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Keyrah Fehr, 6, Emma Klassen, 11, and Nevaeh Fehr, 9, love to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child at their grandma's store, The Party & Gift Shop in Altona. The business is one of many drop-off locations across the region. See story inside this edition.

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Reduced ER hours to continue

Voice staff

Emergency department hours will remain scaled back at the Altona Community Memorial Health Centre.

There had been hopes that the hours of operation could have more fully resumed this fall, but an announcement last week by Southern Health-Sante Sud made it clear that would not be possible at this point.

“The Altona community medical group is facing ongoing human resource challenges that continue to affect emergency department services at the Altona Community Memorial Health Centre,” according to the statement.

“We acknowledge the inconvenience this has on the community and endeavor to continue all efforts to reinstate a 24/7 emergency department. Increasing and preserving our current medical staff resources re-

mains a top priority.”

The department’s hours were scaled back last June as a result of the community losing three of its five physicians. The situation had improved with the recruitment of two internationally trained physicians, but it wasn’t enough to avoid the reduced hours of operation.

Effective Oct. 31, the Altona Community Memorial Health Centre emergency department will be open Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday to Sunday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Altona clinic will continue to offer limited same-day appointments Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Outpatient services such as lab work, minor procedures and wound care currently provided through the emergency department will continue to be scheduled as required.



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Halloween fun



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The South Central Regional Library Altona Branch, in partnership with the Altona Hotel, hosted a Halloween fundraising social Oct. 29. Dozens of amazing characters showed up, vying for prizes sponsored by a variety of local businesses. The Best Costume Award went to Jenn Milner of Altona dressed up as the Mad Hatter. Cousin Itt (otherwise known as Altona town councillor Donna Rosling-Wolters, joined her for a photo. While the total has yet to be calculated, library staff anticipate an impressive amount to help offset the cost of the new Altona library.

Congratulations to all of the candidates who ran for Council!



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Lenda Letkeman - ACCLAIMED

Winkler honours departing mayor

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler honoured outgoing Mayor Martin Harder last Tuesday as he prepared for his final meeting that evening as the head of city council.

Harder expressed gratitude and also reflected on what he felt were key accomplishments over his four terms and 16 years in office.

"The city has become a place to dream, a place to live ... and I'm excited to have been a part of it," said Harder, who also offered some parting advice for his successor. "If you don't have a passion for the city and for the values of the city and for the groundwork ... you're the wrong guy or gal."

He had mixed feelings on the occasion of bidding farewell to something that has been such an important part of his life.

"It's obviously bittersweet. On one hand, you realize all the support that you have and all the projects that have been accomplished and how the city has grown and how it has developed ... just to see that come together and have so many friends and so many people come here today to give their well wishes and express their appreciation. The gratitude is tremendous."

"It's been 16 years and, honestly, a pleasure to serve," he continued, cit-

ing how he has seen the importance "to be consistent, to serve with integrity and the fact that a handshake to me is the same as a signed cheque."

"My commitment has been solidified. I think my faith has got deeper. I fully understand and realize that the whole comment about religion and politics don't mix, and I would agree one hundred per cent that they don't, but who you are as a believer makes a difference who you will be as a politician, and that's where I base my integrity and base my honesty and the fact that what I saw is worth the same as a signature," he said.

"The other thing that I think is important in life is to ensure that your commitment doesn't waver," he added. "And it doesn't matter where you are in life ... if you make that commitment early in life, you can understand and appreciate the fact that those are values that are foundational to your success."

Harder cited the development of the Bethel Heritage Park in downtown Winkler as a key accomplishment during his tenure.

"Most cities struggle with identity for the core, and if I look at Winkler ... this, in my opinion, is the core of the city ... if that core isn't kept alive, the city will fail," he suggested.

"I think that's the foundation of



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Martin Harder offered his thanks to the community last week as he bid farewell after 16 years as mayor, and Henry Siemens paid tribute to him as part of the ceremony last Tuesday.

this community that will be the foundation, it doesn't matter whether it grows to be 25,000 or 35,000," he said. "The importance of keeping the downtown alive, and the downtown changes a bit because, as the spread of Winkler goes north and south and east and west, that makes even more sense to keep that as a core area of the city."


"I felt we needed a destination point down here," he said, citing it as one

of those times where there had to be many discussions to convince others. "That is a part of what makes the community alive."

Another key project for Harder was the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

"It's becoming the centre ... there were 2,000 kids who were within walking distance," he said, while acknowledging the challenges that were


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Carman Curl for Cancer brings back full-blown bonspiel and banquet

By Raegan Hedley

When Mackenzie Gaultier had a seizure at home, she had no idea it was the start of a journey with cancer.

"I don't remember any of it. I was taken to the hospital and the CT scan showed I had a brain mass," says Gaultier. "I was ok. I know that sounds strange, but I thought 'ok I just have to deal with this.'"

Gaultier, a photographer, wife and mother of two kids, was diagnosed with anaplastic oligodendrogliomas. She needed surgery to remove the tumour, but because it was in the part of her brain that controls speech and language, she had to do the surgery awake. Gaultier says she's had surgery before, so that part didn't phase her, but it was tough to wrap her head around the fact that they were operating on her brain.

"Because of COVID, my husband wasn't allowed in the hospital. I had to say bye to him at the doors," says Gaultier. "I really hoped I'd know who he was when I came back out."

The surgery was a success, and Gaultier has been on chemotherapy since March 2022. She started sharing her story on social media as she



Carman Curl for Cancer surpassed \$1 million in donations in 2021, which will be remembered thanks to a commemorative coin on the curling ice. Despite the pandemic, the event has raised over \$50,000 each year for the last five years.

learned more about her diagnosis and her treatment progressed.

"I've been sick before. It's an easy way to keep people informed on what's going on and helps to keep the facts straight," says Gaultier. "When it comes to my cancer, I'm an open

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Mackenzie Gaultier will be the guest speaker at this year's Curl for Cancer on Nov. 5.



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“Dangerous and regressive”: Manitoba set to become pesticide outlier if Bill 22 passes

By Patricia Barrett

Manitoba may become a pesticide “outlier” should the provincial government pass Bill 22, The Environment Amendment Act (Pesticide Restrictions), which will reinstate the use of cosmetic pesticides.

In 2014 the then-NDP government banned the use of cosmetic pesticides. The current Conservative government introduced Bill 22 in March to allow their use except in municipal playgrounds, picnic areas, dog parks and provincial parks.

Animal Justice, along with 10 other animal protection and rescue organizations including the Winnipeg Humane Society and the Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre, says the legislation is “dangerous and regressive” and will put domesticated and wild animals at risk of illness and death.

They wrote to environment, climate and parks minister Jeff Wharton, who sponsored the bill, and health minister Audrey Gordon, requesting that the current pesticide restrictions be maintained. They also cited scientific research that shows the danger of pesticides to both human and animal health.

Kaitlyn Mitchell, staff lawyer for Animal Justice, a Canadian national animal law advocacy organization that protects animals from cruelty and neglect, said she’s not aware of rankings that compare Canadian jurisdictions’ pesticide protections, but Manitoba would be the first jurisdiction to reverse course.

“If Manitoba rolls back restrictions on cosmetic pesticide use, it will be the first province to do so, making us an outlier,” said Mitchell last week. “I am not aware of any formal ranking but when Manitoba passed restrictions on cosmetic pesticide use in 2014, it joined a host of other provinces that had already done so. These include Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador.”

B.C. doesn’t have provincial legislation restricting the use of cosmetic pesticides, but dozens of municipalities in that province have strong bans in place against their use, she said. Manitoba’s current legislation is “already weaker than several other jurisdictions, including Ontario and Quebec” but stronger than Saskatchewan and Alberta’s restrictions.

“Rather than rolling back these important protections, Manitoba should be looking for ways to strengthen protections to better protect the environment, animals and health of Manitobans,” said Mitchell.



FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

A hot dog takes a dip in a pool. Animal Justice, the Winnipeg Humane Society and several other animal protection organizations say Bill 22, which will reinstate the use of cosmetic pesticides, is dangerous and regressive and will put domesticated and wild animals at risk.

Pesticide is a term that encompasses herbicides, insecticides and fungicides. They’re used to kill insects, plants, animals and other organisms. Specific pesticides include Deet, glyphosate, DDT and Malathion.

In their Oct. 6 letter to ministers Wharton and Gordon, Animal Justice and the other organizations state that Bill 22 would violate the principle of non-regression, an environmental law principle that protects humans and ecosystems by prohibiting governments from rolling back or weakening environmental laws.

And that could lead to legal challenges.

“If the Manitoba government goes ahead with its dangerous plan to allow more harmful pesticides to be used for non-essential purposes, Animal Justice and other concerned groups will certainly be assessing our legal options,” said Mitchell. “The precautionary principle in particular is a fundamental pillar of environmental law enshrined in Manitoba’s Environment Act aimed at ensuring governments take preventative action in the face of serious environmental threats. Allowing more harmful pesticides to be used for purely cosmetic reasons flies in the face of this important legal principle and will put the environment, animals, and vulnerable Manitobans including children at risk of serious harm.”

The U.K. government recognized in law earlier this year that animals are able to experience pain, fear and joy, among other emotions. But Canada has no similar legislation. Manitoba

law on animal care exempts harm from pest control activities.

“Unfortunately, Canada does not have a law similar to the UK’s new Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act,” said Mitchell. “Manitoba’s Animal Care Act does make it an offence to inflict suffering, serious injury or harm upon an animal, but ‘generally accepted’ pest control activities are exempt from the Act.”

The provincial opposition NDP delayed Bill 22 in April. But the government is expected to give third and final reading to the bill in early November.

NDP environment critic Lisa Naylor (MLA for Wolseley) said Bill 22 is a “huge disappointment,” and as far as the party knows, Manitoba would be the first jurisdiction in North America to roll back restrictions on pesticides.

There are already enough pressures on the environment from the climate crisis, which is contributing to species die-off and causing flooding events that carry pesticides into and pollute waterways.

“Bill 22 sends a message that this government has a lack of concern about Manitobans’ health because of the impact additional pesticides can have,” said Naylor. “Through climate change we already have pesticides going into the environment.”

Although the bill prohibits pesticides from being used in certain areas, Naylor said it’s “not enough” to protect Manitobans and animals. Non-provincial parks across the province, boulevards, fields could be sprayed. And she has been “repeatedly” unable to pin down the environment minister on how picnic areas are defined.

“On the one hand, the government is saying, ‘We think this is safe.’ But on the other hand, they’re saying, ‘Just in case pesticides aren’t safe, we’re going to restrict them [in these areas],’” she said. “But they’re missing the point: they may be restricting pesticide from around schools, but a municipality can still spray the boulevard around that school.”

Homeowners will be able to spray their lawns should the bill pass. And that provides no protection for the next-door neighbour’s dog or cat,

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It ain't easy being a Leafs fan

Being a Toronto Maple Leafs fan comes with certain benefits—for instance it is incredibly difficult to mock or make fun of us.

Okay, stop laughing and hear me out on this.

Honestly, I know this to be the truth from personal experience. There is nothing you can say about the Leafs that we, as fans, have not already said about the team ourselves (and then some). Heck, we will often join in on the heckling and nod in agreement.

“What do the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Titanic have in common? They both look good until they hit the ice!”

“Why is the Hockey Hall Of Fame in Toronto? It's the only way Leafs fans can get to see the Stanley Cup!”

“Why doesn't Windsor have a professional hockey team? Because then Toronto would want one.”

The jokes are literally endless and we will laugh at every one one of them. It really is no fun taunting Leafs fans because we generally wholeheartedly agree with you.

I think perhaps being a Leafs fan might be a little like having a gambling addiction. I mean you know the odds are incredibly low at this point but the possibility of a payoff is just so tempting you keep going back for more and constantly losing.

On more than one occasion my

brother has threatened to abandon the Leafs in favour of another team. Last year he was so upset he almost gathered all of his jerseys into a pile in the backyard and burned them, ready to jump ship for the new Seattle Kraken.

But like any true Leafs fan he bailed at the last minute and continues soldiering on with the rest of us who have picked up the burden from our grandparents and parents who died wildly disappointed.

These days the best a Leafs fan can say is, “Hey—at last we're not Ottawa fans” which is saying something really.



By Peter Cantelon

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• DON'T MIND THE MESS

How to carry your cross

Novelist Paulo Coelho once told a story about a man in a certain village who was always complaining about his lot in life. He was a Christian and found the weight of his “cross” much too heavy to bear.

One night, before going to sleep, he begged God to help him find a way to change his burden.

That night he had a dream; the Lord led him to a warehouse. “Go ahead

and change it,” God said. The man saw crosses of all sizes and shapes, each with the names of their owners. He picked an average size cross. But when he saw the name of an old friend written on it, he left it aside.

Finally, as God had permitted, he chose the smallest cross he could find. To his surprise, he saw his own name on it.

Many times when our focus is on all our worries at once, their collective weight can overwhelm us. Juggling responsibilities and obligations, dealing with unexpected issues, along with attempting to keep all the people in our lives healthy, happy,

and satisfied can make our cross seem bigger than a hydro pole.

It's a little like a poster I saw years ago, where a tiny mouse was sitting in front of a flashlight, and his shadow made him seem 10 times bigger and scarier than he really was. The more we project our fear on a burden, the bigger and scarier it gets.

Human beings make a few big mistakes when it comes to burdens. First, we look at other people, who seem to carry their burdens



By Lori Penner

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> CARMAN CURL, FROM PG. 4

book. It doesn't bother me to talk about it or post about it online."

The committee for Carman Curl for Cancer loved Gaultier's vulnerability and reached out to ask her to speak at the 29th annual Carman Curl for Cancer event on Nov. 5 at Carman Golf and Curling Club.

During the height of the pandemic, the event had to pivot, opting to do an online auction in 2020, and scaling things back in 2021 with a much smaller event and online auction.

This will be the first time the event has had a guest speaker — plus the full program with the bonspiel, silent and live auctions, 50/50, banquet and band — in three years.

"We were so thrilled she was willing to speak. We always try to find somebody local," says Haley McIntosh, one of the 16 Carman Curl for Cancer committee members.

Gaultier says she plans to tell her full story and talk about cancer in general. She says people have all sorts of different reactions to her diagnosis.

"Some close friends messaged me after it had been a while and told me they didn't know what to say," says Gaultier. "I'll never be cancer free, which is scary, but I hope for medical advancements so I can live with for at least 60 years."

The funds raised from Carman Curl for Cancer go to South Central Cancer Resource, Cancer Care Manitoba and Carman Palliative Care, organizations that all provide treatment or support to people living with cancer and their families.

"We've always been able to donate to them, so we want to make sure we keep that going because what they do is incredible, and they serve such a large area," says McIntosh.

Carman Curl for Cancer came to be when Cliff Holliston's daughter beat cancer, and he began volunteering at South Central Cancer Resource (then it was the Canadian Cancer Society office). The organization was looking for new fundraising initiatives, and he came up with the idea. Now almost 30 years later, the event has grown a lot and McIntosh describes it as "a well-oiled machine."

Gaultier has received support and treatment from both Cancer Care Manitoba and South Central Cancer Resource, and she says, "the care is amazing."

"As a patient, I am very grateful for events like this because the money goes to great programs that help patients like myself to afford treatments like this," says Gaultier. "When you're sick it makes a big difference."

New this year is a Calcutta, where attendees can bet on which curling teams will win during the day. The online auction for the event is already live and will stay up until the morning of Nov. 6, and 50/50 tickets are available online. McIntosh says there's still room for curling teams to register, and they are still looking to sell more tickets to the banquet.

All the information on how to register curling teams and where buy tickets is available on Instagram (@carmancurlforcancer) and the Carman Curl for Cancer Facebook page.

> LEAFS FAN, FROM PG. 6

Look, it's not as if we cannot be aggravated. I mean don't even get us started about the personification of evil that is Boston, the harbingers of all that is horrible in this world.

Sadly, my youngest brother is a Boston fan. Imagine going to a Leafs vs. Boston game at the Air Canada Centre with your two brothers, and a nephew. Three of you are wearing Leafs jerseys and one of you is wearing a Bruins jersey.

It doesn't help that my younger brother is also a mouthy Boston fan who has no problem being surrounded by Toronto fans in the home arena and taunting them all mercilessly while Boston goes on to humiliate the home town heroes 7-1. We came within inches of brawling almost a dozen times. I think the threat of having to walk home quieted him down a little.

No, being a Leafs fan takes a certain amount of fortitude (we'll use that word).

It has been 55 long, horrible, record years since the Leafs have one a cup...a drought longer than any other team in NHL history.

However, if you are to bring this up Leafs fans are quick to point out that at 13 we (we feel like we're part of the team at this point) have won more Stanley Cups than any other team in the NHL except the Montreal Canadiens whom we grudgingly respect because they have the worst fans of any team anywhere in the world. Honestly, I wouldn't wish a Canadiens fan on any team.

