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# getinformed

## Altona health centre welcomes new manager

By Lori Penner

The Altona Community Memorial Health Centre has a new manager at the helm.

Neelam Borrison fills the vacancy left by Kevin Hamilton in August.

She began her work in the permanent position last week and comes to the facility with over 20 years of leadership experience as nurse manager and director of care at various facilities in Ontario.

"I graduated from nursing and achieved my master's degree in New York in nursing management. From there, I worked at a number of nursing positions, in acute and long-term care, as a front-line worker, supervisor, manager and director of care. I

also did some teaching in the community," Borrison says.

"So I have seen nursing from all angles. I have been in the healthcare industry for quite a while. I've seen the changes and the ups and downs. Going through these different situations has made me strong and prepared me to serve in any capacity."

Borrison has also served as a clinical specialist for the Red Cross. While working at a blood donor clinic in Altona last year, she got to see the community and meet many residents and was impressed by what she saw.

When she heard about the management position opening at the hospital, she enthusiastically applied.

"It's a close-knit community. They help each other here. They're warm.



PHOTO BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

Neelam Borrison says she is delighted to be the new manager at the Altona Community Memorial Health Centre. Her goal is to bring back 24/7 care in the Emergency Department.

Everybody knows everybody. I like that. It's a more relaxed pace of life than the other urban centres where I've worked."

Going forward, she says she'll be working with the staff and the hospital committee to bring back regular hours to the emergency department.

"Based on the physicians, nurses, and committee, we want to bring that department back to full swing as quickly as possible"

During her first few weeks as manager, she'll be working with the hospital committee to come up with a plan to accomplish this goal.

"Altona is a growing community, so this must be a priority right now. We need an emergency room that's available 24/7."

Currently, the Emergency Department is still running at reduced hours,

with no emergency services available from Monday to Thursday.

"The hospital is working with the doctors at the clinic, and we are working as a team," Borrison said. "The goal is to have full access available, seven days a week. That's the need which has been identified."

Right now, the goal is to resume 12-hour a day emergency services by Oct. 31.

"Initially we'll be focusing on recruiting and retention of staff. We need to work together to have a steady staff on hand,"

Borrison said. "Focusing on the services and safety of our clients, patients and staff is the key to getting the Emergency Department back to regular hours. As long as everybody is on the same page, we will accomplish that goal."

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# "Choose to forgive the trauma, let go of the past"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Wilma Derksen shared her journey of grief and forgiveness last Thursday as the guest speaker of the Salem Home Building for Tomorrow gala, hosted by Salem Foundation and the Salem Ladies Auxiliary.

In 1984, Derksen's 13-year-old daughter, Candace, went missing on her way home from school in Winnipeg.

Six weeks later, her body was found tied up in a shed not far from her family home. She had been left to freeze to death.

It took another 26 years before someone was convicted of her murder, though the verdict was later overturned.

The tragedy, Derksen shared, broke her and her husband, Cliff. The only way they were able to move forward was to choose to forgive.

"That was life-changing right then to know we had power over trauma," Derksen said of the night the two of them, bolstered by their Christian faith, chose the path of forgiveness.

It was through forgiveness, ultimately, that they found peace, she said, though it still has not been an easy journey.

Coming to terms with her anger was another part of it.

"I had a deep, deep anger inside of me that I had to let go of," she said, noting it was not a one-time thing but rather an ongoing, lifelong process.

Part of the process as well was seeking to move beyond negativity into positivity, working to do good in the world and listen for God's guidance as she did so.

While her husband found solace in art, Derksen found it in words. She's written several books on criminal victimization, trauma, and the justice system.

"It takes time. I had to do it my way. Cliff had to do it his way ... whatever you have to do, it's worth the trip, it's worth the effort to move from anger and bitterness," Derksen said. "Choose to forgive the trauma, let go of the past. Choose God's voice. Choose goodness."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Wilma Derksen was the guest speaker at the Salem Building for Tomorrow fundraising gala last week, which brought in over \$31,000 for renovations to the Winkler personal care home.

## CREATING A HOME

Proceeds from the evening were earmarked for the ongoing Salem Home renovation project, which is upgrading rooms built in the 1970s and '80s.

The renovations include restructuring the resident rooms for easier access, installing ceiling lifts, improving the air handling units, and updating the furnishings. The hallways have also been refreshed to make it easier for residents with dementia to navigate.

Twenty rooms have been completed thus far, and last week's gala will help them get to work on the next 20.

Salem CEO Karin Oliveira noted these upgrades bring the rooms into the 21st century and create a more

welcoming environment for residents.

"One of the residents who struggled to come to Salem said that she now feels it is more like home," she shared.

Between the structural changes, lift equipment, and new furniture, it costs approximately \$25,000 per room, so every donation helps.

"Little by little, it adds up to a lot," Oliveira stressed. "We're humbly grateful for the tremendous support in our community for the work of the foundation and ultimately the residents living at Salem Home."

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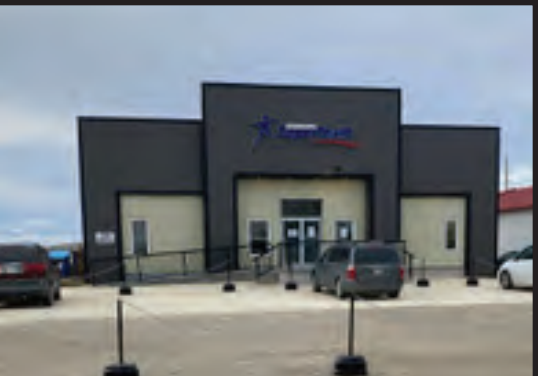
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**Wall of Lights**

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The Morden Suncatch was decorated and lit up last Thursday as part of Culture Days Manitoba. The Pembina Hills Arts Council and City of Morden invited the community to participate in the Wall of Lights where they could make and decorate their own homemade lanterns. In the end, Lily Krushel of the City of Morden and arts council programs and outreach co-ordinator Tye Dandridge-Evancio hung up about 80 pieces as part of a community art display.



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## CNIB brings its mobile hub to the Pembina Valley

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is introducing an initiative to bring its services out to rural communities in Manitoba.

The CNIB mobile hub is a new program delivery model where it visits various communities to deliver in-person programming for people who are blind or partially sighted.

The mobile hub visited Morden Oct. 4-5 at the library. It was the first of what could potentially be three to four annual visits to the community.

"It will really depend on the feedback from the community," said Ashley Nemeth, provincial director for Saskatchewan and Manitoba. "We've had mobile hubs running in Ontario, and they've been doing really well, so we wanted to bring them out west, so we're piloting them here."

CNIB is a non-profit organization driven to change what it is to be blind today. It provides programs and advocacy to help empower people impacted by blindness to live their lives while tearing down barriers to inclusion in their communities.

Nemeth noted the organization has around 175 clients in the Morden and

Winkler area, so that is a significant population of people who could use more local services.

"We've heard from a lot of our clients, especially our rural clients, that the services and programs CNIB offers aren't available to them in person," she noted. "Throughout the pandemic, we had virtual programming available ... but now that we

are moving to in-person, it's really important to connect with individuals who are in our rural communities as well.

"So we're bringing our programs and services that we offer out of our offices in Winnipeg and right to the clients here in Morden and Winkler so that they can benefit from all that we do offer," she continued.

"It's really important to have that community around you," said

Nemeth. "A lot of time the biggest barrier for people is transportation, so we remove that issue if we come to them. It makes it so much easier for them to connect with us as well as connect with people in their community."

At the CNIB Mobile Hub, participants can benefit from a number of recreational and social activities as well as employment workshops, peer support groups, and more.

"We offer a wide range of pro-

grams," said Nemeth.

"We have our peer support groups, a couple of sport and recreation programs," she said, citing the examples of yoga and Zumba classes. "We have adjusting to vision loss [support], we talk about that transition and supporting people through that transition."

The overall aim is to provide a level of support that will help their clients be able to live their lives to the fullest.

"It's making sure they are able to

maintain the quality of life," Nemeth concluded. "We want to make sure they have peer supports and a community around them and also have access to things like sport and recreation activities. People often feel they are not able to do things if they have sight loss, but in reality it can be done."

For more information, head online to [www.cnib.ca](http://www.cnib.ca).

**"IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO CONNECT WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES AS WELL"**



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CNIB's mobile hub came to Morden last week. They're hoping to bring it back to town several times a year.

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# Singin' in the Grain returns with two live concerts

By Lorne Stelmach

A major fundraiser in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank returns this year with the benefit of being free of pandemic restrictions.

It means that Singin' in the Grain is planning for two in-person concerts Saturday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Douglas Mennonite Church in Winnipeg and Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler. Admission is by donation.

The organizers welcome a return to normal after having gone virtual for the past couple of years.

"We went the route of being virtual because we know food scarcity is always there ... now to be able to do it in person again, we're really, really looking forward to it," said Pearl Braun Dyck, chairperson of the organizing committee.

Since the concerts started in 2011 they have raised over \$205,000, with the federal government then also matching that amount up to four to one.

"It has been a great fundraiser; they have done really, really well ... it's a substantial amount of money that these musicians have helped us bring in," said Braun-Dyck.

"Everybody needs to be involved in eradicating hunger in this world ... the need for food is just so great again ... that need for food has just exploded again, and we hear people to say that we want to help, we have a lot and we can share," she said.

The musicians performing this year include the CMU Singers and the Faith and Life Women's Choir under the direction of Janet Brenneman and Matt Pauls.

Brenneman is associate professor of music at Canadian Mennonite University, where she teaches music education and conducts the CMU Singers, the CMU Women's Chorus, and the CMU Festival Chorus.

Pauls enjoys teaching in the areas of voice performance, choral performance, and music theory. He has performed as a featured soloist with ensembles such as the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional del Paraguay, Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, Windsor Symphony, Canadian Chamber Choir, Pro Coro Canada, Winnipeg Singers, Guelph Chamber Choir, Windsor Classic Chorale, and the Windsor Symphony Chorus.

The CMU Singers is an auditioned choral ensemble at Canadian Mennonite University. The diverse repertoire



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

The CMU Singers (above) and the Faith and Life Women's Choir (below) perform at this year's Singin' in the Grain concert in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Shows take place in Winnipeg Oct. 29 and in Winkler Oct. 30.



is highly acclaimed and includes sacred and secular music from all eras and musical cultures.

The Faith and Life Choir's mission is to participate in the mission of the wider church and specifically that of Mennonite Church Manitoba by leading others into worship through music.

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through concerts, church and personal care home visits, CD sales and recording music for the radio broadcast ministry. They feature singers from across southern Manitoba.

All funds raised at the concerts will go towards CFGB projects addressing food insecurity around the world. Online donations are accepted at [foodgrainsbank.ca](http://foodgrainsbank.ca).

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# Koats for Kids collecting winter clothing donations

Distribution nights planned for Morden, Winkler Nov. 8-9

By Lorne Stelmach

United Way Pembina Valley is putting out a call for donations of winter clothing for its annual Koats for Kids campaign.

The donation drive runs Oct. 15 to Nov. 9, and the United Way welcomes both new and used items in good condition.

All kinds of winter items for kids and adults including jackets, snow pants, toques, mittens, scarves and anything else that will help families in need stay warm in the months ahead are needed.

"Finding coats if you have a family of four can be pretty expensive, so a program like this I think fills that kind of gap," suggested United Way board member and Koats for Kids organizer Audrey Armstrong.

"Although our area in southern Manitoba is an area that we kind of recognize as having a fair bit of wealth and resources, there still are tough times for some people; some people who struggle regularly and some who just struggle once in a while and need a bit of help."

Armstrong feels the program has been increasingly well received each

year after having started in Morden and expanded now to Winkler as well with the merger of the two United Way organizations.

"It's a well-established program, especially in Morden, and Winkler has really embraced it starting last year. We're feeling really good about it," she said.

"The number of donations last year was several hundred coats and boots, and we had good attendance as well in both communities," Armstrong noted. "It's interesting ... I know there are several who actually purchase brand new coats specifically for this program, and we also get some handmade things too ... new handmade mittens and toques and so on ... somebody in the community is putting the work into that and donating it."

"So I think it's been embraced from a lot of different directions," she added. "We think that the program is going to go over very well again."

Red donation bins will be in place at two locations starting this weekend: the Morden fire hall (194 Thornhill St.) by the shed at the back of the building and the Winkler fire hall (290 Pembina Ave.) at the front of the building.

In Morden, distribution nights will take place at the 500 Stephen Community Centre Tuesday, Nov. 8 from noon to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

In Winkler, distribution will take place at the Central Station Commu-



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United Way Pembina Valley last year distributed hundreds of pieces of winter clothing to adults and children in Morden-Winkler through their Koats for Kids campaign. They are now collecting donations for this year.

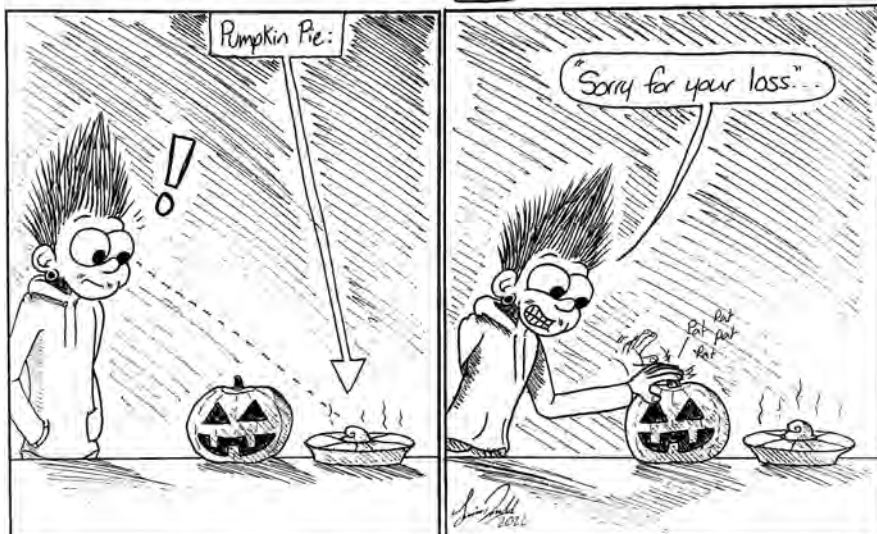
nity Centre Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 9 from noon to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge for any of the

clothing, so anyone who needs it is welcome to come pick something up. There will be items available for both children and adults.

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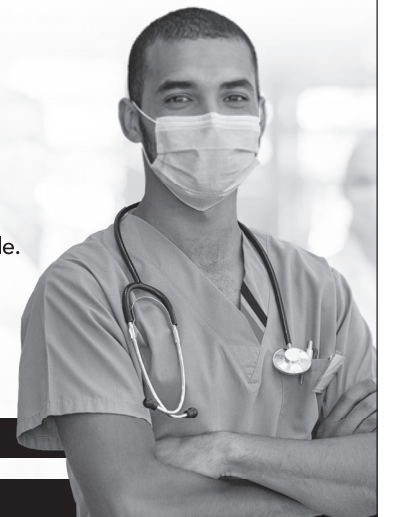


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## The power of one little breath

**I have a habit that drives my kids crazy but keeps me sane: I sigh.**

I guess I do it much more than I realize, because every time it happens, somebody asks, "Are you okay?" or "What did I do wrong now?"

But what they don't realize is I sigh for a very good reason.

