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Breaking ground in Coulee

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Plum Coulee's Age Friendly Committee broke ground on the community's new active living centre downtown last Thursday. Located on the site of the town's old senior centre, the new facility is slated to be completed this winter and will provide residents of all ages with a place for fellowship and recreation. For the full story, see Pg. 7.

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Building bridges

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Muslim community reached out to build bridges last weekend with their Islamic History Month celebration.

Held at the Winkler arena's Royal Hall on Saturday, the afternoon gave people of all faiths a chance to learn more about Islam from both a religious and a cultural perspective.

Organizer Zahid Zehri was thrilled to see the room packed with people and abuzz with conversation throughout the two-hour event.

"I wasn't sure what to expect, honestly," he said.

The goal of the gathering was not conversion nor even tolerance, but understanding, Zehri stressed.

"If I know my neighbour, it takes away the sense of the unknown, re-

moves those hurdles that can be between two people, two communities," he said. "We can share what we believe and respect each other.

"Tolerance is not even the right word to use here ... tolerance means I don't like you, I don't like your beliefs, but I'm tolerating you because I have no other option," Zehri added, emphasizing again that his hope is the Muslim and Christian communities in our area can come together in mutual respect. "That means I respect what you believe. I don't necessarily have to accept it, but you're not imposing something on me, I'm not imposing on you ... and we can share it with each other, just like we can share the foods, the culture.

"It's important to increase the awareness, share what you have achieved in the past, and also to re-



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Zahid Zehri (right) of the Manitoba Islamic Association's Pembina Valley chapter with guest speakers Dr. Abdul Latif Haresha and Shahina Siddiqui at the Islamic History Month celebration in Winkler Saturday.



The afternoon featured cultural demonstrations, including Henna art, ethnic food, and music.

duce the friction between [differing faiths]."

Those in attendance had the opportunity to explore a myriad of displays explaining some of the tenants of Islam and its impact on the world throughout history.

Slices of the culture were also available to enjoy, including head scarfs for women to try on, Henna tattoo art, ethnic food, and music.

The afternoon also included guest speakers such as Shahina Siddiqui, president of the Islamic Social Services Association, and Dr. Abdullatif Haresha, imam at the Pioneer Mosque in Winnipeg.

In his presentation, Haresha shared his journey to become a Muslim, stressing that faith is something each person must decide for themselves.

"Your mind is not for sale and your heart is your own," he said, adding that his study of Islam has found that

"the core of Islam is knowledge. The core of Islam is love."

To that end, the acts of violence and aggression being done by some in the name of Islam are deviations from the faith, Haresha said.

"The reason for such deviation or bad behaviour is due to ill-knowledge of the faith itself or due to weak faith that led to such deviant acts," he said. "Islam by no means should be evaluated by [one] individual's behaviour or attitude."

Siddiqui shared those sentiments, stressing that true Muslims do not seek to harm non-

Muslims.

"That's not true," she said when asked by an audience member if the Qur'an calls for the death of all infidels, explaining that such verses are often taken out of their historical context.

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FCC and local youth 'Drive Away Hunger'

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden-Winkler youth did their part last week to help drive away hunger.

They took part in Farm Credit Canada's annual fall food drive campaign Oct. 4, canvassing their communities to collect donations for local food banks.

It's part of a nationwide effort that since 2004 has seen FCC employees, customers, and community partners raise money and food donations for the equivalent of over 33 million meals.

"We get excellent support. It almost runs itself ... everybody knows what to do every year," said local campaign co-ordinator Margie Toews.

Toews said the Morden-Winkler area has been involved with the food drive right from the start.

The communities have eager participation from local church youth groups, 4-H clubs, and Youth for Christ.

The Winkler and Morden Co-op stores also collected cash donations over the past few weeks, as did the FCC regional office in Morden.

"We have schools that are collecting also," added Toews, pointing to campaigns at École Morden Middle School, Minnewasta School, Maple Leaf School, Morden Collegiate, and Winkler Elementary School.

BDO is a major corporate sponsor, as well, taking on weighing the food brought in. This year's haul tipped the scales at over 18,000 pounds.

Morden youth brought in just over 6,700 pounds of food and \$150 in cash donations, representing 7,165 meals in total. Another 6,900 pounds was collected in Winkler along with \$1,285 in cash donations, representing 10,755 meals. Altona's campaign gathered 5,033 pounds of food and \$895 in cash donations, enough for 7,718 meals.

The donations were distributed to Caring and Sharing, Donate Love, and the food cupboards in Winkler and Altona.

"All the money and all the food collected is donated locally ... it's all local involving local staff," said Toews. "And it's all really hands-on for people here."

It is estimated that about 860,000 Canadians—a third of which are children—rely on food banks every month.

Toews sees the Drive Away Hunger campaign as being a perfect initiative for FCC.

"This is a natural fit for us, collecting food for the needy ... and we deal with the local breakfast programs too."

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PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Jamie Arbuckle, left, and Adam Boulanger, right, relationship managers with Farm Credit Canada, last week presented a \$500 donation for Western School Division's Healthy Minds breakfast program to co-ordinator Carl Pedersen. The donation coincided with the annual FCC Drive Away Hunger food drive in Winkler, Morden, and Altona.

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Lancaster grower sets new giant pumpkin record

Charlie Bernstrom's entry at Roland weigh-off tipped the scales at 1,498.5 lbs

By Cori Bezan

The bar was raised for giant pumpkin growers on Saturday after Charlie Bernstrom toppled the Manitoba record at the Roland Pumpkin Fair.

His beast of a pumpkin weighed in at a whopping 1,498.5 pounds.

Bernstrom, who brought the pumpkin to the fair from Lancaster, Minnesota, beat last year's reigning champ Milan Lukas, whose pumpkin weighed 1,338 pounds, and topped the standing Manitoba record set at 1,379.5 pounds in 2011 by Schanzenfeld's Henry Banman.

Bernstrom joked that he hadn't slept

well the night before, worried about the safety of his giant pumpkin before the weigh-off.

"It feels pretty good," he said of his record-setting win. "It's just a good way to end the year."

Bernstrom decided to try his hand at growing giant pumpkins after a kid that he went deer-hunting with entered into the competition.

"I thought it was pretty cool—it was like a 500-pounder. And I never even knew about it, really," he said of the event that draws growers from all across southern Manitoba and beyond each fall.

Bernstrom's been growing giant

pumpkins for five years now, but has been unable to enter into Roland's Great Commonwealth Pumpkin Weigh-Off since he won first place back in 2014.

"Last year we had too much rain, and the year before my brother-in-law got married," he explained. "We had like fifty inches [of rain last year] and it actually flooded, so they were like in knee-deep water. So I was done pretty quick."

This year's weather conditions were much more conducive to the growth of these orange behemoths, Bernstrom said. With less rainfall, he was able to control how much water each plant received—around 100 gallons per day.

"[The secret is] lots of water and fertilizer," he said. "It takes a lot of care each day. And luck, good weather."

Bernstrom tries to exceed his growth every year and enters his giant pumpkins into many fairs in Oc-

tober before they meet a gruesome fate: they are dropped from a crane to raise funds for the Kittson County Literacy Council.

"I always enjoy coming up here," he said. "It's a fun day."

Placing second in this year's weigh-off was none other than Banman with a pumpkin weighing in at 1,474.5 lbs. Third place went to Carman's Jason Terwin at 1,322.5 lbs.

In the squash category, Leona Skoien of Roseau, Minnesota, seized first place with a weight of 815.5 lbs. Her husband, Dean Skoien, took second at 698.5 lbs.

Banman took first place in the watermelon category with a weight of 38.5 lbs. Second place went to Dean Skoien at 24.5 lbs.

Laverne Wojciechowski of Lac Du Bonnet took home the first and only prize in the tomato category with an entry that weighed one pound, 9.5 ounces.

"IT'S JUST A GOOD WAY TO END THE YEAR."



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Charlie Bernstrom of Lancaster, Minnesota, seized the Manitoba record for largest pumpkin at Saturday's Roland Pumpkin Fair with his pumpkin of 1498.5 pounds. Above: Bernstrom celebrates the win with wife Mallory, daughter Briar, and nephew Axel. Right: The second place prize went to Schanzenfeld's Henry Banman, whose entry weighed in at 1,474.5 pounds



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"Has there been times when our faiths, our people have been at war? [Yes], but it's people who do it. Christians have been fighting with Christians. Muslims are killing Muslims. That's the human state," she said, adding that when such violence happens it's because "we have walked away from the core teachings of our faith. All of us have to discover them. All of us have to pledge to follow them."

Siddiqui added that although Christians and Muslims may disagree on

the divinity of Jesus, both share a reverence for his teachings.

"You are absolutely entitled to believe what you believe," she said. "I have no right to judge you. I can only tell you this is what I believe and I expect the same reciprocal thing back to me."

"You and I can debate, but Prophet Jesus is right now smiling at us and saying, 'Guys, get on with it. There is so much evil in this world. Do the right thing.'"

PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
Winkler's Islamic History Month celebration ended with prayer (left). The afternoon, hosted by the local Islamic committee, was designed to educate and encourage dialogue between people of all faiths.

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A strange tale of hope amidst horror

More than 75 years ago a sacred scroll taken from a synagogue in Poland by the Nazis and was desecrated, eventually making its way to Winnipeg where its story would be learned in 2017.

A while back I was attending a museums conference when the story of a wallet was told by a researcher working for the Canadian Museum For Human Rights.

So what is the connection between a wallet in Winnipeg in 2017 and a sacred scroll stolen from a synagogue in Poland during the Second World War? Well, it turns out the two are very much one and the same and the journey from then to now is remarkable.

A long time ago but still within living memory of many people, an at-

tempt was made to eradicate an entire group of people all because they were simply who they were: Jewish.

As part of that effort, it was deemed not enough to attempt to merely murder every Jewish man, woman and child, but the culture itself was declared dangerous and to be destroyed.

In the instance of scrolls such as the one we're talking about, it is important to know that they were made from vellum, the prepared skin of a kosher animal such as goat, cattle, or deer.

A great deal of ceremony goes into the creation of a scroll for a synagogue because such an item contains the sacred scriptures of Judaism, the Torah, also known as the first five books of the Christian Bible.

Due to the respect afforded such a scroll there were very strict rules on how it was handled, how it should be disposed of when it was too worn to use anymore, and so on.

It is with this in mind we transport ourselves back to wartime Poland where Nazi troops are not only rounding up Jews for execution but also ransacking Jewish homes, businesses, and synagogues, stealing anything deemed valuable and destroying the rest.

The scroll and others like it was taken and sliced into pieces for its

leather and made into other objects for sale. In this instance, our scroll was dyed blue and sewn into a wallet. To put it another way: an object deemed of the highest significance was turned into an object defined by personal commerce.

It was bought by a Polish woman in a market. That woman eventually moved to Winnipeg and left the wallet to her son, who noticed it still had the original Hebrew text visible beneath the blue dye.

