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# Altona, PC foundations look for support

By Lori Penner

The Altona and Plum Coulee community foundations are looking for support during the giving challenge week.

The Endow Manitoba campaign takes place from Nov. 13 to 19, and Altona foundation president Haydon Friesen said the annual event is the organization's primary fundraiser.

"We are able to really grow our donations during that week, where the provincial government and the Winnipeg Foundation stretch those dollars to help us build our endowment fund and continue that growth.

"Up to \$10,000 is the maximum that we can raise in order to take advantage of the stretched dollars through Endow Manitoba and the Province of Manitoba. They give us two dollars for every five dollars we receive, so hopefully we can surpass that and raise as much funds as possible."

The Plum Coulee Community Foundation has also benefited from the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge. Thanks to the ongoing support from local community members and businesses, a total of \$15,661 was added to the endowment fund during last year's challenge.

Fund development chair Moira



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Altona Community Foundation president Haydon Friesen presented a cheque to the Kiddie Sunshine Centre in Altona recently to support the construction of their new location.

## Lest We Forget

Saturday, November 11th, 2023 is Remembrance Day

We invite you to attend the Remembrance Day Service at Gretna Elementary School at 10:30 am, or to spend some time in quiet reflection at the Altona & District Cenotaph Memorial.



Porte said it's important for Plum Coulee residents to participate in this annual event.

"First of all, it's a good time to donate because every \$20 gift that is made to the foundation turns into \$28 because it's stretched with the help of the Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba government. So, you get a bigger bang for your \$20," she said.

"We support so many different organizations in Plum Coulee, so the more we grow our endowment fund, the more interest we earn on our fund, and the more money we can give back to the community. It just helps our community flourish. We support youth, seniors, the environment, recreation and school projects – the list goes on."

Thanks to the generosity of the community and surrounding area, the Altona foundation has been able to meet and surpass that goal for the past number of years, noted Friesen.

"We've been consistently hitting that \$10,000 mark since the challenge began. I look forward to hopefully doing that again this year."

At this point, the foundation was

still working out some of the details on what kind of events it might offer to encourage community giving during giving week.

"In the meantime, we can still accept donations through our website (altonacommunityfoundation.com) and through any of our board members, or cheques can be dropped off at Access Credit Union."

This year's giving challenge coincides with the foundation's 30th anniversary, and the push to drive their endowment fund to \$2 million to celebrate this milestone.

Their current total assets hover around \$1.7 million, which allows them to distribute funds throughout two granting cycles annually in the spring and in the fall.

"We're always looking to build on that and increase the amount available to grant out to the community and various projects in our area.

"Fortunately, Endow Manitoba and the province have continued to offer this program which enables community foundations to grow their

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# CIBC marks 125 years of service

By Lorne Stelmach

CIBC marked a major milestone Friday for its Winkler location.

It's now been a remarkable 125 years that the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has been serving the community here, and CIBC representatives heralded the ongoing commitment to the region.

"Being here for 125 years and serving this community is extremely important to CIBC. We've been here for that long, and we've served this community in many different areas," said market vice president Alex Baboulas. "Through the changes, through the time we've been here, we've provided personal banking, commercial banking ... we've become more digitized. We've allowed our clients to bank with us in very different ways

"In a very remote community, where some of our clients can't get to the bank as often ... that is really important to us ... and as we continue to evolve as a bank, we'll continue to be here."

"It's really about the clients, em-

ployees and people in general, having strong connections in our community with our clients and building those relationships ... some of them for a very long time," said community general manager Ryan Gitzel. "There's lots of personal relationship and history with families over the years.

"Just the technology changes alone is a big, big change ... the improvements in technology just to make banking more convenient for our clients."

"Banking is one of those things that is vital to any community," observed Winkler Mayor Henry Siemens, who added that "125 comes along very, very rarely.

"The fact that CIBC has been in our community for 125 years, providing stability around banking, having good jobs for our community and investing into our community, is one of the reasons that we are successful.

"We're appreciative of the support to the community ... and the confidence that CIBC has placed by having a consistent, regular presence for 125 years. That's extremely significant."



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On hand to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the CIBC in Winkler were market vice president Alex Baboulas, Mayor Henry Siemens and community general manager Ryan Gitzel.

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# Back 40 has the blues

By Lorne Stelmach

The Back Forty Festival is drawing on a musical genre that a number of local performers are steeped in for its latest fundraiser.

A blues night set for Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the P.W. Enns Concert Hall will support the festival's annual June festival and related programming.

The event will feature Link and the Moustaches, JP Lepage and Jayme Giesbrecht and the Soul Revue Band performing a musical lineup that will feature a variety of blues music.

"Between all three acts, they can represent a pretty wide variety of rhythm and blues and blues music," said Back 40 president Scott Bell, who will also be performing that night.

"You'll be able to hear everything from Muddy Waters to Big Mama Thornton and more ... there's just all kinds. The full gamut from traditional blues to some more modern electric blues," said Bell.

"We're taking advantage of having so much talent in the area and letting people see it and hear it," he continued. "I think we're very lucky locally to have this talent here ... and I know, as a musician, I feel so fortunate to be able to play with them and also just listen and experience this music

played by these local people who are so passionate and so knowledgeable about this form of music."

Part of their inspiration to do this event came from having had an opportunity to do a similar show in Winnipeg last year, Bell noted.

"Our local lineup played this past summer at the Blue Note Park in Winnipeg, and it went over really well. So we wanted to do it again but this time do it for our audience out here in southern Manitoba."

And the fundraising component is vital to the festival, he added.

"We're a non-profit and completely volunteer run, so in order to put on our outdoor festival annually, we need to raise money and making music is the best way for us to raise money."

"It's going to be a great night. This is already a proven show that was done in the city and went over really well."

Tickets are available online at [winklerconcerthall.ca](http://winklerconcerthall.ca) or in person at the Meridian Exhibition Centre box office, but there should also be tickets available at the door as well.

Meanwhile, a number of local musicians are also looking forward to an event being put on by the City of Winkler.

The Return of the Eighties show



FACEBOOK PHOTOS

Link and the Moustaches, JP Lepage and Jayme Giesbrecht and the Soul Revue Band will be performing at the blues night.



planned for Nov. 24 ties in with the Back to the Eighties show of the Flatlands Theatre Company being put on at the PW Concert Hall.

"It features a pretty good list of local musicians again doing their favorite songs from the 80s," said Bell. "They're going to dress the part, and we encourage people who are coming to dress up in their favorite 80s clothes if they have anything in the

closet that harkens back to that era ... it's fun when people get into the spirit of the event.

"The 80s music became more electronic, and it definitely had its own sound that made it stand apart from other decades ... there's a lot of fun music from that period," said Bell. "It's guaranteed that people should know pretty much every song ... the poster will give you a hint as to what music will be performed that night."

## Experiment with three soil tests from one field

By Warren Ward

Want to take your fertilizer management up a notch? Here is a low-cost test that could provide some valuable insight into field variability: Choose an underperforming field and submit soil samples this fall from three target areas – hill tops, mid slopes and low spots.

The most common soil testing method is to submit one sample per field. The sample is based on 10 to 20 cores collected from mid-slope "average" areas, often split into 0-6" and 6-12" or 6-24" depths. Mid-slope areas are usually the most consistent, yield-wise, and account for most of the acres. So if farms are collecting one

composite sample per field, this practice provides a good baseline fertilizer rate.

However, these mid-slope samples miss low-performing or inconsistent-performing hill tops and low areas. By spending a couple hundred dollars to collect and analyze two extra samples from one field, farms will gain new insight that could change the way they manage the farm.

For example, if soil analysis shows that hill tops are low in sulphur, farmers could spread extra sulphur on a few hills, since canola is a crop with relatively high sulphur requirements. Use those test hills as check strips,

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# The Comedy Invasion comes to Winkler Nov. 18

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A trio of Winnipeg comedians are bringing the laughs to Winkler later month as part of the DIY Comedy Tour.

The Comedy Invasion featuring Scott Porteous (both as himself and alter-ego Herbert Henries), Nelson Mayer, and Clayton T. Stewart performs at MR MIKES SteakhouseCasual on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.

Venturing out beyond the Perimeter has become a passion for Porteous, who brought this show to Altona a few weeks ago and also performs in Pilot Mound on Nov. 25.

"I'm trying to build a bit of a circuit," he says. "Do a monthly show in different places of rural Manitoba and slowly try to expand on that ... eventually doing shows all over in areas that are not necessarily having comedy come all that often."

This trio of performers are veterans in the comedy world.

Mayer is a Métis comedian who has performed at venues and comedy festivals all over North America and Europe. He was a finalist in the World Series of Comedy in Las Vegas in 2018 and won the Comedian of the North Comedy Competition in 2020. He's currently the host of the APTN show *Got Identity?*

Fellow Indigenous funnyman Stewart is marking 10 years in standup comedy this year. Since the age of 15 he's performed as comedy magician Clayton The Great, a vaudeville-style character who revels in performing magic that amazes and/or grosses people out. When not on stage, Stewart is a film and television actor.

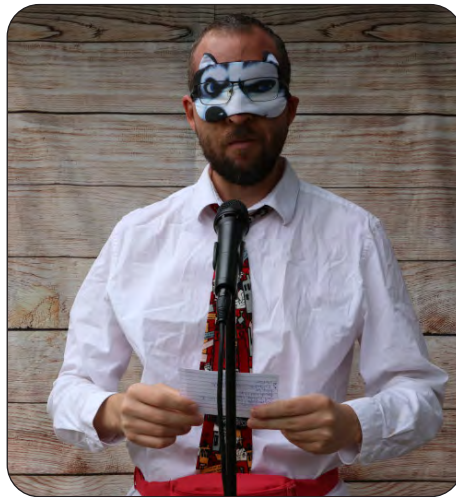
Finally, Porteous has been performing on stage for decades, both as himself and, more recently, as "comedy dangerist" Herbert Henries, who tells jokes while tackling "acts of danger." His Henries character was recently featured on *Canada's Got Talent*.

Porteous describes his own style of comedy as quick and quirky, with a hybrid of intelligent and just plain dumb jokes.

"I've been doing comedy for roughly just over 20 years, which is hard to believe because I'm only 40," he says, noting he's played venues all over North America. "For a long time I just went to the larger cities ... but smaller communities are just as hungry for entertainment, if not more."

He's had a blast connecting with audiences in rural communities from coast to coast.

"I was in a small town in PEI—it was a last-minute thing, the popula-




SUPPLIED PHOTOS

From left: Comedians Scott Porteous, Clayton T. Stewart, and Nelson Mayer perform at MR MIKES in Winkler Nov. 18.

tion was like 300 people, and we had 60 tickets sold within 24 hours," he recalls. "So it kind of opened my eyes to like, oh yeah, that's something I should learn from ... I'll go anywhere where comedy is wanted."

Tickets will be available at the door (\$20 each or two for \$35) but advance purchase is encouraged. You can find the event by searching "The DIY Comedy Tour presents: The Comedy Invasion" at eventbrite.ca.


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## A naive perspective?

I've always hated choosing sides. No matter how you choose you're going to upset someone and I just naively want everyone to be happy.

"That's unrealistic, Peter. You can't go through life trying to make everyone happy."

Which sounds a little like you need to accept the fact that you are going to hurt people in life so get on with it.