So here we are heading into another season and this is the year for sure, maybe, hopefully. This is the season we don't just start strong and collapse at the end. This is the season we add to those 13 cups.

But hey, if it isn't, we still have 13 more cups than the Jets.

> MAYOR, FROM PG. 3

overcome with the Stanley Agricultural Society to make it happen.

"And if others would have had their way, that facility would be sitting by the Boundary Trails Health Centre ... I said that's the last thing we want to do simply from the growth of the city," added Harder.

He went on to also highlight the development of the Buhler Active Living Centre as well as the move to take control of local Manitoba Housing projects.

"The biggest game changer is the fact that we bought the residential housing units from the province of Manitoba and said we can do a better job," he said. "And to this day, those housing units are actually generating a little bit of profit ... prior to that, when the province was running it, they actually were in deficit every single year."

City manager Jody Penner expressed his appreciation for Harder.

"I can tell you ... that trust and relationship is one of the most important things I have seen here," he said. "And Martin was doing it way back in the day, and it's really what got him into business."

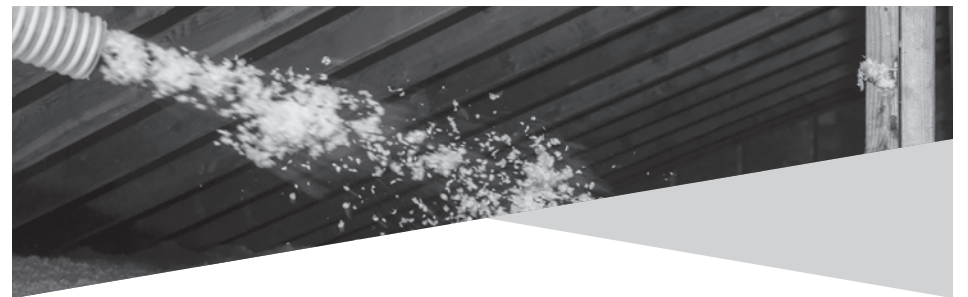
Henry Siemens also offered a tribute

built around his good fortune to have been sitting alongside Harder at the council table for the entire 16 years since 2006.

"I will say, without a shadow of a doubt, relations is very much who Martin is," said Siemens. "Martin works very hard. The entire time he was here he worked passionately; he cared deeply for Winkler.

"Martin and I didn't always agree, and at times we agreed to disagree fairly aggressively, but through it all, our relationship remained," he said, describing Harder as having been a steady hand for Winkler through it all. "I have appreciated the opportunity to work with you. I have appreciated your mentorship, and I've appreciated your friendship.

"We've been here through a tremendous period of change and growth for Winkler ... Winkler has more or less doubled in the time that you have been mayor," Siemens later concluded. "Your love for community, your passion for doing it right, your excitement at projects will be missed. You have brought something to the city that has improved the city, that has grown the city."



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Projects support student mental health

Voice staff

Three initiatives in Garden Valley School Division were among the latest round of ideas to receive provincial funding to support the mental health and well-being of students.

They were among 38 new projects to receive a portion of \$3.2 million in funding from the Manitoba government under the Teachers' Idea Fund.

The three projects in Garden Valley School Division include the following:

- Physical movement and safe spaces to support student mental health at Pine Ridge Elementary School - \$90,000.
- Regulation tools to support mental health at Plum Coulee School - \$59,350.
- Mental health awareness through drama at Pine Ridge Elementary

School - \$56,498.

This latest investment is in addition to the funding of 25 multi-year projects announced in December 2021, and it will continue this school year for a total of \$1.7 million.

To date, the Teachers' Idea Fund has approved 162 projects in 29 school divisions for total funding of \$11 million targeting learning supports, models of teaching and learning, mental health and well-being, transitions in kindergarten to Grade 12 education and engaging families and parents.

Launched in March 2021, the five-year, \$25 million Teachers' Idea Fund received proposals focused on one or more of the following mental health and well-being strategies in its spring 2022-23 intake - talking about mental health, training for teachers, incorporating mental health into teaching, providing appropriate tools and sup-

ports for students and taking care of teachers and staff.

"Manitoba's Teachers' Idea Fund provides teachers, staff and school leaders with the resources needed to develop innovative projects that support high-quality learning and positive outcomes for their students," said education and early childhood learning minister Wayne Ewasko. "Our government is pleased to approve projects that will support the mental health and well-being of students and educators."


"It is fulfilling to see school divisions, principals and teachers working together to implement innovative ideas to improve their mental health and well-being and that of their students," said mental health and community wellness minister Sarah Guillemard. "Open discussions about mental health in our education

system can help students and staff overcome barriers and reach their full potential."

The work would not be possible without the input and advice of the Teachers' Idea Fund Advisory Panel that reviews applications and supports their implementation, Ewasko noted. The panel is made up of diverse specialists from post-secondary institutions, the innovation sector, industry and business, mental health, government and kindergarten to Grade 12 education.

A progress report on previous projects highlights increased literacy and numeracy outcomes, attendance and engagement and student mental health and well-being. The Teachers' Idea Fund progress report outlines how educators are putting innovation into action to support students in Manitoba, Ewasko added.

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This workshop, based on the material from Dr. Gordon Neufeld, looks at resilience through the lens of new understandings about the brain, the nature of emotion, and relationships. The implications for working with children are profound, never mind the implications for dealing with stress in our own lives and in the lives of our loved ones. A special focus will be made on understanding resilience for those caring for children, but all are welcome.

When: Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm
Where: Central Station | 555 Main Street | Winkler



Meet the speaker:
Andrea Dyck | MA Counselling Psychology, CCC
Andrea is a counsellor, parent consultant and educator. She has received extensive training in the Neufeld Institute where she has studied the attachment-based developmental approach, which is applicable to people of all ages. She applies this understanding of relationship and resilience to those she works with, including parents who are seeking to support their children.

Business awards to return

Morden chamber calling for nominations

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is again looking to showcase outstanding local businesses.

After having to be cancelled last year due to the pandemic, the business awards gala will return in the new year, and the chamber is putting out the call for nominations with a deadline of Nov. 18.

The awards were last presented in 2020 when each honour was presented to the recipients by video without the gala, so it will be great to get together again in celebration of local businesses, said executive director Claire Agnew.

"I think it's very important to recognize local businesses for their success. When I look at the categories, I feel like there could even be so many more," she said.

"I do think the business community in Morden is strong, and it keeps growing, so I think it's important for us to recognize them ... and it's also the recipient can feel proud of how they contribute to our community.

"It's nice that it is the community and their peers that are recognizing them," she added.

The gala is planned for Jan. 26 at the Access Event Centre with comedian Dean Jenkinson as the emcee.

Awards will be presented in four categories - business of the year with less than seven employees, business of the year with seven or more employees, entrepreneur of the year and not for profit organization of the year.

Criteria set out for the awards includes that the entrepreneur of the year be an individual who has been active in a business operating for at least four years perhaps as founder, owner or at least playing a senior role in the company.

A business, individual or organization is not eligible to enter a category in which they have been an award recipient in the last three years, and they may self-nominate or be nominated by another party. All nominees will be required to complete an information form to finalize the nomination.

The selection committee usually includes chamber reps along with the mayor of Morden and reeve of the RM of Stanley.

The recipients of the entrepreneur of the year and the not for profit of the year honours will be announced prior to the awards gala, while the three finalists for each of the business of the year awards will be announced prior to the gala with the recipients announced at the event.

Complete criteria and information is available at www.mordenchamber.com.

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Unexpected moments

During recent travels in England my wife and I found ourselves in unexpected moments.

We were tourists in the country doing the usual sightseeing and tours. We learned how to use the train system and discovered the convenience of “the tube”—the subway system. We enjoyed seeing and touring in famous buildings such as Windsor Castle, and visiting places that had historic importance.

We developed a short list of the sites we would include in our time in London, including Buckingham Palace. On Thursday, Sept. 8, we had tickets for an evening theatre production of *Come From Away*, the story of the incredible hospitality of the people of Gan-der, Newfoundland, when many planes arrived there following the bombing of September 11, 2001. The hosts and guests had to face an unexpected series of needs in their care for one another through an unexpected event. They rose to meet the challenge.



By Randy Smart

When we arrived at the theatre we were about to enter into an unexpected moment. A security officer at the door reviewed our tickets, and advised us that Queen Elizabeth had died. There would be an acknowledgement and two minutes of silence before the production began. When it was time to begin, the director greeted the audience, announced the Queen’s passing, the actors came onstage and we were all invited to observe two minutes of silence in her honour.

No instruction was given to stand for this time of silence

although it would have been customary. That was probably an oversight. What happened next was unexpected. As the realization of what this two minutes of silence represented, people stood up all over the auditorium and there was a staccato sound of folding theatre seats that echoed through the room.

After the production was over, we headed for the tube station to return to our hotel. You could not miss seeing an exceptionally bright billboard shining on that street. It was an illuminated picture of Queen Elizabeth accompanied by the text “Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022”.

You may have seen television coverage of the days that followed. We spent time outside the gates of Buckingham Palace and witnessed the arrival of many adults and families with flowers. We heard the guns that echoed the methodic

countdown of 96 years of a life lived. The nearby Royal Military Chapel offered a quiet place to stop and sign a Book of Condolence. We stayed two more days in London before going to our next scheduled destination.

How we do respond to new circumstances that are beyond our control? Revised plans do not have to mean ruined plans. We can adjust our expectations and look to see what new choices are available to us. We never did get to tour at Buckingham Palace but we did witness some moments in history that we could not possibly have scheduled. In Psalm 112:7 we read that those who trust in the Lord “do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the LORD to care for them.”

Randy Smart has been a pastor in Southern Manitoba since 1979.

> CARRY YOUR CROSS, FROM PG. 6

just fine. They’re making progress. They’re happy. Is there something wrong with us, that we can’t seem to manage as well as they do? Or did they just win some kind of heavenly lottery, and were born with a lighter load?

What it really comes down to is perception. Comparing your burden to another person’s is never a good idea because things are seldom as they appear. The guy leaving the bank with a smile on his face may be a pay cheque away from losing his house, and just consolidated his debt.

The happy family you see in the restaurant at the table beside yours may be taking a much needed break before they head back to the hospital to visit a terminally ill child.

We often allow worry to skew our view. The more we fear and dread what tomorrow may bring, the heavier today’s burden will become. Holocaust survivor Corrie ten Boom wrote, “Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load with today’s strength – carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn’t empty tomorrow of sorrow; it empties today of its strength.”

We also tend to think that we need to carry our burdens alone. We’re ashamed and afraid to appear weak or inept, so we hide our fear and desperation from the people who love us and want to help us carry our crosses, even while carrying their own.

It’s important to remember that this life is not a competition to see who manages it the best; none of us would win that trophy. When we carry our burdens at our own pace, and in our own way, they don’t feel quite as heavy, and our cross often begins to shrink.

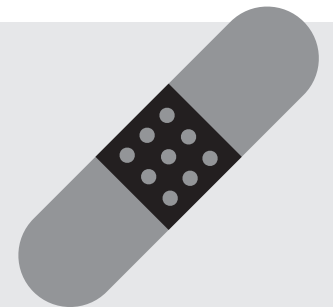
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Operation Christmas Child campaign underway

By Lori Penner

Receiving Christmas presents is something most children in Canada take for granted, but imagine being a child in a war-torn or Third World country and never knowing what it feels like to open a gift just for you.

This is where Samaritan's Purse comes in, and since 1993, it's partnered with local churches around the world to deliver 157 million Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need in 160 countries.

Each box – packed full of toys, school supplies, and hygiene items – is sent with love, and central region leader Andrea Zammit, who has been involved with the organization for three years, said it brings her joy to bring happiness to children around the world.

"I love being a part of this. It's a great way to meet other people who want to be involved. Their excitement is contagious, and it's always amazing how much gets done when we work together," she said.

Zammit started filling shoeboxes when her own children were little.

"I thought it was such a wonderful idea. It's a way to pay it forward. It really spoke to me, and I wanted to teach my kids how to give," she said.

"We get so much here for Christmas, and we have so much. I want them to think about others too. It's fun. I love doing stockings and this feels just like that. Packing something to make somebody happy."

Anyone of any age can get involved, she noted.

"It's not just the kids that are blessed by this. When I see seniors who think they're too old to be reaching out anymore, but here they are knitting and crocheting things for the boxes. It's a blessing to them."

Filling a shoebox, she added, is a simple way to



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Central Region Drop-Off Leader Andrea Zammit has been involved with the organization for three years, and says it brings her joy to bring happiness to children around the world.

focus on the needs of others.

"It makes you realize there are people in the world whose lives are even harder than your own, and brightening someone's life brings a sense of purpose and gratitude. Some of these children may never have owned anything, and the items in that shoebox might be the first things that have ever belonged to just them."

This year, the filled shoeboxes will be sent to West Africa, Central America, the Philippines and Ukraine, and Zammit noted the process is simple.

"Pick up an empty box at one of the distribution sites. Choose whether you want it to go to a boy or

a girl, and which age group. Then have fun filling it up with things like hygiene items, school supplies and a 'wow' item that's colourful and fun like a ball or a stuffed animal. You can even include a personal note and a photo. It makes it extra special, and the kids really cherish that."

Zammit added items like school supplies can change a child's life.

"They can make it possible for that child to attend school."

Do not include things like candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items, chocolate or food, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers or aerosol cans.

When your box is ready, include the \$10 shipping fee which helps with processing and training for volunteers. The fee also covers materials for a 12-week discipleship program the children can choose to attend. Then collection week is Nov. 14 to 20.

"People need to get their boxes packed and dropped off at one of the distribution sites before then," Zammit said.

There is the online option at PackABox.ca, and for more information, email shoeboxpv@gmail.com or call 204-362-6041.

Find empty shoeboxes at: Winkler - Winkler Library, Time-Out Sports, Dollar Tree, Dollarama, Tempo; Morden - Giant Tiger, Great Canadian Dollar Store, Dollar Store Plus More; Altona - The Party & Gift Shop, Great Canadian Dollar Store; Carman - Prices' Right, Toews Printing.

Drop off locations include: Winkler - Gospel Mission Church (Main Winkler drop off only during Collection Week - November 14-20; Morden - Dollar Store plus More, Great Canadian Dollar Store; Carman - Prices' Right, Toews Printing; Altona - The Party & Gift Shop, Great Canadian Dollar Store.



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Deal helps drive Icon's growth

By Lorne Stelmach

Martin Harder was pleased his last order of business as mayor of the City of Winkler was to help enable the continued growth of a successful local company.

A ceremony at the conclusion of his final meeting as the head of council last Tuesday saw him offer his signature to complete a \$1.7 million deal to sell 17 acres of land to Icon Technologies.

"That is exciting ... development continues," said Harder, who added it was especially gratifying to be selling the land "to a company that has shown tremendous leadership in our community and integrity and (has been) a great employer."

Harder was grateful the city could play a role to help ensure Icon Technologies continues to grow here in

Winkler and expressed his appreciation to CEO and founder John Loewen and business manager Harv Giesbrecht.

"John and Harv have built this company up to the point where that land was completely full, and they needed more land," said Harder. "We had some drainage issues; we needed to work through where the drainage would be together with the RM of Stanley."

"We made the space available for John to continue to expand ... and if you think his place is big today," he concluded.

The land is bordered by Russet Road and PTH 14 to the north, Icon Drive to the east, Roblin Boulevard to the south and Norland Drive to the west.

Speaking on behalf of Icon, Giesbrecht recalled a discussion with one

of the companies with which they deal.

"They started in a chicken coop on a farm, and today they've got about two and a half million square feet of production space on almost 400 acres," he said.

"So the question at the table one day was did you, could you ever envision this, was this the plan when you started out," said Giesbrecht.

"You don't know what the plan is; you can't see through the mist of what comes down the road," he concluded. "But it's really important to have really strong backing from people who understand business, understand the community and understand you don't need a hand out, but you do need a level playing field and opportunity to grow, and we certainly found that to be true."

A small business with a bigger mission

By Lorne Stelmach

Her business journey couldn't have been more challenging, but Megan Franklin has not only persevered but seen Frank and Olive even grow into something more in Winkler.

She highlighted those successes and the challenges faced in opening and maintaining a business in the midst of a pandemic as a featured speaker last Thursday as part of the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce small business week luncheon.

"Frank and Olive started as a way to provide service. Frank and Olive has grown into a vessel for community outreach and has become a safe space for people to come and be themselves," said Franklin, who expressed gratitude for the support of the community. "I am one hundred per cent here because of this community and I don't ever plan to forget that."

Franklin described her business as a wellness collective that is home to various beauty professionals who get to use their space.

She noted being one of the first esthetician graduates from Northlands Parkway Collegiate in June, 2015. After that, she went back and forth a couple times between Winnipeg and Winkler.

"Ultimately, I ended up right back where I started as an esthetician," said Franklin, who gave credit to an opportunity in Winnipeg where she

apprenticed.