Eventually the son brought the wallet to the attention of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, which now seeks to renew its significance and dignity and acknowledge its origin and the people who read it and listened to it being read.

What is the point of all of this? Why have you read this (if you made it this far)? So that in some small way the memory of a people will be honored and the effort at their eradication will have failed.

The section of the Torah that the wallet was made from contained verses from Exodus 35 and 36 and Numbers 15, including the following:

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt to be your God. I am the Lord your God."

It is not so easy to destroy as we think.



By Peter Cantelon

> FCC, FROM PG. 3

Indeed, FCC launched the 14th year of Drive Away Hunger campaign by contributing \$100,000 to school meal programs across Canada, including \$500 to the Morden Healthy Minds program.

"It aligns very well with FCC's goal of helping our communities and feeding families and feeding the world and supporting agriculture," said Adam Boulanger, a relationship manager with FCC.

"The donation is really appreciated. We're dependent upon donations for purchasing food ... so it certainly helps out," said Carl Pedersen, secretary treasurer for Western School Division and Healthy Minds program co-ordinator.



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Youth in Winkler, Morden, and Altona spent Oct. 4 canvassing their communities to collect over 18,000 pounds of food for regional food cupboards and assistance programs.

Work begins on Coulee active living centre

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After years of dreaming, planning, and fundraising, ground was finally broken last week on the Plum Coulee active living centre.

The project—an age-friendly facility designed to replace the decades-old senior centre on Main Avenue—has been the talk of the town for years.

“It started about two years ago when we had our town hall meeting and we decided we really needed a new facility because our old senior centre was just done ... we’ve been raising money ever since,” said June Letkeman, a member of the Plum Coulee Age Friendly Committee.

The demolition of the senior centre building last month paved the way for a sod-turning at the site Oct. 5.

“We’re going to start building now,” said Letkeman. It’s expected work will wrap up sometime in February.

The facility is the same size as the old senior centre but will have a much more user-friendly layout, explained fellow committee member Brian Derksen.

“The old one was two buildings put together, so the space wasn’t efficient,” he said. “We’ll now have a more efficient space.

“It’ll be 40’x80’ and it will have a kitchen, washrooms, and two lanes for floor curling and shuffle and a pool table in the back. As far as the facility goes, that’s it. But we hope that the people will make it a lot more.”

Though the town’s community hall at the arena will still be used for larger gatherings, this new space will be just the right size for smaller-scale events.

“We will be renting the facility out for family gatherings,” said Letkeman. “We hope to seat 75 people in it, so it’s nice for a small gathering.”

Organizers also stress that this will be a true community centre—one not aimed at any particular age group.

“We hope that it will facilitate both the seniors in the mornings for coffee and then we hope that [younger peo-

ple] will take full advantage of it” evenings and weekends, said Derksen.

“We’re calling it an age-friendly facility because of course we are a very young population here,” added Letkeman. “So we have to have it available for all ages.

“We’re hoping to have programs here as well. We’re hoping we have the funds to hire a part-time rec. director so that we can have things like exercise classes ... card nights, and all kinds of activities. We hope it’s a very busy place.”

“The idea is that it will be a community build-

er,” added Derksen. “That people will get to know each other.”

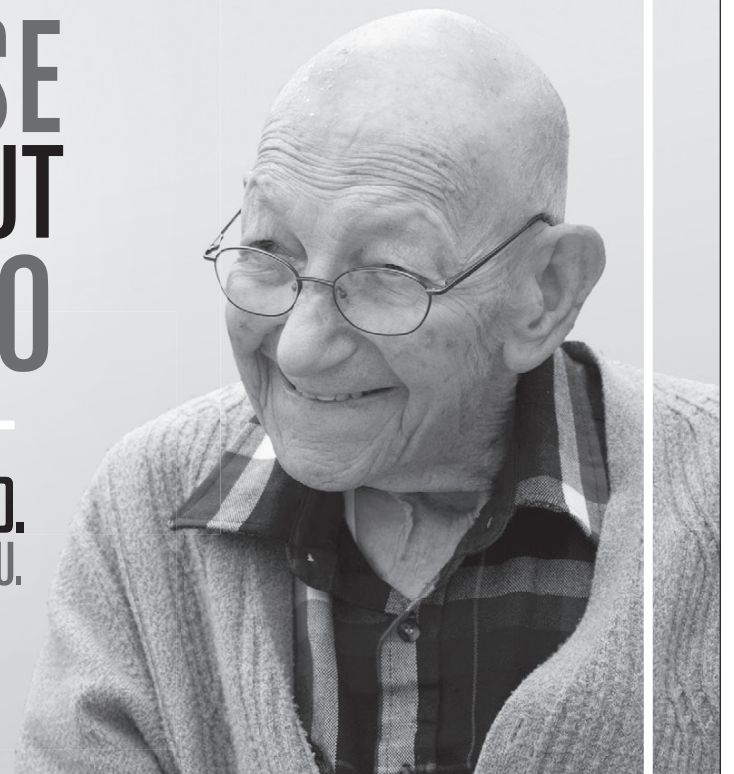
Fundraising for the project has already collected over \$300,000 and Letkeman is confident they can find the remaining \$100,000 or so needed to polish off the building inside and out.

“The support has been amazing, just amazing,” she said, thanking the many local businesses and individuals who have stepped up to make a donation. “I am totally blown away.

“We need to raise some more funds, but it’ll happen.”

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Southern Health sees opportunities, challenges ahead

By Lorne Stelmach

The head of the vast Southern Health region sees opportunities as well as challenges ahead with the many changes taking place in the province.

In an interview following the Southern Health-Santé Sud annual meeting last Wednesday in Steinbach, chief administrative officer Jane Curtis said there are ways to improve at the same time as achieving budget cuts directed by the provincial government.

"We're in a time of transformation in the province, and change always brings about some challenges. I think there's lots of opportunities as well, but it certainly can be hard for people," said Curtis.

"We do have some work to do on sustainability, but the benefits, I think, with our organization is that we've been working for years in looking for efficiencies and streamlining and really looking at the best way to provide services," she continued.

"So, although it's always challenging, something we're accustomed to and I think we're quite proficient at is looking for the best way to provide services and not having duplication and waste in the system."

The annual meeting touched on highlights from the 2016-2017 fiscal year as well as the region's focus on priorities such as mental health and addictions and a provincial update regarding the current health system transformation in Manitoba.

Curtis highlighted the completion of two significant facilities with the opening of the Notre Dame de Lourdes hospital and Tabor Home in Morden.

"Those are big projects that took many years, so we have a sense of success that we accomplished those projects," she said.

"I think the work that we've been doing with our indigenous communities and our French language services as well were important," she added. "And some of the work that we've been doing with our local health involvement

CFDC launches new audio tour

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre continues to embrace modern technology when it comes to engaging its visitors.

The Morden museum announced last week that it has launched an enhanced audio tour, its second mobile device application in less than a year.

The tour adds 22 different audio engagements for visitors to gain a deeper understanding of the CFDC's extensive collection of marine reptile fossils.

"This new audio tour is a phenomenal enhancement to an already amazing experience at the CFDC," said executive director Peter Cantelon. "Visitors simply download the free app and scan QR codes placed throughout the facility to get a very professional audio tour."

Cantelon said they're pleased they were able to use Manitoba companies to create this and the previous augmented reality museum app released earlier this year.

"It is incredibly important to us that we support Manitoba business whenever possible," he said. "In both instances we worked with Winnipeg-based Bit Space Development and in our first app we also worked with Winnipeg-based ZenFri as well. There is no reason to leave the province when we have such spectacular talent right here."

The CFDC also partnered with Golden West Radio's Tyler Hildebrand to provide the voice talent.

"As with the developers, we found local talent right here at home and are grateful to Golden West and Mr. Hildebrand for their support," said Cantelon.

Southern Health board chair Abe Bergen and CEO Jane Curtis address the 2017 annual meeting in Steinbach last week.

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groups ... we're really trying to get more public involvement and patient involvement in how we make improvements in our health care system."

Financially, the RHA is in sound shape, ending the year with a \$2 million surplus.

"It's always a challenge. There's always needs. There's increased volumes in certain areas ... I think it actually gets harder every year," said Curtis. "Our managers and leaders are very knowledgeable and they do a really good job of leading their areas and managing their budgets."

That surplus also comes, though, as Southern Health is in the midst of meeting a directive from the province to make an \$11 million reduction out of a total budget of about \$150 million—about a 3.5 per cent cut.

"That's in progress. Obviously you don't find \$11 million overnight, but we're looking at ways that we can potentially reduce our budget and find ways to reduce costs," said Curtis.

"At the same time, we want to make sure that we're continuing to provide really good care to patients and even better care. We're always looking at ways to improve at the same time," she continued.

"We try obviously to look at areas that don't impact the care of patients. We always have that lens when we are looking at ways to reduce. I think there's always ways to find better

ways of doing things.

"Health care changes, technologies change, and so we always have to be looking for better processes and better ways of doing things and easier ways, as well, for staff."

Looking to the year ahead, priorities include the personal care home projects in Carman and Steinbach and continuing to find more efficiencies and budget savings, Curtis said.

"I think continuing the work we've done with our indigenous communities, our French language communities, and our patient experience ... those, for me, I think are really important," she added.

"Also helping with the transformation that the province is going through ... I think it's going to be more important than ever to work with our provincial partners on changes and doing some integrated planning as a province as a whole."

Southern Health-Santé Sud covers an area of over 27,000 kilometers and a diverse population, taking in four cities, four towns, one village, seven urban municipalities, 20 rural municipalities, one unorganized territory, seven First Nations communities, and 56 Hutterite colonies.

It employs over 6,000 people, including 4,800 for Southern Health and another 1,200 through affiliate and non-profit agencies.

Tickets on sale for BTHC Fdn. gala

Tickets are on sale now for the Boundary Trail Health Centre Foundation's annual fundraising banquet.

The Oct. 27 event will take place at the Access Event Centre in Morden. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

This year's guest speaker is Sheldon Kennedy, a former NHL player who in his post-hockey life has become known for his child abuse advocacy.

Kennedy came forward 20 years ago as a sexual abuse survivor, charging his Major Junior Hockey League coach with sexual assault.

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founding the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre and speaking out about his own experience.

Tickets to the banquet are \$150 each and are available at the foundation's office at BTHC, by calling 204-331-8808, or by emailing office@bthcfoundation.com.

The foundation is also organizing its annual raffle draw. This year's prizes include a trip to Phoenix to watch the Arizona Coyotes take on the Edmonton Oilers, complete with airfare and hotel; tickets to the Winnipeg Jets versus Colorado Avalanche game, with an overnight stay at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg; and a packet of Winnipeg Jets gear. Raffle tickets are \$20 each.

Social activist, peace advocate speaks in Morden

Western SD hosts two sessions with Shahina Siddiqui

By Lorne Stelmach

A tireless advocate not just for the Muslim community but also for social justice, Shahina Siddiqui could easily get disheartened by the political climate in the world today.

