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Active Living Centre defied the odds



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An array of dignitaries and board members took part in the ribbon cutting to officially open the \$26 million Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler. More on this story pg. 2 & 3.

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Spirit and determination honoured at opening of \$26 million complex

By Lorne Stelmach

The grand opening of the Buhler Active Living Centre represented a \$26 million dream which many thought would not come true.

Speakers at the Friday ribbon cutting ceremony paid tribute to the determination that did make it happen.

"I want to thank the people who had faith in this project to move it forward," said Mayor Martin Harder.

"There were piles of naysayers, up until the shovel went in the ground ... it'll never happen. We were a determined bunch."

The 96-unit seniors' housing project in the heart of downtown Winkler is an eight-storey state of the art complex.

It features an accessible design with 48 affordable housing units, 24 market life-lease units and another 24 supportive housing units. The affordable

housing units include 18 one-bedroom and 30 two-bedroom suites options.

The main floor not only houses the seniors centre but also features a range of other amenities including a multi-purpose room, Care 86, a private dining room, gym, hair salon, pharmacy and gift shop.

The project was supported with over \$2.8 million in funding from the Investment in Affordable Housing agreement between the governments of Canada and Manitoba in addition to a \$3.1 million loan.

And, of course, a major boost came with the \$1.25 million contribution from John and Bonnie Buhler as well as \$2.7 million in other corporate and private donors.

Harder paid tribute to the person he credited for first pointing out the need for this facility,

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Jayne Giesbrecht joined Grace and Orlando Sukkau in performing at the Friday opening of the Buhler Active Living Centre.

recalling when former Winkler Bible Book Shop owner Peter Krahn needed to move to Winnipeg with his wife to Donwood Manor.

"He's also been an individual who had an eye for community and realized what the needs were in the community," said Harder. "He regretted the day that he moved ... he couldn't live here because there was no services like this available."

"That is why I poured my heart and soul into this for eight years," said Harder, going on to also honour everyone else who took up the cause "against all odds."

For example, the business community stepped up when they were told the project needed to have at least 60 per cent occupancy to get the financ-

ing in place.

"The business community that you support and need to support were the ones who put their names down ... we are going to back those rooms to get you the occupancy," he said.

"That is how things get done in Winkler. We get together, we have a dream, we have a vision, we make a plan, and we have dedication for people who are involved," said Harder, adding their efforts paid off "to create a facility like this that is second to none."

Noting as well that the city stepped in a couple of times with some interim financing as well as a tax break over a five year period, Harder said this kind of partnership is a vital part of it all.

"This is what it was supposed to do ... bring people together for a common cause, a common good and a common facility."

Founding chairperson Walter Siemens also recounted how it had been in the making for a long time including some five or six on planning and two for construction.

"It certainly has been a labour of love," said Siemens, echoing Harder's words in saying "we just never gave up, we just kept on going one day at a time until we finally reached our goal. It took seven years to complete ... but look what we got."

Other speakers also commented on the many challenges on the road to completion and the determination to provide a unique facility that was much needed, allow seniors in the City of Winkler and surrounding region an opportunity to age in place.

Morden Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen called it a great achievement for the community.

"I know that we share a common understanding that as people grow older, it is important for them to have a

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special place in our communities and to be able to remain in our communities," said Friesen.

"We know that seniors are living healthier lives, they are living longer, and they want to be surrounded by friends and family in that journey. That's where the Buhler Active Living Centre is going to play such a critical role in the health and well being of seniors in our community for years to come.

"I am impressed by this building,

by its design, by its beauty from the outside and in," added Friesen. "The opening of this building is an important milestone for our community."

Parliamentary secretary Terry Duguid said it is a beautiful facility and praised Winkler for being visionary.

It is a shared goal, he added, to ensure people have access to safe, quality affordable housing.

"Affordable housing and helping seniors and families are priorities of the government of Canada," said Duguid,



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

After the ceremony, people enjoyed an impressive spread of food and refreshments then had a chance to tour suites including the one that is now home for Olga Enns.

noting the federal government is consulting with provinces and communities to develop a comprehensive national housing strategy.

"It must improve the lives of those in greatest need ... all Canadians can participate in the consultation and conversation that we are going to have across the country."

Following the afternoon ceremony, a selection of suites were available for

tours, and one of the residents who had already moved in was more than welcoming to her visitors.

Living in her third floor one bedroom suite for two months, Olga Enns said it took a bit of time to get used to the new surroundings, but she has come to love everything about it.

"It's all very good," said Enns. "It's handy to get to places. There's lots for shopping ... right downtown."

Morden has 9,000 trees on the way

By Lorne Stelmach

Thousands of new trees will have their roots set down in Morden through two separate initiatives.

A total of 9,000 new trees are on their way to the community with planting work scheduled to take place this week in two different locations.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to utilize City of Morden property and create some green space and provide the benefits to the community," said parks manager Shawn Dias.

One location will get 5,000 trees while another will get 4,000 as part of the two separate initiatives to help green Manitoba communities during National Forestry Week.

The one opportunity came about thanks in part to Dias having previously worked with the Manitoba Forestry Association. He was familiar with its project involving Qualico Homes that annually looks for good locations for planting.

On Thursday, the plan was to work on 5,000 trees to be planted near the Morden lagoon on the west side.

"It will be probably about a 12 to 14 row shelterbelt of white spruce," noted Dias, adding it will provide a number of benefits.

"The trees will provide an additional barrier ... also a great opportunity to plant more trees and increase our canopy cover in the community. It will act as a barrier as well for future developments."

The next day then will see work on planting 4,000 trees along a section of public reserve land near the eastern side of Lake Minnewasta off the spillway road.

This planting is an initiative of the Manitoba government through its urban forestry division.

"We recently acquired a piece of property there that is designated as green space ... a restricted area for development," said Dias.

He called it a fantastic opportunity for Morden that also serves a greater goal at the same time.

"Both plantings are targeted for during national forestry week ... that's part of the reason we're planting when we are is to raise awareness."

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The fight over women's bodies

Reading the news today I encountered yet another story from Pakistan about a young woman having had acid thrown in her face leading to disfigurement.

In this instance the attack was by an older brother who had been making advances which were consistently spurned.

Meanwhile in France there is an ongoing legal struggle over a ridiculous attempt by the state to ban the burkini (a full body bathing suit favoured by some Muslim women not unlike bathing suits of the 1920s). This, of course, is being done in the name of "freeing" women from the shackles of a patriarchal culture and faith.

It is interesting that whenever women are spoken about the dialogue seems to revolve around their bodies and their faces. This points to a not-so-subtle reality that a woman's physical beauty is being treated as her only value. In a culture's overt physical at-

tacks on women like throwing acid or in their attempts to defend women by focusing on their bodies, all that is done is a reinforcing of the idea that a woman is only valuable inasmuch as she is desirable and beautiful.

When a state like France focuses its liberation efforts on women by banning what they can do with their bodies (in this instance, covering them too much) they betray that age-old patriarchal bias that says "your body and what you do with it is our business," reinforcing the idea that a woman's only asset is her body, which leads to all kinds of social and cultural repressions: "Your worth is in your body. If you do not appear to be beautiful to us (generally men) then you have diminished or little value."

The idea that a woman's physical beauty is valuable means that, like gold, it has been and continues to be treated like a commodity, a raw material that can be bought and sold (or treated as such) to the benefit of the buyer and seller—no one is generally concerned about the commodity.

There are still many places where women can be literally bought and sold. The sex trade is a perfect example.

Now, what do we do with our gold and valuables? Why, we hide them, of course. We lock them away and keep them well covered from coveting eyes unless it serves our purpose and then we blatantly show them off like so much jewelry at a society function.

Society, in its attempts to offer greater freedoms to women, still ends up speaking in a language that revolves suspiciously and primarily around her body. There are constant pressures toward weight loss, fitness, fashion and make-up, which all centre on how a woman looks and the mantra that "looking good can lead to feeling good."

The most insidious thing about these pressures is that, in and of themselves, there's nothing wrong with burkinis, bikinis, toplessness, nakedness or head-to-toe covering, make-up, working out ... the real issue is the root motivator behind the pressures: "Be beautiful because therein lies your value" when it should be "You are beautiful with or without any of these things because your primary value (and thus your equality) is not in your beauty (inside or out) but in your humanity."

I have a teenage daughter and I am constantly fighting the kinds of societal pressures that make me want to lock her up, pressures I never felt with my sons.

Ultimately, what I hope for her is that she decides who she wants to be and how she wants to be based solely on who she is and not due to external pressures to dress a certain way and look a certain way. You know, the things I take for granted for myself and my sons.



By Peter Cantelon

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Winkler United Way focus on volunteers

Organization keeps fundraising goal at \$125,000 for 2016

By Lorne Stelmach

The challenge for the United Way Winkler and District is to keep pace with the needs of a growing community.

What makes it work for an organization like the United Way is being so entirely community-based, president Lori Penner suggested as it kicked off its 2016 campaign Monday.

"We are successful because it is a completely community-based organization," said Penner.

"The money that is raised stays in our communities. It is raised to serve the people in the community who live here."

United Way has been a part of Winkler and its surrounding communities for what is now approaching 50 years.

During the months of September



and October, canvassers go door to door to residents in Winkler and area for donations with all of the funds distributed between 19 local non-profit organizations.

The goal for 2016 remains the same as recent years at \$125,000. It has remained steady for a number of years, and after falling short a couple of years, the organization did reach the target last year.

"We believe that we can continue on the same path, if not bigger and better," said Penner.

"We're growing our payroll deduction. We're growing our business donations."

What makes a big difference is a strong and growing volunteer base,

and that is an aspect they highlighted at their kickoff event.

"Our interest this year is focussing on our amazing volunteers who have kept us going every year," said Penner.

"It's been just overwhelming this year ... people contacting us, asking if they can volunteer ... asking for more streets," she continued. "That was the experience that I've had, and I've had emails about it."

"So we're really just recognizing our volunteers. We could not continue on without them."

Penner added that she feels they have also benefitted from the board having been rejuvenated starting from about three years ago.

"Really, we're starting to feel comfortable ... starting to feel like we're really contributing," said Penner.

"I think our board being out there makes a difference. We are part of our

community ... each one of us contributes in our own way into the community.

"We're continuing on growing the volunteer base ... and seem to be getting the word out," continued Penner, noting "the organizations that we donate to supply us with two volunteers every year."

She encouraged people to consider getting involved, noting it may be just a commitment of at least two evenings.

They even encourage people to go out with their families to make it

a community event.

Penner concluded that she feels word is getting out more again about the benefits of supporting the United Way.

"The younger generation is recognizing the need for United Way ... for what it does for the community. It keeps community programs going where they could not continue on."

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drive agricultural expansion including high commodity prices and escalating land values along with even increasing equipment size and an improved ability to more significantly alter the landscape.

There needs to be recognition as well though that the natural forested lands on the escarpment provide ecological goods and services like runoff reduction, water quality and air quality improvement, biodiversity and habitats for wildlife, Greenfield said.

Without these natural areas, water infiltration is lessened, and surface runoff increases along with erosion and sedimentation, flooding downstream, wind erosion and a loss of habitat.

"These are the unintended consequences and collateral damages from converting native ground to cultivated land on the escarpment."

Greenfield said those surveyed all recognized there is an increased trend of land being converted from forested to cultivated land. They also see that this will have negative consequences for the watershed and ecosystem.

One idea arising from the survey was to consider a lower assessment for land that is left in its natural state or some other form of compensation

to the landowner if there is a measurable positive impact. It is unclear however how some municipalities could financially support it.

