's Karen Braun.

Braun has been the province's top individual fundraiser for many years in a row now, from 2013-2019. It's unclear who claimed the honour during the 2020 and 2021 walks, held virtually due to the pandemic.

"In 2017, I was the walk marshall at the Winnipeg walk. Team Altona and my entire family were there with me for that walk. That was exciting!" recalled Braun. "In 2018, I was presented with a special award from the Alzheimer Society at our Altona walk. It was the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba."

For this year's Walk for Alzheimer's, Braun was unable to attend the in-person trek in Winnipeg May 28 and so instead took a stroll around her neighbourhood with her two-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter Arlee in tow.

Braun has already raised over \$8,000 in pledges for 2022, which, looking at the online donation pages, puts her in the running to clinch the top individual fundraising honour once again.

Braun has been involved with the Alzheimer's Society for roughly 30 years now.

"Volunteering, walking, and fundraising for the Alzheimer Society became important and an inter-

est to me after my grandmother, Susanna Friesen, passed away in 1989," she shared. "She was my first exposure and awareness of dementia/Alzheimer's disease.

"The very first Walk ever held in Winkler, possibly around 1993, I walked in it with my mother and my son. We were walking in memory of my grandmother. Well, that started something. Little did we know that in 2005, my father, Abe N. Wiebe, would start showing the signs of dementia/Alzheimer's. He was diagnosed in 2007 with vascular dementia and Alzheimer's disease. He passed away at Eastview Place in August 2011."

By 1996, the first Memory Walk was organized in Altona. It was eventually moved to Eastview Place.

"This was a great opportunity to involve grade three students from the area and the residents at Eastview Place," noted Braun. "It was a great multi-generational event. This event was the top Community Walk in Manitoba for many years."

Braun hopes that full community walks will be brought back to rural Manitoba for 2023 as COVID-19 hopefully continues to fade away.

Her goal through all this fundraising is to see the stigma around Alzheimer's disease/dementia end.

"We're all in this together, and families need each other to help them with the Alzheimer's journey," Braun said. "We as a family talked very openly about our father having vascular dementia and



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Altona's Karen Braun has been a strong supporter of the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba for years, often raising the most money of any individual for its annual walks. This year she raised over \$8,000.

Alzheimer's disease. We didn't feel it was something 'to hide.' Talking to others and raising awareness is the only way we are going to end the stigma."

If you would like to learn more about Alzheimer's or support the society's work, head to alzheimer.mb.ca/.

Teen caught going nearly twice the speed limit on PR 201



ALTONA POLICE PHOTO

Altona Police clocked a 17-year-old going 193 km/hr in a 100 km zone just outside town recently.

By Ty Dilello

Altona Police are appealing to drivers to slow down on local highways and streets.

A 17-year-old driver is facing fines of \$1,268 for speeding and \$672 for driving carelessly after being pulled over by police just outside town recently. They also received a Serious Offence Notice for a licence review with Manitoba Public Insurance.

"While on route back from Plum Coulee, approximately two miles east of Altona on Provincial Road 201, police observed an oncoming car that appeared to be travelling at a remarkably high rate of speed for the roadway," says Chief Perry Batchelor. "The marked police vehicle's radar

depicted a consistent reading of 193 km/h despite the highway having a posted maximum speed limit of 100 km/h."

After being pulled over, the driver told police he had gone into town to run an errand. He further explained to officers that he had just completed passing other slower-travelling vehicles, and when he realized the speed he was going, he felt terrified.

To date, several tickets have been issued this year under the Manitoba Highway Traffic Act as speeding continues to be a problem around Altona and in the RM of Rhineland.

Police say they've also seen many people operating their motor vehicle without them being registered or being operated by persons not holding a valid driver's licence.

The department urges motorists to slow down and obey all the rules of the road to have a safe and incident-free summer.

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'All Water Flows to the Sea'

PHAC hosting whale watercolour exhibit

By Lorne Stelmach

Désirée Penner hopes viewers not only appreciate her art but also the message behind it.

Her exhibition on this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden features a collection of watercolour paintings that speak to conservation efforts of an endangered species as well as environmental stewardship overall.

The show primarily features paintings of orca whales, including one species that is critically endangered, so she hopes her art can help draw attention to the issue and raise awareness.

"I use the artwork to create a space for people to learn about conservation efforts and to inspire people to do what they can to preserve our wild spaces and the creatures that call it home," said Penner.

"I see it as a way to start discussions ... if people are interested in a deeper conversation, I have some information that has been made accessible there," she said. "I really like incorporating conversations about conservation within my artwork."

A self-taught artist from Elm Creek, Penner sees herself as always having been a creative person from childhood.

"There was an afterschool art pro-

gram when I was kid that I was a part of ... and I often painted the backdrops and sets for school plays," she noted.

When she attended university to study to become a social worker, her art was put aside for a time.

"Art kind of went on the backburner for a number of years. Then when I was practicing social work, I kind of picked it back up again."

Penner ended up working with Golden Prairie Arts Council based out of Carman for some time as an executive assistant and curator. What had been a hobby has now become more of a career focus for her.

It was venturing to the pacific north-west region of British Columbia then that became a life changing experience for her.

"The last couple years I have been very focused on painting scenes from the west coast," Penner shared. "I completed an artists residency on Vancouver Island in 2020 just before the pandemic, and I really fell in love with the landscape and the creatures that live there, specifically the orca whales.

"It's always quite amazing to me that there are quite a number of people here on the prairies that a connection to the coast. It's always fun when the artwork can start those conversations and stories with people."

Her work now is deeply inspired by the ocean and the creatures that call it home, and she hopes it pays tribute to the beauty and wonder of the West Coast

"I think artwork can always have lots



ABOVE PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Artist Désirée Penner's watercolours depicting orca and humpback whales are on display now at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.



of layers to it ... there's often deeper intentions with it," Penner suggested.

Penner pointed to the example of another part of her exhibit which features a collection of tiny paintings which are connected in an interesting way.

"It's kind of like a little window into an oceanscape ... and the title of each painting is a line of a poem, so if you read them as you walk, you're also reading the poem," she explained. "The title of each piece can stand on it's own, but when you put it together as part of the collection, it creates the poem."

