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Morden's bell welcomes new Cdns.

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Marcos Simpao and wife Lorena with Morden Mayor Brandon Burley at a ceremony last week that invited new Canadian citizens and residents of Morden to ring the bell of the HMCS Morden at city hall in welcome. For the full story, see Pg. 4.

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Morden on track to bright future: Burley

By Lorne Stelmach

His first state of the city address covered a lot of ground when Mayor Brandon Burley addressed the annual meeting of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce Friday.

In a 25 minute presentation, Burley touched on issues for Morden at the federal, provincial, and regional level.

He also addressed a range of priorities as well as the challenges facing a largely new council in the midst of a near wholesale turnover in city ad-

ministrative staff.

"I want to let you know that the people you selected are doing a tremendous job. We're very, very united, and we're very on page together ... I want to commend the councillors for the hard work they have done," Burley said in his address at The Oaks at Minnewasta.

At the federal level, Burley remains optimistic the support will come for the regional waste water treatment project.

"We're on track to get this done

...we're hoping beyond hope that we can get shovels in the ground this year," he said.

Other initiatives of the Liberal government, however, did not earn his praise.

"We're very, very unhappy with the federal carbon tax ... the dead weight loss of that federal carbon tax is going to be a killer in our budget."

At the provincial level, Burley applauded the return of the roads and bridges program, which he estimated would mean about \$128,000 to Morden each year.

"That allows us to get our roads on a system of sched-

uled maintenance and upgrading. It's a start. We need more money, we're going to have to invest more of our own money into that."

His praise was also extended to initiatives ranging from the provincial nominee program on immigration to the PST reduction taking effect this summer. The traffic and transportation modernization act will also help the city in being able to improve work on provincial roads such as Thornhill, 1st, and Mountain.

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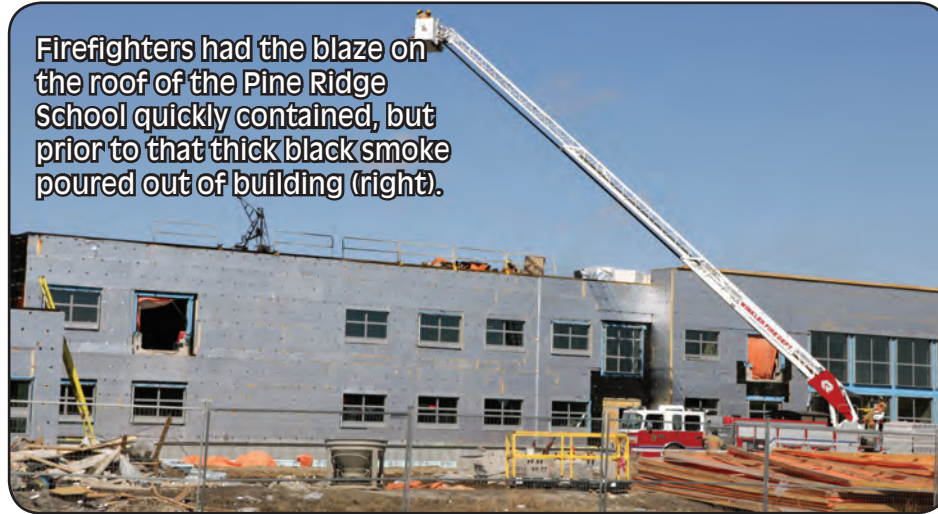
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Fire causes minimal damage to new school



Firefighters had the blaze on the roof of the Pine Ridge School quickly contained, but prior to that thick black smoke poured out of building (right).



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY JOHNATHAN BOND

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Anyone who saw the thick smoke billowing out of the construction site for Winkler's newest school last week can be forgiven for fearing the worst.

Emergency crews were called to Pine Ridge School on Roblin Blvd. just after 2:30 p.m. last Wednesday afternoon when a fire broke out on the northwest roof of the building.

The resulting smoke plume could be seen from miles away, but superintendent Todd Monster said that the damage isn't as bad as it could have been.

"We do have some preliminary information now as to the extent of the damage and the impact of our time-

line," he said Friday.

"The good news is the fire was contained to the west wing second floor roof and there are no damages to any of the structural roof components, mechanical, or electrical systems," Monster said. "And there was very little water damage done to the interior.

"So, overall, the damages were minimal, especially when you consider all the pictures of the smoke flying out of there," he added with a relieved laugh.

The project's contractor, WBS Construction, spent the day after the fire assessing the damage and has told the school division that while replacing the destroyed area of the roof will create a slight delay, there's no reason

to believe the school won't be ready for its originally scheduled fall opening.

"They are still confident and committed to a September opening," said Monster. "As the work gets done on the roof, all the other interior work on the building can continue as planned."

Roofers were at work on the building when the fire started, but as of press time no official cause of the blaze had been confirmed.

Everyone working on the site got out safely.

"Our first priority and our first concern was for the safety and well-being of the workers that were on site," Monster said.

Monster also lauded Winkler's emergency services for their quick response both in arriving on and securing the scene and putting the fire out.

"We're always very pleased with the emergency response personnel here in the city of Winkler, and this time again reminded us of just how fortunate we are," he said. "It was their quick response ... that helped to minimize the amount of damage."

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HMCS Morden's bell tolls in welcome

By Lorne Stelmach

The bell of the HMCS Morden rang again last week as part of what Mayor Brandon Burley hopes will become a new tradition. A ceremony at the Morden Civic Centre April 3 welcomed several Morden families and individuals who recently earned their Canadian citizenship.

They rang the bell of the flower class corvette ship that was commissioned in 1941 to help fight Nazi Germany in the Atlantic Ocean. The vessel played a role in defeating one of the greatest racial and ethnic atrocities in the history of humanity, and Burley saw an opportunity to use it to make a symbolic statement for our current times.

"My grandfather served in the Canadian navy, and I grew up hearing the stories of what happened on the Atlantic Ocean," said Burley, who noted that when he came to Morden he was pleased to discover they had the bell and the wheel of the HMCS Morden.

"And then I started thinking about what it represented to the community and to the world at large, that it was instrumental in defeating a terrible display of racial brutality and intolerance, and I started to think about how we could use that bell and further the mission," said Burley.

"One of the constant messages I heard from my grandfather was that bell, every day, would tell you about the rocky seas and tell you about incoming attacks; it would tell you about all kinds of things," he said.

"It comes back to that idea of furthering the mission, furthering the legacy of that ship and to continue the legacy by ensuring it still stands as a symbol of tolerance and of acceptance."

It's a timely symbol given the community's ever-increasing diversity.

"Our immigration program, our success in it, I think is a bright spot in the national stage right now," Burley said.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Andrey and Anna Koryukin and their children take their turn at ringing the bell of the HMCS Morden at city hall alongside Mayor Brandon Burley last week.

At the same time, there has been a very negative dialogue around immigration of late.

"We wanted to showcase the fact that we don't accept those perceptions, that we are very embracing of our new citizens, and that we are going to be in their corner," he said.

The first toll of the bell at the ceremony was rung by new Canadian Lily Krushel and her daughter Mia.

Krushel came to Canada from China in 2006. Today she operates Bella's Castle in Morden and is also an instructor at Red River College in Winkler.

She appreciated the symbolism of the ceremony.

"It was an honour for me to be the first one and together with other new citizens as well. This is quite amazing how the mayor welcomes each one of us new citizens," said Krushel, who was among 114 people to take

the oath of Canadian citizenship in Winkler earlier this month.

"It's been a long journey ... 13 years until I actually got the citizenship, so it's really, really exciting for me to finally become a Canadian," she added.

Krushel said it is further evidence of why people like herself would choose to make Morden home and want to contribute to and be part of the community.

"My favorite thing about Morden is the people here," she said. "You feel like home here. People are very welcoming, the community is used to having newcomers here, and we feel like home."

Also ringing the bell was Marcos Simpaio and wife Lorena, Andrey and Anna Koryukin and their children, Alex and Sasha Annamuradov, and Roman Plkhotniuk.

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Burley is also encouraged by the government's moves to improve efficiency and reduce red tape.