"I got to experience a mentorship with women who value me as an artist, as an individual and as a friend," she said.

"Moving back to Winkler, I had already decided that the only option for me would be to open a space I've always dreamed of," she continued. "A studio where women can come together to work, to relax and to connect."

Opening day came in March 2020.

"The first week was surreal ... finally being in a space that I had dreamed about for so long," said Franklin, but then by week three they had to close their doors because of the lockdown.

"This was not something that I ever expected to see in my lifetime, much less weeks after opening a business. What do you do when your entire business is close contact," she said.

"This lockdown actually allowed me to take a step back and look at what I wanted Frank and Olive to become," she added. "Could I use this opportunity to go deeper and to make Frank and Olive matter in a different way?"

Franklin then went on to talk about how the experiences were changing her personally as she was becoming more aware of the bigger picture.

Frank and Olive then re-opened in June, and she hoped they were in the clear while implementing all necessary safety measures. They were starting to gear up for the Christmas sea-

son, but then came another lockdown in November.

"This was devastating. The holidays are a season full of connections and community, and after losing out on so much of that year, we had high hopes for the holidays," she said.

Franklin emphasized though that she knew they were still in a better place than others, so it was with that thought that she set out to help.

"I reached out to Genesis House to see if there was a way that we could support them through the holidays. This led to us collecting donations of clothing, toiletries and toys for the women and children who find themselves at Genesis House," she said. "Our community is so cool when we decide to come together and lift others up."

Come February, there was the go-ahead to open again, but then came a third lockdown in May, and by that point it almost had been expected, she said.

In June, Franklin then sought support Pembina Valley Pride, so shirts were designed with the message 'all spaces should be safe spaces' with the proceeds going to Pembina Valley Pride.

"I loved getting to connect with our rainbow community through my work," said Franklin, who had anticipated some backlash but was encouraged by the positive response.

Having re-opened for a third time



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Frank and Olive owner Megan Franklin touched on the challenges of opening and maintaining a business in the midst of a pandemic.

in July, Franklin then highlighted their introduction of Dame products, which she described as having been created by women for women with a mission to close the pleasure gap.

"In a community where women are often under-represented and feel under-valued, I felt it so important that we have a line of products designed to help women learn that they are worth more," said Franklin, who again expected some backlash but was once again encouraged by the positive response.

By August, the province had dropped the mask mandate, but they decided to keep it in place at their business.

"I made the decision so that every

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Collaboration the key with Central Station

By Lorne Stelmach

The importance of Central Station Community Centre was highlighted last week as part of the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce small business week luncheon.

Central Station was cited as the 2022 award recipient for nonprofit organizations as well as the Volunteer Manitoba community leadership award.

Executive director Bev Wiebe noted the strangeness of being a non-profit recognized through a business awards program, but she highlighted why a facility and organization like this is utilized and needed in the community and the ripple effect.

"I believe that we all need to support our community in various ways, and by supporting Central Station and the community centre that we are, it will in turn support all of your businesses," said Wiebe.

"Our community has grown exponentially ... with an increase in popu-

lation comes a demand for services," she said, recalling how Central Station grew out of a recognition there was a need to better co-ordinate those services and involve all stakeholders.

"The City of Winkler does not have the resources to address all of the critical needs within the community. There is no one single organization that can manage these needs alone within the community. To be effective, it's going to have to be a collaborative approach," she said.

"The vision was in response to a growing need for a hub in the community that would help to reduce barriers and connect community members seeking resources to the agencies and organizations."

The vision and plan of course has evolved and continued to expand since it opened in 2014 and received its charitable status in 2016.

It has grown to have 10 paid staff and up to a hundred volunteers monthly, and Wiebe went on to highlight their

many services and priorities.

One of the most important is to manage affordable housing in the community, but just as vital are things like their drop-in times, regular community meal nights and food support and hosting an array of classes and workshops.

"We've seen an increased need in how we can serve and be a light in our community," said Wiebe in touching on the challenges of the past two years.

She closed by again emphasizing the importance of their collaborative approach and their overall mission.

"Through my experience leading this team for the past six years, I have found this to be our strength," said Wiebe.

"We are committed to amplifying the voice of the voiceless, shielding the powerless against injustice, recognizing the power of practicing courage and sharing our stories," she concluded.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Bev Wiebe, executive director of Central Station Community Centre, addressing the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce small business week luncheon.

"We are committed to strengthening community through partnerships. We are committed to community space. We want to provide a safe and comfortable community space for everyone who passes through the doors."

Altona's Neufeld played for the Blue Bombers

By Ty Dilello

Harold Neufeld was born in Altona on Oct. 10, 1927. That makes him 95-years-old in a few weeks time.

Before Neufeld was born, his parents had lived for a number of years in the historic Schwartz House in town, a building that now serves an art gallery known as the "Gallery in the Park."

"When I was born, we moved into a little house around the corner of one of the churches," recalled Neufeld. "I lived there until we moved to Lowe Farm, Carman, and then finally to Winnipeg when I was close to turning twelve."

Neufeld started playing hockey and football once he moved into the North Kildonan neighbourhood of Winnipeg. He was a childhood friend of the great Terry Sawchuk, who went on to win four Stanley Cups, four Vezina Trophies, and is known today as arguably the greatest goaltender to ever strap on a pair of pads.

"Terry was from East Kildonan, and I was in North Kildonan, so we played against each other in school hockey when we were teens. Terry was actually a pretty good forward as well as I always remember him scoring a lot of goals in those years."

Neufeld played junior hockey in the

1946-47 season for the Winnipeg Canadiens and the Brandon Elks. At this time, the NHL's Montreal Canadiens signed him to a "C-Form," which in those days tied you to the team for life.

"The Canadiens sent me to Saskatoon one year for a rookie camp, but I guess it didn't go great as they told me there not to quit my day job."

Neufeld was then offered a chance to play pro hockey in Scotland but decided on going to school to become a chartered accountant instead.

At this time, he still had a year of junior eligibility for football, so he took it and played junior football in 1948. And then the next year, when Neufeld was just 21, he joined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers for the 1949 season. Unfortunately, the Blue Bombers finished the year with a disappointing 2-12 record.

After that one season with the Blue Bombers, his schooling became too much for Neufeld to play any sports competitively as he had classes three nights a week and Saturday mornings to boot.

Neufeld took two years off of competitive football before returning in 1952. Interestingly, Neufeld would actually gain more notoriety from football after his days with the Blue



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Altona's Harold Neufeld was a multi-sport athlete that excelled in both hockey and football, signing contracts with the Montreal Canadiens and Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Bombers as he was a member of the Norwood/St. Boniface Legionnaires that captured the Canadian Intermediate Football Championship in 1952.

Backed by 7,000 fans at Winnipeg's Osborne Stadium in the championship game, the Legionnaires defeated the Peterborough Orfuns 31-18. Neufeld, a wingback, ran for two touchdowns in the win. That 1952 team was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

Neufeld and the Legionnaires almost repeated the following year but would lose the Western Final. In 1954, he joined the Winnipeg Rams and won one more Canadian Championship with them that season. In 2015, that squad was also inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame.

Neufeld began a public practice as a chartered accountant in 1954 and soon was a member of the Chartered Accountants of Manitoba.

"I opened my own office in 1958, and by that time, I had a wife and two kids. I had to work to make a living, which meant I couldn't play too much competitive hockey or football anymore, so I gave it up and just played recreationally after that."

Later in life, Neufeld entered the political realm. He first ran for the Manitoba legislature in the 1986 provincial election as a Progressive Con-

servative, losing to incumbent New Democrat Vic Schroeder by 527 votes in the north-end Winnipeg riding of Rossmere. In the 1988 election, with NDP support falling throughout the province, he defeated Schroeder by 526 votes in a rematch.

He went on to be a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba from 1988 to 1993 and a cabinet minister in Gary Filmon's government from 1988 to 1992. During that time, he was appointed Minister of Energy and Mines with responsibility for the Manitoba Hydro Act.

Nowadays, Neufeld is laying low at his East Kildonan home as COVID-19 has gotten very bad in Winnipeg. Before the pandemic, Neufeld was a regular at the Reh-Fit Centre in Winnipeg, going for walks three times a week. After suffering a heart attack at age 40, he has kept in strong shape ever since.

When asked if he was a better football or hockey player, Neufeld said he was better at hockey but that he was more successful in football.

"I was a starter for the Bombers until my classes started, and then I had to give it up. All the practices were after work in those days because none of the players made enough money where football was their only job. Boy, things have sure changed!"

> BIGGER MISSION, FROM PG. 11

single person who wanted to visit the spa could, regardless of health conditions that could potentially leave them vulnerable in public spaces," she explained.

"I was reminded over and over again that the community I had built up around me was supportive and would respect the decision that I made," she concluded.

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RONA part of national fundraising effort

By Voice staff

The local RONA in Winkler was recently part of a company-wide and nation-wide charitable effort.

The annual Lowe's Canada Heroes campaign took place from Sept. 1 to Oct. 7, and it brought together a record number of 313 teams from across distribution centres, Lowe's, RONA and Réno-Dépôt stores and RONA af-

iliated dealer stores.

In Winkler, the local RONA store raised \$2,678.58 to support the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation. In Manitoba, the Lowe's and RONA stores raised \$20,129.71 to support the a variety of organizations.

The campaign overall raised over \$1.44 million to support 242 local charities across the country, and Lowe's Canada matched the amount

raised by 50 per cent up to \$2,000 per location

The fifth Heroes campaign had unprecedented engagement and customers' generosity, noted company representatives.

"Helping build stronger communities is a top priority at Lowe's Canada, and this campaign reflects that engagement. With 242 organizations supported, we hope to make a dif-

ference in the lives of many," said Mélanie Lussier, director of external communications and sustainable development.

"These are challenging times, both economically and socially. These organizations' needs are greater than ever, and our teams are working extremely hard to support them."

> PESTICIDE OUTLIER, FROM PG. 5

or wildlife such as birds, rabbits or squirrels and beneficial insects that cross that lawn.

"There's no guarantee that municipal parks such as Assiniboine Park won't be sprayed because the bill allows for that," said Naylor.

The federal government is reviewing how it rates glyphosate [a herbicide] after parent company Bayer faced thousands of lawsuits and has had to pay out millions of dollars, said Naylor. The federal government makes risk assessments on products but it doesn't "come right out and say a product is safe."

The Pesticide Atlas: Facts and Figures about Toxic Chemicals in Agriculture, 2022 says pesticides have been identified as one of the causes behind the quick and disastrous deterioration in the abundance of animals and plant species.

"There is a consensus that pesticides play a significant role in biodiversity loss – they harm biodiversity directly and indirectly," says the atlas. "The control of weeds by broad-spectrum herbicides such as glyphosate leads to a decimation of flowers and blossoms and thus to a shortage of food for insects that feed on flowers and wild herbs."

Glyphosate in particular is a "tox-

ic top-seller," according to the Atlas, raking in \$841 million U.S. in 2018. It has been classified by the World Health Organization's cancer research agency as probably carcinogenic.

Naylor said she has seen literature sent to farmers instructing them on the use of personal protective equipment when they handle pesticides. But the "guy next door spraying his lawn is probably not wearing PPE" and there's probably no "48-hour recommended window" to keep people, pets and other animals off a lawn or grassy area after spraying.

"This legislation doesn't put anything into place for those kinds of provisions," said Naylor. "There's nothing to hold anybody to account."

Naylor sat on the provincial Standing Committee on Agriculture and Food in early October that heard directly from Manitobans about the pesticide bill.

"There were a number of private citizens and representatives from various groups who spoke to the committee about their concerns about the health impacts from pesticides, concern for pets and concern for additional costs to the health-care system," said Naylor. "One man spoke about how much his asthma improved and his ability to go outside in the summer once pes-

ticide restrictions came into place. He stands to lose that freedom because he knows his asthma will get worse."

A spokesperson for environment, climate and parks minister Jeff Wharton said all pesticides used or sold in Manitoba are federally approved by Health Canada scientists.

"Health Canada ensures that pesticide products do not present unacceptable risks to Canadians, their pets and the environment," said the spokesperson.

By adding a list of "sensitive areas" to Bill 22 where pesticides can't be sprayed, the government will protect pets and children, he said.

"Manitoba still has the strictest pesticide regulations in the prairies," he said. "By expanding our list of sensitive areas, our government continues to protect our pets and children while keeping our community safe and minimizing our environmental impacts."

He said that over 70 per cent of Manitobans would like the current pesticide restrictions rescinded.

"During public consultation, the Manitoba government found that over 70 percent of Manitobans wanted to see the current restrictions pulled back or rescinded."



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Author addresses his journey, reconciliation

By Lori Penner

The South Central Regional Library Altona Branch recently hosted an evening of conversation with Indigenous author David A. Robertson.

The Oct. 27 event was as a follow-up to the library's Indigenous Stories Community Book Club's study of his book *Black Water*.

Black Water tells the story of a son who grew up away from his Indigenous culture and takes his Cree father on a trip to the family trapline, and he finds revisiting the past not only heals old wounds but creates a new future.

It's about the journey of a young man becoming closer to who he is, who his father is and who they are together and their connection to the land.

Robertson read an excerpt from the book and spoke on a variety of topics ranging from truth and reconciliation, Indigenous affairs, bias, love, grief, masculinity and vulnerability, and he shared how, after his parents separated, he grew up with little knowledge about his Indigenous heritage.

"The way we learn about ourselves is family. If we don't have that connection, we're missing a big chunk of our development," he said.

After his father moved back home when Robertson was in high school, he became his mentor and his best friend.

"He asked me if I'd take him to visit his trapline. He hadn't been there for 70 years, and I felt his time was getting short. Out on the boat, I noticed how his frailty left, and he became visibly stronger. And I realized he drew strength from the water."

He felt as though he and his father had been coming here their whole lives, and that every moment had been leading up to this.

"He used to say to understand who we are, we have to know where we've been. So, I thought about the need to write what I was feeling on the land that day and how even the things that happened 100 years ago were a part of that journey to the trapline and how the entirety of our lives had led us there."

The experience led to a trilogy of stories about his father: a picture book, a memoir and a podcast.

After his father's death in 2019, Robertson's grief was overwhelming, so he returned to the trapline

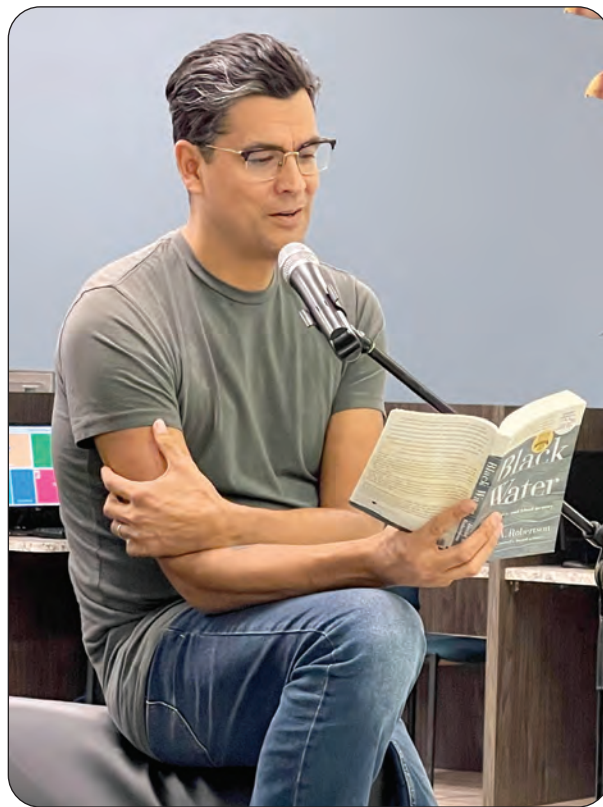


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Indigenous author David A. Robertson read an excerpt from his book, *Black Water*, at a presentation at the Altona Library last week.

with his family, searching for peace.

"It was like the land calmed me and made me forget about my anxiety. The experience of those that came before us, the sense of home and healing we can get from the land is something that lives within us and within the generations that came before us and the ones that come after us."

Robertson decided to become a writer at the age of eight, thanks to a Grade 3 teacher who encouraged and believed in him. Today, his writing covers a wide variety of genres, and all 29 of his published works – 26 of them for children and young adults – are connected to the theme of reconciliation.

"My dad and I talked about reconciliation a lot," said Robertson.

"One of the things we talked about was how it's really a conversation - this process where we tell

each other stories. And we listen to the stories. And we learn about each other, and we develop understanding, and through that understanding, we develop respect for one another, starting off with this shared humanity that we have," he said.

While this is a good starting point, Robertson says recognizing and honouring each other's differences is also important.

"My dad used to say you don't really know somebody until you actually know them. So, the process of reconciliation is to put aside the preconceptions we have of each other and just sit down and listen," he said. "There's an understanding that comes from listening, and we'd be a lot better off today if we'd always done that. I don't think reconciliation is really that complicated. And it's never too late to start."