She is grateful to have been given the opportunity to display her work in Morden, and she very much likes to support organizations like the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

"I think arts councils are important to communities as an opportunity for the public to view art from a wide variety of different artists," Penner said.

As for what lies ahead for her, Penner will be part of a group exhibit elsewhere, and she also may look for more artist residency opportunities.

"I think there's always so much to learn and to explore," she said.

Altona advances in municipal flag contest

By Ty Dilello



The Town of Altona has advanced to the quarterfinals in Municipal World's "Canada's Best Municipal Flag Contest."

"Municipal World chose 64 municipal flags across Canada to be part of the contest, and we were surprised and honoured to have been chosen even to participate," said Sarah Cail, communications officer for the Town of Altona. "As the rounds have progressed, we continue to proceed in the contest and are glad folks across Canada like our municipal flag as much as we do. We beat out Vancouver

last round to make it into the quarterfinals."

Joining Altona in the quarterfinals are Halifax, Cape Breton, Sainte-Maxime-du-Mont-Louis, Abbotsford, Briggs, Kawartha Lakes, and Westlock.

In this round, Altona is paired up against Halifax. Voting is open until June 20. You can vote for your favourite flag online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/flagqf>.

The prize of the contest is the glory of being recognized for having the best civic symbol in the nation. The winning municipality will also have its flag on the cover of Municipal World's November issue.

Check out the Voice online at www.winklormordenvoice.ca or altonavoice.ca

Student art on display at the WAC this month

By Lorne Stelmach

An exhibit on this month at Winkler Arts and Culture offers local high school students a great opportunity, say their art teachers.

There is traditionally a year-end art show that happens in the two high schools, but both Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate jumped at the chance to show their work in a gallery setting.

"It makes the event a little more special for the students in that it's a professional gallery and a space separate from the school in the community," said Scott Bell, art teacher at GVC.

"We haven't been able to have a public art display since the pandemic began, so this is nice as well in that respect," he added. "We did some online displays, but it doesn't really match the experience of being able to walk through a gallery and see the works in front of you."

"This is a great opportunity for them," agreed Kerwin Froese, art teacher at NPC. "It's a great opportunity for more of the public to see student art work and give students the experience of displaying their work in an actual gallery space."

NPC decided this year to combine a year-end art show with their choir and band concerts, which were held June

8. The concert was also livestreamed, while some artwork was on display in the school's commons area.

Some students then also participated in the exhibit at WAC, taking up the challenge to create a collage or sculptural creation of some sort by making use of a variety of images and found objects to represent themselves.

It was interesting to see how the students approached it in very different ways, said Froese.

"Most of the artwork we did as a Grade 11 project was to create self-portraits ... not literal portraits of themselves but aspects of themselves," he explained.

He observed how the students all have so much talent and perspectives to offer through their art.

"There's a fair bit of variety of things to look at in the exhibit," he said. "It's fun seeing students really showcasing their talents ... I think people are often surprised how talented are young people are, so it's great to see it."

In a post on the Winkler Arts and Culture Facebook page, student McKenna Martens explained her self-portrait.

"I tried to have a green theme since that's my favourite colour so I painted the background a darker green and tried to have more earth tones since I like those too," she wrote. "I used the



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NPC and GVC art students have their pieces on display at Winkler Arts and Culture this month, including "Self-Portrait" by McKenna Martens (above), "Piano" by Jimmy Marx (below, left), and "Fear" by Morgan Fehr (below, right).

bright rainbow colours to contrast everything else and to draw attention to the focal point."

Her piece includes several images meant to represent her love of things like geography (a map), psychology, (a diagram of the brain), and her favourite holiday, Halloween (a spiderweb).

"Most of the things are stuff from my favourite shows, movies and video games," she added. "My favourite animals are cats so I put some cats on it, and I really like the rain so there's a picture of a puddle. I tried to make the whole thing look earthy, which I

think is a good way to represent me."

For NPC student Nikolay Kulikov, art has been a lifelong interest. He particularly likes to draw a lot of characters and sometimes even portraits of people, so this was a fun project for him.

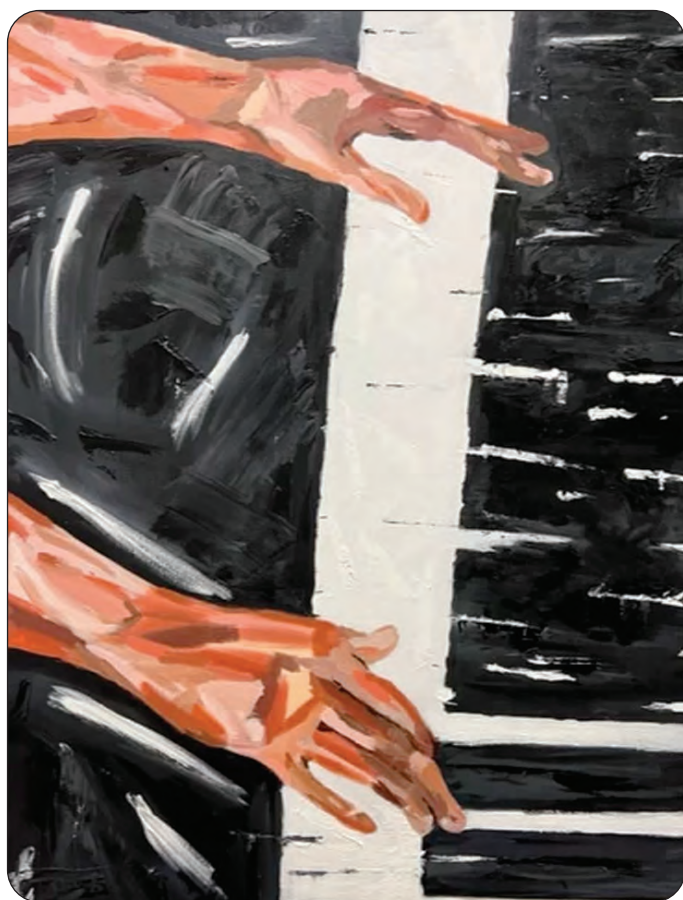
"This is my first time sharing a lot of my experiences and art, and having the chance to be a part of this show gives me a lot of confidence and hope to improve my skills and knowledge," said Kulikov. "I hope to show more of my art to more people. I also really do hope if people find interest in art I want them to experience the joy of making art ... it's about having fun and enjoying it."