"Every government should be allowed to solve the problems that are closest to it," he said. "By restoring the ability of the municipality to solve the problems that are near and dear to it, we find ourselves in a position where we've eliminated waste, eliminated redundancies and where we can continue to not take a toll on the economy."

Burley went on to stress the importance of a united regional approach.

"Our commitment to this region is to be a good neighbour," he said. "We see a lot of benefits to continuing to enhance our relationship, both with Stanley and with Winkler and with Rhineland, Dufferin, and Pembina. There's a lot of power and a lot of voice that we gain when we act together."

As an example, he noted how he could help push for improvements to Hwy. 32 in Winkler, while Winkler's

Mayor Martin Harder can help lobby for a new Morden school. And there may be other opportunities for the region as a whole when it comes to such areas as policing and services.

"We need to let every level of government know that we are not going to be divided and that our issues as a region need to be reflected and that we need to be heard and seen as being united."

Burley cited the need for a co-operative approach as well at the community level, citing as an example having a strong relationship with the chamber because it represents the city's business interests.

He went on to highlight some of the results from the last customer satisfaction survey. Residents showed a high level of approval for areas ranging from parks and recreation to the police and fire, but areas of concern included roads, sidewalks, and water.

"We have to get to work on water quality, not only quality but also security," Burley stressed.

The flow of information was recognized as a concern for the city, and Burley said they see that being addressed with the hiring of a new marketing and communications coordinator within the next few weeks.

"We have faced organizational challenges coming in," he acknowledged, referencing needing to fill a number of key administrative positions.

Other concerns are also being addressed, with audited financial statements for 2017 and 2018 available soon and the new council's first budget coming April 29.

"Our budget is going to be largely nuts and bolts," Burley said. "It's going to be infrastructure, it's going to be the types of things that are necessary to drive economies and to make sure that we continue to operate in the city."

The mayor went on to highlight a number of project priorities for the community, including a new child care centre, expanded medical centre, and new cemetery development.

"We want to increase the vitality of Stephen St.," he said, suggesting they want to increase the population density and diversity in the downtown area.

Other areas of priority ranged from finding further efficiencies at the municipal level to boosting economic development, tourism, and marketing.

He also cited the value of increased investment in immigration.

"We realize the necessity of supplying skilled labour into the marketplace, and we know without that economies will be crippled," said Burley, citing the need to remove impediments to growth.

"We are going to use tax credits and use them creatively to ensure the size of the toolbox increases," said Burley, who overall also emphasized the idea of delivering value for the residents of Morden.

"Our goal as a council is to increase value for your tax dollars. If we cannot justify the tax, we need to stop taking the tax."



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The wonderful world of owls

Biologist Dr. Jim Duncan of Discover Owls brought along Rusty the long-eared owl to several presentations in local schools, libraries, and the Winkler Senior Centre last Thursday. Left: At the Winkler library, Duncan borrowed a stuffed owl to demonstrate the range of an owl's

head when keeping an eye on things in its environment. Right: Rusty, who was raised by humans, lets Duncan get up close and personal.



Winkler named second most entrepreneurial city in Canada

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The entrepreneurial spirit has long abounded in Winkler.

Now the community is getting some recognition for it.

Last week Winkler was named among the top three communities in Canada for entrepreneurship in 2018 by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB).

The city came in second behind Whitehorse, Yukon, and ahead of Victoriaville, Quebec. The only other Manitoba cities to make the list were Brandon, who ranked 23rd, and Winnipeg, 57th.

The CFIB Entrepreneurial Communities report evaluated the nation's 125 most populous communities against 13 key indicators, including earnings levels, optimism, growth plans, and local tax policy.

Winkler scored well across the board, which comes as little surprise to Mayor Martin Harder.

"We have this saying that's been around for awhile: Leave it with us and we'll get'er done," he said, noting Winklerites have long been known for rolling up their sleeves and making things happen, whether it's filling a need in the community by starting up a new business or in supporting volunteer efforts and social services.

"We're not sitting back and waiting for somebody to hand us something," he said. "We're going to take those challenges and we're going to meet them."

Some interesting stats to come out of the report include the fact that 13.7 per cent of Winkler residents are self-

employed. Of those, 25.3 per cent are between the ages of 15 to 34.

"That's incredible," said Harder, pointing out that many of those young entrepreneurs are likely the children of the immigrant families who flocked to Winkler in the late '90s and early 2000s, sparking the population boom that made Winkler a city in the first place.

"It's amazing. You look at the impact that it has had on our community," he said, "creating huge opportunities from both industrial growth but also people contributing to our economy."

The report also surveyed local businesses and found that 63.9 per cent view the state of business in Winkler as good. In fact, 22.2 per cent are looking to hire more full-time staff in the next few months.

"One of the things that is very exciting is there is a great optimism that is in the community," Harder said. "There are so many companies that are looking to hire people and they're excited to grow."

The report also outlined property tax ratios, which looks at how much a business pays in taxes for a property versus what a resident would pay for a property valued at the same amount.

Winkler scored a 1.44 when it came to municipal property tax and 3.86 on education property tax (the latter rate being provincially mandated). In comparison, Brandon scored 1.44 and 3.85 while Winnipeg was at 2.06 and 3.96.

"What the top communities have in common is strong policy that supports small business owners and fos-

ters entrepreneurship, namely close ratios between residential and commercial property taxes," noted CFIB vice-president and chief economist Ted Mallett, co-author of the report.

"Businesses don't use municipal services as heavily as residents, so ideally we would see a more equal distribution of the property tax burden between them," he said. "Instituting more business-friendly commercial property tax rates is something that every community can do to make it easier on its citizens to start and run a small business."

Winkler council has long been aware of the need to create a business-friendly atmosphere to foster growth, Harder said.

"We have always been within the bottom of one or two or three municipalities in Manitoba as far as mill rate, tax rate is concerned. We monitor that very much," he said, touting as well the city's tax incentive program designed to encourage businesses to expand.

Jonathan Alward, CFIB's director of

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Locals nominated for Tourism Awards

By Lorne Stelmach

Tourism champions from across the region will be celebrated at an April 25 event.

A variety of community volunteers, organizations, and businesses will be recognized at the Central Manitoba Tourism Awards gala at The Oaks at Minnewasta in Morden.

The aim is to recognize and honour those individuals and organizations that have taken a leading role in creating the kind of compelling visitor experiences that inspire return visits and become an economic driver for their communities.

“One of the most important pieces of the awards gala is first of all to shine a spotlight on our volunteers and the organizations that work very hard year in and year out to present these events or to develop new programs and attractions to come and visit,” said Vern May, chairperson of Central Manitoba Tourism.

“Often, it is with less than you that we could ever truly articulate, so to be able to recognize those groups that are doing fantastic work, not just at a local level but a regional level, is really fulfilling.”

It also recognizes the importance of

tourism, as Travel Manitoba estimates more than 1.2 million visitors are welcomed by this region each year, which accounts for \$101 million in local economic impact.

Our region is home to an array of provincial star attractions, signature festivals, and unique curiosities, so we have a lot that we can be proud of, noted May.

“I think it’s really exciting for the region. A lot of times, we’re involved with activities at a community level, we know that we’re trying to attract more than just people who live in our own communities,” he said.

“Whether we’re looking at small scale or large scale signature events, such as the Morden Corn and Apple Festival, there’s a lot to see and do here, and it’s really fantastic.”

Excellence will be recognized in nine categories. The nominees are:

- Volunteer of the Year: Wally Cobb (R.M. of Pembina), Dorothy Derksen (Plum Coulee), Jackie Johnson (R.M. of Louise), Rick Klippenstein (Morden), and Dave Oshust (Portage).

- Partnership Award: Portage la Prairie Dirt Dash and Run for the Hills Marathon (Treherne).

- Marketing Excellence: Stardust Drive-In (Morden) and Whoop &

Hollar Folk Fest (Portage).

- Innovation Award: Altona Hotel, Bella’s Castle (Morden), Le Rideau Escape Room (Portage), and Mound Wildlife (Pilot Mound).

- Aspiring Youth: Oscar May (Portage) and Jay Siemens (Altona).

- Award of Distinction, Individual: Bruce Tascona (Manitoba World War 1 Museum) and Joe Wiwchar (Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame).