Another option would be local by-laws that would require landowners to apply for a permit to remove forest from the escarpment. That would encourage more evaluation of the impacts of the resulting change to their infrastructure such as roads and drainage.

Greenfield said there was also recognition that more education and awareness is needed to address negative landscape use trends and that governments need to continue to support conservation programs and initiatives that support good stewardship.

In the end, district officials felt there is agreement that "this trend towards deforestation and conversion of natural landscapes on the escarpment is a serious situation, and all levels of government including conservation districts should look at this issue and address it."

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New and improved facility rises from the ashes

Gateway Resources celebrates opening of recycling depot

By Lorne Stelmach

Gateway Resources has risen from the ashes quite literally in its continued growth and expansion.

The Winkler facility celebrated the official opening Thursday of its new larger storage facility and recycling depot less than a year after the building it replaced was destroyed in a fire.

"We've looked at it as an opportunity to just improve the services we can offer, expand what we can do in order to have sustainability," CEO Kim Nelson said after she joined dignitaries in cutting the ribbon for the 8,000 square foot building. "It's been wonderful. Seeing the excitement of everyone knowing that we are moving forward, that we didn't just throw up our hands and give up ... gave everyone renewed enthusiasm."

Shortly after Gateway opened a new 14,000 square foot addition last fall at a cost of about \$250,000 came the January fire that destroyed a separate storage depot for recycling.

"It was a devastating loss but soon became the opportunity to arise from the ashes," said Nelson.

Plans then fell into place quickly as they undertook the process of "visualizing and conceptualizing what you see today."

The new 8,000 square foot depot was built at a cost of about \$120,000, and the much larger building provides a place not only for the community to bring recycling material but storage room for the baled material.

Now with Gateway also working with Municipal Waste Management

to finalize an agreement to process recycling from the City of Morden, everything is really looking up for it, said Nelson.

"It's been a little bit of a growing process to get this up and running, but we do look forward to all of the new opportunities that this is going to bring," she said.

"We definitely expanded our capacity," she added. "We saw the need ... the city of Winkler is growing ... we are hoping to get more businesses, more customers."

The facility also now features a new sorting line that has been fully operational for about two weeks, and it is making a huge difference for their processing.

"The efficiency we've seen in that time ... even while people are learning the new way to sort the material ... has been phenomenal."

"The new additions to the recycling department will make the recycling process easier ... it creates efficiencies, and we are looking forward to the future," said Brian Derksen, chair of Gateway's board of directors.

Derksen said they were very grateful for

the support of the community and organizations that made it happen so soon.

"Despite the challenges that we have had ... things just keep coming together for us in a nice way. Despite the struggles, we've been able to move forward with these new projects."

Morden Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen recalled having a tour of the facility about two years ago and was impressed with what was being done then and even more so now.

"This campus continues to grow, and we know it grows because people ... are investing in this place."

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PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A tour of the Gateway Resources facility Thursday showed the new sorting line for recyclables in action.



Cutting the ribbon to open the new recycling depot were Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, Gateway Director of Operations Ron Gerbrandt, Gateway CEO Kim Nelson, Brian Derksen, Chair of Gateway's board of directors, and Winkler Mayor Martin Harder

mented on how different people respond to adversity by either moving forward or walking away.

"You have said with resolve we are going to make it better than it was before."

Nelson said it is all the people involved at Gateway that made this all

especially rewarding.

"I love my job for many reasons ... and standing up here and acknowledging the hard work, the sleepless nights and dedication of the staff of Gateway is one of the reasons I love doing what I do."

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Adventure night to help build paddle club

By Lorne Stelmach

An adventure that took a team of eight educators 1,400 kilometres across Canada's north over a 50 day period in four canoes will help inspire local paddling enthusiasts.

One of the people behind Know The North will be a guest speaker at a fundraiser and awareness evening for the Morden Paddle Club.

The September 30 adventure film night is aimed at giving the club a boost after its first summer of operation at Lake Minnewasta.

"We're hoping this fundraiser not only creates more awareness for the paddle club but also allows us to purchase more boats and maybe some paddle boards as well ... so we can expand what we can offer," said Chris Kilpatrick.

The club began operating with a limited supply of eight kids boats and two adult boats available for rentals, but the initial response and interest has been encouraging.

With the September 30 event also

offering a chance for people to win a kayak as well, Kilpatrick said they hope to interest more people.

"We want to get more like-minded people involved," he said.

In addition to getting more funds for the club, some proceeds will support Country Cycle in rebuilding after the Winkler business was devastated by a fire.

The event will feature a variety of adventure films from the Banff Mountain Film Festival.

The movies are mostly shorter independent works including Denali, Living Rivers -

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Surf, Nature Rx, The Important Places and Paddle For The North.

"They're all about enjoying waterways ... whether it's the ocean or rivers or lakes," said Kilpatrick, noting the main feature however is close to an hour in length.

Know the North tells the story of a group of eight educators and outdoor enthusiasts who paddled through four provinces and territories, cover-



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Some of the Know The North team members at Ennadai Lake in Nunavut during their 50-day canoeing odyssey featured in Know The North.

ing the 1,400 kilometres from July to August, 2016.

The route included challenging sections of whitewater, countless portages and traversing seldom travelled areas, stringing together remote parts of the Canadian Shield, Taiga and Hudson Bay Lowland eco-zones.

Guest speaker Kira Burkett will give a presentation on Know The North, touching on what made her do it and the challenges they faced.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at Thornview Co-op Gas Bar and Harmony Tree Studio.

• AN ARTIST'S LIFE

A day in the life of a dance/movement therapist

A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure of interviewing the only Dance/Movement Therapist (DMT) in Manitoba, Karissa Martens.

Based out of Winnipeg, Karissa is a recent graduate of Columbia College in Chicago with a masters' degree in dance/movement therapy and counseling. She was kind enough to share a little bit about her job and her experience as a therapist:

CH: What does a typical day look like in your work as a DMT?

KM: A typical day involves running group and individual dance/movement therapy and counseling sessions. As does any other mental health professional, I also spend

time at the end of the day writing progress notes on each session.

CH: What made you decide to become a DMT, and what schooling did you need?

KM: While I was pursuing my undergrad at the University of Calgary, I created a dance program for older adults who lived in Calgary's inner city. Here, I experienced firsthand the positive influences that dance and movement offers.

After recognizing the joy of movement through this outreach program, I chose to become a dance/movement therapist and counsellor. DMT programs recommend that you complete B.A.'s in dance and counseling. There are currently five master's programs for dance/movement therapy, all located in the U.S.

Over the past couple of years, two post-graduate programs have developed in Canada, one in Montreal and one in Vancouver. Applicants to these two programs

must have already have obtained a master's degree as a mental health professional.

Once your M.A. is complete (two years of coursework plus thesis), you can apply for the Registered Dance/Movement Therapist certification and Canadian Certified Counsellor certification if you attend an M.A. program that offers these additional counselling courses.

After 3,640 paid hours in the field, you can apply for your Board Certified Dance/Movement Therapist certification, which is the highest level of certification for this profession.

CH: How has therapy enriched your clients' lives?

KM: I have seen so much progress and positive change in each of the individuals that have participated in dance/movement therapy and counselling.

These changes include: reduced stress and anxiety, improved mood, improved body image and self esteem, increased body awareness, enhanced range of motion, reduced pain, increased relaxation, increased

emotional expression, decreased isolation, increased socialization, increased focus, and an increased quality of life!

The primary benefits of this type of therapy are psychological, and the secondary are physical. I always explain to people that I am a mental health professional who is able to use verbal as well as movement as therapeutic inroads.

CH: If someone is interested in becoming a DMT, how can they make that happen? What advice would you give them?

KM: DMT and counselling is an amazing field which leads to very meaningful work, but it is not without time, perseverance, and effort.

Many years of school are required ... additionally, you will likely need to create your own jobs ... this profession is not well known in Canada, and less known in Manitoba.



By Candace Hamm

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Space remains big concern for Western

By Lorne Stelmach

The key issue for Western School Division is clear for the year ahead.

It's not even a matter of finding space for its continued growth as there is no room to be found.

"We are basically as full as we can get everywhere, and there's no one place in particular that is significantly more full than anywhere else," trustee Brian Fransen observed last week after his election as board chair for 2016-17.

At the organizational meeting September 12, trustee Steve Klassen earned the vice-chairperson's seat.

Fransen said he was "humbled by the confidence that my colleagues have in my abilities to lead the school board.

"I really do look forward to working together with them and with the staff in our schools and in our division to make our goals come to fruition."

Fransen said the board will continue to stress the key priorities set out in their five year plan for 2015 to 2019. Those areas include improving student learning, providing an invitational school culture, cultivating a culture of leadership, encouraging

adventurous achievers, emphasizing community engagement and pursuing a new governance structure.

"There are a couple of strategic items in there that kind of form the backbone of what we're working on," he said.

"One of the big things we're looking at this year, as we have been the last number of years, is our continued growth ... and the pressure that puts on the space that we have."

The portable classrooms at the division's schools are the most direct evidence of the complete lack of space to handle the growth.

"The new provincial government has not taken any of the pressure off in the smaller class size requirements for the early years," added Fransen.

"The reality is that in our schools we do not have any more space. Our classes are bigger than the size that they're telling us to make them

... but we just don't have the space."

As part of addressing that need, the big item on the division's wish list continues to be provincial approval for a new school that would go in the north end of Morden.

In the meantime, enrolment continues to back up that need.

"OUR CLASSES ARE BIGGER THAN THE SIZE THAT THEY'RE TELLING US TO MAKE THEM ... BUT WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE SPACE."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Portable classrooms continue to be a necessity at Morden schools.

Although the enrolment numbers that are used to help determine funding are not set until the end of September, Fransen said they know it is increasing across the board.

"We have more students than we had last year, and last year ... if I remember correctly ... we had the second largest amount of proportional growth in the province ... percentage wise ... and it looks like the trend is going to continue."

He suggested there are no major new initiatives in the works right now in terms of programming other than opening the new piping trades pro-

gram in the second semester.

"We're preparing for that ... and that's an exciting step to add one more vocational program," he said, suggesting it will help address a growing need in the area.

"We're always tweaking some stuff ... innovation is happening on a regular basis," Fransen concluded.

"We continue to grow our literacy programs and numeracy programs with teacher coaches for each of those areas ... they will work in the classrooms ... especially in our early years ... so that all of our students have the opportunity to meet the outcomes."

Landfill expansion needed in near future

By Lorne Stelmach

An expansion of the area's landfill is in the region's near future.

A study of the landfill's capacity recently estimated another cell will be needed in about two years.

Commenting at the September 13 meeting of city council, Winkler Mayor Martin Harder noted they believe money is available for the additional cell.

In the meantime, he stressed the local municipalities continue to work co-operatively to further reduce the waste stream. They are looking for ways to collaborate on further waste reduction including boosting such areas as recycling more construction and demolition waste.

"We've always been trying to reduce the amount of waste going into the landfill," said Harder. "We want to continue to do that.

"We want to promote the initiative of taking some of the industrial waste out ... because that's a huge part of it. We're trying to limit that as much as possible," he said. "Construction waste especially can be recycled very easily ... we have lots of opportunities ... Penner Waste has done a good job, and we want to continue to promote that.

"Waste is an expensive subject ... we believe the communities have managed it well."

SMOKING ISSUE

Winkler councillors also recently discussed the issue of smoking particularly in entrances and areas close to public spaces.