I struggle with this, even if it is true. Division is nothing new. Division as a political tool to divide people is as old as community. I will resist the cliché of saying "things are more (FILL IN THE BLANK) than ever before" because I only have 55 years of experience in a human timeline that goes back more than two million years—what do I know?

In the beginning of a crisis, it often feels easy to choose a side (take the Russian invasion of Ukraine, for example). But the struggle we have as people is that we are not so nuanced in our side-choosing. We go all in—we buy the jerseys and the hats, we paint our faces and we go crazy for our favourite team and we are merciless in how we perceive the enemy.

This means that you cannot simply disagree with the Russian government and Putin, secretly (or not so secretly) suddenly every Russian citizen is under suspicion.

We have done this before to our detriment. In the Second World War,



**By Peter Cantelon**

American and Canadian governments rounded up citizens of Japanese descent after Pearl Harbor and locked them in detention camps simply because they were Japanese and you couldn't trust them as a result of a government decision by a nation they had not lived in for generations.

Ridiculous war crimes that I guarantee you decision makers knew were war crimes but decided the risk was worth it and they would apologize for later.

The simplistic politics of division does this. In the words of George W. Bush: "You're either with us or against us," which is a not-so-veiled threat.

I remember these divisions breaking out amongst friends during the apartheid protests of the '80s when I was in university. I remember them when England invaded the Falkland Islands. Reasonable and intelligent people could not engage topics with nuance and were pressured to paint ever single person of a particular nationality or political stripe as the devil incarnate in order to navigate the division.

We do it today when we talk about former U.S. President Donald Trump

and his followers. We do when we talk about current Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his fans.

Even now as we navigate the news about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and we watch with horror what Hamas perpetrated on Israelis and what millions of Palestinians are going through in Gaza—it seems division is inescapable.

If you offer even the smallest note of support and hope for Palestinians in Gaza you are an evil, anti-Israeli moron who does not understand the conflict and should shut up. If you cry out in horror at what Hamas did to Israeli citizens you are called an anti-Palestinian, pro-Israeli thug.

In reality the death of any human is a sad and tragic affair and rarely simple, especially as a result of armed conflict. One doesn't need to become a state cheerleader of a particular side in order to have a valid comment on the destructiveness of war and the need for a peaceful resolution.

The problem with division and those who are its proponents is that it freezes dialogue in a cold mist of fear. People would rather not engage in the subject at all to avoid getting

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# Just one word

**W**e've all been there! Whether it's a bad connection on Zoom or someone with poor reception on their cell phone, it becomes almost impossible to understand someone if we can't communicate properly.

It goes without saying, but communication is vital to any healthy relationship. We need to be able to talk openly and express ourselves and give our full attention as a listener.

I believe that God speaks to us. One of the earliest books of the Bible is Job. It was written over 4,000 years ago



By Terry Dueck

and in it we read, "For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it."

Through history God speaks but we don't always understand or get the message. Critical to our relationship with God, that is to know and experience his presence, is to listen and hear his voice.

It's interesting how I can be in a crowded room, but I can pick out my mom's laugh anywhere. She has a wonderful laugh, and I've heard that laugh all my life. We know the subtleties and nuances of someone's voice through the depth of relationship.

Jesus often talks about us as being sheep. One time he said, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." There is an intimate relationship between a shepherd and their sheep. A relationship built on trust, provision, and safety. Jesus is the shepherd of our souls and he speaks to us. I believe he is speaking to you, and that just one word from God can change your life. All anything takes, is just one word from God. Peace. Joy. Stop. Go. Saved.

When we explore how God spoke to people in the Bible, and when I reflect on my own life or the lives of people I know in my church community, there is no formula to hearing God speak.. There are some anchors, though; we know that God speaks primarily through the Bible, prayer, the church, and circumstances.

While God speaks in a multitude of ways, he shouts his "I love you!" through Jesus. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God speaks clearly and definitively, I am for you! God wants us to hear him through the lens of relationship with Jesus, not through a method or technique.

In 1642, Nicolas Herman, a tired and worn-out French soldier, had come to the end of himself. He looks over and sees this dead, lifeless tree in the middle of winter and thinks to himself, "That's me. I feel dead inside."

In this moment of weakness God gives him a vision of this tree in full bloom, just like it would look like in spring or summer. In that moment, Nicolas heard God say to him, "Nicolas, just like there is hope for that tree,

in me, you too can be renewed back to life." His life takes a radical change, and eventually he becomes a monk, and changes his name to Lawrence.

Brother Lawrence went on to write a little book called "Practicing the Presence of God" and has helped thousands of people reconnect with God.

I don't know where or when the last time you've heard God speak to you. Perhaps you too feel dead inside. I want to remind you that all anything takes is just one word from God. Ask God to speak to you. Ask boldly and persistently.

I encourage you to pursue answers to these four questions: 1) How does God speak? 2) What stops us from hearing God speak? 3) What positions us to hear God speak? 4) What happens when God speaks?

—Terry Dueck is the lead pastor at the Winkler MB Church

## Charge laid for 3D printed gun plan

By Lorne Stelmach

A joint investigation involving multiple policing services has led to a firearms charge against a Plum Coulee resident.

The 27-year-old was arrested Oct. 22 and has been charged with attempt to manufacture a firearm.

The investigation goes back to Sept. 2022 when the Morden and Winkler police worked with assistance from the Winnipeg Police Service firearms to look into a man who was attempting to manufacture 3D-printed firearms in Winkler.

In November, with assistance from the regional support tactical team, investigators executed a search warrant in the 200 block of 8th Street South in Winkler, and the Plum Coulee resident was taken into custody along with a second suspect.

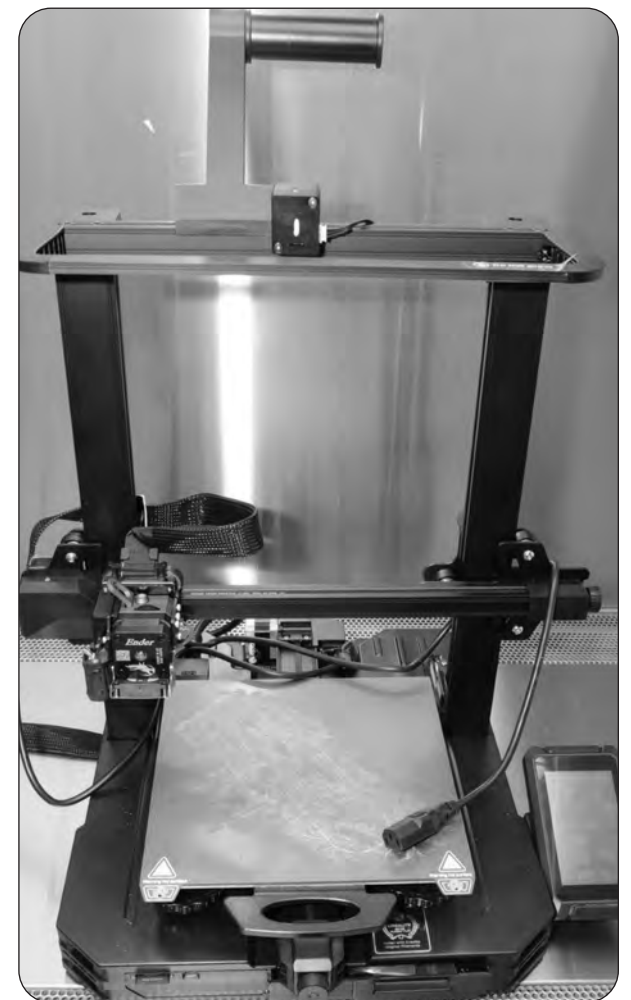
A search of the residence resulted in the seizure

of ammunition as well as items related to the illicit production of firearms including a 3D printer and 3D printer filament.

Both suspects were later released without charges pending further investigation. An extensive investigation then involved the RCMP national weapons enforcement support team, RCMP digital forensics services and RCMP forensic identification services. Police were able to determine the seized 3D printer had in fact been used in the attempted production of an illegal firearm.

The suspect was released on an undertaking to appear in court in January in Morden.

"This is another excellent example of multiple, specially trained units from a number of different police agencies working together in the interest of public safety," stated a news release from the Winkler Police Service.



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A search of a Winkler residence resulted in the seizure of ammunition as well as items including a 3D printer.

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screamed at. This leaves the extreme ends of the divided spectrum to roar their hate back and forth at one-another and to define the narrative further perpetrating division and warping public perspectives.

Resist the urge to hide in the midst of important public discourse. Resist the temptation to think that war and conflict is somehow simple and everyone is either good or evil. Contribute and say

what others will not: that war, violence and death is a complex horror no matter who it happens to, regardless of their nationality or political stripe.

Most importantly, resist the temptation to hate your neighbour because of who they voted for or speak in support of and seek to understand instead. The kind of change that builds unity and society is never brought about through hate.

# 20 years and counting

## Giant Tiger marks a major milestone

By Lorne Stelmach

Giant Tiger is a local business success story, but it didn't come easy early on when it started here in Morden 20 years ago.

Manager James Steedsman reflected on that last week as the store marked its anniversary.

"The first three to five years, it was not easy. It was touch and go there for awhile because I think people just didn't know who we were," he suggested.

Now, the Morden location of Giant Tiger ranks third among the 270 stores in terms of sales per square foot.

He believes a key thing for them was "embedding ourselves in the community because that's a huge part of what Giant Tiger does, being involved in the community and giving back to the community. That's one of our top priorities.

"The biggest thing, I think, in leapfrogging us forward was deciding to open

Sundays," he added. "That kind of opened the door to a whole new clientele for us ... about year five, it just took off, and it hasn't stopped."

Born and raised in Morden, Steedsman leapt at the opportunity when it was offered to him.

"I had worked for The North West Company for years in northern Canada and such," he said. "It just so happened that, in 2001, The North West Company entered into a master franchise agreement with Giant Tiger to open stores in the west. I was told they were thinking about opening a store in Morden ... having grown up, I thought this is perfect."

He was aware of some of the history of the location and how a number of stores had come and gone and never lasted.

"I knew there was a bit of a stigma attached to it ... knowing what I knew about the Giant Tiger model, I thought it would fit just perfectly for Morden."

He sees a key thing about the Giant Tiger franchise model as being that the local managers or owners have a high level of autonomy.

"You have complete control over the



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"We're not going anywhere," says manager James Steedsman. "It's continuing to grow ... it's all due to the support that we get from the community."



# New book celebrated



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A book launch had the Pembina Hills Gallery packed Friday evening to mark the release of *Jukebox Empire* by Morden born and raised writer and filmmaker David Rabinovitch. A question and answer session led by Larry Danielson delved into the book, which unveils the remarkable story of a Rabinovitch family member who went on to become involved with the mob and the largest money laundering scheme in history.

assortment, over the merchandising, the whole thing," he said. "You've got total control, which is kind of unique in the retail industry. A lot of chain stores especially, merchandise is pushed on them.

"We can figure out what we think our community wants," he said. "So that is what I think makes it unique; that owner mentality and the fact that we can control everything here."

One challenge that the store has faced is the size of their space.

"We're a little bit under-sized for Giant Tiger. We're on the lower end as far as square footage," said Steedsman, who noted that a renovation in 2015 made a big difference for them.

"We completely renovated the layout. The paint job was redone and new fixtures ... pretty much everything," he said. "It allowed us more merchandising space, and I think it looked a lot better as well."

Steedsman reflected on the fact they

have had over 500 employees over the 20 years, and he estimated half of them have been students.

