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The Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation hosted its annual powwow last weekend, drawing dancers and spectators from across the province. For more photos, see Pg. 23.  
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# TCE welcomes new executive director

By Lori Penner

The new director of The Community Exchange in Altona says he's eager to get to work supporting the organization's various programs and making connections with the people they serve.

Paul Peters and his family arrived in Altona just a few weeks ago and is excited to be a part of the organization which acts as a hub, connecting people and fostering community events and services.

Peters is familiar with the region, growing up in Gnadenthal and attending Garden Valley Collegiate and Mennonite Collegiate Institute (MCI). He studied international development at CMU, later acting as a program manager there, and was also a student life director at MCI for four years. In 2021, after living in Altona for 10 years, he and his wife and their children moved to Ontario to be closer to her family.

"I did construction work in Ontario. It was a nice break, and we enjoyed



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From left, The Community Exchange board chair Cal Funk, new director Paul Peters, and Farah, a volunteer at the community centre. Peters stepped into the executive director role this summer.

our time there. But I was eager to get back to work that is community-minded, that puts people first, and was about building relationships. When this new position became available, we had some conversations, I applied, and here we are. We're coming back with fresh eyes, with new experiences that will benefit what we do here."

Board chair Cal Funk says Peters is a great fit for this new role.

"His proven leadership abilities and dedication to community service make him the perfect choice to guide our organization forward," he said.

"We look forward to the positive impact he will undoubtedly have on Altona and the surrounding area."

Peters' responsibilities include overseeing operations, forging partnerships, spearheading innovative projects, and leading initiatives that address the evolving needs of Altona and surrounding areas.

Funk notes that many of the people they've supported with their myriad of community-building and support programs have gone on to become volunteers who help others access their services.

"The Community Exchange provides a forgiving, understanding space to find agency," he says. "We're connected with a variety of people. We want to be that type of organization. Anyone is welcome to walk through our doors."

"My hope is that we are seen as a space that bridges gaps that may

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Mary Wall spoke about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly at a presentation for seniors and youth at Winkler's Discovery Nature Sanctuary last Friday.

# Nature sanctuary excursion program wrapping up

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre's final trip out to the Discovery Nature Sanctuary (DNS) Friday focused on monarch butterflies.

Teacher and butterfly enthusiast Mary Wall spoke to a mixed group of seniors and youth in the last of three on-site sessions that were part of this summer's Intergenerational Nature Discovery Excursions program.

For years, Wall has been showing her students nature in action by bringing into her classroom caterpillars that transform into butterflies.

"I've always had it in the classroom, because it's so exciting for the students. They just watch in awe, and they wait for the caterpillar to shed its skin and become a chrysalis. And then to see the chrysalis open up and see the butterfly ... to see that is such a miracle."

Hosting workshops in the community is another way she's been able to share her fascination with monarchs, and hopefully inspire others to create a safe haven for them in their own yards.

"It's great to put out that awareness for somebody who's maybe just mildly interested, the way that I started at that workshop [I attended], and to see them become an enthusiast and then to share that enthusiasm and have people walking beside you and going through this together with you

and learning together. It's opened so many doors for me."

Wall has had the opportunity to visit monarch butterfly migration sites in both Mexico and California, and to speak about her experiences at various public information sessions over the years.

Her talk last week followed earlier presentations at the sanctuary on bird watching from Al Schritt and plants from Doug Kelso.

Senior centre resource coordinator Denise Enns says the program was very well received.

"With the students and everything, we've averaged between 30-40 people each time," she said, noting the kids are from the Spiritual Life Home Educators group. "The presenters have all been wonderful."

"One of our goals is to provide an opportunity for older adults to connect with the younger generation in a setting which will enhance well-being while learning about nature," she said, adding that after each presentation youth and seniors got the chance to walk around the sanctuary together and chat.

These talks were made possible in partnership with DNS and the Buhler Active Living Centre and thanks to a grant from Southern Health-Santé Sud. Whether the excursions will be organized again next summer will depend on available funding.

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The 2024 Harvest Festival took over the Winkler Parkland for three days of fun last weekend. Clockwise from left: Firefighters pass the boot at the Saturday morning parade; petting zoo cuddles; enjoying the midway's rides and games; a Settlers of Catan tournament was held in the exhibition centre this year; strong men and women showed off their skills in the

StrongManitoba provincials.



# Fantastic festival weekend

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Clockwise from above: The Harvest Festival car show featured over 200 vehicles Sunday afternoon; the Fawn and Cub artisan market offered a variety of

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handcrafted goods; video game enthusiasts went head-to-head in the Etherlan competitions; fun in the Kid's Zone, which included an obstacle course and Motion Zone.



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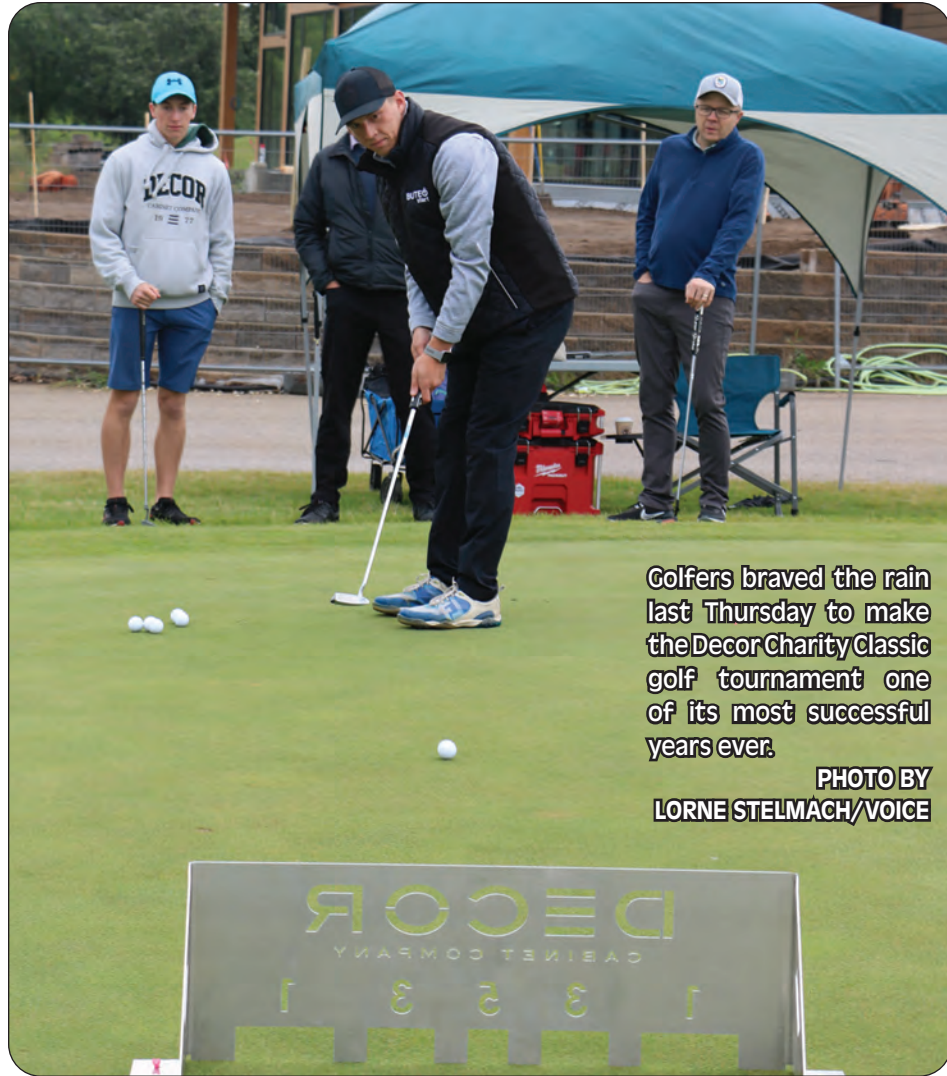
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Golfers braved the rain last Thursday to make the Decor Charity Classic golf tournament one of its most successful years ever.

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# Decor Charity Classic raises \$110,000

By Lorne Stelmach

This year's Decor Charity Classic ranks as one of the best ones ever.

The total amount raised at the golf tournament last Thursday at Minnewasta in Morden, including a 50 per cent matching amount from Decor Cabinets, comes to around \$110,000

"That will be right up there with our biggest years. In 2022, we had \$113,000, and in 2020 we had \$110,000 ... so we're very happy with it," said tournament co-chair David Schellenberg.

The annual tournament aims to make a lasting difference in the community by supporting four worthy causes. With last week's total, it has raised upwards of \$1.6 million since its inception in 2004.

The proceeds go to three local charities—Youth for Christ, Pembina Counselling Centre and Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre—along

with a fourth charity that changes each year. This year saw 500 Stephen added to the roster, and Gerald Dyck spoke on behalf of the Morden community centre at the event, detailing some of the programs it offers.

"It thought 500 Stephen this year was a great choice, a great addition," said Schellenberg. "Obviously it's helping meet a huge need in our community. I thought it fit in well with the mandate of what we do."

The four charities will each receive around \$27,500. Schellenberg expressed his gratitude for everyone who helped to make the day such a success.

"A huge thanks to our supporters, sponsors, our community and our suppliers," he said. "It just kind of builds every year. When people get involved and hear about what's going on, they just want to get on board and partner with us and help the same causes."

## Genesis House receives \$125K in funding from federal, provincial gov'ts

By Lorne Stelmach

Substance use is often an underlying factor in domestic abuse, and government funding will help a local organization better address it.

Genesis House is receiving about \$125,000 in funding through a joint initiative of the governments of Canada and Manitoba to help address the issue as part of efforts aimed at gender-based violence.

"It's a need that we have seen grow in our community over the last number of years," said Sophie Gerbrandt, resource development manager for regional women's shelter. "It continues to rise. For example, this last year, about 33 per cent of our in-house clients have received treatment at some point for substance use, and that has not been something that we have been equipped to deal with in the shelter."

Gerbrandt sees the organization using the funds to help build a strong foundation for the additional support that is needed including updating and improving their policies around how they need to react and respond. It could also involve a term community outreach worker.

"This is something that's new for all of us, so we want to make sure that we're doing it in a healthy way," said Gerbrandt.

"It's very exciting. It's a need that we have seen for quite awhile in our community but we haven't had the resources to address it," she said. "It's very exciting that government has recognized that this is a need and has come behind us to make a project like this happen now."

Substance use is something that they see as having a ripple effect and often playing a significant role with their clients.

"We see it as folks using it as a coping mechanism to deal with the trauma and

sometimes even the physical pain of abuse that we have experienced, but we are also seeing it as an abuse tactic ... that is another way that they can control their partner, so we see it in a lot of different forms," said Gerbrandt.

The government program is combining over \$6.2 million in federal funding with \$6.35 million from the Manitoba government.

This year's funding will support 19 gender based violence focused community initiatives across the province, and it is part of a comprehensive 10-year national action plan to end gender-based violence.

Supported initiatives align with five pillars: supports for survivors and their families, prevention; responsive justice system, implementing Indigenous-led approaches, social infrastructure and enabling environment.

Funding under year two of the action plan will be dispersed across urban, rural, remote and northern Manitoba and is also aligned with key priorities and recommendations from the National Inquiry into Missing and

Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

"To work towards a future free from gender-based violence, our government is supporting community-driven actions in Manitoba," said federal women and gender equality and youth minister Marci Ien. "We are empowering Manitoban organizations to lead the way forward in preventing and addressing gender-based violence."

"We need to put a stop to gender-based violence in our homes and communities and make sure survivors have the supports they need," said Manitoba Families Minister Nahanni Fontaine, who is also minister responsible for women and gender equity.