- Award of Distinction, Organization or Business: Gallery in the Park (Altona), Harvest Moon Society (Clearwater), Portage Exhibition, Prairie Foods (Plum Coulee), and Syl’s Drive In (Carman).

- Event of the Year, budget under \$5,000: Kinsmen Belgian Bowling (Treherne), Legends Car Drag Races (Altona), and the La Riviere Raptor Festival.

- Event of the Year, budget over \$5,000: Carman Country Fair, Honey Garlic & Maple Syrup Festival (Manitou), Prairie Hill Motocross (Pilot Mound), and the Manitoba Air Show (Portage).

Tickets to the gala are available by contacting Colleen Kyle by e-mail at gm@centralmbtourism.ca

• POLICE BLOTTER

Concerned citizens leap into action

Winkler Police Chief Ryan Hunt lauded concerned citizens for leaping into action during an incident last week.

Just before 10 p.m. on April 4, officers responded to a disoriented and unresponsive male behind the steering wheel of a car on 1st St. near Southview Dr.

Upon arrival, police learned that a motorist in the area had observed a male slumped over behind the steering wheel of his car and stopped facing southbound on the road.

The motorist approached the vehicle to see if the driver needed assistance, at which time the car began to move south on 1st St.

The driver of a passing pickup truck, out of concern for public safety, positioned his truck in front of the moving car, slowly applied his brakes, and used his truck’s rear bumper to force the car to a stop.

With the car safely stopped, concerned bystanders attempted but were unsuccessful in communicating with the driver through the locked car

doors.

Fearing a medical emergency, the bystanders called 911 and then broke the driver’s side window to tend to the unresponsive male.

The male was breathing and had a pulse, but remained mostly incoherent. The concerned citizens stayed with the male until emergency crews arrived on scene.

The man was transported by ambulance to the Boundary Trails Health Centre for observation.

“We never want the public to put their own safety at risk, however the citizens who encountered this situation acted appropriately and diligently to stop this vehicle and most certainly prevented a much more serious outcome,” said Chief Hunt. “I would like to commend the individuals that went above and beyond to help keep this driver and other motorists safe.”

The investigation is ongoing as police await blood test results that will determine if the man will face impaired driving charges.

Other notable items in the weekly

local police reports include:

- April 1: At approximately 12:30 a.m., a female reported to Winkler police that she had been sexually assaulted by a male known to her.

The 37-year-old man was arrested for sexual assault, assault with a weapon, and administering a noxious thing. He was later released on a Promise to Appear with conditions.

- April 3: Morden police received a call regarding a suspicious package that staff had located in a local business. The staff turned over a small bag to police containing a white crystal substance believed to be methamphetamine. The investigation continues.

- April 3: A report was received regarding a utility trailer located near Cargill Rd. in Winkler that was broken into on April 1st and again on April 3rd. Several items were found to be stolen from inside the trailer.

- April 4: Winkler police received a complaint regarding a suspicious male who was observed watching two

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Agassiz Medical Centre welcomes new pediatrician

By Lorne Stelmach

The Agassiz Medical Centre recently welcomed a new pediatrician to its staff.

Dr. Narges Afshar brings the clinic's roster up to 21 physicians.

Born and raised in Iran, Afshar said she looked forward to getting back into practice after having worked in other neonatology roles in recent years.

"I didn't want to lose my skills in pediatrics," she said.

Afshar suggested she also sees a need for these services here to help prevent families from having to travel to Winnipeg for treatment.

"Over the last two months that I've been working here, I felt that they definitely need a pediatrician with the skill in neonatology in Boundary Trails."

After finishing medical school in Iran, Afshar was accepted into the pediatric residency program. She along with her husband and daughter immigrated to Canada in 2009.

After completing her Canadian exams, she was accepted as a neonatology research fellow in 2012 at a children's hospital in Toronto.

She then moved to Winnipeg in 2014, where she began three years as a neonatology fellow and then another year as a neonatology medical officer.

Afshar said she is very thankful that Agassiz Medical Centre offered her the opportunity to practice in Morden.

"My husband and I visited here a few times and we felt that the community was so welcoming," she said, adding the school system and overall quality of life in Morden were both



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Representatives of the Agassiz Medical Centre and its community board recently presented a cheque to incoming pediatrician Dr. Narges Afshar to assist her with moving expenses. The funding is one of the ways the community board helps support the recruitment of new physicians to Morden.

key factors in her settling here.

"I was looking not just for myself to have a good job, I was looking for my family to be happy here as well."

The Agassiz Medical Centre expects to up their complement of physicians

to 22 with another specialist arriving this fall.

Longer term, the hope is to add at least five more practitioners to meet the current need and 10 more to meet succession planning needs.

Menzies Medical Centre fundraising off to a good start

By Lorne Stelmach

The push is on for the fundraising campaign in support of the expansion of the Morden clinic.

The community board of the Agassiz Medical Centre started actively fundraising in the new year with a goal of raising \$500,000 towards what is estimated will be a \$1.25 million renovation project.

"We contacted probably about 90 to 100 businesses, and we're doing a second drive probably starting off in May," said Bob Wall, fundraising chair.

He didn't have a total of where the campaign stood at this early stage,

though it was kicked off in December with a \$10,000 donation from the Elks Lodge of Morden.

"We've got a good start at it, and the push is on," said Wall, who added the total will be updated periodically when a campaign tracking thermometer is posted at the clinic. "It'll probably happen in the next week or two to let the public know exactly where we're at with the fundraising so far."

As part of the campaign, Wall said they're trying to promote how the clinic is impacting lives in the community "to get the public aware of the need for having more health care providers in the community."

There's no firm timeline for when

construction will begin as of yet.

"It could take a year, two years ... obviously the sooner, the better, but right now the timeline is somewhere in the future of this year hopefully," said Wall.

Once the renovation is complete, the clinic will be officially renamed the Menzies Medical Centre in honour of the three generations of Menzies doctors who have served in the community.

The project will increase the clinic's capacity by reworking existing space and utilizing undeveloped space in what was originally the Morden hospital to provide room for more health care providers.

The clinic is currently managing just under 4,000 appointments per month and has over 15,000 people who identify it as their primary source of health care. There is a waiting list of 1,600 people who need a primary care provider.

With the recent addition of pediatrician Dr. Narges Afshar, the clinic is up to 21 physicians and two nurse practitioners, with another physician specialist slated to arrive this fall.

The renovation project will add 2,500 square feet of space to bring the clinic to about 18,000 square feet in total. The facility will remain in operation throughout construction.

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provincial affairs for Manitoba, lauds Winkler's councillors for that attitude.

"I think a lot of people dismiss or don't consider the role that local governments have in encouraging business climate to the extent that they should be," he said. "Small businesses certainly are impacted by policies of their local communities."

"I think as a whole it's very clear from this report that Winkler's a good spot to be an entrepreneur ... I hope the community gets some deserved kudos," Alward added. "But the work's far from over. There's a lot that all three levels of government can do to help im-

prove the small business climate in Manitoba, and certainly in Winkler as well

"So while this list is encouraging, certainly there's always more that we can do.

Harder agrees.

"You need to work on a whole bunch of pieces to be able to come to the point where we are today," he said.

"There are lots of communities out there that wish they had the formula. And the formula is based on the people that make it happen," Harder said, referencing the city's 'Yes Winkler!' slogan. "It's more than a slogan. It's a way of doing business."

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Getting back to nature



The Access Event Centre hosted Morden's first nature and garden expo Friday. There were around 30 displays ranging from local greenhouses like New Leaf (top left) to agencies like the Pembina Valley Conservation District. Students participated in a variety of workshops in the afternoon, including those on camping (above), birdhouse building (below, right), butterfly gardens (below, left), and native plants (left), while the general public were invited to check out similar presentations in the evening. The expo was headed up by Morden Communities in Bloom and the Morden Horticulture Society.

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Man arrested in Roland stabbing

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young boys from his vehicle. The man then exited his vehicle and approached the boys, who immediately left the area and reported the incident to an adult. Police patrolled the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

• April 5: Winkler police are investigating a report regarding two female youths who had been sexually assaulted by a male youth known to them.

• April 7: Police were dispatched to an intersection on Mountain St. in Morden regarding a young child walking on his own.