"It is a big deal for them to have this experience," said Bell, who noted they left it wide open as to what GVC students could submit, with the only requirement being it had to have been done during the past school year. "The nice thing is there's a good wide variety. There's drawings, paintings, sculpture, pottery, digital artwork. It's a nice variety of work on display."

It serves as an example of the level of talent in the community, he added.

"There's a neverending stream of talent that flows through the school. Each new group of students I work with every year, I'm constantly impressed by their creativity and their abilities, so it's great to share that with the larger community."

"For many of them, it introduced the gallery to them," Bell concluded. "Many of them entered high school during the pandemic, and so they really hadn't had much exposure to art or hadn't even been to the gallery."





Artstravaganza

The whole array of dramatic arts were on display last Thursday evening for the Artstravaganza event at Morden Collegiate. The evening included displays of visual artwork, a drama performance, and music from band and choir students. The event also served as a fundraiser for Genesis House through the sale of popcorn, baked goods, and raffle tickets for prizes from a variety of donors. When all was said and done, \$1,065 was raised for the shelter.

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Whips fall in home opener

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Morden's Ryan Stepler is tagged out by Winkler's Ryan Friesen while trying to steal second base in the two rivals' first game against each other in the Border Baseball League's 2022 season. The Mudhens got the win 6-1 over the Whips.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Whips' first home game of the season didn't quite go their way, but the Border Baseball League team redeemed themselves with a win at home a few days later.

On June 7, the Morden Mud Hens came to town and left with a 6-1 rout of the Whips to add to their record.

A few nights later, on June 10, Winkler fell to the Pilots in Pilot Mound 1-0. They then split a dou-

ble-header against Clearwater in Winkler Sunday afternoon, losing game one 13-2 before taking game two 6-5.

The Mud Hens further bolstered their record with a 10-2 win over the visiting Baldur Regals Friday night while the Altona Bisons posted a pair of wins and a loss.

Altona's victories were over the Carman Cardinals June 7 (5-2) and in game one of a double-header against the Cartwright Twins Sunday afternoon

(8-7). The Twins took game two 10-0.

This week, on Tuesday Morden travels to play Carman while the Whips host the Bisons. On Friday, the Bisons host the Pilots, the Mud Hens play in Clearwater, and the Whips travel to play the Baldur Regals.

At press time, the East Division standings had the Mud Hens in first place with a perfect 5-0 record for the season thus far. Altona is in second with 3-3 followed by Winkler at 2-3 and Carman at 1-4.

Winkler Flyers make their picks in MJHL Draft

By Ty Dilello

In the days leading up to the 2022 MJHL Draft, the Winkler Flyers pulled off a blockbuster trade to move up in the draft order.

Winkler acquired the first overall draft pick and a second round pick from the OCN Blizzard in exchange for the ninth overall pick and forward

Ryan Monais.

With the first overall pick when the draft began the afternoon of June 4, the Winkler Flyers selected forward Marek Miller from La Salle. Miller had 31 points in 41 games this past season playing U18 AAA hockey with the Pembina Valley Hawks.

"Marek was a player that we identi-

fied throughout the course of the season, especially being from the Pembina Valley, that has a high ceiling and can really fit into our program here and is someone that we can see ourselves building around," said Flyers head coach and general manager Justin Falk last week.

Winkler's other draft picks includ-

ed Dylan Miko (Onanole), Sebastian Stone (Boissevain), Kobey Edwards (Winnipeg), Zachary Einarson (Winnipeg), Mario Gagnon (La Broquerie), Shane Fetterly (Lockport), Jacob Armstrong (Winnipeg), and Cole Patenaude (Holland).

"We got a lot of good character,"

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PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Locals Rylee Olafson (above) and Hailey Klassen (right) at the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association finals last weekend.

By Lorne Stelmach

A couple Morden area students were among the competitors at the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association finals.

The event held June 10-12 in Souris had Rylee Olafson and Hailey Klassen among the field of competitors.

Olafson did especially well overall, finishing the rodeo season competing in five events: barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping, and light rifle shooting.

Olafson was season leader and the year-end championship buckle winner in light rifle shooting. She was also awarded the year-end sportsmanship buckle along with a fourth place finish in pole bending on day three of the finals.

"I feel very fortunate to compete across the province in rodeo, and I'm proud of how my horses worked for me this spring season," said Olafson. "I'm looking forward to many more events this summer."

Klassen could not be reached for comment at press time.

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said Falk on the rest of his team's selections. "Talking to some of these guys on the phone, you get a pretty good idea of the kid you're drafting, so that was important for us. We got a big strong defenseman in Dylan Miko that we really liked and had good reviews from our scouts. And some other really good pieces to put together going forward."

In other Flyers news, the club recently announced that former NHL player Eric Fehr is coming on board as their director of player development.

Fehr enjoyed a 17-season pro career that included a Calder Cup, Spengler Cup and Stanley Cup.

"To add a man and friend like Eric to our program will prove invaluable for our players and prospects development," said Falk. "His proven character, wide array of education through the many coaches he's had, as well as playing experience in different roles, will prove beneficial to each player's unique developmental phase and situation. We are fortunate and thrilled to have Eric join our team."

The Winkler Flyers made one more splash in recent weeks as they signed California goaltender Aidan Comeau (2004-born) to a letter of intent.

The Newport Beach, California, product spent the 2021-22 season playing for the Anaheim Jr. Ducks in the 18U AAA league in the USA. In 23 games, he recorded a .920 save

percentage and 2.60 goals against average. He also played seven games for the Anaheim Jr. Ducks in the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League, where he put up a .901 save percentage and 2.84

goals against average.

"Aidan is coming off a successful season with his hometown Anaheim Jr. Ducks," said Falk. "Through the conversations with Aidan, his coach-

ing staff and his parents, it was clear Aidan's passion for the game and competing. We look forward to Aidan developing his game further at the Junior A hockey level."