"I learnt early on that one of the responsibilities that we have is to develop our youth," he said. "I take that very, very seriously. It's great then to see these students come back later on, and now they're doctors, nurses, teachers ... they're successful, and that gives me so much satisfaction. I love it."

Another thing he takes pride in is being involved in the community and giving back to it.

"We try to contribute to any kind of event that's going on in some way," he said. "We try to support everybody ... we'll always do that; it's a big part of our model.

"We're not going anywhere," he concluded. "It's continuing to grow ... it's all due to the support that we get from the community."



# Get set for some shopping

By Lorne Stelmach

It may have become one of the biggest days of the year for many Morden businesses, so the annual Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas event is accomplishing its goal.

The annual holiday season campaign of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is aimed at promoting local businesses and encouraging people to shop locally.

"I think that it really has become a shopping tradition for Morden," executive director Clare Agnew suggested last week in advance of the promotion set for the evening of Thur., Nov. 16. "People look forward to it every year, and the businesses continue to support it, and so do the public, so I think it's great."

Agnew noted the promotion will be a bit bigger and better this year.

"We're extending the hours from 3 to 9 p.m. We're hoping to make it accessible for people who maybe have a busy evening schedule or even maybe seniors who maybe aren't interested

in going out for the evening ... so they can shop in the afternoon," she noted.

"As well, there's 22 businesses this year. We have three new ones this year ... so I think that's awesome."

And the evening again features the passport program, so as you shop, you can grab a passport from any participating location, then as you shop, you gather stamps and then drop it off the passport at either your last stop or at Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom.

It's a good opportunity to see what all the businesses have to offer, and the businesses love it as well, suggested Agnew.

"The businesses will often have some promotions that evening as well," Agnew noted. "Some of them might serve dainties or apple cider or something like that, so some businesses really do go all out and make it a fun experience for the shoppers."

In addition to visiting the participating businesses, you can also stop at the Santa's market at the 500 Stephen community centre.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The annual holiday season promotion means big business for places like Pharmasave, which is one of 22 participating businesses.

The participating businesses for Wrapping Up a Morden Christmas 2023 include the following: Appelt's Diamonds; Bhavva Wellness Centre; Coffee Culture; Floral Scents; Fringe Salon & Spa; Image Promotions; Morden Discount Centre; Morden Home Hardware; Morden Nurseries; Mork-

lers; Olympic Sports; Pembina Hills Art Council; Pharmasave; Prairie Barnwood; Prairie Dragonfly; Pure Anada; Rendezvous; Ruff Mutts; Saban & Company; Shear Bliss; Soulful Studio; The Brick

People can find more information online at [mordenchamber.com](http://mordenchamber.com).

## Fun and games for Halloween



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There were a variety of games, crafts and activities last Tuesday as the Morden Family Resource Centre invited families to celebrate Halloween at its location in the lower level of the Morden Alliance Church.

# Troupe offers a play with heart

By Lori Penner

If you're looking for a story full of heart, Cottonwood Community Drama's upcoming show will certainly appeal to you.

The Tin Woman follows one woman's emotional journey in navigating life after receiving a heart transplant.

Originally presented as a Broadway production in 2014, The Tin Woman tells the story of Joy, an organ recipient who should be relishing her second chance at life. Instead, she finds herself on a downward spiral, unsure whether she truly deserves this gift of life.

Meanwhile, Alice and Frank mourn the loss of their son, Jack, whose heart was used to save Joy. At a friend's urging, Joy tracks down Jack's family to find closure. But are Alice, Hank and their daughter Sammy ready to accept Jack's death?

Based on a true story, The Tin Woman uses humour and pathos to explore loss, family and what it truly means to be given a new life.

A recent donor himself, director Bruce Penner said it's a story that needs to be told.

"This is something that has impacted many families and individuals, and it's a topic that isn't always easy to talk about," he said of the local

production that was originally supposed to be presented in 2020 but was derailed by the pandemic. "So, we brought it back.

"It's the perfect play for me to get my feet wet as the main director," he continued. "The story is so well written, and we already had the cast ready to go. It's a small group of six actors. Four of them are from the original plans, so the actors already know what they're doing.

"I have really enjoyed watching them develop these characters. I cried during rehearsals. It's so heartwarming. I'm confident that we can do it justice."

Joy, the organ recipient, is played by Lisa Klassen, while Jack, the donor, is played by Owen Cail. Sonja Toews will take on the role of Jack's sister Sammy, while Jake Fehr and Val Schellenberg will be playing Jack's parents, Hank and Alice. Megan Fehr will be taking on the roles of a nurse and Joy's best friend Darla.

"They've already been in a number of Cottonwood productions, and it's so great to have them there. It's been a really enriching journey for me and the actors. And we've got long time director Charles Klippenstein working on the set."

Penner said they'll be utilizing a powerful soundtrack and under-



PHOTO BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

The Tin Woman actors Owen Cail, Megan Fehr and Lisa Klassen rehearsing their lines.

scores to enhance each scene.

"It's the perfect music that plays on the emotions of the actors and the audience."

While there is some humour, Penner said it's mostly a serious drama.

"It's a powerful story about organ donation, and what happens when

this woman meets the donor's family. It's a story that just captures you, and the characters are all so real. To see people you know right from your own community step into these incredibly emotional roles really speaks

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# Salem fundraiser successful

By Lorne Stelmach

Further improvements at Salem Home got underway this fall before the onset of winter weather.

The Salem Home fasp, fellowship and song fundraiser Oct. 29 supported the project to upgrade the courtyard.

The event was well attended by about 350 people, who enjoyed music by the D'Friesen's, and it raised was around \$20,000 for the project.

It will go a long way to help complete project by next spring or summer with an approximate cost of \$45,000.

"I am pleased to report the project already started with the pouring of the concrete," noted Salem foundation chairperson Henry Enns. "The idea is to complete it during the spring of next year so the residents will not miss out on being outside and using it."

The courtyard was created in 1986 but in recent years had become less

functional with the ground shifting, causing bricks to become troublesome for wheelchairs to move and making it difficult for residents to go out on their own.

The project includes removing the brick and replacing it with smooth concrete to make the area more wheelchair friendly while also adding a green area to the space.

The existing wheelchair accessible swing and gazebo will be relocated, and the fountain will be replaced as well as the benches. There will also be a sitting area with patio furniture for families to enjoy with their loved one.

"Residents spend time outside enjoying the sun and fresh air," said Enns, Salem Foundation Board Chair. "We want to make the patio a safe place for residents to spend time."

"We often underestimate the impact outdoor spaces have on the residents during the summer months," said Karin Oliveira, executive director of the foundation.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Work started on improvements to the courtyard at Salem Home this fall before the onset of winter weather.

# Bridging the gap in the kitchen

By Lorne Stelmach

The young and old joined forces last Thursday at Northlands Parkway Collegiate in Winkler for a unique intergenerational project.

A group of seniors spent the morning in a cooking class with the school's culinary students, and it culminated with them sitting down together then for lunch.

The initiative offered a few benefits including teaching the seniors a bit about nutritional choices as well as just making community connections.

"It's exciting to see, and they seem to be working together fairly well," said Cathleen Bergen, resource co-ordinator at the Winkler senior centre, which spearheaded the initiative. "And we have quite a few people who joined this group who haven't joined the activities at the senior centre before, so it's exciting to see some new faces."

"It's a great way that the older adults can connect with the younger generation and vice versa ... and it's a chance to learn some new skills and possibly even make some new friendships," said Joyce Bergen, who was among the senior centre participants.

"There's not many opportunities for connection unless if they have grandparents ... sometimes families can be so far spread apart these days. Maybe they'll get a chance to connect with the older generation that they have never had before now."

Adults aged 55 and older were invited to the school to take part in either a cooking class with chef Paul Henderson or a baking class with chef Shelley Patel and their students.

It was seen as a great opportunity to bridge the generational gap while learning something new through the initiative, which was funded by a Health Together Now Increasing Community Belonging grant from Southern Health-Santé Sud.

The menu featured such healthi-

er choices as lentils with chickpeas along with a healthy chicken dish and starches that included quinoa, cous-cous and risotto as well as cabbage, carrots and green beans for vegetables.

Part of the learning process as well was learning how to cook things in the most healthy way, noted culinary arts instructor Paul Henderson.

"A lot of times, the diets that people have are just what they've learned," said Henderson. "They were open-minded enough to come, so we wanted to teach them a little bit about nutrition, and we're showing them some alternatives to some of the regular stuff."

"When we think protein, we think meat, but there's lots of other alternatives," he continued. "So we're doing some recipes that may be unfamiliar to them, but it opens up their minds on it."

"I just thought it would be a new adventure. I'm retired now and looking for different things to do that I haven't done before," said Bergen. "I'm participating in some of the activities at the senior centre ... so I called a few friends."

"I like nothing better than getting up a six in the morning and making a batch of muffins, and then I go and bring them to people ... I love to be in the kitchen," she said. "I grew up with a grandmother who I often worked with and with my mother who did a lot of cooking."

"I think this is a wonderful idea," she continued. "I think we can learn from each other. There's a lot of things that they're learning being new to this ... and the recipes all looked wonderful."

Grade 11 student Lorena Giesbrecht also enjoyed being paired up with someone and how they connected and learned from each other.

"I'm seeing a lot of resemblance to



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Adults aged 55 and older were invited to the school to take part in either a cooking class with chef Paul Henderson or a baking class with chef Shelley Patel and their students.



how my mom cooks, so that's really fun to see," she said.

"I hope that this can help them try

out different things for their diets and be healthier ... I hope this can maybe help them make different choices."x

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to the versatility and talent of these local actors."

It's also a theme that has touched many local lives.

"We've invited three local people who are recipients of organs to share a bit about their story before each show," said Penner. "Like the original performance, we are using the theme of organ donation to encourage people to sign their donor cards.

We will be handing out information packets from the HSC Living Donor program in Winnipeg after each show.

"The takeaway is that you don't always see the other side of a story like this. It's an important story to tell."

Klassen says she felt overwhelmed and excited when she was handed the script in 2019.

"When we realized a 2019 produc-

tion wouldn't be possible, I recall, as I handed my script to Bruce, saying if you ever pick this up again, I hope I get a second chance to do Joy justice. I've never met a character that has challenged me as much."

She says playing Joy has been challenging because she is a bit caustic and doesn't like to be touched and has a barbed sense of humour.

"I'm naturally the opposite of all those things. The depression Joy

struggles with is relatable but can be hard to actively play. I've enjoyed the challenge though and hope the audience sees that Joy hasn't lost all her spark and is trying brokenly, as we all are, to survive and connect."

The Tin Woman will be presented at Buhler Hall in Gretna Nov. 23, 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$30 based on seating - 17 and under are \$15. To purchase tickets, call 204-327-5891.

# 4-H hosts 110 year celebration in Roland

Roland is known as the birthplace of 4-H in Canada

By Ty Dilello

4-H Canada, with the help of 4-H Manitoba, hosted a 110-year celebration in Roland at the 4-H Museum on Nov. 1 with help from the Roland 4-H Club and RM of Roland.

"Each year, we celebrate 4-H month in November and Nov. 1 is Show Your 4-H Colours Day," said Karen Olafson of 4-H Manitoba. "So we wanted to host this celebration in Roland and went live on social media to start the Wave of Green across Canada."