The child advised police that he was four years old and wanted to go for ice cream, and so he walked.

The officers returned the child home to his parents, who were unaware the child had left the residence.

• April 8: Carman RCMP are investigating an aggravated assault that occurred in Roland over the weekend.

On April 6, just after midnight, RCMP responded to a report of an injured female at a residence. Officers arrived and found a 39-year-old-female with a stab wound.

She was transported to hospital in critical condition. At press time she remained in hospital in stable condition.

A 42-year-old male, who also lives in the residence, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and failing to comply with conditions.

Winkler chamber hands out business awards

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce honoured its best and brightest at the 2019 P.W. Enns Business Awards April 4.

Past chamber president Kori da Costa brought greetings on behalf of president Darren Heide, who was unable to attend.

"Thank you to our outstanding 2019 award winners for setting a standard of excellence in business that inspires other businesses to continually strive to reach for excellence."

Striving for excellence is something SolutionsIT prides itself on, said Dennis Kehler in accepting the Customer Service Award on the company's behalf.

"We sell service. It's basically all that we do. So this Customer Service Award tells us we're on the right track," he said. "We're doing something right."

"We're actually not in the technology business, we're in the people business—it's the people who use the technology," Kehler said, stressing the importance of listening to their customers' needs to ensure the technology they're using is right for them.

"Always be building trust," he continued. "We cannot provide customer service without the trust of our customers."

While SolutionsIT services clients across the nation, Winkler remains the perfect home for the business.

"Winkler is absolutely one of the best places to build a business of this type," Kehler said, lauding their staff for continuing to go above and beyond. "We've got a lot of experience, we've got a lot of passion."

"It's a journey ... not a destination. There's always new challenges around the corner," he said of the future of the company. "We just want to keep doing what we're doing and learning to do it better."

Next up, Marvin Plett took the stage to accept the award for Not-for-Profit of the Year on behalf of the Winkler and District Health Care Board.

Plett, who was joined on stage by several past board chairs, emphasized that the organization was founded and grown by a committed group of people over the years, all inspired by "a spirit of caring."

In the past 20 years, the board has been instrumental in the creation of a larger clinic in Winkler, recruiting dozens of new doctors to town (from just half a dozen when the board began to 45 today), and bringing an in-



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Clockwise from above: At the Winkler chamber's P.W. Enns Business Awards last week, Elias Woodwork and Manufacturing received the Business Excellence Award, Rise Athletics and Wellness was named Business Builder, SolutionsIT received the Customer Service Award, the Community Builder Award went to Triple E Canada, and the Winkler and District Health Care Board was named the Not-for-Profit of the Year.

creasing array of new medical services closer to home for the thousands of residents who receive health care in the region.

"It is very important for us that we are a partnership," he said, listing the many local municipalities and health care organizations who support and guide the board's efforts. "We all have a strong commitment to quality health care in our community."

"This award is for all the people who acted on their vision to provide excellent medical care for all of us right here at home."

For Kurtis Fox of Rise Athletics and

Wellness, receiving the 2019 Business Builder Award is truly an honour.

"What an honour it is to be named alongside such longstanding organizations in our community that have achieved so much," he said of his fellow award recipients.

It's been a long road to success for Fox.

"Building a business has been the sum of countless moments of taking action and then discovering that you don't know what you don't know," he said.

It's a continually learning process, Fox said, and one for which he's re-

lied on the support of his family and friends and the mentorship of many experienced business leaders over the years.

He also credited much of the company's success to his staff.

"[They] are the most skilled and dedicated professionals that I know," Fox said. "They define what Rise is. They provide what we call the 'ungym experience' with precision day in and day out."

"Ultimately this achievement is the result of each of them, their unique

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“Stories make people care”

Marketing expert Terry O'Reilly urges businesses to tell their customers a story

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Providing the keynote address at the Winkler chamber's business awards gala April 4 was advertising and marketing guru Terry O'Reilly.

The author of *The Age of Persuasion: How Marketing Ate our Culture* gave the collected business leaders some advice on drawing attention to what their companies have to offer customers.

Chief among that advice was to ensure every marketing move you make tells your customers a story.

“Information alone rarely moves people to act. But storytelling does,” O'Reilly said, stressing that the power of storytelling makes it an invaluable business tool.

The average person is exposed to thousands of advertisements every single day, and only a handful stand out and are remembered.

That handful most often includes the ones that paint a memorable picture for people to latch on to.

“If you want people to not just hear your marketing, if you want people to actually act on your marketing, you have to move them emotionally ... we are emotional creatures,” O'Reilly

said. “Stories make people care.

“I always say that storytelling is kind of like a Swiss Army Knife because it has so many functions in business,” he continued. “One of the most important functions is that storytelling can help sell intangible benefits, like trust and confidence; things you can't hold in your hand.”

To that end, don't just tell your customers they can depend on your or your product—tell them a story that illustrates that point.

“They'll get the message,” said O'Reilly. “The rule in marketing is this: Trust is meant to be felt but never stated.”

Stories can also go a long way toward adding perceived value to products.

O'Reilly shared that a friend of his once purchased a bunch of old, low-value items from a flea market and then put them up for auction on eBay.

Simply adding a sometimes kooky but always entertaining backstory for the items—which included an oven thermometer, a photo frame, and an old mallet—made them stand out to buyers. These items that had been purchased for under a dollar sold for upwards of \$70, in some cases after heated bidding wars.



CHAMBER PHOTO BY KAYLA GOERTZEN/THE FILM COLLECTIVE
Marketing expert Terry O'Reilly provided the keynote address at the Winkler chamber's P.W. Enns Business Awards gala April 4.

“The stories increased the desire to own those product and, not only that, those stories increased the value of those products enormously,” O'Reilly said. “Each of those items stood out on eBay because all the other items on eBay had no emotional content ... these items leapt off the screen.

“I always say that eBay's the perfect metaphor for the business world. It's a sea of clutter in an ocean of sameness. And that's why I think storytelling has to be vivid. Because that's that you're up against.

“Your marketing should be vivid and surprising and smart.”

Every single business owner in the

room that night has access to a wealth of stories they could share with their customers, O'Reilly stressed.

“Harvest your own stories. Look at your business with fresh eyes,” he urged. “Put your antenna up to spot stories, because they're swirling around you every single day. You're dealing with products, you're dealing with customers, you're solving problems—those are all a basis for stories.

“You have great stories baked into your businesses right now that you can turn into exquisite, immediate, relevant marketing,” he said. “Start collecting those stories.”

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personalities, gifts, and skills, and their desire to take massive action towards our collective vision of using fitness to impact people to become the best version of themselves.”

Accepting the Community Builder Award was Triple E Canada Ltd., whose founder P.W. Enns the business awards are named for.

“How proud he would be today,” said Ryan Elias of his great-grandfather, who started the recreational vehicle manufacturer in 1965.

“P.W. was all about community,” Elias said, adding that it remains “an integral part of our vision.

“Our mission is to be a premier company. We're inspired by the freedom to explore and driven by a commitment to growing our community,”

he said. “Without a commitment to community we wouldn't be where we are today.

“Whether that be supporting recreation, sports, church projects and initiatives, education, and health care, we feel each segment is extremely important to the success of the community. ... This will continue to be our focus in community involvement for years to come.”

Elias went on to thank Triple E's employees and managers as well as its local suppliers for their unfailing support over the years.

Capping off the evening was the presentation of the Business Excellence Award to Elias Woodwork and Manufacturing Ltd.

This premier award is given to a

Winkler company who has achieved “spectacular results” and made “an exceptional contribution” to the community, said presenter Myrna Wiebe of Access Credit Union.

True entrepreneurs thrive on the risks that come with growing a business and constantly seek to learn from their mistakes, said CEO and president Ralph Fehr.

“It's probably why I'm never going to retire,” he said. “It's my greatest fear, retirement, [because] there's no risk to get the heart pumping when you get up the morning.”

Fehr said he's been fortunate to employ staff who are equally committed to their jobs and constantly working to improve their knowledge base.

“It is that group of people that is

passionate enough to get Elias Woodwork singled out as the fastest growing woodworking company in North America,” he noted. The company, in turn, strives to provide an environment people want to come to work at every day.