Robertson also read an excerpt from his most recent book, *The Theory of Crows*, which reflects his own grief journey.

"It's a book about a guy becoming estranged from his daughter and how the grandfather is their one anchor. When that anchor dies, they return his ashes to the trapline, where they heal themselves and their relationship."

Robertson took advantage of his visit to Altona to share his thoughts and experiences with students at Ecole Elmwood Elementary School and W.C. Miller Collegiate as well.

"I'm lucky enough to speak to kids almost daily, and they're amazing and learning so many things. I feel hopeful for the future when I talk to them. They're so much more ready than we give them credit for. I have an urgency to develop and foster that ability in children to make this world a better place, because we sure need it."

He says the greatest lesson his father taught him was to help people no matter what you do.

"He had this quote in a notebook that said I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I ought to do. So, he chose jobs that enabled him to help as many people as possible.

"I feel like that is something I've tried to internalize in my work as a writer. I just try to put out books and do work that helps people and heals them in some way."

Event challenges you to experience poverty

Voice staff

Could you survive a month of poverty?

Central Station Community Centre is inviting people to find out by taking part in a unique poverty simulation experience.

It is planned for Nov. 22 with a choice of sessions with one simulation held from 9 a.m. to noon and another from 6 to 9 p.m. at Central Station at 555 Main Street in Winkler.

Esther Zacharias, community development co-ordinator, noted about 11

per cent of Manitobans are currently living in poverty, and many more have incomes above the poverty line but their incomes are still low enough to qualify for programs like income assistance.

"Recent economic stresses have seen unemployment rates rise, and the use of our local food cupboard has increased significantly over the last year," Zacharias noted.

"It is difficult for those who have enough to truly understand the situation that families living in poverty experience everyday – the decisions

they have to make and the fears and frustrations they feel.

"That is why we are inviting you to walk a mile in the shoes of those facing poverty by participating in the poverty simulation," she said. The poverty simulation provides participants with the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget."

The experience is divided into four 15 minute sessions with each representing one week in which you must provide for your family and maintain your home.

One past participant commented that "this poverty simulation dramatically demonstrates how much time and energy many families have to give just to survive from day to day. It quickly dispels the myth that people would do fine if they would only go out and get a job."

Central Station is co-ordinating this event in partnership with the Garden Valley Teachers Association.

Please RSVP by Nov. 14 by calling 204-325-0257 or e-mailing info@winklercentralstation.ca.

COVID hazard rating jumps to severe; Manitoba expects to lose more doctors

By Patricia Barrett

New hospitalization and intensive care unit admissions for COVID remain at elevated levels for mid-October, according to the latest weekly COVID surveillance report from the provincial government.

One hundred people were admitted to hospital for the virus, including 16 people who required intervention in the ICU for the period Oct. 16-22 (reporting Week 42). The previous week's report showed 103 hospital admissions, including 14 ICU admissions.

The provincial government doesn't provide in its surveillance reports the numbers of people with COVID in hospital and in the ICU on any given day or week.

Twelve more Manitobans died from COVID in Week 42. The province's death toll rose from a total of 2,199 people reported the previous week to 2,211.

There were 362 new lab-confirmed cases of COVID reported during the above period, a decrease of 40 cases from the 402 reported the previous week. The corresponding positivity rate dropped from 29.6 per cent the previous week to 24.0 per cent.

The government's data on new infections are an undercount as lab tests are restricted and rapid antigen tests are not tracked.

Wastewater surveillance data for the city of Winnipeg as of Oct. 20 shows increased COVID activity.

Other health news:

- The federally funded group, COVID-19 Resources Canada, which is made up of clinicians, researchers and data experts, says in its latest report that Manitoba's score on the COVID Hazard Index has increased to 9 or "severe" as of Oct. 21.

The hazard index corresponds to provinces and territories' expected risk of excess deaths from COVID. It shows Manitoba's situation having become worse than it was a few weeks ago. Since Sept. 16, Manitoba's weekly scores have been in the "very high" (6 to <8) and "severe" (>8) ranges.

- The XBB COVID variant, which has been dubbed the "nightmare" variant as it drives a wave of infections in Singapore, has shown itself to be highly immune evasive and able to reinfect. It has health experts concerned that the latest bivalent vaccines (targeting more than one strain) may have little effect against it.

- The World Health Organization's weekly epidemiological report for Oct. 26 shows XBB and XBB.1 having

been reported by 35 countries. Another variant gaining ground is BQ.1, a BA.5 subvariant.

There have been almost 400 omicron descendants identified so far, and 48 recombinant strains.

"Genetic diversification continues and has given rise to 390 Omicron descendent lineages, as well as 48 identified recombinants," states the report. "All these variants are being monitored and assessed by WHO based on criteria of genetic constellations of mutations, and/or indications of a rise in prevalence in a geographic location, as well as any evidence of phenotypic changes."

The WHO also reports that the region of the Americas (North, Central and South America) saw 365,000 new COVID cases reported over the period Oct. 17-23, representing a two per cent increase in the number of new infections over the previous week.

The highest number of new deaths reported in the region over that period came from the U.S., Brazil and Canada.

-Doctors Manitoba released a report titled Physicians in Manitoba (2022), providing a summary of physician resources in the province, comparisons to other Canadian jurisdictions, data on physician burnout and projections for retirement.

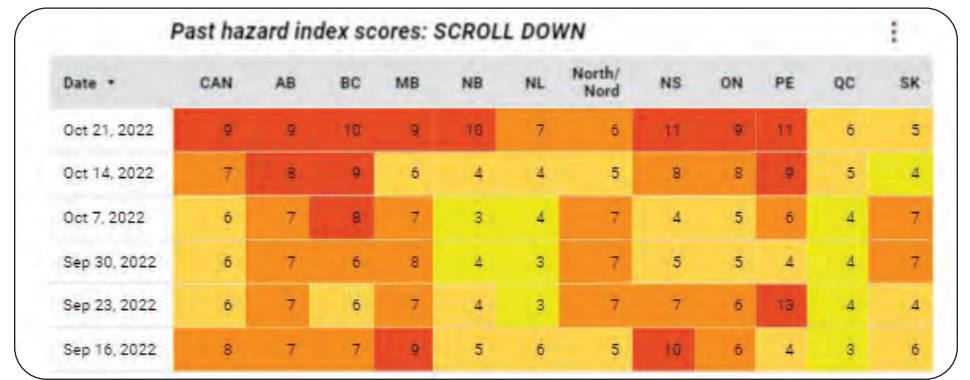
The sobering report shows an overall shortage of physicians in the province and predicts that it will only get worse.

"Manitoba has seen a significant increase in the number of practicing physicians over the past 20 years, but our increase has not kept up with other provinces, leaving us with one of the biggest physician shortages in Canada," said Doctors Manitoba president Dr. Candace Bradshaw in an accompanying news release. "For patients, the physician shortage is leading to unreasonably long wait times, unnecessary delays for surgery and testing, and it's making it difficult to find and see a family physician."

The physician advocacy organization used statistics from the Canadian Institute for Health Information, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, the Canadian Medical Association and its own annual physician survey to compile the report.

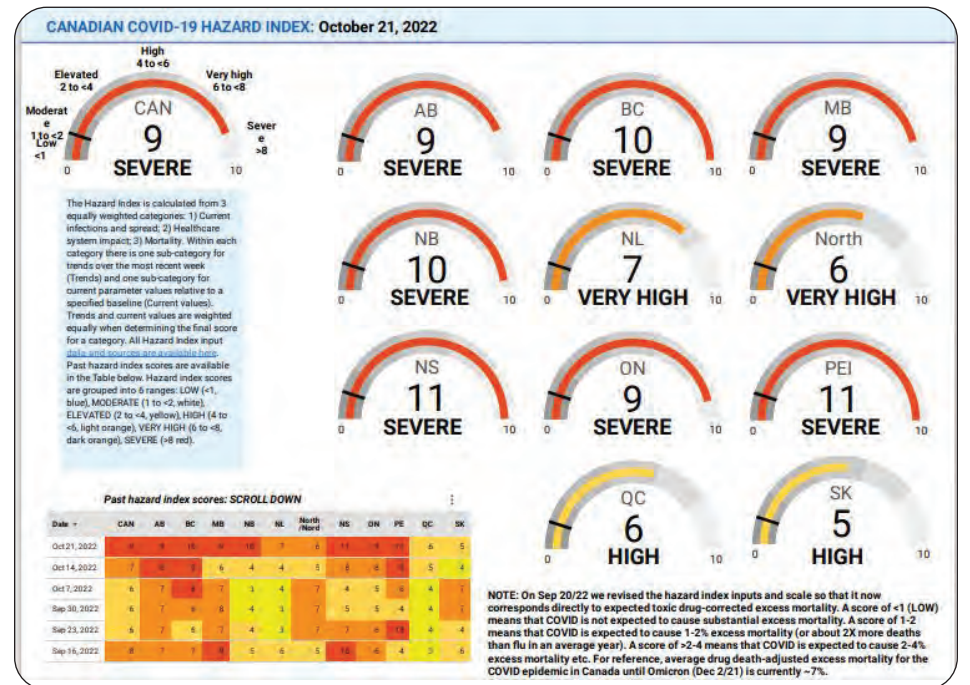
Manitoba has seen a 46 per cent increase in the number of physicians from 2001 to 2020, but it has the lowest growth (19 per cent) in physicians per 100,000 residents in Canada. The Canadian average growth is 29 per cent.

Overall, Manitoba has the 3rd lowest number of physicians (216), which



COVID-19 RESOURCES CANADA

The federally funded group, COVID-19 Resources Canada, presented its latest data (as of Oct. 21) on COVID across Canada. The group says Manitobans are at "severe" risk of experiencing excess deaths from the virus.



Hazard index scores for provinces and the north from Sept. 16 to Oct. 21.

includes both family doctors and specialists, per capita in Canada. And the shortage is "pervasive" in Manitoba's rural and northern health regions.

Using Doctors Manitoba and CMA Physician Health surveys, the advocacy organization found that burnout is affecting half (50 per cent) of Manitoba's physicians and medical learners. That's much higher than the pre-pandemic Canadian baseline of 31 per cent.

Thirty-five per cent are showing signs of depression and seven per cent report having had thoughts of suicide over the past year.

"Physician burnout is the biggest threat to physician retention," said Doctors Manitoba medical lead for physician health Dr. Shelley Anderson. "The root causes of burnout are largely system issues, not due to a lack of resilience on the part of individual physicians. These issues include a growing administrative burden, a lack of engagement with physicians and an erosion of control for patient care for which physicians are ultimately responsible. By working together with physicians to tackle

these issues, we can reduce burnout and improve physician retention."

Fifty per cent of doctors report having "frequently or sometimes" experienced mistreatment based on their race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or personal attributes. Patients make up 34 per cent of the source of mistreatment, followed by colleagues at 25 per cent and leadership at 22 per cent.

Retirement rates in Manitoba since 2018 have doubled from eight retirements out of 1,000 physicians to 18 retirements in 2021. In the next three years, 43 per cent of physicians are planning to retire, leave Manitoba or reduce their clinical hours.

The reasons are systemic or organizational; Of all Manitoba doctors surveyed, 74 per cent of physicians cited systemic or institutional issues such as feeling burned out or distressed by work, not feeling valued by the health system, having a too-heavy workload, non-competitive pay and system issues that are beyond their control.

Local family raises awareness about diabetes

By Jennifer McFee

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month, and this year marks an important milestone: the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin.

According to Diabetes Canada, diabetes or pre-diabetes affects one in three Canadians. It causes blindness, heart attacks, strokes, loss of limbs — and it can take lives, even with help from insulin. Although it can be life-saving, insulin is not a cure.

Stonewall mom Melissa Morden and her husband Jeff didn't know much about the disease until their son Julian was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes three weeks before his fourth birthday.

"You hear about it, but we really had no idea what the disease entailed and how life-changing it is for the patient as well as the family involved — and, really, the small community around them," she said.

"Our life changed drastically the day he was diagnosed. It felt like we had to become medical professionals to keep our son alive. The first few days, we had to spend eight-hour days at the endocrinologist office to learn how to manage our son's new disease. We found out his pancreas had shut down with no explained reason why and that we would have to provide the insulin his body needs to survive."

A few weeks prior to his diagnosis, Julian had started doing a few things that were out of character for him.

"Julian had started to ask many times a day and night for plain water, which was very unusual for him as he really enjoyed milk over anything. Then he started wetting the bed many nights, which we couldn't understand as he had been potty-trained for quite a long time already. We assumed at the time he was wetting the bed because we were always giving him so much water every time he asked for it," she said.

"Thankfully, we didn't stop giving him the water as it is extremely dangerous for a diabetic when their blood sugars are high. Water can help bring them down."

Morden felt like she might look silly making a doctor's appointment for him for concerns that felt minor, but she followed her instincts and did it anyway. At the appointment, they discovered Julian had lost quite a lot of weight. The doctor did a blood sugar test and his reading was extremely high.

"After that, the day became quite chaotic. Doctors and an endocrinolo-

gist rushed to help us. It was a Friday, late afternoon, and Julian had to visit the emergency room all weekend. He became very sick and doctors were trying to get enough insulin into him before he fully entered into ketoacidosis, which is deadly," Morden said.

"To this day, I am thankful I trusted my gut instinct, even knowing nothing about diabetes, and kept his doctor's appointment. His pediatrician told us one more day and Julian would have been admitted to the ICU. We learned that most parents find out their child has Type 1 diabetes because they've ended up in the ICU close to death. This is so scary as the signs can be so minimal, but the biggest signs are drinking or needing a lot of water, wetting the bed and losing weight."

Everything about diabetes is overwhelming for the entire family, she added.

"There are many ratios involved when figuring out the amount of carbs entering his body and the amount of insulin he will need. In a young child, it is very hard to keep a child's blood sugar stable when they have Type 1 diabetes," Morden said.

"Anything and everything in a child's life can affect their blood sugars, from sports and activities, weather, hormones, growth spurts, cold or flu, and even sleep. All this makes it very hard to stabilize his numbers with insulin. A lot of the time, it's a guessing game what the ratios should be, and they often change many times throughout the year."

They need to figure out every carb that Julian consumes, so they can provide enough insulin to break down those carbs.

"Our days consist of watching how high or low Julian's blood sugars go. He is using the Freestyle Libre 2 currently to help cut down on his finger pokes. It's a sensor that is a continuous glucose-monitoring device that is inserted into his arm with a small needle and stays on him for two weeks, then is replaced with a new one," she explained.

"We have a small scanner that scans the sensor to help us monitor his blood sugars many times throughout the day. It is dangerous for Julian to ever go too low, as this is when he could go unconscious and lead to more serious complications. It's also dangerous for Julian to go too high, as this is when his organs such as his heart, kidneys and eyes are being attacked. Being too high can lead to ketoacidosis, which leads many diabetics into the ICU."

Now that their son lives with Type

1 diabetes, the family's lives revolve around the disease since it's a matter of life or death for him.

"This makes life much trickier for Julian than children living without the disease. Julian cannot just be dropped off anywhere or with anyone. There is so much involved and we count on a small little village to help us when needed as they have learned to manage Julian's diabetes as well," Morden said.

"We try to keep his life as normal as possible, but it is something that cannot be hidden or kept quiet. Each school year, it is a very involved matter with each of his teachers and his classmates who are also educated on his disease."

During sports and other activities, Julian must always have someone with him who is aware of his diabetes and educated about it.

"His numbers can drop drastically and quickly with physical activity. Coaches and others unfortunately must also take on the responsibilities of monitoring his blood sugars, and Julian must always have snacks and fast-acting sugars with him," Morden said.

"We, as his parents, often can feel how overwhelming it can be for teachers, coaches and his friends' parents as we try to give a crash course on this disease and what they need to know when he is in their care. There is nothing easy about living a life with a child who has Type 1 diabetes. Our lives have never been the same since the day we found out, but our lives have become accustomed to doing what we need to do to keep our son healthy and alive."

Nonetheless, Morden said Julian has adjusted well to everything. Now seven years old, Julian is a Grade 2 student at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School.

"The one good thing about being diagnosed at an early age, he doesn't remember not having diabetes. But that doesn't mean he doesn't find it hard leading a different life than his friends. Lots of days are OK, but there are many that he is sad or mad he has to deal with this," Morden said.

"Julian now starts to feel his lows, which is very helpful. As his parents, we can notice things in his appearance and his moods when he's high or low. For lows especially, we'll see sunken eyes and he becomes very emotional. It becomes hard for him to manage his emotions when his blood sugars are too low, and it can become difficult to get the sugars into him that he needs. Thankfully, now that he's starting to feel how different he feels



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Seven-year-old Julian Morden was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at four years old.

when he's starting to go low, we can catch it even faster than waiting for him to be scanned or finger poked."