I sigh so I don't scream. There are many times during the course of my day when screaming would be the perfect, automatic response. Like when the garbage bag rips open, when I see my hydro bill, when I realize that one of the kids ate the last brownie or when my cat jumps on the counter and eats a big chunk out of the roast.

But in most places and cases, screaming isn't considered an appropriate response. If I had opened that hydro bill at the post office, for example, and let out a loud shriek, there would no doubt be a small crowd of frightened people frozen with their keys in their hands, frantically wondering which exit would get them out the fastest.

If I started hollering in the store when I see the latest prices of everything, mothers would quickly and silently pull their children to another aisle. So, instead of shrieking, I sigh. And if I listen real close, I realize I'm not the only one doing it.



By Lori Penner

I hear them in lineups at the bank, in waiting rooms and beside hospital beds, at traffic lights, and in lunchrooms when coffee break is over. I hear sighs from schoolteachers when the same kid in the back row is whispering again and outside dressing rooms when the person inside asks for another size.

The act of sighing is truly an amazing thing. We unconsciously breathe in the bad, processing it, letting the reality of the number on the bathroom scale or the total on the invoice sink in. Then, when our soul is ready to release it, we let it go, slowly, carefully relinquishing that initial response of pain, shock, or disappointment, not even realizing that our body performed its own self-protective therapy without our permission, and all with a single breath.

A sigh speaks volumes. Someone once said that most of the sighs we hear have been edited. If we could hear the full version, they would tell of our anger, frustration, dismay, and fear. They would reveal something beneath the serene surface. But in-

stead of the whining, the complaining, and the expletives, we simply hear the sigh.

Along with release, a sigh signals submission or acceptance. It's silent permission our bodies give us to get over it and move on.

It's a form of meditation we often aren't even aware we're doing.

Driving home the other day, I noticed this blazing sunset in the distance. Instead of heading home, I drove west to the outskirts of town and pulled over to the side of the road, ready to receive this amazing gift of colour God had painted for me.

I watched the oranges and reds blend and fade and noticed people slowing and staring at the crazy woman standing in the cold gazing up at the sky. And as the last little fringe of gold sunk into the horizon, I sighed. It said, "Wow. Today was tough. Tomorrow will be better. And if the last thing I ever see is this sunset, I'll die happy."

Funny, how one little breath can say so much.

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# SCCR puts call out for board members

By Voice staff

South Central Cancer Resource has put out an urgent call for board members.

The non-profit, which provides resources and support to people battling cancer, is in need of at least six more board members, reports president Pam King.

"If you have either personally had cancer or had a family member/friend that has been touched by cancer, then you understand the challenges involved in navigating a cancer journey," she says. "The board of SCCR works diligently to provide many programs and services. We strive to

improve the lives of our clients and their families throughout their battle with cancer."

Board members are asked to attend regular board meetings and also help out with various SCCR events, which range from curling and golfing tournaments to car rallies and more.

"Attending these events is most rewarding and offers the opportunity for board members to promote the work of SCCR," King says.

"We are looking for individuals who care about others," she says, inviting anyone interested in learning more but not 100 per cent sure they want to commit to come to a board meeting, no strings attached, to chat with cur-



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The SCCR board of directors is looking for six new members.

rent members.

Representatives are needed from Cartwright, Miami, Manitou, La Riviere, Altona, Plum Coulee, Emerson, Morden, Morris, Letellier, Gretna, Roland, and any other community served by SCCR.

Board meetings are held monthly in Morden (or via Zoom if needed).

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# Letters

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Drs. Asham, Martens and the operating room staff at Boundary Trails for their professional and compassionate care during my most recent procedure.

Also the ward nurses, physio staff, X-ray technicians, food preparation staff, and aides were most helpful in making this a relatively relaxing recovery from surgery. Your kindness and care were greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank my roommate, José, and his family who provided me with a wonderful meal. I am looking forward to patronizing Mole Guacamole (Portage) and/or A Taste of Mexico (Winkler) in the near future.

Ian Petrie,  
Gimli

## FAILING SYSTEM

I am just writing this letter as a statement of our failing system situation.

Earlier this summer, I was travelling down a gravel road, a few miles east of Kaleida, in an open top convertible car with a friend and three young children.

I spotted a spray plane a few miles ahead and proceeded to slow down to make sure that we would not be getting any of the drift spray blown over us.

When he descended, I sped up to try

and get past him before he would pull up and start spraying again. I had to slow down one more time.

When he descended again, I managed to drive the car up the road where it then turns south and then heads east towards Goerzen's Family Farm. As we took the turn, the spray plane came up behind us, came up out of the trees behind us and headed back towards my car. As he was just over my car, he opened up his spray tank as he again descended on the field, heading in a west direction, instead of the north/south spray pattern he was previously following.

This was a deliberate attack to my vehicle and all the passengers in it. He purposely changed his flight pattern to do this, and there is no way that he did not see us as I had been on the road trying to avoid his spray for the whole length of the field, approximately 3/4 mile.

I am very concerned for the long term effects to myself, as we do not know what he was spraying, my friend as well as the children we had in our care.

After many phone calls leading me in circles, I managed to get an appointment with the RCMP to make a statement on this matter. I have now been informed that they have closed this file, as they do not see any criminal intent.

I had also contacted Transport

Canada as well as our elected officials Candice Bergen and Cameron Friesen. I have also made a complaint to Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA). I will be proceeding with another complaint, as this needs to be investigated further so that this does not happen to some-

one else.

I believe that all involved have failed to do their jobs as public servants and it's unfortunate that this behaviour can continue without consequences.

Tara Gionet,  
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# "I am a proven leader"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With four terms on city council under his belt and longtime Mayor Martin Harder opting not to run for re-election himself, Henry Siemens felt the time was right for him to take a run at the city's top job.



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After serving 16 years as city councillor, Henry Siemens is vying for the mayor's position in Winkler this fall.

He feels he would bring both experience and a steady hand to the helm.

"I am a proven leader; I've been here for 16 years," Siemens said. "I have shown a dedication and commitment to making things happen. I've been part of a team that for the past 16 years has made things happen.

"We've worked hard at community growth. We've worked hard at keeping our taxes fair and reasonable. We've worked hard at building regional partnerships," he continued. "And as we ... move forward into a much more difficult environment financially, I believe that calm, reasonable team approach is going to be vital."

The community has been through a lot over the past few years, with the pandemic leaving behind a deep divide and a lot of animosity.

That's part of why "building relationships" is point number one of Siemens's campaign plan.

"We're coming through a couple of really tough years in a lot of different ways, but primarily in terms of relationships," he reflected. "That's been probably the biggest struggle and the biggest surprise to me is how many relationships have been damaged.

"As we now look to move forward and look to get this thing headed back in the right direction, I feel it's

## Henry Siemens hopes to earn Winkler's top job

really important that we look to rebuild our relationships, that we look to strengthen the partnerships that we have, regionally, provincially, nationally."

A big part of the next few years will be "reminding everybody again of all the good things that Winkler still is," Siemens said. "We have a strong family dynamic, we have a strong business community, we have good business growth. There's so many things that are here that are worth celebrating, that are worth sharing, and that are worth protecting, ultimately.

Equally as important, Siemens stressed, is healing the rifts within the community.

"There have been a lot of people who haven't felt heard these last couple of years, and quite often when you don't feel heard then you put your point across more aggressively," he said, emphasizing the importance of being open to hearing varied points of view while trying to make the best decisions for the community.

"That's one of the things that I've always worked on is to take the time to listen, to take the time to work very hard at building relationships," Siemens said. "I feel that I am uniquely qualified to do some of the work that needs to happen on the relationship side of things."

Building partnerships is also top of mind for Siemens, who points in example to the City's involvement with the Central Station Community Centre, which oversees the former Manitoba Housing units that came under the community's control a few years ago.

"The partnership that we have with Central Station to not just be landlords but also be a support network ... I'm really excited to see some of that continue.

"We've worked very, very hard to support places like Central Station that are here as a bit of a social safety net," Siemens continued. "We have tremendous challenges in Winkler, there's no doubt about that. It's not all a rose garden. But that being said, there are many good groups doing terrific work in our community and it's important that they continue to be celebrated."

Looking to the future, Siemens said he's committed to continuing helping Winkler grow. Part of that is ensuring it has the infrastructure it needs to sustain that growth.

Along those lines, public transportation has been a topic of discussion for years now, and Siemens is optimistic real headway will finally be made in

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# Eden Mental Health Centre reopens

By Voice staff

The Eden Mental Health Centre (EMHC) is up and running again.

A late August rainstorm flooded the Winkler facility, leaving behind a great deal of damage and creating air quality issues that necessitated the evacuation of patients and staff.

Patients were temporarily housed in Salem Home and Eden's Linden Place housing program while the building was assessed and repairs got underway.

"We are very grateful for the hard work that has gone into preparing our centre for occupancy," Eden CEO Brad Unger said in an update last week. "So many people have gone above and beyond to help ensure we are able to provide care for those in our communities who need our men-

tal health services.

"A special thanks goes to the team at Salem Home. We couldn't have done this without their immediate and generous assistance."

After five weeks of displacement, the facility received clearance for patients and staff to return to modified patient treatment areas.

The building has several separated construction zones where repair work will continue over the next several months

The first repairs will be done on affected patient rooms so that EMHC capacity can return to normal as soon as possible.

The second stage of repair work will be done in the kitchen, dining room, and activities areas. In the meantime, EMHC will be receiving food services



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While the Eden Mental Health Centre (EMHC) patients are back in the building, the facility's kitchen is still under repair due to water damage, so Salem Home is helping out with meals for the foreseeable future. From left: Salem CEO Karin Oliveira, EMHC program director Karma Sheppard, and Eden CEO Brad Unger.

from Salem Home.

"EMHC would like to express appreciation to the patients and their family members for their understanding during this challenging time," the centre said in a statement. "Thanks

also goes out to Eden's healthcare partners: Southern Health-Sante Sud, Shared Health, and the Provincial Department of Mental Health and Community Wellness."

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# "I thought there needs to be a second voice on that ballot"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Since announcing his candidacy for the mayoral role on Winkler city council a few weeks ago, Karl Krebs has been clear he's in this race to get people talking, win or lose.

"There's always a win in the process of raising the issues I've raised, which are clearly articulated in the form that every household, every door in this city will have," Krebs said of the campaign material he's been distributing door-to-door. "Whether I become mayor or someone else becomes mayor, I hope those issues will make their way onto the agenda of council."

Krebs explained he initially had no intentions of running for public office, despite the urging of supporters, who he's amassed through the pandemic by being a vocal critic of provincial and federal COVID-19 restrictions and public health orders.

"But as we got closer—I took a few months off just to sort of recalibrate, coming back from Ottawa and all that that was," he said, referring to his involvement with last winter's three-week occupation of the capital by critics of vaccine mandates. "And it was in that time I was waiting for an option, a choice to emerge."

"It was apparent from talking to certain business leaders that nobody wanted to run. And I felt that people needed a choice ... I thought there needs to be a second voice on that ballot."

Krebs grew up in Winnipeg but has called Winkler home for two decades. He ran his own automotive business here for years, importing and selling vehicles, before becoming a long-distance trucker.

He explained he left behind that job due to vaccination mandates and is not currently actively employed,

though he is a distributor for a health and wellness company called Life-Wave.

When it comes to what issues Winkler is facing today, Krebs begins by talking about the COVID-19 vaccination debate that has divided the community.

"I think as far as top priority, I think Winkler people have demonstrated a resilience to being told what to do as opposed to choosing what to do," he said. "When you look at the low vaccination rate here in the area, it speaks to the testimony of people who have said, 'I will choose what is right for me in accordance with my faith and in counsel with faith leaders and in counsel with God.'"

Rebuilding community will be important in the years ahead, Krebs said, stressing Winkler needs to be a community "where we can make allowances for each others' differences of opinion, differences of choice, differences of even faith."

"I want to grow the sense of community here [so] that we become stronger, that we heal some of those wounds that have developed."

Asked to share his thoughts on a few other challenges that might be on the table for the next council, such as affordable housing, Krebs noted the term is "almost an oxymoron" as housing prices continue their upward trend.

"Cost of housing is a challenge here," he acknowledged. "But we're a free market based economy, so the market will determine where the price points are."

"I don't believe that any government can provide for affordable housing, but it can create the environment in which people can prosper to be able to make those purchases."

To that end, he believes council must

do what's needed to allow businesses to grow and thrive, including providing all the necessary infrastructure.

"Government is best when it's out of the way and allows the spirit of the entrepreneur that rises to the occasion."

As a faith-based community, Krebs believes churches should have a strong position at council.

"Insomuch as the churches wish to be a part and make their concerns known, council needs to afford them that position, because faith is a big part of our community," he said.

He also promises to be a transparent and accessible mayor, reachable 24 hours a day to hear concerns.

One of Krebs' other platform points attests that "council has the right to govern the city free from other levels of unlawful government interference."

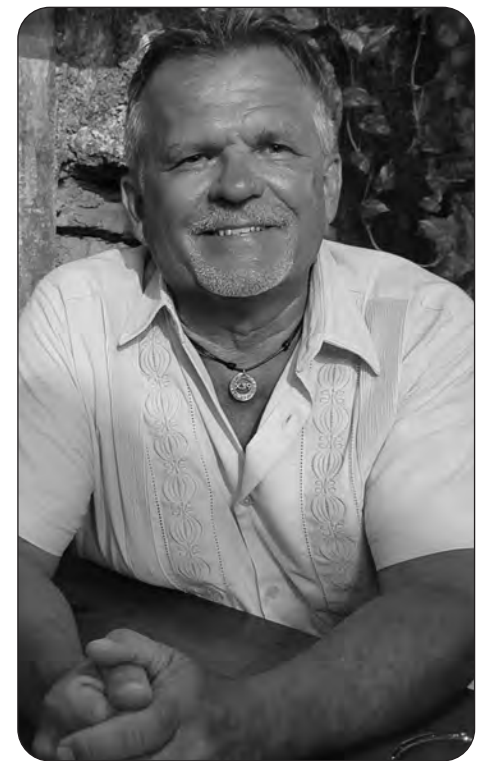
This is in line with a stance he took last fall when he appeared before council as a member of the Things That Matter group with a proposal that the community become a "sanctuary city" where the provincial health mandates and restrictions relating to COVID-19 would not be enforced. Council voted unanimously against the request.

Krebs stressed he is "not an insurrectionist."

"But this council and the mayor who heads that council needs to be cognizant of the fact that he's appointed, elected, and given a mandate by the city to govern. And his first and foremost responsibility is to the people of Winkler, to their interests, and to their values," he said, stressing those values might include the belief that mandates are a "harsh imposition on our community" and worthy of further discussion.

"We're not simply going to obey it because it's been mandated, because mandates are not laws."

Asked frankly why voters should elect someone to a po-



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Karl Krebs hopes to get people talking with his mayoral run.

sition of authority who has been so critical of the rule of law, Krebs shared his suspicions on the global pandemic and the efficacy of vaccination and mask-wearing.

"There was a time when we weren't sure, but now we know. We know what COVID has been—it has been a crisis of COVID first and foremost before anything else," he said. "Because the synchronicity of what's happening all over the world indicates to us that this was a manufactured, well-constructed, orientated, choreographed event of the world. And there was something about it that had an odour that I think a lot of people questioned."