"We are taking action to ensure there are more supports for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, working with communities to break cycles of violence, and supporting Indigenous-led and community-informed approaches to address gender-based violence across Manitoba."

### > NATURE EXCURSIONS, FROM PG. 3

The series wraps up with a presentation from DNS board chair Paul Goossen on historical lo-

cal wildlife. That talk takes place at the Winkler Senior Centre on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 1:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Pre-registration is not required.



# Plum Coulee Plum Fest is on this weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Plum Coulee's Plum Fest offers three days of free family fun this weekend.

The Aug 16-18 festival is all about bringing people together in the heart of downtown Plum Coulee, says organizer Erica Dyck.

"It's a small community, so parents can always sit at the stage and the kids can go to the bouncy stuff and it's not far away—you can still see everybody," she says. "Everything is contained to our main area.

"And so much of it is free," Dyck adds. "Especially nowadays, every dollar counts ... I'd like to say thank you to all of our sponsors, because without them we wouldn't have any of this."

There's no shortage of highlights on the schedule this year.

"We have some really awesome entertainment for Saturday night," Dyck says. The evening main stage lineup gets underway at 5 p.m. and includes performances from The Dueling Pianos, The Seven Pines, come-

dian Matt Falk, JP Lepage, and Link & the Moustaches.

"We like to shop local and get as many local entertainers as we can," Dyck says.

They're also trying something new on stage for Saturday afternoon.

"The last couple of years, we've found it hard to fill our afternoon spots, to bring people in to perform," Dyck says. "So this year we're trying an open mic to let some local people give it a try."

The open mic performances run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meanwhile, Friday night on the main stage will feature music from Vince Anderson & The Ace Band and Brian Jakobs.

Friday evening also includes the ever-popular street dance and line dancing.

Saturday's off-stage lineup includes the morning parade, a street market filled with vendors and food trucks, the duck race, a fireman's rodeo, an old-time dance, and kid's entertainment that includes inflatables, a pet-



ting zoo, appearances by A Country Princess characters, and, for the first time this year, a bike decorating contests with a brand new bike on the line as the grand prize.

The day wraps up with fireworks at dusk.

On Sunday, the community church service takes place at the main stage at 10 a.m. followed by music from contemporary Christian music artist Barbara Joy starting at 12:30 p.m.

On top of all that, Plum Fest features no less than four different community meals throughout the weekend.

On Friday, the Plum Coulee Sports Committee hosts supper from 5-6 p.m. And then Plum Fest itself raises funds with its Saturday morning Waffle and Crackles Breakfast, Saturday roast beef supper with all the fixings, and Sunday lunch of hot dogs and homemade fries.

"Our suppers and lunches are very well supported," Dyck says. "And our Waffles and Crackles breakfast always has a huge turnout."

For the full schedule lineup, head to [plumfest.com](http://plumfest.com).

# Morden chamber launches letter-writing campaign

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Chamber of Commerce is engaging the business community in efforts to press for a solution to the city's wastewater woes.

The chamber, through its advocacy and governance committee, has had discussions with Morden city council on the issues around wastewater treatment, and council in turn has encouraged the organization and its business members to help lobby the provincial and federal governments for more support.

It arose from the chamber having written to council to express its concerns around the impact of the wastewater treatment project being delayed

and halting further development.

As a result of the conversation, the chamber was encouraged to engage in a letter writing campaign to bring provincial and federal attention to the pressing wastewater challenges facing the community.

"This was something that we thought that we could do ... and we just want to continue to receive feedback from the community," said Stephane Warnock, who is the chairperson of the chamber's advocacy and governance committee. "We're just trying to be proactive and do what we can to provide that voice and to provide that information."

Warnock said this is very much tied to their commitment to advocate on

behalf of their members and provide them with a reliable source of information.

They hope to see businesses participate in the letter campaign but are also interested in hearing their thoughts on the City of Morden's response on this matter and how it affects their business.

"We want to provide a voice for our business community," said Warnock. "From the few responses that I have seen, I would say it's probably a mixed response. Some people are going to be pleased that the city has provided some information, whereas I'm sure others would like to see more information.

"There were a lot of community and

business members who were communicating to us that this is an issue that needs to be addressed. I think it's an issue that not only impacts us but the next generation as well," he continued. "Morden is an economic engine, and we need to keep that economic engine running, and we're not going to be able to do that without coming up with a solution to this problem."

There is information including a form letter available through the chamber website at [mordenchamber.com](http://mordenchamber.com) under the advocacy tab. Once signed, the letters can be forwarded by email to [execdirector@mordenchamber.com](mailto:execdirector@mordenchamber.com) or dropped off at the chamber office.

# Schoenwiese man killed in Hwy. 3 collision

By Voice staff

A 49-year-old man from Schoenwiese was killed in a crash in the RM of Roland Aug. 3.

At approximately 11:30 am, Pembina Valley RCMP responded to a

two-vehicle collision on Hwy. 3 between Road 26N and 27N.

Police say an SUV travelling north on the highway attempted to pass a vehicle by pulling into the oncoming lane. A motorcycle was southbound when the SUV pulled out.

Both drivers swerved to the same shoulder to avoid the collision, but collided head-on.

The driver of the motorcycle was pronounced deceased on scene.

The driver and lone occupant of the SUV, a 20-year-old female, suffered

no physical injuries.

Pembina Valley RCMP, along with a RCMP Forensic Collision Reconstructionist, continue to investigate.





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The latest unfortunate example of this involves current Olympics, Algerian boxer Imane Khelif, and, to a lesser extent, Chinese boxer Lin Yu-ting, both of whom are women.

The controversy exploded after a quick boxing match between Khelif and Italian boxer Angela Carini where Carini abandoned the bout at just 46 seconds after a fantastic right jab to the face from Khelif, citing having never been hit harder in her life.

Almost instantly news agencies were pointing to Khelif’s disqualification by the Russian run International Boxing Association from the 2023 world championship after she had defeated Russian boxing champ

Azalia Amineva. The disqualification meant Amineva could keep her unbeaten track record.

The IBA pointed to secret, as yet unreleased tests that suggested Khelif had elevated levels of testosterone, putting her gender into question.

Sadly, both Khelif and Lin Yu-ting have been caught in an ongoing battle between the IBA and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and other sports regulating bodies who have found the IBA to be a corrupt organization going back more than a decade now.

U.S. officials have found that IBA president Umar Kremlev had “deep ties to Russian organized crime and heroin trafficking.”

The Court of Arbitration for Sport has found the IBA wrongfully prevented Dutch candidate Boris van der Vorst from running as president.

In an attempt to defend its secret tests on Khelif and Lin, the IBA said it sent the results to the reputable World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), but WADA has said it is unaware of this and only oversees doping, having nothing to do with gender testing.

In 2023 the IOC stripped the IBA of its status as overseer of Olympic boxing and has stated that boxing will be

removed from the Olympics entirely unless the recently formed (2023) World Boxing takes over the role.

What does all of this have to do with Khelif and Lin? Nothing. These are two women who found themselves used as weapons by the IBA in its ongoing war against the IOC and others.

Within moments of Khelif’s win, news agencies around the world began reporting on the IBA disqualifications and began referring to them as men or trans. Not long afterward people with enormous sway in pop culture like J.K. Rowling and Elon Musk began condemning men in women’s sports, referring specifically to Khelif.

Why? Because right now issues of gender are front and centre in our culture and there are many who desperately want to believe the narrative that men and trans people are taking over sport, regardless of the lack of evidence.

The entire scandal smacks of sexism. This kind of controversy didn’t erupt when Michael Phelps won 28 medals though his Olympic career. This despite have a much longer “wingspan” than average, size 14 flippers—er, I mean feet—double jointed ankles, his

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**By Peter Cantelon**

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## • GUEST COMMENTARY

# A look back on one year as your Member of Parliament

**O**n June 19, 2023, I was given the great honour of being elected your Member of Parliament. As we recently passed the one-year mark of me being your voice in Ottawa, I'm writing to update you on what's happened during this time.

I take my role very seriously, and I am proud of the work I have done to represent our values and concerns every single day in Parliament. Since being elected, I have spoken in the House of Commons 78 times—more than many of my colleagues who have been present since the beginning

of the Parliamentary session in 2021. In these debates, I have consistently challenged the Liberal government's reckless spending, which has not only driven up interest rates but also led to



By  
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a situation where we are now spending more on servicing the interest on our national debt than the federal government allocates to provinces for healthcare. I have stood up and opposed the carbon tax and have repeatedly advocated for our farmers. Above all else, I use these opportunities to defend our rural way of life and your freedoms.

Outside the Chamber, I have been

equally dedicated to holding the Prime Minister and his Environment Minister accountable for their many failures. My work on the Environment Committee has involved scrutinizing the detrimental impacts of their revenue-negative carbon tax, their growth-restricting emissions cap on oil and gas, and their unrealistic targets for zero-emission vehicles. While being critical of these flawed policies, I have also championed practical solutions that will improve the quality of our air, water, and soil. This includes collaborating with local stakeholders on conservation initiatives and advocating for a technology-driven approach to environmental stewardship over mere taxation.

When Parliament is not in session, I've been home to crisscross our region, meeting with entrepreneurs, not-for-profit organizations, municipi-

pal leaders, and many of you. Hearing directly from the folks I represent is vital to helping me understand the challenges we face, and opportunities we have, so that I can best deliver those messages in Ottawa.

Beyond my work in Ottawa and our communities, it's been a year of personal milestones – marrying my incredible wife Cailey and being blessed to welcome our daughter, Maeve Grace, into the world. These moments ground me and remind me why I'm here – to build a better future for our families and communities.

As I look ahead, I'm excited to continue this journey with you. Your feedback and advice have been invaluable, shaping my work and driving me to do more for Portage-Lisgar. I look forward to what we'll accomplish in the future. Together, we can make a difference.

## • DON'T MIND THE MESS

## Follow my lead

**M**y son looked nervous, but his eyes sparkled with joy as he watched his beautiful bride slowly walk towards him down the grassy aisle. I sat in the front row at this lovely outdoor wedding, in humidity that would put a Louisiana night to shame.

I was smiling, but my heart was swelling and breaking, all at once.

He was no longer a little boy—hadn't been for years, in fact. But this big event made it official. All suited up and groomed, he looked so suave and mature. But his expression reminded me of every Christmas morning, his eyes wide with anticipation. Only now, he had to restrain the urge to hop up and down.

As he said his vows and placed the ring on her finger, the waterworks started for me, and for him. There was a reason I didn't

wear mascara that day; I knew I'd be a mess. So joyful to welcome this amazing lady into our family, and so nostalgic of days gone by.

He towers over me now, but once upon a time there was a little boy who would jump off the school bus and race towards me down the sidewalk, so I could swing him around in circles. It was our daily ritual.

But there's a last time for everything. I remember the day I ran to the bus stop as usual. We met halfway, grabbed hands, but try as I might, I couldn't get him airborne. He was too tall to swing around anymore. We laughed about it, but the ache in my heart followed us home.

In all the preparations and anticipation, I never got around to writing my wedding speech for the happy couple. I took the podium, and I drew a blank. Maybe the guests saw it as a dramatic pause, anticipating some-



By  
**Lori  
Penner**

### > CANTELON, FROM PG. 8

193 cm (6'4") height, the fact that he only produces half the lactic acid as an average human, and a lung capacity double the average person at 12 liters instead of six.

These advantages are all clearly documented by reputable sources. But when a controversial sports governing body like the IBA calls into

question the gender of two women for what appears to be its own benefit the world erupts in outrage.

