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Tory, Green candidates take part in public forum

By Lorne Stelmach

Only two of the four candidates asking Morden-Winkler residents for their votes took part in an all-candidates forum last Wednesday.

In a repeat of the 2016 provincial election forum, only Conservative incumbent Cameron Friesen and Green Party candidate Mike Urichuk were in attendance at the event hosted by the Winkler and Morden chambers of commerce. NDP candidate Robin Dalloo and the Liberal's David Mintz did not attend.

A small crowd was on hand at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall to hear first from Friesen, who outlined

the challenges the Conservatives have faced since succeeding the NDP in governance three years ago.

"I was there for the first four years in Opposition and I saw firsthand what a mess that our province had become," he said, pointing to a deficit that had ballooned to about \$1 billion and calling out Manitoba's health care system as one of the most expensive in Canada.

"Our plan for Manitoba was straightforward: Fix the finances, repair the services, rebuild the Manitoba economy," Friesen said. "It wasn't easy ... there were a lot of people who doubted we could make progress ... many were skeptical.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden-Winkler Conservative candidate Cameron Friesen (left) and Green Party candidate Mike Urichuk made their cases for election at a public forum in Winkler last week. The NDP and Liberal candidates did not attend.

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"We have made progress in Manitoba. We have kept our word," he stressed, citing examples ranging from dropping the PST to seven per cent to reducing emergency room wait times. "We have, at the same time, reduced the provincial deficit by 60 per cent on our way to keeping another promise.

"I think the choice in this election for Manitobans is a clear one. Our opposition parties are telling us go back, go back to the way things were ... reopen emergency rooms that weren't actually working," Friesen said.

"Our platform is one of balanced budgets, more jobs, lower taxes, more schools, and better health care sooner for all Manitobans."

Meanwhile, Urichuk touched on issues such as the need to address climate change, poverty, reconciliation with Indigenous populations, care for seniors, and the need for more child care across the province.

He stressed the need to "make sure that whatever public services we offer meet the needs of our citizens and will last well into the future.

"In order to do this, we need to make sure that funding is consistent, predictable and long lasting for institutions, for workers, and also for the clients, customers and patients who access these services."

A key overriding theme Urichuk emphasized was "the empowerment of the local voice and local position.

"In order to support the people ... we need to make sure that we give power to local municipalities, local leaders, local businesses, local charities in order to make these decisions," he said. "Solutions have been thought of ... they've been identified, but they haven't been adequately supported in order to be enacted.

"Morden-Winkler is fast growing, and with this growth it has a lot of strength," Urichuk said. "We need to make sure that the local voices in Morden and Winkler are heard, that the local workers are heard, so that those local decisions can be made and people can contribute and engage in their community."

In the forum's question period, the two candidates clashed over labour relations in the province.

Urichuk took aim at Bill 28, which among other things calls for public sector workers to have their wages frozen for two years. He said the impact is being felt at the bargaining table with a disregard for collective bargaining rights.

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Winkler fdn. hands out \$91K to 42 students

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The generosity of the late Gordon Wiebe continued to pay it forward last week as the Winkler Community Foundation celebrated the distribution of \$91,000 in scholarships in his name.

The foundation hosted a reception at Winkler City Hall Aug. 21 to introduce some of the 42 students receiving 2019 Gordon Wiebe Awards towards their post-secondary education.

The money comes from the Gordon Wiebe Education Fund, which was created from the gift of \$2.2 million the Winkler pharmacist left to the foundation.

"This incredibly generous gift was intended to make dreams possible for young men and young women pursuing post-secondary education who demonstrate commitment to our community," said Corey Hildebrand, chair of the WCF scholarships committee. "In these past few years we have learned that our unique program has helped to make a big impact on students' lives."

The merit-based awards program



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

A few of the 2019 Gordon Wiebe Scholarship recipients at a ceremony the Winkler Community Foundation hosted last week to celebrate being able to distribute \$91,000 in awards. A total of 42 students, some new recipients and some renewing ongoing awards, are receiving support this year.

includes a \$20,000 Make It a Reality Scholarship distributed to the recipient over four years, \$2,000 Ongoing Education Scholarships (OES) that can be renewed for up to two years, and one-time \$2,000 Garden Valley School Division Awards presented to graduating high school students.

The first two streams are open to anyone under the age of 30 who are pursuing their first post-secondary degree or diploma.

The fact the awards are open to older students is something the foundation plans to do more to get the word out about, Hildebrand said.

"One of our big hopes and dreams is to continue to inspire people who are a little bit older to be part of this scholarship program," he said. "We haven't seen a lot of people in that 23-30 age range and that's definitely one

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Morden-Winkler welcomes 50 new Canadians

By Lorne Stelmach

Raymund Ona is anxious to get to work as a Canadian citizen, but last Wednesday was all about celebrating.

The native of the Philippines was among 50 people who took the oath of citizenship at a ceremony led by judge Suzanne Carriere in Morden.

"Right now, I'm so happy that I became a Canadian citizen ... I'm just really so blessed," Ona said. "I look forward to improving myself further ... I look forward to seeing myself as more productive, more responsible citizen of this great nation."

Ona was searching for a place for a better future for his family when he came upon the Morden immigration initiative. His research led to an exploratory visit to the community about five years ago.

"I was so happy and blessed that I was able to come and visit Morden. It was a lovely place," he said. "I think it was perfect for my family and for my friends that I would be able to sponsor them in the future."

Ona said he was attracted by "the vibrancy of the city. It is a small city, but everything is here ... it's a very warm and understanding community ... that's very helpful, especially for newcomers like me ... there were so many people who helped me."

Another factor for Ona was the fact there is "a growing Filipino community here in Morden, and we are very lucky that all of us are being united, and we help each other."

He is now working towards becoming a registered nurse and looks forward to being a contributing citizen in every respect.

"I will be holding some rights but



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Fifty people took the oath of citizenship at a ceremony held in Morden last week.

some responsibilities too," he said.

Speakers at the ceremony also touched on the idea of the responsibilities that come with being a Canadian.

Being born here with citizenship was "kind of like winning the lottery," noted Carriere. "But just because it was easy for me does not mean that I take it for granted ... in fact, every day of my life I feel incredibly grateful to be Canadian."

"For 50 of you here today, your journeys were not quite so simple. First you had to make that difficult decision to leave your home country and family and friends behind, and then once you arrived here in Canada you had to work hard, you had to study hard, you had to adjust to a new culture, a new climate, many of you had to learn a new language, and all of you

have had to make a new home in an unfamiliar country.

"I recognize the courage, the determination, and the hard work it took for each of you to be here today," she continued.

"I sincerely hope that each and every one of you will share your talents, your strengths, and your cultures and work towards building an even better and an even stronger Canada."

"Each of you has your own story as to how and why you chose Canada ... but regardless of where you are from and regardless of the path you have taken to get here ... you are here," Carriere concluded. "You need to take what you say to heart because when you swear these oaths you're declaring a loyalty to Canada and promising to always do your best for Canada."

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen echoed Carriere's sentiments.

"Although you bring a diverse collection of experiences and cultures ... what brings you to Canada is what unites us, and that is freedom, that is the rule of law, that is equality, that's compassion, that's hard work, that's opportunity for everyone," she said.