As a result, he likens his role as a protest organizer and participant to the Civil Rights movement in the U.S.

"When we ... believe that the government has not served the best interests of the community, then we as a people have a right to protest that," Krebs said, stressing the importance of "peaceful, passive resistance."

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this next term.

"We're in the midst of doing some studies in that regard already," he said, noting plans in the past have all fallen through for one reason or another. "But as I'm hearing from more and more user groups, more and more employers, it's one of the things that despite the difficulty of getting it going, both financially and operationally and structurally, I think we're at a place where we can't not do it anymore ... it's no longer just, 'This would be a good thing to have.' It's become a necessity."

So too is the wastewater treatment project, which has been put on hold due to high tenders, and additional affordable housing, another recent project that is in limbo thanks to skyrocketing costs.

"So there's going to need to be a lot of work in order to get some of those infrastructure needs back on track," Siemens said, noting the new council will be tasked not only with getting these projects off the ground but figuring out how to do it in as economical a way as possible.

"We're going to invest in the infrastructure that our city needs so we can sustainably grow, and we're going to continue to focus on keeping our taxes fair."

Siemens has been deputy mayor in Winkler for 12 of his 16 years on council.

In his day job, he owns and operates Serious Marketing, a local advertising agency that recently celebrated 10 years in business.

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# Meet the candidates

Ward 1 voters in the RM of Stanley have five candidates running for four seats. Here's a look at who's on the ballot:

## ROBERT FEHR

If Robert Fehr is elected to serve on Stanley council, he vows to do so with an open mind about the issues.

"It's not that I'm upset with anybody on council. I just would like to be part of it and help figure out where things are going and see if I can help move things along," he said. "It's more about what I'm hearing from people ... it's the people, the constituents, it's their agenda that I'm working on ... it's not about my agenda."

Fehr has lived in the area for 40 years and recently retired from working as a custodian for Garden Valley School Division.

He has served on the Stanley Soil Management Association board for about 20 years, and he and his wife owned and operated Pure Joy Naturals for nearly a decade.

"We built it up from a coffee table business in her house ... now we've got it to a fairly decent size business over the time that we've had it."



Robert Fehr

He recalled first being approached to run for election 30 years ago by a councillor who was retiring at the time.

"Because of family and farming and working, it just wasn't possible," he said. "It's finally that period of life where I have

more time to actually be able to do this now.

"I would just like to get to know more about what's happening behind the scenes and with different projects," he continued. "I know there's people here with various concerns. I would like to be able to help address that and bring things before council to see if there's something that can be done with the issues that I'm hearing about."

"With growth comes challenges, no doubt about that ... and there's issues that people are bringing to my attention that I know need to be dealt with."

"Roads seem to be a fairly consistent issue. I know some of them are in our jurisdiction," said Fehr, who also cited infrastructure issues such as drainage as well as water and wastewater. "I would like to be in on the ground floor to try to help advance projects like those that need to be done."

He sees his business experience as being a key trait that could help him be a benefit at the council table.

"With operating our own business, I have a good idea of what it takes to start up a business and grow a business," said Fehr. "We are involved with missions as well, so there's actually a wide range of things that have meaning for us."

## PETER FROESE

Experience is clearly the key thing that Peter Froese would bring to the council table if he is re-elected in the RM of Stanley.

The veteran councillor has served 16 years on council, including eight as the deputy reeve, and he is more than prepared to carry on serving not only

the municipality but the wider region as a whole.

"I like to think that I am community minded," said Froese. "My definition of being community minded is trying to do what is best for our neighborhood, municipality and region."

"We need to be working together with our neighboring municipalities to make all of our constituent's lives a better place to live and work in," he continued.

"We have learned that working together we can accomplish more than working by yourself. This is why I have decided to run again for council, to continue what we have started as being good neighbors."

Froese has been a Reinfeld area farmer for his entire life, while in more recent years also dabbling in the development of some area properties.

He has gained a lot of experience as a result of his council role.

Over the years, he has served on numerous council committees ranging from utilities to finance and administration.

In addition, he has served on many boards including the MSTW planning district, Winkler district health clinic board, Pembina Valley Water Co-op and Winkler Curling Club as well as the Winkler Stanley fringe committee and as a Stanley business centre rep.

"I also have served in our church as a board member and as a deacon," added Froese. "Coaching minor hockey and junior curling was also a highlight in my past."

Froese identified a few key projects he sees as priorities for council moving forward.

"Stanley has many projects on the go such as the corridor water reservoir, the wastewater treatment plant with service to the villages of Reinfeld and Schanzenfeld area and the continuing of the village paving projects and pathways."

Froese sees himself as continuing to play an important role at the council table.

"I hope to bring stability, leadership and a vision for a great place to reside and work in," he concluded. "Planning for the future, which includes healthy, vibrant communities and a strong agricultural base."



Peter Froese

## BOB (CHOMPER) GIESBRECHT

Bob Giesbrecht is a familiar face around the RM of Stanley council table.

He has now served as a councillor for the past three terms, and he is ready for a fourth go-round if re-elected.

His decision to run again remains the same as what led him to get involved the first time.

"I want to continue helping to make the RM of Stanley a great area for the people that live and work here," said Giesbrecht. "I want to continue to be a voice and someone who listens and helps to get things done. I want to work on making the RM

a safer place."

Giesbrecht and his wife have lived in and owned property in the RM of Stanley for the last 30 years, and they have raised their family here.

He worked in the transportation industry for the last 40 years, and Giesbrecht now has varied experience with the municipal council, having served in various committee roles including fire, justice, conservation and drainage.

Giesbrecht sees all of that leaving him well positioned to continue to play a valuable role with council.

"I have experience having been on council for the last 12 years," he said. "I want to continue to be a voice for the people of the RM."

"I am approachable and want to listen and be available to help the residents with their concerns," he added.

He identified a few key priorities for council to address in the next term.

"We definitely need to address the future growth in the area and the need for wastewater management and a sufficient water supply," said Giesbrecht, who added other key areas include "proper drainage and drivable roads, especially after the drought and flood in the past years."

"We also need to be fiscally responsible to keep taxes reasonable for the people in Stanley. I would consider this important for our future," he continued.

"Our current council has already been working towards these goals, and I would like to continue working with them to so that we can work toward getting this achieved," he concluded.

"The RM of Stanley is a beautiful place. If you look in the villages and at the farm yards, you can see the pride and the work that people put in to keep their properties well kept. I want to continue to be a part of helping these communities with their goals for community and recreation."

## JON GOERTZEN

Jon Goertzen sees a couple factors as being in his favour as he seeks a seat on the RM of Stanley council.

"I've always had an interest in politics - starting with American then transitioning to Canadian and now seeing that there's an opportunity to serve locally," said Goertzen. "I felt that I have something to offer this community in local politics."

"I'm younger than most of the current councillors, and with that comes room for growth and learning from the incumbents," he added. "But I view my age and contrasting position in life as potentially a different perspective, which I believe could be of benefit to the RM."

Goertzen was born and raised in the village of Reinfeld. He moved to Winkler in 2014 and then returned to Reinfeld this year.

"I started my career in carpentry in 2011 working



Bob Giesbrecht

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for a local construction company," he noted. "In 2015 we had our first child, and I started my own company, Frontier Construction. In 2020, we had our second child, and both my wife and I have enjoyed moving back to Reinfeld."

Goertzen would welcome the opportunity to serve the municipality with an open mind.

"I have no particular agenda," he said. "I'm simply excited about the opportunity to get involved, grow in knowledge and experience and contribute to the decision making for our RM wherever I'm needed, as able."



Jon Goertzen

There are a variety of issues being faced by the municipality, and Goertzen touched on how he would approach it all.

"With respect to key priorities for council to address, I would suggest a continued listening approach," he said. "Whenever you have a large group of individuals, it comes with

individual challenges and perspectives.

"In my experience running a small company, there is rarely a solution or plan that makes everyone 100 per cent happy," he added.

"What makes great communities great is simple; it's because people work together, give and take and make it work," he concluded.

"To date, this has been my experience with the RM. They do their best to meet the needs and address concerns of individuals while still keeping the interests of the whole in mind. That's what excites me about this opportunity."

RAY UNRAU

Ray Unrau has held a life long commitment to his community, so he sees that as being at the heart of it all as he seeks re-election to Stanley council.

"I think it just keeps me in touch with things ... I think I know what people are expecting and looking for from council ... and communication is key to everything," said Unrau.

"I think it's really important that we keep communicating with our villages. Every village has a group that comes to council once a year and shares their concerns, so that's been great," he noted. "It's something I re-

ally want to keep going ... and especially keep supporting our community centres and ice rinks and parks. All of these things are important to me ... I just want it all to continue."

The village of Neuenberg has been home for Unrau and his family for 40 years, and he most recently retired from work as a custodian for the school division.

"I was involved way back in getting water into our village, starting our community centre," noted Unrau.

"If I look back at how far our communities have come now since we moved here ... all of the services like water, paving, recycling, internet ... it's great. Drive around our communities, and they look great and are doing great, so I'm proud of that and I'm proud to be part of it."

He has built up some good experience on council including currently serving as chairperson for roads while also being involved as well with planning and finance. Other roles range from the library board to the Morden fire department.

"Especially the last two years, I've been going to extra meetings to educate myself a bit better on how everything works," he noted.

"It's been busy, but I am retired, so I

have time for it. I always said I would do when I was retired," said Unrau. "It's been great. I've had a great experience with it so far. The staff are really good to work with, and the councillors have been good as well."

Unrau said he would like to remain involved to help see some key initiatives through to completion.

"There's a lot of bigger projects that still need to be completed," he said.

"We're working on the water reservoir by the hospital now, so that's a huge project. Coming off a drought year, you saw the importance of water. And of course sewer is a big one," he said.

"There's some big challenges, and roads is definitely one of them as well," he concluded. "And I think we've been working hard to make a better quality of life for everyone."



Ray Unrau

—Profiles written by Lorne Stelmach/Voice

# Meet the candidates

Rhineland Ward 2 and Ward 3 voters head to the polls Oct. 26. Here's who wants your vote:

WARD TWO (2 seats)

HANK FROESE

The time was right for Hank Froese to put his name forward for a seat on the RM of Rhineland council.

Born and raised in the region, Froese worked for 31 years with a flax straw processing business, where he has served in IT and human resource roles as well as manager for the last 10 years.

"I'm recently semi-retired, and I thought I have some time to spend on some of these things in the community and to work for the community that I've really enjoyed living in for the last 21 years," he said.



Hank Froese

"It's basically an oppor-

tunity to serve my community and to keep engaged in the community," Froese added.

Aside from his work background, Froese also has been involved at the community level, ranging from coaching minor sports to serving on the Pembina Counselling Centre board as well as the Winkler Chamber of Commerce.


He feels his experience all combines to give him what he feels could be a valuable voice at the council table.

"Most of my background as far as work is in the ag industry. I have a very good background in the agriculture sector," he said.

"I have a strong background in administration and in working with people," he added. "I think I have an ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds ... my years of experience in management and human resources."

Froese touched on a number of priorities, and he shares the concerns of a

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majority of residents about the lack of cell phone service in the region.

"It is a big item ... I think everyone knows and would appreciate it can be improved upon along with access to high speed internet, which is not always available in some areas.

And there are always ongoing issues such as drainage, road conditions and dust control.

"I would agree there is a need to make sure the roads are kept up. There's some heavy traffic ... and as traffic increases, we need to make sure the roads are adequate to handle the increased traffic in some areas."

There is also the impact of having gone from extreme drought one year to severe flooding the next.

"We've been at both ends of it," said Froese. "I think, a couple years ago, everybody realized the depth of our water supply ... that's something to keep in the forefront, to make sure our water supply is secure."

**ARCHIE HEINRICHS**

With more than 30 years of experience in municipal politics, it would seem strange to not have Archie Heinrichs at the council table for another term in the RM of Rhineland.

It has been a big part of his life since moving to Plum Coulee in 1980, and he has seen so much change, especially since the town came under the umbrella of the RM of Rhineland.

"It has been very good. We at first were skeptical and doubtful, but it turned out very good, and it has been positive ... we've been able to move ahead," he said. "It's a larger entity, so as a larger entity, you are able to do more things."

"I've been involved with the community the whole time with all of the developments and things that have happened through the years. Plum Coulee has changed quite a bit.

"Now we see so much more going on, so much more of what we had planned back 10, 20 years ago that were all dreams at the time, and now they are coming true," he added. "I guess that's what keeps me going. I really like and have a passion for our



**Archie Heinrichs**

community. I want to be involved with it and keep it going.

"Every year, we seem to tackle more, and there are things I would like to see finished," he said. "I want to see the place where we live be able to grow."

Heinrichs obviously has valuable experience to offer at the council table given his involvement in so many areas of council.

"I do have a little bit of background in a lot of things," he said.

"Through the most part, the councils I have been working with have been very good," said Heinrichs. "Today's growth in both the urban and rural areas is tremendous, and I'm enjoying that and hoping to see it all get finished."

He identified a few key priorities. "One of the main challenges this spring of course was water ... we realized how we are still so vulnerable as far as water goes," he said. "We are working on drainage and trying to work on different ways to handle it but in a uniform way.

"A priority as well is with our development and our growth. It's going at a speed that we have never had before, and I believe that is something that is a very big priority.

"With our infrastructure, it is very

important to try to keep ahead of the game," he added. "I do believe planning is something where we need to do more than just a 10 year plan.

"I feel I've had my hands in almost everything we do with council," he concluded. "And I feel we're going the right way, and I would love to keep it going that way."

**JUNE LETKEMAN**

June Letkeman cannot help but be involved in almost everything going on in her community, so it is no surprise she is seeking re-election to the RM of Rhineland council.

"I've always been involved in the communities where I live," said Letkeman, who has had extensive involvement including being deputy mayor of Plum Coulee.

She has been chairperson of the Boundary Trails Health

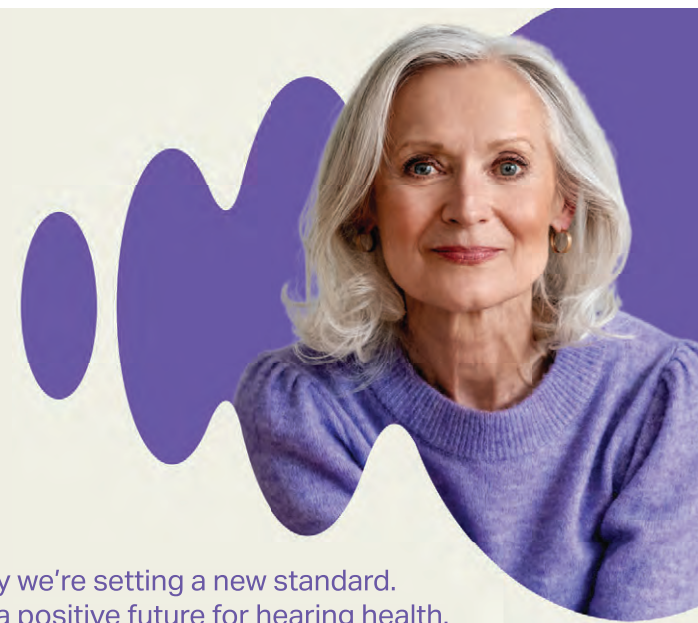


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Centre Foundation and played a prominent role with the South Central Cancer Resource board. She also has served with the Plum Coulee community foundation and the chamber of commerce as well as chairing the heritage and recreation committee and chair of the pedestrian bridge committee.