No matter what happens, Khelif and Lin's Olympic experiences have been forever tainted regardless of how hard they have trained. Perhaps the best final words should be left to Khelif's defeated opponent

thing witty and heartwarming. But I had no script. And there was a lump in my throat the size of the snowballs he used to fling at his little brother. I don't remember much of what I said. I know I mentioned how much I like her family and how amazing it is to finally have a sister for my daughter, after presenting her with five brothers. But the biggest, sweetest memories seemed too special to share that day. They belonged to me and him. Plus, the tears were leaking copiously, and I didn't want her clan to think I was having some kind of breakdown.

I was happy but overcome by how quickly the years flew by. My pride in his accomplishments and that he's overcome. The quirky little things that he carried over into adulthood that make him so endearing. The chubby baby, the silly adolescent wearing a chef hat, the accomplished fellow writer who puts my work to shame, and now the responsible husband who I know will always love and care for this amazing woman he's sharing his life with.

The mother/son dance was coming up. Instead of a typical slow dance,

our song of choice was "Runaround Sue" by Dion. Silly—and some might say inappropriate for the occasion—but it was our song. We used to twirl around the kitchen to this tune when he was small, with him following my lead, giggling and getting dizzy.

And here we were, surrounded by family and friends, fully ready to make complete fools of ourselves.

But somehow, they all disappeared, and I was back in my kitchen, with a familiar and beloved face in front of me. The lyrics to this 1961 classic began: "Here's my story, it's sad but true. It's about a girl that I once knew..."

We joined hands, rusty after years of no practice.

I proceeded to lead, just like the old days. I still saw the little boy, but now at 6'3", I was tripping over his feet. He finally leaned in and said, "Let me lead, mom."

And just like that, he was twirling me. The roles had changed, and I was the one looking up and giggling. I was the one being led and spun.

And somehow, it felt right, even though it made me dizzy.

Carini who has watched the controversy with dismay:

"I want to apologize to her (Khelif) and everyone else. I was angry because my Olympics had gone up in smoke. I don't have anything against Khelif. Actually, if I were to meet her again, I would embrace her."



# Tickets for Katie Cares fashion show on sale Aug. 15

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Tickets for the 11th annual Katie Cares Celebration of Life Fashion Show go on sale this week, and if past years are any indication, you'll want to book yours sooner rather than later.

The non-profit's Ruth Reimer says some years the event has sold out in less than a day, though the move to the Meridian Exhibition Centre in Winkler last year gave them more breathing room than ever before.

"Last year was probably our longest [sale time] because it was the first time we'd ever done 640 tickets," she said, noting that's how many seats are available again for the Sept. 28 show.

Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15 in person at Katie's Cottage across from the Boundary Trails Health Centre, via email to [ruth@katiecares.ca](mailto:ruth@katiecares.ca), by calling 204-312-8445, or calling/texting 204-362-1173.

They're \$75 each or \$600 per table, with tax receipts available.

The evening will include classic rock music from The Bromantics, raffle prizes, a menu that includes a charcuterie board, desserts, and drinks, and volunteer fashion models showing off clothing and accessories from

a host of local stores.

The fashion show is Katie Cares' main fundraiser for the year. Money raised goes to support its Katie's Cottage respite home as well as their other relief programs for kids and families receiving care in local medical facilities.

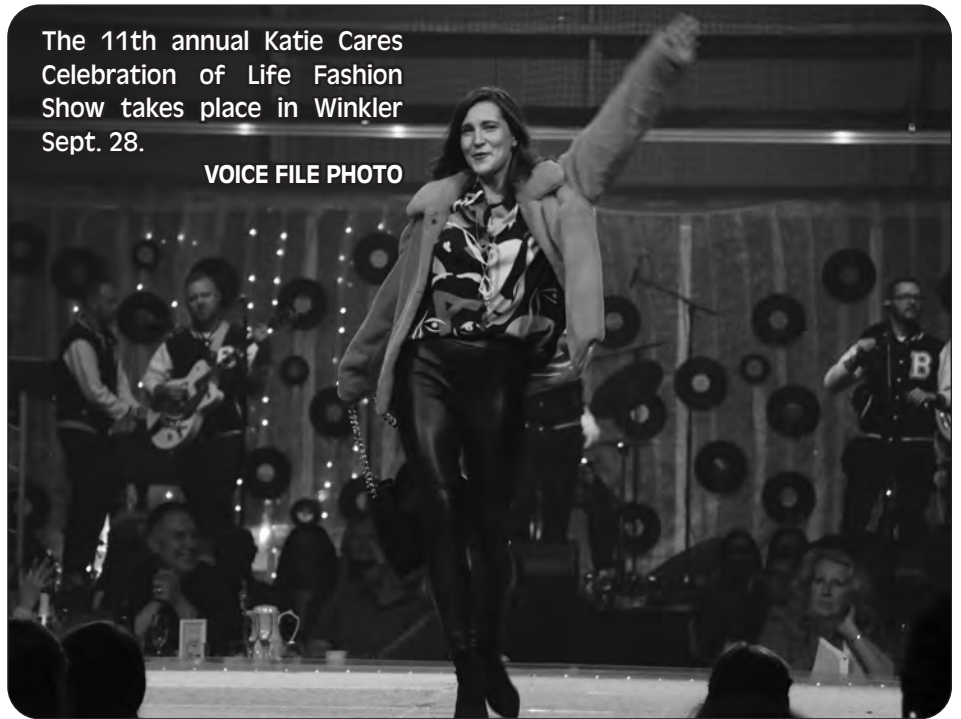
They'll be shining a spotlight on those efforts that evening, Reimer says.

"We're going to really look at what we do—sharing stories from a nurse or a doctor about what the impact is for our community and what it means to have [Katie's Cottage] here.

"It's not just a pretty building," she says. "We really do a lot of good work both inside of our building and also reaching out. This year, Katie Cares has reached out to people in 99 communities. We have had over 500 guests stay overnight."

Katie's Cottage also opens its doors to people who need a comfortable place to spend the day while their loved one receives treatment at the hospital.

"We have somebody here right now who has a very ill family member," Reimer shares. "Where else would they go? They shouldn't have to sit in



The 11th annual Katie Cares Celebration of Life Fashion Show takes place in Winkler Sept. 28.

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their car all day or just shop aimlessly. They're welcome here."

If you're not able to make the fashion show, Katie Cares this year is holding an online auction in partnership with the Grunthal Auction Service.

It runs from Sept. 21-28. Head to [grunthalauctionservice.com](http://grunthalauctionservice.com) to check out what's available or get in touch with Reimer at the numbers above if you'd like to donate a prize.

"There's more prizes coming in daily on that," she says, noting they've done on-site auctions in the past but wanted to try something more accessible this year. "That way it's easier for all Manitobans to get involved, because we've heard so often from people, 'Well, I can't come, but I'd like to support you.' This is a perfect way that you can support us by bidding online."

## Swinging hammers for Habitat for Humanity



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Work is continuing on the current Habitat for Humanity home in Winkler. A recent appeal for volunteers has been successful in filling a lot of time slots for the build, which will provide a home for Binwa and Idolo and their three children. Last Tuesday, the Mazer Group provided a team of volunteers at the site. If you'd like to get involved, email [info@wm.habitat.mb.ca](mailto:info@wm.habitat.mb.ca) or visit [www.habitat.mb.ca](http://www.habitat.mb.ca).

## Altona, Rhineland ordered to spray for mosquitoes

By Voice staff

The provincial government issued a spray order for Altona and parts of the RM of Rhineland last week.

Under the Environment Act, the province is able to order spraying for mosquitoes when there are high numbers of adult *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes and evidence of mosquito infection with West Nile virus (WNV).

As a result, spraying took place in Altona and a three kilometre buffer zone around the town in the RM of Rhineland Saturday night and another treatment is scheduled for this Thursday. The province also issued spraying orders for parts of Winnipeg and the RMs of Macdonald and West St. Paul.

These orders come a week after the province ordered spraying in and around Winkler due to high mosquito counts.

Public health officials note wet con-

ditions early in the season and recent hotter, drier weather have created ideal conditions for *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes that can spread WNV.

The risk for potential human exposure to the virus is high and will remain so for the next few weeks.

At press time, no locally acquired human cases of WNV have been confirmed in Manitoba.

To learn more about the sprays used and the spraying timetable, go to [gov.mb.ca/health/wnv/control.html](http://gov.mb.ca/health/wnv/control.html).

Otherwise, when enjoying the nice weather, public health officials encourage you to avoid being outside during peak mosquito hours between dusk and dawn, use an appropriate mosquito repellent, wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing with long sleeves and pant legs, maintain door and window screens, and clean and emptying yard items that collect water and can create a breeding ground for mosquitoes.



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## MB Undergrand Opera makes Morden-Winkler stop

By Lorne Stelmach

An initiative that hopes to create the next generation of opera lovers had tour stops in Winkler and Morden earlier this month.

Manitoba Underground Opera brought its Neighbourhood Opera Tour through the region as part of a province-wide summer tour. A stop at the Altona library was also planned alongside the Morden-Winkler performances, but was rescheduled to Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. at the library.

Previously known as the Opera for Children Tour, the tour began in 2017 with performances in just two Winnipeg locations. Since then, it has expanded across the province including going to some First Nations communities for the first time this year.

"It's exciting to be going around the entire province of Manitoba, and we did a quick stint in Kenora ... our first time outside of the province," said Melanie Dupuis, who is the tour co-ordinator and a singer in the show.

"Our aim with this tour is really to make opera more accessible for various different audiences. Our goal is to offer opera for free and understandable and to take it to people," she said. "So we're doing short operas in

English for children and families in comfortable environments for them ... it's places where people can go and feel at ease like the local library.

"Our goal is really just to introduce it to people who don't have a lot of experience with it and to show that opera can be fun and educational," said Dupuis, who acknowledged opera can be intimidating for many people. "It's seen as this big, fancy thing, and we're trying to show opera comes in a bunch of different shapes and forms, and everyone can be part of opera and enjoy opera; it's not just for the elite."

The production called *Play Time* centres around a child named Anna who is really struggling with her homework, especially math.

"So her parents decide to make her homework a bit more fun through imaginative play, so they look at the drawings she's made and the stories that she likes, and they come up with games based on her interests to try to get her to engage with her homework," explained Dupuis.

For this production, there are only three people on stage along with an accompanist on piano, and the cast are at various stages of completing their masters degrees at the University of Manitoba. The company does



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The Manitoba Underground Opera performed at the libraries in Winkler (above) and Morden as part of its summer tour earlier this month.

put on a number of productions throughout the year, so a lot of people come into play.

"It does hire a wide range of people with university experience or who have been singing for decades," said Dupuis. "There's a lot of smaller, local artists who are involved, and there's a lot of people who either like to perform but are teachers or have full time jobs or are just starting their careers, so it's a really good mix."

This tour started July 16 and continues through most of August. Dupuis said it has been a great chance to see the province.

"Most of us aren't from Manitoba, so

it's our first time kind of getting to see a lot of the province. It's been really interesting," she said. "It's really been a wonderful learning experience for us."

She appreciates being able to be part of making opera more accessible and especially to rural Manitoba.

"Especially for kids, this is their first chance to see what opera is and maybe this kind of classical music is something they will be interested in," concluded Dupuis.

For more information on the tour, head to [manitobaundergroundopera.com](http://manitobaundergroundopera.com).

## BBQ supports Life Enrichment Program for Lodge residents

By Siobhan Maas

The Valley Volunteers Auxiliary of the Red River Valley Lodge is hosting a community barbecue on Aug. 22 to raise funds for the facility's Life Enrichment Program.

A personal care facility in Morris that provides medical supervision and nursing care, the Red River Valley Lodge cares for up to 40 individuals. The Valley Volunteer Auxiliary is a volunteer-led organization raising monetary support for these residents.