“Business excellence is different things for different people,” Fehr reflected, going on to quote investor Warren Buffett, who has said the true measure of success in life is not money or accolades, but love:

“The only way to get love is to be lovable. It's very irritating if you have a lot of money. You'd like to think you could write a check: ‘I'll buy a million dollars' worth of love.’ But it doesn't work that way. The more you give love away, the more you get.”

Wonderland's Alice stands trial in Morden mock court

By Lorne Stelmach

An École Morden Middle School Gr. 6 class took over the provincial courtroom in Morden Friday to help celebrate Law Day.

Now in its fourth year here, Law Day is part of a nationwide event to shine a spotlight on legal practices and also promote and celebrate the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Some of those key principles were presented through a mock trial of Alice Liddell from *Alice in Wonderland*, which gave students a great chance to have some fun while they were learning.

"A lot of them, when we do the trials, they get very theatrical about it ... they'll shout out 'OVER-RULED' and bang their hands on the desk," said teacher Lindsey Jacobs.

The students, of course, quickly learn the court system doesn't exactly work like one might see on television.

"There's been a lot of learning, and the students have shown a lot of interest," said Jacobs, adding it is also great that the kids get to play a role in something that is informing the community in general. "It's very empowering for the students. It's one thing to be taught something, but when you get the opportunity to teach others it becomes really impactful.

"It's a real world experience," he



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

École Morden Middle School Gr. 6 students prepare to enter the Morden courtroom for the mock trial of Alice from *Alice in Wonderland* during the courthouse's Law Day activities last week.

added. "They're learning about Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms ... freedom of belief, freedom of speech, the legal process as well as our system of government and our justice system specifically with this exercise.

"They were very excited about it ... and we're hoping it may inspire children to pursue careers in government, in the justice system."

The mock trial delved into the tale of Alice, who followed the White Rabbit into Wonderland and found herself charged with breaking and entering, mischief, and assault.

In the end, Alice was acquitted on break and enter and mischief but

found guilty of assault against the Queen's card soldiers.

Jacobs' class acted out many of the roles in the trial, aided by real-life court registrar Jan Moody, Cst. Jeff Forster, and judge John A. Menzies.

The students started their preparations for the trial about two months ago and put a lot of time into it.

"I was kind of nervous," said Paul Kebernik, who played a crown attorney. "It was good we had a dress rehearsal and saw the courtroom."

Adrian Thiessen, who played a defence attorney, said it was especially interesting for him to be "preparing the big speech" for the closing argument.

"We would practise almost every day in the morning," noted Thiessen, who agreed there was a lot to learn about all of the procedures.

"I didn't really understand things like, if you have evidence, you have to go right up to them with it.

"It's been very challenging ... we were practising a lot, and it's been pretty difficult."

"I was also disappointed there was no hammer [gavel] for the judge," joked Oliver Unrau, who played a crown attorney and who still found the exercise "quite exciting ... it's quite a lot of fun."

Winkler Co-op posted record sales in 2018

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Co-op had good news to share with its members at its 77th annual meeting last week.

The store posted record sales of over \$110 million, up \$11.6 million from the year before.

With Federated Co-operatives Limited also having a banner year (nearly \$1 billion in sales across the nation), the local Co-op received a sizeable \$7.4 million patronage refund from the organization.

Winkler Co-op, in turn, paid back its own members \$4.7 million in 2018, up from 2017's number of \$3.5 million. The store was also able to pay off over \$2.1 million in long-term debt to put it in a good position for future growth.

Board chair Milt Olfert says the Co-op continues to succeed year after year because it's offering people what they want.

"We offer service that other businesses don't," he said, noting that

while other businesses increasingly move to automated checkouts, Co-op has invested in more staff.

"We want that personal touch when you come to shop, trying to really have the best customer service possible," he said. "We really do believe with good customer service comes better sales."

In his report, Co-op general manager Evan Toews noted the store prides itself on giving back to the community in many different ways.

In addition to employing over 260 people and working hard to source and sell over \$1.1 million in locally-made products, Co-op was also able to give back \$300,000 in community donations and sponsorships in 2018.

"Community is at the core of what we do and who we are," Toews said. "It really is the reason that we exist.

"Our mission continues to be all about impacting our communities through service excellence, meaningful relationships, and generosity,"

he added. "We believe these are the pillars on which Co-op was originally built years ago, and we believe these pillars are what's going to bring us forward and keep us in a growth mode and also to sustain our business."

The company continues to work to diversify its offerings, with departments ranging from food to appliances to oil and gas.

"We've been around for a long time. We've been able to ... diversify when necessary and make changes locally so we continue to be relevant," Toews said.

Membership numbers at the Co-op continue to grow, with nearly 1,000 new people coming on board in 2018.

Many of those new members are younger customers, Olfert noted.

"One of the biggest challenges has always been ... how to get the younger generation involved in Co-op," he said. "That has changed.

"We've got great young staff ... and

they're learning what the Co-op model is," Olfert said. "So I think it's changing. It's not just for the older generation ... we have so many services we can offer the younger generation now that we couldn't years ago."

Factor in the members coming over from the recent merger with Lowe Farm Co-op and the Winkler Co-op currently has 17,380 members.

MEMBER CONCERNS

The members in attendance at the meeting had very few questions for Co-op's board of directors.

The only real concern raised is one that's come up time and time again at the meeting over the past several years: the desire to see the Co-op Café return.

Members served the board notice that a petition is circulating to bring back the traditional café, whose space



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SMC wraps up with WSO

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in the Crocus Village complex is now home to the Flavors of Mexico restaurant.

Olfert noted the old restaurant was a losing business for Co-op for years.

"When a department is losing money every year, at what point do you need to make changes?" he

said. "We thought it was prudent to the members that we put something in there that would make the Co-op money."

That said, Olfert encouraged the members to submit the petition to the board when it's ready and promised that they would give it due consideration.

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Morden students excel at provincial spelling bee

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local spellers shone at the Spelling Bee of Canada's first regional competition in Manitoba over the weekend.

Host École Morden Middle School had five competitors at the event, which drew 17 students from across southern Manitoba for a chance to qualify for the 32nd annual national



spelling championship in Toronto next month.

Earning her crack at the Canadian title was ÉMMS Gr. 5 student Maria Koryukina, who came in first in the junior division. Teammate Lane Fehr, Gr. 6, took third place. Second place in the category went to Winnipeg's Viskash Bhavsar.

"I actually didn't think I could win first place," said an ebullient Koryukina fresh off her victory. "But then when I heard the word 'anteroom' I was, like, yes, I know this word. I think I read it in a book somewhere once or twice."

Koryukina is excited to have the opportunity to compete in Toronto, though also nervous to go up against much more experienced spelling bee competitors.

"I can't wait," she said, adding that she's not too sure of her chances but intends to do her best.

"The kids in Ontario have been practising a lot longer than us," chimed in Fehr. "They've always done it, but this



Trophy winners at Manitoba's first Spelling Bee of Canada competition, held in Morden Saturday, included (above) Maria Koryukina and Lane Fehr, first and third in the junior division, and Ethan Dyck (left), who took second in the intermediate division.

is our province's first time."

Fehr added that though he didn't win the first place trophy, he loved the entire spelling bee experience.

"I've been at the top of my class [in spelling] almost every year" so getting involved just made sense, he said, adding that it proved to be a fun challenge.

Morden's Ethan Dyck went all the

way to the final rounds in the intermediate (Gr. 7-8) event, eventually taking second place, losing to Omid Torabi from Winnipeg. Taking third in the event was Emily Sanders from Miami School.

"I feel pretty good because, I mean, as long as I didn't lose [in the early rounds]," said Dyck, adding his love

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It is both a privilege and a joy that I get to take people to see sights around Mount St Helens. The other day, I took a school group into the Lava Canyon. As the river cascades violently over a lava flow, from about 2,000 years ago, it makes a beautiful sight. Some of that ancient lava flow was washed away by mudflows from the eruptions of 1980. So the scenery – all of which is jaw-dropping – has been altered by geological events which took place

in my lifetime. But when these things happened, I was thousands of miles away in another country on another continent.