As a member of council, she has also had roles on the South Central Regional Library board as well as with the Pembina Valley Development Corporation and both tourism and health.

"I've had a lot of experience with a lot of different boards, and I'm involved in a lot of things actually," she said. "I just love it ... I know I'm not young, but I think I'm young enough to do another four years."

Letskeman noted how the growth of the region presents a range of challenges.

"In the past term, we've had to deal with three huge challenges with COVID, flooding and the drought," she said.

"And really important to our region as well is getting a more permanent supply of water and also the upgrade to the plant at Letellier so we can pump more water. The drought is way more serious ... even though we have water now, we don't have a permanent water supply, and we really need one.

"Drainage is also a very important thing ... it's a big concern, I think, for any municipality," added Letskeman, who also cited other priorities ranging from addressing the lack of cell service to the need for recreation and other services for the smaller communities like Rosenfeld.

She offered her thoughts on what she feels she would bring to the council table.

"I'm a hard worker, and I care deeply about the municipality, and I'm confident that I can be an asset on the council. I also think it's important that they have a woman on council. It adds a different perspective," she suggested.

"For me, I think it's just that I love serving my community, and if there's something I can do to help our municipality and make it the best place to live, that's my goal," she concluded. "I really love our municipality and our area, and the people are wonderful ... I just feel that I should give back."

WARD THREE (2 seats)

JOHN DUECK

John Dueck's political career was a case of "put up or shut up," he recalls

with a chuckle.

He first earned his seat in Rhineland in a by-election five years ago.

"I offered my opinion on things that I thought were necessary and needed pushing from a farm standpoint," he says. Dueck has been farming north of Horndean in Ward 3 of the RM for decades.

He was told he might want to take all his ideas and run for council to do something about them—so he did.

"This is an opportunity for me to use my expertise that I've gained over 40 years of farming in creating policy," Dueck says, noting he feels the voice of the farmer is an important one to have on council.

Dueck is seeking another term in office because there's still a lot he'd like to accomplish.

"We have had a good team and I look forward to working with a good team going forward," he says. "But there's always some issues that need to be resolved.

"We're currently getting more involved with LiDAR [Light Detection and Ranging elevation data] as far as doing our drainage work," he says. "We're also involved with the Red River Basin Commission because, of course, the Red River flood situation affects Rhineland as well,

"Getting involved with the technology as far as drainage, approaching it more from a scientific standpoint, is something that I enjoy and I think is necessary so we make informed decisions."

Dueck says he's enjoyed his job over the past handful of years, during which time he's chaired the RM's personnel committee and was a member of the finance committee.

"Interaction with the people and the people on the council itself" are among the highlights for him, he notes, adding he's been "involved with various farming organizations over my career—this is an extension of that."

Dueck's involvements include board and committee work with the Sun Valley Co-op, Keystone Agricultural Producers, St. John's Lutheran council, and Manitoba Pool Elevators. He was also the president of JJEB Enterprises Ltd.

Serving is his way of giving back.

"I've benefited from other people working and taking on these positions when I didn't have the time ... so it's

a matter of paying back somewhat," Dueck says. "Taking that learned experience over the years and helping to form policy going forward."

A middle child of 12, Dueck shares that he's well-versed in the art of compromise.

"So the idea of bridging different opinions ... trying to form consensus is something I've had experience with," he says. "And certainly farm communities or farm organizations, there's never a shortage of opinions. You need to bridge the divide to make sure that policy is based on the whole spectrum."

DEBRA ENNS

Debra Enns feels her vast and varied experience will serve her well as a member of the RM of Rhineland council.

She sees herself as being well prepared now to take on this role as she

seeks to land one of the two seats to represent Ward 3.

"I feel basically I have been in training for years for this. Everything I have done up until now has kind of led me here," she suggested. "I do feel like I can bring something to the table."

Enns grew up in Gnadenthal and has always lived and worked in RM of Rhineland including being involved in operating a farm two miles west of Altona.

She also ran a small retail business in Altona and chaired retail merchants



Debra Enns

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John Dueck

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association there as well as having served on a school advisory board.

Early on, she volunteered for local MLA Jack Penner, and that was the start of her involvement in politics.

"I think that was my start in working with the different levels of government," said Enns, who now works with MLA Josh Guenter.

"I have worked behind the scenes on many elections," she added, noting she then also served for many years as chairperson of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation and remains involved with hospital expansion committee.

In addition, she sees her having been a member of the Red River College board of governance as also providing her with great experience.

There were a couple key factors that led her to think this was the right time to run for council.

"I genuinely care about this ... and it's a natural progression. I love where I live and want to improve upon what

we have to offer, and I just want to be part of it," she said. "I believe in choice. I am giving residents of ward three a choice. It is not good for councils or the residents of the municipality to go without an election."

Drainage and roads are among her key priorities for the region.

"I would like to see improvements to our infrastructure to meet future needs," she said, citing the need for internet and cell service in the region.

Water is another major concern.

"Two years of drought has shown us that we cannot wait for this to be a disaster without supplying the residents with water."

As well, Enns noted small but growing communities like Rosenfeld need access to recreation and other key services to maintain their communities.

"I believe my biggest strengths would be passion and commitment, understanding the issues and my willingness to learn if I do not," she concluded.

**JAKE HEPPNER**

It started with a by-election victory for Jake Heppner, and he now has two full terms under his belt on the RM of Rhineland council.

He welcomes the opportunity to sit for another four years in service to the municipality that is home.

"I wanted to make a difference ... and with the financial end of it, you want accountability, and you want to see a healthy, vibrant municipality. That was one of the things that first drew me," said Heppner.

"Now, having been on council for 10 years, we have a couple projects that we are working on or have just barely started I would like to see finished."

For Heppner, who has run a diversified farming operation in the region for 35 years, he sees a number of priorities including addressing what was revealed by the severe drought of 2021 and its impact on our water supply.

"I would like to see the Letellier

water treatment plant expanded and really push for that in the next term because that is really restricting us in growth ... all of our communities are expanding or growing," he said.



Jake Heppner

Things like drainage and roads are ongoing concerns, he added, citing the impact of flooding now this past year.

"Our infrastructure system can't handle it ... so there's always drainage that needs to happen, and farmers are growing more sensitive crops that they want to see better drainage," he said. "It's hard to move water out quickly when we get big rain events like four or five inches."

Heppner thinks his experience with council would be a benefit moving forward.

"I have been the finance chair for the last six years. That is a strength. I know what the financial picture looks like and what we are doing to maintain it," he suggested.

"There's also community involvement and volunteering for certain organizations," he added. "I can still continue that while I am on council."

Heppner also feels that he can bring a good perspective to council decision-making.

"I think I'm a good listener ... a lot of time, I'm a critical thinker. If there's issues, I like to think them through well before moving on them ... sometimes it doesn't hurt to think things through more so when you move, you're making the right decision," he concluded.

—Profiles written by Lorne Stelmach and Ashleigh Viveiros/Voice



# Juried Art Show

Outstanding art from across central Manitoba is on display this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden. A selection of work from the 40th annual Central Region Juried Art Show has been touring the region and concludes this month in Morden. There were 51 submissions from 21 artists. "It's a celebration of the immense talent that we have in all of central Manitoba," said Pembina Hills



Arts Council programs and outreach co-ordinator Tye Dandridge-Evancio. "It's a tremendous opportunity for us as a gallery, and it's also a tremendous opportunity for the community as well to come in and see the incredible things that Manitoba artists are doing. It's super important for us to be able to host it." The show includes the People's Choice Award winning piece by Morden's own Jen Martens (far left)

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# Meet the candidates

Altona voters have eight candidates vying for six seats on council. Here's a glimpse at who they are:

## PERRY BATCHELOR

Perry Batchelor is certainly no stranger to community service, having spent 25 years as an officer with the Altona Police Service.

Batchelor retired from his role as police chief this summer (a job he'd held since 2010) and is now setting his sights on serving in a new way: as a town councillor.

"I think I have a pretty good knowledge of municipal politics," he says in reflecting on what prompted him to run. "I've worked with council for many years and I understand how things work."

"I think I have something to offer, certainly from the public safety aspect, but, also, being part of that management team for many years within the Town of Altona—public works, recreation, finance,



Perry Batchelor

police—gives me a pretty good knowledge of what goes on in other departments."

That experience coupled with the flexibility retirement provides meant the time was right to make the jump into municipal politics, Batchelor says.

He feels the community is on the right track and he'd like to play a role in keep-

ing it that way.

"I think our community's in great shape and we want to make sure it continues down that path," he says, pointing to a few of the challenges facing Altona today. "We've got some road issues, with our Centre Ave. for example. We've got our health care issues, like every other community in Canada."

"Those two areas should be priorities," Batchelor says, adding public safety is also a topic he's passionate about. "That's all levels—ambulance service, police service, fire and rescue. All first responders all play a critical role in a safe community."

Batchelor notes that he considers himself to be a good listener. As councillor, he'd invite community members to share their concerns with him so he can see what can be done about them.

"I like to think of myself as someone who will at least give you my ear—you're not necessarily going to get everything that you're coming for, but I also understand compromise."

Prior to his policing career, Batchelor was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces for 17 years.

His military days kept him on the move but it was always his desire to one day return home to the Altona area, where he grew up, to raise his family.

He's gotten involved in the community in a myriad of ways since he's been back, including heading up minor hockey, serving on the community foundation board, and being involved with both junior and minor baseball.

## TAMMY BRAUN

Tammy Braun's roots in Altona run deep.

Born and raised here, Braun brought up her own kids in the community and enjoyed a long career here as a quality control lab technician at Bunge.

Volunteerism has always been a big part of her life, she says, and she's been proud to have had a hand in countless events and projects over the years.

"I've volunteered quite a bit in the community, from cooking hot dogs at the rink, making ball diamonds, partaking in fundraisers, bake sales, the Scotties, volunteering at the Rhineland Food Bank to packing food for Meals on Wheels."

Braun is currently serving as a member of the Altona Police Board and the Rhineland C.A.R.E senior support services board.

"I like the community," she says in explanation for what's kept her involved through all her working years and now in retirement as well.

Running for council is a natural next step, Braun says.

"The town of Altona, the community, has always been a big part of my life. My dad ran a family business here for many years. I've raised my kids here. Now I want to put some time back into the community."

"I think it's a great place to live and it's got lots of advantages," she continues. "I'd like to see the town grow economically in a lot of ways. Growth within the community is important to me. I feel as if we need to keep jobs here for our adults of today."

"Right now I feel I have the time to try and do as much as I can to advocate [for the community]."

Braun feels she would bring a good work ethic to the council table if elected.

"When there's an idea in my head I try to look at all the avenues to make it work," she says. "Living in the community all of my life, I believe I know how people here think and what they might be looking for."

"I feel I'm a good listener, I'm approachable when it comes to issues that matter," Braun continues. "It's important to me to have a council that works in harmony with the Town of Altona to find solutions and solve problems that matter."

There are certainly plenty of challenges the community needs to tackle if it's going to continue to grow, Braun says, pointing in example to the need for council to continue to advocate for improved local health care services, increased childcare spaces, and economic development by way of attracting larger companies to town which in turn brings jobs, new residents, and sustained growth across other sectors.

"We need somebody to advocate for the town and I think a good, aggressive councillor will do that."

## CHERYL DUECK

Cheryl Dueck has been an active member of the Altona community since moving here over 16 years ago, and now she hopes to ramp up her involvement with a seat on town council.

Dueck, a retired W.C. Miller Collegiate teacher, has been involved over the years with the Altona & Area Family Resource Centre, Access Credit Union

board, Altona Community Foundation, and her church board.

"I have been on a lot of committees and I like working together with people to figure out solutions for different things in our community," she says on what prompted her to throw her hat in the ring. "And I had lots of encouragement from a number of key friends and family."

Dueck considers giving back to be a key part of life and integral to a thriving community.

"Supporting people that are around me is a really big priority for me," she says.

Her husband serves as a councillor in the RM of Rhineland (they have farmland near Horndean), and so she's seen firsthand the impact the role of councillor can have.

It's a job she feels she's well-suited for and has the time to do it right.

"I'm committed to being as helpful as I can to the community and being a great collaborator, working together with whoever's on council," she says.

Dueck looks forward to the opportunity to dive into the issues facing the community today.

One that comes to mind immediately is water—"having enough water and having controls when there's too much water," she says, stressing the importance of staying on top of required infrastructure improvements.

The community's need for a new daycare is another topic she feels strongly about.

"That's a big, big priority," she says. "To support the young families in our community, we definitely need a [larger] daycare."

On the whole, though, while she's certainly aware of these and other issues, Dueck isn't heading into this job with a platform in tow.

"I don't go into this position having set ideas," she says, stressing the importance of research and consultation with community members before "taking a side on things."

That said, she's "excited about the opportunity to spend time and energy researching the key issues and collaborating with the town council to find great solutions."

## LYLE DUNSMORE

Lyle Dunsmore spent his working years with Manitoba Hydro, first coming to Altona in 1983.

"Like every young guy, I came to town figuring, well, I'll come here for five years and see where it goes," he recalls. "Now I've been here almost 40 years ... and I really have no desire to leave."

"I think it's a good town. I like it and have become integrated into the community," he says, reflecting on how "the best thing I did when I first came to town was I joined the fire department. That was a good bunch of guys who cared."

His day job—where he ended up being on call fre-



Cheryl Dueck



Tammy Braun

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quently—meant he was only able to serve a handful of years before being on call as well for the fire department began to conflict, but they were good years, Dunsmore says, and a great way to give back and get to know Altona.

More recently, his volunteer efforts have included working at the local food bank, with Special Olympics, and at his church.

If elected, this wouldn't be Dunsmore's first time on council—he served an 18-month term in office a decade ago when a councillor stepped down mid-term. When that stint was up, he opted not to run for re-election.

"I felt frustrated at the time because I just didn't see any appetite for change,"



Lyle Dunsmore

he says, noting he also felt back then that he couldn't fully commit to the role for another four years. These days he's semi-retired, with more time on his hands to really dig into the position.

"I'm an approachable guy," Dunsmore says, noting he's keen to hear from residents what they want to see the next council accomplish when it comes to improving the community.

"I prided myself in my 18 months before on council that if people asked me a question, I went and looked at the situation or I went and talked to them about it.

"That would be my pledge this time, too ... I will get you an answer," he stresses, noting the role of town councillor is a job, and one he intends to do well.

The new council needs to continue to advocate, for example, for improved medical services, he says.

"If you'd have told me 10 years ago that we would not have an emergency room in Altona, I'd have told you you're nuts," Dunsmore says, referring to the limited hours available these days at the hospital. "You have to hold people's feet to the fire sometimes to get something done."

### DAN KEHLER

Dan Kehler grew up in the Altona area, in Neuberghthal, and while he was away from it for a time in his younger years, he soon found himself back in town to raise his family and pursue a career as a pastor.

"I've spent 23 years in ministry in two different churches here in Altona," Kehler says in summing up his background. "I'm taking a break from that now and thought it might be a good time to run for council to give back to the community."

Pastoral duties aside, Kehler's community service has also included serving on the Eden Health Care Services board, volunteering as a coach with Special Olympics, and working on a variety of committees, including the local ministerial and community support groups.