Besides his parents, Julian's three sisters have also become educated about what he needs to stay safe.

"Julian has a twin sister who has adapted to her brother not being able to eat whenever he wants or eat whatever he wants. She has done so well supporting her brother, such as helping him at school, being aware and helpful if he's feeling low. If Julian is feeling sad when he can't eat certain things at certain times, she will willingly not eat as well and wait for him, which has been very nice to see," Morden said.

"Our family, including grandparents and his aunt and uncle, have been very supportive and have learned to give needles when he is in their care. For the first year, it was all so overwhelming. We weren't sure how we could do this every day for the rest of our lives, but we've adjusted and adapted to our new lifestyle. It's definitely not easy managing diabetes and it's hard not being able to lead a normal life like we use to, but this has become our new normal."

At the same time, Morden hopes to counter some of the misconceptions about diabetes.

"A lot of people associate diabetes with having an unhealthy lifestyle. Type 1 diabetes has nothing to do with that. People often need to be told that it has nothing to do with their diet they had prior to being diagnosed. There is no known cause for Type 1 diabetes. A patient's pancreas just shuts down and will never work again," she said.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Braised Pork Chops with Spiced Honey and Grapes

2 small cinnamon sticks, broken
3-5 whole cloves
1/2 teaspoon dried ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint (optional)

Preheat oven to 325 F.
Heat heavy, lidded saute pan or casserole dish over medium-high heat. Dust pork chops with flour and brown slowly in melted butter. Do not let flour burn.

Remove pan from heat and add grapes, honey, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, salt and pepper. Cover and place in oven. Braise slowly 50-60 minutes, or until pork is tender. Remove pork from pan and keep warm. Skim pan sauce of excess fat. Arrange pork chops on serving platter, spoon with sauce and sprinkle with chopped mint, if desired.

Servings: 4
4 thick pork chops (about 3 pounds)
4 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 1/2 cups whole red or black Grapes from California
1/3 cup honey



Grape Basque-Style Cheesecake

in heavy cream; scrape down and beat on high speed until mixture resembles soft whipped cream, about 1 minute. Beat in eggs, one at a time, scraping down between additions. At medium speed, gradually add grape puree mixture; scrape and mix until well blended, 1 minute.

Pour batter into prepared pan, transfer to oven and bake 38-40 minutes until cake is puffed and top is caramel brown. Cracks will appear around edges and cake will be wobbly when touched gently with finger. Set cake pan on baking sheet on rack to cool. Cake will sink to half its height. Cool to room temperature, 1-2 hours, then refrigerate uncovered. Do not unmold cake from pan until well chilled, at least 5 hours or overnight.

Slice remaining grapes in halves or rounds. In small bowl, combine grapes with orange liqueur, if desired, and set aside.

When ready to serve, remove side of pan. Carefully pull creased parchment away from side of cheesecake then transfer to serving platter by peeling parchment away from bottom of cake and underneath pan while gently tugging cake toward platter and off parchment.

Garnish top of cheesecake with grape-liqueur mixture, if desired, or fresh grapes. Cut cake into wedges with thin, sharp knife.

Note: Cheesecake can be made up to 2 days ahead. Once cake is well chilled, cover pan with plastic wrap until ready to serve.

Prep time: 15 minutes, plus cooling and chilling

Bake time: 40 minutes

Servings: 12

2 cups green Grapes from California, divided

1/4 cup, plus 2/3 cup, granulated sugar, divided

2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch

2 large pinches kosher salt

21 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature

1 cup cold heavy cream

4 large eggs, at room temperature

2 tablespoons orange-flavored liqueur (optional)

Heat oven to 425 F with rack in center. Use 12-by-16-inch sheet of parchment paper to line 9-inch springform pan in center. Press paper into bottom edge of pan and flatten creases around sides. Place pan on shallow baking sheet.

In mini blender or food processor, blend 1 cup grapes, 1/4 cup sugar, cornstarch and salt on high until smooth, about 1 minute.

In bowl of electric mixer fitted with paddle, beat cream cheese and remaining sugar until fluffy, 1-2 minutes. With mixer on medium speed, gradually pour

Ask the Money Lady

Dear Money Lady Readers: I wanted to share this quote with you "The Things You Do Can Cost You.....But the Things You Don't Do, Can Cost You Everything!"

I was at a fantastic women's event recently and was inspired to share with you the insights of this event. One of the many speakers had a profound message: "You can't quantify how much business you're not getting through your non-efforts." Wow – isn't that the truth!

The real money you lose in life is the money you fail to earn. If you are a small business owner, entrepreneur, or even an independent contractor, what are you doing to build your business today. If you are not marketing and advertising, not selling, not networking or being active on social media sites or doing the basics of making phone calls – all this lack of effort will cost you. And for those that are employed and wanting to be paid more in your career, what are you doing to make yourself more competitive and more suitable for a promotion. Think about how much money you could earn over the next five years if you were to elevate your position or expand your business (especially today in our new post covid environment).

You see, there are two kinds of people in business today (or maybe in your personal life) and they are: "your people" and "not-your people." Your people are the ones that like you immediately, they are interested in you and ask questions, they want to help you grow your business, they give you referrals, and are pleased to work with you. "Not-your people" are the complete opposite. These are clients, business associates, even friends and family that put roadblocks in your way, criticize your efforts and are never happy. These people do not want to pay for your services or your worth, and it is usually painful and hard to work with or for these people. Remember, if you believe you are worth more and that you can bring more value, then it is up to you to demonstrate that to your customers and your employer.

Now I know many of you may say that this is too simplistic and that even if you spend the time and money building your brand or your skills, there is no guarantee that you will get what you want. I don't disagree – but I do believe it will place you in a better circumstance than you are right now, guaranteed. Opportunities will present



Christine Ibbotson

themselves to you when you make changes. And most importantly, don't be discouraged by those "not-my people" along the way that try to hold you back or keep you down.

I want to tell you a personal story. When I was starting out my career in the financial markets, (a fiercely competitive endeavour predominantly held by men) I was struggling in the beginning. Shortly after I started, I went to a sales conference where one of my so-called friends used me as an example of "how NOT to succeed" and it was laughed about by several of my peers including my manager at the time. These were definitely not-my people. It was a toxic environment that I removed myself from, but I used the situation to dig in and make myself better. You see, this embarrassment and sarcasm which happened more than thirty years ago, (something I can still feel the burn from today) helped me get better. Little did I know that this ten second insult would motivate me to become one of the most successful advisors in the firm. Every time I became tired, depressed, or discouraged, I used that past insult to turn me into "wonder-woman," learning more, exceeding targets, and acquiring more relationships with the right "my-people."

Past failures can be very powerful, especially when you turn them inside out and use them to fuel the fire inside you to get what you want. It is a part of everyone's life to fail in their personal and professional lives. You want to use your past failures as I did, to fuel your success, rather than using the failure as an excuse to quit or give up trying.

Good Luck & Best Wishes,

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Canadian Finance Writer, Radio Host & YouTuber. For more advice check out her YouTube channel: ASK THE MONEY LADY – Your Canadian Finance Coach.

Doctor shortage only worsening

By Voice staff

Manitoba doctors last week raised alarm about what they say is a deepening shortage of medical professionals in the province.

A new report called *Physicians in Manitoba* delves into what it says is not only an existing shortage of doctors but a situation it suggests will get worse in the short and medium term if nothing changes.

The *Physicians in Manitoba* report draws on the most recent statistics from the Canadian Institute for Health Information, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, Canadian Medical Association and the Doctors Manitoba annual physician survey.

"Manitoba has seen a significant increase in the number of practicing physicians over the past 20 years, but our increase has not kept up with other provinces, leaving us with one of the biggest physician shortages in Canada," said Dr. Candace Bradshaw, president of Doctors Manitoba.

"For patients, the physician shortage is leading to unreasonably long wait times, unnecessary delays for surgery and testing, and it's making it difficult to find and see a family physician."

The findings include:

- Manitoba has seen a 46 per cent increase in the number of practicing physicians over the last 20 years.

- On a per capita basis, the increase was only 19 per cent over the last two decades, and this is much lower than the average Canadian increase of 29 per cent and is the smallest increase of any province.

- Manitoba has the lowest number of family physicians per capita in Canada and third lowest number of specialists per capita.

- Rural and northern regions have below-average physician resources compared to peer regions across Canada.

The report also looks at current issues in the medical profession and projects how the physician shortage could deteriorate further without an intervention:

- Over the last four years, the number of physicians retiring each year has more than doubled.

- Two thirds of physicians are experiencing distress, and half are experiencing high levels of burnout.

In the next three years, it is estimated 43 per cent of physicians are planning on retiring, leaving Manitoba or reducing their clinical hours.

The report estimates Manitoba would need 359 more physicians to meet the Canadian per capita average, though it should be noted Canada's average is far lower than most OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) nations.

Achieving even the Canadian average would be a major challenge because an estimated 348 physicians are considering retirement in the next three years with hundreds more planning on leaving Manitoba or reducing their clinical hours.

"Physician burnout is the biggest threat to physician retention," said Dr. Shelley Anderson, medical lead

for physician health with Doctors Manitoba.

"The root causes of burnout are largely system issues, not due to a lack of resilience on the part of individual physicians. These issues include a growing administrative burden, a lack of engagement with physicians and an erosion of control for the patient care for which physicians are ultimately responsible," she said.

"By working together with physicians to tackle these issues, we can reduce burnout and improve physician retention."

Doctors Manitoba has projects underway to address burnout in three of the five health regions. In partnership with the local regional health authority, collaborative teams of physicians and RHA decision-makers are developing action plans to reduce physician burnout with the participating RHAs of Prairie Mountain Health, Northern Health Region and Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority.

Manitoba 4-H Council to host first annual fundraising dinner

By

Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. to host First Annual Fundraising Dinner "4-H for Today and Tomorrow"

Brandon, Manitoba – Growing awareness and fostering support for Provincial programs is essential for Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. to maintain and expand the programming for all its' members. To support both of those objectives, Manitoba 4-H Council will be hosting their First Annual Fundraising Dinner to be held in the MNP Hall at the Keystone Centre on Thursday, November 10th, 2022.

"We are always focused on enhanc-

ing existing opportunities and creating new ones, helping our youth expand their knowledge and skills through experiential learning," says Shannon Carvey, Executive Director of Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. "Hosting an event like this can make those opportunities possible for the 4-H members in Manitoba, whether they be our six-year-old "Clover Buds" or our "Senior Members" from 14-17 years of age," Carvey continues. "Fantastic new experiences can happen with support from business and community. We are so excited for this event, for the information that will be

shared, and the connections made."

For over 100 years, 4-H Canada has been one of the most highly respected positive youth development organizations in Canada. 4-H in Manitoba has roughly 2000 members and 600 volunteers. Our goal is to help young Canadians "Learn To Do By Doing" in a safe, inclusive and fun environment. We believe in nurturing responsible, caring and contributing leaders who are committed to positively impacting their communities in Manitoba, across Canada, and around the world.

Contact Manitoba 4-H Council for tickets at 204-726-6136



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> DIABETES, FROM PG. 16

"There is nothing to do to prevent Type 1 diabetes. So even though the stigma is out there around diabetes, there are differences between certain diabetes — and no diet, exercise or medication can take Type 1 diabetes away. People with Type 1 diabetes will be insulin-dependant for the rest of their lives until a cure is found."

That's why National Diabetes Awareness Month is so important.

Throughout this month, the Mordens plan to actively post on social media to help raise awareness about people living with diabetes. They will also wear shirts stating that they're parents of a Type 1 child.

"Often, we'll have strangers come up to us asking questions about Type 1 diabetes, which can lead to us helping inform more people about the disease," Morden said.

"Raising awareness for diabetes and raising money to find a cure is

the most important thing in our lives and should be so important to many people."

The cost of diabetic supplies is astronomical, she added.

"These supplies are life-saving supplies. People living with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes depend on these supplies to stay alive, yet many people can't afford them, which can cost them their lives. A cure is our biggest wish and dream in life. People need to be aware of how important it is for

diabetics to have their supplies, as well as how people are truly affected by this disease," she said.

"We're so thankful that, over the years, technology has evolved to make it easier to live with the disease. This has only happened because of the funds raised to come out with these new things to make life easier. We're hoping, as the years go on, things will just keep getting better — and one day there will be a cure."

Major fossil find in the Pembina Valley

By Lorne Stelmach

A pair of paleontologists in the Pembina Valley are receiving recognition in their field for a recent discovery.

Pembina Paleontology announced the discovery of a new paleo-octopus fossil from southern Manitoba, and their research was published in the Proceedings of the 29th Canadian Paleontology Conference.

"All of the similar fossils in this area have historically been lumped together as squid," said Anita Hatcher, the lead author of the research paper who operates Pembina Paleontology with her husband Joseph. "We now know that the largest of these share morphological and phylogenetic relationships with modern octopods."

The specimen is the first major fossil discovery for the young research company founded in 2021.

Both formerly played leading roles with the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, so starting up Pembina Paleontology was going back to familiar territory the husband and wife team, who returned to the paleontology field with the new venture after having taken time away to focus on starting and raising a family.

Both said it was a special moment for them when they came to realize what they had discovered.

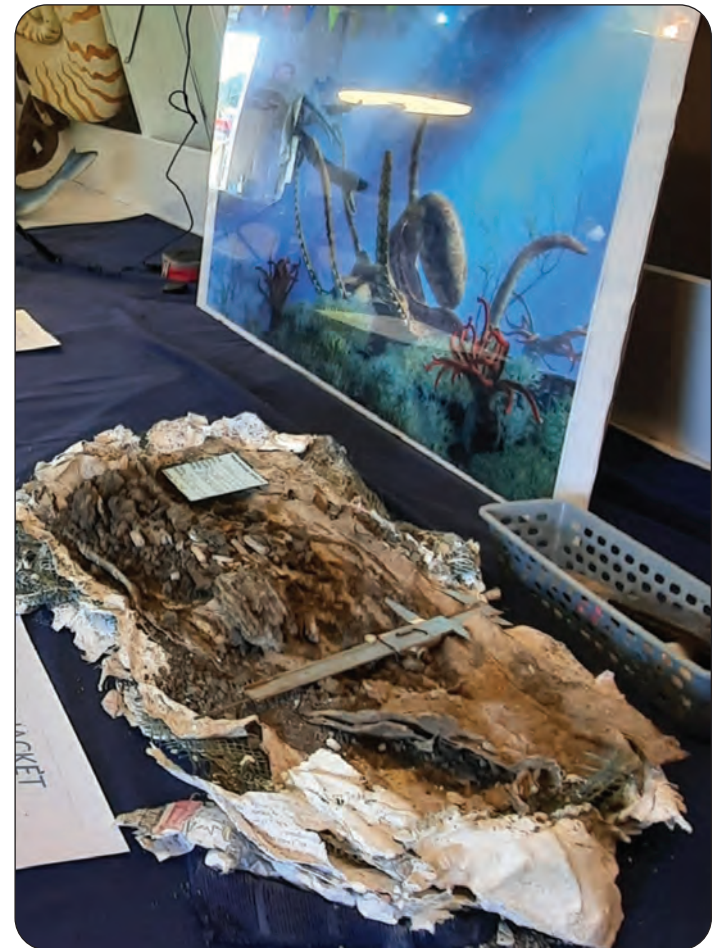
"The excitement began when I realized that the fossil undoubtedly belonged to the paleo-octopus genus *Enchoteuthis*," said Anita. "It had never been documented, in-situ, in Manitoba before, making it a first."

"There was a lot of buzz and excitement about our research, as many of our peers at the conference are cephalopod researchers," said Joseph, who presented the research paper at the Canadian Paleontology Conference.

"This specimen is important in terms of paleoecology as it, combined with other known specimens, are indicative of at least a regional megafaunal turnover from the marine reptiles to large octopods," he explained. "The local fossil record is teaching us that these paleo-octopods were the major predators during the late stages of Manitoba's cretaceous seaway."

"The goal of research is the advancement of science for the greater reservoir of human knowledge," said Anita. "This fossil discovery accomplishes just that, the specimen itself is the first of its kind from the cretaceous of Manitoba that has all of the important field data from which we can learn about the paleo-octopus and its ancient marine environment."

She sees this as being a big boost to



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J.B. Hatcher, son of paleontologists Anita and Joseph Hatcher, on the day that the octopus was discovered. Their research then revealed that the husband and wife team behind Pembina Paleontology had made a significant find.

their scientific endeavours and scientific endeavours.

"It just continues to lend to our credibility as leaders in the field of paleontology," she suggested, noting they are Manitoba's most published professional paleontologists.

"For the layperson, we're talking about a previously unknown window in cretaceous Manitoba," she continued. "It's a snapshot in time in which the large mosasaurs and plesiosaurs had been replaced as the megafaunal predator of the western interior seaway by a type of giant paleo-octopus."

topus.