Earlier in the day, these school children were interviewing a friend of mine who lived through the eruption. His answers were interesting and informative. When he was asked about the sequence of events during the day, he recounted how he had been told that he had lost his house. His voice cracked and the tears came down his face. He quickly recovered his composure, but the point had been graphically made. This event had scarred the lives of real people, even those who follow God's will, as my godly friend does. Through the genuine pain still felt nearly 40 years on, we see that God still makes beautiful things out of things that were once broken. And God makes beautiful people out of people who were broken and sinful when we repent and put our trust in Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for the beauty of Your creation. And thank You for keeping us through so many events, always being faithful. Amen.

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What is autism spectrum disorder?

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder, refers to a range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviours, speech and nonverbal communication, as well as by unique strengths and differences. We now know that there is not one autism but many types, caused by different combinations of genetic and environmental influences.

The term “spectrum” reflects the wide variation in challenges and strengths possessed by each person with autism.

Autism’s most-obvious signs tend to appear between 2 and 3 years of age. In some cases, it can be diagnosed as early as 18 months. Some developmental delays associated with autism can be identified and addressed even earlier. Autism Speaks Canada urges parents with concerns to seek evaluation without delay, as early intervention can improve outcomes.

Some facts about autism

The 2018 National Autism Spectrum Disorder Surveillance System (NASS) Report estimates autism’s prevalence as 1 in 66 children in Canada. This includes 1 in 42 boys and 1 in 189 girls.

An estimated 50,000 teens with autism become adults – and lose school-based autism services – each year.

Around one third of people with autism remain nonverbal.

Around one third of people with autism have an intellectual disability.

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2. Your dentures are loose

When some or all of your natural teeth are gone, the underlying bone structure deteriorates and changes over time. It's for this reason that dental professionals recommend having your dentures inspected and relined every two years. When changes in your jaw have become too drastic and looseness persists after relining, replacement becomes necessary.

3. You're in pain

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Getting Down to Business

Eagleye team offers experienced, quality printing services

Eagleye Printing and Design is a local business that has been thriving in Morden for 60 years now.

First established in 1959 as Morden Commercial Printers by Jake Buhler and Frank Morden, the company has changed ownership a number of times over the years. Current owner Dale Stambuski purchased it in 1999, changing the name in 2003 to better reflect the mandate and scope of the business.

Dale has over 35 years of experience in the printing industry and strives to keep current with the ever-changing technologies.

"It has changed dramatically ... the technology keeps going further," said Stambuski. "The technology has expanded everything we do.

"When I started in this trade 35 years ago, it was cut and paste, a manual labour of extensive time," he recalled. "Small run of product was not cost effective and it was not unheard of to have timelines of weeks to produce the finished product.

"Today's technology has streamlined much of the process. We are able to do small, cost-effective short runs for our clients to allow them the benefit of changing their product as needed.

"We still have the presses," Stambuski added. "We still do offset printing, which is more cost effective than copying, but the copying allows us to do a very fast turnaround."

He suggested their "short runs" may be their bread and butter these days.

"More and more people are setting up and designing, but they need somebody to print it," said Stambuski.

He takes pride in the fact that Eagleye is "the only full in-house print shop in the Pembina Valley ... it's just a one stop shop for printing."

"We specialize in creating the visual appeal that companies require to achieve better marketing objectives," Stambuski said.

Eagleye has grown from having one part-time employee when Stambuski took over to

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Eagleye Printing and Design owner Dale Stambuski works hard to keep on top of the ever-changing technology in the printing industry.

five full-time and one part-time staff, including two graphic designers, a press operator, bindery operator, digital press operator, and a bookkeeper.

"I feel my staff is my biggest asset to the company," he stressed. "It's a team effort to provide our customers with the highest quality of printing, design, and service."

In 2018, Eagleye Printing & Design took another step in its continued growth with a move to a new facility at 222 South Railway, from 1200 to 2000 square feet, providing better function and improved customer service area.

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Morden chamber looking to ‘think big, dream big’

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce not only celebrated another turnaround year but also looked to build for the future at its annual meeting April 5.

The event highlighted by the state of the city address of Mayor Brandon



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden chamber chair Michelle Sawatzky says the organization has big plans for the future.

Burley also announced a new initiative to brainstorm ideas to move Morden ahead.

Chamber chairperson Michelle Sawatzky said the Morden Bold planning session May 16 will aim to harness the energy of the community to think big and dream big.

The goal is to come out of that afternoon session at The Oaks at Minnewasta with a bold action plan.

“What we’re doing is we’re bringing our stakeholders together, the people who love Morden,” said Sawatzky. “We’re asking for community leaders, we’re asking for representation from the school division, we’re asking for business people ... we’re asking for any citizen who really cares to join us.”

Morden Bold will be led by former Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Dave Angus, who offered a brief message by video in which he expressed high hopes for what this could do for Morden.

“We’re going to have a great time talking about bold ideas,” said Angus, who noted they undertook a similar initiative in Winnipeg. “What came out of it was amazing, in terms of this instilled confidence ... we can pursue big ideas. I’m so excited that Morden wants to follow the same path.”

Sawatzky suggested the chamber is

in a good position now to look ahead with optimism given how it has turned things around in recent years.

It came into 2017 with a deficit of over \$15,200, but a surplus of almost \$8,200 that year and then over \$16,100 last year brings it into 2019 in a surplus position of just over \$9,100.

Treasurer Chad Sheldon said they benefitted from an increase in membership that boosted revenue while they also reduced a number of expenses. He noted they were looking to direct a percentage of money now into a sustainability fund.

“When I look back to about six or seven years ago, our chamber was in dire straits. We were struggling financially,” said Sawatzky.

She suggested the turnaround began under previous chair James Steedsman.

“Bit by bit, we’ve been chipping away at it,” she said, describing it as “doing little things right ... making sure that we connect with our membership. [Executive director] Candace Olafson has worked tirelessly over the years to visit with our members, ask them what they need, figure out ways to serve them.

“We’ve paid a lot of attention to the little things, watching our spending on all the little things. At the end of the year, all of those little things add-

ed up and have made a massive difference to us.”

Sawatzky said Morden Bold could further build on what the chamber had started on its own this past year.

“Last year, we put a lot of effort into creating a strategic plan,” she noted. “It’s a three year strategic plan, and it’s quite detailed, and we’re focussed on some core strategic initiatives around member engagement, advocacy ... which really continues to drive us forward, so we don’t lose sight of our purpose, and our purpose is to help business thrive.

“We have it mapped out month by month what we’re doing.”

The chamber will also be looking forward to moving into its future new home in the new development going up on Stephen St. between 8th St. and Nelson St.

“It really reduces the burden of maintaining our own building,” Sawatzky said, suggesting being part of what is a \$3.7 million project will help set out a legacy for the next leaders. “It’s an investment in downtown Morden, and it will enrich Morden for decades to come.

“It’s a great time to be part of the chamber, and I’m really looking forward to serving our membership, serving the community of Morden, to do great things.”

Library used book sale donation deadline is April 26

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If you’ve got a box of used books waiting to be brought into your local library for the upcoming used book sale, now’s the time to do it.

The South Central Regional Library’s annual sale takes over the Access Event Centre in Morden May 9-11.

In order to give staff time to finish pricing donations, the library is asking people to bring them in by April 26.

“Contact your local branch to arrange to drop them off,” urges head of library services Cathy Ching, who notes books need to be in reasonable, resalable condition. The library also asks patrons to find other ways to recycle their old school textbooks and magazines, as neither are big sellers.

Donations have been pouring in all year and Ching expects the community hall will be bursting at the seams with books.

“We are full,” she says, adding they’ve already filled up the storage

space at the community hall and are now looking for alternative places nearby to keep books until the sale. “It’s a good problem to have.”

As always, the sale features a wide array of genres for just about any taste—romance, sci-fi, general fiction, biographies ... the list goes on.

“Last year we found we were really low on inspirational fiction—I think people hang onto them—but this

year there’s a lot more,” Ching says. “And definitely we have lots of literature and Canadian and Manitoba history coming in. And lots of valuable old collectable books this year.”

The sale, which has been running for decades, brings in an average of \$18,000 for the regional library system.