In the end, they agreed not to enact a new bylaw or revise current regulations to further ban smoking in those areas.

As a matter of courtesy, however,

people will be encouraged to take it further away.

"We don't have anybody available as a bylaw enforcement officer to go around to enforce it," said Harder.

"We thought for courtesy reasons we would want to put some signs up to make people aware of it, what's expected ... and when a bylaw officer is in place, it will be enforced."

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Garden Valley still searching for room to grow

By Lorne Stelmach

Space continues to be at a premium across Garden Valley School Division with the new school year underway.

With around 40 portable classrooms still being used, making room for those is a challenge in itself on top of that posed by things like meeting the provincial directive for class sizes of 20 students.

"We are running out of space for them, never mind where to put children. JR Walkof is loaded with portables right now," said Laurie Dyck, who was elected Tuesday to a third term as chairperson of the board of trustees.

She leads a board executive team that includes Tash Olfert as vice-chair and head of finance along with John Klassen as chair of the education committee and Edwin Guenther as the head of operations.

"We are all equal partners sitting at that table," Dyck stressed, "but it's truly an honour just to be nominated and elected by your peers around the table to help set the course for the school division."

Dyck noted their plan set out in January identifies some key program areas for the division including literacy and numeracy.

"Our other greatest need right now though is to ask the government to fund us for a K to 8 school in the Pine Ridge area. We need that extra space to meet the requirements and needs of our teachers, our students," she said.

Dyck sees the pressure for space continuing this year with enrolment appearing to be "up considerably from where we thought we would start.

"That's always said with much caution at this point this early into the school year," she added, noting "history would tell us there is still some fluctuation that will happen" before the key enrolment numbers are in at the end of September.

Dyck noted that it seems the enrolment used to remain more stable though with equal numbers of kids coming in and going out each year.

"That started changing with June enrolment ... we saw it higher than

what we typically have seen in the past ... and that has continued over into September.

"It is looking like our numbers will be a little higher than what we were budgeting for as of September 1," she said, adding there are particular pockets where the pressure may be a little more pronounced.

"There are pockets ... GVC seems to have a little bit more than expected ... Parkland has more than we expected," she said, adding Hochfeld School will also be using all three classrooms this year as opposed to two.

Over the summer, meanwhile, there was some major work done including about a \$100,000 project at Winkler Elementary. It involved taking out all the original walls and giving it "a

full demolition and renovation ... and it looks great. Winkler Elementary looks like a whole new building."

Other work included improved working space in the staffroom and some office renovations at J.R. Walkof.

Otherwise, Dyck said she sees the division continuing to have a focus on building relationships and trust.

"That's become quite a significant piece of how we discuss things and how we work with each other, and I think we're going to continue to strive at that," Dyck concluded.

"I think it goes relatively well in our division, but it's always actually good to talk about that. If you can trust each other, and your relationships are good, then it's always easier to accomplish goals and work together."

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WFRC hosting Mom-to-Mom Sale Oct. 15

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre is providing a one-stop shop for families looking for gently used clothing and other items at its Mom-to-Mom Sale.

The first of what the centre hopes

will become a biannual event takes place at the Southland Mall in Winkler on Oct. 15.

"We'd kind of like to start doing it every fall and spring," says coordinator Cathy Savage.

"I know in the fall I always have lots of clothes that my kids have out-

grown and I'd like to get them some new fall clothes," she says, noting this is a perfect way for parents to clean house and stock up.

The event's per-table fee of \$25 will go toward the resource centre's free childhood development programs, while all profits made from item sales,

of course, stick with the vendors.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 15.

To register a table, contact Savage at 204-332-9418 or winklerfrfc@gmail.com. Registration is due in by Oct. 7.

Provincial funding for Chortitz playground

Marking 30 years of supporting recreational and cultural facilities across Manitoba, Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen announced that the Community Places program is providing \$10,000 in funding for playground upgrades at the community centre in the village of Chortitz. The upgrades include the purchase of an additional wooden play structure, leveling of the area, and the addition of pea gravel for all fall zones. At right: Friesen with Chortitz board member Peter Teichroeb.

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Paying it forward for mental health

Head For The Hills team gives back to Eden Health Care Services

By Lorne Stelmach

A program of Eden Health Care Services will be the beneficiary of an example of paying it forward.

The group of cyclists who topped all contributors to the recent Head For The Hills fundraising ride are giving back to the organization.

Team Ramrod was the highest fundraising team and won a bike as a result, but they decided didn't need it and donated it back instead.

"We just wanted to have as big an impact as we possibly could for the Eden Foundation and all the programs they support," said team member Jeremy Kuhl.

Their group of about a dozen members included some old friends and a few newcomers who all shared the common passion of cycling.

Last year, they had raised around \$12,000 and wanted to ramp it up this year with a target of \$30,000, but their efforts surpassed that with a tally of over \$60,000.

"We were pretty pumped about the response. The response of the community is just absolutely wonderful," said Kuhl.

He saw donating the bike back almost as a no-brainer, even just given that they all have bikes.

"I guess a lot of us are just of the mind frame that if you're going to do something then do it 100 per cent and don't hold back," he said.

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"We know that the things that Eden supports in our community are really needed ... and we thought if we can make a bigger impact, that's certainly what we wanted to do," he said. "We're very thankful for our own mental health ... but we realize that there's just people out there on a daily basis who can use some help."

Eden CEO James Friesen said they are very thankful not just for this team



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Eden Health Care Services staff receive back the bicycle prize from members of Team Ramrod who topped all fundraisers in the 14th annual Head For The Hills.

but everyone who has done this ride and all of the contributions big and small.

Nicole Szmerski, regional manager for the intensive case management program, said they are fortunate to have this level of support.

"This bike represents to us ... the partnership ... and community inte-

gration," she said. "I'm honoured to accept this bike ... we will decide as a team how to use it."

The 14th annual Head For The Hills September 10 at Lake Minnewasta has a record year with over 220 riders who surpassed the previous record of \$120,000 with a tally of over \$152,000.

Son charged for assault on father

A 29-year-old Altona man is charged with assault causing bodily harm as a result of a September 13 incident in Winkler.

Police were called to a home on Parmount Bay by a man who was saying he had been assaulted by his son.

The suspect was gone when officers arrived, and paramedics were called to assist the victim, who told police he had been pushed down by his son and then punched several times in the head. The victim was treated then released from Boundary Trails Health Centre.

The son turned up at the police station later, and police learned the son had been asked by his father to sell several of his firearms. An argument ensued over the amount of money the father believed he had coming to him from those sales.

Winkler police also arrested a 44-year-old local man September 17 as a result of him breaching the con-

ditions of a six month conditional sentence on a drug charge just last month.

He was arrested after officers saw him breach several conditions which included a curfew and abstaining from alcohol. Officers saw the suspect in a pickup truck which attended the beer vendor in Winkler. He was remanded into custody to Winnipeg to await a court appearance.

That same day, Winkler officers stopped a vehicle on Provincial Road 428 and not only discovered the 17-year-old male driver had a suspended licence but also noted a strong odor of marihuana. A search turned up small amounts of marihuana and other materials as well as \$280 in twenty dollar bills.

The youth had two previous cautions for drug offences and is charged now for drug possession as well as driving while disqualified.

Morden police meanwhile are in-

vestigating a number of incidents of vandalism.

On September 12, they were called about vandalism to a vehicle parked at the old boat launch at Lake Minnewasta. The owner returned from a run on the lake trail and was approached by a witness who said that a couple of kids had been jumping and running across the roof and hood.

Police are asking the witness to contact them to provide information to help identify the kids involved.

Then on September 13, they were called about another vehicle vandalized again at Lake Minnewasta September 10. The owner parked his truck in the middle of the parking lot down at the current boat launch. He went out fishing on his boat and when he returned, he noticed someone scratched the driver's side of his truck with an object, possibly a key. The vehicle that was damaged is a 2004 green Ford F350 truck.

Then on September 15, a truck was vandalized while parked at the north end of Morden Park near the intersection of 15th and Gilmour Street the previous night. The owner returned to his vehicle and noticed scratch marks on the passenger side of his truck. The truck is a 2014 red Chevrolet 1500.

More reports came in September 17 and 18 about vandalism involving graffiti in several locations of Morden. They included a Canada Post mailbox in the 400 block of 4th Street, a city bench near the path into 4th Street from behind the Access Event Centre as well as the bathroom in the Morden Park. Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

United Way making an impact

Morden campaign kicks off with testimony of how it has made a difference

By Lorne Stelmach

His early life was troubled, but Ruben Banman's journey has taken him a long way.

Having come from an abusive childhood and then later getting into drugs and doing a stint in jail, Banman now is thankful for the support that helped to turn things around for him.

Now, he is doing what he can to help those who came to his rescue including giving his time to the Morden United Way and some of the agencies it supports that helped him.

"It was a game changer for me," Banman said as the United Way of Morden and District kicked off its 2016 fundraising campaign recently.

"I had troubled teenage years, but that was my own doing. I think though these groups prevented me from going even further off the deep path."

Banman said they grew up in a poor home, and that contributed to the downward spiral.

Eventually though, it was the support of a number of organizations like Youth for Christ, Genesis House and

the Christmas Cheer Board that made a big difference, so he is thankful that they had the backing of the United Way.

"Anything in the community that would help out the less fortunate really benefitted my life in many different ways. So the way I look at it, they did a lot for me, so why not try to give back a little bit," he said.

"Youth for Christ was a big one for me when I was a kid because that was a safe place to go. I grew up in a house where my dad was abusive ... this was the one safe place I could go and not worry about somebody hitting me or calling me down."

Genesis House then was also there "when my mom finally left my dad ... it was also a safe place ... where we could gather ourselves back together and try to make a new start."

He willingly offers his testimony now "just to let people know that what they're doing is appreciated ... whether it's helping fund the programs like the United Way supports ... or also just going out into the community and trying to be an inspiration or a role model ... for the young people out there who aren't as well off as others."

"It's just to encourage them to look for help and seek out the things that are available in the community to give themselves another chance or to help them out in some shape or form."

United Way president Alex Fedorchuk said they are grateful for Banman because "this puts a face to what we do.



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Ruben Banman addressed the September 15 meeting and campaign kickoff for the Morden and District United Way.

"A lot of people really don't stop and think why they give or what happens ... what's the end result."

The official campaign runs through the month of October with a goal this year of \$90,000. Last year, the campaign came close to the \$80,000 target and funded just under 30 agencies.

Fedorchuk said the feedback they get from the agencies encourages them to keep aiming a little higher, especially important given the great need in the area.

"We have some of them tell us they wouldn't be in existence if it wasn't

for United Way," said Fedorchuk.

"Every year, we are asked for about twice as much as what we can provide," he added. "We would like to be able to accommodate 100 per cent of what everybody asks ... we haven't been able to do that but we keep working toward it."

"We work a little harder, try new things, different things. It's a nice challenge," concluded Fedorchuk, noting mailouts were going out into the community.

"We're expecting the cheques are going to start rolling in any day now."

Winkler mayor part of immigration venture to Europe

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler will be part of a provincial mission to Europe later this fall to boost immigration to Manitoba.

Mayor Martin Harder will be part of the Manitoba delegation heading to Vienna, Austria towards end of November that will aim to find potential immigrants who would be a good match for the province.

"I know there's a lot of European immigrants who are here who are saying the time is right ... a lot of people would like to move, and the opportunity is there," Harder said following the September 13 meeting of city council.

Harder said he welcomed the chance to participate in the immigration interview process there.

He sees it as a great opportunity for the community, even given the re-

sponse received on a similar trip to Ireland a few years back.