"Morden will forever be linked to the fact that you became a Canadian, and we're very, very proud of that," added Mayor Brandon Burley.

"We would all agree that the greatest honour that can be bestowed on any person is to be a Canadian," he said. "We come together as Canadians, and we come together not only with convictions but with the courage to uphold those convictions."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen (left) and judge Suzanne Carriere with a family celebrating their new Canadian citizenship.

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of the things that's on our minds."

The value of these awards to young Winklerites looking to further their education can't be overstated, said 2019 OES recipient Mark Giesbrecht, a political science and economics student at the University of Winnipeg.

"It's a real encouragement seeing individuals, groups, and organizations investing in the younger generation," he said. "You have to remember that it's not always just about the financial contribution but also the emotional assistance and help."

"For me, it's a huge encouragement," agreed fellow OES recipient Caitlyn Haney, who is studying kinesiology at the University of Mani-

toba. "Obviously tuition is a huge deal to every student when you're going into university, so it's just nice to have a little bit of money to help out with that."

The community foundation is also trying to help out recipients in a new way this fall with the launch of a Peer 2 Peer mentorship program that will connect first-year students to older award recipients.

"It's our initiative and attempt to help students connect and overcome some of the hurdles that they see in university," explained Hildebrand, noting that financial hardship is by no means the only barrier to education for rural students.

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Candidates field questions from Morden-Winkler voters

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ince saying that northern Manitoba is the same as Winnipeg ... that's not the truth."

Friesen maintained that "labour negotiations are alive and well in Manitoba."

While applauding the education review, Urichuk said the government was not engaging in enough consultation with school divisions. Friesen stressed that "local voices will always be important in education."

Morden Mayor Brandon Burley stood up to highlight the need for a new school in Morden.

In response, Friesen pointed to his party's commitment to build 13 new schools in the next decade, saying "Morden is number one on the list." Urichuk also agreed that "Morden needs a new school and needs it quickly."

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder pressed Friesen on the need for the province to commit to projects such as twinning Highway 32 and building a regional wastewater treatment facility. He asked whether Friesen is fighting for these long-identified constituency needs.

Friesen responded that he strongly advocates for the area and noted the province is on board with the wastewater project and is taking it to the federal level.

Urichuk again stressed upon the idea of giving more authority to and having more dialogue with municipalities and having a co-operative relationship with them.

Other questions from the crowd focused on recruitment and retention of skilled workers.

Friesen said they are working to address the backlog in the provincial nominee program and pointed to his party's eliminating what had been a two year waiting period. He also touched on the importance of better training programs and reducing red tape.

Urichuk noted there is also a need to focus on the supports newcomers need, such as access to child care and other services.

"It's making sure that people feel like they belong," he said.

On affordable housing, Urichuk cited a need for sustainable funding and empowering municipalities to take the lead while Friesen also cited addressing taxation burdens.

On that issue, Friesen also responded to questions on taxation on both businesses and farmland.

"We have so many taxes we need to address ... don't think this is escaping our gaze," he said.

Manitobans head to the polls Sept. 10.



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Jayme Giesbrecht and Friends provided the soundtrack for the final Concerts in the Park show in Winkler's Bethel Heritage Park Aug. 22.



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Most debates for the 2015 Federal Election were canceled because Candice Bergen would not attend. This election Candice Bergen and the Conservatives have been gracious enough to notify all Chambers of Commerce to get their dates in place early so that the Conservative candidates can attend. What about everyone else? Schools, service clubs, associations, and other groups like to host debates. Don't they count?

During the last election Candice Bergen had agreed to attend the PCI debate in Portage la Prairie, then withdrew because of a "scheduling conflict." Strangely enough, she was able to attend a town hall meeting in Carman for the same evening that was hosted by a Conservative MLA. Perhaps this is my political inexperience,

but if you find your schedule has changed would you not honour your first commitment?

There are many people who feel a debate is like a job interview. Voters have an opportunity to ask questions and then decide who deserves the job. If you can't be bothered to show up for the interview, what makes you think you deserve the job?

I have politely asked our MP several public questions over the last four years but she has not answered any

of them. For a person who claims to love debate her lack of responses and excuse-making is very disrespectful.

I will ask again: Candice Bergen, will you commit to attending any and all forums and debates in the 2019 Federal Election? The people of Portage-Lisgar have some questions for you.

Ken Werbiski,
Liberal candidate
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> SCHOLARSHIPS, FROM PG. 4

"We want to make sure that we are connecting students with fellow students who have maybe travelled that same road in the last number of years."

A number of past recipients have eagerly stepped up to guide their younger counterparts as they begin school this fall.

"I think that is one of the things that defines Winkler is this idea of continued community and community impact, community involvement," noted Hildebrand.

Nursing student Marvail Wiebe was a 2018 OES award recipient who renewed her scholarship for 2019. She definitely sees the Peer 2 Peer program as having the potential to make life a little easier for young

adults studying away from home for the first time.

"It's hard ... and if you can have people there that can help you with that ... it makes a huge difference," she said, adding that with the new program "there's the possibility to create wonderful partnerships."

2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The 2019 crop of scholarships includes one Make It a Reality Award, eight Ongoing Education Scholarships, and 14 GVSD Awards.

Maria Gruen was introduced earlier this year as the Make It a Reality recipient, while last week's ceremony saw Alina Grass, Amy Peters,

Caitlyn Haney, Jennifer Halloran, Julia Tissen, Mark Giesbrecht, Sherry Peters, and Talia Peters step up as the 2019 OES award winners.

Receiving GVSD Awards at the high school graduations in June were Allyson Klassen, Indigo Wiebe, James Bergen, John Trinke, Lydia Ntangano, Micah Loewen, Quinn Hamilton, Alina Trautwein, Celine Richter, Michelle Baier, Narmathan Sejohn, Ruth Penner Penner, Saad Nizamani, and Yekaterina Yaroslavl-seva.

The scholarship program also has 18 students from the past two years' award classes renewing their ongoing scholarships for 2019.

Best Western Plus opens just in time for Corn & Apple

By Lorne Stelmach

The ownership group behind the new Best Western Plus hotel in Morden saw a lot of potential in the region.

With work underway now on a Winkler location as well, they firmly believe that there is a need for more accommodation options in the area.

"We looked at the area, we looked at Morden. The city was helpful in kind of giving us some metrics to work with," noted Abe Klassen, one of the directors of the ownership group after they cut the ribbon to open the Morden facility last Tuesday.

"We're motivated and we're inspired with what Morden is doing as a community," he said. "We also looked at the Pembina Valley collectively. It's a large area; there's entrepreneurial people ... it's a young community. There's good immigration initiatives in place, which is also good for growth. So there's a lot of positives."

The 63-room, 14,400 square foot Morden Best Western Plus joins a network of hotels and resorts with locations in nearly 100 countries

The Morden hotel employs a staff of 30 people and offers amenities such as a pool with a water slide, a fitness centre, and meeting room space.

"We do have plans for expansion in the future," said Klassen. "If we reach certain points of occupancy, we do want to expand into a conference centre and add probably 20 rooms."

"There's a lot of different places to draw from ... [like] sports. I know that's going to be a big thing too," added hotel manager Jon Enns. "People are going to need hotel rooms, and we are just filling that void."