“It is extremely important to us,” Ching says. “It’s divided evenly across

the branches ... and we put the money right back into the branch’s acquisitions fund.”

The library’s collection also gets another boost from the sale.

“When we get such excellent donations we’re able to replace our aging copies of certain books,” Ching says. “That’s huge for us as well.”

> SPELLING BEE, FROM PG. 14

of reading is what whetted his interest in spelling competitively.

In the primary category, Winnipeg’s Siddharth Tatineni took first place, Viran “Hope” Purugganan from Southwood School came in second, and Miami School’s Madeline Sanders brought home the third place trophy.

Also competing from ÉMMS were Rebecca Fehr and Hudson Vandenberghe, both at the intermediate

level.

All the kids practised hard for the event, which was their first official spelling bee ever, said teacher and school spelling group leader Jessica Verhoog.

“They’ve been very gung-ho about it,” she said. “They’ve been practising three times a week at lunch and they’ve really improved. It’s really quite impressive. Some of our weaker students have become quite

strong as we’ve gone along.

“It’s definitely a confidence builder,” Verhoog added. “A lot of our spelling bee kids, this is where they excel in academics. So this is a nice way for them to be able to be recognized.

“They’re very excited that there are trophies and prizes, which they’re not used to getting because they’re good at spelling.”

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Senior curling champs

The Morden Senior Curling club held its year-end banquet on April 3 to hand out awards to the top teams in the fall and winter sessions.

Clockwise, from top left, the two-person stick Wednesday night winter league was won by Elwyn

Brown and Ken Dalke; the winners of the Monday fall league were Howard Link, Eric Thompson, Theo Allen, and (missing) Inger Reid; Wednesday league winners for the fall league were Eric Thompson, Carol Gavard, Arnold Law, and (miss-

ing) Bruce Owen; and the Monday winter league had a tie in first place between the team of Garnet Edwards, Harold Mayert, Bev Sheldon, and Harvey Stambuski and Dianne Guilford, Mike Walske, Dallas Dearman, and John Goertzen.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Twisters-Jets semifinal series heads into game six

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters were looking to clinch a spot in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League final this week.

They went into game six of their semifinal Tuesday up 3-2 in the best of seven series with the Stonewall Jets after missing a chance at another series sweep on the weekend.

The Twisters had the Jets on the brink of elimination after a 5-2 win in game three last Wednesday, but Stonewall fought their way back into the series with 4-2 and 5-3 wins in games four and five Friday and Sunday.

The score could have been much higher April 3 with Adam Swan facing 60 shots in the Stonewall net, while Travis Klassen stopped 39 of the 41 shots from the Jets.

Braeden Beernaerts led the way with a pair of goals, both on powerplays as the Twisters went 2 for 4 on man advantages.

Travis Penner, Brendan Keck, and Nico Vigier also scored for Pembina Valley, who jumped out to a 3-0 first period lead and then put it away with two more in the final frame.

Stonewall got its revenge started Friday with a pair of first period goals a minute apart. They then expanded their 2-1 lead to 4-1 after 40 minutes.

Vigier and T.J. Matuszewski scored for the Twisters, who outshot the Jets 49-30. Klassen took the loss with 26 saves, while Curtis Beck got the win across the rink.

In game five, the Twisters again failed to make much of a dent on Beck, who earned the victory with 47 saves. Shots were 50-37 in favour of the Twisters, with Klassen making 32 saves.

Pembina Valley led 2-1 after one period on goals by Penner and Keck, but

the Jets then led 3-2 after two.

Jeremie Goderis evened it up early in the third, but Aiken Chop scored two more for Stonewall to complete a hat trick for the win.

If the series was extended beyond game six, the seventh and deciding match-up is Thursday night in Morris.

In the league's other semifinal, the Transcona Railer Express lead their series against the St. James Jr Canucks three games to one.

Redskins 0-3 at senior provincials

After a solid season at the league level, the Morden Redskins faltered at Hockey Manitoba's Provincial Senior A Championship last week.

The South Eastern Manitoba Hock-

ey League champs—who earned the title by taking their series against the Warren Mercs four games to three—lost to the Ste. Anne Aces (CSHL) 6-2 on March 29, to the Boissevain

Border Kings (THHL) 12-2 March 31, and then to the Miniota-Elkhorn C-Hawks (NCHL) 11-1 on April 5.

The provincial title went to the Aces, who beat the Kings 7-4 on Saturday.



Winning on the ice

Team Klimpke were the winners at the Don Baldwin Memorial Manitoba Junior Curling Tour held at the Elmwood Curling Club in Winnipeg last weekend. The team went 3-0 in round-robin play and defeated Matt Bijl in the semifinal and Jack Hykaway in the final to win the event. Skip Emerson Klimpke of Stonewall, third Jayden Rutter of Carman, second Reece Hamm of Winkler, and lead Tim Johnson of Arborg have been playing together as a team since February. This was their third MJCT event since the inception of the team and it was a great way to end the season.

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Flyers hire Tim Morison as goaltending coach



TIM MORISON

The Winkler Flyers have started rebuilding their coaching staff.

The junior hockey club announced last week that they have hired Tim Morison as their new goaltending coach for the 2019-2020 season.

Morison played two years in the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League before moving on to the MMJHL.

After his playing days were over, he worked with goalie coach Rick St. Croix for ten years before establishing TM-Goaltending, an elite goaltending school.

Morison has been part of many championship teams while coaching with the

Pembina Valley Hawks and Winnipeg Hawks organizations.

He has also been an assistant/goalie coach with teams who went on to win multiple AAA Bantam/Midget championship titles, including a silver and bronze at the Western Canadian Championships.

This past year Morison had one of his students sign his first NHL contract. Another was drafted in the sixth round.

Morison has been recognized as a finalist for the Coaching Manitoba Excellence Award on multiple occasions.

A staple in Morison's training is ad-

vanced video technology, the Flyers said in a statement, noting that his "unique, progressive, repetition-based training regimen equips students with the fundamental skill set needed to be successful."

As of press time, the Flyers had yet to announce who will be leading the team as head coach heading into the next season.

The club hosts its Spring Showcase this weekend at the Winkler arena.

The camp is designed to showcase young prospects as well as players eligible for the 2019 MJHL Bantam Draft, which will take place in June.

Police depts. cancel 2019 bike auction

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and Morden police departments are pushing pause on their annual joint bike auctions this spring.

The reason? Not enough unclaimed recovered bikes to bring to the auction block.

"There certainly were fewer bikes recorded stolen this past year, and also we were able to return many bikes that were turned into our office back to their rightful owners," said Winkler Chief Ryan Hunt. "That's caused us to have a good problem where there's not that many bikes to sell."

The Winkler department currently has about 20 unclaimed bikes in storage, Hunt said, and Morden has even fewer.

In past years, the two departments have had upwards of 100 bicycles to sell, with funds raised going to local non-profit programs. The auction will likely resume in 2020.

Hunt said bike theft in Winkler has been on a steady decline in recent years.

"In 2018 we had 24 bicycles reported stolen and 29 found bicycles. In comparison, back in 2012 we had 92 bicycles reported stolen and 76 found bicycles."

Hunt further noted, of course, that not every stolen bike gets reported to police, nor does every found bike get matched to a theft report.

Many stolen bicycles are crimes of

opportunity, the chief stressed, so people taking the time to properly secure their bikes is a big deterrent for would-be casual thieves.

"Criminals are inherently lazy and would rather steal a bicycle to get to their destination than walk there," Hunt said. "If we remove the opportunity by keeping bikes locked up and out of sight then we can decrease the

chances of having them stolen."

Police also remind cyclists to mark down the serial number and any distinguishing features of their bike or even keep a photo of it on hand in case it does get stolen.

"The more information that can be provided to police the better chance of the bike being returned to you," Hunt said.

Local police on the lookout for distracted drivers

Manitoba Public Insurance is once again funding a road safety initiative aimed at drivers who continue to illegally use hand-held electronic devices while driving.

MPI is providing funding to support enhanced enforcement programs for the months of April, July, and October. Participating police agencies this year will be Winkler, Morden, Winnipeg, Brandon, and the RCMP.