"That was another one of those where I went specifically for immigration and, quite frankly, it was a very successful trip," said Harder.

It is taking place in Vienna because it is a good central location for people from across Europe who are interested in pursuing immigration opportunities.

People from the surrounding countries come for interviews with an emphasis on matching them with job opportunities here.

It also gives them a good overview as to what to expect when they come here, said Harder, emphasizing their interest is in attracting people who would not only be a good fit for this area but are also more likely to settle here long term.

"When I look at interviewing, I'm

probably a little more selective than some," he suggested.

"So I have a specific target in mind of people who I think we should be getting to the community ... I know what the needs are," said Harder.

"We want people who are going to be able to be well adjusted to the community. We're not wanting our immigration to be immigration of convenience where you come and you get into Canada and go elsewhere," he added, noting that is why he is looking for feedback from the community.

"We want to make sure the jobs that are available match," he said.

"That's why I'm asking the business community to give me some input as to what are some of the future needs that we have a community ... just to have a little better idea what types of jobs are available and what people are looking for."

Immigration isn't something that happens overnight, and you shut the valve on or off, Harder stressed.

"If we are going to be targeting some people we are now in a position where we have housing available ... we are now in a position where, yeah, there are jobs available ... but there are business opportunities available as well."

"So when I'm looking at people coming to Winkler, I'm looking at people who are interested in buying a home, establishing themselves in the community, creating a business opportunity, and investing their future into our community," he concluded.

"So that's the reason I would like to go ... but yet, at the same time, I want some feedback to ensure that it's money well spent."

Legion celebrating 90 years



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

President Bob Frost welcomed members and visitors alike Sunday to kick off Legion Week activities in Morden. On behalf of division four, regional rep. Ken Minty heralded the efforts in recent years to really revitalize the local branch in Morden and noted it's importance to the zone. A variety of activities were taking place throughout the week concluding with a social this Saturday night featuring the HMCS Chippawa Navy Band.

Walking for Parkinson's



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Friends and family took part in the Parkinson's Superwalk Saturday morning in Morden. Over 120 participants were on hand and raised over \$39,000 - a total which left local organizer Lenore Laverty feeling "over the moon ... it's fabulous." The total surpassed last year's tally for the walk, which has taken place locally for 13 years.

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Hairway opens new location



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Winkler Mayor Martin Harder was on hand for the ribbon cutting Friday as Hairway Studios Downtown officially opened at 650 South Railway Drive in the Buhler Active Living Centre. It is a second location, joining Hairway Studios Salon & Spa at 1st Street in Winkler. Owner Norma Wallace brings over 20 years of experience to the salon. Visit its website at www.hairwaystudios.com or call 204-325-8097 (Salon & Spa) or 204-325-4781 (Downtown).

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Imagination Library reps meet with Dolly Parton

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Representatives of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Winkler got the rare chance to meet the program's namesake last week.

Committee members Debbie Doell and Dorothy Derksen took in Parton's show at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg on Sept. 12.

Prior to the show, they reached out to David Dotson, president of the Dollywood Foundation, to see if there was

any way they could thank Parton personally for founding the early childhood literacy program that sends free books out to 730 pre-school age children in our area every month.

"He said, 'Yes, two of us could come ... in to see her,'" said Derksen, noting they were first in line to greet Parton backstage. "It was very exciting."

"She moved right in and put her arms around us" for a photo, Doell said. "And she thanked us for the work that we do with the Imagination Library."

On behalf of her Gr. 1 students, Doell took a moment to ask Parton if she still had the homemade patchwork coat she wrote about in her children's book *Coat of Many Colors*.

"She said not the original one. Her mama had made her a duplicate, but the original one had probably been

made into a quilt," Doell said. "Then she said, 'Who knew back then when I was a kid that I would be a star?'"

Derksen said the show itself was a blast, with Parton performing some of her biggest hits for a very appreciative crowd.

"She sang the whole two hours and she played ... we stopped counting after eight instruments," she said. "She's just very talented."

Derksen and Doell also had the opportunity to chat with Karyn Davis, the Imagination Library regional director for Manitoba, and Angela Harris, the Dollywood Foundation's director of international programs.

"She was telling us that 39 per cent of the books from Canada are being distributed in Manitoba," Doell said, noting that there are currently programs in Winkler, Selkirk, and every First Nations community in the province.

Winkler's program—which has the most children registered in Manitoba—is gaining a reputation for its success.

"I had four people compliment us as the Winkler Imagination Library," Doell said of the meet and greet at the concert. "They thought we were doing an amazing job. They had all heard about Winkler Imagination Library's big enrolment."

Indeed, hundreds of local children

**"SHE THANKED US
FOR THE WORK
THAT WE DO ..."**



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Country superstar Dolly Parton met with Winkler Imagination Library committee members Dorothy Derksen (left) and Debbie Doell at her concert in Winnipeg last week, thanking the duo for their work with the international child literacy program she founded.

have received the monthly books since the project's launch two years ago, and the impact is starting to be felt in the schools.

"As a school librarian, I just see that these children are all enjoying these books," said committee chair Joyce Sawatzky, who notes more kids are entering school with basic literacy skills and a desire to keeping learning. "That's what keeps me going."

She also pointed out that the free books benefit not just the pre-schoolers receiving them.

"Homes that traditionally would not have had books in them suddenly have books and they're being used by the entire family."

GVSD SUPPORTS PROGRAM

The encounter with Parton wasn't the only exciting thing to happen to the Winkler Imagination Library committee last week.

On Tuesday, program representatives were at the Garden Valley School Division's first board meeting of the new school year to accept a \$10,000 donation toward their work.

"This is a huge donation for us," said Sawatzky. "This covers our expenses of mailing books to children for about four months."

Trustee John Klassen pointed out the program aligns perfectly with the division's own goals for its students.

"You said thank you to us, but I think we should be thanking you as well," he told the committee members, "because one of our goals is literacy, and so you're helping us as much as we're helping you."

"Garden Valley's support is just very, very appreciated," Sawatzky said, pointing out that the division is one of the program's largest annual sponsors.

The Winkler Imagination Library needs to raise upwards of \$48,000 each year to remain viable, so fundraising is an ongoing concern.

They are always accepting personal and corporate donations to the cause, Sawatzky said, and the committee also has a few fundraisers in the works for the year ahead.

Closest at hand is the annual book sale taking place at Winkler Elementary School Oct. 14-15. The sale will include both used books and, new for this year, donated artwork. Donations of both are still being accepted at the elementary school during office hours.

Sawatzky noted they are also always looking for new board members to help run the program.

"We could use more board members, we really could," she said, "because it's a big job."

The board right now is made up of nine current or former educators who have a passion for getting kids to read.

"We would love to see somebody from the business community, younger people, somebody with computer skills, somebody with financial skills," Sawatzky said. "We would really love to see all that represented on our board, just to round it out."

If you'd like more information on the Imagination Library, find them online at www.winklerfamilyresource-centre.com or email winklerimaginationlibrary@gmail.com.



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From left: Winkler Imagination Library committee members Dorothy Derksen, Debbie Doell, Joyce Sawatzky, Judy Unrau, and Rachel James received a \$10,000 donation from Garden Valley School Division chair Laurie Dyck last week.

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Golfers teed off Sunday at Minnewasta for the annual golf tournament in support of South Central Cancer Resource. There were 124 golfers who raised in excess of \$12,000. "It was fabulous," said Pam King. "We had a lot of positive comments, she noted, adding there were great prizes from sponsors. "We were just overwhelmed with that support," she said, noting the fundraising is vital to meet their expenses including transportation assistance for cancer patients. "And we're looking at expanding our services," King added.

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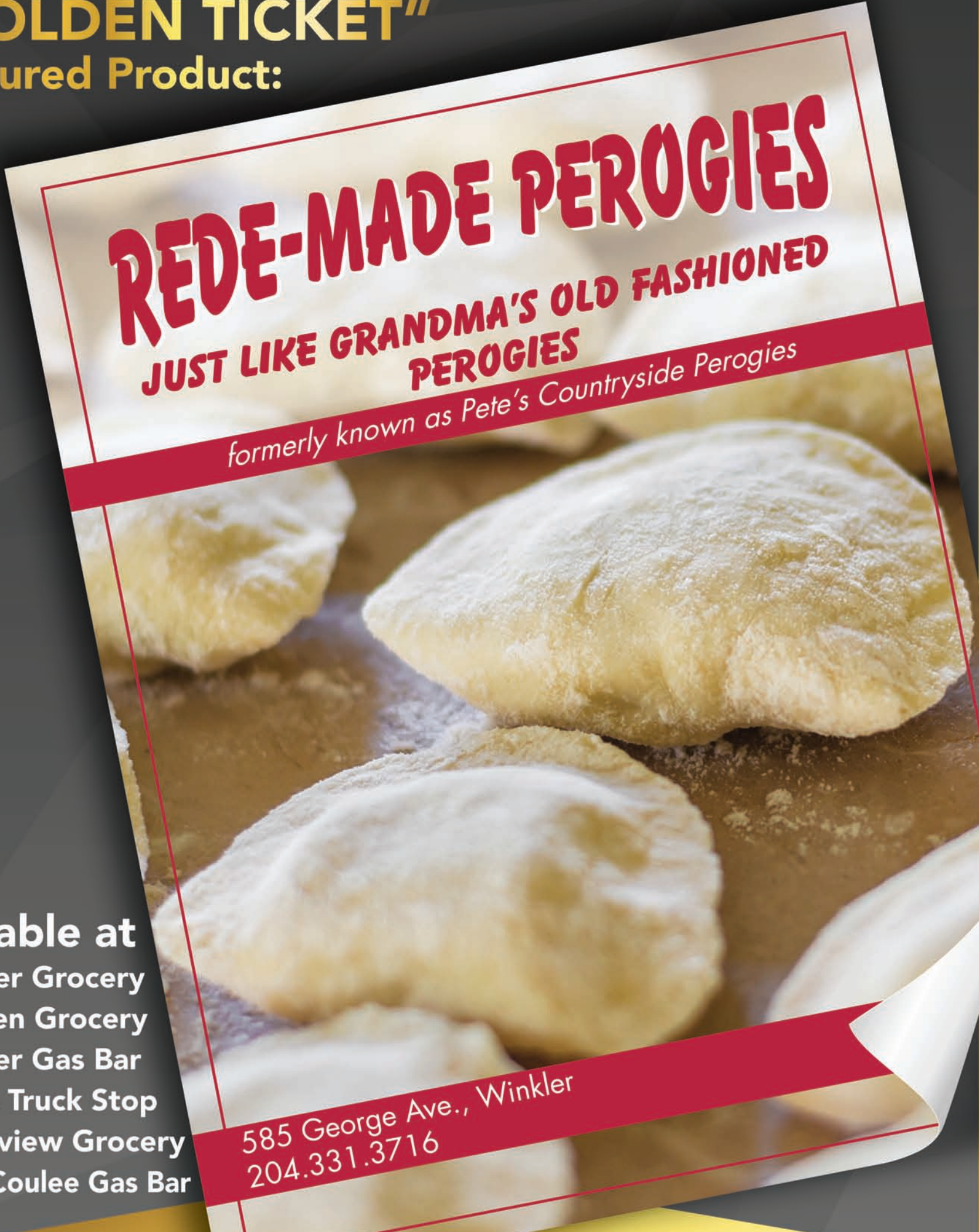
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Interesting ways to enjoy travel

Research indicates that traveling is at the top of the list of interests motivating today's men and women over the age of 50.