"All funds raised go toward the Life

Enrichment Program for residents of the Red River Valley Lodge," said president Marielle Dyck. "The Life Enrichment Program is specific for residents of the Lodge, allowing residents to enjoy themselves, because life can get long. They profit from continuous stimulation. We've had fiddle players and square dancers at the Lodge in the past. The residents of the Lodge also enjoy numerous outings."

All proceeds from the BBQ will enhance the life of the Red River Valley Lodge residents by paying for en-

tertainment, the cost of Handi-Van transport for outings, special programs, events and outings, needed equipment, and Christmas gifts.

"If not for these fundraising efforts the residents would have to pay for these extras out of their own pockets," noted Dyck. "We want all residents of the Lodge to enjoy the same opportunities and enjoy life in their home and in their community."

Attend this community event for a 50/50 raffle, face painting, and live music provided by local talent BMW. The group is made up of well-known

musicians in the community who have never played together before: Bill Denby, Meryl and Wanda Friesen, Michelle Munford, and Margaret Gluck.

For a minimum \$5 donation, attendees will receive a hot dog or pork on a bun, chips, drink and ice cream, all sponsored by Morris Bigway.

The BBQ takes place at the Emmanuel Baptist Church (220 Lucinda Street) from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, August 22.

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# Legends Charity Drag Races ready to roll

By Lori Penner

The Legends Car Club Charity Airport Drag races will be roaring down the tarmac at the Altona airport Aug. 17-18.

Alex Loewen, co-chair for the races and Legends Car Club president says, once again, 50 per cent of the weekend's revenues generated will go to three charities: Genesis House, South Central Cancer Resource (SCCR), and the STARS Air Ambulance.

"Our club membership always votes on which charities this event will support. South Central Cancer Resource and Genesis House have been mainstays for many

years. If you go back to the start of our Drive for Cancer, that event used to raise enough to cover their entire annual transport budget, and now, that's just a drop in the bucket. Genesis House will be running a 50/50 event on both days of the races, and STARS will have a table there. We added STARS because of the impact it has had in our region in recent years.

It's a great organization to support, as well."

This is the 20th year for the races, and the club has designed new T-shirts to commemorate that.

Loewen says of the 60 cars competing each day, most will be from Manitoba, including the communities of Altona, Winkler, Morden, Winnipeg, Steinbach, Niverville, Neepawa, and Brandon.

"It's a provincewide event anticipated by many fans. We are one of three tracks in Manitoba, including Gimli and Rivers. So drag racing is a rare event in our province."

This year, fans can once again anticipate the same variety of vehicles—everything from street legal vehicles and

daily drivers to custom built drag cars.

Racers line up at the start line near the spectator stands and go head-to-head down the 1/8-mile track to the finish line.

As for the racing format, the racing starts on Saturday from about 10 a.m. until about 4 or 4:30 p.m. The current plan is Saturday's time trial results

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The Legends Charity Drag Races take place at the Altona airport Aug. 17-18.

will provide a good idea of which cars and racers should be in what class, and that will set-up Sunday's bracket races for the different classes in the afternoon.

"At the end of the day, the winners of each class can choose one of our three chosen charities to donate their prize money to, in exchange for a tax receipt," Loewen explains. "We started that last year, and we've decided to continue that way."

In addition to the three main charities splitting half the revenues generated, a number of other non-profit groups are also participating over the weekend.

The primary food booth will once again be run by The Bunker youth ministry, the car club's cold shack, where visitors can purchase cold drinks, snack items, and T-shirts, will be run by The Community Exchange, and parking and security is being overseen by 1613 Ministries.

Altona Rhineland Emergency Ser-

vices, which provides medical and fire services if needed, will also receive a donation for its involvement.

Admission is \$10 for anyone age 13 and up, \$5 for kids six to 12 years old, and free for five and under.

"You can't find any entertainment in the Pembina Valley for that price. And it's all for a good cause," Loewen says.

Last year's races drew about 3,000 spectators and raised thousands for the three charities.

"Last year, STARS got just over \$5,000, SCCR got \$4,500 and Genesis House got around \$4,000," Loewen says. "In 2023, we gave away just over \$48,000 through our Drive for Cancer and the drag races. That's pretty incredible."

Loewen credits the success of the event to the participants and fans, but also to all the hard work of their members and volunteers.

"We're excited to host another great event. We hope to see you there."



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Families bundled up to keep warm while enjoying watching Shark Tale at the Stardust Drive-In last Wednesday. The Morden Elks Club sponsored the movie night for the South Central Regional Library's Bookland Explorers summer reading program, which wraps up this week.

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THE WATCHMEN, 9:30-11 P.M.



The Watchmen are a four-piece rock and roll band from Winnipeg featuring Daniel Greaves on vocals, Ken Tizzard on bass, Joey Serlin on guitar, and Sammy Kohn on drums.

They were one of the most commercially successful bands in Canada in the 1990s. During their peak years, the band had one platinum record (*In the Trees*) and three more gold records (*McLaren Furnace Room*, *Silent Radar*, and *Slomotion*).

The band has toured Canada a number of times, were the opening act for *The Tragically Hip*, and co-headlined a national tour with *Big Wreck*.

Hit songs include *Run and Hide*, *All Uncovered*, and *Stereo*.

54•40, 8-9 P.M.



Over the course of 40+ years of performing and recording, 54•40 has not only made their mark on the Canadian music industry, but the entire cultural landscape.

Led by chief songwriter Neil Osborne, 54•40 has carved out a legacy of gold and platinum albums and an outstanding reputation for their live performances that carries through to this day. With decades of hit songs and more in the making, the secret to 54•40's longevity is their ability to redefine and reinvent themselves.

The band has been nominated for eight Juno Awards. Between 1996 and 2016, they were among the top 150 best-selling Canadian artists in Canada and among the top 50 best-selling Canadian bands in Canada.

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**MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT**

# Christian Programs Committee lineup

Morden's Christian Programs Committee has a busy lineup of speakers, performers, and worship events planned for festival weekend.

A Gospel Music/Hymn Sing takes place at the Access Event Centre on the Friday from 7-8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, also at the event centre, Dr. John Neufeld from Back to the Bible will be on stage at 7 p.m. for an evening of Biblical teachings and questions and answers.

Sunday's activities include the Kids Worship Service at the Kenmor Theatre from 10:30 a.m. to noon, led by Child Evangelism Fellowship of Manitoba. The service is geared for children ages 5-12 and will feature singing, drama, and a storytime.

Over on the main stage, also at 10:30 a.m., is the Community Worship Service, which will feature music from The Wiebes and local performers. Dr. John Neufeld will be the guest speaker.

Afternoon on the main stage will include worship music at 1 p.m. from the Filipino United Community Church singing in Tagalog and the Christian Church of Morden at 1:20 p.m. singing in German.

At 2 p.m., The Wiebes take the stage. Over the past two decades, Shane and Angela have won Inspirational Album of the Year three times at the Canadian Gospel Music Awards, sung for millions on television, and even found themselves on Canadian Radio Charts for their hit song "Christmas with You."

Rounding out the afternoon will be a performance by The Color at 3:30 p.m. The Color are a Christian contemporary music band from right here in the Pembina Valley. They have two Junos and over 20 Covenant Awards under their belts alongside numerous singles charting in the Top 50 on Billboard's CCM Audience Airplay.



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The Youth Stage (Stephen Street and 7th Street) kicks things off with Danceworks' All-Style Dance Battle Friday evening. Participants will participate in a friendly dance competition. Dance troupe Dynamix and solo dance guests will also demonstrate their skills. The fancy footwork will be followed by The Not So Late Show featuring comedian Matt Falk, house band The Raspberry Jam, improv artists Kenton and Jeremy, and other local guests. The evening wraps up with the third annual Corn and Apple Film Fest. On Saturday, the stage hosts a performance of Alice in Kermaland featuring Candlewick & DanceWorks performers at 1 p.m. and an evening musical lineup that starts at 5 p.m. and features performances from Lady Bellah, Rachel Hesom, 3 Out of 4 Strings, Téa, and the Silas Presley Band. On Sunday, check out the Samson's Strongman Showdown from 1-3 p.m.

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# arts & culture

## Gardens exhibit honours the timeless journey of God's creation

By Lori Penner

The Gardens on Tenth gallery committee has announced a new exhibit for visitors to contemplate and enjoy.

This season's exhibit offers two components: one wall features the work of Henry and Elma Martens, whose photography shares the beauty of the Pembina Valley, as well as information about the flora and fauna there, while the other wall holds a collection of various types of original art in a variety of media created by other Gardens tenants. These tenants include Jack Klassen, Elma Martens, Susan Peters, Anne Froese, Mary Rempel, Eva Schroeder, Dora Schroeder, and Dorothy Friesen.

Henry and Elma's photography exhibit beckons the viewer to look deeper and observe the secret wonders hidden in nature.

Together, the couple has shared a living passion of caring for all of God's creation, including people's physical and spiritual needs. They spent many years establishing a Bible camp, a nature interpretive centre, and the Pembina Valley Provincial Park.

They both enjoyed photography long before they met.

"She had a little box camera at an early age, and I had my own when I was 14 or 15," Henry recalls.

They grew up in different school districts but found each other through mutual friends. The rest, as they say,

is history. After 57 years of marriage, they still think they're a perfect match.

After working at Friesens Corp. for a number of years, they returned to education and followed a different path. Henry's practicum work for his Master of Education degree was "Outdoor Education and Interpretation: Planning for an Interpretive Centre" which later became part of the master plan for the Pembina Valley Provincial Park in 2001. His first teaching assignment was at a remote

First Nations Community in Northern Manitoba.

When their children reached school age, their family returned to Southern Manitoba where Henry continued his teaching career. Elma joined him as a teaching assistant after their children left home.

"We have always been interested in creation. We bought up land in the Pembina Valley, and with the help of

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Henry and Elma Martens with some of their pieces on display at the Gardens on Tenth gallery.

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# Local historian honoured

By Siobhan Maas

Tim Lewis, an active lifelong resident of Morris, town councillor, and local historian, was awarded the 2024 Morris & District Museum Achievement Recognition Award at the Museum's annual Canada Day Tea last month.

Museum board member Linda Sommer acknowledged Lewis as a "generous, wonderful, helpful and knowledgeable man."

The museum has nominated Lewis for a Lieutenant Governor General Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion twice without success, most recently this spring.

"He was not awarded due to many factors but [the museum board] wanted to recognize him because he is spe-

cial to us."

Lewis' passion for local history and genealogy began as a close bond with his paternal grandfather.

He has been instrumental in several historical preservation activities, namely a complete index of the Morris Cemetery, genealogical reviews dating from the 1800s, and documentation of old censuses and river lots.

Residents of the area since the early 20th century, the Lewis family is prominent in the displays of the Morris Museum, having donated items ranging from antique sporting equipment to the Second World War medals, uniforms, and expedition maps.

"I've always been very interested in history," Lewis said. "What started as a bunch of notes about the history of the area turned into somewhat of a book to make it easier to find things."

Publication of Lewis' book *In the Beginning of Scratching River: An Early History of Morris, Manitoba* came about when a Manitoba 150 Project committee was doing research for the Morris Heritage Walking Trails.

"I knew the answers were in my notes," Lewis said. The museum approached Lewis to formally publish the book in 2022.

"Tim drove back and forth to the Legislative Library when it was hard to access and wrote a massive genealogy of the history of Morris," Sommer shared. "We gave him this recognition award and some roasting for fun."

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others, developed the land."

In 2000, they sold the land to the government, and it became the Pembina Valley Provincial Park.

"We built a house on site and lived there for a number of years, and that's when the interpretive centre was built," says Henry. "Our three children grew up planting trees and enjoying nature. We hosted many school groups and took them down the trails with volunteer interpreters."