Roland is known as the birthplace of 4-H in Canada, with the first club in Canada starting up in 1913. So this year's celebration was extra special as it was celebrating 110 years of 4-H in Canada.

"We had 55 to 60 people attend our celebration in Roland enjoying free hotdogs/smokies prepared by Smoke'n Bob's, and also the opportunity to walk around and check out the



The Roland Museum was lit up green to recognize the 4-H 110-year-old milestone.

4-H Museum," said Olafson.

At the celebration, greetings were given from MLA of Midland Lauren Stone, the Reeve of Roland and leader with Roland 4-H Club Jodi Gaultier, Director of Marketing 4-H Canada Lori Barron, and President of Manitoba's 4-H Council Philip Fenez.

"We ended the evening by making a



VOICE PHOTOS BY KAREN OLAFSON

On Nov. 1, a celebration for 110 years of 4-H in Canada was held in Roland at the 4-H Museum. Attendees at the Roland celebration made a human 4-H.

human 4 and H and starting the Wave of Green across Canada by going live on 4-H Canada's Instagram account. It was a wonderful time had by all that attended."

4-H also puts out requests for town buildings and/or landmarks to be lit up green for the first week of November. Here is a link to what is being lit up in Manitoba: [https://showyour4hcolours.ca/landmarks/?utm\\_source=4-H+Canada+Communications&utm\\_campaign=c952c5c9f7-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2022\\_10\\_14\\_03\\_59\\_COPY\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_11a4296150-c952c5c9f7-142197769&mc\\_cid=c-952c5c9f7&mc\\_eid=b59f023220](https://showyour4hcolours.ca/landmarks/?utm_source=4-H+Canada+Communications&utm_campaign=c952c5c9f7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_10_14_03_59_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_11a4296150-c952c5c9f7-142197769&mc_cid=c-952c5c9f7&mc_eid=b59f023220).



Reid Hodgson's grandfather Newton Hodgson was one of the originating 4-H members of Roland 4-H Club in 1913.

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and see if they show a difference in next year's combine yield map.

Consult with an agronomist to help decide how to use the results and whether targeted applications or check strips make sense.

Even if these extra two tests for one field don't inspire a change in approach for 2024, they will provide some real numbers to quantify nutrient and soil variability. With that discovery, farms can start to see how, or if, that field variability might be enough to justify investment in a variable-rate system.

### THE BEST TIME TO SOIL TEST

Soil sampling just prior to seeding provides the most accurate measure of nutrients available to the crop, but fall soil sampling can be almost as accurate and has various advantages:

- less time pressure to get samples collected and analyzed
- more time for fertilizer planning
- potential to buy the right amount of fertilizer at a lower price

The best time for fall sampling is after soil has cooled to at least 10°C. Cool soils reduce the microbial activity that can mobilize nutrients. Soil



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samples collected after this activity slows down will more closely reflect spring soil nitrate content.

### GET FUNDING FOR SOIL TESTING

Canola 4R Advantage provides funding for fertilizer best management practices (BMPs). The program can reimburse growers up to \$20,000 for soil testing and, if growers choose, another \$20,000 for consulting services to develop field zone mapping for variable rate nitrogen.

To participate, growers are required to have a 4R Nutrient Stewardship Plan developed and verified by a 4R

designated agronomist that covers the BMPs included in the application.

The application deadline is November 30, 2023. This intake will cover expenses invoiced and paid by growers between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024. Visit [canolacouncil.org/4r-ad-](http://canolacouncil.org/4r-ad-)

vantage/ for program details, eligibility and the new application portal.

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## Flyers and firefighters battle for a good cause

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Mike Svenson and Brandt Young dropped their gloves during the annual charity classic game Sunday in support of the Winkler Christmas Cheer Board, but they settled their dispute with rock, paper, scissors. Long time fire fighter Rick Schroeder looked to beat Flyer goaltender Liam Ernst during the shootout, and the winner of the intermission hose rolling competition celebrated.

## 30 Years of Enhancing the Quality of Lives

Next year, 2024, will mark the official 30th anniversary of the Altona Community Foundation. The Foundation began in December 1993 as a partnership with the Thomas Sill Foundation, which provided up to \$100,000 in one-for-two dollars raised in matching funds. The Foundation's purpose was clear from the beginning: to enhance the quality of life in Altona, Gretna, Rosenfeld, and the Municipality of Rhineland. This is done by soliciting funds for our capital reserve and distributing the interest earned each year to worthy community projects. As our capital reserve grows, the more dollars we have to distribute. By the end of 2023, the Foundation will have distributed nearly \$1 million to deserving community initiatives.

The current board members include Haydon Friesen (president), Vic Loewen, Cheryl Dueck, Shauna Giesbrecht, Al Friesen, Jonathon Toews, Angus Klassen (treasurer) and newly appointed Ralph Hamm and Leanne Braun, who welcome the opportunity to discuss the Foundation and its goals.

As in the mission statement, The Foundation continues to grow the community through funding various community-driven partnerships.

These include the Altona Library Relocation, which sparked the following reaction from branch librarian Rachael Friesen.

"This was a massive undertaking...We had to have community backing. The Community Foundation helped the two work together. We serve the community, and so does the Altona Community Foundation. It works out very well," said Friesen.

Altona and Area Family Resource Centre Coordinator Nina Edbom-Kehler said, "Kids are our future, and that's who we focus on. The Community Foundation is great...when you donate, no matter the size of it, you are putting into a larger group, and then they can do bigger things with it - and it's all local."

Currently, Altona Community Foundation's assets total over \$1.7 million, having received the first donation from the Thomas Sill Foundation in 1993, surpassing \$1 million in 2011, with the next goal to reach the \$2 million mark.

Our first opportunity to take steps toward that goal is the 2023 Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge, which will be held November 13 - 19. For every \$5 contributed to the Altona Community Foundation during the Giving Challenge, an additional



Director Nina Edbom-Kehler enjoying a hands on job benefit with an enthusiastic visitor to the AAFRC



Staff members Julie Janz, Rachael Friesen, and Amanda Wright showcasing an "Altona" theme at the Altona Library

\$2 will be stretched by The Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba government to a maximum of \$4,000. Altona Community Foundation board members will be visible and involved in various initiatives during the Giving Challenge week to highlight recent community contributions. Altona

Community Foundation has partnered with IGA and Sun Valley Coop Food Store to encourage community participation during the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge. Donation information is available at [info@altonacommunityfoundation.ca](mailto:info@altonacommunityfoundation.ca) from any board members, and donations will be accepted at Access Credit Union this week, Monday to Friday; Access Credit Union is closed on Saturdays.

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# Remembrance Day - Saturday, November 11



## It's all memories we have to keep alive

By Lorne Stelmach

That is where ideas like the commemorative banner project in Morden can play a vital role in helping to keep stories alive, and it is an initiative that may go further in the region.

The Winkler Veterans Association is looking at following Morden's lead and doing a similar banner project.

"Remembrance Day is a good day to remember and reflect, but it shouldn't be the only time we remember and reflect," said member Rob Wiebe.

"The banners that the Legion in Morden has been putting out are getting a lot of attention, so we're going to try our best to bring banners to Winkler," he said. "There are a few veterans in the area in Winkler as well, and we want to

try to bring a little more attention to it.

"It seems to be a nationwide thing that's gaining popularity ... right from the west coast to the east coast, there's quite a few communities that are doing this now," said Wiebe, who recalled being in the small community of Maryfield, Saskatchewan where they had something similar in place.

"It's quite impressive ... they had the banners up on the main street down the whole street. That was quite impressive for a small community.

"It gets you thinking about it, and it's a good reminder ... we've got to remember that those men and women fought for the freedoms that we enjoy today.

"This time of year, it does bring it to the forefront. People do reflect,



and they do honour it," said Wiebe. "I would like to think it's in large part because of the people from the Legion and other volunteers who work on putting it in front of people."

Winkler will be doing its usual Remembrance Day service at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall, but Wiebe noted a volunteer will be helping them to make it available to watch virtually this year.

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# Remembrance Day -

## Serving their country

By Lorne Stelmach

There are countless stories of area residents who served and sacrificed to fight for our freedoms.

In some cases, the list of names includes not only multiple family members but multiple generations as well.

Many of these stories have been highlighted as part of the commemorative banner project organized by the Morden Legion.

Here's a look at two families' stories:

- Sergeant Myrtle Elizabeth (Spencer) Petersen, Royal Canadian Air Force, Second World War.

Born in January 1912 to Earnest and Amanda (McDowell) Spencer at Dunston in the RM of Stanley, Petersen was not the first in her family to serve her country.

Her father was a sergeant with the Lisgar Rifles of Kemptville, Ontario, and her brother Baden enlisted during the First World War with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles.

Other family members include Ralph, who served with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in the Second World War and was killed at Juno Beach in June 1944, and Sterling, who served in the Second World War with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps.

In July 1941, Canada's Governor General authorized the creation of a component in the air force for women, later known as the Royal Canadian Air Force women's division RCAF.

Their function would be to release male military personnel, who were presently employed as administrators, clerks, cooks, transport drivers, equipment assistants and telephone operators, to make them available for combat roles. Prior to this women had only been allowed to serve in medical or nursing capacities.

By the time she was demobilized at war's end, Petersen had attained the rank of sergeant. Although it is unknown if she was awarded medals for her service, personnel in similar roles and service as above were awarded medals including the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and the 1939-45 war medal.

- Corporal Ralph Earnest Spencer, awarded the France and Germany Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, 1939-45 war medal.

Born in December 1920, he spent his whole life on the farm until joining the army in 1940. He went on to serve with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and Royal Canadian Infantry Corps.

The Royal Winnipeg Rifles were in the first wave that went ashore at Juno Beach June 6, 1944 on what has been known as D-Day. Spencer did not survive the day and is buried at Beny-Sur-Mer Canadian war cemetery in Reviere, France.

- Private Baden Herbert Spencer, 190th Overseas Battalion Royal Winnipeg Rifles in the First World War.

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"We're going to try to livestream the service. There have been some requests that some people can't make it to the service but they would like to see the service.

"We're always grateful to the city that they allow us to use that facility. They give us access to it for no charge, so that's a great gesture from Winkler ... we get to use that wonderful facility for the day."

Ken Wiebe, who has spearheaded the banner project for the Morden Legion, said it is more and more vital that they do all they can to keep the need for remembrance in the forefront of people's minds.

"It's all memories that we have to keep alive," he said. "These folks, some of them gave up five, six, seven years of their lives to go fight for what they thought was right ... some of them gave up their lives.

"There may be a lot of things that aren't right with our country, but there are a lot of things that are right ... and our country wouldn't be what it is if it wasn't for people who were willing to serve and are still willing to serve the country.

"The remembering isn't just for those who have passed. It's also for those serving right now; some of them in very dangerous situations," he continued. "It's something that always has to be done, and we should be thankful that there are those who are willing to put on the uniform and take the risk.

"The families also suffer greatly for that; they give up a lot for it," he concluded. "I spent up to six months away from home at a time, so my family did without me ... you always have to remember the families too. It's not just the people who serve that are giving something up. It's also those who are left behind at home."

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Baden Herbert Spencer was born in May 1900 in Morden as the second of 10 children.

He had quit school to work on the family farm with his father on the northeast quarter 32-3-6 of the RM of Stanley in the location now known as "Spencer Mountain."

He had been a sergeant in the Lisgar Rifles of Kemptville, Ontario. He enlisted in February 1917 and was with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles (also known as The Little Black Devils) 190th Overseas Battalion and was sent overseas.