The idea that he could one day be a town councillor actually goes back a ways, Kehler shares. He recalls encountering Altona's



Dan Kehler

then-mayor Melvin Klassen at a church retreat back when he was a youth pastor.

"There was a pickup team of touch football and our team beat his team thoroughly, and so I joked that if I can beat you on the football field maybe I should put my name in and beat you on the ballot too.

"We laughed about it, but later on he took me aside and said, 'We do need good leaders. Why don't you consider running for town council?'"

It was a seed of an idea that has blossomed of late, especially now that he finds himself with the time to really throw himself into the role.

"I figured, well, you only live once. Let's give it a shot."

Kehler feels his time in ministry has yielded skills that would make him a good councillor.

"One of the things that I've learned through 23 years of ministry is that things always go well when people can work together," he says. "It's when you have someone that has their own agenda that they bring to council or a church committee or whatever that it becomes difficult for everyone.

"So I come with an open mind. I'm non-judgmental. I have a heart for the well-being of people and for the community that's been good to me.

"There's always going to be issues that come up on town council, and I think that the way that you handle them as a team speaks to more than saying, now, 'I want to do this' or 'I want to do that.'"

That said, the past few years have been tough ones for everyone, Kehler acknowledged, and he hopes as a councillor he can work to bring people back together again in their shared pride and love for Altona.

"Overall, I think the town could benefit from a group of energetic new councillors ... all keen on seeing Altona thrive."

### DONNA ROSLING-WALTERS

Donna Rosling-Walters is seeking a third term in office, believing firmly that town council needs some stability moving forward.

"I remember that first term for me, the first two years is kind of a learning curve where you're just trying to figure out what's going on," she shares.

This election, with three of the current six council members opting not to run again, Rosling-Walters felt it was important to step up and offer the experience she's gleaned over the past eight years.

"There's only two other people running that have had even one term experience," she points out. "And I thought that is going to be really hard for a new council not to have that past history of why decisions were made or why we chose to go in certain ways. So I felt, okay, maybe I'll do it one more time."

Rosling-Walters has called Altona home for nearly 40 years, first moving to town to work for Sun Valley Co-op. She went on to work a few other retail positions over the years before shifting gears to pursue a long career in social services. She spent the past few years before retiring for good as the owner/operator of Altona Cleaners.

"I think that I'm very open and willing to listen to people—listen to their ideas, listen to alternative solutions to issues," she says of what qualities she brings to the role of councillor. "But I'm also very practical, so I'll listen to ideas but I like to look at the whole picture and say how does this fit in and

where are we at as a community to be able to do this?"

Part of being an effective councillor, Rosling-Walters attests, is balancing out the flashy life-enriching projects with the less glamorous but no less important ones—road repair, wastewater capacity, and the like.

She hopes she gets the chance to continue work on some of the projects the current council have been plugging away on the past few years.

"I think growth is something that we've been working hard on in the last four years.

"Our economic growth is something that I've been involved with and feel good about where we're going with that," she says.

"People often talk about the retail sector in Altona and how they would like to see that grow. I think we have to understand that as our manufacturing grows, the retail will follow."

The need for more childcare spaces is another key issue on her mind.

"That's a very essential service that our town has to have in order to support that economic growth and sustain what we already have," Rosling-Walters stresses. "That's an area that's underfunded by the provincial government and so I think we need to help it along."



Donna Rosling-Walters

### JORDAN SIEMENS

Jordan Siemens' political aspirations stretch right back to high school when he served as student council president and the Altona town council's youth rep.

"I got a taste for the Altona governance structure at that point in time," he says, noting after graduation he pursued post-secondary education in business administration and agriculture outside the community. He eventually moved back home to Altona in 2016 to work as a precision agriculture specialist for Greenvally Equipment.

Two years later, he was thrilled to earn a seat on town council.

Over the past four years he's represented Altona residents on numerous committees and boards and has also served as the deputy mayor since 2019.

"It's been a good four years," he says. "There's been challenges, but we've accomplished a lot and there's a number of projects that I'd really like to see completed that are not completed yet, as well as some new things that I'd like to see done."

Siemens' vision for the next four years includes, in part, the completion of the northern industrial park, continued street renewal, continued expansion of the community's water supply, park development in the southern and eastern parts of town,



Jordan Siemens

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expanded walking trails, and increased housing availability, including multi-family units.

Siemens says he's very much enjoyed working on behalf of the community this past term and he hopes he has the opportunity to continue doing so.

"I love to learn, and there's no better way to learn about your community than to serve on council," he says. "You see the positive momentum and a lot of the background stuff that not a lot of people necessarily get to see on a daily basis.

"We had a very good team this past term and an excellent council, so it was a lot of fun to work together with them," he adds. "I think one of the nice things about municipal politics ... is it's a team of people looking to solve problems and make the community better. It's not antagonistic. We aren't ideological people trying to beat each other down or attack each other. It's more where can we find things we can agree on to move forward? So that's been a really good ex-

perience."

He feels his attention to detail and depth of experience make him a good candidate for re-election, especially considering the 2022-2026 council will most certainly include several newcomers.

"You want stable growth and direction, and that's something I can bring to the table."

### CRAIG SMILEY

Craig Smiley is no stranger to the inner workings of community services.

He's been the director of public works in the RM of Rhineland for 20 years. Prior to that, he worked with the department of highways for nearly a decade.

"So I've got over 30 years in the public works field," Smiley says, going on to note he's also served on the local school board as a trustee for two decades, including 14 years as its chair.

The trustee role is one he decided to pass onto someone new this election, opting instead to throw his hat in the

ring for town council.

"I've always been really interested in municipal politics and I thought it was a good time to do this," he says. "I had done 20 years on the school board, my kids are out of school now, and I just thought maybe I'd try a change."

What does he bring to the table?

"I think I bring a great deal of experience with budgets, working with a team," Smiley says. "I think I bring common sense. I think I bring a lot of intangibles that can bring a whole team together."

Running a community well is, after all, a team effort, he points out. "And I'm a team player."

Smiley says he's not coming to council with any kind of a firm agenda in mind.

"I'm coming in with my eyes wide open and I'm kind of just going to see where everything is at," he says. "Coming in with agendas doesn't always work because it takes a team to make things work and you've got to get to know everybody and fig-

ure everybody out to get your points across."

That said, Smiley feels he knows the community well and he's intent on doing what it takes to help it continue to grow and thrive.

"I think Altona is a very diverse community.

It's a very caring community," he says, noting residents take pride in their town and it shows.

He's also proud of the many recreation opportunities the Town of Altona is able to offer.

"There isn't another town around that has the recreation like Altona has," Smiley says. "It's a pretty magnificent town."



Craig Smiley

—Profiles written by Ashleigh Viveiros/Voice

# Disc golf course installed in Altona Centennial Park

By Voice staff

There's a brand new recreation offering up and ready for play in Altona Centennial Park this fall.

A nine-hole disc golf course has been built in the park, says Eric Hildebrand of Altona Recreation.

"We feel that this new feature in the Altona Centennial Park is a fantastic addition to an already outstanding greenspace," he says. "It adds an outdoor recreational opportunity that is

accessible to most people, of all ages and skill sets and, best of all, it's free to play."

Hildebrand noted the Town of Altona designed and built the course with guidance from the Pembina Valley Disc Golf group, specifically Altona area member Terrell Wiebe.

The plan is to team up with the group again next spring/summer to host how-to clinics to introduce the community to the sport.

Anyone who'd like to try their hand at disc golf this fall can borrow discs from the Altona Recreation office in the Millennium Exhibition Centre (next summer they'll be loaned out from the Altona Aquatic Centre).



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> MEAL IDEAS



## Spicy Alaska Sablefish in Lettuce Cups

1/4 cup thinly sliced halved radish  
 1/2 cup pickled ginger, chopped  
 1/2 cup bottled Asian-style salad dressing with wasabi and ginger  
 8 medium-large butter lettuce leaves  
 1/2 cup cilantro leaves  
 Preheat oven to 450 F.

Blend miso, chili paste and honey; spread onto Alaska sablefish portions. Place portions on nonstick cooking spray-coated, foil-lined baking sheet. Roast 5-7 minutes, or until fish is opaque throughout and deep golden brown; cool slightly.

In mixing bowl, combine avocado, rice or quinoa, cucumber, radishes and ginger; pour in dressing. Toss to coat.

To serve, place about 1/3 cup vegetable-rice mixture in each lettuce leaf. Top with one sablefish portion. Sprinkle each lettuce cup with 1 tablespoon cilantro leaves.

Recipe courtesy of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute  
 Prep time: 20 minutes  
 Cook time: 10 minutes  
 Servings: 4 (2 lettuce cups each)  
 1/4 cup yellow or white miso  
 1 tablespoon Korean chili paste  
 1 tablespoon honey  
 1 pound Alaska sablefish (black cod), cut into 2-ounce portions  
 nonstick cooking spray  
 1 small avocado, pitted, peeled and chopped  
 1-1 1/4 cups cooked sushi rice or quinoa  
 1/2 cup chopped English cucumber



## Blackened Alaska Cod Tacos

4 small flour tortillas  
 1 avocado, sliced  
 Preheat oven to 400 F.

In bowl, mix slaw with mayonnaise, hot sauce, juice from 1/2 lime and salt and pepper, to taste; set aside.

Line baking dish with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Place Alaska cod on top and coat lightly with olive oil. Generously season with blackening seasoning and sea salt, to taste.

Bake 5 minutes, set oven to broil and broil 3-5 minutes. When fish is done (when it flakes easily with fork and is opaque throughout), remove from oven and break into small chunks with fork.

In flour tortillas, add avocado and slaw. Top with chunks of cod and drizzle with additional hot sauce, squeeze of lime juice from remaining 1/2 lime and additional blackening seasoning.

Photo courtesy of Sari Diskin (Blackened Alaska Cod Tacos)

Recipe courtesy of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and Sari Diskin  
 Prep time: 10 minutes  
 Cook time: 10 minutes  
 Servings: 2-3  
 2 cups slaw mix  
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
 1 teaspoon hot sauce, plus additional for serving  
 1 lime, divided  
 salt, to taste  
 pepper, to taste  
 nonstick cooking spray  
 1/2 pound Alaska cod  
 olive oil  
 blackening seasoning, to taste, plus additional, divided  
 sea salt, to taste

## Epic Taco Party Feast

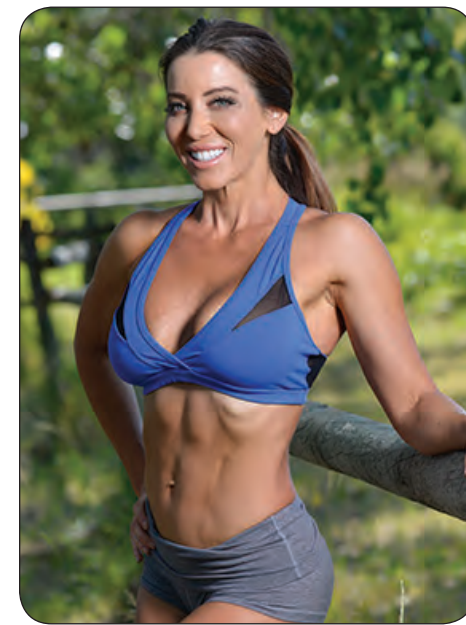


Photo courtesy of Ericka Sanchez (@nibblesnfeasts)

Recipe courtesy of Ericka Sanchez (@nibblesnfeasts) on behalf of Real California Milk  
 Top Row, Left to Right:  
 Cheese taquitos  
 Salsa verde  
 Real California Cotija Cheese, crumbled  
 Pico de gallo  
 Potato taquitos  
 Real California Queso Fresco, crumbled  
 Real California Crema  
 Tequila with chili salt (optional)  
 Middle Row, Left to Right:  
 Carne asada tacos

## Five scary (& surprising!) reasons you may have gained weight

By Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram



Health and Wellness Fitness expert Julie Germaine Coram

If you've gained weight over the last few years, it may ease your mind to know that a recent study showed that over a quarter of the nearly 8,000 adults questioned had too. The apparent culprits to blame for increased body fat are widely known, including a sedative lifestyle, over-eating, lack of sleep, and stress. However, there are many more causes that could be at play. By reading on (all the way to the end), you may find one that you can relate to, and hopefully, this knowledge is the key that unlocks the door to a future where maintaining a healthy weight is more manageable.

As we age, our metabolism naturally slows, beginning as early as 30 (I know, BOO!!). For women, the aging process is particularly cruel when it comes to body composition as we pass through menopause. Hormonal changes cue your system to store more fat in your abdominal area, and if you don't know how to combat it, gaining 15 pounds isn't unusual. Resistance training is a great way to increase your calories burned every day, and a good workout's metabolic effects last up to 3 hours!

Prescribed medical can also unexpectedly lead to weight gain. A number of beta-blockers, antidepressants, antihistamines, and antipsychotics fall into this category—direct questions to your medical professional before changing or stopping your meds.

Did you also find that your weight gain was coupled with breakouts, excessive hair growth, or changes to your menstrual cycle? It's possible that a hormonal disorder called polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) has triggered these symptoms. Ask your doctor about taking a hormone test.

Another commonly undiagnosed condition is hypothyroidism or an underactive thyroid. This could be

evident if you're experiencing hair loss, mood disorders, difficulty with bowel movements, or dry skin.

Fitness is not just about eating right and exercising. You've got to have the right mindset and support to start your journey to better health and – more importantly – stick to it. I got you! Easily lose 2" from your waistline doing 30 minute home workouts by joining my 30 Day VIP Fat Loss Challenge! Visit: [www.calendly.com/juliegermaine](http://www.calendly.com/juliegermaine) or email [info@juliegermaine.com](mailto:info@juliegermaine.com) to apply today.

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Real California Queso Fresco, crumbled  
 Chicken street tacos  
 Real California Chipotle Crema  
 Carnitas tacos with hard shells  
 Bottom Row, Left to Right:  
 Real California Cotija Cheese, crumbled  
 Real California Crema  
 Mexican rice  
 Carne asada tacos  
 Guacamole  
 To assemble top row: Place cheese taquitos in pan, salsa verde in bowl, Cotija cheese in bowl, pico de gallo in bowl, potato taquitos on plate and Queso Fresco

in bowl. Garnish potato taquitos with pico de gallo, guacamole, Queso Fresco and crema. Optional: Add tray with tequila, cups and chili salt.

To assemble middle row: Place carne asada tacos on plate, queso fresco in bowl, chicken street tacos on plate, chipotle crema in bowl and carnitas tacos on serving tray.

To assemble bottom row: Place Cotija cheese and crema in bowls, potato taquitos on serving tray, Mexican rice in bowl, carne asada tacos on plate and guacamole in bowl.

# Central MB Youth Choir is on tour this week

By Voice staff

The Central Manitoba Youth Choir is back on tour this week.

After spending the past few weekends rehearsing, the group takes its show on the road Oct. 13-17 with stops throughout southern Manitoba.

The choir is made up of the top high school singers from across the region, each auditioning for the chance to take part in this project, which is headed up annually by the Central Manitoba Choral Association.

Thanks to the pandemic, it's the first time in three years a normal concert tour has been held.

CMYC 2022 is conducted by the Interlake's Kendra Obach and accompanied by Loren Hiebert from Altona.

Performance locations and times for this year's tour include:

- Thursday, Oct. 13, at 4 p.m. at Morden Mennonite Church as special guests of the Central Manitoba Choral Association Choral Workshop.