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Winkler's first cricket pitch going in this summer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After years of dreaming and planning, the Winkler Cricket Club is finally getting a cricket pitch installed locally this summer.

President Deepak Saini says they expect to see the cement poured on the land set aside by Winkler city council near Northlands Parkway Collegiate later this month.

"We're all done with the fundraising and now we're just waiting for the contractor to be able to come in and do the work," he said, noting the wet spring pushed the schedule back several weeks.

The club managed to raise enough to cover the \$14,000 price tag for the pitch thanks to generous donations from CIBC, Access Credit Union, Decor Cabinets, and Winkler-Morden Co-op over the past few months.

"CIBC jumped in with \$3,000, Access Credit Union and Winkler-Morden Co-op each gave us \$5,000, and Decor Cabinets helped us with \$1,000," Saini said. "The community really rallied behind this and they're excited about this sport coming to town."

Also chipping in to make the pitch a reality is the Manitoba Cricket Association (MCA), which is providing artificial turf.

The turf costs several thousand dollars, Saini noted, but the association sees it as an investment in the future of the sport in Manitoba—the pitch-

es in Winnipeg are in high demand and so they're always looking for new cricket fields on which to play games.

"Moving forward, once the pitch is done, our plan is to raise more funds for benches, facilities, portable washrooms, stuff like that," Saini said. "That's our long-term plan. But right now we're just so happy the community helped us in getting the pitch in."

Saini anticipates the pitch will be ready to play on later this summer. He can't wait to start introducing more people to cricket.

"A lot of people have never been able to try this here before," he said. "But there's a lot of interest."

The club has already been in talks with a few local baseball teams interested in giving cricket a go.

"Probably we're going to make a plan here where we invite some baseball teams in the Pembina Valley to try this game out," Saini said, noting they'd love to host a charity tournament later this summer.

"We want to involve the community, we want to involve schools, we're going to host demo sessions," he said. "We have a lot of plans to get people out on the pitch, into the sport."

Meanwhile, the Winkler Royals cricket team kicked off their season with a narrow loss to the Lions last month (the Lions won by 11 runs).

Their next match takes place in Winnipeg against the Royal Kings this weekend. They'll be playing games there regularly into September.

"WE HAVE A LOT OF PLANS TO GET PEOPLE OUT ON THE PITCH, INTO THE SPORT."



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The Winkler Royals celebrate after a match last season, where they finished third and earned a promotion to the Premier League

It's the team's first season in the MCA's Premier Division. Last summer the Royals finished third in Division 1 with eight wins and three losses, which was good enough to earn them the promotion.

"So this year the competition is stronger," said Saini. "But our team is also a decently good team and we've done well in the past, so we're hopeful we'll do well this year again."

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Above: Team Pembina Valley 55+ Games banner bearers Shirley Sagert and Marianne Matthys from the Rock Lakers slo-pitch team. Right: Pickleball players Peter Hildebrand and Len Victor from Morden earned one of the region's seven first-place finishes. Left: Manitou's Rock Lakers came in second in slo-pitch.

Pembina Valley shines at 55+ Games

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Team Pembina Valley brought home 13 top-three ribbons from the Manitoba 55+ Games in Selkirk last week.

Local athletes stood tall at the first in-person Games in years (the 39th annual edition overall) with seven first-place ribbons, two seconds, and four third places.

In all, 35 people from our area took part in the three-day competition for older athletes. A few more people were slated to compete in the golfing

events, but those had to be postponed due to rain.

Podium finalists included:

- Martha Bergen and Peter Hildebrand (Morden), first place in pickleball.

- Cherlyn Cain and Len Victor (The Pas/Morden), first in pickleball.

- Dave Goertzen (Winkler), first in pickleball.

- Peter Hildebrand and Len Victor (Morden), first in pickleball.

- Stuart Ganske (Cartwright), a first and third-place finish in snooker events and third in eight-ball.

- Kim Kemp (Cartwright), second in snooker.

- Rheel Simon (Notre Dame), third place in snooker.

- Randy McFarlane (Carman), third in bowling.

- Manitou Rock Lakers, second in slo-pitch.

Active Aging in Manitoba (AAIM), which has coordinated the Games since 2012, announced at the event that next year's competition will be held in Portage la Prairie.



Orioles split with Jays, Bisons fall to Giants

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Orioles and Altona Bisons both hosted a pair of double headers in MJBL action on Sunday afternoon.

In the first game, Pembina Valley defeated the Interlake Blue Jays 11-7. Thomas Titchkovsky started on the mound before being relieved by Owen Goertzen, who was in turn relieved by T.J. Matuszewski to close out the game.

The Orioles dropped the second game, also by an 11-7 score. Pitching for home team was Kyle Dyck, Kyle Peters, and Daniel Isaac.

The Orioles' coaching staff could not be reached for comment by press time.

At week's end, Pembina Valley sat in fourth place in the MJBL standings with a 6-4 record.

The Altona Bisons continued to have their struggles with the powerhouse Elmwood Giants on Sunday, losing both games 11-0 and 6-1.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

MJBL action Sunday afternoon in Morden saw Pembina Valley and Interlake split a doubleheader, each winning a game by 11-7.

"I thought we actually played better than the scores indicate," said Bisons' manager Curt Letkeman. "We knew game one would be tough as Tyler Smith was pitching for Elmwood, and he again pitched a great game. Dillan Thiessen started for us and threw well and just had a couple of bad breaks."

With two outs in the third inning and the score tied at zero, Elmwood hit a line drive that Altona's center-fielder dove for, and it just bounced out of his glove. Elmwood went on to score five runs after that, which really

turned the game in their favour.

"In game two, we actually outthit them 9-7 and struck out 12 of their hitters, but as good teams do, they capitalized on a few of our mistakes as five of the six runs they scored were guys that walked," Letkeman said. "We stranded nine base runners in the first four innings and just could get the key hit when we needed it."

"I told our guys there were a lot of positives that came out of the day, and we played better than the scoreboard indicated. Hopefully we'll get

back on the right track this week."

Altona is now in fifth place in the MJBL standings with a 4-4 record.

Pembina Valley and Altona both have several games this week. Pembina Valley plays Thursday (Altona), Friday (Carillon), and a double header on Sunday (Elmwood). Altona continues its homestand with games on Wednesday (Interlake), Thursday (Pembina Valley), and a double header on Sunday afternoon (Winnipeg South).