Spencer served three months in France before his mother informed the army that her son was underage. He was discharged and sent home.

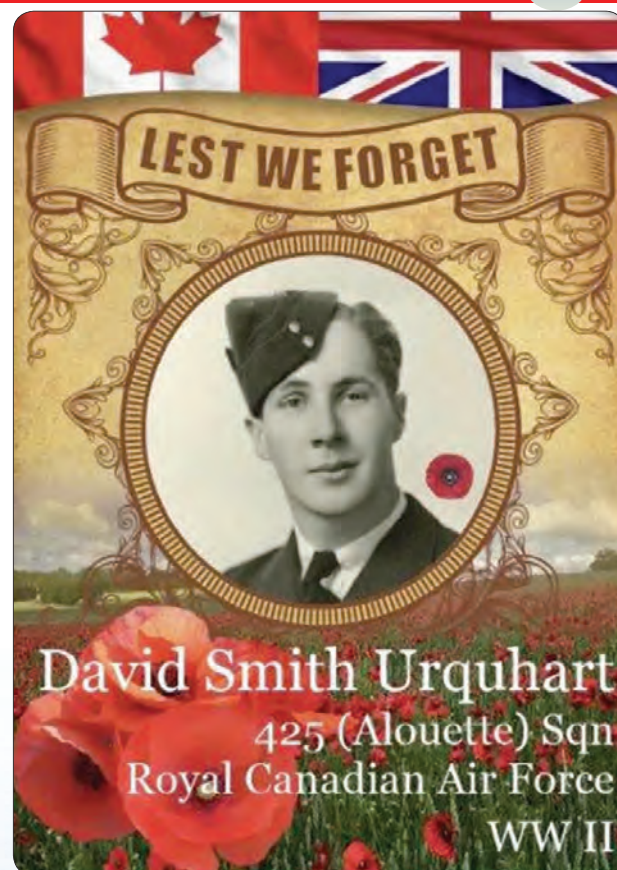
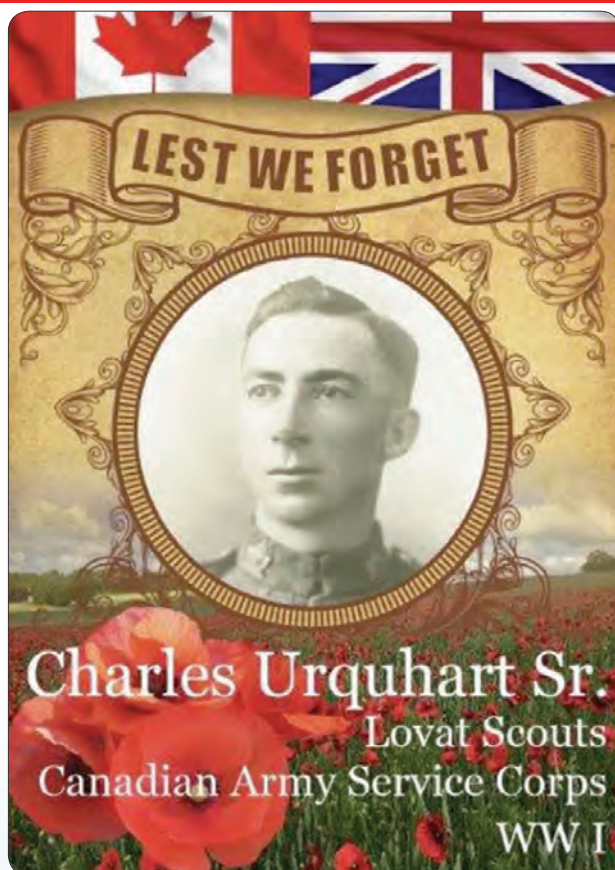
It is unknown if Spencer was awarded medals for his service. If they were awarded, it would have been the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

- Charles Urquhart Sr: British war medal 1914-1918; victory medal 1914-1918 - Lovat Scouts, Langan, Inverness-shire, Scotland 1907-1910; Canadian Army Service Corps.

He enlisted in the Canadian army service corps in March 1917. The main duty of the corps centered on the transportation and supply of food, forage, ammunition, equipment, clothing and engineering material and stores.

While in France as a member of the CASC, Urquhart suffered gassing while in the trenches. He developed pleurisy

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right after he returned from the war, and it was thought this had occurred because his lungs had been weakened from the gassing.

- Charles Arthur Ian Urquhart: France and Germany Star, Canadian volunteer service medal and clasp, war medal 1939-45, United Nations emergency force medal, Canadian forces decoration.

Born on the family farm north of Roland to father Charles, Urquhart was four years old when his father died from tuberculosis after being gassed in the First World War.

Urquhart was only 16 when his brother David was listed as missing in action in December 1942. A few months after his 18th birthday in 1944, Ian enlisted in the 22nd Armoured Regiment of the Canadian Armoured Corps in Winnipeg.

He re-enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in January 1954. He received his training and was qualified as a cook in September of that year and served in that capacity until discharged in July 1969.

During his second stint in the military, Urquhart served in Canada, continental Europe and also as a peacekeeper in Cyprus and Egypt.

- Flight sergeant David Smith Urquhart: 1939-1945 star, air crew Europe star, defence medal, Canadian volunteer service medal with Clasp and bomber command bar, 1939-45 war medal.

Another son of Charles Urquhart, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in July 1941 and trained as an air gunner and embarked for the U.K. in February 1942 and was posted to the 425 Alouette bomber squadron.

On Dec. 6 1942, Urquhart's air crew left in a Wellington bomber for a bombing raid on Mannheim, Germany. While on return to base, an S.O.S. was received as they flew over the Bay of Biscay. Nothing further was



heard, and the crew was presumed dead on Dec. 23.

In the summer of 2015, the Wellington III Bomber was found buried in a wooded area near Langonnet, France. No bodies or parachutes were found. It is believed the crew abandoned the aircraft over the Bay of Biscay, parachuted into the bay and drowned. The plane, on its own, continued to fly until it ran out of fuel and crashed.



A memorial service for the crew was held in Langonnet, France in May 2016. The cairn features a picture of the Wellington bomber along with David Urquhart and his crew mates.

David Smith Urquhart was 21 when he died in 1942. He is commemorated on the Roland War Memorial, Urquhart Lake, in the northwest corner of Manitoba is named for him.

## Did you know?

Each November 11, individuals across Canada honor the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve in the country's armed forces during times of war, conflict and peace. Remembrance Day, originally known as

Armistice Day, was first observed in 1919. The day honors current service members but also living veterans and those who have passed away. Hundreds of thousands of Canadian veterans live across the country today. According to the 2021 Census, there are than 461,000 veterans across Canada. Nearly one-third of those individuals are between the ages of 25 and 54 while roughly 7 percent are 85 and older.

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# Big time rumble coming to Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is now a regular stop when Canada's Wrestling Elite hits the road and goes on tour.

There are a couple key factors behind Morden being a location of choice for the wrestling organization including it being close to Winnipeg, where CWE is based

"Morden is close to home, but it's far enough away from the city where people won't regularly make the trip," said promoter Danny Duggan. "And it's been sustainable. People keep on supporting it, so we keep bringing it back to Morden."

The CWE returns to Morden again Sat., Nov. 19 at the Access Event Centre with the event billed as the rumble to remember featuring an over the top rope rumble main event.

The CWE is back to a full touring schedule, and it is exciting for the organization and all of the wrestlers involved, said Duggan.

"We're back to a full time schedule now post pandemic ... it is great for everyone involved, as it was a long, quiet two years," he said.

He noted that the economics of touring in Canada is much different than touring in the United States, and you have to go to the little cities and the big towns if you want to be doing it at a full time pace.

"We're hitting a lot of the cities along the way, but a lot of our most successful markets where we do our best business are the small towns," he said. "When we come to town, we are that big act coming to town, and we're more of a major attraction perhaps."

One thing at the heart of professional wrestling is the eternal appeal of cheering for the good guys and rooting against the bad guys.

"At the root of pro wrestling, just like any other form of good entertainment ... there's a hero and a villain ... but with professional wrestling, we're doing it live right before your very eyes," said Duggan. "It's live and in the moment, so what you see is what you get, so there's a special raw emotion that comes with the presentation of professional wrestling that no other form of entertainment can provide."

"There's definitely a diehard section of wrestling fans who follow it very intently," he added. "But you don't need to be a diehard to come out and have a good time ... everyone of all ages can come out and enjoy pro wrestling."

And the rumble main event is something that started as an annual feature in Winnipeg 12 years ago.

"That event has taken off, and it's become our most popular event in Winnipeg each and every year, so because of that, we've sort of spun off a smaller version that goes on tour."

The rumble starts with two men in the ring, but then another competitor enters every 60 seconds, and wrestlers are only eliminated by being sent flying over the top rope, and it continues until one is left standing.

Another star attraction this time is that the card features Ultimo Dragon, who Duggan described as a living legend.

Yoshihiro Asai is better known by his ring name Ultimo Dragon, and he is a Japanese professional wrestler and actor who in addition to having trained in Japan learned to wrestle in the lucha libre style while working in Mexico. He has spent time with the top wrestling organizations in the world.

"He is an international wrestling icon ... and this is going to be his



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Ultimo Dragon will be a star attraction when Canada's Wrestling Elite returns to Morden this month.

first ever Canadian wrestling tour. He's been wrestling now for over 30 years."

The Morden event includes a VIP meet and greet in advance of the card,

which is set to start at 7 p.m. VIP access costs \$29 with general admission of \$24 in advance or \$27 at the door, and tickets are available at Giant Tiger or online at [cwtickets.com](http://cwtickets.com).

# Pair of wins for the Winkler Flyers

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Flyers are now riding another win streak after having had their season opening nine game run snapped.

Following a pair of losses to Steinbach and Dauphin, the Flyers have rattled off three in a row including a 2-1 overtime win against the Winnipeg Blues Friday and a 10-0 rout of the Winnipeg Freeze Saturday.

The Flyers largely had control of the game Friday against the Blues, as they outshot Winnipeg 46-11, but they still needed overtime to get the win.

Zack Nicholas opened scoring for Winkler in the second period, but the Blues evened it with just 28 seconds remaining in regulation. Overtime only lasted 15 seconds however with Trent Penner connecting for his ninth of the season.

Against the Freeze, the Flyers jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first period then expanded that margin to 8-0 after 40 minutes, as Winkler outshot Winnipeg 46-14 with Liam Ernst earning his second shutout.

Mike Svenson had a pair of goals for the Flyers along with singles from Spencer Shugrue, Trent Penner, Tanner George, Brody Beauchemin, Zach Nicolas, Dalton Andrew, Noah Di-

emer and Xyon Kiemeney.

Winkler moved to 12-1-0-1 for 25 points, and they are second in the east division as the sit two back of Steinbach while two ahead of Niverville and three in front of Portage.

The Flyers have a busy three game weekend ahead on the road at Swan Valley Friday followed by OCN Saturday and then Dauphin Sunday.

# sports & recreation

## Mixed results for the male Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

The U18 male Pembina Valley Hawks picked up three of a possible six points this past week.

It started with a 4-3 over the Winnipeg Wild last Wednesday followed by a 3-2 shootout loss to the Interlake Lightning Friday before falling 5-3 to the Eastman Selects Sunday.