"Imagine the largest six meter Giant Pacific Octopus that you might find off the coast of B.C. today. Now imagine it three times that size and hungry," she said. "With six meter arms and a beak that rivals a Triceratops, this paleo-octopus could bite clean through any reptile bone."

"And our specimen, combined with others discovered in North Dakota, show that the paleo-octopus *Enchoteuthis* was the dominate predator of the upper Pierre Seaway."



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arts & culture

Morden native pens new book: Heart Attack

By Lorne Stelmach

Life has taken Jeff Schmidt on quite a journey, and the 48-year-old born and raised in Morden has documented a life-changing event in a book which he hopes could help others in similar circumstances.

He channeled his creativity to make *Heart Attack - Finding Hope, Joy and Inspiration Through Adversity*, which resulted from his own health scare, using his artistic skills to portray the experience.

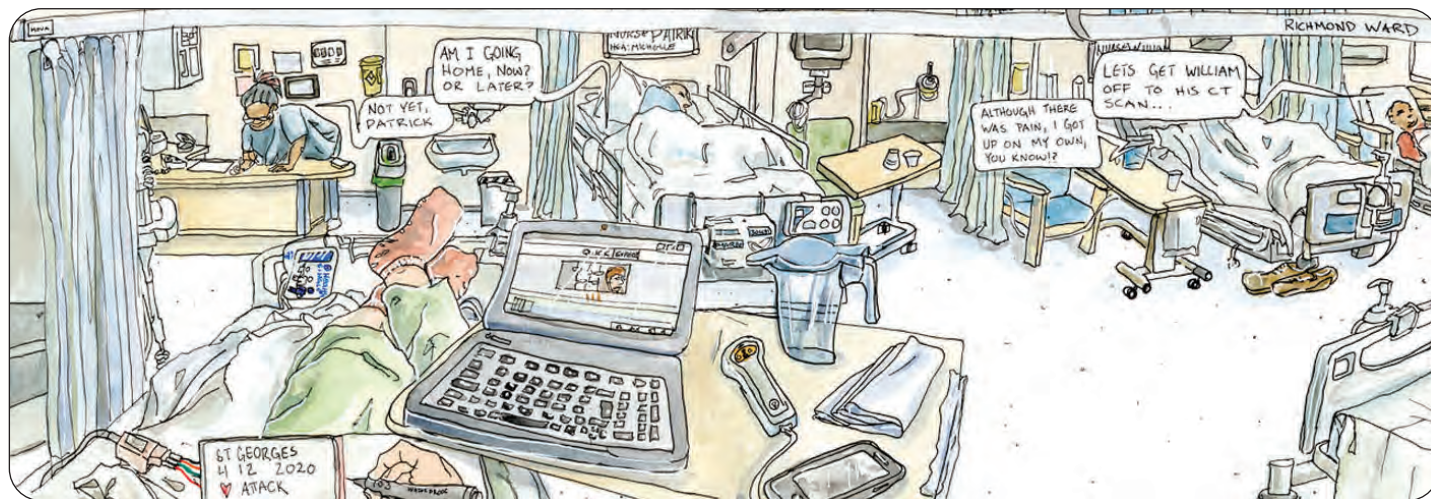
Schmidt noted how the experience inspired him to capture, in word and picture, the whole journey with its complete melee of emotions and adventure.

"These horrible times can be turned really into times of hope and life," Schmidt said during a recent Zoom interview from his home in the United Kingdom.

"That's my real hope for the book, that it can be a blessing for those people who find themselves in that situation," he said. "I really would love it to be a book that would help people who are feeling that sense of hopelessness."

Schmidt traces the birth of his artistic skills to his childhood, when he would regularly slip into his dad's workshop, taking in the smells of old tools and well-used paint brushes to admire his experiments with watercolours.

As well, he benefitted from the family's scenic location outside Morden.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Artist Jeff Schmidt's (below) heart attack experience inspired his new book called *Heart Attack—Finding Hope, Joy, and Inspiration Through Adversity*.

"As a child, I spent loads of time in the woods behind my house. I would be down building tree houses pretty well all day," said Schmidt. "I remember sleeping under the stars one night down in the woods, and a skunk just walked right by me ... there was this connection to the natural world ... in my mind, it's very idyllic."

Later on, while attending Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler, his creativity further blossomed under the tutelage of the much-loved art teacher Marcel Debreuil.

"He totally transformed my view on art ... he just had this way of wildly inspiring people," recalled Schmidt. "The thing I loved most about his classes was learning how to do portraiture, spending hours watching him and then doing portraits."

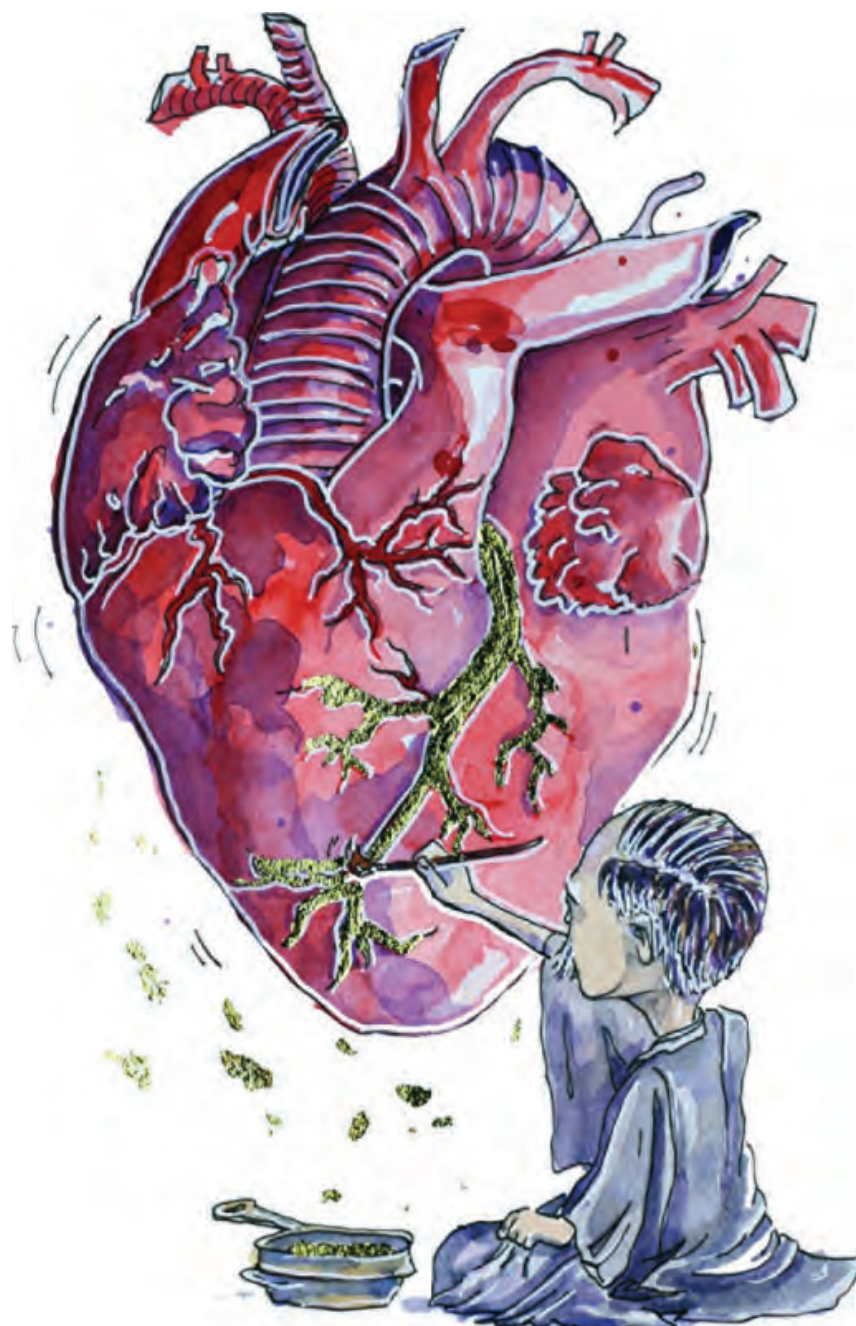
STRANGE WORLD

About two years ago, Schmidt suffered a series of heart attacks that removed him from the life he knew as a relatively healthy and overambitious 40-something professional.

Eventually, with being treated and recovering in hospital, he had a wealth of time on his hands, although it didn't start with any thought of this experience becoming a book.

"I don't think it was ever something I had wanted particularly to do," Schmidt said. "I ended up in hospital, and it really did feel like this strange world ... ending up in hospital in the midst of COVID, it was this really bizarre experience where you're sort of shuttled away ... it was such a different place."

"I remember the intensity of everything," he continued. "It was almost like these spider senses picking up on everything around me, and I almost became hyper aware of all the nuances and conversations and dynamics and



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relationships. I was seeing things and noticing things I hadn't previously noticed.

"I almost felt compelled and sort of drawn in to record it in some way. There was something down deep that felt very profound to me.

"I happened to have my sketch book and pen there, so I started recording," Schmidt said. "I was drawing the ward and some of the people on the ward and then obviously riding along with it and capturing little vignettes."

He recalled sharing one of the first creations with a nurse on the ward; she soon showed it to the rest of the staff.

"It was my wife then, I shared it with her, and she encouraged me to share it on social media ... and people were sending all these lovely comments back about having the insight into what was going on, and they were asking for more," recalled Schmidt. "The more I did, the more people kept saying you've got to put this in a book.

"When you're doing these sorts of drawings in-situ, it's a great way to strike up conversations with people," he added. "Each of the entries is almost like a little bit of meditation in and of itself."

He cites the example of the person he identified as "the Turk."

"Rotund yet sturdy in form, he was a seasoned man, one who had seen the world. Granted, he struggled with an impressive catalogue of ailments—bowel cancer, indigestion, constipation, emphysema and general grumpiness (my diagnosis). However, he, too, was a player.

"My initial impression was that he was a polite, generous man. Asking for help with warmth and responding with a well-oiled, apparently heartfelt, Middle Eastern 'thank you so much'. However, his true nature slowly oozed out. His constant buzzing of the call-bell echoed throughout the ward as his list of requests grew exponentially.

"Inevitably, the staff were not able to grant all of his pleas, and so his requests turned into demands. The demands became increasingly more patronising—dismissing the nurses with flicks of the wrist and gnarled words.

"The atmosphere shifted dramatically; a sense of unease wrapped its calloused fingers around the ward. At one point, in his stewing anger, he turned to one of the nurses, and in a horrible low growl seethed, 'I don't want to talk you anymore, go away, I'm finished!'

"Not only was everyone in the vicinity disgusted, but their spirits were withering, including 'The Turk' him-

self, who was being sucked down a spiral of self-pity. That was death. That was what causes heart attacks."

Schmidt can better reflect now on the whole experience and how the book came about as a result.

"One of the biggest things I noticed about being in hospital, especially the first few days ... I had no idea of the ramifications," he noted. "As I started to write the book and to put it together, it really felt like an answer to those people who found themselves in the very same situation ... if I'd had a book like that ... this could be a moment in time that shifts the rest of your future, and that is certainly what I felt.

"One of the things I would love to do now is connect with hospitals ... get these into hospitals and just have them there for patients."

He is proud of it the book now even while realizing how it was such a gradual process, like having a child

and not necessarily fully seeing the growth that is happening in the moment.

"The amount of things that I've learnt in the process that I've gone through is extraordinary. At times, I feel very proud, and at other times, I feel it's not really much to write home about."

Above all, he values his reconnection to what all originally inspired him, including nature.

"As you go through life, it all slowly gets pushed aside ... this has first of all now made me pause and take a step back, and through that, I've sort of rediscovered the natural world," said Schmidt.

"It's returning to those rhythms that I had as a child, really. There's something really healing about it ... and I've come back to the art now obviously," he continued. "I've got this really great position where I've

deconstructed life only to reconstruct something much healthier."

As far as what's next, Schmidt noted how he has been finding some people are inspired to try doing his style of art, so he has the thought of developing an online course called "drawing your way out of adversity."

"Another thought I've got rumbling around is this book is designed for adults," he said. "I'm also aware there are a lot of parents who are going through these health challenges, and the children sometimes don't know how to process this, so one of the ideas I'm mulling right now is creating a book on a similar vein, but what happens when your parent is going through some sort of trauma and try to address that with kids."

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Morden mayor welcomes new council

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Mayor Brandon Burley is anxious to get down to business with his new council.

He sees the six councillors including four incumbents and two newcomers elected last week as offering a good combination of experience, skills and passion for the community.

"I've met with all members of council individually already just to have a chat with them and congratulate them and catch their vision for where they want the city to go," said Burley.

"There's a lot of optimism, a lot of energy, so that was good to see," he said. "It will be good to get back to work again now."

The top four vote-getters were the incumbents with Nancy Penner leading the way at 1,304 votes followed by Gord Maddock with 1,250, Garry Hiebert with 1,202 and Doug Frost with 1,041.

Leading the way among four new candidates were Sheldon Friesen with 1,040 votes and Florian Lassnig with 952 votes.

Coming up short were Ken Friesen with 746 votes, Madison Wentz with 437 votes, Chris Abrams with 428 votes and Sheldon Smith with 308 votes.

Burley said both Lassnig and Sheldon Friesen bring something valuable to council.

"Flo has lots of enthusiasm and energy and ideas ... and Sheldon brings a lot to the table as well," said Burley.

He added they will need to hit the ground running with some big projects and priorities to tackle including wastewater and water.

"This council will have some important decisions to make quickly now and also some big projects to undertake," he concluded.

"It's going to be important to make sure we have not only creative voices but also stable voices at the table," he concluded. "I think it's a good blend that we have in place ... well suited for our future."



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Morden Mayor Brandon Burley had already met with his new councillors last week.

Council team in place for Altona

By Lorne Stelmach

The new mayor of the Town of Altona looks forward to getting to work with the new council.

There is a lot of work ahead for them, but Harv Schroeder welcomes the challenge of it.

"I think there's always a learning curve, but that's just part of the program, and I am looking forward to

it," said Schroeder, who was elected by acclamation.

"I'm grateful to be leading a team of some councillors who came back and also new councillors who will be sitting around the table," he said. "I know most of the people, and I think we've got a really good team that we're going to be bringing together."

Forming the new Altona town council will be Perry Batchelor with 752

votes, Donna Rosling-Wolters with 681, Tammy Braun with 680, Jordan Siemens with 626, Cheryl Dueck with 519 and Craig Smiley with 516 votes.

Missing the cut were Lyle Dunsmore with 399 and Danny Kehler with 380 votes.

Schroeder sees exciting times ahead for Altona with "the growth of the community and seeing people getting involved who are volunteering

on different boards and so forth and coming to council for support."

He hopes to have council getting to work as quickly as possible.

"We'll be organizing in the next few days and then getting down to work," he noted last Thursday. "I'm looking forward to initiating a lot of conversation around the table."

RM councils set to go

Voice staff

There will be a few newcomers mixed in with experienced councillors in the RMs of Stanley and Rhineland.

In Stanley, Ike Friesen was elected by acclamation to be the new reeve, but he comes with the experience of one term as a councillor including serving as deputy reeve.

In Rhineland, long time reeve Don Wiebe continues on in the role after having also been elected by acclamation.

Here are how the two councils look now for the next four years:

STANLEY

- Reeve: Ike Friesen by acclamation.
- Ward 1: four elected - Peter Froese - 325; Ray Unrau - 289; Jon Goertzen - 271; Bob Giesbrecht - 266. Not elected - Robert Fehr - 153.
- Ward 2: two elected - Alfred Loe-

wen by acclamation with second to be appointed.

RHINELAND

- Reeve: Don Wiebe by acclamation.
- Ward 1: two elected - Brad Braun and Brad Wiebe by acclamation.
- Ward 2: two elected - Archie Heinrichs - 143; Hank Froese - 136. Not elected - June Letkeman - 119.
- Ward 3: two elected - Jake Hepner - 207; John Dueck - 142. Not elected - Debra Enns - 75.
- LUD of Gretna: three elected - Danny Dyck and Delores Smith by acclamation; Travis Derksen by appointment.
- LUD of Plum Coulee: three elected - Justina Hamm and Kyle Wiebe by acclamation with third to be appointed.
- LUD of Rosenfeld: three elected - Trevor Janz, Lenda Letkeman and Cathryn Pokrant by acclamation.

Local school boards set

Trustees elected in Garden Valley and Western

Voice staff

There are both familiar and new faces set to guide the local school systems for the next four years.

Here is how the school boards look in the two local divisions after last week's municipal elections:

GARDEN VALLEY

- Ward 1: Six elected - Philipp Un-

ruh - 1,810; Leah Klassen - 1,587; John P. Klassen - 1,557; Tena Lane - 1,525; Deana Wilson - 1,476; Pamela Hiebert - 1,475. Not elected - Karin Banman - 1,274; James Johnston - 914.