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Storm win home opener

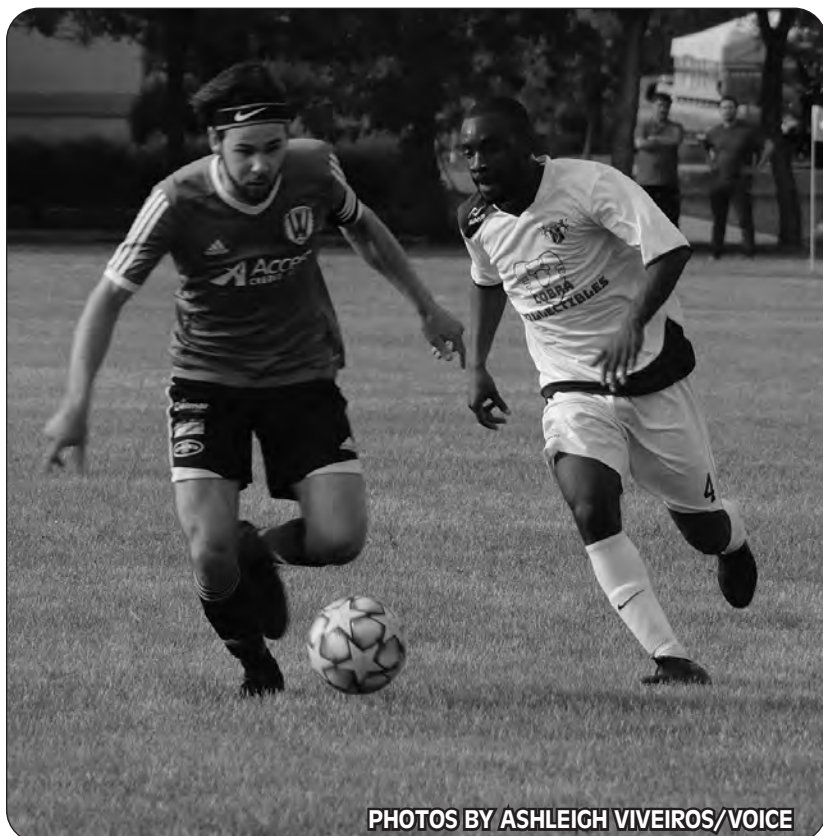
By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm got their first win of the season in front of a hometown crowd on Sunday, besting the visiting Lucania FC 2-1.

Scoring for Winkler was Jan Heide and

Emil Rode while coach Reinaldo Oliviera singled out Roberto Kort as the "man of the match" for his contributions on the field.

Next up for the Storm is a home game against the Bonivital Flames this Sunday, June 19, at 6 p.m.



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Access CU golf tournaments supporting Children's Hospital Fdn.

Events planned for Morden, Starbuck Sept. 14.

By Voice staff

Access Credit Union is teaming up with the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba on a pair of charity golf tournaments to be held simultaneously this fall.

Events will take place in Morden at the Minnewasta Golf & Country Club and in Starbuck at the Bridges Golf Course on Wednesday, Sept. 14, the financial institution announced last week.

Funds raised from the tournaments this year are earmarked for the foundation's Child Life Programming, which provides fun activities for children who are isolated or away from their home communities as they seek medical treatment. Approximately 40 per cent of children in hospital are from outside Winnipeg, the foundation notes.

"We want to express our deep gratitude to Access Credit Union for selecting the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba as the charity of choice for their 2022 golf tournament," said Stefano Grande, Children's Hospital Foundation president and CEO.

"Being a kid in hospital can be tough, but important programs run by members of the Child Life team help provide purposeful and fun opportunities for distraction and play to help kids while in hospital," he added. "And important community partners like Access Credit Union make funding programs like this possible."

The Child Life programming includes things like library and reading programs, music therapy, arts and crafts, and CHTV.

Access CU is now accepting sponsor and golfer registrations for the tournaments on a first-come, first-serve basis. Details are available online at accesscu.ca/charitygolf.

> CRICKET PITCH, FROM PG. 20

With the pitch now in Winkler, the club can start to make some longer-term development plans.

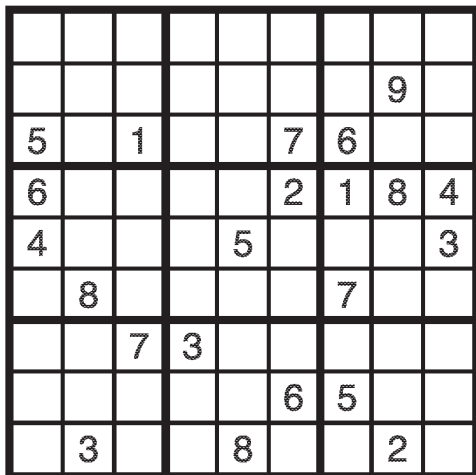
"The plan going forward is to have

another local team that can play in a lower division to start with," Saini said, explaining that will give newcomers to the sport a chance to hone

their skills before working their way up to play for the Royals.

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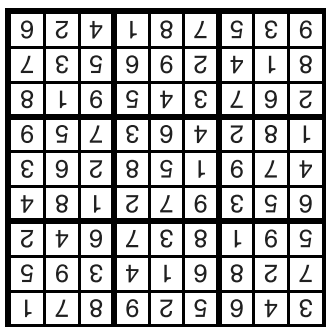
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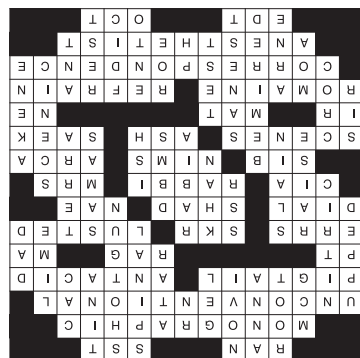
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- 18. Special therapy
- 19. Mock
- 20. Partner to Pa
- 21. Strays
- 24. Swedish currency (abbr.)
- 27. Desired
- 30. Soap product
- 31. Traditional fishing boat
- 33. No (Scottish)
- 34. Spy organization
- 35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 37. Married woman
- 39. Blood relation
- 41. German river
- 42. Genus of clams
- 44. Parts of a movie
- 47. Residue
- 48. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
- 49. Atomic #77
- 50. Where wrestlers work
- 52. Northeast
- 53. Type of lettuce
- 56. Abstain
- 61. Communication between two
- 63. One who administers medicine
- 64. Sun up in New York
- 65. Having eight