Seniors are perhaps the most likely demographic to indulge their love of traveling. Retirement leaves lots of time for recreation, and many choose to spend that time on the road. Travel also can improve adult longevity, says geriatricians at the University of Arkansas.

Those in the travel industry understand that men and women over 50 comprise a large percentage of their customers and have catered many travel packages toward this influential demographic. The following is a look at some of the more popular travel opportunities for men and women over 50.

· **Genealogical tourism:** This is one of the fastest-growing markets in vacation travel. Genealogical tourism involves individuals traveling to areas of historical significance for their families, such as churches where past relatives may have married and villages where grandparents or cousins once resided or were employed. This can create a tangible link to one's past and open up more opportunities to learn the varied genealogical history that has shaped a family, and even one's personal identity.

· **Extended vacations:** Seniors may have the capacity to devote more time to travel and not be caged in by strict time constraints. That makes them eligible for extended vacations. These can include long-term rentals in tropical locales,

several-week sightseeing cruises or guided tours overseas that touch on several different countries or cities during the trip.

· **Off the beaten path:** Adventurous travelers may not be content to stick to the resort lifestyle or standard vacation options. Active men and women over 50 are charting their own vacation courses with bucket list-style vacations that may be off the beaten path. Travelers who have always aspired to climb a mountain or see a rain forest may be inclined to realize these goals as they get older. Nontraditional tours can include living like indigenous peoples or following the footsteps of early explorers.

· **All-inclusive tours:** All-inclusive packages remain a popular option for travelers of all ages. These vacation packages charge one price for accommodations, entertainment, sightseeing, food, and many other amenities. All-inclusive vacations remove some of the headaches associated with organizing various components of travel so that a person can focus on relaxation and having fun.

· **Singles meets:** Single vacationers over 50 may want to meet other men or women in their age bracket in the hopes of finding romance. These vacations double as relationship mixers and give men and women the opportunity to mingle with others in similar situations without the pressure of traditional dating.

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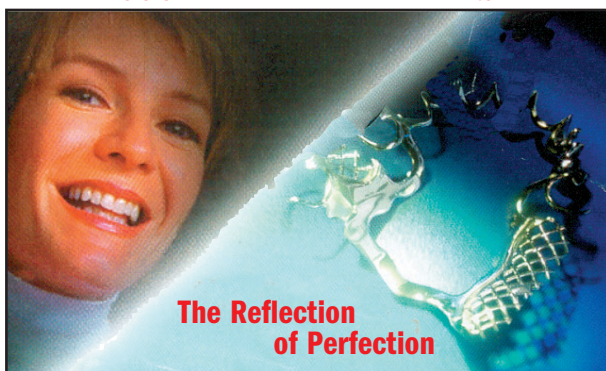
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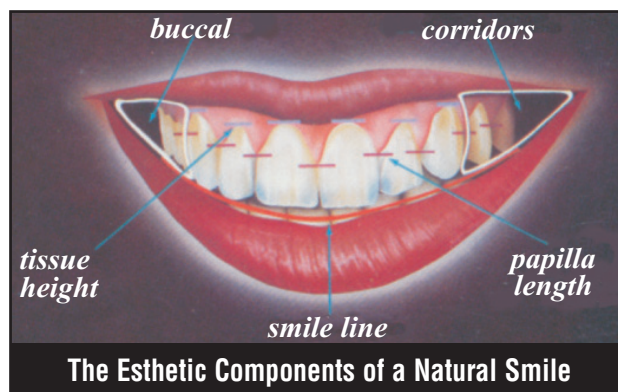


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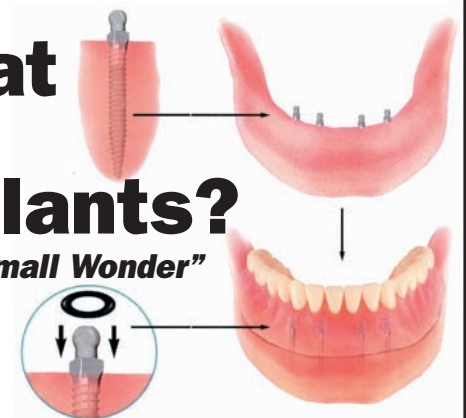


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Ironfist Martial Arts celebrating 20 years

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Ironfist Martial Arts Academy is marking 20 years in the community this fall.

In that time, the club has prided itself on creating a safe and welcoming environment for those looking to better themselves physically, mentally, and spiritually, says instructor Wolfgang Schaefer.

"Somebody comes in and, you know, they have their head down, looking at the ground, shoulders are hanging, and after six months their head goes up, their confidence goes up," he says.

That's what many people don't understand about martial arts training, Schaefer says—it's not just about learning how to defend yourself, though that is a part of it, but so too is bettering yourself as a person through the discipline that comes with mastering each new challenge.

"People always misunderstand the idea of martial arts," he says. "It's, 'Oh, you're learning how to beat people up.' No. It's like having a gun and a gun license—it's good to have

it when you need it, but that doesn't mean you're going out shooting people. Same thing here.

"We're not going and beating people up ... we do not accept people or keep people who are violent," Schaefer stresses. "If you fight outside the club, if it wasn't in self-defense, you don't come back. There's a line we don't cross."

The true focus of this training, he explains, is on bettering yourself as a person with every lesson.

"You build self-confidence. Your body gets shaped, your mind gets shaped. Even just putting your belt on has meaning—it goes twice around to teach you that it never ends, there's always more to learn."

"Each class you get pushed always a little bit further than you think you can go."

REALITY BETTER THAN FICTION

As Schaefer speaks, grunts of exertion can be heard from his students nearby as they get started on the in-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Ironfist student and taekwondo black belt Ed Thiessen demonstrates a toss during a recent class at the club's training facility on Pacific St. in Winkler.

tensive workout that begins every Ironfist class.

Among them is Ed Thiessen, a first-degree taekwondo black belt who started his training about six years ago.

Like a lot of people, he was drawn to martial arts after a childhood spent watching fictional characters kick butt on television shows and in movies.

The reality, Thiessen says, is a great deal more fulfilling.

"It's probably more [than I expected] because, on the TV, they don't learn what we learn here," he says, explaining that he likes the fact there's always another level to reach, another skill to learn.

Thiessen hopes to one day earn his fifth-degree black belt. In the meantime, he's enjoying everything that comes with working toward that goal.

"It's a good fitness thing to do," he says, "and you make friends here for life, pretty much."

"A lot of people, they come here and they're very self-conscious about, like, yelling, making noise, about people

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making fun of them," Thiessen adds. "But if we make fun of somebody, it's push-ups for us. So there is no making fun of people who are learning ... it's a very friendly environment."

It is also, Schaefer points out, a Christian one.

That's not something most people expect from a martial arts club, but, for him, it's an important part of Ironfist's character.

"Having a safe, Christian environment is very important to us," he says. "[It's] not a fad or a gimmick, it's a value, and we put it in everything that

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PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Wolfgang Schaefer started up the Ironfist Martial Arts Academy 20 years ago to share his love of martial arts with the next generation.

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we do."

That manifests itself in weekly speakers who highlight the club's values and stress the importance of giving back to the world.

To that end, Ironfist students have raised funds over the years for outreach programs in Asia, with several going along with Schaefer on missions trips to some of the poorest areas of Cambodia.

Closer to home, Schaefer is involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler, helping to run their Kicks for Kids mentoring program for at-risk youth.

PUTTING DOWN ROOTS

Schaefer, who was a judo champion in Germany as a youth and trained with the country's Olympic team, starting studying taekwondo after moving to Canada as an adult.

When he and his family settled in Winkler, the lack of martial arts programs in the city prompted him to start up his own. Ironfist was born, operating out of Core Fitness for many years before renting space in the evenings at the Winkler Senior Centre.

For the past couple of years the club has had its training room in a former warehouse on Pacific St., giving them an opportunity to truly make it their own.

"We've put down roots here," Schaefer says, gesturing to the equipment that no longer needs to be set up and taken down with each class. "This is our permanent home now. There's no way we'd go anywhere else."

"It's not supposed to be pretty," he adds with a chuckle at the spartan surroundings. "But it's an absolutely awesome facility, you know, and we can be in here whenever we want."

That has allowed the club to hold some day and weekend classes, though their set schedule remains Monday and Thursday evenings, 7-8 p.m. for kids and 8-9 p.m. for adults. Newcomers are always welcome to come try out a class.

"For all that we've been here for 20 years, there's still people who don't know we exist,"

Schaefer says. "But we don't really advertise. It's all word of mouth, that kind of thing."

In a way, that serves to attract students who are truly passionate about learning taekwondo or the higher-level art of Kyusho Jitsu, of which Schaefer is also a master.

And as much as students come to learn from Schaefer, they also learn from each other.

Students of every level help teach less experienced pupils, he explains.

"You train somebody up and then that person reaches down and brings the next person up," he says as nearby a young orange belt student helps a

"YOU TRAIN SOMEBODY UP AND THEN THAT PERSON REACHES DOWN AND BRINGS THE NEXT PERSON UP."



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A young Ironfist student shows off his high kick during the club's demonstration at Winkler's Culture Fest earlier this month.

white belt go through his memorized patterns, gently chiding him when he misses a step.

"It's mentoring," Schaefer says. "You don't have to push them, it comes naturally. You're building leaders."

It's something Schaefer hopes will continue long after he's hung up his master's belt for good.

"I've had my four strokes, so I don't know if I can do this another 20 years," he says, referring to a run of bad health he faced last winter and is still

recovering from today.

His wish for the future?

"That somebody will take the torch if I can't and keep the club going. That the next generation still has the opportunities to do all this."

If you'd like to learn more about the Winkler Ironfist Martial Arts Academy, find them online at ironfist.ca, stop by a class at 199 Pacific St., or call 204-362-7387.

Hawks show some skill in pre-season

One more round of cuts to come after this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

Pre-season play is not about the results, but notching a couple victories was still a nice bonus for the male Pembina Valley Hawks.

They came out of the pre-season tournament hosted by the Eastman Selects in Beausejour with wins of 4-1 over the Central Plains Capitals and 6-4 over the hosts sandwiched around a 7-0 blanking by the Winnipeg Wild.

Coach Rylan Price was not as con-

cerned about the outcomes as he was with the process and what the boys showed on the ice.

"They went out and competed hard in all the games," said Price.

"Even in our loss against the Wild ... there was no lack of effort there. It was just one team was a little more skilled and a little more experienced, and it ended up snowballing on us a little bit.

"The boys definitely played hard ... and everyone competed for a spot this weekend."

Price was pleasantly surprised to see some more sharper offensive potential on the ice.

"There's more skill on the team than I thought there was," he observed.

"I knew we had some good skilled

players, but they found a way to make it work together. We scored some very pretty goals this weekend.

"If we can hone that skill, I think we're going to have a good offensive touch to Pembina Valley this season."

By the end of the weekend, the team let five players and a goaltender go, reducing the roster to 14 forwards, eight defencemen and three goalies.

They will all have one more chance to con-

vince the staff to keep them around with another pre-season tournament hosted in Souris this weekend by the Southwest Cougars. The Hawks will face Interlake Saturday afternoon then have a pair of games Sunday against Brandon and Yellowhead, then the final cuts will be made to get the final roster set for the regular season.

That campaign kicks off with a pair of home games in Morden when the Hawks welcome the Norman Wild Friday and the Yellowhead Chiefs Saturday.

"THEY FOUND A WAY TO MAKE IT WORK TOGETHER. WE SCORED SOME VERY PRETTY GOALS THIS WEEKEND."