- Ward 2: three elected by acclamation - Heather Di Francesco, Michael Rempel and Mandy Thiessen.

WESTERN

- Ward 1: four elected - Lisa Burley - 1,029; Darcy Wolfe - 977; David Guenther - 969; Susana Hawryshko - 765. Not elected - Barb Petkau - 657; Liz Reimer - 653.
- Ward 2: Brian Fransen elected by acclamation.

Siemens ready to move forward

By Lorne Stelmach

Sitting at the council table will be nothing new for Henry Siemens, but he now moves over a spot to head it up.

The veteran councillor of 16 years assumes the role of Winkler mayor from Martin Harder after having received 87 per cent of the vote in last week's election.

He was elected with 3,358 votes compared to 501 for his lone challenger Karl Krebs, and Siemens valued that it was a definitive result.

"I basically ran on a platform of rebuilding ... rebuilding relationships, rebuilding partnerships. It feels good that it resonated with the community," said Siemens.

He welcomed the opportunity for council to now help the community heal the divisions from the pandemic and focus on the future.

"I think as we move forward and look back at the past 30 months and see what's happened and what didn't

happen, I think now we get a bit of a feeling that we're not as far apart as maybe we thought we were at times," said Siemens.

"People too are just ready to move on, ready to put Winkler back doing what we do, and that is to be a leader, be a good partner and to help grow southern Manitoba."

Joining Siemens at the council table will be four incumbents and two newcomers, although the latter two are former councillor Don Friesen and long time city employee Peter Froese.

Friesen led the way with 2,399 votes followed by Andrew Froese at 2,189, Don Fehr with 2,025, Froese at 1,981, Marvin Plett with 1,950 and Michael Grenier at 1,847 votes.

Running as well but not elected were Randy Rietze with 1,404 votes followed by Don Cruickshank at 1,245, Dustin Brown with 1,149, Mark Bennett at 1,127, Darryl Harder with 1,042, Thomas Rempel at 858 and Greg Unrau with 519 votes.

Siemens believes he has a solid team to work with on council.

"It is exciting to have some continuity in that regard so that you are able to hit the ground running ... but I've got six strong leaders, and I'm excited about that," he said.

"All four incumbents, they all sat around the table as these major discussions have happened, so they're intimately familiar with what happened and now what the thoughts are to move forward," he said. "We have two other good leaders who a familiarity with the city who are also going to make it easier."

There are both exciting and challenging things for the new council to face now, noted Siemens, citing one major positive as being the city have federal funding of nearly \$8 million to renovate the arena.

"That would be a significant upgrade to our recreation infrastructure," said Siemens, who added they are hoping the province comes on board as well.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Henry Siemens received 87 per cent of the votes for mayor over challenger Karl Krebs.

"We also have to figure out drinking water as well as we continue to grow, we need more," he concluded. "We do have a number of larger 'meat and potatoes' type of infrastructure projects. We do have to figure wastewater out ... we're looking at a couple different options now, but those are heavy lifting types of discussions."

Election results around the region

Voice staff

Here is a roundup of election results in rural municipalities around the region:

EMERSON-FRANKLIN

- Reeve: David Carlson by acclamation
- Ward 1: one elected - Todd Nichols 48. Not elected - Kim French - 23.
- Ward 2: one elected - Brian Grier - 70. Not elected - Ron Mihaychuk 45.
- Ward 3: one elected - Orest Kuryk by acclamation
- Ward 4: one elected - Tony Dujlovic by acclamation.
- Ward 5: one elected - Dennis Weiss by acclamation.
- Ward 6: one elected - Jeff Rodewald - 97. Not elected - Brenda Lange - 89; Doug Johnston - 76.
- LUD of Emerson: three elected - Jay Ihme by acclamation with two to be appointed.

LORNE

- Reeve: Aurel Pantel - 555; Darcy Ketzman - 511.
- Ward 1: one elected - Roger Lesage by acclamation.
- Ward 2: one elected - Daniel Hacault by acclamation.
- Ward 3: one elected - Lindsay Ketsman by acclamation.
- Ward 4: one elected - Gilbert Vigier by acclamation.
- Ward 5: one elected - Gilbert Mabon by acclamation.

- Ward 6: one elected - Denis Bibault by acclamation.
- LUD of Mariapolis: three elected - Garnet Pouteau - 47; Briand Desrochers - 46; Dan Debacker - 44. Not elected - Rene Hacault - 16.
- LUD of Altamont: two elected - Donna Fortier - 32; George Friesen - 28. Not elected - Daniel Crampton - 13.
- LUD of Notre Dame des Lourdes: three elected - Bev Collet and Gilbert Collette by acclamation; one to be appointed.
- LUD of Somerset: three elected - Jeffrey Desrochers, Vicki Labossiere and Aime Pantel by acclamation.
- LUD of St. Leon: three elected - Adrien Caillier, Normand Grenier and Phillipe Grenier by acclamation.
- LUD of Swan Lake: three elected - Edward Goderis by acclamation; two to be appointed.

LOUISE

- Reeve: Murray McIntyre by acclamation.
- Ward 1: one elected - Liana VanWynsberghe by acclamation.
- Ward 2: one elected - Michael McLaren by acclamation.
- Ward 3: one elected - Kyle McCannell by acclamation.
- Ward 4: one to be elected - Bill McKitrick - 84. Not elected - Jeremy Wall - 51.
- Ward 5: two to be elected - Travis Saban - 155; John Darracott - 117. Not elected - Clint Cavers - 71; Brenda Aitken - 48.
- LUD of Clearwater: two elected - Terry Edkins

and Jo-lene Gardiner by acclamation.

- LUD of Crystal City: two elected - Lee Moir by acclamation; one to be appointed.
- LUD of Pilot Mound: two elected - Carol Simpson by acclamation; one to be appointed.

PEMBINA

- Reeve: Glenn Shiskoski by acclamation.
- Council: six elected - Shawn Williment - 461; Eric Ching - 460; Donald McLean - 445; Chad Collins - 421; Cynthia Hunter - 394; Devin Boulton - 320. Not elected - Harry Brendle - 318.
- LUD of Darlingford: three elected - Jennifer Ching-Faux, Melissa Derksen and Justin Giesbrecht by acclamation.
- LUD of La Riviere: three elected - Charlene Currie - 64; Kim Wiklund - 49; Debbie Booker - 45. Not elected - Joshua Wood - 36; Lisa Keam - 31; Maurice Deamel - 17.

THOMPSON

- Reeve: Brian Callum 306. Not elected - Heather Imrie - 120; Royce Burnett - 82; Scott Mayert - 13; Richard Leroux - 9.
- Ward 1: two elected - Ron Rothwell - 115; Cody Faux - 101. Not elected - Travis Reichert - 69; Leann Friesen - 34.
- Ward 2: one elected - Donna Cox - 93. Not elected - Robert Penner - 50; Martin Moody - 49.
- Ward 3: two elected - Wayne Gall - 154; Walter McTavish - 141. Not elected - Grant Dueck - 42.
- LUD of Miami - two elected - Judy Knox and Barb Murray by acclamation.

sports & recreation

Altona's Wahl wins Canada Games Trials; headed to Nationals

By Ty Dilello

Dayna Wahl and her U18 rink out of the Altona Curling Club pulled off their version of David vs Goliath as they captured the Canada Games Trials over the weekend at the Heather Curling Club in Winnipeg.

Team Wahl (skip Dayna Wahl, third Piper Stoesz, second Anna Ginters, lead Gillian Hildebrand, coach Keith Stoesz) went 3-4 in the round-robin and snuck into the playoffs based on a tiebreaker formula. Then, in the semi-finals, they dispatched the top-ranked Paige Beaudry rink out of Winnipeg, which held a record of 7-0 heading into that game.

Wahl made some spectacular shots when needed and pulled off the 7-6 upset to put them in the gold medal game.

Wahl ran up against Carman's Shaela Hayward in the finals and found themselves down 4-1 at the game's midway point. In the fifth end, Wahl made a draw to the button to score two points and cut the deficit to 4-3.

The teams traded points for the next two ends, which gave Hayward a 5-4 lead with the hammer going into the 8th end. In the end, Wahl made a couple of world-class draws to force Hayward to draw the four-foot against two Wahl counters.

When the dust settled, Hayward came up a little light and gave Wahl a steal of two points to give the upstart Altona rink a dramatic 6-5 win.

"It feels so good," said Wahl's second Anna Ginters. "I'm just so proud of our team as we did so great today. We deserve this and have worked re-



PHOTO BY TY DILELLO/VOICE

Altona Curling Club's Dayna Wahl and her U18 rink captured gold in the Canada Games Trials over the weekend at the Heather Curling Club in Winnipeg. Pictured left to right: skip Dayna Wahl, third Piper Stoesz, second Anna Ginters, lead Gillian Hildebrand and coach Keith Stoesz.

Thunder win opener



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Morden Thunder forward Zach Dyck controls the puck between two Carman Cougar defenders in Zone 4 high school hockey league action Monday night. Morden won the season opener 5-2 and were facing the GVC Zodiacs in their second game Tuesday with the results not available at press time. GVC went into the game at 1 & 1 while NPC was 0 & 4 and W.C. Miller 2 & 2.

ally hard and have curled together for a very long time. And this just proved to everyone that we're a strong team and we're capable of doing this and will represent our province well at Canada Games."

"The last time we had the chance to go to a Nationals, we came really close, but this time we got it, and it feels good," added Dayna Wahl. "Our game in the final was close and very scary. I think we focused on just making the shots that we called, no matter

what they were. And it worked out."

For Team Wahl, Sunday's win marked their first Manitoba championships and their first time heading to a Nationals. The team will head to the Canada Games in Prince Edward Island in a couple of months.

"We have a great team," said Wahl. "We're all very close, and we're all very excited to be with each other in Prince Edward Island. And it's going to be awesome."

Flyers sweep pair with Virden

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Flyers are riding a three game win streak after a pair of close victories this past week.

The Flyers followed up a 5-4 victory over Virden last Wednesday by edging the Oils Capitals again Saturday by a 2-1 count.

Three unanswered third period goals led Winkler to the win over Virden Wednesday as the Flyers had trailed 2-1 and 4-2 at the intermissions.

Mike Svenson led the way with a natural hat trick as he scored his 11th, 12th and 13th of the season in the final frame. Trent Penner and Jayce Legaarden also scored while Trent Sambrook chipped in three as-

sists.

The Flyers went two for eight on the powerplay while giving up three on Virden man advantages. Shots on goal were 34-30 in favour of Winkler with Malachi Klassen getting the win on 26 saves.

Penner and Legaarden connected in the first period Saturday for the Flyers, who then hung on after giving up one goal in the second period.

Shots on goal were 34-27 in favour of Virden, so Aidan Comeau got the win in goal with 33 saves for the Flyers, who got one powerplay marker and also gave up one to the Oil Capitals. Winkler hosted Steinbach Wednesday then were on the road to face OCN Friday and Swan Valley Saturday.

Royals lose, Maroons win

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Royals and Altona Maroons were on opposite ends of their games against Ste. Anne in SEMHL action this past weekend.

The Royals fell 3-2 to Aces Friday, while the Maroons edged the Aces 4-3 in a shootout decision Sunday.

Keith Grondin scored with just one second left Friday to give Ste. Anne the edge over Winkler, which got goals from Remi Laurencelle and Mitch Doell.

Jayne Janzen took the loss in goal with 37 saves as the shots on goal were 40-37 in favour of Ste. Anne.

Adam Henry had a hat trick to lead Altona to their victory over the Aces, who forced overtime by overcoming a 3-1 deficit after two periods with a pair of third period goals.

Cole Kehler was heroic in net for Altona with an astounding 69 saves, while the Maroons capitalized just enough on their 36 shots on goal.

The Morden Bombers see their first action this weekend when they host Notre Dame Saturday, while Altona is in Portage Saturday. Winkler's lone game was a visit to Notre Dame Wednesday before heading to Carman next Tuesday.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler Royals' Jordan Peters tries to tip a shot past the screened Ste. Anne goalie Guy St. Vincent.

sports & recreation

A win and a loss for Twisters

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters earned a split of their two weekend games in the MMJHL.

They dropped a close 3-2 decision Friday to Fort Garry Fort Rouge then rebounded for a 3-1 victory over the Raiders Sunday.

The Twisters spotted Fort Garry Fort Rouge a two goal lead Friday before Merek Degraeve and Riley Goertzen on a powerplay evened it up in the second period. A third period powerplay then won it for the Twisters.

Shots on goal were 31-24 in favour of the Twisters, and Logan Enns took the loss in goal with 21 saves.

Pembina Valley had a 40-27 edge in shots on goal Sunday against the Raiders, and Matt Grysiuk got the win in goal on 27 saves. Degraeve scored for the Twisters along with Jacob Carels and Nico Vigier.

The Twisters remain in eighth place at 3-6-1 for seven points, which has them one up on St. Boniface and just one and two points behind Stonewall and Transcona.

Pembina Valley faces a tough task with their lone game this week as they face first place St. James Friday. The Canucks are unbeaten through nine games.

Male Hawks split with Bruins

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks split a pair of tight games with the Winnipeg Bruins this past week.

The Hawks rebounded from a 5-3 loss to the Bruins last Wednesday in Morden by edging them 2-1 in Winnipeg Friday.

Bryson Yaschyshyn kept the Hawks in the game last Wednesday as he stopped 48 of 52 shots before the Bruins sealed the deal with an empty net goal with 10 seconds remaining.

Ty Love scored a pair for Pembina Valley with the other goal coming from Nate Lodewyks. The Hawks were outshot 53-22 overall.

It was Raiden LeGall's turn to shine

in net Friday as he stopped 42 of 43 Winnipeg shots while the Hawks managed 25 on the Bruins' net.

Jayden Penner on a powerplay then Cedrik Robidoux gave the Hawks the lead in the second period, and Pembina Valley only gave up a shorthanded goal with 45 seconds remaining.

Pembina Valley is hanging on to third place at 7-2-2 for 16 points as they trail the Bruins at 18 and Brandon at 22.

The Hawks have a good opportunity maintain some momentum as they hit the road this weekend to Dauphin for a doubleheader with the last place Parkland Rangers Saturday and Sunday.

Female Hawks suffer two narrow losses

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks battled hard but were on the losing end of two close games with Winnipeg teams this past weekend.

They first fell 2-1 in a shootout loss to the Ice Friday night then dropped another 2-1 decision Saturday to the

Avros with both games in Morden.

The Ice connected in the first period then Marissa Fehr evened it up for the Hawks in the third period.

Kaylee Franz did her best to keep Pembina Valley in the game with 43 saves, while the Hawks were only able to manage 18 shots.

Mya Pearce drew first blood for the

Hawks against the Avros, but Winnipeg connected twice in the second and then hung on for the win. Shots on goal were 38-32 in favour of the Hawks with Franz making 30 saves.

Pembina Valley remains mired in seventh place in the eight team league at 2-6-1 for five points. They are three up on Central Plains and

two and three behind Eastman and Interlake.

The Hawks face the challenge of taking on first place Westman this Friday in Morden then head to Niverville Saturday afternoon to take on Eastman.

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The **Voice** Winkler Morden

AMALGAMATION



NOTICE IN RESPECT OF AN AMALGAMATION TO MEMBERS OF ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED (the "Credit Union")

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Directors of the Credit Union have, in accordance with the Act, resolved at its October 28, 2022 meeting to approve the Amalgamation Agreement and unchanged Articles and Bylaws for a proposed amalgamation of the Credit Union with Casera Credit Union Limited ("Casera"). Casera's members will have the opportunity to vote on this proposed amalgamation at a Special Meeting called by its Board of Directors. Access' members will not have the opportunity to vote on this proposed amalgamation because the assets of Access, as valued at the end of its most recent fiscal year, represent 90% or more of the total assets of the proposed amalgamated credit union.

Questions from members regarding the amalgamation resolution can be submitted to Myrna Wiebe, Corporate Secretary at myrna.wiebe@accesscu.ca.

BOARD-APPROVED SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The following Special Resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of Access on October 28, 2022:

"WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Credit Union has recommended that the Credit Union amalgamate with Casera Credit Union Limited ("Casera") in accordance with the provisions of the Amalgamation Agreement made between the Credit Union and Casera, dated October 28, 2022 (the "Amalgamation Agreement");

AND WHEREAS it is in the Credit Union's best interests to enter into the Amalgamation Agreement and to amalgamate with Casera on the terms and conditions set out therein;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE CREDIT UNION THAT:

1. *The execution of the Amalgamation Agreement by the Credit Union be and it is hereby ratified and confirmed;*
2. *The amalgamation of the Credit Union with Casera on the terms and conditions set out in the Amalgamation Agreement be and it is hereby approved."*

SUMMARY OF THE AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT

An Amalgamation Agreement, dated October 28, 2022, has been approved by the Boards of Directors of the Credit Union and Casera. The agreement provides for the amalgamation of the Credit Union and Casera into one credit union, to be effective on July 1, 2023. The credit union resulting from the amalgamation will be called Access Credit Union Limited and will have its registered office in the Rural Municipality of Stanley, Manitoba.