Klassen noted they made a big push to be open in time for Corn and Apple Festival weekend, and he gave credit to community stakeholders such as the Morden Community Development Corporation for helping make it possible.

"I think a lot of it had to do with community involvement. The community was excited to see something like this go in, and so [there was] the motivation and the support from the trades and the community," he said. "The ownership group pushed hard. We wanted to be open for the Corn and Apple. We made that by the skin of our teeth ... here we are, we're open with a couple days to spare."

Construction is also underway on the Winkler location. The timeline for that project is uncertain, although Klassen said they do have a similar



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Dignitaries joined the Best Western Plus owners and staff to cut the ribbon on the new hotel.

hope for occupancy.

"It would be great if we could be open next year for the Harvest Festival," he said. "It's an objective we have."

"WE DO HAVE PLANS FOR EXPANSION IN THE FUTURE ... WE DO WANT TO EXPAND INTO A CONFERENCE CENTRE AND ADD PROBABLY 20 ROOMS."



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Local candidates weigh-in on why you should vote for them in the Sept. 10 election

ROBIN DALLOO, NEW DEMOCRATS

Robin Dalloo may be a stranger to both running for office and the Morden-Winkler riding, but the Winnipeg resident has some connection to both politics and the culture of the area.

He helped the NDP in a previous campaign, he noted, and while his father is West Indian, his mother is Mennonite.

"This is something new for me, but it is a challenge I'm ready to take on," said Dalloo. "We want the people who traditionally vote NDP to have a voice in the area."

With his Mennonite roots in southern Manitoba, Dalloo is an active member of his church, and his faith has led him to take on leadership and volunteer roles supporting church functions and care for congregants.

He studied piano and performance at the University of Manitoba and Christian theology at Canadian Mennonite University, and he has worked as a music instructor at several schools in Manitoba.

He put his plans of pursuing a professional career in music on hold when he became a father, and he currently works in the sales and service industry.

Dalloo said he believes that our government should make decisions based on compassion and care for others and not in the interest of the wealthy and fortunate few.

He feels that Manitoba's NDP will put everyday families first, stop the chaos in our health care system, and make decisions that benefit everyone.

With experience both as a health care aide and as a support worker, he is concerned about how the Conservative government's cuts to health care are impacting patients all over Manitoba.



Robin Dalloo,
New Democrats

"Brian Pallister has not done a lot to improve doctor retention, and personal care homes have been underfunded," Dalloo cited as examples. "He has promised 1,200 beds in the province of Manitoba, and he has not actually created one of those hospital beds."

Dalloo is also critical of the government's job creation efforts and he stressed that an overall concern for him is affordability for Manitoba families and a need to "do a little more to help out the people on the lower end of the spectrum."

CAMERON FRIESEN, CONSERVATIVES

Incumbent Cameron Friesen sees the provincial election as revolving around trust in the Conservative Party and the progress it has made so far.

"I believe that we have worked hard in the PC team. I believe that we have done what we said we would do and that should Manitobans put their confidence in us on Sept. 10 they can be assured

that we will continue to work hard," said Friesen.

"We formed government in 2016; we inherited a mess. We made commitments and said that we would be laser focused on the priorities of fixing the finances, repairing the services, and then rebuilding the Manitoba economy, and we've kept our word.

"I think that this election is a question of trust. I believe that in this election, Manitobans need to ask themselves, that beyond the commitments being made by political parties, who can they trust to keep their word?

"We said we'd reduce the deficit on the way to balance, and we've done it ... we've seen lower wait times in emergency rooms ... and we're seeing business and industry investing in Manitoba."

First elected in 2011 and re-elected in 2016 with over 85 per cent of the vote, Friesen has served as both Minister of Finance and Minister of Health.

He cited how his third budget in 2018 made significant progress in reducing the deficit, provided tax relief to families, and continued the moderate and balanced approach.

As health minister, Friesen has been proud to lead the efforts to deliver better health care sooner for all Manitobans.

As for the Morden-Winkler riding, the issues here are different from much of rural Manitoba, Friesen noted.

"Our challenges in Morden-Winkler are not the challenges of many communities outside of Winnipeg ... we all know that this continues to be a hub for commerce, for manufacturing, for industry, for agriculture," said Friesen.

"Our challenges are challenges of growth ... and those challenges must be managed ... investments should be made that are evidence-based, that have a return on investment."



Cameron Friesen,
Conservatives

DAVID MINTZ, LIBERALS

It is his work in the field of foster care and as a youth support worker that really led David Mintz into politics.

His experience with the Manitoba Liberal Party, including with MLA and former leader Jon Gerard, had the candidate for the Morden-Winkler riding "working to press for some changes in some of the things I saw in the foster system I felt needed to be addressed.

"I've been working in that area and with Jon now for a couple of years, so I'm looking to try to help make some changes across the province," said Mintz.

"I think there's a lot of things that we're seeing

where there's definitely gaps in our systems that haven't been addressed. The foster system has a lot of hard working people behind it, but there are systemic functional problems that prevent it from working the way that it should.

"Part of my impetus to get involved was to try to address some of those changes that are needed," he said. "And as I'm out talking to Manitobans and working on more and more things, it's become clear there are issues that extend to a lot of different areas."

Primary among those is health care, he said.

"Health care obviously is a very, very big concern for people right now, and now we're hearing that a lot of people are worried what's happening in health care is about to happen in education, and we're trying to address some of those things before it happens," he said. "The state of health care in the province right now is a really unsatisfactory level of care for most Manitobans. It's really shortsighted cuts that the government has made.

"The other big issue for me is climate change. We're in emergency crisis management mode when it comes to climate action," said Mintz. "This province has an opportunity to be a world leader in green technology and in green innovation, and we need to start taking some of those steps now. In Manitoba, we have the opportunity to get off that carbon network."

Mintz also sees so much potential for the Morden-Winkler area that just needs further government support to continue that growth.

"It can really leverage that into long term economic benefit for the area and the whole province. Morden-Winkler can be a new hub of economic activity with the proper forethought and investment."



David Mintz,
Liberals

MIKE URICHUK, GREEN PARTY

Mike Urichuk was drawn to the Green Party of Manitoba by their belief in the need for sustainable government.

He also appreciates their emphasis on the idea of empowering local voices to make local choices, and that is why the Winkler resident is standing again for the Green Party in our riding.

"One thing with the Greens is that they



Mike Urichuk,
Green Party

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Tickets on sale now for women's U18 hockey

Volunteer recruitment for Morden-Winkler tournament kicking into high gear

By Lorne Stelmach

Volunteer recruitment continues as tickets go on sale for the national women's under-18 hockey championship being hosted here later this fall.

As Morden and Winkler continue to prepare to welcome the best young players from across Canada, ticket packages are now available for the Nov. 5-9 competition.

Full-event ticket packages including all 18 games will start at \$70 and are available online at www.hockeycanada.ca/tickets.

"The host organizing committee has worked closely with Hockey Canada to develop ticket packages that provide value to our spectators," said host committee co-chair Jordan Driedger, who had no doubt the communities would respond. "Morden and Winkler have a long history of supporting hockey and we hope to create a great atmosphere in both venues."

As preparations ramp up, organizers are also accepting online applications for many of the volunteer roles needed to support the event—everything from transportation and team and media services to fan experiences.