Instead, the noted freelance writer, author, spiritual counselor, speaker and educator is encouraged when she addresses communities like Morden, where she met with school staff and the general public in separate sessions last Wednesday.

"This is what keeps me going," said Siddiqui, who co-founded the Islamic Social Services Association and continues to serve as president and volunteer executive director of ISSA Canada.

"What am I doing? I can sit and whine about the racism out there or I can do something about it. I'm not one of those who would sit back," she said.

"And I will speak for any racialized community, any marginalized community. It's not just Muslims. I will speak for any community and stand with them."

Siddiqui has received many awards in recognition of her social justice activism, including the 2016 Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year.

She founded the Canadian Muslim Women's Institute and is one of the founding members of Canadian Muslim Leadership Institute. She also sits

on the National Advisory Board for the Canadian Association for Muslims with Disabilities. She is also a senior board member of the National Council of Canadian Muslims and chair of Islamic History Month Canada.

Siddiqui has served on numerous other boards and committees as well with an aim to build bridges between groups to help preserve human rights and develop cultural competency and mutual understanding.

In her conversation with close to 30 people in Morden last week, she touched on some of the basics about Muslims and the Islamic faith.

She addressed some of the key misconceptions around such areas as the repression of women and violence, stressing that when people commit terrorism they have lost the core of their faith to commit such atrocious acts.

"It really bothers me to see how we create these conflicts," Siddiqui said, adding when people are demonized in this way that "it has nothing to do with religion ... but it has become very fashionable.

"You can see what language does ... I really want people to be aware ... put on the critical thinking cap."

Siddiqui also noted it is a mistaken belief that Muslims isolate themselves and don't have relationships with other faiths, such as Christianity and Judaism, emphasizing the connection between the three as all being Abrahamic religions.

"Muslims are just like anybody else," she said. "We care about our families, we are working for livelihoods and we want peace and security for our families."

Shahina Siddiqui, co-founder of the Islamic Social Services Association, was in Morden last week to share reflections on diversity with Western School Division staff and the general public.

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She stressed that education plays a vital role in it in bridging the gaps and healing the world.

"There is so much misinformation about Islam and Muslims. There is so much Islamophobia out there, which is spreading lies and manufacturing stuff about Islam and Muslims.

"People don't know where to go to verify what they are hearing ... so education gives them a context, gives them information, where they can go ... so there is a way of countering this anti-Muslim rhetoric and anti-Islam rhetoric.

"It also brings people together ... you have a diverse group of people talking about an issue ... and then

you find similarities," Siddiqui continued, citing the example of how even Mennonite communities have been repressed in the past. "We learn from each other ... so I think it's very important that we educate each other and inform each other."

"We are all connected ... we need to rebuild these bridges," she stressed. "There is strength in coming together, there is strength in knowing our core values, which are the same. We turn to the same creator for help and assistance and worship.

"Imagine a room full of Jews, Christians and Muslims praying together for world peace? That's powerful."

GVSD enrolment exceeds projections by 97

Additional staff hired for ECS, WES, and Plum Coulee

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley School Division has nearly 100 more students in class this fall than projected.

The Sept. 30 enrolment numbers put Garden Valley's total student population at 4,563 kids.

"We budgeted and staffed the schools for 4,466 students, so we're at 97 students more than what we had projected," said superintendent Vern Reimer.

The enrolment numbers are a big jump from last school year—up 116 students from the fall of 2016 and 85 students from when school ended in June.

It isn't a huge surprise, Reimer said, as projection numbers are always a bit of a moving target, but luckily much of the enrolment increase was spread out across multiple schools

and grades, leaving little impact overall.

Three schools, however, did see enough unexpected growth that steps needed to be taken to help them cope with it.

Emerado Centennial School in Winkler had 23 more students than predicted enroll in class, boosting their population to 409.

As a result, a fourth Gr. 7 class has been created and a full-time teacher hired to staff it.

An additional class also needed to be created at Winkler Elementary

School, this time at the kindergarten level, due to an increase of 10 students. One of the existing kindergarten teachers moved up from part-time to full-time as a result.

Finally, Plum Coulee School has 18 more students than projected. The division is in the midst of filling a 0.5 position to help with the additional students in kindergarten and Gr. 1.

Almost every other school in the division saw their numbers grow above projections, some by as few as three

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Healing through art

South Central Cancer Resource launches art classes

By Lorne Stelmach

A new art program is providing a therapeutic outlet for cancer patients in the area.

Expression of Art Through Your Eyes is being offered as a partnership between South Central Cancer Resource and the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden.

Now midway through the eight week program, the weekly two hour sessions at the gallery in downtown Morden are proving to be a special time for the five participants.

"It's amazing to see how your emotions are put on to paper, put on to canvas, and you don't even realize it, it just seems to happen ... and you look at it and reflect on it," said Sheryl Reimer of Carman.

"It's just something that comes up from the soul, and that's where art is born ... in the soul," added Morden's Colleen Doerksen. "Every time I'm sort of anxious or stressed ... then I go to the art. It gets worked into the art, and then you can leave it there."

The initiative became possible for SCCR thanks to the infusion of extra funds, including \$10,000 from the Ted Tkachyk Memorial Golf Tournament.

Clinical co-ordinator Deb Thiessen said they were inspired by the success of similar programs run in Winnipeg.

"We've got this extra money now ... let's do a little bit more for our clients," she said, adding that being able to take part in something like this a bit closer to home has been a welcome relief for local cancer patients. "I have a waiting list this long for the next class."

"It's creating a sense of community within the community," said Cindy Funk, a social worker in cancer navigation services with Southern Health who is helping facilitate the classes.

The group started with collages for the first two weeks. Funk said the project brought a wealth of emotions to the surface.

"It's been very interesting to see the group come together and connect with one another and share a bit of their stories," she said, adding that the act of creating art provides a unique way of processing the trials and tribulations that may be happening in one's life.

"As a group, they're kind of learning to process some of it ... cancer brings out a whole lot of different emotions in people, some good, some negative ... this is a chance for them to really process those emotions in a group setting where there's people who understand."

"Working with visual is kind of a different language," suggested Margie Hildebrand, PHAC program and outreach co-ordinator.

She said the initiative is a great opportunity for the arts council to broaden its community involvement, and she agreed that the process of making art itself can play an important role.

"You don't have to say something if you can express an emotion or a feeling without having to write it down," Hildebrand said.

For Reimer, who was diagnosed a year ago, the class offers a welcome escape from what is normally a very busy life with family.

"I found that being off work gave me a lot of spare time to do lots of thinking, and I was feeling like I needed to connect with other people who have gone through the same type of issues," she said.

"Maybe we can help each other make our own little community and our own little network, and so far it's been what I had hoped that it would be.

"It takes you to a different place of thinking," Reimer added. "When you're doing this art, you are taken



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South Central Cancer Resource is partway through a new art program called Art Through Your Eyes, which gives cancer patients the opportunity to share their emotions through art.

somewhere else. You don't have to think about what's going to happen tomorrow.

"It's given me a sense of hope that maybe I'll make it through."

Doerksen, who was last in chemotherapy about two years ago, had been involved in a similar program in Winnipeg a year and a half ago and jumped at the chance to do it again here.

"I found it so helpful to work through emotions that you don't even know are going to come up ... suddenly you're just sort of in this emotion and then you're dealing with and you work through it through the art," she said.

"You're just working in this quiet space, and I can't remember when

there was that quiet space in a long time," Doerksen said, adding that she would love to see it become an ongoing monthly program. "In that space, other things can creep in that you've been sort of pushing back in your mind ... and it's a safe environment to have it come out."

Ultimately, Funk hopes the participants will come away from the art class with "a sense of accomplishment ... a sense of connection with other people who are sharing similar experiences ... and just hopefully a chance to process some of their own journey with the cancer."

Thiessen added that they would like to continue with the program if funding allows.

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students (Parkland School) to as many as ten (Border Valley, Prairie-dale), but there was no need for extra staff, Reimer said.

"The kids were evenly spaced out," he said, "and so the schools were fine with it."

At the high school level, the division's predictions for GVC were bang-on at 778 students. NPC exceeded its projection by eight teens to hit 655 students this year.

"To be within eight students when

you look at our high school projections, that's pretty good," Reimer said, adding that while there's always some enrolment changes throughout the school year itself, they're often minor ones that don't affect staffing as much as these first fall enrolment totals do.

As far as where these new kids are coming from, Reimer said it's a mix of newcomers to the region and students transferring in from private schools or home schooling.

'Each story became part of a larger story'

Author of 'The Waiting Place' shares her journey

By Lorne Stelmach

It perhaps came as a surprise to Sharron Arksey that her writing led to the recent release of her book *The Waiting Place*.

The former farm daughter and long time Manitoba journalist from Langruth didn't start out to write a novel.

Reading from the book at the South Central Regional Library branches last week, Arksey was encouraged by her publishers to turn what were originally short stories into a longer form.

"Eventually, each story became part of a larger story," said Arksey, who took on the challenge of connecting the short stories together.

"It was very interesting ... it was also kind of frustrating at times. It didn't always work," she said. "It meant leaving pieces out and also adding ... there were a couple stories I had to abandon because I couldn't make them fit in."

Arksey has been writing about farm

life for a long time, but most of what she has written up to now has been non-fiction.

After studying journalism at Ryerson University, she spent several years as a reporter and photographer in Portage la Prairie before returning to Langruth to marry her high school sweetheart and raise cattle and two children.

For 25 years, she wrote a weekly column about life in rural Manitoba called *Rural Routes*, which she classifies as creative non-fiction. With her short stories-turned-novel, she wanted to address the same topic in a different genre.

The Waiting Place is a work of fiction about a young farm wife, Susan, in labour with her first child. As Susan prepares for the birth, she contemplates her role as a mother, wife and partner on the family farm through the lives of the women closest to her.

The stories within the story go through the pregnancy, month by month, but they are as much about relationships and secrets and along the way capture memories from the perspective of other female family members.

The story of a nine-month pregnancy became a slice-of-life portrait, said Arksey, who sees the book being very

Author Sharron Arksey was at the local South Central Regional Library branches last week to read from her new book, *The Waiting Place*.



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much influenced by her own background and personal experiences, even while being a fictional tale.

"There are pieces of it that come into play, of course," she said.

"I've always lived the rural life, and so it plays a very big part in what I've written," she said, noting it is hard, though, for her to exactly define how it comes through in the stories. "It's the colour. I can write plots, and I have characters, but the colour of the piece is what I have known all my life. That's what it comes from ... my life."

Arksey is already starting to work

on her next project but would not divulge much about it at this point other than to say it draws on her family's Icelandic heritage.

In the meantime, she hopes people will take a couple things away from reading *The Waiting Place*.

"For people for whom this is something new that they have never had anything to do with, I think that it will be sort of educational in a sense," she said. "I'm hoping that people who have similar backgrounds ... will say that I got it right, that I'm writing about things that actually do exist."

Turning trash into treasure

By Lorne Stelmach

Sharon Loeppky's artwork represents a search for something new to emerge from the old, just as things do in the natural world.