Now living at Gardens on Tenth, the couple still appreciates the lessons that nature has taught them.

Their exhibit is a virtual and meditative walk through the Pembina Valley, an invitation to experience the peace that exists in creation and a realization of our place in it.

"I want people to look a little bit beyond the surface," Henry says. "Many times, we just walk by and don't pay a lot of attention. The idea was to encourage people to stop and



MORRIS MUSEUM PHOTO

Tim Lewis (right) receiving Morris & District Museum Achievement Recognition Award from board member Linda Sommer.

"I was quite surprised and pleased that they would recognize me for my efforts," Lewis said of the honour. "I always help out when [the museum] has queries."

A post to the Museum's Facebook page shone a spotlight on "Lewis' meticulous research, acquiring and recording of Morris history, as well

as his own family genealogies. He is one of the Museum's 'go to' persons when folks have historical research inquiries."

*In the Beginning of Scratching River* is available for purchase at the Morris Museum.

## Driver arrested after collision with pedestrian

By Voice staff

A Plum Coulee man is facing charges in connection to an accident that occurred in Winkler Monday afternoon.

Emergency crews were called to the corner of Pembina Ave. and Main St. just after 1 p.m. after a vehicle struck a pedestrian.

The collision was witnessed by a member of the Winkler Police Service who was on patrol in the area at the time.

A red Chevrolet Silverado turned east onto Pembina Ave. from southbound Main Street and hit a six-year-old boy who was crossing the intersection on a bicycle.

Police say the driver of the Silverado briefly stopped in the road after the collision but then accelerated eastbound, attempting to leave the scene.

The police officer was able to stop the suspect from fleeing before moving to provide first aid to the victim. At this same time, an off-duty local doctor approached the scene and began providing medical care to the boy.

The child was transported to hospital by paramedics in stable condition with undetermined injuries.

The driver of the truck, a 50-year-old man, was arrested and is facing charges of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm, failure to stop after an accident causing bodily harm, and driving without a driver's license.

The police investigation continues.

see beyond the surface. That's why the last photo is called 'Time Immemorial.'"

Henry has always sensed a gap in how people view creation.

"Some people think Christianity is not rational; that it's just about faith. But I think there are very logical reasons to justify getting from here to there, and that there is a link between scientific knowledge and the spiritual creator. The purpose for the Interpretive Centre was to find a gap between the two."

He goes on to say, "Just because you are scientifically minded doesn't mean you're an evolutionist. I find it hard to accept the world was made in six days. I think there is a very clear progression. I believe all of creation is possible in God's infinite time. I give God all the glory. I don't understand exactly how He did it. The important thing is that I believe He did it, and He's bigger than six days. And He's bigger than we are."

The photographs in the exhibit show a progression, from a newborn fawn in a meadow, to wildflowers and tall grasses. It takes viewers on a journey through a wonderful world, with a face in the storm clouds, peace and progression personified in the Pembina River, to small creeks filled with rocks carried from another age, with everything in its place. A harmonious conflict occurs between thawing and freezing, from the fawn, to a once thriving giant birch tree, to a fallen log near a fossilized rock.

"This is a journey through creation. Past, present and future, all layered together in one composition."

Visitors to the exhibit can also take a free copy of their book *Footprints of Hope* with them. Henry created *Footprints* in 2016 as a journey of discovery following the interpretive trails through the hundred-acre woods of the Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre.

The exhibit will be on display until the end of September.



# get informed

## Life-long friendship leads to the gift of life

By Lori Penner

When Daryl Schroeder and Tim Froese were school buddies at West Park School in Altona, they had no idea what the future held, or the unique way that life would ultimately reunite them.

"Tim and I and his brother Wayne, we were the three amigos who hung around together for a long time. Then we just kind of went our separate ways," Schroeder recalls.

Then, about a year and a half ago, Schroeder began to feel sick. Tests revealed he had dangerously high blood pressure. Further tests revealed the function in both his kidneys was down to 12 percent.

The prognosis wasn't great.

"They told me I had about a year. They put me on a special diet, and a month later I tested again, and it was down to four per cent."

This led to home dialysis four times a week, for four hours at a time.

"They trained me how to do it. I have my own machine and supplies. And this is what keeps me alive," Schroeder shares.

His only other option is to get a transplant.

"Three family members stepped forward, but because I have polycystic kidney failure, this is hereditary. So, they put themselves in danger of that, if they become donors."

Schroeder joined the National Kidney Donation Organization and has been doing volunteer work with them.

"I have reached out on Facebook and have my own website looking for a kidney. Through all of this searching, I found Tim and sent him a message. He responded, but first I had to reassure him I was who I said I was. I described some of the things we did as kids. He called me by my old nickname, and we connected. It was about rekindling our friendship and was never about my kidney."

But without even being asked, Froese quickly volunteered to be a donor. Their blood types match, and he is currently in the process of finding out

if his kidney will qualify.

"By Christmas, if he passes, I'll hopefully get Tim's kidney," Schroeder says.

"He'll have a Timbit," Froese quips. "To me it's a no-brainer. When you reach the age of 66 like I have, health is everything. So, once I found out I was the same blood type, I said, 'Let's do it.'"

What about the risks?

"The people who run the screening are very thorough and meticulous to make sure that you as a potential donor know there are risks. If I pass through all the various tests, the rest of the risk doesn't matter to me," Froese says.

"I am a friend in name and now I'll be a friend in part. And I'll be so bitter if he outlives me," he jokes.

His old friend's generous response brings Schroeder to tears.

"What this means to me? It's hard to describe the feelings. He was a friend years ago. And a friend today. We reconnected and didn't miss a beat. I still feel super emotional about all of this, I really can't explain how grateful I am that he's giving me this opportunity. Even if it doesn't work out, it's still amazing somebody would think so much about somebody else, that they would so willingly do this."

Schroeder adds that many don't realize the joy this brings to the donor as well.

"If it does come to fruition, I think the joy that Tim is going to feel will be immeasurable. It's something so many donors say: that if they had an extra organ to give, they would do it again in a heartbeat."

Froese smiles and says, "If we can do this at Christmas, maybe even on Christmas Day, what could be better? So let er' rip, I say."

Even if something comes up, just going through the process is a crucial part of all this, Schroeder adds.

"If you're donating a kidney, there's something inside your heart that makes you want to do this. Somewhere during the process, you might get eliminated. But that doesn't mean



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Daryl Schroeder (right) and Tim Froese were childhood friends. They've recently reconnected and now Froese is being tested to see if he can donate a kidney to Schroeder, who suffers from kidney failure.

you didn't give everything going forward where you could have donated. It chokes me up. To me, it will be a gift of life. Dialysis takes a lot out of you. If I don't find a kidney myself, I'll be looking at a cadaver kidney, and that's going to be a nine year wait for me. That has a low incidence of success with a 10-year survival rate."

Currently, 35,000 Canadians are on dialysis. Out of those, only 4,000 are eligible for a transplant because of eliminating factors such as diabetes or heart issues.

"I am hoping that everything will work out until Christmas, I am hoping to stay healthy until Christmas and be one of those 4,000 who will get a kidney," Schroeder says.

As a donor, the recovery is about a month.

"The donor doesn't need drugs after, but I will be on anti rejection drugs for the rest of my life. The donor has a clean bill of health. In fact, they found out that donors typically live longer because they tend to keep themselves

healthier. You only need one kidney to survive. And you only need 20 percent of that kidney to work. So, when they pull the kidney out, you've got double the amount that you actually need, and your remaining kidney grows 75 per cent larger," Schroeder says.

Reflecting on all the pieces that had to come together for this to be a possibility, Schroeder says, "We went our separate ways after school. We went on with our lives. We had families and things we did. But now, we've had that life. Facing the future, things start to come back together again. Reconnecting, and then to go through this journey together... It's been almost impossible to believe."

Following their recovery, Froese will carry on with his life as an artist, and Schroeder hopes to rebuild classic vehicles in his garage.

"It's something I want to build on. I want to get my hands dirty," Schroeder says, with a sparkle of hope in his eyes.



# sports & recreation



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## Border Baseball battle

The Winkler Whips and the Altona Bisons battled to a 12-12 tie before night forced game two to end last Thursday in Winkler. The series continues with game five Tuesday in Altona and, if needed, game six back in Winkler Wednesday night.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's do or die for the Winkler Whips this week in Border Baseball League playoff action.

Game five of their semi-final series against the Altona Bisons took place Tuesday night in Altona. Results were not available at press time, but the Whips needed a win to extend the series to game six. If that happened, the final game will be Wednesday

night in Winkler.

Altona took game one of the series 2-1 last Tuesday and then the two teams battled to a 12-12 tie before night put an end to Thursday evening's game.

That tie meant the series became a race to whichever team could earn six points first, but neither was going to make it easy for the other—Friday's game three went Winkler's way 14-9 and then the Bisons managed a 4-1 win in game four Sunday af-

ternoon.

With that, the Bisons headed into game five with five points to Winkler's three. A win Tuesday would give them the East Division title.

Whichever team is left standing will move on to play the Cartwright Twins for the league championship.

The Twins knocked the Baldur Regals out in four games to advance.

## Motocross races in Altona this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

Motocross enthusiasts are heading to Altona this weekend to take in some racing at the Moto Park X track.

The event is part of the racing circuit of 204 Grassroots Motocross, which was formerly the Manitoba Motocross Association and is a privately owned organization dedicated to the growth and development of motocross racing in Manitoba.

The track located near the airport a half mile east of Altona has become a popular stop on the circuit, which also includes races in Morden and Pilot Mound.

"We've been racing there now for 15 years roughly," said Braden Friesen, who is part of the track committee. "It seems to be growing every year now. It's exciting to see more people getting into it the past few years es-

pecially."

He noted attendance has been very good at the races, so it seems to have built a strong following here in southern Manitoba.

"It seems like it has been growing pretty consistently in the past few years," he said. "It is a very cool community to be a part of ... and it's a very growing community and a very welcoming community. It makes it very easy for beginners to get into it. There's beginner classes at the races, so it's very accessible."

Friesen said a big part of the draw is simply that it is a bit of an extreme sport.

"There's a level of adrenaline that comes into it as a racer ... the excitement of lining up against 40 of your colleagues bar to bar and trying to be the first one to get into that corner

when you're racing," he said.

"It's always an exciting feeling and always a bit of adrenaline flowing," he added. "And as spectators, it's exciting to watch ... you've got dirt and jumps and all of the excitement that comes with it."

The racing also has a wide age range with the beginners starting as young as four years old, and it goes all the way up to a few who are in their 60s.

The weekend begins Saturday with the pit bike races which feature smaller bikes on a smaller track, so there is just a little more of a for-fun feel to it.

The main race day is Sunday starting at 8:30 a.m. and going to around 4 p.m.. The Youth For Christ food truck will be there, with breakfast also being served in support of a local non-profit organization.

You can find more information on-



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line on the track's social media pages.

"It's going to be a great event all around; hoping we have nice weather for it," said Friesen. "A huge, huge thanks to our sponsors for this as we have a lot of amazing sponsors here in Altona. That is the reason we are able to put on a production like this here."

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# U17 Central Energy gets experience of playing in national championship



PHOTO BY BOBBI-JO GUFFEI

U17 Central Energy did a tremendous job representing the province of Manitoba as they finished in seventh place at the recent 2024 U17 Girls AAA Softball Canadian Championship that was held in Calgary, Alberta, from July 31 to Aug. 4.



By Ty Dilello

The U17 Central Energy team wrapped up their 2024 season with an impressive seventh-place finish at the 2024 U17 Girls AAA Softball Canadian Championship in Calgary, Alberta, from July 31 to Aug. 4.