- Friday, Oct. 14 at Northlands Parkway Collegiate in Winkler at 10 a.m., at École Morden Middle School in

Morden at 1:30 p.m., Morden Friendship Centre in Morden at 3 p.m., and the Manitou Opera House in Manitou at 7:30 p.m..

- Saturday, Oct. 15 at Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler at 10 a.m., Altona Mennonite Church in Altona at 2 p.m., and Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler at 7 p.m.

- Sunday, Oct. 16 at Cornerstone Ministries Church in Crystal City at 10:30 a.m., with a few sacred selections as part of the Sunday morning worship service followed by an additional mini-concert at noon when they will perform the rest of their repertoire. The choir then heads to the Cypress River United Church in Cypress River at 2:30 p.m. and the Austin Evangelical Fellowship Church in Austin at 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Oct. 17 at Portage Collegiate Institute in Portage la Prairie at 9:30 a.m. and then closing out the tour at Sanford Collegiate in Sanford at 1:30 p.m.

"We heartily invite you to attend any of these concerts to hear these talented young singers who have bond-



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This year's Central Manitoba Youth Choir: (front row, from left) Serena Driedger, Melissa Rempel, Alyssa Bell, Molly Clyde, (second row) Kathryn Gillis, Greta Wiebe, Kyla Driedger, Keeley Sheppard, Sara Thiessen, (third row) Sierra Fast, Desirae Klassen, Amy Neufeld, (fourth row) Jaselah Friesen, Anna Griffin, Sarah Stephens, Naomi Scharf, Tiarra Yanchuk, (fifth row) Amelia Loewen, Regan Teichroeb, Sarah Kagan, Beth Giesbrecht, Dakota Harms, (sixth row) Graham McGill, Rylan Hiebert, Milo Klassen, Conner White, Dalcyce Friesen, Thomas Kroeker, (back row) Loren Hiebert (accompanist), David Singisingi, Hunter Martens, Kaden Wieler, Anthony Peters, and Kendra Obach (conductor).

ed through their love of choral music," choir organizers say. "Come and listen as they sing together and share

this love of music with audiences of all ages across southern Manitoba."

# Humboldt Broncos crash survivor to speak in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler is bringing one of the survivors of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash to town next month to share his story of resilience and leadership.

Kaleb Dahlgren will be speaking at two events in the community at the end of November, each with a slightly different theme.

At the Creating Communities dinner taking place at the Meridian Exhibition Centre on Tuesday, Nov 29, Dahlgren will reflect on what it takes to be a leader, says Nicole Enns, Winkler's community events coordinator.

"In the face of adversity, one can either back down or stand up and fight—Kaleb never backs down," she said.

Dahlgren was one of the 13 survivors of the 2018 crash that killed 16 of his teammates when their bus was struck by a semi.

But he learned resiliency well before that, growing up with Type 1 diabetes and overcoming that to play hockey at an elite level.

Dahlgren has received over a dozen awards for his community and team

commitments, Enns said, and he's never been afraid to take on a leadership role.

"His presentation is all about leadership and working together to build a stronger community," she said.

The dinner will include a meal catered by Arlene Dueck and served by the Winkler Flyers. Dinner music will be provided by Jazz by Jayme and Jonathan. The meal begins at 6 p.m., with Dahlgren slated to take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 each or \$600 per table. You can pick them up in person at the Meridian Exhibition Centre during business hours or head online to [winklerconcerthall.ca](http://winklerconcerthall.ca).

The concert hall website is also the place to visit to book tickets for Dahlgren's second presentation that week.

He'll be at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. to present "Words to Live By." Tickets are \$25.

This presentation revolves around the importance of holding oneself accountable in order to achieve your goals and reach greatness, even in the face of tragedy



Kaleb Dahlgren will speak at two events in Winkler Nov. 29-30.

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"This one is really more geared towards the younger crowd," Enns said, noting they hope to see some local sports teams come out to hear Dahlgren reflect on the principles he believes have helped him succeed and make a difference.

"He'll be speaking about how your personality and a positive outlook can help you succeed," she said. "He's a really great role model for young players."

# getinformed

## Shattering the stigma of mental illness

Comedian Big Daddy Tazz speaks at W.C. Miller for Mental Illness Awareness Week

By Lori Penner

The students at W.C. Miller Collegiate were treated to a live performance by Winnipeg comedian Big Daddy Tazz last Friday.

The seasoned performer has been paying a lot of visits to schools over the last decade or so, not just to make the staff and students laugh but also to shatter the stigma of mental illness.

After 30 years of denying he had the mental illnesses that were controlling his life, Tazz realized that being manic-depressive, attention deficit, socially anxious, and dyslexic could either destroy or enhance his life. So, he chose to use his own personal struggles, and his propensity for humour to teach others that mental illness is not something to hide or be ashamed of, but something you can talk about and seek help for.

It was no mistake that his visit coincided with Mental Illness Awareness Week. The Altona Elks sponsored his visit so that he could offer hope and enlightenment to local youth.

While his presentation was seasoned

with his signature wry humour, Tazz also spoke about what it feels like to be isolated because you're different, and how that isolation can lead you to believe you're the only one suffering.

He urged students to reach out, and never think you have to suffer alone, or that you're somehow defective because you have a mental illness. He admonished students to reach out to others when they can tell that someone is struggling.

His final advice was in response to a student's question: What's the point of life?

"Love yourselves the way others love you. Be kind to yourself. Be yourself. And if people don't want to be your friend, those aren't the friends you need. And the people that come to you. Those are your friends. The point of life is to live and learn and share your knowledge and your laughter and your tears. And share your love."

Aria Ginter is one of the youngest members of the Altona Elks. The Grade 12 student became a member at 16 as part of the service's club's



PHOTOS BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

Comedian Big Daddy Tazz with Gr. 12 student and Altona Elks member Aria Ginter. Tazz was at W.C. Miller Collegiate as a Mental Illness Awareness Week speaker, sponsored by the Elks.

leadership program.

Ginter has been part of their mental health workshops in the past and spearheaded the effort to host the comedian at the school.

"We talked about what we can do to help people in the community. And this really popped up. I approached the school about it, and they were really on board with this," Ginter said.

"Grade 9 to 12 students are really the ones we need to focus on, because they really are the future of our community. I have family and friends who deal with mental health issues, and this is something we need to talk about. It's really hitting hard in our society these days. And now seeing someone who is able to openly talk about it and seeing kids interacting with him was really cool. We don't usually get that kind of reaction with public speakers. His message was really good. Just explaining how mental illness is an everyday occurrence and

offering ways to deal with it. That really helps."

Tazz said he's impressed with students like Ginter who make the effort to help others.

"You obviously have a love for your community and your fellow students. For you to come out with this and make it happen is amazing. It's important to reach out to students. We need to have that conversation. When somebody opens up and talks about mental health, we have to be there to talk with them. My little

presentation today was nothing compared to the conversation people are going to have all day."

After doing hundreds of presentations, Tazz said his job is to talk himself out of a job so he never has to do presentations on mental illness again.

"The response has become more en-

**"THIS IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT. IT'S REALLY HITTING HARD IN OUR SOCIETY THESE DAYS."**



# Morden's K-9 unit continues to impress

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's police service likely doesn't have another officer as keen to work as their newest member.

Police service dog Ice has been on duty for a number of months now, and she seems very well suited to the job.

"It's probably her want or drive to work that stands out," Cst. Curtis Warkentin said recently as he displayed a bit of Ice's regular training. "When I come to work each day, I'll let her out in our dog run, and she runs right to my driveway and sits next to the vehicle until I open the door for her. As soon as she comes out of that kennel, she really wants to work.

"She seems happiest when she's in this office," he said. "She wants to be a work dog, and they are definitely a type of dog that needs a job."

First welcomed last fall to begin training, Ice is a Belgian Malinois who came through the Winnipeg Police Service K9 unit breeding program.

The breed is described as smart, confident, versatile, and able to forge strong bonds with their human partners. Originally bred to be herding dogs, they now are widely employed as police and military dogs or for protection.

After going through basic obedience training, Ice last spring completed a drug detection course. Next up is further training for tracking and apprehension and search training, which may only happen next summer.

"They try to do that training in summer because it's primarily outside training ... we don't want to run around in minus 30 with the dog," noted Warkentin.

He said Ice had been deployed perhaps eight times and was involved in at least three drug seizures over the summer.

"So she's already working out well in the communities."

Otherwise, training is an ongoing thing for the two of them.

"Our daily routine is training every day that we're on shift. We're trying to keep her skills up and be useful for all of the guys. It's a lot of work to keep that training up, but it's also a lot of fun yet too," said Warkentin, who noted validation is required each year to maintain her certification.

Aside from the training, equally important is his relationship with the dog.

"That's huge because she has to be able to trust me, and I have to be able to trust her. If we're not working well



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Police Service Cst. Curtis Warkentin and police service dog Ice demonstrate her drug-finding skills.

together, it's almost useless. We have to be able to work well together," said Warkentin.

"She's settling in well with the family. She's at home 24/7 with me all the time, and she seems to be doing quite well," he said, noting Ice has been able to attend about a half dozen events in the community over the past year. "She's getting more used to being around people and socialize, so that's making things easier for myself."



## "We can only do more if communication is open"

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gaged and interested over the years. I'm also seeing more of the kids approaching me. But a lot of people are still afraid to talk to their parents about it, which is sad to see.

"But the students I started talking

to at the beginning of my career now have their own kids. So, we know that those kids are gonna be in a household where mental health is easily and openly spoken about. That's my hope today, that the young people I spoke to will be okay with openly talking about it.

"We also have to take ourselves out of that equation, and realize we did the best we could with what we had.

### > WINKLER CONCERT HALL, FROM PG. 21

Dahlgren will also be signing his book, *Crossroads: My Story of Tragedy and Resilience as a Humboldt*

And we can only do more if communication is open. Then we can finally understand."

*Bronco*, after the presentation.

### COMING UP

The concert hall has a few other big shows coming up this fall.

Children's entertainer Fred Penner performs next week Friday, Oct. 21. Penner, who has performed for generations of kids, will have the audience dancing in their seats with hits such as "The Cat Came Back" and "Sandwiches."

The Flatlands Theatre Company then kicks off November with performances of Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express* Nov. 3-6. Rounding out the month are performances from *The BeerJames* Nov. 9 and *The Bros Landreth* Nov. 13.

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# sports & recreation

## Flyers trounce Steelers twice

Wins of 6-2, 5-1

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers made short work of the Selkirk Steelers last week, securing victories both on the road and at home.

Playing in Winkler Wednesday night, the Flyers added a 6-2 win to their growing tally.

The home team was up 4-1 after the first 20 minutes, with goals coming in courtesy of Jayce Legaarden at 2:38, Dalton Andrew at 5:09, Zach Nicolas at 5:59, and Brody Beauchemin at 15:45. Selkirk managed their lone goal in the period's 10th minute.

Scoring quieted down in the middle frame until Beauchemin fired home his second of the night with three minutes to go on the clock. The Steelers responded in kind a minute later.

Trent Penner got the final goal of the night midway through the third period.

Winkler outshot Selkirk 40-33, with Malachi Klassen making 31 saves.

Klassen got the win in night the next night as well, making 21 saves off the 22 shots the Steelers managed. His teammates fired in 51 shots on goal in response.

Selkirk got their only goal of the night late in the first period to take a 1-0 lead.

Winkler's shooters started finding their mark in the second, with Mike Svenson and then Jesiah Bennett giving the Flyers a 2-1 lead heading into the final period.

There, Trent Penner, Nicholas McKee, and Xyon Kiemeny all scored to close out the victory 5-1.

With that, Winkler's record for the fledgling season so far is 6-3-0-1, good for 13 points and third place in the MJHL East Division standings behind Portage (who are 9-1) and Steinbach (8-1).

This week the Flyers host the Virden Oil Capitals Wednesday and the Winnipeg Freeze Friday before hitting the road for a rematch against the Freeze Saturday night.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler's Carter Dittmer tries to control the loose puck in front of Selkirk's Joshua Kirton last week Wednesday.

## Female Hawks drop three in a row

Look to right the ship versus Ice, Selects this Saturday, Sunday

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks are looking to snap a four game losing skid now after having opened the season with a victory.

The Hawks dropped three games this past weekend starting with a 1-0 loss to the Winnipeg Avros Friday followed by a 5-0 shutout by the Winnipeg Ice Saturday and a 3-1 defeat by the Westman Wildcats Sun-

day.

Kaylee Franz kept the Hawks in the game Friday against the Avros as she stopped 37 of 38 shots, but Pembina Valley just couldn't connect on any of their 19 shots on goal.

The Hawks were stymied again Saturday on 25 shots on goal, while Kasia Rakowski stopped 30 of 35 shots in net for Pembina Valley.

The Hawks then did get on the

board Sunday against Westman, but the Wildcats held on after taking period leads of 1-0 and 3-1. Marissa Fehr scored the lone goal for the Hawks, while Franz made 20 saves.

Pembina Valley will look to get back in the win column this weekend starting with an Ice rematch Saturday in Winnipeg followed by a home ice encounter with the Eastman Selects Sunday afternoon.



# Hawks win two against Interlake



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE  
 Left: Pembina Valley's Ty Love and Interlake's Nicholas Carlson battle for puck possession. Above: Ryder Wolfe scores the Hawks' third goal of the 3-0 game Saturday in Morden. They also beat the Lightning 4-2 Friday night in Teulon.

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks swept a weekend home and home doubleheader with Interlake.

The Hawks followed up a 4-2 win Friday by blanking the Lightning 3-0 Saturday.

Two second period goals 43 seconds apart by Carter Campbell provided the difference for Pembina Valley Friday as it gave them a 3-1 lead after 40 minutes.

Cedrik Robidoux and Kam Thomas also scored

for the Hawks, while Bryson Yaschyshyn made 41 saves with the shots on goal even at 43 apiece.

Raiden LeGall then got the 38 save shutout Saturday, and Sam Delaquis, Liam Goertzen and Ryder Wolfe scored for the Hawks, who were outshot 38-27.

With two wins and an overtime loss through their first three games, Pembina Valley was looking to maintain the momentum this week starting with the Winnipeg Bruins in Morden Wednesday. They then hit the road for a weekend doubleheader with the Thistles in Kenora.

# St. Vital Victorias best Twisters

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters gave up a 2-1 lead after 40 minutes in falling 3-2 to the St. Vital Victorias last Thursday in MMJHL action.

Joel Vigier and Riley Goertzen connected for Pembina Valley in the second period, but that was all they could manage as the Victorias fired home a pair of goals in the final frame for the victory.

Logan Enns took the loss in net with 33 saves, with St. Vital holding a slight edge in shots on goal at 36-35.

It was the lone game of the week for the Twisters, who have opened the season with three losses, so they are looking to get in the win column this weekend with home games Friday against the Charleswood Hawks and Sunday against River East Royal Knights.



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Youth female hockey players took over the Access Event Centre last Saturday to take part in World Girls Hockey Weekend events, which included both on-ice and dryland training with members of the U18 Pembina Valley Hawks and street hockey games outside.

# Morden hosts World Girls Hockey Weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

The World Girls Hockey Weekend in Morden could play a key role in helping to grow the game in the area.

First held locally in 2017, the event Saturday at the Access Event Centre brought together 44 girls ranging in age from five up to 18.