Following amalgamation, all members of the Credit Union and Casera will be members of the amalgamated credit union and all deposits and shares of or loans owing to either of the predecessor credit unions will be deposits or shares of or loans owing to the amalgamated credit union. The common shares and surplus shares of each of the Credit Union and Casera will become the common shares and surplus shares of the amalgamated credit union on a one for one basis.

RIGHT OF DISSENT

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, under the provisions of Section 127 of *The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act*, members have the right to dissent to the proposed amalgamation. To dissent, a written objection to the amalgamation must be submitted to the Registrar (Financial Institutions Regulation Branch) within 15 days following this notice.

DATED this 3rd day of November, 2022
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 By Order of the Board of Directors

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EMPLOYMENT



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2023 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Stanley has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 1-23111 PTH 14 and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of *The 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; or
 - 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
 - (i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under Subsection 41(2), or
 - (ii) serving it upon the secretary,
 at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Stanley to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

Dated at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 27th day of October, 2022.

Dale Toews - Secretary
 Board of Revision
 Rural Municipality of Stanley
 1-23111 PTH 14
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- We respond to all formal objections and will work to resolve objections before issuing a licence.
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FARMLAND TENDER

FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed bids for the purchase of the following parcels of land, located in the RM of Pembina, Manitoba, will be received up to **5:00 pm on November 21, 2022** at the offices of Royal LePage Riverbend Realty-Farm Division Box 7, Graysville, MB, R0G 0T0, Attention: Dolf Feddes

Parcel Number	Legal Description	Acres
1	NE 10-3-7W	153.94
2	NW 24-3-7W	160
3	SW 24-3-7W	147.63

The following will apply to all tenders:

Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.

Bids shall address each parcel as a separate unit. Tenders are required to offer a total purchase amount for the parcel that is the subject of such tender. The vendor reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Purchaser will be responsible for total of 2023 property taxes.

All offers are to be submitted in sealed envelopes accompanied by a certified cheque or bank draft payable to "Royal LePage Riverbend Realty in Trust" of \$10,000. Cheques will be returned in respect to tenders that are not accepted.

Successful bidders will be asked to enter into a formal Purchase agreement with a possession date of December 15, 2022. The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

Land is rented out for 2023. Rent payments for 2023 to go to the purchaser. Offers on any one parcel shall not be contingent on the successful purchase of another parcel.

There is no first right of refusal on any of these parcels.

Tenders will be held in confidence and not be released to the public.

Any questions regarding these parcels or this tender can be directed to: **Dolf Feddes, REALTOR at 204- 828-3371 (office) or 204-745-0451 (cell).**



Office Administrator (Bilingual)

Competition: #2022-23-25

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- A certificate in a related discipline or a combination of education and related office experience may be considered.
- Experience performing clerical/administrative support duties including reception related duties, processing cheques, preparing bank deposits, tracking and distribution of documents, and file maintenance.
- Experience in data entry and processing correspondence.
- Experience interpreting and explaining programs, policies, procedures, and regulations.
- Ability to provide customer service.
- Ability to maintain accuracy and pay attention to detail.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Experience using Microsoft Office 365 (SharePoint, OneDrive, Excel, Word, Outlook) in a cloud-based environment.
- General knowledge of the agriculture industry.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in agriculture is an asset.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada.
- Must possess a valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle, and the ability to travel within the Province of Manitoba.

APPLY

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PUBLIC NOTICE



UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR RE-ZONING By-Law # 1805-2022

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: PARKSIDE VILLAGE LTD, (applicant) of mailing address 20 BRANDT ST UNIT 3 - SUITE 407, STEINBACH, MB, STEINBACH, on behalf of PARKSIDE VILLAGE LTD (owner/s) has made an application to amend the Town of Altona Zoning By-Law 1792/2021 to Re-Zone the land legally described as Lot 2 Plan 2144 in the SW 8-2-1WPM, civic address 224-10TH AVE NW, roll # 115300 from "5:6" RMH - Residential Mobile Home" to "5:5" RMD - Residential Medium Density"

HEARING LOCATION: Town of Altona Council Chambers
227 10 Ave NW, Altona The Rhineland Pioneer Centre

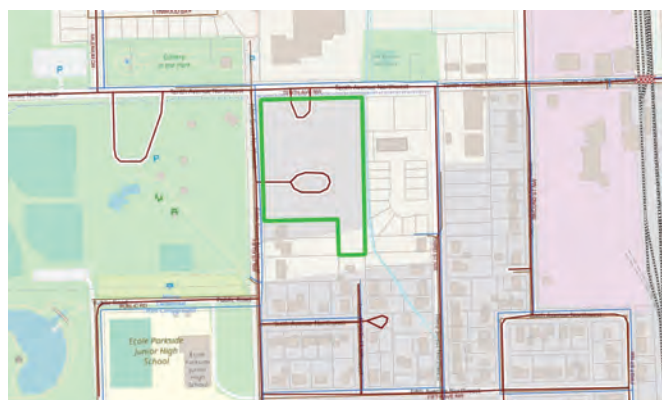
DATE & TIME: November 15 2022 at 7:00 PM

GENERAL INTENT: The applicant is applying to rezone the property to "5:5" RMD - Residential Medium Density from "5:6" RMH - Residential Mobile Home on the property described above. A Public Hearing is required for this purpose. Notices were sent out within 100 Metres.

Please see attached Schedule "A" for reference.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Susan Stein,
Community Development Officer
109 - 3rd Ave NE, Box 270 Altona, MB RoG oBo
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Schedule "A"



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Qualifications:

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- Self-starter with the ability to exercise solid news judgement
- Ability to establish professional relationships to consistently source and write a wide range of stories and cover events in a fair, balanced and accurate manner
- Able to work both independently and as a team on a flexible work schedule including both evenings and weekends to meet our weekly editorial deadline
- Experience covering council and school board meetings
- Knowledge of CP Style and about the Interlake and its surrounding communities would be an asset

Please forward your resumé along with three writing and photography samples to:

Lana Meier
Email: news@stonewallteulontribune.ca
Deadline to apply is Friday, November 25, 2022.

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IN MEMORIAM



To Husband, Dad, Opa
Ben Schellenberg

It's been 10 years since you left us but we still miss you, love you and think of you often... We miss your friendliness and welcoming spirit.

We miss the consistent way you loved and supported us through the ups and downs of life.

And we miss your contagious laughter and sense of humour!

-With my much love, Mom (Eva),
Ron, Karen, Joy, Ruth, David,
Rob, Michelle, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren

OBITUARY

**Marion Loreen Lyman (nee Godkin)
1945 - 2022**



After a lengthy illness, it is with profound sadness that we must announce the passing of Loreen Lyman. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Loreen grew up in the Dunston Community (Nelsonville) north of Morden. She attended high school in Morden where she created many new relationships who became lifelong friends, known as the Delightful Dozen. After high school, Loreen completed her LPN training and began nursing at the Morden Hospital. Along the way, she had two children, Dianne and Dennis. In the mid 70's, the family moved to Grand Forks, B.C., where they owned and operated a hotel business. In 1981, she met the love of her life, Ron and they moved back to Morden to make their home on the

North quarter of Loreen's family land. She then renewed her nursing license and began to work at the Bethel Hospital. After years of nursing, she decided to pursue other passions. Always the one to be busy, she worked various small jobs while developing a passion for antiques. Ron and Loreen spent a lot of time attending auctions and sales to gather unique finds, which led them to opening the Nelsonville Trading Post in 2001. Loreen enjoyed visiting with anyone who walked through the doors. There was always a funny story to tell and tidbits of wisdom to share with all those around her. After closing the store and fully retiring, she was able to find even more time to devote to her family and creating lasting memories with them. Family meant the most to Loreen. She loved spending time with them, teaching them everyday skills, making memories, and just loving them. Loreen shared her love of the outdoors, baking, gardening, and animals with her children and grandchildren. Horses were always a part of Loreen's world, a love she passed on to her daughter and granddaughters. Dancing and camping were other favourite pastimes. Later in life, she took up painting scenes on birdhouses and puzzling, many of which have been framed in her home. She was always creative and crafty. Loreen always looked forward to every visit, phone call, or text from her family and friends. A highlight in recent years was becoming a great-grandmother to Aspen and staying connected to her grandchildren while they pursued their goals and passions in life. She was always everyone's greatest supporter. Loreen was a special lady who enjoyed her life to the fullest and will be greatly missed by all.

Loreen was predeceased by her parents, Laurence and Peggy Godkin; brother, Jim Godkin; sister, Lois Moffat and brother-in-law, Jim Moffat.

Loreen will be forever missed by her husband, Ron; daughter, Dianne Munro; son, Dennis Branfield (Arlene); grandchildren, Cody (Caitlin), Ashley (Oscar), Hailey, Elle (Kody); and great-granddaughter, Aspen; as well as her nieces and nephews, Blue, Bear, Xan, Chit, and their families.

Memorial service was held on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at St. Paul's United Church with ash interment at the Dunston Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the Palliative Care team for all their support over the last couple of years, as well as the doctors and nurses of Boundary Trails Health Centre. We would also like to thank all her friends who showed her love and support throughout her illness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Loreen's name to the Canadian Lung Association.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden
In care of arrangements
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OBITUARY

**Hilda Funk (nee Fast)
1928 - 2022**



Hilda Funk, 94, of Altona, MB formerly of Rosenfeld passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at East View Place Personal Care Home.

She is survived by her sons Ed and his wife Lois, Douglas and his wife Carla, Calvin and his wife Joan and Derrick and his wife Claire. Hilda was grandma to nine grandchildren and to four great-grandchildren.

Mom was born in Winkler in 1928 to Heinrich and Elizabeth Fast. She spent most of her early years growing up in Saskatchewan before returning to Manitoba as a teenager. In 1947 she met the love of her life. Ed and Hilda were married in 1950 and farmed near Rosenfeld for 30 years until retiring. In their retirement they

travelled to 30 countries, spent a significant amount of time with their children and grandchildren, were active in the community and were committed members of a local church. Mom was never someone who sought the spotlight but was happy to be in the background. She made the rest of us look good without taking any of the credit. Mom and Dad enjoyed spending time with their friends; they spent a great deal of time birding, fishing, playing cards and driving the roads of southern Manitoba. In 1996 Mom and Dad made the move to Winkler. This began a new chapter in their lives. They started attending Grace Mennonite Church and made many new friends. Church was always an important part of Mom's faith, and it was difficult for her when Dad's health prevented them from attending regularly. Mom moved into East View Place in May of this year, and we are thankful for the excellent care she was given in her short time there. The family would like to extend their profound thankfulness to staff of East View. When Dad died back in 2017, Mom's life was impacted significantly. They were each other's lives and losing Dad was so very hard. A few days ago, as we were cleaning up Mom's things, we took a picture down of the two of them. On the back was a handwritten note Mom must have written shortly after Dad died. It said, "My first love, my forever love. Can't wait to be with you in heaven". We mourn the loss of our mother but are so very happy that our parents are finally reunited in heaven. Our mother will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

A memorial service for Hilda will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at the Altona Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

**Garth Harvey Robinson
1944 - 2022**



Garth Robinson age 77, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Garth, only son of Harvey and Donna Robinson, grew up on the family farm north of Darlingford, MB. He lived and worked in many locations excelling as a welding fabricator, heavy equipment operator, and professional truck driver. In mid life, he returned to the family homestead and married Doreen Mikolasek (nee Steinke). It was a third marriage for both of them but this one was the perfect match. They did everything together including trucking as team drivers. They were inseparable and were in their 32nd year of marriage when Doreen passed away. Garth will be greatly missed, but those who loved him are finding great comfort in knowing that

he and Doreen are together once again.

Garth is survived by his sister Fern (Terry) Wilson of Ocala Florida and by his children, Belinda Robinson of Thunder Bay ON, Allen (Valerie) Mikolasek of Cartwright, MB, Julie (Rick) Clisby of Nette, MB and Coreen (Jim) Cram of Darlingford MB. Garth is also survived by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Garth was predeceased by his wife, Doreen Robinson on January 5, 2022; his parents, Harvey and Donna Robinson as well as his son, Rodney Robinson of Thunder Bay, ON.

There will be a private graveside service at the Darlingford Cemetery next summer.

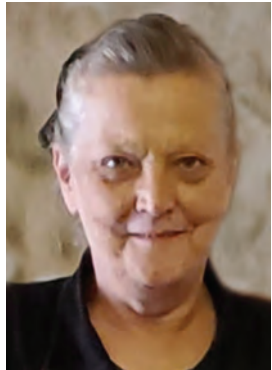
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OBITUARY



**Anna Harder (nee Guenther)
1958 - 2022**

Anna was born on December 14, 1958 to Aron and Justina Guenther. Our mom was the 2nd oldest of 12 children and raised on their homestead in Mexico. She was baptized in Mexico by Bishop Henry Dyck in Campo 9 Kronstal at the Old Colony Church. She married Jacob Harder on March 11, 1984, they were married for 38 and ½ years. Our mom's married life started out with 11 children, they moved to Canada shortly after they were married, where they were blessed with four more children. Our mom and dad spent many summers in Ontario working on the fields with their children. For the past 18 years she worked at McDonald's. She was a proud employee and valued the relationships of the staff. "Grandma" is what she was called by many staff and customers over the years.

A treat that would put a big smile on her face, is when someone would bring her a McDonald's coffee. Our mom loved baking, gardening and canning. She loved it when the grandchildren would come home and she could surprise them with gifts. Travelling to Mexico for Christmas to visit her family was always dear to her. Our mom was a wife, mother to 15, grandmother to 56, and a great-grandmother to four.

She was predeceased by her father, one son in infancy, her stepfather, five brothers, one sister, one brother-in-law and three sisters-in-law.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Jacob; 14 children and their families: Eva (Peter) Dyck (four children), Justina (Johan) Bergen (nine children), Annie (Frank) Martens (three children), Lisa (John) Teichroeb (three children), Helen (Cornie) Harms (three children and their families), John (Maria) Harder, Henry (Helen) Harder (four children), Marge (John) Unger (four children and their families), Tina (John) Neufeld (seven children and their families), Abe (Susan) Harder (six children and their families), Sara (Henry) Klassen (four children and their families), Sue (John) Wall (four children and their families), Judy (Frank) Friesen (three children) and Nelly (Jake) Enns (two children).

Funeral service was held on Monday, October 31, 2022 at the Winkler Reinland Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the following people and churches for all the love, support and prayers for our mom during her fight with pancreatic cancer. We would like to thank the Reinland and Old Colony Church as well as friends and family for their continued support with meals, the groups that came to sing and friends who came to visit her on the nights that were hard, to the family members that made the trip to Manitoba to see our mom, this was truly special to her, Wiebe Funeral Home on their incredible sensitivity to what mattered most to us in caring for our mom, to the Reinland Church, Rev. Cornie Peters and the serving staff, to Dr. Woelk and nurse, Karen who supported our mom in her decision in staying home and have family take care of her. We as a family are incredibly thankful that our mom's wishes were honored. A big thank you to all the family and friends that made her feel special by showing her love and spending their evenings and nights with her. A special thank you to all the prayers that have been sent to our Heavenly Father. The entire time that our mom was bed ridden, she did not complain, she stayed strong till the end. Our mom will be deeply missed by many.

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**Lorna Mae Gardiner (nee Ritchie)
1932 - 2022**

We are sad to announce the passing of Lorna Mae Gardiner (nee Ritchie) at Boundary Trails Health Centre in Winkler, MB.

Born in Victoria, BC on December 1, 1932 to Robert Lorne Ritchie and Alice Emma (nee Jackson). Lorna was an avid sports fan who tried not to miss any of her sons', grandchildren's, nieces' and nephews' games. She could be heard cheering over all the other fans. She was a long-time accountant for General Motors Holding and received many awards for her hard work. She was known as Auntie Sis or Sis by her many friends.

She was predeceased by her father; mother; brothers, Gordon Lorne Ritchie and Robert James Ritchie.

She leaves behind her son, John Fletcher Campbell (Trisha) of North Carolina; brother, Ken Ritchie (Debbie) of Morden; and grandchildren, Ashton Campbell (Caitlin) and Krystal Campbell. She will be missed by her many great-grandchildren, family members and friends.

A private family service will take place.

Donations may be made in Lorna's memory to the Children's Hospital or a charity of your choice.

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**Clark James Leatherdale
1962 - 2022**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Clark James Leatherdale peacefully on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at home.

Clark was born March 12, 1962. He is survived by his son, Tyler and fiancé, Angie; sisters, Jeannette and Tammy and their families; as well as special friends, Murray and Jackie Derksen.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ross and Pat Leatherdale.

Memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler with private ash interment prior at Hillside Cemetery.

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

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