"Morden and Winkler have always been known for great volunteerism, and I'm confident it will be the same for this event," said co-chair Claire Agnew. "The energy and positive attitude of our volunteers is a big part of our region's success. Our volunteer lead brings a lot of experience to this role and it will be exciting to work with people from both communities."

Meanwhile, it was also announced that the wider region will have a part in the tournament as four surrounding communities host pre-tournament games.

On Nov. 3, Atlantic will face Quebec in Holland, Ontario Blue takes on Saskatchewan in Carman, Alberta and Manitoba will battle in Pilot



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Clare Agnew (far left) and volunteers were at the Corn and Apple Festival promoting and selling tickets for the national under-18 women's hockey championship.

Mound, and Ontario Red and British Columbia will play in Altona.

The full tournament schedule begins Nov. 5 with all eight teams in action before the top four teams move on to the semifinals Nov. 8.

The tournament has long been the first step on the road to Canada's national women's team. In fact, 19 of the 23 players who helped Canada to a bronze medal at the 2019 IIHF women's world championship are alum-

nae of the tournament, including all-time leading scorer Marie-Philip Poulin, who recorded 30 points in 15 games.

It is estimated the national women's under-18 championship nets more than \$1.5 million in economic impact for the host region, which benefits from having the net proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorship grants redirected to support the growth of the game locally.

Honey, Garlic, & Maple Syrup Festival on Sept. 6-7

By Lorne Stelmach

The Honey, Garlic and Maple Syrup Festival has a lot going for it, say organizers of the annual Manitou festival.

Of course, the name tells you that one of the biggest draws is the food.

"It's a unique atmosphere with lots

of great food," Evelyn Lea said last week in advance of the 18th annual festival taking place Sept. 6-7 at the Manitou Arena and Fairgrounds.

She suggested the weekend's emphasis on local homegrown products is an important part of the attraction.

"You know where it's coming from,"

said Lea, adding the festival takes it further by "showing what you can do with it ... how you can best use it - those three ingredients—honey, garlic and maple syrup."

The festival's food attractions include the Gourmet Alley of food vendors that will give you a taste of something with honey, garlic or maple syrup. There will also be cooking demonstrations by a chef using the festival's namesake ingredients.

The weekend's feature food event is the buffet supper featuring slow roasted pork, honey glazed chicken, sweet and sour farmer sausage, garlic mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, gourmet pasta salad, corn on the cob, honey coleslaw, and more.

Buffet tickets are available at the Pembina Hills Arts Centre in Morden or in Manitou at Sam's Foods and the Pembina Co-op Hardware. You can also book them by calling Pat at 1-204-242-0307.

New to the festival this year is a visual arts exhibition at the Manitou Opera House featuring Quebec artist Cristiane Pravez's pieces focusing on

the beauty of horses.

Meanwhile, if it is music that entices you, there is a free stage in the arena and evening concerts at the opera house featuring Ridley Bent and the Killer Tumbleweeds Friday and a youth concert with The Stowaways and Boys Avenue Saturday. For Friday tickets, call 204-242-4415. For Saturday tickets call 204-825-8406.

The weekend also includes a farmers' market, car show, Mighty Machines display, kids activity tent and ball hockey tournament, and guided bus tours of the community.

Lea said everyone looks forward to how the festival really brings the community together.

"It brings together the community and visitors ... it's good for the economy here, it's good for tourism ... and I think it appeals to all ages and all of the senses," she said. "It's important for our area. It's a great festival, brings in a lot of people ... people come from all over for it."

For more details, visit www.pembina.ca.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Manitou hosts its Honey, Garlic, and Maple Syrup Festival Sept. 6-7.

> MORDEN-WINKLER CANDIDATES, FROM PG. 8

believe that everyone needs to be represented, that our democracy needs to be representative of the people and make sure that everyone's voice is heard," said Urichuk. "This means that they don't 'whip' all of their party members to vote in a certain way. They don't believe in top down politics ... I believe in the voice of individuals."

Originally from Calgary, Urichuk placed second to Conservative incumbent Cameron Friesen in 2016 with 8.5 per cent of the vote.

A teacher in the Garden Valley School Division currently working at Emerado Centennial School, he identifies education as a key issue to be addressed in this election.

"We need to have an education system that provides sustainable, peaceful and ultimately individualized growth in order to meet all of the diverse needs that we have within the education system," said Urichuk.

In addition, he also stresses the need for ecological and fiscal management.

"These need to be taken care of and properly planned for, not just in the short term but in the long term," he said.

For example, Urichuk agrees with the need for targeting the deficit but with a cautionary note.

"In addressing it too quickly we've put undue stress on some systems such as health care and

education. We have to make sure we fund these systems sustainably."

Urichuk also cites a number of other key issues as being priorities for him, including addressing childhood poverty.

"We haven't seen the government targeting childhood poverty other than through their basic income tax exemption," he said, noting, however, that is not indexed to inflation.

Finally, he also stressed the need for a more co-operative approach to governing.

"We need to have government that is co-operative and collaborative between federal, provincial and municipal levels."

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Ninth St. house given heritage status

By Lorne Stelmach

Another Morden home is now officially part of the city's inventory of municipal heritage sites.

Council approved the designation of the home at 216 9th Street at its Monday meeting, where it also enacted a new policy governing municipal heritage designations.

Mayor Brandon Burley said the policy provides property owners with some direction and guidance. He sees it as giving them "a little more assurance and confidence when they come to council ... without having to first spend their money.

"It gives them the ability to undertake things like the heritage study, which they have to pay for," he said.

"The policy gives our city planner the authority and the ability to make

decisions about usage and historical value and things like that without everything needing to come to council," Burley added. "It also gives guidelines about what is historical and what is not and which components and features are historical and how they're determined and how they're weighted."

Burley suggested the policy is important given Morden's many historical and heritage assets.

"And the other thing that really precipitated this I think was that we had been looking at designation of alternate sites for higher density usage, and we wanted to make sure that properties that did have historic value in the community were protected," he added.

As for the 9th St. house, the designation now will allow them to poten-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden city council has declared this house at 216 9th St. a municipal heritage site.

tially access provincial grant money for the property.

A Morden Mansions booklet describes the property as "a quaint and well-kept house with an interesting second level window. It was built for Edward Oke, a retired farmer, by his brother Sam around 1895."

Other municipal heritage sites in Morden include Maple Leaf School, the Morden Dominion Post Office (now the Pembina Hills Gallery), the McConnell House at 577 Stephen St., the McElroy House at 645 Thornhill St., and the Stodders House at 180 Nelson.

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Spearheaded by the Canadian Trucking Alliance, National Trucking Week runs annually from the first Sunday in September to the following Saturday. This year, the celebration shifts into gear on September 1 and continues through till September 7.

The trucking industry lies at the heart of our country's economy. There are over 300,000 truck drivers in Canada and over 400,000 people working in the industry. Here are seven more facts and figures about trucking in Canada.

- 1. The average long-haul trucker logs more than 160,000 kilometres a year.
- 2. The average big rig can carry more than 35,000 kilograms (80,000 pounds or 40 tons) of weight.
- 3. The engines of semi-trucks are six times bigger than car engines. They can chug along for more than 1.6 million kilometres, whereas car engines usually give out before logging 300,000 kilometres.
- 4. Today's clean diesel semi-trucks are vastly more energy efficient than their predecessors. It would take 60 of them to generate the same amount of exhaust as one semi-truck from 1988.
- 5. The Canadian trucking industry generates more than \$67 billion in revenue each year.