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- 4. About backbone
- 5. Type of weapon
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- 17. Male parent
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- 23. Murdered
- 24. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 25. Supreme ruler Genghis
- 26. Social media hand gesture
- 28. Semitic Sun god
- 29. Land
- 32. Database management system
- 36. Similar
- 38. Nice to look at
- 40. Covered with mud
- 43. Simple dry fruit
- 44. Title of respect
- 45. Type of footwear
- 46. Most lucid
- 51. Exam
- 54. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 55. "Rule, Britannia" composer
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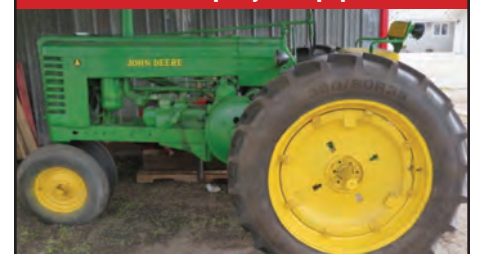
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Rain Location: Centennial Arena, Winkler

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Teddy Bear Clinic - Bring your stuffie!
Face Painting and Henna Tattoos 11:00-1:00
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice
Proposed Valley Fiber Radio Communications Project
Telecommunications Tower

Valley Fiber Limited is a locally owned and operated technology firm based out of Winkler, MB. The ever-growing need for fast and reliable telecommunications has spurred our innovation. To continue this innovation, Valley Fiber in partnership with the RM of Pembina, is proposing to construct a 58m tower in La Riviere. The tower will support communication equipment and Transport Canada required lighting. The tower will support three types of antenna that are .33m², 0.1m² and 0.38m² in size. In addition to these antennae the tower has been designed for future sharing capacity to better serve the area. The tower will require a small 3.6m x 4.2m ancillary building at the base of the tower. To ensure the public's safety, anti-climbing shielding and signage will be posted on the property. No suitable structures were observed within the area that met project requirements.

Valley Fiber is inviting the public to comment on the proposed tower location prior to **July 18, 2022**. This tower is going to be constructed and operated to be fully compliant with Industry Canada guidelines found in the client procedures circular (CPC-2-0-03, including Safety code 6 and CEAA 2012). For more information on Industry Canada's requirements please see (www.ic.gc.ca/towers).

Project Details:

Location: La Riviere, Manitoba
Legal: SE-30-03-09-W
Coordinates: 49.238479, -98.658262

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Happy 80th Birthday, Dad!
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Dennis, Shauna and kids

ANNIVERSARY



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary
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IN MEMORIAM



Kenton Harder
1986 - 2019

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Three years of seeing how your children and home have changed without you there.
Three years of talking about all the fun we had
Three years to think about what life would be like if you were here
Three years to think about those very last days
Three years to think about the miracles we received, and could not see in our time of grief
Three years to think about how lucky you are to be home with Jesus. You are healed, happy and have peace that this world just cannot give.
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June 25 - Saturday at 10 am, LIVE onsite auction. Large shop and yard auction with older tractors etc. for Peters family at 86 Reinfeld, MB

July 8 - Friday at 6 pm, for Mrs. Tina Wiebe. Good yard and household auction in Reinfeld, MB. 2006 F-150 Truck, 3 Model A John Deere's, steel lathe & other shop/yard equipment. See www.billklassen.com

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Gareau Cecile & Gareau Ed - Misc Equipment auction. Timed online closing Friday, June 24 at 7 pm. The machinery is located at Lake Francis, hwy 6. See the line up at www.billklassen.com



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OBITUARY



John Wieler
1932 – 2022

John Wieler passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, June 6, 2022 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre at the age of 90.

He will be missed by his wife, Eileen; daughter, Colleen and Cornie Penner, children, Rick and Brayden; daughter Glenda and Marvin Fehr, children, Josh and Alicia (Cody, Emmett and Amber), Ryan and Ashley (Kaizley and Judah), Kristin and Jarrad Toews (Emslee, Olson and Sawyer), son, Doug and Fran, children, Sean and Resi (Myles and Benson), Jason and Emerald (Ajax and Elena). He is survived by one brother, Peter and Betty Wieler and one sister, Jane and Bill Braun and sister-in-law, Katie Wieler, on the Letkeman side: Maryanne (Henry Wiebe), Alma Letkeman, Doreen

Zacharias and Kay Letkeman. He was predeceased by his parents, Jacob C. and Katharina Wieler, four sisters and four brothers and two siblings in infancy, his parents-in-law, Henry and Maria Letkeman, one sister-in-law and four brothers-in-law.

John was born to Jacob C and Katharina Wieler on April 23, 1932 in the R.M. of Stanley and he grew up on a farm in the Haskett district. He was baptized at the Reinland EMM Church. On September 15, 1957 he married Eileen Letkeman of the Wakeham district. They started their married life in the Haskett area and then moved to the home place a few months later. Money was very tight with milking two cows and so Dad took on sideline jobs like drying seed in Gretna, he also drove potato truck for Suderman Brothers for several years. To help get enough feed for the animals for the winter months they would pick up corn cobs on the neighbor's field. After several years of hard work and growing their herd, they were able to start their own dairy. Dairy was demanding and yet Mom and Dad made a point of taking time off for visiting family in Winnipegosis, camping, or try to do something between the morning and evening milkings. Due to health issues, they sold the milk quota in 1989 but stayed living on the farm. In 1995 they made the move to Medora Bay in Winkler and enjoyed the beginning of their retirement years. They were able to do some travelling, their first trip took them to Bolivia, then it was Hawaii, Israel, Tours with Fehrway tours and others. Each trip was special to them. Dad also had the opportunity to help out on the farm with Cornie and his brother Dennis which he really enjoyed and later he got a piloting job at Meridian Mfg. This sometimes seemed to cause some conflict as to where he should be. He struggled to give up these opportunities when he turned 80 but adjusted quite well to retirement but was always willing to help out wherever he could. In 2017 they made the move to Cedar Estates where they now live. After Christmas one of the couples invited the 8th floor residents to their place for Bible Study and so every Tuesday they would attend and listen to David Jeremiah speak on Heaven and now Dad can experience Heaven.