The Hawks burst out of the gate against the Wild with four unanswered first period goals then hung on the rest of the way.

Pembina Valley went two for three on the power play and got goals from Jayden Penner, Eli Dias, Acoyen Fehr and Liam Goertzen, and Ryler Gates made 27 saves with the shots on goal 30-20 in favour of Winnipeg.

Pembina Valley vastly outshot Interlake 53 to 27 but could only beat Lightning goalie Dylan McFadyen twice in the first period Friday.

Kam Thomas and Liam Goertzen scored for the Hawks, and Bryson Yaschyshyn took the loss with 24 saves. Goertzen and Acoyen Fehr failed to connect in the shootout.

The Hawks trailed 1-0 and 4-1 at the intermissions and couldn't quite make the comeback against Eastman.

Penner, Fehr and Goertzen scored for Pembina Valley while Yaschyshyn made 33 saves with the shots on goal 38-37 in favour of Eastman.

The Hawks are in a tie for ninth place on a record of 4-8-0-0 for 10 points.

The Hawks have a good opportunity to catch a team just ahead of them in the standings this weekend as they host the Parkland Rangers for a doubleheader with games Saturday and Sunday.



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Interlake's Brandon Burak and Pembina Valley's Jayden Penner battle for puck possession.

## U15 Hawks setting an example with community work

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley U15 Hawks are excelling both on and off the ice this season.

Not only had the Hawks built up a 9-1-1 record through their first 11 games, but the team has also been setting an example with its charitable endeavours.

The community work included collecting clothing for the Koats for Kids program on Halloween night, and they were able to give a half ton full of outerwear while also earning 9 - 3 victory over the Winnipeg Wild Red.

Their next effort this Friday is collecting hygiene items for Genesis House followed Nov. 21 by having their gate donated to the Hockey Fights Cancer initiative through the Manitoba Moose.

"We're doing that because one of my last year's teammates, his mom was diagnosed with cancer this last year ... so we wanted to help her out and support her," said team member Aaron Hiebert.

"Each of the parents have chatted with their sons and found the charities they are most passionate about and that they want to support the

most," said his mother and team manager Pamela Hiebert.

"Koats for Kids is definitely near and dear to one of the family's hearts ... and Genesis House is near and dear to another of the family's hearts."

She said they recognize the value of these boys developing as individuals of character as well as hockey players.

"It's important that these players learn their skills and develop as an athlete, but there's another side to this ... there's so many young children looking up at them," she suggested. "They want to represent good character and be an example to those young boys who are looking at them wanting one day to be a Hawk in the future.

"They also do another program called the junior Hawks where they sometimes go to practices with the junior Hawks ... they'll bring them to a game, and they'll come on the ice with them. They'll skate during warm-up and then stand for O'Canada.

"It's just a way to show that they recognize they are examples to these young boys," she said.

"It's always nice giving back ... giving to others just feels good," said Aaron.



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The community work included collecting clothing for the Koats for Kids program on Halloween night.

"It's a pretty cool thing that I am able to give back to the community and give all these things to people in need and help those who need it.

"I know the community has given

us a lot of sponsorship from all over the Pembina Valley, so we thought we should give back to the community as well."

# Twisters win three in a row in MMJHL action

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Twisters claimed their third consecutive victory this week after defeating the Transcona Railer Express 6-3 on Sunday. With the win, the Twisters move into sixth place in the MMJHL's standings with a record of 5-4-1.

After defeating the River East Royal Knights 2-1 on Oct. 29 and the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club 7-5 on Nov. 3, the Pembina Valley Twisters were rolling as they took on Transcona on Sunday.

Alex Vandenyze led the way for the Twisters with a pair of goals in the 6-3 win. Other Twisters' goals on the afternoon were scored by Merek Degraeve, Derek Wiebe, Jonathan Dyck and Keston Worley. Logan Enns stopped 41 shots in goal for the Twisters in the win.

"Our offence is sticking to the game

plan, getting pucks on the net without sacrificing defence. And our penalty kill has been fantastic and a huge part of our success," said Pembina Valley Twisters head coach Braeden Beernaerts. "I have been very pleased with the efforts as of late, buying into the game plan, and I hope to keep the wins coming."

Twisters' sniper Derek Wiebe is currently second in the MMJHL's scoring race with 21 points in 11 games, while Alex Vandenyze is in seventh place with 16 points in 11 games.

The Twisters are back in action with a two-game week. They have a home game against the St. Boniface Riels on Nov. 10, before going on the road to take on the Stonewall Jets on Nov. 12. The puck drop for both games will be at 8 p.m.



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The Twisters Merek Degraeve has 15 points in 11 games.

# Canadian Junior Hockey League makes neck guards mandatory

By Brian Bowman

The Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL) has made neck guards mandatory after the tragic death of Hibbing, Minnesota's Adam Johnson's death during his Nottingham Panthers' game in England on Oct. 28.

Johnson was carrying the puck into the offensive zone when he took a skate blade to the neck during a game against the Sheffield Steelers.

The Elite Ice Hockey League game was called off and the arena was cleared after the incident.

The CJHL announced the following

statement last Friday:

Effective immediately, the use of certified protective neck guards during all on-ice activities, including games and practices, for each of its 122 teams, has now become mandatory, based on equipment availability.

All nine CJHL-member leagues unanimously approved the decision.

Before that decision, the Western Hockey League announced the adoption of mandatory neck guard protection for all players, effective last Friday or as soon as the protective equipment is available to the teams.

Teams across Canada, though, anticipate challenges in the delivery of protective neck guards from licensed suppliers due to a major increase in demand.

Manitoba Junior Hockey League commissioner Kevin Saurette said their league has adopted mandatory neck protection going forward.

Players have worn them their entire careers prior to junior, he said.

"In Canada (they have worn them) until they get to junior when it was an option to wear them or not," Saurette said last Friday. "For whatever reason,

players have chosen not to - that's just been the norm for a number of years. Obviously, with a tragedy like this it creates conversation and it's unfortunate that the situation is as terrible as it is (but) it creates necessary conversations. For us, these are young players and young men and the more protection, the more safety we can provide, I think it's always something that you are going to look at.

"For us, it was an easy decision to move to neck protection especially after the incident that took place (Oct. 28)."

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# Bombers win by default

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The Morden Bombers picked up their first win of the SEMHL season this past weekend by default.

The Winkler Royals ended up having to forfeit the game Saturday as a result of not having a goaltender. Morden's backup netminder Brady Klassen was allowed to suit up for Winkler, but he then went out with an injury shortly into the first period.

In other action this past week, Carman beat Altona 7-4 last Thursday with Tyler Park, Brock Schwaluk and Ben Dalke each collecting a pair

of goals.

Altona then trailed 2-1 after 40 minutes against Ile des Chenes Saturday and then gave up three more third period goals to fall 5-1.

Also on Saturday, Ste. Anne doubled up Red River 4-2 with Brenden Walker contributing a goal and three assists. As well, Dexter Kuczek had the hat trick as the Warren Mercs outscored the Portage Islanders 8-5.

This week has Morden visiting Notre Dame Thursday while Altona hosts Ste. Anne then visits Red River Sunday. Carman hosts Warren Friday, and Winkler hosts Notre Dame Sunday.



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**PARCEL 2:** THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 32-3-7 WPM EXC ROAD PLAN 1951 MLTO (157.56 acres in total, including 135 cultivated acres) Title No. 3186667/4; Roll No. 220100.000

### CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. on November 17th, 2023.
- A deposit cheque in the amount of \$30,000.00, payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby Trust, must accompany the Tender. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
- Bids accepted on one, or both parcels.
- Successful tender is subject to Court approval.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing, which shall be 20 days following Court approval of the sale, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender. Once arrangements acceptable to the vendor have been made, the successful bidder may have access to the property.
- Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2024.
- The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.
- The land is not subject to a first right of refusal.
- Two sheds (8x10 and 10x12) are not included in the sale, and will be removed by the owner no later than May 1, 2024, at the owner's expense.
- All other buildings located on the property are sold "as is".

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## FARMLAND TENDER

### FARMLAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

#### R.M. of MONTCALM

Title #	Legal Description	Total Acres
3141037/1	THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 5-1-2 EPM	160

When submitting an offer, please note:

1. The highest, or any, offer will not necessarily be accepted.
2. The date of closing, possession, and adjustments will be January 2, 2024.
3. You must provide a certified check or bank draft in the amount of \$10,000.00 payable to Cole & Mace Law Office. The cheques accompanying unsuccessful tenders will be returned.
4. You must rely on your own research of the property.
5. Tenders are binding upon acceptance and not subject to any conditions precedent.
6. Tenders may only be submitted in the form provided by Cole & Mace Law Office; a form of tender may be requested from Cole & Mace Law Office in person at the address below, or by emailing: [adam@colemacelaw.com](mailto:adam@colemacelaw.com).
7. The Vendor will be responsible for the taxes on the property up to the date of closing.
8. The Purchaser will be required to pay GST unless the Purchaser is registered for GST and agrees to self-assess.
9. Title to the land will be transferred free and clear of all encumbrances and liens.

**Signed and sealed Tenders will be received up to 4:00 p.m. on November 14, 2023 at:**

**Cole & Mace Law Office**  
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14 Main Street S., Box 1670  
Carman, Manitoba R0G 0J0

**PROPERTY** SW ¼ 18-8-5 WPM  
being approx. 160.12 Acres  
NW ¼ 18-8-5 WPM  
being approx. 129.68 Acres

#### CONDITIONS OF TENDER

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders may be placed and accepted on one or both or all parcels of land.
3. Tenders must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. on November 17, 2023.
4. Tenders must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP in Trust as a deposit. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
5. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing which shall be December 17, 2023 or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2024.
5. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Scott W. Johnston at:  
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Sudoku Answer

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Northlands Parkway Collegiate - MPR Room  
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### CAREERS

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- Red seal certified machinist or equivalent preferred.
- Must have basic machine programming skills and be able to use precise measuring tools.
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- Minimum 1 year experience.
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- Assist in Year end Inventory & other duties as skill set reflects ability.

**Requirements:**

- Able to work in a team or independently in a fast paced environment.
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We thank all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

### PUBLIC NOTICE



#### UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR RE-ZONING By-Law # 1816-2023

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

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 and Re-Zone the land legally described as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 Plan \_\_\_\_\_ MLTO (Dep 796/2023) in the SW 8-2-1-W Roll # 115300.000 from "5:6" RMH - Residential Mobile Home" to "5:5" RMD - Residential Medium Density"

HEARING: Town of Altona  
LOCATION: Council Chambers  
DATE AND TIME: November 21, 2023 at 6:00 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:**

Tanya Waddell, General manager  
109 - 3rd Ave NE,  
Box 270 Altona, MB R0G 0B0  
Phone: (204) 324-5357  
Email: [manager@rpgamb.ca](mailto:manager@rpgamb.ca)  
Please see attached Schedule "A" for reference.