- 6. Close to 90 per cent of consumer goods in Canada are delivered by truck.
- 7. Trucking forms the backbone of commerce between Canada and the United States, accounting for about 60 per cent of our cross-border trade.

This National Trucking Week, show your appreciation for truck drivers and the crucial role they play in our economy.



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In the 1970s, truckers were instrumental in the development of CB slang, a type of anti-language frequently used by truck drivers over CB radio. Some terms eventually slipped into mainstream culture. Here are a few interesting ones.

- Alligator: a blown-out tire on the road
- Bear/mama bear/baby bear: police officer/woman police officer/rookie police officer
- Crotch rocket: a motorcycle
- Dragon wagon: tow truck
- Hammer down: step on the gas pedal/drive quickly
- Hundred mile coffee: very strong coffee
- Motion lotion: diesel fuel
- Nap trap: a rest area
- Rubbernecks: drivers slowing down to look at something, usually an accident
- Toenails in the radiator: full speed
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Morden celebrates



The 2019 Morden Corn and Apple Festival filled the community with festivalgoers over the weekend. Clockwise from above: Trooper performed a high-energy concert as the Saturday night headliners; siblings Anna, Daniel, and Julia Glukhov chow down on some free corn on the cob; the Saturday parade showcased Morden's diversity; graffiti art at the youth stage; checking out some cool wheels at the Border Hills car show Sunday; battling it out in the pie eating contest; Maurice Butler and daughter Clare went all out to promote the Strawberry Haven dessert station.



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Clockwise from above left: The Thighmasters give it their all at the Morden United Way's combine pull; serving up jugs of apple juice alongside corn; a young fan poses with Batman at the Comic Con Tent; the Cottonwood Stage drew big crowds for old-time music and dance; all smiles at the Art Walk craft table; End of Winter perform at the youth stage; fun on the midway; petting zoo buddies.



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Studio tour provides a behind-the-scenes look

By Lorne Stelmach

Susan Pharaoh sees the Pembina Valley Studio Tour as not only possibly inspiring others but herself as well.

The La Riviere artist behind River Valley Pottery looks forward to that kind of exchange as part of the 15th annual self-guided tour weekend set for Sept. 7-8.

"It's an encouragement for them. I'm hoping to be able to maybe start their own artistic journey," said Pharaoh, who has been part of the tour for eight years now.

"It helps my sense of creativity ... it can give me the focus as well to get stuff finished, so I get into my studio and get busy and get more pieces done," she said. "It just sparks ideas in me as well, so the tour itself becomes

a form of inspiration for me."

There will be familiar faces and places and also some new highlights for this year's tour, which provides a chance to explore the creativity abounding across the region.

The self-guided tour covers an area from Altona in the east to La Riviere in the west and Carman in the north. This year, 28 individual locations will be opening a variety of galleries, studios, and homes on the Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and then Sunday between 12-5 p.m.

"The quality and the variety of the arts is really interesting and varied," said organizer Margie Hildebrand. "It's everything from painting, ceramics, metal to glass, wood turning. Forged metal, I think, is a new one for this year.

"I think it's also a great outing where you can enjoy the scenery of the Pembina Valley and see what the artists are doing and go into their homes or their studios and see how they make their art. It shows everyone's take on what is beautiful and what touches their hearts."

Reflecting on the range of artistic talent in the region, Hildebrand believes the tour might instill some newfound respect and admiration for local artists.

"They're spending a lot of time on their craft and honing their craft and their skills. I would say the artists are all quite devoted to what they are do-

ing," she said. "It's quite an amazing amount of talent and it's so diverse."

For Pharaoh, she likes being able to give people an idea of what all goes into making her pottery.

"Anybody can learn how to use a tool ... when you get to the point where you've mastered that tool, then you can turn around and make it artistic," she said.

"It's not a totally mysterious process with pottery. It's a very step by step laid out way of doing it ... but when you embellish it or change it or add your other elements to it, that's when it becomes art.

"Being in the tour gives me a chance to show off those elements," Pharaoh said, noting she has an outdoor tent to display finished pieces and keep her studio clear so people can see the equipment and process.

"Sometimes you get other artists coming on the tour as well, and we can exchange ideas, which is very helpful," she added. "But then we'll also get people who are just interested in how the process works, and they've never done pottery in the past."

Tour brochures are available at Thornview Grocery and the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden, Gallery in the Park in Altona, and the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The annual Pembina Valley Studio Tour gives art-lovers the chance to see where their favourite local artists do their work. This year's tour runs Sept. 7-8.

Parkinson's SuperWalk in Morden Sat., Sept. 14

By Lorne Stelmach

You can't under estimate the importance of events like the upcoming SuperWalk to those who live with Parkinson's day after day.

The Sept. 14 fundraiser as well as the Pembina Valley Parkinson's support group play vital roles in not only providing resources but also raising awareness.

Dell Friesen sometimes sees a need for the latter, especially in being a caregiver for her husband Henry, as she suggests some people don't understand what is happening and don't know how to be around them.

"You do find people who don't know how to handle it," she said.

"[People with Parkinson's] need their friends, they need their family to learn about Parkinson's so they can understand what is taking place in a person's life, because it changes ... but

they're still the same people inside but they have challenges now."

Parkinson's is a progressive, degenerative brain disorder. Symptoms can include tremors, slowness of movement, stiffness or rigidity of muscles, difficulty with balance and walking as well as changes in voice volume and speech.

More than 25 people a day in Canada are diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. In Manitoba, there are an estimated 6,800 diagnosed individuals—a number that is expected to double in the next 14 years.

The Friesens' journey with Parkinson's began with Henry's diagnosis about 15 years ago.

"It all started with the shaking of the right hand," he said, adding visits to a number of specialists in Winnipeg followed before a diagnosis was made.

Since that time, they have adjusted

and coped the best they can.

"It's been quite a journey for me. It's a huge change in lifestyle, huge change in terms of exercise program and diet and things like that," Henry said. "It's been fairly stable, but it seems to be progressing slightly now ... it still seems to be manageable, though."

Their journey with the disease led them to get involved with both the SuperWalk and the support group, which now has over two dozen members.

Their meetings cover a range of topics. One on Sept. 9 will explore the potential for a Parkinson's boxing class as a fitness option. An Oct. 7 gathering will hear from local resident Karen Doell on her experiences with the disease and having had deep brain surgery.

"It's important to have a support group," said Henry. "We want to keep

people informed with the latest information and treatment.

"It's a real help for people who need the support," he said. "It seems to be an active group that is well supported, but we can always have new people get involved. And the SuperWalk is a good way that we can raise funds for people."

Last year's walk in Morden raised \$37,660. The event usually attracts upwards of 100 people.

Since 1990, SuperWalk participants have raised more than \$38 million nationwide for Parkinson's support services, advocacy, and research.

The Pembina Valley Parkinson SuperWalk will be held in Morden Saturday, Sept. 14 with registration beginning at 9 a.m. at the Morden Mennonite Church. The walk gets underway at 10 a.m.