Members of the U18 Pembina Valley Hawks were on hand to help out with both on-ice and dryland training, and the girls were also able to enjoy street hockey in the parking lot.

“The goal of world girls hockey day is to recruit,

retain and engage girls in the game,” said organizer Natalie Vigier Hutton.

It was one of three events in the province as part of the International Ice Hockey Federation’s 11th annual World Girls’ Ice Hockey Weekend with dozens of federations around the world taking part.

It aims to both celebrate and grow the game while uniting Canadians through grassroots programming led by girls hockey associations, minor hockey associations and communities.

Vigier Hutton welcomed the opportunity for them to get back on the ice after pandemic restrictions meant they had to hold it outdoors last year at

Maple Leaf School.

“Last year, it was good to get some different girls out as well. We’re trying to grow how many girls we have here in our Morden program. This year, we have some girls here from a bunch of different communities, not just Morden, so that’s good to see,” said Vigier Hutton.

“Our numbers keep getting better in the program here,” she noted. “I had a lot of girls at school ask me and parents ask me what is this all about ... so it’s good to be getting some new girls interested and involved as well.”

# Maple Leaf runners do well at provincial race

By Voice staff

Maple Leaf School’s track athletes shone at the Athletics Manitoba Milk Run School Provincial Championships last month.

The Maple Leaf Legends boys and girls Run Club teams came home from the cross country race in Labarrière Park Sept. 28 with a number of team and individual accolades, school principal Samuel Jerema shares.

The Gr. 3/4 boys won the team title for the second year in a row while the girls team placed fourth out of a field of 11 teams.

In a field that included over 100 runners from across the province, Macey Darby finished fifth in the Gr. 4 girls 2

km race and Oakley Jerema finished second in the boys 2 km race. Chase Bernardin was the team’s second finisher in 10th place.

“Most impressively, our boys and girls ran well as a team and moved through the field, with the boys topping the 15 teams with a low point score of 41 points to second place’s 77,” Jerema says, explaining that the top four on each team score and the lowest total wins.

The kids have been honing their running skills since the club started up last fall after pandemic restrictions for extracurricular activities in schools lifted.

This year they run three times a week before and after school in Mor-



SUPPLIED PHOTO

The Maple Leaf Legends boys and girls Run Clubs with their ribbons. The Gr. 3/4 boys finished second for the second year in a row while the girls placed fourth out of 11 teams.

den Park.

They kicked off the season with a fun run with Minnewasta School and will wrap it up by competing at the

Minnewasta Golf Course this weekend at a race hosted by École Morden Middle School.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2023 ASSESSMENT ROLL

Public notice is hereby given that the 2023 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Roland has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 45 3rd Street, Roland, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Any person who believes that an assessment ought to be revised, may make application in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act.

### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
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### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

"43(1) An application for revision must

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The Board of Revision for the RM of Roland will sit on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022** at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Roland to hear applications.

The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **October 24, 2022**.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.

**Kristin Olson, Secretary**  
Board of Revision  
Rural Municipality of Roland  
45 3rd St.  
Box 119, Roland, MB R0G 1T0



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THE BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION  
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As required by Section 9 of The Public Schools Act (RSM 1987, c.P250), notice is hereby given that a public hearing of The Board of Reference, appointed as provided under Section 8 of The Public Schools Act, will be held as scheduled herein to hear any person or any person on his/her behalf in the matter of a request referred to The Board of Reference in accordance with Section 5 of The Public Schools Act.

The hearing will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to hear the request of Terrence and Lynessa Penner to transfer 1.65 acres known as Lot 1, Plan 1994 located in the Southeast Quarter Section 23, Township 1, Range 3 West from The Border Land School Division to The Garden Valley School Division. Further information with respect to the virtual hearing, including how to join the virtual hearing, may be obtained through the office of the undersigned between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 3rd, 2022.

Mikaela Brooks  
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To the attention of Scott C. Doell

For more information on the tender

email [info@wiensdoell.com](mailto:info@wiensdoell.com)

**FARMLAND TENDER**

**FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER**

Sealed tenders in writing for the purchase of the property described below will be received by:

**McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby Law Office**  
14 Main St. S., Carman MB R0G 0J0

**PROPERTY FOR SALE**

**Parcel I: S 1/2 of NW 1/4 31-8-4 WPM (approximately 77.88 acres)**

**Parcel II: SW 1/4 31-8-4 WPM (approximately 155.86 acres)**

(Approximately 1 mile North of Elm Creek, Manitoba)

**CONDITIONS OF TENDER:**

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be delivered to **McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby (Carman Office), 14 Main Street S., Box 1670, Carman, Manitoba by 2:30 p.m., October 20, 2022.**

Please mark on front of envelope "Tender 31-8-4 WPM".

- Tenders must be accompanied by a **\$20,000.00** deposit cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
- Tenders may be for either or both parcels.
- Any questions pertaining to the property should be directed to Tom Mooney at (204) 745-2546 or email at [tom@mmjlaw.com](mailto:tom@mmjlaw.com)

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:**

- The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an Agreement covering the terms and conditions of the sale.
- Possession and closing date will be December 15, 2022.
- The successful bidder will be responsible for all realty taxes following January 1, 2023 (the adjustment date).
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by the possession date or under such acceptable conditions, the deposit paid shall be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Tom Mooney at:  
McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP  
Box 1670, 14 Main Street S.  
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in the Municipality of Louise

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Parcel 1:  
NW 1/4 4-4-10 WPM  
(160 acres)

Parcel 2:  
N 1/2 16-4-10 WPM (in and adjacent to the Pembina River Valley including 1,360 sq ft residence and 624 sq ft attached garage)  
(320 acres)

**Terms and Conditions of Tender and Sale:**

- Offer shall be submitted with a cheque payable to "Treble Gie LLP Trust" in the amount of \$10,000.00 as a deposit. Deposit cheques with unaccepted offers will be returned.
- If an offer is accepted, the party submitting it will be notified of this acceptance and will be required to pay a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the accepted offer (purchase price) within ten (10) days of acceptance of the offer.
- If an offer is accepted, the deposit will be held in trust and credited to the Vendor on the Possession Date as part of the purchase price.
- Possession Date: December 1, 2022.
- Property taxes adjusted as of January 1, 2023.
- If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by the Possession Date, or other satisfactory arrangements are not in place, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Vendor as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- If part of the purchase price is to be paid from the proceeds of a new mortgage, payment of that amount may be delayed by the time required for registration of the mortgage to be completed by the Land Titles Office and reported to the mortgagee and, if so, that amount shall bear interest payable to the Vendor at the same rate as the new mortgage until paid.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the GST on the Purchase Price or shall self-assess the GST.
- The Purchaser relies entirely upon its own personal inspection and knowledge of the property independent of any representation made by or on behalf of the Vendor.
- Offers for more than one parcel must show a separate price for each parcel.
- Highest or any offer not necessarily accepted.

**Please submit tenders**

(placed in a sealed envelope marked "TENDER - October 20, 2022")  
to **TREBLE GIE LLP**, 115 Broadway St. S., P.O. Box 10,  
Crystal City, Manitoba R0K 0N0 before **3:00 p.m. October 20, 2022.**

**For more information contact:**

Doug Treble at (204) 873-2427  
Email: [doug@treblelaw.com](mailto:doug@treblelaw.com)

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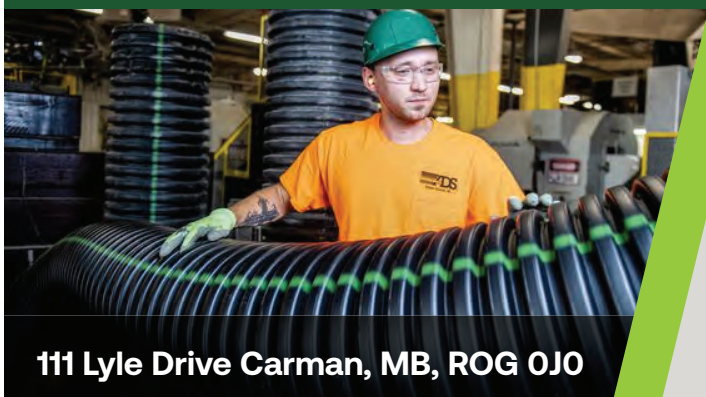
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## VOLUNTEER FAIR

- A community volunteer fair can be a great recruitment tool.
- Potential volunteers can browse the booths in a low-key environment, while, at the same time, local organizations have the opportunity to raise public awareness of their missions.

This is especially important for our new community members in the area.

- A volunteer fair also allows individuals who are considering donating time a chance to explore the options available in their area.
- Additionally, held in the fall, a volunteer fair is a way to recruit high school and college students seeking a chance to fulfill service hour requirements for classes. All of this under one roof!

- Some reasons to volunteer:**
- Provides you with a sense of purpose**
  - Provides a sense of community.**
  - Helps you meet new friends.**
  - Increases your social skills.**
  - Improves self-esteem.**

**“Do the Right Thing, Volunteer!”**

**Date:**  
**Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

**Location:**  
**The Morden Activity Centre**  
**306 North Railway Street, Morden**

**Time: 2 – 6 PM**

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**CITY OF WINKLER  
PUBLIC NOTICE – BOARD OF REVISION**

Public notice is hereby given that the 2023 assessment roll for the City of Winkler has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act.

**APPLICATION FOR REVISION**

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- (a) liability to taxation;
- (b) amount of an assessed value;
- (c) classification of property;
- (d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

43(1) An application for revision must

- (a) be made in writing;
- (b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- (c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- (d) be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler MB., or by serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, November 15th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the City of Winkler to hear applications. The **final date** on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **Tuesday, October 31st, 2022.**

Dated this 13th day of September 2022.

**Jody Penner, Secretary**  
Board of Revision  
City of Winkler  
185 Main Street,  
Winkler, MB R6W 1B4



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CO-OP Sun Valley Co-op**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7:00pm Thursday October 26, 2022

at the

**Altona Curling Club**

- Annual Report
- 2021 Audited Financial Statement
- Election of Directors

**Call for nominations for the Board of Directors**

*Incumbent Directors are eligible for re-election. Nominations from the floor will not be accepted at the AGM. Candidates must meet certain qualifications.*

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**OCT. 21** - Closing timed online Auction for Renee Reimer and John Reimer North west of Carman, MB. Large amount of tools, Camper trailer, enclosed trailer, antique tractors, Hwy tractors, 2012 Ram Pickup truck, etc.

**OCT. 28** - Closing shop and some Farm eq, for Pat Roth - 2 miles east of Graysville, MB and 1 north Case 2394 tractor 5 hopper grain bins, etc.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH @ 7PM  
(Doors open at 6:30PM)

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On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

**CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 12-2022**  
Being an AMENDMENT to the CITY OF MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 08-2017

**HEARING LOCATION:** Morden Civic Centre  
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB

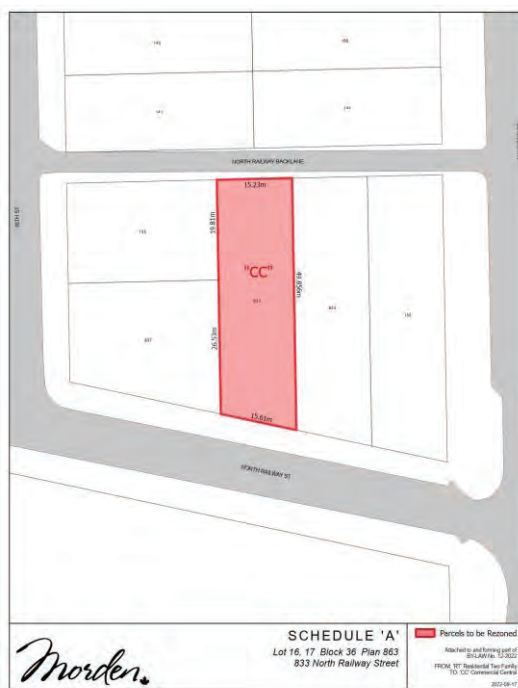
**DATE & TIME:** October 24, 2022  
7:00 pm

**From :** "RT" Residential Two Family  
**To:** "CC" Commercial Central

**AREA:** 833 North Railway St  
Lots 16/17 Block 36  
Plan 863 MLTO  
Morden, MB

As shown outlined in red lines on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Santokh Randhawa, M. Eng., P. Eng.  
133 7th Street, Morden, MB. R6M 1V3  
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OCTOBER 18TH, 2022 | 6PM-8PM  
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

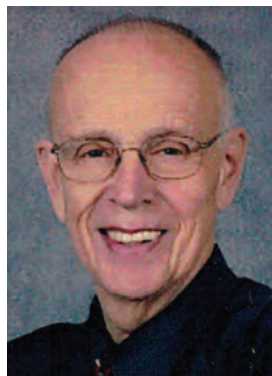
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## OBITUARY



### Gerard (Gerry) B. Doerksen July 16, 1934 - October 2, 2022

During the early morning hours of Sunday, October 2, 2022, Gerard (Gerry) Benjamin Doerksen peacefully passed away at the Rest Haven Personal Care Home in Steinbach, Manitoba.

He will be deeply missed by his wife Donna Doerksen; his children Juanita Doerksen (Harold Peters), Mimosa Koop, Garth Doerksen (Mary-Anna Aaldyk-Doerksen), and Keith Doerksen (Cindy Wolfe), his step-children Ken Bigelow (Janice Bigelow), Kathy Olsen (Steve Olsen), and Karl Bigelow; his grandchildren Athena Thiessen, Kurt Peters (Hannah Parton), Olivia Peters, Natasha Peters (Jean-Michel Najarre), Brittany Enns (Jake Enns), Bre Calma (Nix Calma), Braelyn Koop, Emily-Ann Doerksen (Ian Poppel), Madeleine Doerksen (Chris Job), Aaron Doerksen, Evan

Doerksen, and Amy Doerksen; his great-grandchildren Abby Garcia and Eve Enns; and his nine step-grandchildren and 20 step-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Mary Doerksen, brother Menno Doerksen (Laura Doerksen), sister Janice Doerksen, and brother-in-law Nathaniel Plett (Lucille Plett).

Gerry was predeceased by his parents Bernard P. Doerksen and Marie B. Doerksen, brother Alvin Doerksen, sister Leona Doerksen, his first wife Clara Doerksen, as well as several in-laws.

The second of five siblings, Gerry was born on July 16, 1934, near Satanta in southwest Kansas. As they were for many others, the "Dirty Thirties" made life very difficult with some years seeing no crops to harvest. In fact, to pay the doctor who assisted at Gerry's birth on the farm, his father took on a "relief" job building roads. Because Gerry had rickets, the doctor claimed that he would never be able to walk. With prayer and good parenting, including buying special baby foods, Gerry's long legs grew strong, proving the doctor's prognosis wrong.

Bankrupt, due to drought and low wheat prices, the family moved back to Blumenort, Manitoba when Gerry was five years old. There his parents bought a piece of cheap land which was mostly covered with bush and stones. Later, it was found to contain a valuable gravel deposit which is being actively mined to this day. With hard work operating a mixed farm (dairy cows, poultry, etc.) and gravel sales, financial matters improved considerably.