#### SCHEDULE "A"



# take a break

> GAMES

## SUDOKU

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Happen again
- Large flightless birds
- A type of account
- Beyond what is natural
- Beloved comfort food
- Rural delivery
- Belonging to us
- Typical
- Pie \_\_\_ mode
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Not us
- Discharge
- Made empty
- Fishing net
- Fast-moving, harmless snake
- Analyzed into its parts
- In a way, chilled
- Hindu queen
- Circles around the sun
- Used for emphasis
- Reactive structures
- Recommendations
- Feel intense anger
- Puke
- Rural Northern Ireland community
- Naturally occurring solid material
- British watch brand
- Toddler
- Integrated circuit
- Being revered
- "Pets" you can grow
- Continual
- Puts together in time
- Houses temporarily

### CLUES DOWN

- Vital public document
- Disinter
- Musical performances
- After B
- Every body has one (abbr.)
- Utilize
- In a way, disproved
- Fisherman's tool
- Of she
- Trauma center
- Commercial flyer
- Administered medicine to calm
- Popular R&B performer
- Regretted
- Leg (slang)
- "Night Train" author
- More supernatural
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Shoe parts
- Scores perfectly
- More lucid
- Trim by cutting
- Disreputable people
- Dramatic behaviors
- Disorder
- Private box in a theater
- More dried-up
- Raw
- In operation
- Pillager
- Butterflies with brown wings
- Disallow
- Own up
- Hungarian city
- A way to condemn
- Tax collector
- Lease
- Not out

### FARMLAND TENDER

#### FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed, written tenders for land in the RM of Stanley described below will be received by: **Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office**  
**Box 99, 1 – 880 J 15th Street**  
**Winkler, MB R6W 4A4**

**LAND: LOT 2 PLAN 50138 MLTO in SE ¼ 24-2-4 WPM (32.57 acres)**

#### CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

- The parcel of land described will be sold "as is".
- Tenders must be received on or before 5:00 PM on November 15, 2023.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
- Possession is January 1, 2024
- Tender must be accompanied by a refundable deposit of 10% of tender total (cheque made payable to Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office).

#### TERMS OF SALE:

- The successful bidder(s) shall enter a formal agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
- Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
- Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2024.
- The purchaser is responsible for GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office at 204-325-4615.



### DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES



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Gateway Resources supports people with intellectual disabilities to live full and productive lives at home and in the community. As we seek to empower people, we require good leaders to join our team of professionals. We are currently hiring for the role of:

### DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

This position will require a creative, focused individual with the ability to develop and deliver services, motivate, and lead teams and act with integrity and transparency within the Residential Division and organization.

The responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Oversight of all residential services – including shift staffed homes, supported independent living, home share and respite services.
- Development, delivery, management and evaluation of services to improve the lives of supported individuals to reach their goals.
- Communication with internal teams, external resources, CldS representatives, and individuals support networks.
- Management of all financial matters in the residential division
- Oversight of maintenance plans
- Advocacy
- Proposal and grant writing
- Community involvement including committees, fundraising, etc.

#### Qualifications

- Have a genuine interest in supporting people with intellectual disabilities
- Post-secondary diploma or degree in Social Services, Disability and/or Community Support.
- 3-5 years of related Social Services experience including supervisory/management experience
- Proven ability to problem solve and make decisions to achieve goals
- Knowledge of budgets
- Proficient in MS Office programs (Excel, Word, PPT, etc) plus payroll systems.
- Personable, creative, organized and reliable
- Excellent relationship building skills
- Have a valid Class 5 (minimum) MB Driver's License and use of personal vehicle when required.
- Emergency First Aid/CPR with AED training or be willing to take the training.
- Provide a criminal record check without concerns to the work environment
- Complete an Adult Abuse Registry Check without concerns to the work environment
- Dedication to continued professional development
- Have strong English verbal and written communication skills. Second language skills are an asset.

Applications can be made at <https://www.northstarats.com/Gateway-Resources> and must include a cover letter detailing how your skills, experience and qualifications align with our requirements and a resume. If you have questions, feel free to contact Julie Douma, Director of Human Resources at (204) 325-7304, ext. 233. Only those considered for interview will be contacted. **Closing date Nov 17, 2023 or until filled.**

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## OBITUARY

### William A (Bill) Reimer 1939 - 2023



William A. (Bill) Reimer, 84, of Blumenfeld, MB passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving wife and family on Saturday October 28, 2023.

Bill was born on September 24, 1939 in Blumenfeld, Manitoba to Wilhelm W. and Anna (Klassen) Reimer. During his last few days on this earth, he listed what mattered most to him in his lifetime: Faith, family, friends, farming and giving back to the community. Upon the confession of his faith, Bill was baptized on May 22, 1961 in the Old Colony Church in Blumenfeld. Regular church attendance was important to him and during the last few years when sleep would elude him, he enjoyed studying the Bible and journaling. Hours before he breathed his last, he said, "Follow God and everything will be okay." And, "I am going to be with Jesus, for sure!" Bill married Katherine (Tina) Elias of Rosengart on July 26, 1970. Together they grew their faith, raised a family and expanded the farm. Bill and Tina had six children and 18 grandchildren: William (Bill jr.) and Becky Reimer, Clayton, Annika, Bernie and Carrie Reimer, Chiquita, Dustin, Amber and Zane, Jeffrey and Sara, Kathy and Abram Letkeman, Danielle, Jeremiah and Alexandria, Caleb, Lorena, Anna (predeceased in infancy), Daniel and Helen Reimer, Seth, Abigail, Levi, Tamara, Sarah and Rockford Penner, Deidre, Danica, Dixie, Drew.

Bill worked hard to provide well for his family. He taught his children to have faith in God, practice good stewardship and showed them how to work hard. He also provided fun! A swimming pool, ATV's, toboggans gliding along the village behind the tractor and Model A rides for everyone! All of his children and grandchildren knew him to be a generous man. Bill always enjoyed socializing and spent much time with relatives, neighbors and friends. We are sure he is having the best time meeting back up with those that he has been missing who already went on before him!

Bill grew up as a farmer's boy who started to plow with a Farmall A tractor and two bottom plow at the young age of 11. He loved it! He liked to drive at tractor-speed so he could observe everything around him. Even after retiring from farming he grew a garden and extra potatoes to provide for family and friends. After retirement he wanted more activities to keep busy so he worked at Triple E as night security for 10 years, helped other farmers and enjoyed dreaming and planning at his property on the Red River. Bill Reimer loved his Blumenfeld community where he lived his entire 84 years. He enjoyed preserving its history and wanted to see it continue to be cared for and grown. Over the years he served his community in very many different ways. Some of the boards, committees and positions we readily remember are: Blumenfeld Cemetery, Municipality of Stanley, Pembina Threshermen's Museum, Boundary Trails Heritage Region Board, Water board, the start up of the Blumenfeld Coffee Shop and the Soil Conservation Group.

William A. is survived by his loving wife and family, sister, Mary Hamm and brother-in-law, Pete Rempel and his in-laws, the Elias family.

He was predeceased by his parents, one brother and four sisters.

Bill will be remembered by his family as a hard working and thankful man. He had projects he was working on till the very end. We watched and heard his faith held fast and he continually thanked us and the nurses for caring for him till he breathed his last. A handwritten notation in his devotional, "My flesh and my heart may fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26 Praise God! Memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2023 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Blumenfeld Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Bill's memory to the BTHC Foundation designated to Palliative Care or Spiritual Care.

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## OBITUARY

### Gertrude Braun (nee Bergman) 1932 - 2023



On Saturday, October 28, 2023 Gertrude (Trudy) Braun (nee Bergman) passed on to be with Jesus, at the age of 91.

Trudy is lovingly remembered by her husband of 61 years, Ed; son, Grant Braun and daughter, Gail (Mark) Hildebrand; grandchildren, Ramsey Hildebrand and Carlee (Lucas) Fehr. Trudy is also survived by 12 of her 18 siblings.

Mom was born on September 22, 1932 the third of 18 children to Bernhard and Helena Bergman in Bergfeld. Her childhood was spent in Bergfeld, and then later in Miami and in Horndean. She spent the last years of "single" life between the farm in Horndean and the nurses' residence in Winkler.

Mom and Dad married on September 29, 1962. They spent the first half of the marriage mainly on the farm where Dad grew up in Kronsgart and then they retired to Winkler in 1995.

Mom had very few wishes regarding this service except that we keep it simple and not turn it into a showcase of every good deed she has done in her life, which would be hard to do because her life was filled with kindness and humble servitude, and I can't let her go without a little recognition of who she really was. Grant and I have been so blessed to have her as a mom. She has always been a role model for how I wanted to be as a wife and mother, even though we have faced those roles in very different times. She was sweet and silly, and as an adult I enjoyed her as much as a good friend as a mother.

She has been an amazing grandma to our kids and added our son-in-law to her list of grandchildren. From the moment they met, she knew he was a "keeper". She was open-hearted and always willing to help where she could, whether that meant listening while we sorted out problems, baking cookies and delicious meals or watching the kids when they were younger. During one of the last conversations we had, I told her that I could hardly wait to see her again in heaven and see the beautiful crown Jesus will give her. She was a good and faithful servant, practicing her faith in how she lived as best as she could. And yet she always thought she could try harder and do better because she was so humble about her gifts and contributions to everything around her. Our family will be changed forever without mom, she was our center and our glue. We will learn to carry on without her, but we will love her and miss her forever.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with family interment prior to the service at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Our family would like to take this time to thank the doctors and nurses at Boundary Trails Health Centre for the amazing care they gave Mom, as well as us as a family. Thank you also to Pastor Engbrecht for his support in this hard time. To all our family and friends, we appreciated every visit and every time you reached out to us. Mom felt your concern and appreciated all the prayers. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by so much love. Our last thank you goes to Jake from Wiebe Funeral Home for everything he and his staff have done to help us through this difficult time.

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## OBITUARY

### Mary Fehr (nee Kehler) 1935 - 2023



Mom was born to David and Maria Kehler (nee Harder) in the Gretna area on July 10, 1935. On November 1, 1956 she married her loving husband, Peter H Fehr. In 1957 they moved to Winnipeg and started their family. They were blessed with two daughters, Maryann and Tina. Mom was a homemaker and spent her life making a comfortable home with endless food for her family. She deferred to Dad for all decisions. We never ever heard Mom yell or complain. Even in her final days at the hospital with a fractured hip, the nurses would ask how she was feeling, and she would answer with a smile "I am ok, I am fine." When Dad passed in August 2021, she missed him terribly, but she accepted that this was just another phase in life. Mom was very happy living at the

Buhler Active Living Centre. She loved to attend the church services on Sunday mornings, and always enjoyed any musical entertainment. She appreciated the wonderful sense of community that she found there.

On Thursday November 2, 2023 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Mary Fehr passed away leaving to mourn, her two daughters: Maryann Koop and grandchildren: Roxann, Cherylann and Ivan, great grandchildren: Kolin and Adam; daughter, Tina Scott (Bryan Sager), grandchildren: Tyler and Lindsay Paracholski (Jim Gilmore), one sister, Tina Pappel (Leonard), sisters-in-law, Nettie Kehler, Hilda Kehler, Susan Fehr and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter, son-in-law, Lorne, brothers, David and Peter and all of her husband's sisters and brothers.

Memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday November 9, 2023 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with a private family ash interment at Harvest Heritage Columbarium in Winkler. Mom appreciated the care she received from the homecare workers and the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre. Donations may be made in Mary's memory to the BTHC Foundation.