The U17 Central Energy roster with their most commonly played positions throughout the year is Nelia Fehr (P), Molly Cowan (P), Karli Toews (P), Gabbi Hildebrand (1B), Christina Vandeveld (CF), Molly Conrad (SS/3B), Maddy Friesen (LF), Tori Mangin (RF), Hailey-Jo Guffei (2B), Brooklyn Friesen (C/SS), Kara Buhler (C/SS), Heidi Reimer (1B), Molly Cowan (P/3B), and Emma Klassen (3B).

U17 Central Energy began the Nationals by going 4-1 in round-robin play, which was good for second place in their pool. They defeated the Saskatoon Select Blues (10-1), Nova Scotia Schooners (2-0), Team Quebec (8-5) and Ontario Southwest Revolution (8-1), with losses to only the Fraser Valley Fusion (BC) by a 16-9 score.

In the first round of the playoffs, Central Energy faced their Manitoba rival, the Eastman Wildcats, and sadly, their Nationals run ended prematurely with a rough 10-2 loss.

A solo home run to right field by Maddy Friesen put Central Energy on the board at the bottom of the first, but the Wildcats scored three runs in the next inning to take the lead and would not look back from there. When the dust had settled, Eastman won 10-2.

Karli Toews led things off in the pitching circle for U17 Central Energy. The starting pitcher gave up two hits and three runs (zero earned) over one and one-third innings, striking out none and walking two. Nelia Fehr then came in and pitched three in-

nings in relief. She gave up seven hits and seven runs (three earned) while striking out three and walking two.

"On the last play of the game, Molly Cowan hit a rocket to centre field," said Central Energy manager Bobbi-Jo Guffei. "It was a beautiful hit. And a six-inch difference in that hit would have been a three-run homer to change the momentum and shake things up a bit."

Central Energy's goal coming into the event was to finish somewhere in the top 10, so finishing seventh in the country was a big mission accomplished for the club. Brooklyn Friesen was also named one of the national championship all-stars.

"It was an incredible week for the girls," said U17 Central Energy head coach Cam Zacharias. "All week, our pitching was great, with some wonderful individual efforts. The team had wanted a top-10 finish, and I believe we ended up in seventh for the week. So they achieved that goal, but we left feeling that we could have made it further. We left a lot of runners on the bases in our last game and had the chance to score a lot more, but it just wasn't in the cards for us."

U17 Central Energy will hopefully have many returning players next season who are eager to return and finish even higher on the national stage in the future.

"We learned a lot going there this year and know what to work on to get an even higher finish in the future," said Zacharias. "The girls represented their organization and the province tremendously, and I am proud of every one of them. They are all great athletes and great ambassadors of the game with endless highlights of amazing defence and hitting."

## Storm 2 fall to FCNW NexGen

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm 2 team are in second-last place as their season in the MMSL's Division 2 winds down.

They lost their match against the FCNW NexGen team in Winnipeg last Tuesday 4-0 to bring their record to 2-10-2, good for eight points and seventh place, ahead of only the 1-13 Richmond Kings.

Next week Monday the Storm square off against the Kings in Winnipeg. They then play the fifth-place Scorpions FC the following Mon-

day, Aug. 26.

Winkler Storm 1, meanwhile, have had a few weeks off but were scheduled to return to the field this Tuesday to play AK Academy in Winnipeg. Results were not available at press time.

Storm 1 also hosts Grant Park SC this Sunday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. at the 15th St. soccer field in Winkler.

The team headed into this week in first place in Division 1 with a record of 9-1-2 and 29 points, one point ahead of Lucania United FC2 in second place and two points up on the third-place Galacticos FC.

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# getinformed

## South Central Cubs take home 15U provincials

By Ty Dilello

The South Central Cubs are 15U AA baseball provincial champions after capturing the recent provincials in Brandon from July 26-28. The squad went undefeated throughout the three-day event.

The Cubs were made up of the following players from Carman, Altona, Winkler and Morden: Brody Peters, Caleb Harder, Carter Falk, Coden Thiessen, Faith Teichroeb, Gavin Rose, Josiah Enns, Lincoln Cantlon, Luke Bergman, Machray Siler, Parker Wieler, Teegan Hayward, Teigon Friesen, Chase Friesen. The coaches were Jason Rose, Donovan Bergman and Justin Cantlon.

"This was my first time coaching on a South Central regional team, so it was really cool to see how the kids from various communities came together to become good friends by the time the season was over," said South Central Cubs assistant coach Donovan Bergman.

The Cubs didn't participate in a league this season, so the team's managers (Rochelle Friesen and Mandy Thiessen) worked hard to find teams against which to play doubleheaders

throughout the summer.

"I believe there was only one exhibition game that we lost heading into provincials, so we felt like we had a really good chance to do something special when we got to Brandon. As coaches, we were wondering how the team would respond, going from a season of exhibition games to a tournament format where every game has significant meaning. Needless to say, the kids answered all our questions and played great baseball throughout the weekend."

Going into provincials, South Central knew that they had a good team, so they were confident. However, they had only played one Winnipeg team and were less familiar with the other city teams in the provincials.

South Central played two tight games against Winnipeg teams in the round robin when they earned a 10-8 win over Charleswood and a 6-5 win vs. the Red River Pioneers.

"The experience of winning those tight games definitely helped prep us for the playoff games on Sunday," said Bergman.

South Central rolled from there, going undefeated, going 6-0 over the provincials, and capturing the cham-



PHOTO BY DONOVAN BERGMAN

The South Central Cubs went undefeated with six straight wins to capture 15U AA baseball provincial championship from July 26-28 in Brandon.

pionship with a big 6-2 win in the final over Carillon.

"We were very fortunate that our pitching plans worked out as good as we could have hoped. We had four different pitchers throw to their max pitch count in our Saturday and Sunday games, so without those outings,

things could have turned out much differently for us on Sunday."

Winning the provincials is now the end of the road for the South Central team. A bunch of the kids will be moving up to play 18U baseball next year, and the rest will be in their second year at the 15U level.

## Nominations open for Healthy Aging Awards

By Voice staff

Know an older adult who is making a difference? Consider nominating them for the Manitoba Healthy Aging Awards (MHAA).

Nominations are now open for the awards that celebrate Manitobans aged 65 and older who have made an outstanding voluntary contribution to improve the health and well-being of older adults as they age in their homes and communities.

"Our seniors are the pillars of the strong and prosperous Manitoba we know today," noted Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care Minister Uzoma Asagwara last week. "Their wisdom, resilience, and dedication continue to inspire us and shape the future of our province," said Asagwara. "These awards are for Manitobans dedicated to supporting safe and healthy aging in their communities."

Awards will be presented in three categories.

The Older Adult of the Year Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in advocating for seniors in their communities.

The Healthy and Active Living Ambassador Award recognizes older adults helping their peers stay physically active and healthy.

The Intergenerational Impact Award will recognize the voluntary contributions of Manitobans that have created innovative solutions to improve the

health of older adults in the community through meaningful intergenerational activities.

The 2024 MHAA ceremony will be held in October, which is Seniors and Elders Month.

Nominations forms are available online at [www.gov.mb.ca/seniors/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/seniors/index.html). They must be submitted by Aug. 19. Any individual or organization may nominate themselves or another person.

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# Honey bees and canola: Teaming up for success

By Lana Meier, with files from MCG

Canola farmers and beekeepers make a dynamic team. As with any team, communication and a clear game plan are key to their success.

Canola fields are a nectar jackpot. The bright yellow flowers are attractive to honey bees: they are easy to see and the shape of the flowers is easy to land on. Canola pollen is a good source of essential nutrients for bees, including amino acids, proteins, and fats, and canola nectar is high in sugars giving bees energy to fly, forage, and pack away stores.

The benefits go both ways. Research has shown that having pollinators near canola can lead to higher yields and improved seed ripening. An Australian study<sup>1</sup> revealed a decrease in the number of canola pods per plant as the distance from beehives increased.

"While there are many variables involved, we are seeing a one to two percent canola yield increase when there are bees present," says Ian Stepler, farmer and chair of the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association. The Stepler family farms 4,000 acres of canola, sunflowers, wheat, oats, and soybeans; they manage a 650-cow calf operation and tend to 1,500 hives near Miami, Manitoba.

There are close to 1,000 beekeepers in the province and 115,000 hives. Commercial beekeepers manage the vast majority (95 percent) of those hives. This mutually beneficial partnership between bees and canola is an economic win for beekeepers and farmers.

Manitoba produces over 8,500 metric tonnes (nearly 20 million pounds) of highly prized smooth, water-white honey per year – valued at over 50 million dollars<sup>(2)</sup>. The managed bee industry (honey bees and leafcutter bees) contributes up to 150 million dollars in increased pollination to canola, alfalfa and other crops grown in the province annually.

## PROTECTING CANOLA FROM INSECT PESTS

While a thriving beekeeping industry brings economic benefits to Manitoba, canola crops are susceptible to various insect pests, which can significantly affect bee production and nectar yields.

Every growing season differs, and insects vary by location and field conditions. Properly scouting canola fields at the correct timing to assess the level of damage or infestation can help farmers manage insects throughout the season for a successful crop.



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A beekeeper checks on the hives next to a canola field.

Common canola insect pests in Manitoba include flea beetles, cutworms, diamondback moths, lygus bugs, and grasshoppers. The Canola Council of Canada recommends farmers scout fields weekly for each of these pests and sample more frequently if/when insects begin to approach action thresholds to determine if insecticides are necessary.

Most canola purchased in Manitoba

will be pre-treated with an insecticidal seed treatment for early-season protection from pests like flea beetles. However, scouting is still required as protection declines over time. Many crops require an additional in-season foliar insecticide application in late May or June to protect against yield loss.

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# Sperling farm piloting new system for producing fertilizer

By Ty Dilello

Sperling's R & L Acres is piloting a system by FuelPositive Corporation, a leading Green Ammonia company, to produce fertilizer on its farm. It's believed to be the first of its kind in North America.

Green ammonia production is the process of making ammonia 100 percent renewable and carbon-free. And this new pilot project consists of FuelPositive hooking up with Sperling's Tracy and Curtis Hiebert of R & L Acres.

FuelPositive is a Canadian technology company dedicated to delivering commercially feasible and sustainable clean technology solutions that follow a circular approach. It ensures that the entire lifecycle of its products is environmentally friendly. This includes an on-farm/onsite, containerized Green Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) production system that effectively eliminates carbon emissions during the production process.

The new FuelPositive on-farm/onsite containerized Green Ammonia

production system is designed to produce pure, anhydrous ammonia for multiple applications, including fertilizer for farming, fuel for grain drying and internal combustion engines, a practical alternative for fuel cells and a solution for grid storage. Green Ammonia is also considered a key enabler of the hydrogen economy.

FuelPositive systems are designed to produce Green Ammonia on-farm/onsite, where and when needed. This eliminates wildly fluctuating supply chains and offers end-users clean fertilizer, energy, and Green Ammonia supply security while eliminating carbon emissions from the production process. The first customers will be farmers, using 80 percent of the traditional grey ammonia produced today as fertilizer.

Over the past few years, Curtis Hiebert has watched the price of fertilizer for his farm and others go up massively. But now, he's flipped the script and is trying to produce plant food on his own land.

Hiebert's family has been in the Sperling area since 1956 and has al-

ways had a family farm on its property.

"I have always enjoyed farming, equipment and technology," said Curtis Hiebert. "The family farm has grown organically over the years thanks to wise decision-making by my father."

Since the 1960s, the Hiebert family has used anhydrous ammonia fertilizer (a nitrogen fertilizer) in their wheat, canola, and soybean fields.