Among other things, but certainly in part because of his parents' prayers and example, a significant change in Gerry's life occurred when he accepted Christ at age 19. Gerry often mentioned how God has been faithful in so many ways throughout the years. As an example, the evening before he was to have the first of three brain tumour surgeries, Gerry felt and saw Jesus, with outstretched hands, communicating to him very clearly, saying, "Gerry, you are in good hands". Gerry was in perfect peace, knowing that, whether he should live or die, he indeed was in "good hands". While never "noisy" about his Christian faith, it was at the core of Gerry's being and guided him throughout his life. He remained curious about the intricacies and beauty of personal faith until his death.

In 1958, Gerry married Clara Plett, who had been a classmate in elementary school. After attending Normal School teacher training, he worked as a teacher and later as a principal for 15 years. He enjoyed studies and obtained a B.A., B. Ed., and M. Ed. from the University of Manitoba. He served as a lay minister in several community churches, enjoyed interacting with people, and, among various functions, officiated at 65 weddings.

Gerry and Clara's four children were born in the 1960's: Juanita in 1960, Mimosa in 1962, Garth in 1965, and Keith in 1968. All four followed in their parents' footsteps by each completing at least one university degree.

To pursue his interest in the interaction of Christianity and psychology, the family moved to Edmonton, Alberta where Gerry studied at the University of Alberta and obtained his Ph. D. in 1978. When they moved back to Blumenort, he worked for 15 years as the Coordinator of Special Education for the Hanover School Division. Gerry retired from this work at age 55 and then worked as a psychologist for Eden Health Care Services in Winkler for 12 years.

Following his wife Clara's death in 2001, Gerry met Donna Pope of Lorena, Texas online. After months of emails and telephone conversations, they were married at their Blumenort home on December 20, 2008. During their years together, they enjoyed several winters at Donna's house in Texas.

Gerry struggled with various health issues over the past years and came near death so many times that he was likened to a cat, having nine lives. Finally, his body gave out although his mind remained quite clear until the end.

In addition to his deep love for his family, Gerry enjoyed the outdoors. His beautifully treed property is testament to the countless trees and shrubs he planted throughout his lifetime. As a teacher and principal, he would organize field trips to fish hatcheries and hikes in the Whiteshell or Sandilands. He loved the mystique of the far north, even to the point of taking several of his children and grandchildren on trips to places like Churchill, Rankin Inlet, and Yellowknife. He would often be seen feeding the rainbow trout in his gravel pit, with the fish arriving just before sunset for the nightly feeding frenzy. For a time, Gerry owned land near Miami, Manitoba where he could hike and observe the flora and fauna of the Pembina Hills. In later years, one would often find him in his garden, tending to his many vegetables and flowers.

In more recent years, as his mobility became more tenuous, Gerry picked up stamp collecting, starting with the extensive collection he purchased years earlier from his late uncle Henry P. Doerksen. Countless hours were spent with his stamps, a hobby to which his attention to detail and his love of geography and learning were drawn.

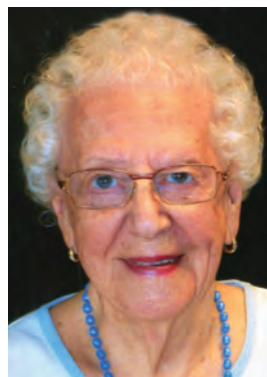
Gerry will be remembered as a thoughtful, intuitive, generous, gifted, gracious, and kind-hearted man. He leaves a monumental legacy as a leader, teacher, mentor, and friend, as well as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. While he is dearly missed, memories of him are indelibly imprinted in the hearts and minds of all who knew him.

The family would like to extend deep thanks and appreciation to Dr. Mark Duerksen for the many years of care as well as the staff and medical team at Cedarwood and Rest Haven. He was well-loved and cared for by the team there.

As Gerry often said when saying farewell, "Bliewe moutich" (remain joyful).

The funeral service was held on Saturday, October 8, 2022. To view the service via livestream visit [www.birchwoodfuneralchapel.com](http://www.birchwoodfuneralchapel.com) and click the link in the obituary.

## OBITUARY



### Dorothy Pearl Penner 1926 - 2022

On Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at Tabor Home Dorothy peacefully went to be with her Lord and Saviour. She enjoyed 96 years 4 months of earthly life and is now resting in the presence of Jesus.

She will be greatly missed by her children: Sharon and Douglas (Lynda). Also cherishing her memory are her grandchildren, Stacey (Kevin) and Mathew as well as her great-grandchildren, Jenessa, Kaitlyn and Lacey.

She was predeceased by her husband, Neil in 2006, her daughter, Lorraine and her son-in-law, Lawrence.

Dorothy was an excellent cook and baker. Our family enjoyed many delicious meals at her table. In her younger years Dorothy enjoyed volunteering at the local Thrift Store and served in many capacities in her church. She also served on the Hospital Auxiliary board. Dorothy loved to sing and over the years sang with many groups and choirs. She had a very generous and caring spirit. On many occasions, she prepared and delivered food to people experiencing difficult times. As a young adult Dorothy committed her life to Christ and endeavoured to live her life to honour Him in all she did.

The family would like to thank Tabor Home staff for the excellent care Dorothy received during her residence there.

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## OBITUARY



### Menno Jacob Janzen 1937 - 2022

Menno Janzen passed away peacefully with his sons at his side on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Carman Memorial Hospital. He was 85.

Menno is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nettie; children, Gary Janzen and his wife, Michelle, Randy Janzen, Darryl Janzen and his wife, Alexandria, daughter-in-law, Connie Reimer and 12 grandchildren: Michael Janzen (Sarah), Jordan Janzen (Megan), Austin Janzen (Darien), Shaiya Anderson (Paul), Jamila Wall, Mark Janzen (Sonja), Katrina Reimer, Chloe Reimer (Lincoln), Joel, Lucas, Seth and Isabella Janzen as well as one very special great-grandchild, Olive Janzen. He will also be missed by many in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, siblings and one son, Douglas Janzen.

Menno Janzen was born on February 26, 1937 in the newly opened Bethel Hospital in Winkler. He grew up as the youngest of three children in Winkler. As a child he loved all sports, but baseball was his true passion. He dreamed of playing center field for the New York Yankees. Menno received the honor of being the valedictorian for his graduating class of 1955. He had the opportunity to further his education but decided to work with his Dad and brother, Rudy at Janzen's Red & White Store instead. It was here that he met a beautiful, dark haired girl named Nettie Derksen. They started dating and this was also a time of spiritual awakening for Menno. He was baptized upon confession of his faith on May 25, 1958 at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. A year later, on June 14, 1959 Menno and Nettie were married and built a new house together on 7th St. South. It is here they raised their four boys. Menno was involved with minor hockey and baseball and watched many games of his sons, cheering them on from the stands. Menno spent a total of 37 years in ministry. Starting with being elected as a Deacon in 1965 and moving on to a Lay minister position in 1975 and then a full-time associate pastor in 1985. During this time, he officiated at 52 weddings and numerous funerals, as well as preaching many sermons, in English and German. In 1967, Menno and his brother, Rudy bought out their Dad and renamed the store Janzen's Variety. In 1972, Rudy went on to his own ventures. Menno had several good years with the store building countless relationships and making memories with his sons. In 1985, he closed his store to concentrate on his full time calling as an associate pastor. Upon retiring from ministry in 2002, he went back to work in retail at Janzen's Paint & Decorating with his sons, Doug and Darryl. Those were seven very enjoyable years. During his life, Menno also served his community in many capacities. He served on the Winkler Chamber of Commerce, minor hockey executive and on many other committees and boards. To say he kept himself very busy would be an understatement. But he was also known as a very caring and compassionate man. He was never too busy to help someone out. Menno suffered some health setbacks during his life, becoming a diabetic in 1994 and then a heart attack in 2011. But he was a determined man and enjoyed many years after that with his grandchildren and one great grandchild. They all had a special spot in his heart, and he would do anything for them. This past year after his son, Doug's passing was especially hard on him. He was ready to go to sleep and wake up in Heaven. We will miss our husband, dad, grandpa more than words can say. He has left an amazing legacy. Thank you for all the love and wisdom you have poured into all our lives.

A special thanks to the home care workers who went out of their way for Menno and thank you to the staff at both Boundary Trails Health Centre and Carman Memorial Hospital for your care these past few months.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2022 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with a private interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Menno's memory to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba and Diabetes Canada.

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OBITUARY

Mid Amy

January 16, 1925 – September 22, 2022



It is with great sadness that the family announces the peaceful passing of our cherished mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Lillian Mildred (Mid) Amy (nee Cummings) at Tabor Home, Morden, MB. on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at the age of 97 years.

Remaining to cherish her memory are daughters, Lucille (George) Phillips, Lisa (Tom) Sprung, Myra Amy (Brian) McElroy, Jacqueline (Chris) Hink, son-in-law Bill Strong; grandchildren, Tony Phillips (Kari), Dan Phillips (Elisa), Chris Sprung, Jennifer Sprung, Nathan Sprung, Jessica Strong (Amine), Paul Strong (Renee), Kadria Spencer (Keith), John Fayed (Janelle), Justin Hink (Katie), Rachel Martens (Brad); also her great-grandchildren, Christopher Phillips, Cameron Phillips, Cole Phillips, Carl Sprung, Erica Sprung, Olivia Hope, Brianna Sprung, Aidan Spencer, Kieran Spencer, Connolly Fayed and Elliot Hink; as well as nieces and nephews living locally and abroad.

Mid was predeceased by her loving husband, Jack in 1992 and her beloved daughter, Barb in 2018.

Our mom, Lillian Mildred Cummings, came into the world January 16, 1925 – born to Carl and Lily Cummings. She and her sisters, Eva, Alice, and Helen lived the first part of their childhood on a farmstead northwest of Darlingford. When Mom was 10 years old, the Cummings family moved to a home in Darlingford. Despite many hardships endured by folks living in the 20's and 30's, Mom shared a happy life with her family and friends. Carl and Lily were excellent role models for their four children, instilling in them the virtues of hard work, perseverance, and faith, as well as taking time to teach them to be confident, loving, and caring individuals.

This example would influence Mom throughout her life.

Mom had a love and gift for singing. In her growing up years, she won many awards at music festivals, and she shared this talent with the church choir and her community. She was also a terrific athlete and excelled at several sports.

Mom started Grade 1 when she was five and graduated from Grade 12 in 1942 at age 17. She went to Manitou to take her Grade 12, earning her room and board by cleaning house. After high school, Mom traveled to Winnipeg to attend what they then called Normal School or Teacher's College. Once again, she earned her room and board by housekeeping and babysitting. Armed with her teaching certificate, she returned to Darlingford to tackle her new teaching career, taking a position first at New Haven School and then in Darlingford for three years.

While having a successful teaching career, romance was also in the offing. As time went by, it was clear that Jack Amy was the guy for Mid. Mom and Dad exchanged wedding vows on July 30, 1946 and lived 46 years of married life in Darlingford.

Mom and Dad's first house was a tiny one-bedroom home which was always referred to as "The Little House." Although tiny, "the little house" soon was home for Lucille, Lisa, Barbara, and Myra. The decision was made that a one-bedroom house just wasn't big enough and the family moved into their new home on Dufferin Street. Soon after, Jacqueline arrived to join her four sisters.

Mom had a special way of making life positive and joyful in our home. She was a wonderful homemaker. She was very organized and led our family quietly with confidence and purpose. Our house was always open to anyone in need, and Mom was very hospitable and generous towards family and guests.

Mom had very good relationships with her sons-in-law and loved them dearly. Mom developed a wry sense of humor and used it very often with them. There was always lots of banter back and forth between them, with the score ending up pretty much even in the end.

Mom also had a loving rapport with all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and she found so much joy in being with them. She was supportive of their interests and treasured their visits. She was definitely their biggest fan! She loved to joke with them and appreciated their humor when they would tease her in return. Mom's legacy of music is evident by the number of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who appreciate and participate in musical pursuits.

Mom was a good friend. She valued her friendships, served her friends well, and made many friends over the years. As youngsters, we were very fortunate to be able to observe and learn from those friendships.

Mom worked outside of the home as well, working at Gemini Outerwear in Morden, then taking over the reins at the Post Office in Darlingford when Dad retired. She continued to work full-time and care for Dad until the time of his death in 1992. She retired from the post office at age 70. Mom was also community minded, and she volunteered in numerous community activities and events over the years. Mom's passion for music continued throughout her adult life and she dedicated countless hours for over 20 years developing a vibrant church choir, as well as training young people who wanted individual vocal instruction. Mom received a special recognition award from the Provincial Festival Committee for her many years of volunteer service. Mom was also an avid curler, and she participated and helped plan bonspiels in Darlingford.

One of Mom's favorite hobbies was sewing. She loved to create with patterns and beautiful fabric. She made a lot of her children's clothing when they were growing up, pajama pants for the grandchildren, and beautiful Christmas tablecloths for her girls. While living in Morden, one of her last sewing projects was making scarves. She had quite a little business happening there; purchasing fabric, sewing, advertising, and selling her many scarves.

Mom lived in her own home in Darlingford until age 84. She moved to Stonewall and spent three happy years living with Jacqueline and Chris. She then moved to Homestead South in Morden. She adjusted well and loved her new apartment there. For the next seven years she engaged in as much activity as she was able and made many friends. Homecare personnel became part of Mom's life during her years at Homestead South. They provided wonderful care to Mom, and we are very thankful to them and the staff at Homestead South for all they did to make Mom's life as comfortable and happy as possible. It became necessary for Mom to make one last move to the Morden Tabor Home. She felt very much at home at Tabor and made the best of her years there, putting her best foot forward with her positive attitude and kind nature towards staff and residents. The COVID years were not easy for Mom, yet she quietly accepted the challenges, carried on with determination and faith, and hardly ever complained about her situation. That was an example of how Mom lived her life. Mom was amazing, as was the team in Aspen House who looked after her and others. Our family is so grateful for Boundary Trails Hospital and Tabor Home. We can't thank the doctors and staff in Aspen House enough for all the care and compassion given to Mom these past three years.

Mom was always a source of comfort and love to our family. She will be remembered for her steadfast faith, her gift of unconditional love, her gift of serving others, and her gift of participating in life joyfully with a positive and gentle, yet strong-willed spirit. Last Mother's Day, the residents at Tabor Home were gifted an artificial flower with a tag on it that read, "You are a beautiful example of God's love." Mom was truly a beautiful example of God's love and we will miss her profoundly. Mom, mom-in-law, grandma, and great-grandma, we will love you always. Rest in peace.

A service of remembrance and thanksgiving was held October 1 at Zion-Calvin United Church in Darlingford, followed by the interment at the Darlingford Cemetery and lunch at the Darlingford Hall.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Mid's memory to Pembina Parish - the Zion-Calvin United Church Building Fund.

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Thank You

The family of Mid Amy would like to express our sincere thanks for the numerous expressions of sympathy and kind gestures shown to us following the loss of our dear Mom. Your visits, phone calls, texts, flowers, food, cards, messages of condolences, and donations have been a source of support and comfort during this difficult time, and we are truly thankful. To Rev. Carrie Martens, thank you for your visits to be with Mom and us in our time of need, and for your care and guidance in preparing Mom's service of remembrance and thanksgiving. You have been a blessing to us all. Thanks to Fay Carruthers for the beautiful music; it was perfect. Thanks, as well, to Wiebe Funeral Homes for their handling of all the arrangements. Lastly, thanks to the ladies who decorated the tables at the Darlingford hall and prepared the lovely lunch following Mom's service. Your efforts did not go unnoticed.

-Lucille and George Phillips,  
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