Her mosaics are created using everything from a broken teapot to unwanted tiles to rubbish or treasures found in a thrift store.

The new images created from the various pieces are recognizable as part of that past creation while still bringing its own story to become part of the new, and that is the overriding theme for her exhibit *Re-creations* on at the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden.

"It is the creation, and I'm remaking it," said Loeppky, whose exhibit had its official opening Friday and runs through to month's end. "We are cre-

ated in God's image, and for me that means I am a creator too, so I am making things too, but I am just remaking what he has already made."

Loeppky lives and works on the bank of a small creek that flows down through the escarpment and heads east on the prairie.

Not only does she find her inspiration in the woods and fields around her but the quiet helps remove clutter from her mind and keeps her focused on her work.

Her mosaics document the world immediately around her: the view from a doorway, from the path behind her house, or from the road leading up the escarpment.

Like the many colorful scraps they are composed of, the works are glimpses of color, light and pattern to be quietly savored, said Loeppky.



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Sharon Loeppky's mosaics are on display at the Pembina Hills Arts Council in Morden this month.

"It's a continuation of what I've been doing. I just work with things I see in my neighbourhood ... so this is all just looking out my window, something

in my yard, something behind the house, something up the road, something down the road."

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She likes that her artwork reuses material.

"There is all this stuff I am kind of giving new life too ... I'm taking dis-

cards and broken things and things that people don't want anymore, and I'm giving it a new life," she said. "I can tell stories ... and almost every

piece, I remember where I got it, what happened ... some of them have long stories to them and others are just pieces I picked up at the thrift store."

A big part of the joy for her is the art of actually piecing the mosaics together.

"I can just really get lost in a puzzle, and this is just sort of extreme puzzling," said Loepky. "It's puzzling off into the dark ... you don't know what it is until you've finished with it."

The sizes of the individual pieces that make up her mosaics vary, as does the time involved creating them.

"Sometimes a smaller panel isn't that much less work just because the pieces are smaller ... some panels would take me over 100 hours, some panels would take me less," said Loepky, adding she gave herself the task of doing at least one panel a month to prepare for this show.

"It's a compromise," she continued. "The more I've done this, the more I've realized that the pieces have a life and a voice of their own, and I have to respect that. Different pieces break differently, different pieces fit differently, so I can't force the ceramic to do what it can't do.

"I think, more and more, it's allowing the pieces to maintain their own integrity, so I don't grout it," said Loepky.

"I want it to look that when people walk up and look, they can just see it as a collection ... rather than it being too finished or too made into one cohesive whole. It still maintains the idea of being all sorts of separate pieces."

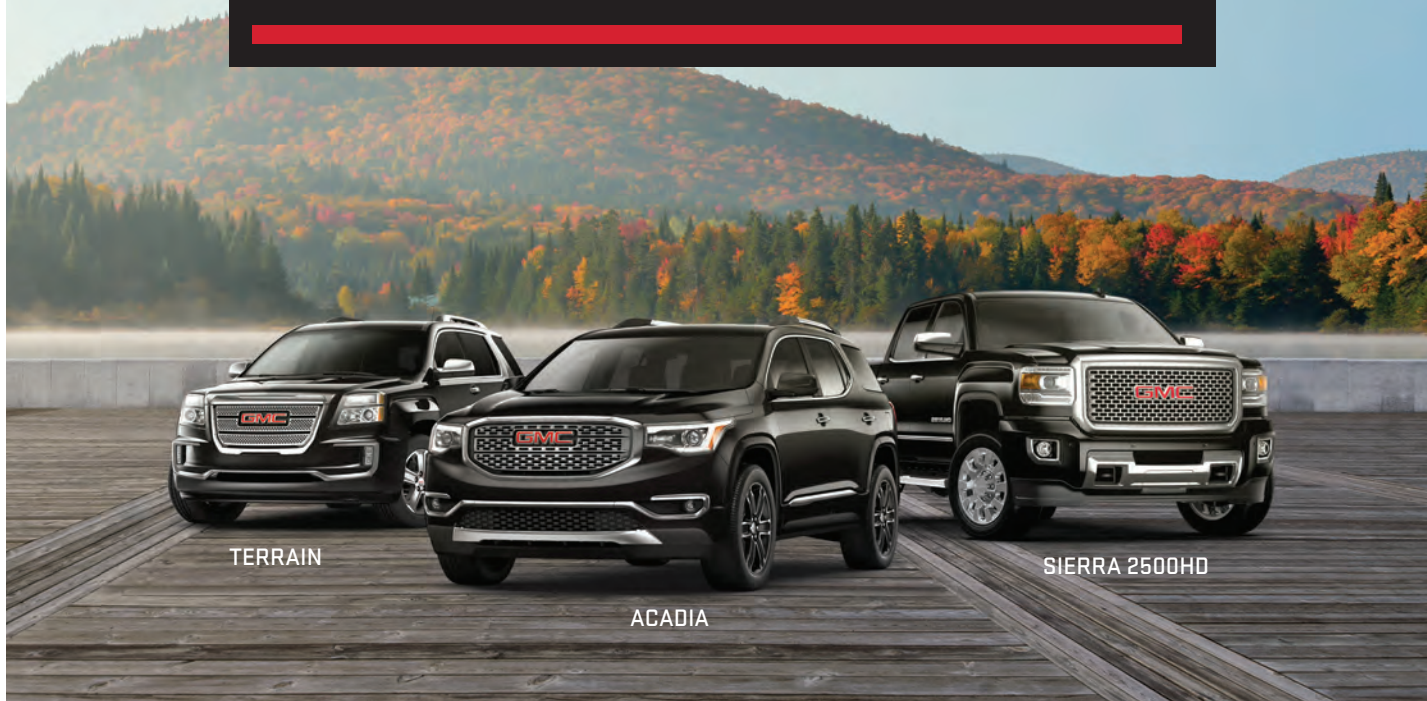
In the end, she hopes people might take away a couple things from her show.

"I would hope, in general terms, it would draw people to look at their surroundings more, be aware of what's around them. Doing it has certainly made me become even more aware of my surroundings.

"I think also, in some ways, the intrigue of it is it's different than a painting. Paint is a medium that just disappears ... we're so used to painted pictures we hardly think about the paint, but here it's obvious that it is the medium and it is also the image, so there's that juxtaposition ... there's that tension between the medium and the final vision."



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Yoga classes spread good karma around

Become Yoga celebrated its first anniversary last week by giving back.

The yoga studio hosted a free karma yoga class at Northlands Parkway Collegiate in Winkler Oct. 5.

Eighteen people came out to the two sessions, with all donations going to Katie Cares.

Instructor LaDawn Insull said the evening raised \$250, including a donation from the Garden Valley Teachers' Association.

"I was looking for a local charity and I know that their reach extends so far beyond our community," Insull said of Katie Cares, which operates the Katie's Cottage respite home near Boundary Trails Health Centre. "They do such great work."

Insull added that the periodic free yoga classes she hosts are her way of "spreading the karma around" and giving her students a chance to support great local causes.

Become Yoga also hosts weekly classes at NPC every Thursday night. Classes run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome. Multiple class passes are also available.



LaDawn Insull (far left) of Become Yoga hosted a free class at NPC Oct. 5, raising \$250 in donations for Katie Cares.

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Your FARM



Local farmer applying research for the world to see

By Harry Siemens

Double Diamond Farm Supply is a full-service crop production retailer in southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Kent McKay, the company's agronomy lead, said they offer a comprehensive list of services, including agronomy services, custom dry and liquid application, Valmar rental, mobile seed treating, NH3 delivery, and soil and tissue testing.

McKay said their business agronomists are able to provide expertise working with growers to manage their crops, whether with fertilizer products, herbicides, fungicides, or organic insecticides.

"Seed has become a bigger part of our business just with the change in crops and other changes in the seed world including custom application services," he said.

Double Diamond likes to work up close and dirty with clients, showing them actual on-farm applied research and results, he said.

"Basically, we had a 23-acre plot, all one-acre strips. The

first 12 strips, we have agronomic practices, so we kept the same variety but tweaked some little things along the way and a couple of different practices guys are trying out. Then the 11 strips that are left are all different varieties that are pretty relevant in the southwest region," said Jagger Thomas, junior business agronomist, late this summer. "It's looking pretty good right now [late August], but we do have some longer varieties, so with the risk of a frost next week, there could be some trouble there. One of the things we kind of expected and wanted to see what was going to happen."

The company posts the information on their website, with a password controlled log-in for each farmer that does business with them.

"We've done it for a few years, so we put all the yield information, break it out on revenue, dollars per acre you're making, what's going into each acre. They're able to go online and look at that," said Thomas. "They can see what we do every year."

"If somebody is really interested, we'd love to take you out there, and we do have a tour day every year," he added. "Sometimes, we have different styles. Last year, we'd take a group of customers out instead of having everybody at once. We did a really intensive one-time tour this summer, which worked better than having smaller groups."

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Sharing common ground

By Harry Siemens

A record attendance of diverse beef industry participants from across the country came together in Calgary for three days of connecting, sharing common ground, and gaining knowledge and inspiration from speakers at the second annual Canadian Beef Industry Conference (CBIC) this summer.

"We couldn't be more pleased with the excellent support and participation from across the

industry that made for another outstanding national conference," said event chair Virgil Lowe.

The conference attracted over 700 attendees to its many sessions and discussion forums, he said, and undoubtedly "succeeded in building upon the success of last year's inaugural event."

"It has also created excellent momentum to further propel our National Beef Strategy forward as we look toward another exceptional conference planned for London, Ont., in 2018."

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Texting teen slams into parked truck

Distracted driving led to three people being injured in a two-vehicle collision last week.

On Oct. 2, Carman RCMP were called to an accident on Road 33 West in the RM of Stanley.

A pickup truck was parked on the east shoulder of the road. The two occupants had exited the truck to capture a donkey that had escaped its pen. When they returned to the vehicle and were preparing to enter it, the driver saw a northbound car approaching at a quick speed.

The truck's driver tried to flag the oncoming car to get him to slow down and move over, but the car struck the back of the pickup, causing it to swing out and strike the passenger, who was still standing outside the vehicle.

The force of the impact threw the passenger into the ditch. The 17-year-old male, a resident of Stanley, suffered serious but non-life threatening injuries.

The 47-year-old male driver of the pickup, from Morden, suffered minor injuries. The 18-year-old male driver of the car, from Stanley, also sustained minor injuries.

Police investigation has determined that the 18-year-old male was texting and driving at the time of the collision. He was also driving on a suspended licence. He is facing numerous charges.

"Distracted driving can have very serious consequences," said Tara Seel, RCMP media relations officer. "When you are driving, your sole focus should be on the task at hand. Driv-

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Do you dream of starting your own business one day, but don't know where to begin? Making a living out of your passions can be more possible than you think, and lots of entrepreneurs have been able to create successful businesses out of theirs.