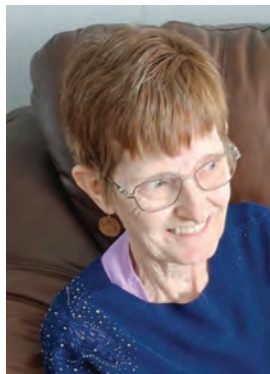
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## OBITUARY



### Mary Hiebert (nee Wall) 1950 - 2023

Mary Hiebert, 73, of Morden, Manitoba, Canada, peacefully went home to the Lord on Wednesday November 1st, 2023 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Mary was born July 21st, 1950, daughter to the late Abram P. Wall and Justina Wall (nee Dyck) in Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Mary is survived by her husband, Henry Hiebert, four children, two stepchildren and their families. Mary is also survived by her eight siblings and their families and many of Henry's family. She was predeceased by her parents, two brothers in infancy, and two brothers-in-law.

Funeral service was held Monday, November 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with interment at Hillside Cemetery, Morden. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to assist the family with expenses.

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## OBITUARY



### Blair Morley Mason

Blair Morley Mason, born on January 14, 1956 passed away at the St. Boniface Hospital on Friday, October 20, 2023 at the age of 67 years; the only son of Frank and Joyce Mason and only grandson of George and Rachel Mason and also only grandson of Milton and Elizabeth Boote.

Blair was born at the Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg, MB. He grew up on his grandfathers and fathers farm located in the Kingsley District in the RM of Pembina, located 4 miles south of Somerset, MB.

He attended school for four years at Kingsley, two years at Somerset, two at La Riviere, then finishing at Manitou Nellie McClung Collegiate. After that he took up farming with his dad on the family farm. Even as a young man he liked being around the farm animals and operating machinery as he enjoyed being outside.

Over the years, Blair would usually find work in the winter. He worked for Kimberly Clark, the town of Morden, Farm King, Holiday Mountain Ski Resort, Fehr Meats at Manitou, Interprovincial Pipeline & Enbridge Pipeline and for Manitoba Hydro.

Blair was a kind hearted person and he never liked to see anybody get stepped on or taken advantage of. Over the years he donated a lot of money to the poor and homeless and to Christian Ministry's. Lots of times he would give somebody in need of money out of his pocket. Blair also donated generously to hospitals in the province, local and Winnipeg.

Over the years, Blair played various sports, baseball, hockey, ice skating, golf and curling. He had quite a few friends and also enjoyed the company of older people. Blair always tried to keep up with his relatives. To Blair, family was important. He enjoyed friendship with people and always had time to talk. He took pride in his farms, and his farmyard was always kept organized even after he became sick.

Blair liked old things and collected a lot of items. He made a museum in the yard and took great pleasure in showing people. His love of life was reading the bible and accepting Jesus Christ his only personal savior.

He always said "good works will not get me to heaven but believing what Jesus did for him at the cross at Calvary by shedding his blood for his sins.

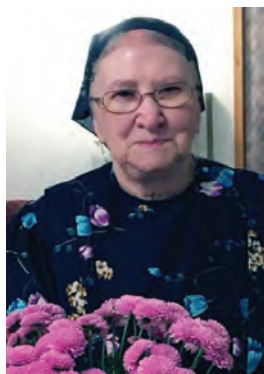
"Jesus the author and finisher of our Faith  
Be Grateful & be Thankful.  
To our Lord Jesus Christ  
And see if your days go a bit better!"

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Manitou United Church with Rev. Jim Barber and Rev. Melanie Kauppila officiating. Interment will take place in the Kingsley Cemetery, Somerset, MB. Memorial donations can be made in Blair's memory to a worthy cause of your choice.

Online condolences can be made by visiting Blair's profile page at [www.willmorchapel.com](http://www.willmorchapel.com).

Jamieson's Funeral Services  
of Holland, MB.  
in care of arrangements

## OBITUARY



### Anna Banman (nee Neufeld) 1939 - 2023

On Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at age 84, Anna Banman, formerly of Gnadenthal, passed away peacefully at Salem Home in Winkler, MB.

Anna is lovingly remembered by her five sons and two daughters, John (Anne) Banman, Henry (Marge) Banman, Cornie (Helen) Banman, Peter (Helen) Banman, Tina (John) Wiebe, Mary (Bernie) Giesbrecht, Herman (Jessie) Banman; 28 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren and one brother, Johan Neufeld.

Anna was predeceased by her parents, five brothers, five sisters, her husband, Cornelius and one daughter, Anna in infancy.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at the Winkler Reinland Mennonite Church, with interment at the Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Anna's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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## OBITUARY



### John Zylstra August 1, 1952 – October 23, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved John on October 23rd, 2023.

John was first and foremost a family man, doting on his wife, his children, and grandchildren. He was the quiet observer, who loved to laugh and enjoy the company of others. Being one of nine children, John valued quality time spent with his siblings and extended family.

He will continue to be held in the hearts of his adoring son Michael (Kari), daughter Ashley (Adam), Jenn (Glen), grandsons Noah, Lucas, Linkin, Ezra, AJ and Finley as well as his loving siblings Lina, Shirley, Gord (Grace), Annette (Art), Harold (Freda), Victor (Kathy), Judy (John), and Joyce (Rick) as well as countless nieces and nephews, his father-in-law Percy and extended Paracholski family.

John was predeceased by his loving wife Lori of 43 years, his parents, mother-in-law Irene and brother-in-law Franz.

John dedicated his adult working life to MTS, and even married his first boss' daughter. He worked his way up from climbing telephone poles, to working in the engineering department. John was a lover of the open road from the seat of his motorcycle. He also enjoyed traveling the globe, where he relished in taking in different cultures and historical sites. He loved classic cars, going for long walks, listening to classic rock, going out for breakfast, and playing baseball and card games. John's quiet demeanor vanished when playing games, as his competitive nature would come out. You could always depend on John to be on time, and have a comb in his pocket, as he never liked to have a hair out of place. He was always his children's number one fan. If he could avoid it, he would never miss a game, performance, event, and most times even practices and training. This carried on with his grandchildren. John would tell you that his greatest accomplishment in life was his family. He was a proud father and grandfather. He deeply loved and will forever be loved by his family.

A celebration of life for John will take place on Saturday, November 18th at 2:00 p.m. in Winnipeg at Green Acres Funeral Home.



## OBITUARY



### Deane Lee-Anne Lamoureux (Harde)

On October 21, 2023 Deane Lamoureux, at the age of 69, gained her Angel wings peacefully surrounded by family and friends at her residence Boyne Lodge in Carman, Manitoba.

Deane is predeceased by her parents Irma and Gordon, in-laws Leonard and Elsie Lamoureux, grandparents as well as numerous other family and friends.

Left to mourn her passing are her sister Caroline; children Loretta/Lori, Doug (Cindy) and Dwayne; grandchildren Cortni (Jeff) Chelsi (Reuben) Trentan, Tristan, Brodie, Stephanie, and Amanda; great-grandsons Owen, Finley, Kash, Ashton, Trace, and Lyle; best friend of the last seven years Renee, and many more family and friends.

Deane was born December 11, 1953 in Carman, Manitoba. She grew up and went to school in Miami where she graduated in 1971. Deane was married and became a mother in 1972. Deane became a grandmother in 1994 and a great-grandmother in 2017. Deane lived most of her life as a Jack of all trades, she never complained and was always there to help a friend or family in need. In 2004 Deane's Life changed drastically when she had a stroke, but that never stopped her from living each day with a smile on her face. She loved colouring and collecting earrings but most of all she loved her family and friends.

Deane will be greatly missed by many, forgotten by none and forever loved.

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# Altona firefighters mark milestones

By Lori Penner

Two members of the Altona/Rhineland Emergency Response (ARES) team were recently recognized for their years of service.

Pump operator Dave Fehr has served with the Altona fire department for 25 years, and assistant chief Mark Krahn also reached that 25 year milestone.

Fehr initially followed in his two older brothers' footsteps the year after he graduated from high school.

"They made it look fun and appealing, so I thought I'd give it a try," said Fehr, who learned quickly that there was plenty of work involved. "The level of training was different. We were still doing the ambulance work, so for the first two or three years, I was doing that as well."

Fehr has also earned his first responder level one training and has completed numerous other courses.

His favourite thing about being a firefighter is the team aspect of it.

"There's a fellowship that comes with it. They're a great bunch of people. When you share certain experiences. When you go through those things, you know you don't go through them alone. You go through them as a team."

"Through the years, we've had some pretty bad accident scenes, and you have a chance to surround each other and keep each other accountable for the things we do and not keep it bottled up inside."

The stress of the job is obvious, but unless you've been immersed in it, it's hard to fully understand, he said.

"You learn not to keep it bottled up inside and separate yourself from the situation at the moment. You deal with the emotion when the job is done. You don't want to feel guilty that you could have done more. Often, first responders feel that guilt. But we have to tell ourselves, this isn't our emergency. We're there to help."

"Sometimes people think that when you do these things, you're supposed to be tough. That's not the case. If you bottle it up, it can get worse. It can affect your home life. Stuff like that. A lot of the guys will go to new rookies when they see stuff like that and check with them and ask how it's going. When they're new, there could be some trauma there."

Fehr said there are many perks to the job, too.

"Seeing how the community comes together is very rewarding. We had a trailer fire here in town and there was a family that didn't have insurance or a lot afterwards. And so, one of our guys sent a message out, and within a few hours, they had furniture and clothing and bedding, and that's really the heart of it. It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, when you're in trouble and you need help, that's what this group is for, and it's exciting when you see that happen."

Feeling appreciated by the community is another perk, and there's a level of gratitude for employers as well. In his day job, Fehr works at Friesens Corporation.

Family has also had to understand.

"I met my wife after I joined, and from the begin-



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Pump operator Dave Fehr with fire chief Greg Zimmerman and assistant chief Mark Krahn.

ning it was never a question of whether I should be here or not. It was a good thing, you should do it, and we'll just work around it. It's been a big part of life for 25 years and it would be weird not to be a part of it."

What would he tell someone who is thinking about becoming a volunteer firefighter?

"I would tell them there's a lot of good experiences, and a lot of good training, not just for firefighting, but also for life. You work with good people, relying on others. Serving the community is important. It's not about accolades, it's the satisfaction of helping and getting things done, and working with people that consider you family and will help you out if you ever need it."

Krahn has also racked up a lot of training including courses in pump operation, vehicle extrication, fire fighting level 1, fire behaviour and trench rescue just to name a few.

"I think the most concerning part is the mental part of the job. You're always concerned about what your next call might be. We always think about that," he said.

"When young members join, we always think about how we can get the work done but also shield them from what they might see. So that's the balance we must work with. Sometimes calls can create questions and make you second guess what you did, and the things you can't unsee. For young people joining now, that's the biggest concern for me."

His advice is to find people you can trust and confide in, he added.

"We find people who keep it in are the ones who struggle longer. And being in a small town adds an

interesting dynamic because it quite likely is somebody you know or know of during a call.

"There are 30 members here in Altona. When you respond to emergencies and various things, there's a bond that happens in the group because you physically worked with a scene, and you worked with it emotionally as well. It brings people together," said Krahn, who works at Greenvalley Equipment.

"We're meeting people at the worst moment of their lives and developing coping skills not just to help them, but to also shield ourselves. I'm thankful we can serve the community this way. I always say the longer I do this, the more I'm okay with the pager not going off, but we're always ready whenever the community needs us."

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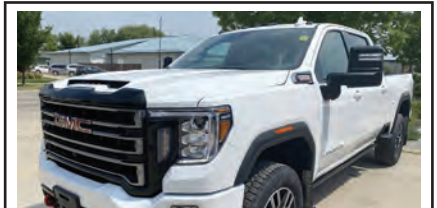
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