Registration and pledge forms are available at www.superwalk.ca.

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Final day at the races

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Above: Danny Staff of East St. Paul leads the pack in this modifieds race Saturday at the ALH Motor Speedway. The weekend marked the end of the 2019 season.

Rain cut down the ALH Motor Speedway's Corn and Apple Special down to one day last weekend.

Saturday's special at the track west of Morden wrapped up another season of racing with a full day of events.

The top three finishers included:

- A Modifieds: Scott Greer in first place, Ward Imrie in second, and Jerome Guyot in third.

- B Modifieds: Brandon Rehill, Ted Doell, and Brenden Luschinski.

- Pure Stock: Pat Smith, Kevin Smith, and Brian Bellew.

- Sports Compact: Jeremy Wall, Lee Moir, and Nicholas Krause.

- Street Stocks: James Wall, Rod Wolfe, and Jamie Smith.



Whips-Pilots series continues

Game three of the Border Baseball League championship final Monday night was rained out, making Tuesday the do or die night for the Pilot Mound Pilots

The Winkler Whips were up by two games and looking to make a clean sweep of it. Results of Tuesday's game were not available at press time. If the Pilots managed a win, game four is in Winkler Wednesday night.

The Whips took game one of the series 8-0 Aug. 19 and

game two 7-3 Aug. 20.

Winkler's post-season success comes after the team finished third in the regular season with an 11-5 record behind the Pilots in first place (14-2) and the Morden Mohawks in second (12-4). In the playoffs, the Whips made short work of Carman in three games in the quarterfinals and then bested Morden in four to earn a seat at the championship table.

New Flyers head coach looking to the future

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers head into their 40th season of junior hockey this fall with an all-new coaching staff behind the bench.

Head coach Kelvin Cech, a former University of British Columbia hockey coach, has been hard at work preparing to build the team from the ground up alongside fellow newcomers Jamie Corbett as assistant coach and Tim Morison as goaltending coach.

"There's definitely a lot of excitement about the season ahead," Cech said last week. "There's a lot of changes happening this season, which is a good thing—that's the way we approach it."

The coaching change-up came on the heels of the Flyers finishing ninth out of 11 teams in the Manitoba Junior Hockey last season. It was the first time in decades Winkler didn't make the playoffs.

Soon after, the team's executive cut ties with head coach and general manager Ken Pearson and assistant coach Steve Mullin, who together had led the Flyers for several seasons.

Incoming GM Jeff Jeanson said then that the board hoped new management would provide a "fresh start with some fresh ideas, fresh people to move forward."

"We want to really change the culture in Winkler," he said. "We want to do some different things with the program."

It's a mission Cech is eager to tackle.

"It's an exciting challenge for sure," he said, characterizing his coaching style as one of communication and accountability.

"On the ice we've got a set of promises that we write out and that we work on together," Cech explained. "Each promise is led by a different position. For example, one of our promises is to be relentless with our work ethic. That starts with our goalies. And then one promise that starts with our wingers is pretty simple: just starts and stops in the zone. Which is sometimes a tough skill."

"I think for us the biggest thing is that we're

going to hold each other accountable as teammates and as a coaching staff," he stressed.

"We want to be aggressive. We want to be fast. We're looking for fast players who can skate fast and who can also play fast, move the puck fast, think the game, and have a really good hockey IQ."

"We want to play upbeat, fast-style hockey and really focus on offence when we have the puck. And then when we don't have the puck we want to be really structured."

Cech and his fellow coaches will be building that structure into a team filled with players new to the Orange and Black. They're only expecting a handful of veterans on the roster this season.

"We'll have some 20-year-olds and then also some 18- or 19-year-olds returning from last year," Cech said. "So it's a solid base, but it's still going to be a lot of turnover."

"There's going to be a lot of new faces. So we're going to depend on that [veteran] leadership and we're going to do a lot of team building and have some fun in the first few weeks of the season," he said. "It's going to take some time to come together and learn a new system."

Cech is already impressed at the leadership he's seeing from the guys, some of whom were at the rink last week to help out with the team's summer youth hockey school program.

"We have lots of players who came to town early to help out with the hockey school," Cech said. "So the biggest thing that I'm seeing is just the commitment and the leadership from the guys that we already have in town."

"There's a lot of unknowns and a lot of questions that we have about the roster coming up which, again, we view it as a good thing because we're going to have a really competitive camp. But the one thing that's not a question mark for me right now is the leadership of the older guys we have coming in that are here already ... guys like Brody Moffatt and Griffin Leonard, Everett Bestland, and Jaden



New Winkler Flyers head coach Kelvin Cech is settling into his office and ready to build a strong team for the 2019-20 season.

Townsend, who we traded for this summer. I think we've got that part down."

Training camp gets underway this week and will see 80 players, including 10 goalies, attempt to earn a spot on the roster.

"If there's a focus, it would be everything," Cech said when asked what he's looking for from the prospective players. "The thing about training camp is, once you get down to it, it's always about making your team better."

The team is also trying something different with its 2019 camp, running a rookie prep camp alongside it to give the 2003-2004 born players a firmer foundation.

"We've had a really good response to that," said Cech. "Everything is brand new this season but that's a really brand new thing for us."

All in all, Cech is determined to put the team's rocky recent past behind them and focus on the future—a future he intends to include a playoff run.

"We're not coming in to say we need to win a championship or nothing else because then you lose sight of the process day to day," he said. "The pressure for us is to come in and get better every single day from the net out as coaches and as an organization."

The Flyers begin their two-week pre-season schedule by hosting Virden for an exhibition game on Sept. 4 and Thief River Falls Sept. 6.

The regular season kicks off Sept. 20 in Steinbach, with the Pistons then travelling to Winkler for the Flyers' home opener Sept. 21.

Cech noted they have big plans to celebrate the team's 40th anniversary, including at the home opener, but they're keeping mum on the details for now.

"There's a couple tricks that we have up our sleeve but you'll just have to come out to the game to find out," he said, urging fans as well to come cheer on the boys in the pre-season.

Flyers coaching staff and players welcomed about 60 rising hockey stars to the Winkler Flyers Hockey School last week.

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Barracudas win championship

The Winkler Barracudas swam away with the Swim Manitoba Summer Swim series championship on Sunday.

The team headed to the Neepawa meet up over 700 points on the second-ranked host team.

When the dust settled, Winkler's 1,918.5 points won the day.

"It really wasn't close," said coach Eric Tanguay. But since most of the kids didn't know what their collective point tally was heading into the final, the big win still brought with it a lot of excitement. "A lot of them didn't know that we had that many, so they were pretty pumped that we won."

The meet wrapped up another strong season for the team, who saw

many of their athletes earn countless first place finishes at meets across the province.

Eleven Barracudas earned medals for their individual efforts this summer, including:

- Khyler Sherington-Voth, gold in the boys 9-10 age group.
- Scarlett Enns, gold in girls 9-10.
- Cohen Hildebrand, first in boys 13-14.
- Sarah Kagan, gold in girls 13-14.
- Finn Soltis, gold in boys 15+.
- Cohen Gerbrandt, silver in the boys 9-10.
- Cadence Harder, silver in girls 13-14.
- Daniel Kagan, silver in boys 15+.
- Rebecca Kagan, bronze in girls



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The Winkler Barracudas came in first at the Swim Manitoba Summer Swim series championship meet on Sunday.