Flyers capture first Goose Cup challenge

It was a resounding victory for the Winkler Flyers in the inaugural Goose Cup challenge this past weekend.

Outscoring the Thief River Falls Norskies 15-1 overall in the home and home series however was not as important as the connection that was made between the two communities.

"One has to realize this is an expansion team ... obviously going against a relatively seasoned team," said Winkler Mayor Martin Harder, who by winning the challenge will get to have his counterpart from Thief River Falls wear a Flyers jersey at that town's next council meeting.

"For me, it was great to go down there and see the arena ... a very, very nice facility they have there," said Harder, adding that he just enjoyed seeing and meeting "a great community, great city, great mayor."

As for the games, the Flyers capped off their six game preseason with a convincing 10-0 win Thief River Falls Norskies Saturday that left them with a 4-1-1 record after beating the Norskie's 5-1 in Thief River Falls Friday.

In game one, the Flyers got goals from five different skaters and played a solid defensive game.

They came out of the gate strong and played a near perfect opening 20 minutes, playing the majority of the period in the attacking zone.

They opened the scoring with four minutes left when Braden Billaney finished off a nice pass from rookie Gino Lucia. With just seconds left, Nolan McGuire found the back of the net on the power-play.

While on a 5-on-3 power-play in the second, a Norskie shot bounced off a leg in front and flipped over top of Winkler netminder Connor Slipp, cutting the Flyers' lead to 2-1.

Just three minutes later, Tyler Juben-

vill got that one back, then near the end of the period, defenseman Lawson McDonald capped off a nice rush with the Flyers fourth goal.

In the third period, the Flyers would add another goal with eight minutes left thanks to Gino Lucia's fourth.

Both Connor Slipp and Cole Weaver played great in goal for Winkler, each playing 30 minutes, and the Flyers outshot the Norskies 57-17.

In game two, Nico Labossiere and Dylan Dix assisted on Nolan McGuire's goal to give Winkler a 1-0 lead just past the midway point. With seven minutes left, Coltyn Bates used a nice between the legs move to double the Flyers' lead to 2-0 on the power-play.

Winkler would rattle off three more in the second, starting with a pair of markers by rookie standout Gino Lucia with his fifth and sixth of the pre-season, then Matt Christian scored a nice short-handed goal with 8:30 to give Winkler a 5-0 lead after two periods.

The Flyers tacked on five more goals in the third to put the game away.

Matt Christian scored his second of the night then assisted on Bates' second of the game minutes later. Lucia then cut across the goal mouth and back handed home his third of the night, and captain Connor Hamonic and fellow 20 year old Jeff Michiels also scored before the end.

Both Cole Weaver and Aaron Brunn were perfect for the Flyers in goal, each playing 30 minutes. Winkler outshot the Norskies 55-12 in the hockey game.

The Flyers put the finishing touches on their 25-man roster before travelling to Neepawa Friday to kick off the 2016-2017 Manitoba Junior Hockey League regular season, and the Flyers



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Mayors Brian Holmer and Martin Harder officially start the game Saturday with a ceremonial faceoff.

will then host the Natives Saturday for their home opener before facing Virden September 27.

The Flyers hold a kick off BBQ before the game that is free with the purchase of a game ticket or a VIP pass.

There is also an alumni event to help

celebrate being in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League for 35 years.

The alumni game will go from 3 to 4 p.m. followed by the BBQ from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and alumni members were also to be recognized on the ice during pre-game ceremonies.



Flyers Matt Christian scores shorthanded goal, flipping the backhand upstairs over the outstretched Norskies goaltender Sam Novak midway through the second period Saturday.

Winkler Storm earn a draw

The Winkler Storm maintained their position in the Manitoba Major Soccer League division one standings in playing to a draw Friday.

They played to a 2-2 tie with the fourth place Waverley Mitsubishi Friday in Winnipeg.

Scoring for Winkler were Stefan Neufeld and Goran Kucar.

The result kept the Storm at a .500 level with a record of 6-6-5 for 23 points.

They were two points up on FC In-

ternazionale and one point back of Waverley, Brandon Inspire and Britannia Rovers.

With one regular season game remaining, the Storm were guaranteed to stay clear of the bottom two positions in the standings in the 10 team division one. The ninth and tenth place teams are demoted to division two for the following season.

The Storm close out their schedule when they host third place Scotia United Tuesday.

Thunder capture GVC soccer titles

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Thunder made a clean sweep of the titles at the Garden Valley Collegiate soccer tournament.

Steinbach were the runners-up on both sides as Morden won the boys with a 2-0 shutout while the girls took it with a 2-1 victory Saturday.

Stonewall captured the consolation final for the boys with a 2-0 shutout of Winkler's Northlands Parkway Collegiate, while Niverville took the girls consolation honours 2-0 on penalty kicks over Lorette.

Garden Valley Collegiate earned third place for the boys with a 6-2 victory over Gimli, while the Zodiac girls came up short with a 1-0 loss to Minnedosa for third place on the girls side.

Regular season play in zone four also continued this past week with mixed results for the Morden and Winkler teams.

The Thunder girls lived up to their name with a big 6-2 win over Altona's W.C. Miller Aces Thursday, but the boys were edged 2-1.

The GVC girls played to a 2-2 draw with Morris, and the boys rolled to a 5-2 victory.

Northlands Parkway had the lone sweep of their two games with a 2-0 win over Shevchenko while the boys shutout Mennonite Collegiate Institute of Gretna 2-0.

The Nighthawks then continued to roll Monday with a sweep of MCI. The girls breezed to a 5-0 win while the boys picked up a 3-0 shutout.

The Zodiacs had equal success as the Garden Valley girls beat Sanford 4-1 while the boys edged them 1-0.

The Thunder were hosting Roseau Valley Wednesday then visiting W.C. Miller Thursday. The girls then host Shevchenko Monday then both teams visit MCI in Gretna Tuesday.

GVC was hosting both Dufferin Christian teams Thursday then visiting Morris Monday. The NPC girls were hosting Shevchenko Wednesday then both teams were visiting Roseau Valley Thursday followed by W.C. Miller coming to NPC Monday.

VOLLEYBALL

The GVC Zodiacs won the title at the Nighthawk Invitational girls varsity volleyball tournament hosted at Northlands Parkway Collegiate Saturday.

They took the championship with a 25-20, 25-21 victory over the Rosenort Redhawks.

The NPC Nighthawks earned third place honours with a 25-15, 25-21 win over the West Kildonan Wolverines.

GOLF TITLES

W. C. Miller of Altona captured the girls zone four high school golf title, while the boys honours went to Por-



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Players scramble for the ball in high school soccer action Thursday between Morden and Altona. The Thunder girls came away with a big 6-2 win.

tage Collegiate.

The Aces' team of Kim Froese, Kirstyn Hildebrand, Kelly Klassen, Brooklyn Thiessen and Mackenzie Zacharias won the girls title a second straight year with a 313 total including Froese with the low score of 16-over par 86.

Clark Bolton, Tanner Boyle, Owen Gillespie, Joey Moffatt and Logan

Rands of the Trojans won the boys with a 246 total.

Spencer Norrie of Morden Collegiate had the low round with a two-over par 72.

The W.C. Miller girls and Portage Collegiate boys were representing zone 4 at the provincial high school golf championship Friday at the Winkler golf course.



The GVC boys opened play in their soccer tournament Saturday with a solid 5-0 blanking of Stonewall. On the girls side, the Zodiacs came up with an even bigger 7-0 romp over Green Valley.

Twisters open with a solid win

By Lorne Stelmach

They built momentum through their season opener, and the end result was a win for the Pembina Valley Twisters

Period leads of 1-0 and 3-1 became a 6-2 victory over the St. Vital Victorias to kick off their Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League campaign Sunday.

Returning veteran netminder Morgan Wall backstopped the win with 23 saves as the Twisters outshot the Victorias 36-25.

Six players contributed on the scoresheet with markers coming from Brendan Turnbull, Mark Klassen, Fraser Mirrlees, Chad Millar, Steven Baker and Bryce Dusik, who also chipped in with an assist along with Turnbull as well. Mirrlees also picked up a pair of helpers.

Pembina Valley connected on one of two powerplay opportunities while allowing two against but killing off six other shorthanded situations.

Earlier, the Twisters had ended their pre-season on a winning note after having suffered three straight losses by one goal. They

had a pair of goals from veterans Troy Lehmann and Mirrlees in a 7-1 route of the Transcona Railer Express last Wednesday. Also scoring were Dusik Alex Tetrault and Jesse Freund.

Morgan Wall picked up the win in net with 24 saves as the Twisters outshot Transcona 51-25.

These two teams go at it again Friday with Transcona hosting Pembina Valley, who then welcome the River East Royal Knights to Morris Sunday evening.

Pembina Valley has high hopes for a strongly competitive team again this year after it finished third in the 10-team league last season with a 27-12-6 record for 60 points.

Their title hopes began with a tough seven game quarter-final, where they had gone up three games on the St. James Canucks. They then knocked off the second ranked Charleswood Hawks in a six game affair that included three overtime contests, but the Stonewall Jets completed a four game final sweep for the title.

The Twisters won the league championship in 2012-13.

Promotion steps up for Esso Cup

Preparations are ramping up as Morden gets set to host the national female midget hockey championship this spring.

Promotional efforts are now gearing up with organizers announcing a theme for the April 23 to 29 event.

The slogan 'Leave Your Mark' will be seen not only in the Morden Arena but at supporting businesses as well as on merchandise and in advertising to build up towards that week.

"It's not very often that a community or region of our size hosts a national championship," said Clare Agnew, host committee chairperson.

She said the Esso Cup is their chance to showcase what the Morden area has to offer, so they think Leave Your Mark reflects the impact they hope the event will have.

"Leave Your Mark symbolizes many things ... the journey the players will take to get to the na-

tional championship and the mark they will leave while competing," said Agnew.

She continued it also refers to "the mark the volunteers will make on the athletes and spectators ... the mark the sponsors will make as they provide financial support to make the event possible.

"The memories created from this once in a lifetime event will leave a mark on everyone involved."

The 2017 Esso Cup will be the ninth edition of the national championship and will feature the host Pembina Valley Hawks of the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League facing off against five regional champions from the Atlantic, Ontario, Pacific, Quebec and West regions.

For more information on the Esso Cup and to follow the Road to the Esso Cup, visit HockeyCanada.ca/EssoCup or check out the event on Facebook and Twitter.

City to unveil Eric Fehr banner at Sept. 27 Flyers game

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler pays tribute to one of its very own hockey heroes next week.

Stanley Cup winner Eric Fehr will be honoured at the Sept. 27 Winkler Flyers game with the unveiling of a giant arena banner recognizing his accomplishments.

"We want to honour those who have

made an impact in their professional sport," said Mayor Martin Harder. "Certainly the Stanley Cup is probably the highest recognition that anybody in the hockey world can have and it's important to recognize a Winklerite who achieved that level."

Fehr and the Pittsburgh Penguins defeated the San Jose Sharks in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals to take the series four games to two.

He then shared his day with the Cup with hundreds of local hockey fans on July 20, spending the afternoon posing for photos with Lord Stanley's mug.

Harder said that though Fehr's career has taken him far from Winkler, it's clear his roots are still very much in our community.

"One thing that we have really learned to appreciate with Eric is his

desire to be identified with Winkler," he said, pointing to Fehr's willingness to bring the Cup home and the gratitude he expressed to local fans for their support. "That has been absolutely amazing.