For example, Trisha Bower turned her dream of making people happy with her baking into a reality when she opened Eat My Shortbread, a bakery café. She began by operating her shortbread business out of her home and eventually launched the full café and bakery a few years ago. Here, Bower shares three tips for turning your passion into a small business reality:

1. Fill a void with your passion. In order for your customers to buy into the product or service you are selling, you have to offer a solution to a problem. Look for the gaps or things that could be done better within the industry. Once you've established that, then it's all about developing an awesome business plan.
2. Become an expert on the subject. It's not enough to say you'll open a bakery because you love baking — you need to know how to operate in the business. This

means doing lots of research to learn all about suppliers, maintenance, insurance, real estate, marketing and more. Do not underestimate how much time is required in the research phase. Ensuring your ducks are in a row before launching will help you save time, money and resources.

3. Join a community of small business owners. Joining the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) can be key to increasing the odds of your business success. You are given access to specialized business resources, established important partnerships with businesses like Interac Association, and are consulted on government issues that are important to your business. With CFIB, you don't have to do it all yourself — so don't be afraid to ask for help!

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3 SUCCESS TIPS FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Being an entrepreneur means that you'll often figure things out as you go along, without guidance or an established structure to help you navigate. Though it is one of the most exhilarating aspects of the job, it can also be daunting, especially when you're first starting out. Dan Kelly, CEO of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, offers his top three tips for small business owners.

1. Make mistakes and pivot often. As a small business owner, it's important to constantly assess what works and what doesn't work. On a daily basis, ask yourself: "Did I meet my business goals today?" and identify some key performance indicators. This will allow you to continue doing what works, or troubleshoot problems quickly by pivoting your strategy with minimal repercussions.

2. Know your customers. It's all about relationships and reputation. Building strong relationships with your customers takes time, but if you treat them right and do what's best for them in the long-term, you'll have a better chance at winning and retaining their business. It's also a good idea to find out where your customers are spending time online or on social media and to communicate with them there.

3. Build a support network. Set yourself up for success by joining a community of other small businesses where you can gain access to invaluable industry resources. CFIB provides specialized business resources and makes sure the voice of independent businesses is heard on government issues that are important to your business.



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Winkler food cupboard

Two hundred runners of all ages set out from the Winkler arena Saturday morning for the 11th annual Thanks for Giving Run to show their support for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard. The event raised around of \$9,000 for the food bank, which helps feed 50-90 families every week, handing out thousands of pounds of food each month. Right: The food cupboard's Menno Giesbrecht thanked everyone who took part—be it by running or making a donation. It's that community support that makes the work they do possible, he said.



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Stanley residents speak out against gravel pit plans

By Lorne Stelmach

Neighbouring residents are not happy with a planned expansion of gravel pit operations south of Morden.

They are opposed to plans for another gravel pit in the area with the sale of land adjacent to the existing operation just off PR 432 near the Stanley Park road.

This would be three gravel pit operations close to an area where there are about a dozen houses to the south on the Stanley Park road and another cluster to the north, noted Dena Gerbrandt.

"It's really quite close to town ... lots have been subdivided off in the last little while ... it's an area where the RM was seeking to have people live," she said Oct. 5 prior to a scheduled conditional use hearing to allow the gravel pit.

The hearing was postponed to Oct. 19 because proper notification had not been received by all the adjacent landowners.

Gerbrandt said they have a number of concerns that they will present to council, including dust, noise, and traffic safety as well as the potential impact on their land values.

"A lot of it has to do with how the RM has handled it," she said, suggesting that informal conversations have made residents in that area feel like their concerns won't be given full consideration.

"They don't seem interested at all in listening to the landowners and the residents in the area. We're feeling very much not heard by the RM," she said, adding that she wonders if this might just lead some of the nearby landowners to move out.

"Aren't they supposed to stand up for the rights of their constituents?" she asked.

Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson maintained that council has not made up its mind on the matter and that the

residents will have their concerns heard.

"We take everybody's thoughts into consideration ... everybody's entitled to their opinion," he said. "They can express them at the hearing, and we'll take a listen to them. Whether they're valid or not is up to interpretation."

He noted that there are strict regulations relating to operations like gravel pits if there is some form of non-compliance and to address such things as the reclamation of the land.

"Once the gravel is gone, these pits have to be covered and re-grassed ... that part has changed an awful lot from what it used to be," he said.

Companies fined by WSH

After two workplaces were prosecuted for violations under the Workplace Safety and Health Act, Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) is reminding employers that walls of an excavation must be sloped at 45 degrees and proper support structures must be used if required when workers are in an open excavation.

On Nov. 13, 2013, workers from both Precision Land Solutions Inc. and Inground Construction Ltd. were installing a drainage system in a farmer's field in the RM of Stanley.

A Precision Land Solutions worker was seriously injured when an excavation wall collapsed. No cage was being used in the excavation and the sides of the excavation were not shored.

On Aug. 2, 2017, both employers pled guilty under Section 2.8 of The Workplace Safety and Health Regulation M.R. 217/2006 to the charge of failing to ensure nothing involved in a serious incident was altered or moved until at least 24 hours after notice was



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A large gravel pit in operation just south of Morden on PR 432 already causes enough noise, dust and safety concerns for area residents, who are worried about plans for another gravel pit on neighbouring land. They will air their opposition at a hearing before the RM of Stanley council next Thursday.

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Researchers make the most of CFDC collection

By Lorne Stelmach

Its role as a tourism destination is what often gets most of the attention at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, but plenty of science and education carries on behind the scenes.

It's an aspect of the Morden museum that has continued to expand in recent years, with scientists and students like James Campbell coming to the CFDC to do research.

"I really enjoy coming here. It's a really great collection," said Campbell, who made another visit to the CFDC late last month as part of his PhD studies at the University of Calgary, where he is in his third year.

"There's so many drawers to pull open and look at. It's a little bit overwhelming how many specimens are here," he said. "It's a really good resource for me to use. The collection is a really good snapshot of the diversity of the Western Interior Seaway here in Manitoba.

"The large collection also allows me to look at variation within single species ... I can get a better idea of how plesiosaurs grew within a species, within the marine environment."

CFDC field and collection manager Victoria Markstrom said partnerships like this are a win-win situation.

"Anytime I get to learn more about our own collection is a really great opportunity," she said.

"There's so many great specimens in our collection where we just haven't had enough time, enough people and money and time, to actually dedicate effort to those specimens," said Markstrom. "With time, we can get to each one and maybe unfold each of these mysteries."

For his research, Campbell is looking at plesiosaurs that lived in marine and non-marine environments—the former found here in Manitoba and the latter in places like river systems and estuaries in Alberta.

In particular, he's examining poly-

cotylid plesiosaurs, which were a large-headed and short-necked species.

"I'm looking at a relatively young and a relatively old individual," Campbell explained. "I'm looking at the age of these two individuals and comparing them with others ... to determine whether the plesiosaurs in the non-marine environment in Alberta represent relatively young or relatively old individuals.

"They are small compared to those found in the more off-shore marine environments. So I'm trying to figure out why," he continued. "I'm cutting open some of these fossils from these different environments to better assess the age ... looking at internal features such as growth marks to better determine how old the plesiosaurs are.

"The presence of a small bodied species could be an adaptation to living in a non-marine, more physically constraining environment," said Campbell, suggesting the research could provide some vital insights for paleontologists. "I think it's important because the plesiosaurs are most commonly found in the marine environments, much less commonly found in marine freshwater environments."

Markstrom said it is always exciting for them to play a role in further advancing the scientific understanding of the species represented in their collection.

"We do have a very large collection, and I'm only one person," she reiterated. "It's really great to have visiting researchers come in and look at our collection and be able to find the time to really focus in on a particular individual or a group that I myself might not have the time to get to.

"It's also good because we're all coming from different sides of paleontology, and so we all have different viewpoints. It's a really great way to share ideas and concepts."



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University of Calgary PhD student James Campbell with Canadian Fossil Discovery collection manager Victoria Markstrom. Campbell was at the museum last month to conduct research for his studies.

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given that a serious incident had occurred, and under Sec. 26.25 of The Workplace Safety and Health Regulation M.R. 217/2006 to the charge of failing to ensure that a worker did not enter a part of a trench beyond the point to which shoring had advanced.

PLS was ordered to pay \$21,677 in

fines and surcharges and an additional \$8,325 to WSH to educate the public on matters relating to workplace safety and health.

Inground Construction was ordered to pay \$13,000 in fines and surcharges and an additional \$5,000 to WSH for public education.

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Steady growth for Border Valley Cleanco

It's been steady growth in business for Border Valley Cleanco since it began.

The company has continually diversified its offerings ever since Cornie Dyck first started it up as a home-based company back in 2005.

"We started just doing carpet cleaning at that time," he recalls. "And then the following year decided to add air duct and furnace cleaning into the business as well."

In 2011 they added auto detailing to their service list, bringing on Brian Thiessen to work alongside Dyck.

"And then we brought on the MPI remediation side of the business three years ago," Dyck says.

The demand for service saw Thiessen become the lead technician for the air duct, furnace, and carpet cleaning while Dyck worked from the office with another full time technician brought on to handle the MPI and auto detailing.

"When we started auto detailing is when I purchased my shop at 23 Jefferson Street," says Dyck. "Within two years we doubled the square footage of the building to incorporate the MPI side of it and also the auto detailing side of it."

Dyck says the auto detailing service has been very well received.

"It's basically a thorough cleaning," he explains, noting they also do boats, campers, and RVs.

"We also have a unique system that's actually the only one in Canada where we have a lift where we can actually take the boats that we detail off the trailer so that we can clean the complete body of the boat," Dyck says. "We can also come to your home and do your camper or RV on your driveway with the mobile part of the business."

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ACU receives CIM management award

By Lorne Stelmach

Access Credit Union earned provincial recognition recently for its efforts in encouraging and enabling its employees to further their education and careers.

The Canadian Institute of Management picked ACU as this year's excellence award winner at the organization's annual meeting Oct. 2.

Access received the Professional Recognition for Innovation and Management Excellence Award, which is presented each year by CIM's Mani-

toba branches.

"It is nice to be recognized outside of the organization that we are investing in our employees," said Anna Wieler, ACU's vice president of human resources.

The award recognizes a business that has demonstrated leadership and achievement in any of the following areas: management of time, resources or quality for the benefit of the organization; implementing innovation in administration policies or

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Access Credit Union vice president of human resources Anna Wieler (centre) accepted the Canadian Institute of Management's award for innovation and management excellence on behalf of the financial institution last week.

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Hydro workers give back

Katie Cares' Randy Reimer (centre) recently accepted a \$2,000 donation from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2024, which represents Manitoba Hydro employees in our area. Union unit chair Don Borg (left) and Manitoba Hydro employee Brent Haney explained that each year the union sets aside funding for local members to donate to charity or community projects. Katie's Cottage is a cause they were keen to support, said Haney. "This year, because of their walkway project [connecting the respite home to the nearby Boundary Trails Health Centre] we thought it would be a nice opportunity for us to be involved," he said.