Dad had a gift of serving and he used it well at the Reinland EMM Church. He was a deacon, treasurer, usher and also Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He may not have used many words, but he taught us the importance of fellowship in the church, serving others and also the importance of tithing. Dad enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much. He took interest in the grandchildren's lives by wanting to know how their job was going and also what they did at their work. Some of the great-grandchildren phoned great-grandma and grandpa to invite them to their birthday parties which was a privilege for them to be included. We were so blessed to be able to celebrate Dad's 90th birthday in April with many of the family and friends joining us for this special day. All the immediate family came out and so we are very thankful now that Emerald was willing to take family photos, they will be treasured.

Dad was diagnosed with prostate cancer in October 2020 and received hormone treatments every three months. He started to feel a lot of fatigue and grew so tired of being tired. On Monday, June 6th he was brought into Boundary Trails to find that his kidneys had shut down, at which time we decided to keep him comfortable and after six hours Dad entered his heavenly home.

Funeral service was held on Friday, June 10, 2022 at the Winkler EMMC with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Boundary Trails for their loving care. Thank you also to Wiebe Funeral Home staff, Pastor Dale and all the people involved in the service today. You helped us celebrate a man that was very dear to us.

Thank you, Dad, for leaving us a legacy, we will miss you dearly but look forward to reuniting with you in heaven.

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OBITUARY



Donovan Luke Friesen
2002 – 2022

Donovan Luke Friesen of Kronsgart north of Winkler, MB went to be with his Lord and Savior as the result of a car accident on his way home from work on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at the age of 20 years, four months and nine days.

On January 24, 2002, Donovan and his twin brother, Dustin were welcomed into the family by their parents and two older siblings. They later became big brothers to two younger siblings. Donovan accepted the Lord as his Savior and was baptized upon the confession of his faith on May 31, 2020 by Bishop Peter Elias at the Old Colony Mennonite Church. Donovan grew up in Kronsgart making many memories with his siblings and cousins throughout the years. They would spend hours building forts, playing hide and seek and pulling pranks on each other. During the winter months, they spent many evenings playing hockey on the rink in the backyard. As he grew older, camping, tubing and fishing were highlights to him. In the summer of 2017, the whole family took a trip to the west coast. Later on, he enjoyed some fishing and camping trips with his brother Dustin and friends, making wonderful memories. Living out his faith was important to Donovan. This was evident in his participation in church and youth singing and activities. In the fall of 2019, Donovan got his first job stacking bales for Borderland Hay and Straw for a short season. Then in the spring of 2020, he started his first fulltime job at Sunvalley Cabinets and Construction where he joined the construction crew. Donovan always looked up to Jeff and shared many times how he enjoyed his job and the guys he worked with. We will greatly miss our supper conversations about where they worked and what they did that day. So often he would have pictures to share. His last year was very special to him. In the spring of 2021, he started a meaningful relationship with Anna Giesbrecht. Their love blossomed and on April 28, 2022 they became engaged. They were planning an August wedding. He was very excited to begin this new adventure. Anna will really miss the wonderful times she had with her favorite person.

He is lovingly missed by his fiancée, Anna Giesbrecht; his parents, Ben and Lisa Friesen; his siblings, Tim and Kathryn (Makayla), Rachel and David Thiessen, his twin, Dustin, Christopher and Brendan; grandparents, Jake and Marie Friesen, Anne Buhler and by the Giesbrecht family. He was predeceased by his grandfather, John Buhler; aunt, Anna Wieler; uncle, Peter Klassen and two cousins in infancy.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the paramedics and rescue team who came out to the accident scene, thank you to Wiebe Funeral Home for your service, thank you to Rev. John Wiebe and Rev. Herman Bueckert, the serving group and to all who have prayed and supported us in many different ways. The Friesen Family.

Funeral service was held on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made directly to the Friesen family to assist them at this time.

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OBITUARY



Michael Ross Harry Froese
1959 - 2022

With great sadness and heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of our husband, father, brother and friend, Mike Froese. Mike passed away at his residence on Friday, June 3, 2022 at the age of 62.

Mike's memory will be forever cherished by his wife, Betty; son, Josh; daughter, Lindsay; as well as his brothers, Matt (Candace), Steve (Paula), Nathan (Marlene) and sister, Va; and nieces and nephews. Mike was predeceased by his parents, Harry and Ann Froese.

Mike was born on December 1, 1959 in Winkler, MB. He was the oldest of five children and spent most of his years growing up in Reinfeld. He was raised in a loving Christian home and in his early teens, Mike attended a Lundstrom Crusade where he made his profession of faith. Mike married Betty (Wall) on August 5, 1989. They resided in Winnipeg for approximately five years where he was employed with Reimer Express Lines. In 1995 they made their home in Morden where they raised their two children. Mike was employed with the City of Morden for several years, then joined the City of Winkler where he worked in the Utilities Department for the past 15 years. He had a close relationship with his co-workers and spoke highly of them. Many good stories were told. Mike was known by many as a big tough, rough around the edges kind of guy. In reality, he was the sweetest guy with a big heart. Always helping out a friend or neighbor but would not ask for help himself. He could do it! Mike loved the outdoors and spent countless weekends camping and fishing with family and friends. We are left with many great memories at Sportsman's Corner.

Funeral service was held on June 13, 2022 at Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler with interment at Rosenbach Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Mike's memory to Adult and Teen Challenge. We love you, Mike. Until we meet again.

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Grilled Tequila-Lime Chicken with Grilled Asparagus

lime juice, garlic, chipotle pepper and adobo sauce. Pour into large resealable plastic bag. Add chicken and seal bag tightly; turn bag to coat. Refrigerate 2-12 hours.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Lightly spray grates with nonstick cooking spray.

In large dish, sprinkle asparagus with salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Drizzle with oil. Turn asparagus over to coat.