The game, which is against the Virden Oil Capitals, begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Winkler Recreation Complex.

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS

Triple-Chocolate Cookies

7 ounces unbleached all-purpose flour
1 1/2 ounces unsweetened natural cocoa powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
6 ounces unsalted butter with 82 percent butterfat, at room temperature
3 1/2 ounces granulated cane sugar
4 1/2 ounces dark brown cane sugar
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 Tahitian vanilla bean, split horizontally
1/2 teaspoon fleur de sel in fine grains
3 ounces 41 percent milk chocolate, roughly chopped

3 ounces 65 percent chocolate, roughly chopped
To make the dough:
Sift the flour, cocoa and baking soda together in a bowl. Set aside.
Put the butter in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Beat on medium speed until creamy. Add both sugars and the vanilla extract. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into the bowl. Sprinkle the salt over the top. Beat on medium speed just until combined.
Reduce the speed to low. Add the dry

ingredients in three additions, pulsing the mixer to incorporate each addition before adding the next one. Pulse just until a crumbly dough forms. Add both chopped chocolates and mix on low speed just until incorporated.

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface. Knead a few times to incorporate any crumbs.

Divide the dough in half. Roll each half into a log about 1 1/4 inches in diameter and 12 inches long. As you roll, gently push the ends toward the center occasionally to prevent air pockets from forming and to keep the logs at an even thickness.

Wrap the logs in plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, at least three hours or up to three days.

To bake the cookies:

Preheat the oven to 325 F. Line the bottoms of two 12-by-18 inch sheet pans with parchment paper.

Remove the logs from the refrigerator and unwrap them. Using a ruler to guide you and a sharp knife, cut each log into rounds 1/2-inch thick. If the dough crumbles as you cut it, reshape each slice. Place the rounds on the prepared pans, spacing them 1 1/2 inches apart.

Bake on the middle shelves of the oven, rotating the pans 180 degrees halfway through the baking time, until set but soft enough to hold a slight indentation when pressed with a fingertip, about 14 minutes. Let cool completely on the pans on wire racks.

Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 1 week.

Agriculture

Imperial Seed breaks ground in CentrePort

By Harry Siemens

Imperial Seed broke ground on its new agricultural hub at CentrePort Canada.

It offers the company an expanded, 20-acre site which will include a seed processing plant, seed lab, office space and warehouse space.

The new \$8 million operation, which will include facilities of 30,000 and 15,000 square feet – will allow Imperial Seed to double its seed processing capacity.

The Manitoba-based company is developing 10 of its 20 acres to start and anticipates their staff doubling as the operation grows over time.

"Our new location will allow us to expand and better service our customers," said Imperial Seed president Kurt Shmon. "It is quite exciting to be part of CentrePort's development and the opportunities for us to expand are huge. We are very excited about our new home."

The transportation options at CentrePort as well as its proximity to a strong labour market and well-established connections to seed growers across Western Canada make the inland port a perfect location for expansion, he added.

"This is exciting for our industry and exciting for CentrePort. It gives us access to high-quality logistical resources but also keeps us close to our rural roots."

Agriculture minister Ralph Eichler said this is a milestone for Imperial Seed and that the province is proud to be a part of their ongoing success.

"The company's plans for expanded capacity, new jobs and other improvements at CentrePort represent the growth and opportunity we all see in the agriculture sector and Manitoba's economy as a whole," said Eichler.

R.M. of Rosser reeve Frances Smee said the council is happy to have a local Manitoba company be the first to sign a development agreement with the municipality under the new planning bylaws in the Rosser CentrePort area.

"The positive attitude displayed by Imperial Seed, and Mr. Shmon in particular, made our negotiations with the company a pleasure. We are very pleased to welcome Imperial Seed to Rosser," said Smee.

Imperial Seed, which expects to open its new agricultural hub in 2017, is a forage and turf seed company that works with Western Canadian farmers and seed growers to process seeds for distribution to domestic and international markets including the United States, Europe, Asia and South America.

The new hub at CentrePort will also include demonstration plots of seed varieties for the company's retail program.

"These plots will be used to showcase our varieties as well as a screening process ensuring winter hardiness and improved agronomic performance for our climatic conditions," Shmon said. "We supply western Canada forage and turf seed through a retail program as we have dealers set up across the west marketing our seeds to end use producers."

Imperial Seed is the latest to announce a new facility at CentrePort, which has welcomed 46 new com-



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Diane Gray, president and CEO of CentrePort Canada Inc., joined Ralph Eichler, Manitoba Agriculture minister, R.M. of Rosser reeve Frances Smee and Kurt Shmon, president of Imperial Seed in the sod turning ceremony.

panies that have either built or are building new operations on approximately 270 acres, representing more than \$250 million in new capital investment.

CentrePort Canada is North America's largest inland port, offering 20,000

acres of high-quality, affordable industrial land and unique access to tri-modal transportation, including three Class I railways, a 24/7 global air cargo airport and an international trucking hub.



> HARRY SIEMENS

Harvest for Kids has announced it will be shooting for a record 300 combines in 2017.

I remember the first attempt at setting a record of most combines on one field at the same time back in 2006 when they set a timed record, though it wasn't necessarily official.

In 2010, it became official when they had over 200 combines harvesting for more than five minutes on the same field at the same time.

Saskatchewan farmers then set a new mark with 244 combines harvesting 320 acres north of Saskatoon, making it into the Guinness Book of World Records as part of the Children's Camps International Harvest for Kids project.

Harvest For Kids based in Winkler

Harvest for Kids eyes new record

is part of Children's Camps International's focus on community development aimed at bringing hope to kids in the developing world.

The premise is if they can help the kids, the parents will follow.

So far, over one and half million children in seven countries including India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Belize, Kenya, Fiji, Cuba, Mexico and Brazil have felt the influence of what Harvest for Kids is all about - reaching children for Jesus Christ.

At a recent fundraising dinner in Winkler, over 425 people listened to reports from president Ray Wieler as well as new Harvest for Kids director Dave Thiessen and Wendell Andres of Saskatchewan.

Aside from the great report of how CCI is impacting children around the world, the organization is needing more funds to reach even more children - one million each year.

Wieler said it takes five dollars to send one child to one of their camps.

CCI director Mark Bergen said the 300 combine target for next year is a

big goal, and it will take a huge effort from staff, volunteers and of course the farm community to make it a huge success.

Once a farmer has become involved, many never look back because it isn't really about the combines or even the physical harvest but about touching thousands of lives around the world.

In 2010, combines came from about a 30 mile radius of Winkler.

To get the number needed to break the record, that radius will have to more than double and even beyond.

"The combines are out there, it will take the extra effort and willingness of farmers and others to make it happen," said Bergen.

While the goal is 300, he noted there needs to be at least 245 to break the record set back in Saskatchewan in 2012.

Bergen is ready to go and take your suggestions, applications to lead and to volunteer because the effort will need to be huge.

PED virus emerges at another Manitoba farm

By Harry Siemens

Despite strict vigilance and tightening up of bio-security protocols, the PED virus has appeared again in Manitoba.

Manitoba's chief veterinary office (CVO) confirmed positive test results September 15 for the porcine epidemic diarrhea from a southeastern Manitoba sow barn. It brings the number of Manitoba cases to nine since the first one was found in February 2014.

The veterinary office has consulted with the producer and private veterinarian as well as Manitoba Agriculture's emergency operation centre, the Manitoba Pork Council stated.

"Control measures were implemented immediately, and a plan is being developed for restricted site access, barn clean-up and animal care. Producers within a 5 km. radius of the infected site or with direct contact to the site were alerted to monitor their herds and collect samples for testing."

Manitoba Pork said six of the nine premises in Manitoba confirmed to

have PED are now determined to be PED presumptive negative, meaning the sites have eliminated PED from all pigs and pig contact areas and have confirmed the virus has been eliminated through repeated animal and environmental testing.

Dr. Megan Bergman, Manitoba's chief veterinary officer, has launched an investigation into this latest confirmed case.

Bergman said the farm has taken steps to contain the virus and eliminate it, and efforts are underway to identify the source and minimize any risk of transmission.

"We do a thorough investigation, working very closely with the herd veterinarian as well as the farm owner, to determine all movement on and off the farm, whether it be vehicles, people or animals so we can try to determine a possible source of entry and also eliminate any potential transmission risks that may exist," she said.

"We work very closely with both the farmer and the herd veterinarian and also the industry group," she added.

"They're very active in ensuring that other producers are notified that there is another case in the province so that everyone can ensure they're continuing to practice enhanced biosecurity practices."

Bergman said her office conducts testing of any animal facility in contact with this particular farm to determine if there's been any transmission, then they monitor them 10 days later just to ensure there's no presence of disease.

"At this point there's been no linkages associated with any of the previously positive operations. We're just in the process of tracking movement both on and off the farm," she said, as of Monday.

"We have followed up and are conducting testing on all farms that are linked with this particular farm just to ensure we don't have the virus in any other facility to see if we can rule out any possible sources from that particular avenue.

"At this point, it looks like this farm has an excellent biosecurity protocol

and has been very stringent in their practices ... so no smoking gun at this moment."

She encouraged all producers to consult with their herd veterinarians to make sure all the bases are covered in terms of what's moving on and off the farm, minimizing risks and being conscious of where they travel to avoid bringing anything back to their farms.

Earlier in August, Dr. Egan Brockhoff, veterinary counsel with the Canadian Pork Council, said the latest incidents involving PED serve as a reminder of the importance of biosecurity.

"We've recently had a PED positive trailer found in Alberta, and that reminds everyone that PED does move through transport and that it's extremely important that you pay attention to your transport biosecurity to ensure you're not putting your barn at risk," he said.

"With the warm dry weather, it's very easy to get a little bit complacent with this virus and how it moves."

take a break > GAMES

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

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CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- blache: Freedom
- Plan
- A jolt
- "Doonesbury" character
- Inspiring with love
- Blood type
- Anno Domini
- Janet Reno held this post
- Arab Republic of Egypt
- Midway between south and east
- Sodium
- Twitches
- Not loud
- Hindmost
- Be quiet!
- This gives you money
- Check
- Short-term memory
- Askew
- Platforms
- Towards the mouth
- Copied
- Emerges
- Menial laborer
- Chinese sword
- Energy unit
- Unhappy
- The Golden State (abbr.)
- External
- Strayed
- Liquid body substances
- Plutonium
- Truckers use this
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Beloved British princess Lady
- The Bay State (abbr.)
- Thallium
- Rebuilt
- Element
- The law of retaliation
- Cuts
- Mexican monetary units

CLUES DOWN

- Mothlike insect
- Equally
- Flightless birds
- Grilling tool
- When you plan to arrive
- Thoroughfare
- Philosophical life force
- Birds
- Anxious
- Man's title
- Issued
- Prayer leader
- Edible red algae
- Hitters need this
- Froths on fermenting liquors
- A two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle
- Amount (abbr.)
- Small amount
- Fundamental quality
- Cubage unit
- Bleated
- No longer is
- Initial public offering
- Hard to interpret
- Highly skilled
- The woman
- A bachelor has one
- Trial prints
- Passover feast
- Military forces
- Plant part
- Remake
- Flanks
- Swiss river
- Ottoman governors
- Vale
- Encountered
- One track circuit
- Opposite of yes
- Hello (slang)

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COMING EVENTS

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Winkler 4-H Beef Club
Information/
Registration Night

Tuesday, Sept. 27
6:30-8:30 pm (Come & Go)
at Little Morden Service
For more info call:
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NOTICES

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Barb Dyck
City Manager
City of Winkler

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHANN WALL, late of the City of Winkler, in the Province of Manitoba, Deceased.

ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration must be sent to the undersigned at P.O. Box 1150, 564 Mountain Ave., Winkler Manitoba, R6W 4B2, on or before Friday, November 4, 2016.

DATED at the City of Winkler, in the Province of Manitoba, this 22th day of September, 2016.

WIENS DOELL LAW OFFICE
per: John T. Wiens
Solicitor for the Executor

NOTICES



Morden Police Board Meeting

**Tues., Sept. 27, 2016
7:00 pm**

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Hazel Windsor

NOTICES

CITY OF MORDEN PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2017 assessment roll for the City of Morden has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- 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 fifteen (15) days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board of indicated in the Public Notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Monday, October 17th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the City of Morden to hear applications. The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **October 3rd, 2016 by 4:30 p.m. local time.**

Dated at Morden, in Manitoba, this 15th day of September, A.D.

Garry D. Hiebert, Secretary
Board of Revision
City of Morden
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NOTICES

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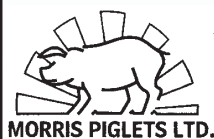
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Sat., Oct. 1/16

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WEDDING



We the proud parents, George and Alma Friesen and Jim and Jody Hildebrandt, announce that Isaac Friesen and Chantel Hildebrandt plan to be married on September 24th 2016.

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And tell her they're from us.
Tell her that we love her,
And when she turns to smile;
Place a kiss upon her cheek,
And hold her for a while.

-Forever in our hearts,
your children

IN MEMORIAM



Bruce Scott

September 16, 1952 - September 26, 2008

Partings come and hearts are broken,
Loved ones go with words unspoken;
Deep in our hearts there's a memory kept,
For a husband and father and grandpa we'll never forget.
Forever and always.

-Love Terri and family

OBITUARY

Matilda Harder (nee Friesen)

1932 – 2016

Peacefully on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Mom walked through the gates of heaven with clear eyes and a strong body.

Although she faced many struggles and health issues through her life, she stayed strong in her faith and always said, "With God's help." She was a witness to anyone she had contact with. Mom enjoyed and very much appreciated all the phone calls and visits from family, church ladies, Kathy and Betty, Pastor Bernie and special volunteers, Bonnie and Lorne. We, as the family are grateful for the time we were blessed with to spend with mom. Although we are saddened by our loss, we rejoice that mom is at peace and reunited with loved ones that have predeceased her such as her husband Jacob in 1979 and her son, Cornie in 2006.

Left to cherish her memory are her five children: John and Dianne Harder (grandchildren, Danny, Pat and Amanda, great-grandchild, Grayson), Sharon Thiessen (grandchildren, Mike and Brandi, great-grandchild, Sadie), Jim and Wendy Harder, Helen and Mike Holland (grandchildren, Duncan and Samantha), Phyllis and Peter Dyck (grandchild, Nicole) as well as her extended family. Until we meet you again, we love you, mom. See you.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2016 at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler with a private family interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Special thanks to Pastor Bernie, Wiebe Funeral Home, Dr. Blignaut and the many kind staff on the medical unit at BTHC.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Matilda's memory to the Canadian Diabetes Association or BTHC Foundation designated to the palliative care unit.

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OBITUARY



Margeretha (Margaret) Harder (nee Doell) 1924 – 2016

On Tuesday, September 13, 2016, Margaret Harder peacefully went home to be with her Lord.

She is survived by two sons, Rod (Carolyn) Harder, Frank (Lynn) Harder and three daughters, Sheila (George) Hildebrand, Glenda (Richard) Rempel and Debbie (Rick) Miller. She also leaves to mourn 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, George N. Harder (1997), her parents, William (1987) and Mary (1993) Doell, daughter-in-law, Carolyn (2008), and her sister, Mary Harder (2012).

Margaret was born on a farm four and a half miles northeast of Plum Coulee in a one room house. The family moved to a bigger house when Margaret was just a year and a half. This is where she

was raised and grew up until age 20. She happily attended school for eight years and longed for more schooling. She had dreams of becoming a nurse. But, like many children of that era, she was forced to stay home and work on the farm. She had fond memories of school, describing her teachers as the greatest. This is where she was taught much of the Holy Scripture that stayed with her all her life. She never had Sunday School in her church at that time. Most of her childhood years were spent training animals of all kinds, from horses to white rats and everything in between. The grandchildren were entertained over the years by Grandma's animated stories of her many pets. She was a great story teller. Margaret was baptized upon the confession of her faith in the spring of 1944 by Bishop John Friesen in the New Kronstahl Sommerfelder Church outside Plum Coulee. On October 8, 1944, she married George N. Harder. They were married by Jacob Unrau. Shortly after they were married, the newlyweds moved to Portage La Prairie, where George worked as a Conscientious Objector for three and a half years. These were tough years for them, being so far from family. But Margaret told stories of the many interesting people they met there. She always had a listening ear and accepted everyone. When the war ended, they moved back to Margaret's in-laws house, south of Plum Coulee, where they spent most of the next two decades. In 1962 they moved into Plum Coulee where George started a seed cleaning business. They were both involved in the church and community. Margaret was a very creative and talented lady. She loved to do crafts, especially paper tole and ceramics. She also did a lot of crocheting. She made sure every one of her grandchildren received a handmade afghan, and many of the great-grandchildren were fortunate enough to receive one from her as well. Margaret was a strong woman of faith and prayer. Her faith never wavered, despite the many challenges that life presented to her. Some of the Bible verses that brought her strength and comfort were:

Psalms 27:1 – "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalms 55:22 – "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee; He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Winkler Mennonite Church with interment at Winkler Cemetery.

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

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OBITUARY



Barry Albert Wood 1957 - 2016

Barry Albert Wood, peacefully, on Friday, September 16, 2016 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre after a lifetime battle with Becker Muscular Dystrophy.

Barry was born on May 2, 1957 in Winkler, MB and was baptized at the Bethal United Church in Roland, MB. He attended school at and graduated from the Winkler High School. Barry retired in June after being employed by Manitoba Hydro for 39 years. Barry enjoyed hunting, fishing, cruising around in his car and spending time at his cabin at Pelican Lake. Barry took a leadership role in Alcoholics Anonymous, where he set up and ran meetings. His kind and caring personality helped him to mentor others in dealing with their problems.

Barry is survived by his children, Mark Wiebe and Rachel Wood; his mother, Dorothy Wood; sisters, Cheryl (Malcolm) Doney and Lynn Dueck; brother, Wayne (Kim) Wood; sisters-in-law, Doris Wood and Norma Wood and many nieces and nephews. Barry was predeceased by his father, Earle in 1997 and brothers, Craig and Don in 2015.

A private ceremony with close friends and family was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel 1050 Thornhill St. in Morden.

Donations in Barry's memory may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Canada 825 Sherbrook St. #204, Winnipeg, MB R3A.

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OBITUARY



Abram Klassen 1920 - 2016

On Sunday evening September 11, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Abram Klassen, aged 95 of Winkler, MB formerly of Gnadenthal went to his eternal rest.

He is survived by his loving wife, Maria; two daughters, Helen (Edmer) Loewen of Winnipeg, Nettie (Ray) Hildebrand of Manitou and one son, John (Anne) Klassen of Gnadenthal; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, six brothers, and four sisters.

Dad was born November 1, 1920 to Heinrich and Katherine Klassen of Steinfeld, Russia. On September 19, 1943 Dad married the love of his life, Maria Penner and they spent 72 + wonderful years together. Dad received Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized on June 16, 1944. In 1948, the family immigrated to Canada. They settled in Gnadenthal where Dad worked for farmers and slowly started farming on his own. They attended the Gnadenthal Church where Dad was also custodian. Later they attended the Blumenorter Mennonite Church in Rosetown. When they retired to Winkler they attended the Winkler Berghaler Church. Dad farmed for many years in Gnadenthal, when they moved to Winkler in 1985 he still went back to the farm that he loved to help out. When living in Winkler he enjoyed gardening. The whole backyard was turned into a garden; no weeds had a chance to grow because he was always out there. He was even climbing ladders to pick apples in his 90's. We all enjoyed Dad's quiet caring heart; he was always willing to help whenever needed. We thank the Lord that he blessed Dad with 95 years to share his life with all those he loved and knew. We will always cherish the time we spent with him, the things he taught us and the stories he told us.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with a private family interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

We thank the neighbors and friends who have helped Mom and Dad over the years, especially these last years when Dads health deteriorated and he had a lot of pain. We love you Dad and we will miss you. We will always remember your warm caring smile as you look down on us from heaven. The family would like to thank Dr. Roberts, Dr. Woelk and the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre for the compassionate care Dad received.

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OBITUARY



Cornelius (Cornie) Wall 1939 - 2016

Peacefully on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Cornie Wall, aged 77 years went to his eternal rest.

Cornie was born in the RM of Stanley on May 24, 1939 to Cornelius H and Sarah (nee Hamm) Wall. In 1960, he was baptized and married Agatha Kauenhofen in 1961. They lived in Winkler, Hochfeld and Friedensruh throughout their marriage.

He is survived by his loving wife, Agatha (nee Kauenhofen); four daughters, Rhonda (George), Yvonne, Jennifer (Michael and their daughter, Sienna), Naomi (Jake and their daughter, Morgan). He was predeceased by his parents, one sister and his grandson, Joshua.

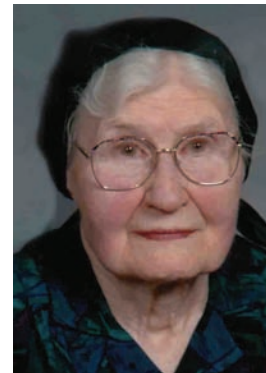
Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Cornie's memory to Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Group RR#1 Box 350 Winkler, MB R6W 4A1.

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OBITUARY



Mary Klassen (nee Goertzen) 1919 – 2016

On Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Mary Klassen aged 96 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Haskett went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Mary Klassen; five sons, Frank and Ruth, George and Anne, Peter and Linda, Jake and Irene John and Marlene as well as 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank P Klassen in 1996.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at Winkler Reinland Mennonite Church with interment at Blumenfeld Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at BTHC for all their support and compassionate care of Mary during her stay. We also appreciate the homecare and all those who took time to visit her at home in her apartment and in the hospital.

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1.4L, 4 CYL., AUTO, A/T, TILT, CRUISE, POWER WINDOWS & POWER DOOR LOCKS, BUCKET SEATS, CLOTH INTERIOR, 7" COLOUR TOUCH SCREEN, REAR VISION CAMERA, SIDE BLIND ZONE ALERT, 18" CHROME WHEELS, REAR CROSS TRAFFIC ALERT, ETC.

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5.3L V8, AUTO, A/C, TILT, CRUISE, POWER WINDOWS & POWER DOOR LOCKS, 8 PASSENGER SEATING, CLOTH INTERIOR, REMOTE VEHICLE START, ASSIST STEPS, TINTED GLASS, REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY, TRAILER PACKAGE, 18" ALL SEASON TIRES, REAR VISION CAMERA, 4G LTE WIFI HOTSPOT, FRONT & REAR PARK ASSIST, ETC.

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*****\$9,618 CASH CREDIT*****



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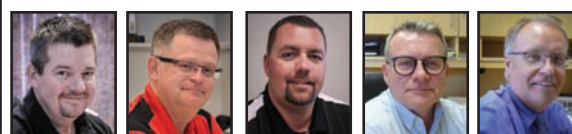
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