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Resource centre gearing up for fall sessions

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre aims to do as much as it can on a minimal budget each year.

It is an ongoing challenge for directors, as they clearly see a growing need for their programs in the community.

"Our programs are usually at about 95 per cent capacity ... they are full, and we often have a waiting list ... so we would love to double the number of programs we are offering," steering committee chairperson Joelle Borne said recently as the centre prepared for the start of its fall sessions.

Located in space provided through Western School Division in Boundary Trails Place, the centre's mission is to provide programming for pre-school children and their families.

"We focus on wellness through a variety of aspects," Borne said, noting that ranges from educational wellness through literacy programs to physical wellness through courses on healthy eating.

She sees the centre as filling a real void in the community.

"Most of the sports in Morden only start at age four ... so we start with infants."

The centre is primarily funded by the Healthy Child Coalition, which receives provincial grant money, though it also relies on a number of other sources, including the local United Way.

"What we need to operate successfully is relatively small. We hope to be able to fundraise or apply for grants for around \$35,000," said Borne.

Some money provides for their coordinator, but one challenge they constantly face is finding support for the administrative costs that are necessary in order to support a growing

list of programs.

"What we're finding is becoming increasingly difficult is that with most of the grants that are available to us ... they want us to spend the money primarily on programs only," said Borne.

And they are always looking for new opportunities, like the music program that was introduced three years ago.

Some of their programs are made possible through an initiative called Bookmates.

"It's another organization that develops pre-school wellness programs and then shares them by teaching various facilitators throughout the

province," explained Borne.

They otherwise follow the direction of what is most needed in the community.

"We try to have a wide variety of people represented from Morden on our steering committee ... and they help us determine which programs would be most appropriate for Morden," Borne said.

Two of their main events are the annual literacy fair and the Teddy Bear Picnic, while other popular ongoing programs range from Stay and Play to Kids in the Kitchen.

"Kids in the Kitchen is probably our

most popular, longest running, and most successful program," said Borne. "That just came about because we saw there was a need in the community. It was Morden that wanted it."

And that is what continues to be most important to the centre: meeting a need and engaging with and supporting the whole range of families in the community.

"That's why we call ourselves a family resource centre. We're aware that Morden is really diverse and has all styles of families ... we hope that we can, in some way, accommodate them all."

RHA celebrates doc recruitment

Southern Health has recruited 16 new physicians to work in the region, including several specialists in the Morden-Winkler area.

Manitoba Health Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced last week that nine family physicians have been recruited to work in Steinbach (three doctors), Carman (two), Ste. Anne (one), St. Claude/Notre Dame de Lourdes (one), Portage la Prairie (one), and Gladstone (one).

In addition, seven specialists are also working in the region, including two family physician anesthesiologists in Winkler and Steinbach, three hospitalists in Steinbach, a general surgeon in Winkler, and an ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialist in Portage la Prairie.

"Through the dedicated and comprehensive recruitment efforts of Southern Health-Santé Sud, Manitobans throughout the region will soon be able to seek quality care

from a family physician," said Goertzen. "This is going to support better health outcomes, ensure more timely access to care for patients, and aligns with our government's broader goals of health-care system improvements and reform."

Southern Health CEO Jane Curtis said that physician recruitment is truly a community effort.

"We are grateful to the community, regional and provincial leaders for their collaboration in supporting a number of initiatives encouraging many physicians to consider the healthy work-life balance of rural practice in Southern Health-Santé Sud," she said.

"Rural communities have been stepping up to work with key stakeholders such as the Max Rady College of Medicine at the University of Manitoba, Manitoba's Office of Rural and Northern Health, the Manitoba Healthcare Providers Network

and the College of Physicians and Surgeons to promote careers in rural health care," noted Goertzen. "This type of partnership allows physicians to learn more about the opportunities in these communities to practise medicine while enjoying a rural lifestyle and helps them make the decision to build their careers in Manitoba."

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen welcomed the announcement.

"The recruitment of new doctors for rural Manitoba has been a priority for our new Progressive Conservative government, a priority that is shared by Southern Health," he said.

"It is very exciting to see these recruitment efforts paying off and delivering more care to our region. I am pleased to welcome these new doctors and their families to our community."

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Hawks 2-1 at home tournament

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks won two of three over the weekend as they hosted their Thanksgiving Classic home tournament.

The Hawks kicked things off with a solid 5-0 blanking of the Interlake Lightning Friday night and then repeated that feat Saturday with a 5-0 shutout of Weyburn before suffering a 3-0 loss Sunday to Regina.

Kadynce Romijn was only called on to make 13 saves for the shutout in game one. The Hawks broke things wide open with three goals in the second after leading 1-0 after the first.

Team captain Sage McElroy-Scott had a pair of goals while Hannah Petrie contributed a goal and a three point night. Also scoring for the Hawks were Breanna Millions and Tessa Odell, who also chipped in an assist, while Makenzie McCallum had a pair of assists.

The Hawks then duplicated that game in their second encounter, again scoring three times in the middle frame against Weyburn.

Halle Oswald had a 25 save shutout while McCallum led the way offensively with a hat trick and four point night. McElroy-Scott and Petrie also scored for Pembina Valley.

Romijn kept it close in game three, stopping 40 of 43 shots, but the Hawks were shut down by Regina, who scored once in each period for the victory.

Regina and Yellowhead went undefeated in the tournament, with the former earning three wins and a tie while the latter won a pair and tied one game. Weyburn went 2-2, while Central Plains and Interlake both lost all three of their games.

The Hawks return to regular league play this weekend with two more home games in Morden.

After taking on the Westman Wildcats Saturday at 5:15 p.m., Pembina Valley welcomes the Yellowhead Chiefs Sunday at 2:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Pembina Valley's Mackenzie McCallum tries to catch Interlake's speedy Jillian Henry in Friday's match, which went the Hawks' way 5-0. In their home tournament over the weekend, the ladies went on to down Weyburn 5-0 as well before falling to Regina 3-0.

Flyers make it five in a row

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers picked up their fifth straight victory over the holiday weekend, downing the visiting Portage Terriers 5-2 Sunday.

Winkler scored three goals in the third period en route to the win, following up on singles scored in the first two frames.

Goal one came from Brock Montgomery working off a pass from Matt Christian during a powerplay just past the period's halfway mark.

Winkler doubled their lead to 2-0 a little over five minutes into the second, again on the powerplay. This time around the honour went to

Christian, who slammed one home in the top corner off assists from Coltyn Bates and Montgomery.

Portage finally responded in kind this period, getting one on the scoreboard just before intermission.

A goal from Jacob Lacasse widened Winkler's lead to 3-1 in the final period, but Portage managed to claw their way through that gap by scoring the game's next two goals, tying things at 3-3 heading into the final four minutes.

The deadlock didn't last long. Nolan McGuire scored less than a minute later and then Will Blake scored an empty-netter to cement Winkler's win.

Troy Martyniuk stood tall in net for the Flyers, stopping 29 shots to improve his record to 4-2. Winkler out-shot Portage 40-32 and were 2-for-4 on the powerplay and 2-for-3 on the penalty kill.

With that, Winkler is 5-2 for the season so far for 10 points, putting them in third place with a game in hand over the first place OCN Blizzard (13 points) and third place Virden Oil Capitals (12 points). Steinbach is in second place (12 points), also with seven games under their belt.

Coming up this weekend, Winkler hosts Swan Valley Friday and Waywayseecappo Saturday. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

Thunder varsity teams win Zone 4 soccer titles



The Morden Thunder varsity teams are the Zone 4 soccer champions.

Both the boys and girls teams won the title during playoffs last week.

After knocking out the NPC Nighthawks 4-0 in the semi-finals, the boys defeated the Altona Aces 2-1 Oct. 5 to clinch the banner.

The girls, meanwhile, downed the Aces 4-1 in the semi-finals and then blanked the GVC Zodiacs 2-0 in front of a hometown crowd Oct. 5 for the championship.

Morden's teams head to provincials this weekend, while the Winkler teams wait to see if they can earn a wildcard spot at the tournament.

Off the field and on the court, the Nighthawks boys varsity volleyball

The Morden Thunder varsity girls downed GVC 2-0 last week to win the Zone 4 championship. The Morden boys also won the title, besting Altona 2-1.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

team fell to the visiting Lancers on Oct. 5 three sets to one. NPC's girls team also bowed to the Lancers 3-1.

MCCALLUM NAMED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Morden's Makenzie McCallum has been named the Powerland Rural High School Athlete of the Week.

The 5'9" striker led the Thunder varsity soccer team to an 8-0 record, scoring 20 goals in those eight games. She also helped them win the Garden Valley tournament, scoring eight goals.

"Makenzie has unbelievable speed and is able to break through any defense," said coach Claes Aschberg. "She is strong on the ball and uses her quick feet to put her in a scoring position almost any time she touches the ball."

The Gr. 11 student maintains a 96% academic average while also participating in fastpitch, basketball, hockey, cross country, and track and field.

Twisters' losing streak extends to four games

By Lorne Stelmach

The early season slide continued for the Pembina Valley Twisters with a fourth straight loss Friday night.

Pembina Valley's record fell to 2-5, miring them in eighth place in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League after dropping a 5-3 decision to the first place Stonewall Jets.

The Twisters were in this game with the league leader, trailing only 2-1

after two periods, but the Jets fired home three unanswered goals in the third to take control.

Steven Baker and Joey Baker scored late to close the gap, while Jeremie Goderis had opened the scoring in the first period with his sixth goal of the season. His 10 points in the first seven games have Goderis third overall in league scoring.

Griffin Dyck had a busy night in net for the Twisters, making 37 saves as

Stonewall outshot Pembina Valley 42-27.

The Twisters hoped to break their losing skid this week as they began a four game homestand Tuesday with

the Charleswood Hawks paying a visit to Morris and then the Raiders come to town Sunday.

Hawks split road series with Kenora Thistles

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks split a pair of weekend road trip games against the Kenora Thistles to remain at .500 in the early going of the season.

They rebounded from a 5-0 loss by winning a shootout for a 2-1 victory.

It leaves Pembina Valley at 2-2 and in the middle of the pack in the stand-

ings in eighth place among 13 teams.

The Hawks generated some pressure in the first period of game one, generating 14 shots on goal but coming up empty, while the Thistles scored one.

Kenora broke the ice early in the second before firing home four more unanswered third period goals for the win.



PHOTO BY LANA MEIER/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Twisters fell to the Stonewall Jets 5-3 Friday night, making it four losses in the row for the MMJHL team.

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Celebrating World Girls' Hockey Weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden joined a worldwide celebration of women's hockey last Friday.

Morden Minor Hockey celebrated the seventh annual World Girls' Hockey Weekend at the Access Event Centre in conjunction with the start of the female Pembina Valley Hawks Thanksgiving Classic home tournament at the Access Event Centre.

"It worked out well that the Hawks had their home tournament this weekend," said Morgan Mullin, who earlier this year was named a Hockey Canada ambassador in recognition of her devotion to promoting the women's game.