9-10.

- Levi Gerbrandt, bronze in boys 11-12.
 - Cole Wiebe, bronze in boys 13-14.
- Sherington-Voth and Soltis also set

several new league records; Soltis in the 50 metre, 200 metre, and 100 metre freestyle and Sherington-Voth in the 100 metre individual medley event.

Kids World Dance program coming to Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Stephanie Strugar established Difinity Dance very much as a personal mission

Strugar, who lived in various communities across the province as a child, grew up without easy access to dance education or performance arts training.

"In the rural area there wasn't any access, and anything that was good didn't exist or was too far of a drive or really expensive," said Strugar, who noted she didn't really get into dance training until age 12. "I believe that every kid should have a chance to receive dance education ... it doesn't have to be competitive, but they

should have a chance to dance."

With that aim in mind, Strugar is working with the City of Morden in its plans to offer kids world dance classes on a regular basis starting this fall.

In order to move forward with this program, an instructor certification session will be led by Difinity Dance next month.

The instructor training session will at the same time offer free trial classes for kids age 3-5, 5-8, and 8-12.

Through Difinity Dance, Strugar has spent 11 years designing dance fitness programs to match the needs of rural communities. She places special importance on the cultural aspect of dance, as she sees it as a great way

to make a cultural connection.

"There's a much deeper meaning behind it besides being a regular dance program or fitness program," she said. "You can't expect cultural understanding to just happen by accident. It really has to be carefully done. I think the community can really be in greater harmony ... and this program could connect kids who otherwise might not be connected."

Stephanie Dueck, recreation programmer for City of Morden, sees providing this dance educator training opportunity and the world dance classes as a great fit given some of the city's other recreational initiatives.

"We continue to expand culture focused recreation programming, often

in partnership with Regional Connections including world cooking classes and Around the World summer camp," she said. "Adding a world dance program for kids is very fitting to add to our list of offerings for fall, and we hope the community will support the programming so it can take off."

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Team MB bring home the hardware

Pembina Valley athletes did our area proud at the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games in Swift Current earlier this month.

Swan Lake softball players Olivia Goderis and Abigail Conrad helped Team Manitoba earn gold at the event.

Manitoba beat Alberta 9-2, Saskatchewan 3-2, and Alberta again 10-4 in the round robin. Team 'Toba then downed Saskatchewan 8-1 to win the gold.

Winkler native Trent Crane came home with a silver medal as part of Manitoba's baseball team.

On day one of competition Aug. 14, Manitoba lost to Alberta 8-3 but then beat Saskatchewan 12-2. Day two saw them post a 9-8 win over Alberta and a 16-7 one over Saskatchewan. Day three was a mixed bag, starting off with a 6-5 victory against Saskatchewan but then a 13-9 loss to Alberta.

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Senior soccer seasons winding down

A mixed team of Winkler Storm, South Central Riot, and other local players were victorious in a 7x7 tournament in Steinbach on Saturday, defeating players from the Winnipeg Premier Division team El Fuego to bring home the trophy (photo below).

In regular season play, the Storm's game against Scotia United SC Monday night was called off halfway through due to poor weather. The league has yet to decide whether the match will be rescheduled. Winkler was leading 2-0 at the half.

The Storm are currently in the middle of the pack in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 1st Division standings with a record of 4-10-1.

The Riot, meanwhile, had a rough go of it last week, falling to Interlake Impact 3-0 on Aug. 27. The team's record is 7-7-3, putting them also in the middle of the MMSL's 5th Division.

This week, the Riot closed out their regular season playing in Winnipeg against Kucame FC. Results were not available.

The Storm wrap things up by hosting the Hanover Kickers Sunday, Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. The South Central Hurricanes ladies team play at the Titans Tuesday, Sept. 3.



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Agriculture

Altona's Pioneer Meat changes hands

By Harry Siemens

The Progressive Group of Companies in Niverville recently bought family-run meat processing firm Pioneer Meat of Altona.

Founder Bernie Penner first began selling his homemade product door-to-door in 1968, eventually passing it on to the second generation. Penner passed away in 2017.

After 51 years, the oldest of the family and then company president Steve Penner said it's time to focus more on family and less on business, noting the decision to sell wasn't easy, but they believe it is the right one.

"We are happy to say that Mom is behind us 100 per cent and we know Dad would approve as well," the Penner family said in a statement. "Those two know better than anyone else of the challenges faced daily. We

consider ourselves incredibly fortunate to be able to hand over the business while we still have both health and family."

The family said a collective thank you to everyone who had supported them over the years.

"We feel we've built a beautiful company and a wonderful brand, and are lucky enough to do it in a great community. We've enjoyed working alongside our employees, many of whom have become friends over the years."

When deciding to let go, sell, and move on, it is good to know the company will be in good hands, Penner said. The family is confident it has found a Manitoba company with a similar business style and ethics to take Pioneer Meat to the next level of growth.

"It was getting tiresome and not just

that part of it, just the whole thing of the business," Penner said. "Like, we're so hands-on that it felt like we were just running from one fire to the other for several years already."

"I think the new owners have great plans for our brand," he said. "One of the biggest questions over the last week is, 'Boy, I sure hope they don't change it.' Well, why would they? Why would somebody, in my opinion, buy the best sausage that they can buy and change the recipe?"

The company processed 750,000 pounds of sausage a year in Manitoba. It remained family-owned and operated, with Steve joined by brother Scott and brother-in-law Ron Friesen as owners.

When this reporter called to the plant, Steve answered the phone—a great example of just how hands-on the family was with the business and

their 16 or so employees.

"That's one of the biggest things when we had the new group coming in here was trying to explain how hands-on we are," Penner said. "I think that is what has endeared our employees to us."

"When you're working, sweating beside a guy, it's a lot easier for him to believe in the goal. Because we don't just walk through with dress pants and shiny shoes on and tell him or her this is what we're doing today and then walk away."

In a statement of its own, the team at Progressive Group of Companies said it is excited to become a part of the community and is committed to growing the business locally.

Progressive already has some presence in the area, having previously purchased Winkler Meats back in 2009.

Morden chamber puts out call for biz award nominees

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce has put out the call for nominations for its annual business awards.

Executive director Candace Olafson said the awards are a great opportunity to recognize businesses and individuals for what they contribute to the community. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 9.

"It really is open to anybody to send in a nomination," said Olafson. "We're looking for businesses that have celebrated high achievements in their growth, in business excellence, being prominently involved in the community and providing superior customer service."

"We think it's important to recognize the contributions that the businesses make to our community," Olafson said, adding she feels the annual event has been embraced by the community in that mission. "I think it has become a signature event and people look forward to it each year. And we always get some great nominations, so we look forward to receiving them."

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

Last year's winners in those categories were Morden Nurseries, Decor Cabinet Company, Richard Klassen of Candlewick Productions, and South Central Cancer Resource.

Criteria set out for the awards includes that the entrepreneur of the year be an individual who has been

active in a business operating for at least four years, perhaps as founder, owner or at least playing a senior role in the company.

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

The selection committee will in-

clude chamber reps along with the mayor of Morden and reeve of the RM of Stanley.