Remove chicken from marinade. Discard marinade and wipe most of it off chicken. Sprinkle chicken with remaining pepper.

Grill 8-12 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink in center. Transfer to plate and cover with aluminum foil.

Place asparagus on grill, facing opposite direction of grates. Grill 7 minutes, or until tender crisp.

Serve asparagus with chicken.

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association

Servings: 4

1/4 cup tequila or white vinegar

2 teaspoons lime zest

1/2 cup fresh lime juice

2 medium garlic cloves, minced

1 tablespoon chipotle pepper canned in adobo sauce, minced, plus 2 tablespoons adobo sauce

1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, fat discarded

nonstick cooking spray

3 bunches asparagus spears, trimmed

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon black pepper, divided

2 tablespoons canola oil or corn oil

In small bowl, stir tequila, lime zest,



Chilled Lobster with Orange and Basil Vinaigrette

cut into 1-inch pieces

1 head butter lettuce, torn

1 ripe avocado, peeled and diced

3 radishes, thinly sliced

kosher salt

freshly ground black pepper

To make dressing: In medium bowl, whisk shallots, olive oil, orange juice, lime juice, basil, parsley, salt and Dijon mustard. Season with additional salt and pepper, to taste.

Add lobster to bowl; toss to coat. Chill at least 1 hour, or up to one day.

To serve: Arrange lettuce on serving plate and place lobster on top. Sprinkle with avocado, radishes, kosher salt and ground black pepper.

Recipe courtesy of Erin Lynch on behalf of the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative

Servings: 4

Dressing:

1 tablespoon minced shallots

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons fresh orange juice

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

1/2 teaspoon salt, plus additional, to taste, divided

1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard

pepper, to taste

1 pound cooked Maine Lobster meat,



Traditional Lobster Rolls

salt, to taste

fresh lemon juice, to taste

4 buttered, toasted rolls or preferred bread

sliced chives, for garnish

In bowl, combine lobster meat; mayonnaise, to taste; pepper, to taste; salt, to taste; and lemon juice, to taste.

Place 3-4 ounces lobster salad on each roll.

Garnish with chives and serve.

Recipe courtesy of the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative

Yield: 4 rolls

1 pound cooked Maine lobster meat

mayonnaise, to taste, for binding

freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Stepparents and stepchildren



Submitted

The blended family is one of the most complicated set of relationships. Two people fall in love and eventually want to live together. One or both may have children, as well as exes. While every situation is different, much of what follows will be applicable.

It's true that children should respect their elders and appreciate their parents. This is an area where parents may occasionally run into difficulty with their biological children, but the issue seems to become even more intense in the case of stepparents.

It is a touchy area, because most stepparents want to be liked and respected by their partner's children. However, the step-parenting relationship is different than being a biological parent. You cannot demand to be treated in a particular way, because that will only exacerbate an already difficult situation.

If the children instinctively like you, respect and appreciation are generally not issues. Usually when they are, it is because of underlying tension between the stepparent and the stepchildren. Sometimes an ex-partner is resentful of the new spouse, and the children show their loyalty by being cool to the new partner.

Alternatively, the children may resent the newcomer, especially if they have had a period of time when they had Mom or Dad all to themselves. Sometimes the stepparent tries too hard to be a parent, to be accepted,

or to have some control over the stepchild. This will create resistance in the child, who already has a Mom and a Dad, and does not want a second of either! It is so important to try to view the situation from the child's perspective.

Most children want their parents to be together, and unless a parent is deceased, they do not necessarily want their parent to find a new partner. When the new person is introduced to the children, it is usually as Mommy or Daddy's 'friend'. They seem to be able to handle the idea of a friend. I think if stepparents thought of themselves as friends of the stepchildren, and acted that way, that a mutually respectful parenting relationship might evolve.

Before moving in together, it is important for both parents in the blended family to discuss how parenting will be handled. Accept that there will be different rules and expectations at the bio parent's home. Do not try to "compensate" for what you feel is lacking. Changing what the child has grown up with because of a stepparent's view is unfair to the children. If changes are introduced it should happen gradually, and quite a while after the blending. Otherwise, the stepparent will be blamed.

It is also important that children be involved in discussions about the role the new adult is to play in their lives. Really listen to their concerns; this is a big change. If they are involved and have input in these discussions, they are more likely to cooperate. Blending a new family is an extremely delicate process, and so it is best to proceed slowly, gently, and with a willingness to be flexible.

Gwen Randall-Young is an author and award-winning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, CDs or MP3s, visit www.gwen.ca. Follow Gwen on Facebook for inspiration.



Frozen Yogurt Bark

1/2 cup blueberries

In medium bowl, mix yogurt and honey. Line 9-by-13-inch baking dish with parchment paper. Use spatula or knife to spread yogurt over entire bottom of dish.

Pour chopped nuts over yogurt. Use fingers to slightly press into yogurt. Top yogurt with mango, blackberries and blueberries and slightly press into yogurt.

Cover with plastic wrap or foil and place in freezer overnight.

To serve: Lift parchment paper from baking dish onto cutting board. Use hands to break bark into pieces.

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association

Servings: 8

1 1/2 cups 2% low-fat plain Greek yogurt

2 tablespoons honey

2 tablespoons chopped, unsalted almonds

1/2 cup chopped mango

1/4 cup blackberries or raspberries



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The recent pandemic provided the team at Elmer's with the ability to shift strategies, implement necessary safety measures, and adjust the way they interact with customers and navigate supply chain challenges.

"While the past two years have been challenging, our team has remained focused on supporting the significant growth we've seen globally in agriculture," Friesen said. "Getting back to normal for us will mean that we will further be scaling up production once again and seeing more pro-



Elmer's Manufacturing CEO Mike Friesen says the company prides itself on setting new standards for both its products and its staff.

ducers face to face at trade shows and other live events again."

These days, Elmer's is focusing on meeting the strong demand for its products and scaling production while still maintaining an aggressive product development program.

"We have almost completed phase two of four in our plan to expand Elmer's," Friesen said, explaining the phase includes 24,000 square feet of fabrication space that will allow the company to continue to add processes in-house with the latest in laser-cutting and forming technology.

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