"It's very important to me. I don't have girls, but it's an important part of my life, encouraging these girls to be in the game ... it's important for there not to be any of those walls or boundaries that have been there in the past."

The event was aimed at not only girls who play but also those who are interested in hockey.

"Coast to coast, around the world, everybody is celebrating this weekend," said Mullin. "We're celebrating girls hockey, trying to grow the game, looking at ways that we can get girls interested and keep them in the sport of hockey."

Following a pizza party and face painting, participants made signs to cheer on the Hawks from the World Girls' Hockey VIP section in their opening game against Interlake.

After the game, there was an autograph session and meet and greet with the players.



ABOVE PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE; RIGHT PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

With their signs ready, the girls were set to cheer on the Pembina Valley Hawks Friday during World Girls' Hockey Weekend. Right: The celebration wrapped up with a chance to get autographs from the Hawks.



"Seeing the Hawks play was a huge part of our evening," said Mullin. "Looking at those girls that they may want to be one day is a big deal for these girls. They see them as heroes, they see them as role models ... that's something we really want to foster, really want to encourage."

> HAWKS, FROM PG. 24

Martin Gagnon made 35 saves in the losing effort as the Thistles outshot Pembina Valley 40-33 in a penalty-filled affair that saw the Hawks take 49 minutes of penalties on 15 infractions, giving up three powerplay goals as a result.

In Sunday's game, Tyson Allison got the Hawks on the board in the second with a powerplay goal, but Kenora tied it in the third with one of their own.

After overtime solved nothing, Kolton Shindle scored in the third round, while Gagnon stopped all three Kenora shooters. He had 31 saves in the game as the Hawks outshot the Thistles 40-32. Pembina Valley took 11 of the 17 pen-

alties in this one.

The Hawks take on the Winnipeg

Thrashers this Saturday evening in Morden and then they hit the road

Sunday to meet the Interlake Lightning in Teulon.

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Agriculture

'It's reaffirmed that the industry has grown'

From Pg. 14

Langruth cattle producer Tom Teichroeb, a national director of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and second vice-president for the Manitoba Cattlemen's Association, attended this year's conference.

"Up until last year, this was the Canadian Cattlemen's Association semi-annual meeting. And I think it was recognized for some time now that the cattle industry is much more than that. So when people thought about it I guess they realized that this was a venue, especially the time of year it was, where they could capitalize on the fact that there is an industry, not just the cattle producer association, but other industries as well that could benefit from this. And so that's just what it's grown into, now," said Teichroeb.

> DIAMOND, FROM PG. 14

Thomas said it is a great selling tool for the company.

"But a great learning tool for us, too, so maybe try something that isn't on large scale with guys on their farm, but it gives us a setup that we can try it on our own and maybe learn some on our own with it, too," he said.

It's always interesting to see how companies that are out there in rural Manitoba start up something that can really help the farmer, and then, in turn, help the company providing the service and doing the work.

"We give the credit to our customers who push us to be better and through discussions with them, through the planting season for the crop and the growing season, that a lot of these ideas arrive on the drawing board and developed where possible," said McKay. "We call it a product demonstration site because that's truly what it is. It's a chance to take some of those ideas and practices to the field and not be afraid to fail. Some of them are good and very, very helpful, and we'll go forward with them on a larger scale. It's a place to test out some ideas and want to keep ahead of the curve.

"We got a lot of great customers that push us and push us to be better. That's what it's really all about."

"From my take, I think it reaffirmed that the industry has grown, and it's a much, much bigger even than I think we recognized. And perhaps this is an avenue we should have gone down there maybe a few years before that. The amount of youth that we saw was a highlight for me."

He said it just reemphasized the struggle going to the various producer meetings, either on the grain side or the cattle side, that for years the crowd has represented a much older demographic.

"This year, in this particular meeting, saw a tremendous amount of youth there. So that was the highlight, to see that the industry is growing and it's much more vibrant than I think maybe people anticipated," Teichroeb said, noting the Cattlemen's Young Leaders and the Young Cattlemen's Council were there in big numbers.

"We saw a very large Mexican delegation a very large American delegation attend this year," he added. "So it's not just the national attention that we have, but it's also the international attention that we have. And that's really important considering all the other things which go on outside

of this, which, obviously, like NAFTA and the potential of the other trades that are out there."

Peter Manness a financial consultant with MNP, thinks that the beef industry in Manitoba is in good shape. But he's still a little bit concerned that there's still some of the older producers that may be quitting prematurely.

"I think that's a fair assessment," said Teichroeb. "I don't think it is happening yet when Manitoba's Ag Minister Ralph Eichler the goal is to double the herd at some point in time not too far in the future. And we haven't realized that just quite yet for a number of reasons. But I think the signals are there, that's certainly becoming possible now.

"First of all, we have a provisional government that is I think more ag-friendly and has more, I think, more goals and more policies out there that will help that growth," he said. "And that takes time. And the shape that our province was in is another challenge. It doesn't turn around overnight.

"It takes a whole industry push," Teichroeb said. "There are so many little opportunities out there, again,

that has to be realized and developed and that hasn't quite taken effect just quite yet."

Teichroeb said one of the things that the cattle industry did not have for a long time are business risk management tools.

"We didn't have the cash advanced program for a long time that the grain side had. So there are business risk management tools that have only come into effect inside the last 10 to 15 years," he said.

"And if you look at things like crop insurance compared to that of, let's say, past year forage insurance, there is now finally a research program that highlighted under the committee that I chair, the domestic ag committee, which is going to be a satellite research group to develop into something that's going to be comparable to the crop insurance model that hopefully will cover from a more national perspective.

"It's going to have regional differences," he said. "But I think the potential is there to have a similar program as crop insurance does ... if we're patient and develop it right."



By Harry Siemens

Thanksgiving 2017 for many not affected by hurricanes, mass shootings, the losing of loved ones, financial ruin, and other hardships is often just a reminder of the pain they have endured in the past or are enduring right now.

I know the United States is where so much heartache has occurred, at least the highly-publicized ones, in some cases utter devastation and total loss of anything material, and I'm sure heartache and feelings are numbed.

And yet here within the readership of this publication, we've seen one of the biggest crops ever harvested, especially as it pertains to cereals and canola and in some cases even soybeans.

An attitude of gratitude

Business continues to boom, Winkler has several more new restaurants, and again enrolment in our schools is difficult to accommodate because so many people want to move to this area from all over the world.

People celebrate Thanksgiving in groups, generating festive atmospheres, merriment, and still some old-fashioned visiting. I'm not sure how many people actually stop and think about what they are thankful for, and whether indeed they give thanks to the Creator of everything in this world including life.

Many so-called leaders of communities are focusing more and more on things that don't help with the ability to process individual life and its heartaches like diversity, and political correctness, and bring the

Creator and His Son Jesus down to an earthly being instead of the Holy God He is.

I walk every morning through the Bethel Heritage Park, often stopping to thank those who gave of themselves and sometimes their lives, trusting in an Almighty God to allow for the development of this community and area.

The more I make up my mind that I will stop and talk to the people I meet, no matter the early hour, the more responses I get from people I meet only once or those who I see regularly.

It is important if you stop someone at that time of the morning to know and understand the process you may get yourself into, whether vol-

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• HEALTH CORNER

Musings of an immigrant doctor

I was recently enjoying an early Saturday morning stroll through the streets of Winkler. I passed the small apartment where my wife and I briefly stayed when we first arrived from South Africa. Memories of those years came flooding into my mind.

I was 25 years old, young, inexperienced, a bit scared, but very adventurous. We had left our homeland, our family and everything we knew behind to explore new vistas.

I remember the car ride from the airport during the early morning hours of May 7, 1998. It was the spring following the Flood of the



By Dr. Johann Blignaut

Century and farmland lay freshly ploughed, flat and wide as far as the eye could see. I felt like I was on the moon. It was all so very different from where I grew up.

When I think about how young and naive we were I realize how easily we could have been taken advantage of. I am so grateful that almost 20 years ago we were met by a community of people who welcomed us into their lives and hearts with open arms. The physicians and staff at the clinic were supportive and caring even though they were extremely overworked at the time due to manpower shortages.

Fast forward to Mother's Day 2009 when I dislocated my left knee. I was playing with my sons on the green space behind our house when I reached down to pick up a football and felt a flash of pain. Earlier that day I had been working in the emergency room at Boundary Trails helping people with a variety of complaints. Instantly I became the one in need of help. And for the next many months I became dependent on others to care for me. Wash me, dress me, and even wipe my bum.

As with many of the difficult experiences in my life, I found that there

were lessons to be learned and blessings to receive all wrapped up inside the pain. My experience afforded me the invaluable gift of seeing our health care system from the patient's point of view.

Suddenly I was now the one waiting in the waiting room to see the doctor, lying on the stretcher in the ambulance, and feeling the sting of a variety of needles.

I remember being wheeled into the ER on a stretcher that fateful afternoon. My left knee was completely out of joint. My lower leg felt like it was on fire due to the tension that was on the nerve. I was literally shaking from head to toe and intravenous pain killers were not helping.

Amongst all the chaos I remember a nurse coming to my side, looking at me with tears in her eyes and laying a caring hand on my arm. I experienced firsthand that day how receiving compassion from another human

being can soothe when nothing else seems to be working.

I also remember feeling frustrated and helpless with "the system" at times. Sometimes feeling like just another number on a slate. And I took note of how I felt and why I felt that way. I think these experiences helped me to view my role as a health care provider a little differently.

All health care workers are human. Humans make mistakes. Humans have bad days. Humans have sad days. Sometimes we as patients just need to cut our health care workers some slack. They work extremely hard and sometimes under very difficult circumstances.

But I also think that we as health care workers are at our best when we put ourselves in our patient's shoes and do the little extras that show that we care. What we do for our patients is important, but there is one thing that is more important: how we do it.

"I THINK THAT WE AS HEALTH CARE WORKERS ARE AT OUR BEST WHEN WE PUT OURSELVES IN OUR PATIENT'S SHOES."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 26

untary, by choice, or because you said, 'How are you today?'

I ask that often, but I also ask them who they are and what brings them out this morning, and that keeps generating great and interesting responses.

Abe D. I meet regularly and recently he told me, after discussing the importance of walking and remaining somewhat fit, that he travels to Morden once a year to have lunch.

You see, he is approaching 85 years young, and his answer floored me: I do it on a bicycle, have lunch, rest for a bit, and turn around and come back. Wow, what an encouragement to me.

Next, Mrs. Peters, walking across the street with a small bag in her hand, a smile on her face, telling me in Low German she is off to give of her blood. Then she will better understand what she can drink and eat. You see, she was walking halfway across the city

to a lab so they could take her blood and tell her the sugar levels. Again, a nice morning walk, and she too is approaching 85 years old.

Next, she tells me she is from Russia and remembers standing in line at Moscow bank waiting to exchange her money and hearing people talking in a Jewish Low German dialect, which she could make out and understand.