The recipients of the entrepreneur of the year and the not for profit of the year awards will be announced prior to the awards gala along with three finalists for each of the business of the year awards.

The gala will be held this fall. A date has yet to be determined.

Contact the chamber of commerce for more information.

> GAMES, FROM PG. 19

Manitoba ultimately fell to Team Alberta 8-4 in the gold medal match.

Fellow Winklerite Brody Janzen helped his team earn bronze in basketball.

Manitoba went 2-2 in the round robin, beating the Yukon 120-29, losing to Saskatchewan 62-59, besting the Northwest Territories 99-39, and then losing to Alberta 74-52.

Manitoba beat the Northwest Territories 80-43 in the bronze medal game, while Alberta went on to down Saskatchewan in the gold match.

Also earning a bronze medal at the Games was Swan Lake high jumper Natalie Gundrum.

Overall, Team Manitoba came in third at the games with a medal count

> DANCE, FROM PG. 19

The dance educator certification takes place Sept. 7 from 1-6 p.m. at Prairie Dale School in Schanzenfeld. It is open to all emerging and established dance and fitness educators located in Morden and the surround-

of 171. Alberta clinched first with 299 medals followed by Saskatchewan with 213.

ing area who want to provide cross-cultural dance fitness education to children ages 3-12 years of age. The deadline is Aug. 30 for instructors.

Registration information is available online at mordenmb.com/kwd.

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For a copy of the tender, please contact the municipal office:

Municipality of Pembina
(204)-242-2838
360 PTH 3
Box 189
Manitou, MB R0G 1G0
Email: admin@pembina.ca

Completed tenders will be accepted by delivery, mail or in person at the municipal office until Noon, prevailing Central Time on **September 18th, 2019**.

Neither the lowest nor any tender shall necessarily be accepted. The Municipality of Pembina reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

CAREERS



Wiens Doell Law Office is looking for an **experienced full-time Legal Assistant** to be part of a fast paced work environment in their Winkler office. Experience in Estate Matters and Real Estate is an asset. Ability to speak high or low German beneficial but not essential. The applicant must also have interpersonal skills, computer skills and the ability to multi task. We invite you to forward your resume to:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES CITY OF MORDEN

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 26th day of September, 2019, at the hour of 2:00 PM, at City of Morden Council Chambers, 100-195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
48600	LOT 7 BLOCK 5 SS PLAN 856 MLTO IN NE 1/4 6-3-5 WPM - 224 PEMBINA DR	L - \$48,300 B - \$112,800	\$6,778.35
71500	LOT 7 BLOCK 14 SS PLAN 863 MLTO IN S 1/2 8-3-5 WPM - 228 6TH ST	L - \$52,400 B - \$71,500	\$7,735.87

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft to the City of Morden as follows:
 - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - A fee in the amount \$295 for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2019.

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NOTICES



THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2020 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Thompson has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 530 Norton Avenue, Miami, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

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

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

43 (1) An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42 (1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41 (2), or
 - serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board.

The Board of Revision will sit on October 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Thompson to hear applications.

Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before September 24, 2019

Secretary

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2. Tenders must be received on or before 12:00 noon on Friday, September 20, 2019.
3. To be considered, tenders shall be accompanied by a certified cheque in an amount equal to 5% of the bid and shall be payable to "Pullan Kammerloch Frohlinger In Trust" as a deposit. Cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
4. Highest or any tender may not be necessarily accepted in the seller's sole discretion.
5. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted shall 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 October 30, 2019 or clear evidence provided that the balance of the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor in its sole discretion. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit paid shall be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment of the tender price are made following acceptance of tender.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing accruing from and after October 30, 2019.

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Sudoku Answer

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1. Job
5. Retirement account
8. Parent-teacher organizations
12. Audibly
14. Leavened bread in Indian cooking
15. "To __ his own"
16. Violent disorder
18. Not wet
19. Worst (French)
20. Move with springy steps
21. Georgia rockers
22. Moved quickly
23. Blood proteins
26. Return to
30. Related to Iran
31. The first
32. Pearl Jam's debut
33. Nocturnal, catlike mammal
34. Hymn
39. One who engages in arbitrage
42. Less bright
44. Indian lute
46. Discovers
47. Weatherman
49. Jai __, sport
50. Spy organization
51. Ancient Greek oracles
56. Swindles
57. Not young
58. Log-shaped pastry
59. Professional engineer association
60. Arabic feminine name
61. Sacred text
62. __ and ends
63. What remains after taxes
64. Type of watt

CLUES DOWN

1. Pack full of clay
2. Relating to wings

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3. Type of bean
4. Former MLB commish Bowie
5. Short-tailed lemur
6. Cheese dish
7. To any further extent
8. Enzyme
9. Taiwan capital
10. Extensive landed property
11. Remove
13. Remove the head
17. High IQ group
24. Israeli city __ Aviv
25. Sportscaster
26. Hastily set up
27. Midway between northeast and east
28. Beloved basketball player
- Jeremy
29. Consumed
35. One point east of due south

36. Television network
37. Allow
38. Wife
40. Grayish-brown mammal
41. Written language for blind people
42. Insecticide
43. Della __, singer
44. Cleaned
45. Eye membranes
47. Past tense of fly
48. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman
49. Currency exchange charge
52. Dark stain
53. Easily manageable
54. One who does not tell the truth
55. Soluble ribonucleic acid

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The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

-Loved and missed by
wife Sara and family

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OBITUARY

Eleanor Isabelle Bjarnason
(nee Goodman)
1933 - 2019



On Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, our beloved Mom and Amma passed away.

Mom was predeceased by her dear husband, Allan (Barney) in 2004; son, Warren in 1990; her two brothers, and all the Bjarnason in-laws. Left to mourn her memory are her daughter, Cheryl and Wayne Warkentin; special grandchildren, Jenelle (Shane), Amanda (Jeff) and Daniel (Nadine); six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mom was born at "Haga", Arborg, MB on May 25, 1933, the second born of three children. Mom worked in retail after Warren and Cheryl were in school. First at Tom Boy, later at the Liquor Commission. She loved visiting with customers. When Dad retired, they started spending winters "down south"; San Antonio being a favourite destination. She was very generous as many can attest to. You never left her house with an empty hand or stomach. Mom will be so missed, but we are so happy she has her mobility back and is enjoying her freedom again.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with a private family inurnment prior to the service at Chapel Cemetery Columbarium.

Donations may be made in Eleanor's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation, designated to Palliative Care.

The family would like to thank Dr. Leanne Nause for her wonderful care of Mom over the years. Our heartfelt appreciation to BTHC staff for the compassionate they provided. We truly appreciate it.

Góða nótt Elskan. Ég elska þig.

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OBITUARY

Agnetha (Nettie) Hildebrand
(nee Heppner)
1925 - 2019



On Friday, August 16, 2019 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB, Nettie Hildebrand age 94 years went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters, Louise Turenne, Agnes (Allan) Maddison; four sons, Harry, Ernie (Sherry), Gordon, Wilf (Lee Bassett); 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one sister. She was predeceased by her husband, Aron in 2002; her daughter, Irene Driedger and numerous brothers and sisters.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at the Morden Alliance Church with interment at the Waldheim Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Nettie's memory to Tabor Home Inc.

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