Hiebert's Fertilizer supply used to arrive smoothly at his property; however, when the pandemic began and supply chain disruptions began, getting fertilizer on time wasn't guaranteed.

Hiebert noted that he and other farms experienced issues with their fertilizer supply during the pandemic.

"It was mostly poor decisions by the industry letting one carrier buy and own nearly all NH<sub>3</sub> tanker trailers, which caused major disruptions in NH<sub>3</sub> movement," said Hiebert.

Hiebert's fertilizer cost had also quadrupled during this time, from

around \$500 at its cheapest to more than \$2,000 per ton.

To combat this, Hiebert has always been looking for new technology, such as spray drones and solar panels, that can be cost-effective and make life easier on his farm.

Through his searches, Hiebert found FuelPositive, which advertised "green ammonia" production systems. The company said farmers using the system would create fertilizer on site instead of buying it from a supplier.

"Through my NH<sub>3</sub> parts supplier, I have been following a few potential mini-NH<sub>3</sub> production startups. So I was excited to see FuelPositive was actually running successful production tests."

The Hieberts were then selected as the recipient of the World's first FuelPositive demonstration pilot for the FuelPositive's on-farm Containerized Green Ammonia system.

In April, it was announced that Hiebert's farm completed the Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT) for the Fu-

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# Your FARM



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The damage levels from these pests vary, and at higher population levels, they can cause damage detrimental to grain yield in canola, so pest control may be required.

"We work with agronomists to monitor thresholds. If we see patches for example, we might not pull the trigger on an insecticide, but if we start to see widespread damage, we will apply a pollinator-safe insecticide," says Stepler.

Some insecticides on the market offer control of crucial insect pressures with minimal impact on bees and other pollinators, which is ideal for integrated pest management programs. Though these insecticides typically come at an increased cost, they can be highly effective and add a diversified mode of action to farmers' insecticide programs, helping to manage resistance development. Farmers can consult their local retailers for these targeted and effective options.

### BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

If insecticides are warranted, there are best management practices that can minimize detrimental effects on nearby beehives.

First and foremost, open communication between beekeepers and farmers is crucial. Beekeepers should inform farmers of nearby fields on hive locations as they place them. A new

## > FERTILIZER, FROM PG. 30

elPositive system. And then, just last week, FuelPositive's crews installed the full system, involving six 20-foot shipping containers and a 90-ton storage tank on Hiebert's 11,000-acre property.

The production system is connected to a water line and can draw electricity from the Hiebert farm's solar panels. Regular anhydrous ammonia fertilizer production uses fossil fuels, while FuelPositive's device relies on air, water, and sustainable electricity.

The new FuelPositive system on Hiebert's Sperling farm plans to be fully operational soon.

Hiebert hopes that if the pilot run is successful, this new system has the potential to be a big deal and really catch on going forward.

"If all goes well, it will be very exciting."

app called FieldWatch that helps improve communication between farmers and beekeepers is being trialled in Saskatchewan and may be coming to Manitoba soon.

The Manitoba Bee Act states that all beekeepers must post a sign with their contact information at any apiary site. Farmers are also encouraged to take note of any hives near their fields.

Giving a beekeeper 48 hours notice before any application can give them enough time to relocate or cover nearby hives as necessary.

"It may not only take time for a beekeeper to reorganize their schedule or prepare equipment or staff to move colonies, but they also need to organize the new site where colonies will be placed," says Matthew Polinsky, Program Lead of the Manitoba Knowledge and Research Transfer Program for Apiculture (KRTP). "Bees can only be moved under specific conditions, so that move needs to be well-timed with weather, site access, and distances. It usually also takes place under the cover of darkness after already long days in the field."

If moving bees can be avoided, application timing becomes even more crucial.

"Spraying in the evening is the best



Honey bee colonies are loaded at dusk to be moved to a new location.

thing a farmer can do to protect the bees and get the full benefit of the residual effect of the product," says Stepler.

Bees are more active during the day, so if spraying in the evening is not an option, spraying very early in the morning can also reduce bee exposure. If possible, the Canola Council of Canada recommends using an insecticide in canola to minimize its effects on bees until the field is no longer in bloom.

Flea beetle pressure can come on quickly, requiring fast action from farmers. To avoid potential insecticide spray damage to hives during the critical flea beetle window (susceptible up to the four-leaf stage), Stepler notes that it's advantageous to beekeepers if they can delay plac-

ing hives in summer yards or along fields where canola is emerging.

When applying an insecticide, it is important to always read and follow the product label instructions and check pre-harvest intervals.

Beekeepers and farmers can work together by better understanding each other's practices and communicating when preparing to take an action that may impact the other party in their shared environment. Simple steps like open communication, using treatment thresholds, considering pesticides with minimal impact on beneficial insects and pollinators, and proper application timing will ensure the best possible outcomes for both stakeholders and a bright future for honey and canola production in Manitoba.

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1. Amend Section 3 to clarify that capital levies shall be collected as per this bylaw regardless of any capital levy amount specified in development agreements dating before the enactment of this bylaw.
2. Remove the minimum requirement of one Residential Equivalency Unit (REU) for calculating water and sewer levies for non-residential lots.
3. Add Schedule D (REU Calculation Guide) for calculation of REUs

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the City of Morden shall sit at 7:00 p.m. on the 26th day of August 2024, at the Council Chambers, Civic Center at 195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, to hear in person or by agent, any person who claims that her/his land will be prejudicially affected by this by-law;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the By-law shall be available for inspection at the Municipal Office of the City of Morden, at 195 Stephen Street, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

DATED at the City of Morden in Manitoba, this 25th day of July, A.D. 2024.

Santokh Singh Randhawa P.Eng.  
Deputy City Manager-Operations  
City of Morden

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2324-24, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

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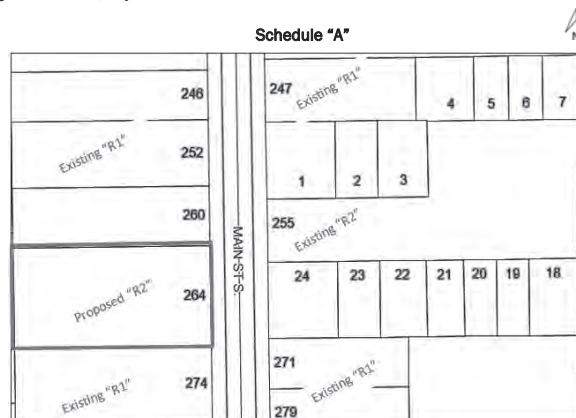
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**Date of Hearing:** August 27, 2024  
**Time of Hearing:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Winkler Council Chambers, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.  
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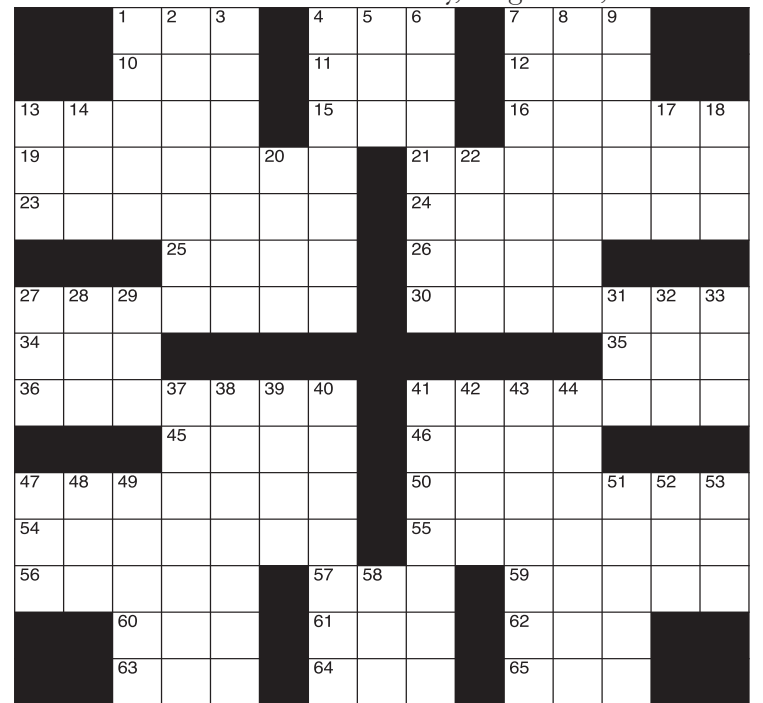
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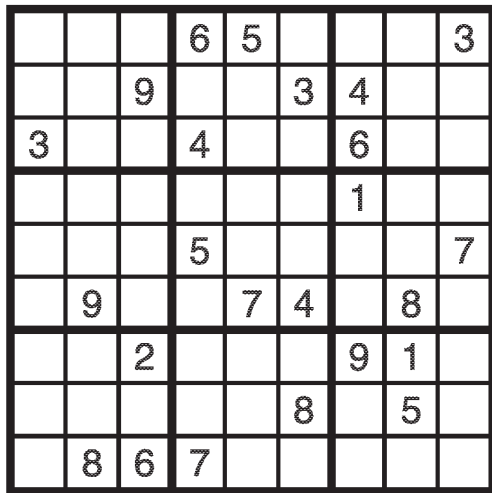
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1. Policemen (French)
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  27. Gov't lawyers

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29. Small amount
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40. Boat race
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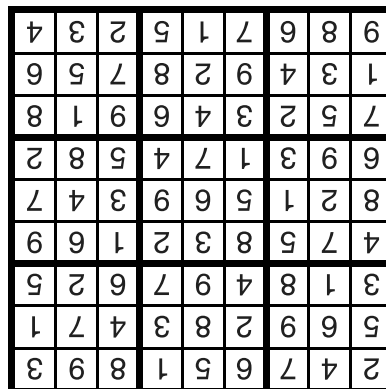
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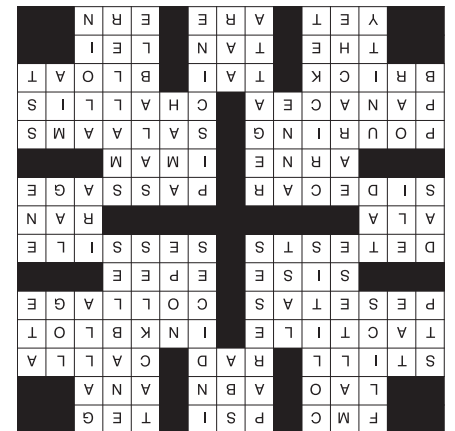
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The links will join again.  
We miss you everyday!

-Love, Sarah, Chari and Aiden

## OBITUARY

**Martha (Zacharias) Bergman**  
June 20, 1946 - August 1, 2024

Martha was predeceased by her husband Jacob (Jake) Bergman. She is survived by son Merle (Beth Hershey) Bergman, son Curtis (Shelly Grift) Bergman, grandson Joshua, granddaughters Makena and Masyn Bergman and great-granddaughter Liliith (Van Den Bosch) Bergman. She is also survived by two sisters and two brothers.

A private family ash interment will take place at a later date at West Ridge Memorial Garden.

*Your memory will live forever*  
*Engraved within our hearts*



## OBITUARY

**Mabel Lorraine MacLeod (nee Bell)**

It is with deep sadness and profound love that we announce the passing of Lorraine MacLeod on August 4, 2024 at the age of 91.

Lorraine was the beloved wife of the late Angus MacLeod and a devoted mother to Bruce (Debbie), Heather (Greg), and Angus; grandmother to Brittany (Alex), Jaime (Scott), and Alex (Erika); and great-grandmother to Miles and Mae. Lorraine will also be remembered fondly by her brother Elgin; sister-in-law Isabelle (Doug); brother-in-law John; and many nieces, nephews, their families and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, Robert (Bob) and Florence Bell; her brothers, Arthur and Bill; her sister Dorothy (Paul) Leduc; and her sisters-in-law, Simone and Marie Bell, Christine, Lu, and Maureen MacLeod.