She remembers when her pastor in Russia told her and her now deceased husband on their wedding day that

> ACU, FROM PG. 21

process in the field of management; or demonstrating excellence in management strategy or management best practices.

Access Credit Union has been an avid supporter of the Canadian Institute of Management certificate program, which since 2013 has graduated

he wished them 50 years of marriage. As young people back then, they left his office, laughing and saying, wow, that meant they'd be together 50 years hence in 2003. Well, they made it 60 plus years and her husband died only two short years ago.

It is a delight to visit with people like that because they show a deep faith in a loving God, thankful for everything they have and more.

The list goes on and on, and on, I hope.

10 ACU employees.

Wieler said they recognize that their employees are integral to their success and that investing in their education assures continued success for both the employee and the credit union.

"It is an honor to be recognized for

Psa 136:1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

That Psalm has 26 verses, and each verse ends with for his mercy endureth forever.

That my friends is what keeps me going with a heartfelt attitude of gratitude. Thank you for letting me share with you in this column and in this newspaper week in and week out. Next time I hope to meet you and we can talk.

our support of our employees," she said, noting ACU's members also reap the rewards of that support.

"Ultimately, they receive the benefit from that as well," she said. "Our employees are more knowledgeable and are better able to help them with their financial needs."

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

- CLUES ACROSS**
- Syrian city
 - Secret collection
 - Mother
 - Type of radar (abbr.)
 - Trio
 - Jelly-like algae substance
 - Malaysian coastal city
 - ___ Christmas!
 - Bleak
 - Late Republic Roman poet
 - Supervises flying
 - Long, low sounds
 - Seven children born at once
 - Tyrion Lannister's nickname
 - Moon crater
 - Concealed
 - Woman (French)
 - Shipped
 - Babies need one
 - Two
 - Book of maps
 - A partner to cheese
 - Coastal region of China
 - Town in Czech Republic
 - Peter Griffin's daughter
 - Men proud of their masculinity
 - One-time Chinese dynasty
 - Not pleased
 - Mary __, cosmetics
 - Midway between east and southeast
 - Reflected
 - Derived from
 - US Treasury title (abbr.)
 - Spiritual leader
 - Dismounted
 - Isaac's mother (Bib.)
 - Southern constellation
 - Not often found
 - Extremely angry
 - Individual article
 - They congregate at hives
 - Regenerate
 - Plaster
- CLUES DOWN**
- "Mad Men" actor Jon
 - Samoan capital
 - Singer Anthony
 - Sign of the Zodiac
 - Short-term memory
 - Larcenies
 - Side-neck turtle
 - Blissful
 - ___, you!
 - Species of macaque
 - North-central Indian city
 - Common street name
 - Weaponry
 - Counsels
 - ___ student: doctor-to-be
 - A bachelor has one
 - Women's ___ movement
 - Leaders
 - Chinese sea goddess
 - Caps of mushrooms
 - Papier-___, art material
 - Hmong
 - Uneven
 - Resinous secretion
 - Pocketbook
 - Political action committee
 - Health care for the aged
 - Metro Goldwyn __: film company
 - A gossip
 - Where wrestlers work
 - ___ Squad
 - Self-defense
 - Muslim brigands
 - Saudi Arabian island
 - Goliath's foe
 - Hurtful remark
 - Wings
 - Beget
 - Second Greek letter
 - Blue mold cheese
 - Unstressed-stressed
 - Title of respect
 - Chop or cut

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5:00 - 7:30 PM
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Deadline: October 24, 2017 4:30 p.m.
We thank all for applying. Only those selected for interview will be contacted.

TENDER



The Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation is looking to receive **PROPOSALS FROM WEB DESIGNERS** to either upgrade or redevelop our website. Please submit your proposals by Oct 19, 2017 to Shannon by way of email to office@bthcfoundation.com www.bthcfoundation.com

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CITY OF WINKLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, October 24th, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2192-17, of the City of Winkler.


The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2192-17, is to zone the land described below, Namely: **Lot 17, Plan 59145 MLTO in the E ½ 5-3-4 WPM**

as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE
TO: "RS" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2192-17, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 26th day of September, 2017.
Designated Officer
City of Winkler



SCHEDULE "A"
To By-Law 2192-17


COMING EVENTS

 **Winkler MCC Thrift Shop**
Grand Reopening and Dedication
Friday, October 13 at 9:30 AM
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CAREERS

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES 

Gateway Resources is looking to recruit an enthusiastic individual as their Director of Human Resources. The scope of this position is to guide and manage the overall provision of the Human Resources services, policies, and programs. Goal for the agency is to develop an employee-oriented company culture that emphasizes quality, continuous improvement, key employee retention, development, and high performance. As a part of the organization's management team you will report to the C.E.O.

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- Organizational department planning and guidance for all divisions by assisting and guiding with employment practices and personnel management.
- Performance Management and improvement systems
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- Policy Development including revising and maintaining current Personnel Policies and Organizational Policies
- Documentation and follow up
- Employee relations and retention strategies/initiatives
- Committee Facilitation (WPHS and Wellness) - employee safety, welfare, wellness and health
- Compensation and benefits administration
- Create employee development initiatives in conjunction with division directors and management.
- Community initiative to promote the organization and the opportunities Gateway Resources provides for current and prospective employees
- All other duties as required to ensure the organization is moving forward.

Qualifications:

- Human Resources Management Certificate from a college or university; or one to two years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Other combination of related education and experience will be considered.
- Requirements for the position:
 - Provide a current Criminal Record Check
 - Strong interpersonal skills
 - Organized with sound time-management skills
 - Develop solutions when problem solving and ability to provide support to those needed
 - Strong communication skills, listening and probing skills
 - Ability to analyze complex or diverse information and have the intuition and experience to complement the data

Please e-mail, fax or drop of your resume ATTENTION KIM NELSON - CEO kim@gatewayresourcesinc.com or fax 204-325-1958 Resumes will be accepted until October 20th, 2017.

We would like to thank all applicants but only qualified candidates will be contacted.

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Evening Cleaner/Janitor (Building Service Worker) Winkler Campus

Part-Time Position Available

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Duties:

The Building Service Worker will complete daily scheduled cleaning, advise administrative staff when supplies are required, respond to emergency clean ups as necessary, advise Regional and/or Office Manager of any building maintenance required and perform set up for special events.

Required Qualifications:

- Several years of experience as a cleaner in an office and/or school environment
- Ability to perform assigned duties, including, but not limited to sweeping and mopping floors, and moving furniture
- Ability to work independently with initiative
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Effective communication skills
- Physically capable to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position
- Able and eager to learn on the job
- Strong work ethic with an aspiration to provide quality cleaning services
- Values Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Commitment to lifelong learning

Assets:

- Workplace Health and Safety Training
- Knowledge of W.H.M.I.S.

Conditions of Employment:

- Applicants must be legally entitled to work in Canada
- Incumbent must provide a current and satisfactory Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory physician report of medical status

Availability to work evenings and weekends for a minimum of 15 hours per week plus additional hours during peak periods of the academic year

We seek diversity in our workplace. Aboriginal persons, women, visible minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Competition Number: 2017-105
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Salary Range: \$16.94 - \$23.19 hourly
Apply to: Red River College by email at humanresources@rrc.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Red River College provides accommodations to applicants with disabilities throughout the hiring process. If an applicant requires an accommodation during the application or selection process, Human Resources will work with the applicant to meet the accommodation needs.

For more information and other employment opportunities, blogs.rrc.ca/hr.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY

PUBLIC NOTICE WATER LINE

CONNECTIONS PROJECT REGARDING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6/17

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 318(1) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Stanley has scheduled a public hearing in the Council Chambers at 23111 PTH 14W in the Rural Municipality of Stanley on the 19th day of October 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Council will hear any taxpayer who wishes to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection to the following Local Improvement Plan No. 6/17:

Local Improvement Plan No. 6/17 will authorize for the spending, borrowing authority, and imposition of taxes for servicing various individual properties with piped treated water. Each piped treated water connection is \$7,500.00 and \$10,000.00. The total cost for this project is \$78,500.00. Borrowing terms for this \$78,500.00 is over 10 years at a fixed interest rate of 3.880%. Taxpayers may either pay for their portion in a lump sum of \$6,500.00 or \$9,000.00 or finance over 10 years with an annual payment of \$796.61 or \$1,103.00 per year.

Taxpayers wishing to object to Local Improvement Plan No. 6/17 may file a notice of objection, by mail or in person, with the Chief Administrative Officer, at the Rural Municipality of Stanley Office at 23111 PTH 14W in the Rural Municipality of Stanley prior to the public hearing. A notice of objection must contain the name and address of the person filing the objection, identify the property in respect of which the objection is filed, and state the grounds of the objection. All objections must be filed prior to the adjournment of the public hearing.

A copy of Local Improvement Plan No. 6/17 is available for review and may be examined by any potential taxpayer during regular office hours at the Rural Municipality Office at 23111 PTH 14W in the Rural Municipality of Stanley.

Dated at Winkler, Manitoba this 28th day of September 2017.

Dale Toews, C.M.M.A.
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Stanley

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BIRTHDAY



Happy 90th Birthday to John M Peters, born on October 18, 1927!
- With much love from wife Lena, and children James & Charity, JC & Lin, Lawrence & AJ, Dorothy & Keith and extended family!



OBITUARY

Evelyn Robbins (nee Rudd) 1925 - 2017

Evelyn Rudd was born December 24, 1925 to Clarence and Margaret Rudd of the Shadeland district. She was the eldest daughter of eight children. She married Clayton Robbins in 1948 and they raised three children, Myrna, Linda and Larry. Ev enjoyed gardening, dancing to old time music, bingo and handiwork. Her eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren were the light of her life.

Ev died Monday October 1, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre. The family is grateful for the care provided by Home Care staff and Palliative Care on the medical ward, Dr. Donna Neufeld and the compassionate visits from volunteers with the comfort cart who provided family with numerous cups of tea and coffee

for snacks.

A private family graveside service will take place, as per Ev's request.

If anyone wishes to make a donation in Ev's memory, they may do so to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation and the family would be appreciative.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden
In care of arrangements
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BIRTHDAY

The family of Marie Peers would like to invite you to a Come & Go, for coffee & cake in honour of her 90th birthday on October 21, 2017, Saturday, 2-4 p.m. at St. Thomas Anglican Church, Morden, Man. No gifts or cards please. A toonie donation for Palliative Care will be accepted

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OBITUARY

Frank Bueckert 1959 - 2017

On Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Frank Bueckert, aged 58 years of the RM of Roland, MB passed away.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Susan; three sons, Chris, Shane and Nick.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

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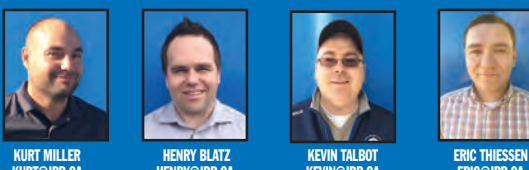
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