Lorraine was born on December 14, 1932. The family lived in Kane for two years and then moved to Morris. In her younger years, Lorraine was actively involved in softball, hockey, figure skating, CGIT, Rebekah Lodge and junior choir. From 1950-1962, Lorraine worked with an agricultural firm as their bookkeeper. Lorraine continued to give her time, talents and energy when she became a CGIT leader, taught Sunday School, played in the Morris Harmony Band and coached figure skating for 60 children, culminating in an annual 'Ice Carnival Revue' from 1953 to 1957.

In 1957, after their marriage, Lorraine and Angus moved to Winnipeg. Lorraine continued her volunteer work, supported her children's sports and musical activities and enjoyed family camping trips across Canada and the United States.

Lorraine's commitment to volunteering extended to numerous organizations, including the Manitoba Games Council, Manitoba Ladies Golf Association, and Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame. She served as President of the MLGA from 1987 to 1988 and was involved in many national CLGA tournament committees. In 1991, she chaired the Canadian Ladies Amateur Championship. Lorraine was honored with the CLGA Distinguished Service Award in 2001 and was recognized by Golf Manitoba for over 25 years of service. In 2014, she was inducted into the Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame as a builder of the sport.

Lorraine was also deeply dedicated to her faith communities, including St. Vital United Church, St. Mary's Road United, and United Church in Meadowood. She served and chaired numerous committees and was a member of the United Church Women, receiving Life Membership in 1998.

An avid history enthusiast, Lorraine researched the history of ladies' golf at the Winnipeg Canoe Club and her work was featured in Manitoba Links by J. Alan Hackett.

Over the last number of years, Lorraine has pursued interest in pastoral care, swimming, reading, walking and whatever a day brings along. Most of all she enjoys bringing the family together, keeping up to date with her wonderful children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoying all the special times together.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at River Ridge II, Boulevard 2 South, for their kindness and compassion. They also thank Dr. Jaramillo, the nurses, palliative care personnel and home care staff for their dedicated care.

A celebration of Lorraine's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024, at United Church in Meadowood, 1111 Dakota Street. In honor of Lorraine's vibrant spirit, please wear bright colors to the service.

Flowers gratefully declined. A donation in Lorraine's memory may be made to United Church in Meadowood or a charity of your choice.

The service will be live streamed at ucim.org with the link available on August 19. The family expresses gratitude to Ethical Death Care for their touching photo-biography video honouring Lorraine's life, accessible through the 'tributes' link at the bottom of this obituary.

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The *Winkler Morden* Voice



# Second season of visual delights opens at Gallery in the Park

By Lori Penner

Altona's Gallery in the Park launched their second season on Aug. 8, displaying the works of four artists with local connections.

Featured in the lower main gallery, April Friesen's interest in quilting and blanket making grew during the three years she lived in Japan.

Friesen calls her tapestry exhibit *Threat Intention* to describe the art of making something out of nothing.

Inspired by the multitude of discarded traditional Japanese textiles, she says she found peace in the needle. Under the guidance of her Japanese mother-in-law, the wisdom of her Mennonite grandmothers, and the genetic memory of blanket-making ancestors, both in Japan and in Canada, each of the nine pieces calls the viewer to look within and without.

Created exclusively with upcycled fabrics, each piece tells a story. As you walk through her collection, Friesen invites you to pause and to dream.

"None of the fabric I use is new. All I know about it is either told to me or what I can decipher from the fabric itself. I don't always know whose it was or where it's from. Much of it has been repurposed from many uses."

In terms of method, Friesen says she flies by the seat of her pants and allows the work to create itself.

"I do a lot of appliques. I fold over the fabric, sew the edges and add stitching to add texture, to get the shape I want."

Many of the pieces have nature themes.

"I'm a strong advocate of Indigenous land stewardship, returning to a more natural way of thinking, that we develop a renewed reverence for the world we live in, the fact that we're on this floating rock, that's floating around a star, that is flying infinitely through space. I don't think we honour that enough."

She says it feels surreal to have her work on display at Gallery in the Park.

"They are mostly stored in boxes, as I have nowhere to display them right now. I'm very happy they have some time here at the gallery in full view."

Alongside Friesen's exhibit, there are also a variety of acrylics, sketches, photography and oil paintings on display from the other three contributors: Josee Voth, Pearl Krahn, and Tim Froese.

Voth was born and raised in Altona. Now residing just outside of town, she has learned to embrace the countryside and the beauty it holds. Showing interest in art at a young age, she dabbles in painting and sketching, as well as photography.

"Beauty is everywhere, you just need to have the eyes to see it," Voth says.

Tim Froese says he's excited to have his work at the gallery.

"It's very exciting. Coming back to my roots, this is the real deal. My colour palette is bold. It's the prin-



PHOTO BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

Gallery in the Park feature artist April Friesen with her piece called, "White Eye." It's made from a combination of bedsheets, her grandmother's fabric, vintage silk, and cotton thread.

ple of 10,000 hours – the more you do something, the more it flows. It's weird to see how easy the process becomes."

Froese has 12 paintings and two sculptures on display. One painting called "Sunny" features a joyful moment when his then 10-year-old daughter found a tomato with a nose on it.

"She immediately drew a happy face on it. She's an artist herself now."

His work also tells stories, sometimes whimsical, and sometimes dark. His sculptures "Stan" and "Walter" show the challenges of mental illness.

"They're based on two men I met when I lived in the inner city and my home became a drop-in centre. It's my tribute to mental calamity."

Pearl Krahn lived in Plum Coulee area and currently calls Altona home.

"I've been drawing and colouring for as long as I could hold a pencil. I took a few years of art training in high school, and my teacher saw a lot of promise."

Krahn put her art aside for a number of years to pursue a career in nursing and raise her family.

"I returned to it a few years ago, when I took a position that finally allowed me the time."

After working with a variety of media, she switched to strictly oils a few years ago, and says she'll never go back.

"It's very therapeutic."

The exhibition will be on display until the end of September.



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Tim Froese's painting "Sunny" celebrates the joy and wonder of childhood.

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have grown over the years or have always been there. That could be economic, cultural or religious. We can be a bridge, and create a space at the table for you, and make sure you feel welcome here. And maybe we start to recognize our shared humanity. That's what gets me excited."

Peters marvels at how the organization has grown since it began less than two years ago.

"The growth has been amazing. We have so many opportunities. We also have a really active board, and they care about this place deeply. They are the reason it's become what it is today."

He says, right now, his main role is to listen and learn.

"I wear a lot of hats. I want to be a listener first. I'm not here to change everything. There are beautiful things happening here. Now how do we create some structure around the programs we get involved in, and make sure our staff and volunteers are cared for? Just because the opportunities are plenty, that doesn't mean that we as an organization are ready to jump into all of them

"I am eager to work alongside residents, volunteers, board members, and partners to build a stronger, more vibrant community together."

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> MEAL IDEAS



## Mixed Berry Whole-Wheat Muffins

1/2 cup chopped strawberries  
1/2 cup blueberries  
Preheat oven to 400 F. Grease muffin pan and set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In separate large bowl, mix egg, maple syrup, vanilla, yogurt and applesauce.

Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and stir until just combined. Do not overmix. Fold in strawberries and blueberries.

Pour batter into prepared muffin tin, filling cups about 3/4 full.

Bake 15 minutes, or until tops are golden brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Remove from oven and let cool in muffin tin 5 minutes before removing.

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 12

- 1 1/4 cups white whole-wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt
- 3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce



## Parmesan Potato Wedges

salt, to taste  
pepper, to taste  
1 cup oil, for drizzling

Boil whole potatoes 20 minutes. Remove from water and slice into wedges. Heat oven to 375 F.

In medium bowl, mix Parmesan cheese, garlic powder and onion powder. Add salt and pepper, to taste.

Dip wedges in Parmesan mixture, covering potatoes well. Place on cookie sheet drizzled in oil then drizzle oil on wedges. Bake 15 minutes then turn wedges over and bake 15 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- 5 golden potatoes
- 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder



## Blackened Spatchcock Chicken

Mix butter, heat-and-sweet seasoning and garlic powder. Using meat injector, inject mixture into chicken. Rub remaining buttered seasoning over chicken and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Place spatchcock chicken breast-side up over indirect heat and cook 35-40 minutes.

When internal temperature reaches 145 F, flip chicken breast-side down over direct heat 5 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 165 F.

Let rest 10 minutes before serving.

- 1 whole chicken
  - 1 cup melted butter or ghee
  - 2 tablespoons heat-and-sweet seasoning
  - 1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
  - salt, to taste
  - pepper, to taste
- Heat grill to 375-400 F.  
Use kitchen shears or knife to remove backbone from chicken to lay flat. Remove rib cage, if desired, or push flat with hands.

## Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady,  
I am 81 years of age. I have \$50,000 to invest. In your opinion, what is the best investment today, GIC's or Mutual Funds? My banker wants me to buy into a TD mutual fund. Thank you, Grant.

Grant,  
Considering your age, I would think you are better off with GICs rather than MFs (mutual funds) regardless of which bank you choose. Currently the GIC rates are posted at 3% - 4.5% (June, 2024). Of course, you stand to make more money on your investment if you place it in the market, but my concern would be stock market volatility. If the market turned volatile due to an unforeseen future event, you could lose a fair chunk of this investment and would need to leave it invested to realize the recovery when the market comes back. Also, we are going into a USA election this Fall and even though this is in another country, please do not underestimate the market swings that we encounter from our Southern neighbors. To be honest Grant, I would rather see you in a GIC, than in the stock market.

That being said, if the market is where you would like to go, why not consider ETFs (exchange traded funds) rather than MFs. They are much less costly and can be traded multiple times throughout the day, unlike MFs which must trade at the end of the day, based on the overall NAV price (net asset value per share). The following ETFs have lower fees and will follow a reliable market index that you can count on. Please remember that these funds are equity heavy and prone to much more volatility, but over a long-time horizon, because they are growth-oriented investments, you should expect an overall return of 7.1%.

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- Vanguard S&P 500 Index ETF
- Vanguard FTSE Canada All Cap Index ETF
- iShares Core S&P US Total Market Index ETF



Christine Ibbotson

If the stock market is something you would prefer to steer clear of, you could choose GICs. I would suggest you split and ladder up your funds into Canadian Bank GICs. To give you access to your money should you need it, I would suggest putting \$10,000-\$20,000 into a 1-year term cashable GIC offered with all the Big-5 banks at 3% (June 2024). Local credit unions typically have higher redeemable rates on 1-year cashable GICs since they want to increase their deposits. You mostly likely could get a 1-year cashable GIC from a credit union at 4% today (June 2024).

By placing \$20,000 into a cashable GIC, you still have the ability to access and use these funds should you change your mind or need money for an emergency. The balance of your investment, the \$30,000, should be put into a 1-year term non-redeemable GIC that is offered currently at all banks and credit unions for 4.5%. If you were to invest your \$50,000 this way, you would earn \$2,150 over the next 12 months.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,  
Money Lady

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## Mandarin Orange No-Bake Tarts

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project

Prep time: 10 minutes

Freeze time: 1 hour

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup  
4 mandarin oranges, peeled and segmented

In bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs with melted butter.

Press mixture into bottom of individual mini tart pans or mini muffin tin. Refrigerate crusts to set while preparing filling.

In bowl, combine Greek yogurt, vanilla and honey or maple syrup. Mix well. Spoon yogurt mixture into chilled crusts.

Freeze tarts at least 1 hour. Top with mandarin segments.