"On average, one in three road deaths and thousands of collisions are attributed to distracted driving

annually," said MPI's Satvir Jatana.

"These dedicated projects are highly successful, resulting in nearly 13,000 offence notices issued over the last six years. Changing driver behaviour can be achieved by the combination of education, awareness and law enforcement."

Research into distracted driving has shown a driver is four times more likely to be in a crash if they talk on their phone while driving, while texting and driving makes a driver six times more likely to be in a crash.

Other activities identified as distracted driving include reading or writing while behind the wheel, reaching for an object, operating in-vehicle controls, interacting with passengers, and eating and drinking.

Drivers caught using a hand-operated electronic device while driving receive an automatic three-day licence suspension, a \$672 fine, and five demerits. A second offence within a 10-year period results in a 7-day suspension on top of the fines and demerits.

Agriculture

Grass-fed beef sales the latest step for multi-generation farm family

By Harry Siemens

Matt and Janelle Friesen operate Heartwood Pastures four and a half miles south of Morden, a farm that specializes in grass-fed beef, pastured pork, free-range chickens and eggs and strives to raise their animals in the most natural of environments.

The Friesen family have farmed cattle at the foot of the Pembina Hills for over 65 years.

"After three generations of dairy farming, we turned our focus to raising quality meat products to market directly to the customer. In the past 65 years, many things have changed in the farming industry, and one of our goals is to help you understand what you are buying and eating," said Matt Friesen.

"We were dairy farming together with my family and I'd sold beef that way for several years. But then when we quit the dairy, my dad and my brother moved on to grain farming, and I took on some livestock, added some pigs and some chickens to the beef cattle, and it took off from there."

Friesen moved to use more grass and pasture from what they used in the dairy system. Initially, they sold most of their products in bulk form, cut and wrapped by Southern Meats in Schanzenfeld where customers would pick it up.

Next, they sold at farmers' markets and today through their website (heartwoodpastures.com) with direct pickup and delivery.

While getting rid of the dairy in 2013, the beef business started in 2015 when they had enough product to sell. Friesen talked about why he went this route:

"I do think that a lot of these things are experiments that if you had asked me four years ago, I might have looked at them a little differently," he said.

"At the time it was a convenient method of getting into a small scale, a low infrastructure business giving us an advantage on people who might be starting. Because the buildings and everything was all there for us, so I may as well use them. But aside from that, the little shelters I need for my chickens in the yard or an electric fence for the pigs are very affordable. I guess that was part of the reason



Heartwood Pastures near Morden specializes in grass-fed beef, pastured pork, and free-range chickens for a more natural final product.



why we went with that structure."

Once customers started to use Heartwood's products, they quickly noticed it was different from something they might buy elsewhere.

"Once we got more of that feedback, it encouraged us to keep trying to improve our stuff in the direction

that we're going," Friesen said. "Since then, in the last year or two, we're trying to improve the farm rather than the more classic approach of taking as much out of it as we can. We're trying to put more back into it so that we can leave a better place."

Today their grass-fed ground beef is

their best seller. It's not unusual for them to put one and a half quarters on the market and have it all sell by day's end.

"We wish people would cook some-

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By Harry Siemens

Carbon tax—what for?

My humble opinion and that of many others suggests that a carbon tax on anything will do nothing but add cost to everything that we do.

Not just that, but the carbon tax that came into effect last week also makes us much less competitive because no other country is silly enough to do the same.

All this when the economy is already in the tank.

A swine nutritionist with the University of Saskatchewan said recently that the introduction of carbon pricing could change the equation when considering the inclusion of low-cost, high fibre feed ingredients into swine rations.

Researchers with the university's College of Agriculture and Biore-sources are examining the carbon footprint left by using high fibre alternative feed ingredients.

Dr. Denise Beaulieu, an assistant professor of monogastric nutrition,

said ingredients such as peas or byproducts such as wheat midds are used to lower feed costs, but these high fibre ingredients would increase methane and carbon dioxide output as the fibres ferment in the gut of the pig.

"This work is primarily for the pork producers, and it will allow them to use these ingredients with more confidence and into the future," said Beaulieu. "For example, I know it's political, but let's say there was a scenario where carbon pricing came into play for our pork production industry and then we would have to put a cost on for example high fibre ingredients."

"This data could more accurately allow us to look at the cost of these high fibre ingredients and the role that they might play in terms of the overall carbon footprint of pork production."

Beaulieu said, for example, right now producers use the wheat midds

and peas and they're primarily brought into the diet on a least-cost basis.

"We put these into the diets so we can meet all the nutritional requirements of the pig but at a lower cost, so that's the status quo," she said. "But, for example, going into the future, if we add increasing amounts of these into the diet, we may want to consider the carbon footprint of including these into the diet because that could be an additional cost that we'd want to consider."

Beaulieu said this data could allow the industry to accurately determine the cost and the overall carbon footprint of pork production.

I do not quarrel with Dr. Beaulieu, but I do disagree with those people who keep trying every which way to extract money from innocent, hardworking people to pay for this substantial bottomless pit called trying to finance the so-called climate change fiasco.

• FAITH FOCUS

Check yourself

have a great idea! I just love you so much."

So many of my three-year-old son's sweet phrases are spoken because they're phrases I say often to him.

On the flip side, yelling when he's angry and interrupting when I'm trying to explain something to him are, unfortunately, also things he's picked up from me.

We all know kids are sponges and when it comes to relational behaviors and self-expression, both their words and actions are often mimics of what they've seen and heard. In short, they



By Tracey Dyck

give what they receive. When I am patient, helpful and encouraging, I see my son choosing to do the same. Likewise, when I notice my son yelling more, interrupting more, and being generally short tempered and moody, I often need to check myself, shifting my own words, actions, and attitude before I see a shift in my son.

While I know this about kids, I tend to forget that this is actually applicable to humans in general. When I show up to customer service with a problem and the attendant is friendly, patient, and accommodating it's easy for me to be kind and patient in return. But if I encounter someone who is rude and short-tempered, it takes a lot more self-control to not give them attitude right back.

Then there's marriage. No one wants to be the nagging spouse. But sometimes I want to see change in

our relationship. I want appreciation for my efforts around the house spoken out loud. I want to be asked how my day was and I want my husband to actually listen to my response. I want him to grab my plate too when he goes to put his in the dishwasher. I want, I want, I want. I've found, rather than approaching him with a list of things I want from him, I should first look at what I'm giving him. Do I speak appreciation out loud for the things he does for our family? Do I ask about his day and sincerely listen to his response? Do I serve him or do I only help myself?

Before I call out my husband's resistance to taking full responsibility for our kids on a Saturday so I can go to the city with friends, I need to ask myself what was my reaction the last time he wanted *me* to be home alone with the kids for a full day while he did something fun for himself? I shouldn't expect him to say, "Absolutely, Trace, I would love to stay home solo with the kids; you deserve a day with your friends" if I was dragging my heels and laying a guilt trip on him the last time he requested me

to do likewise.

Don't get me wrong, I know there are conversations that are necessary to have in marriage. Communication is key. If I have hurt or upset my husband, I want him to have those hard conversations with me so I can love, respect, and serve him better and I know he wants the same honesty from me. We chose each other, we love each other, but we can't read minds.

I'm not suggesting we play mind games with each other. But sometimes, even before having those bigger, harder conversations, it helps to look first at my own recent words and actions (and unspoken words and inaction) and approach the subject with humility.

Because when we find our marriage has fallen into selfish patterns and negative habits, rarely is the reason one sided. It's often that we're just giving what we're receiving, rather than giving what we *want* to receive.

—Tracey Dyck, is wife and mother who is passionate about doing life with others.

PHAC, SCRL teaming up to mark National Cdn. Film Day

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Hills Arts Council is joining the South Central Regional Library this year in celebrating Canadian cinema.

The Morden gallery will take part along with SCRL's five branch libraries in the sixth annual National Canadian Film Day, which this year is also marking 100 years of Canadian cinema.

More than 1,000 screening events will take place in 600 Canadian communities and 25 countries.

Locally, the one day celebration officially takes place next Wednesday, April 17, when the libraries will show a variety of films. The gallery will host its film the next night, April 18, as part of its Art Talk series.

"It's about a beloved artist," PHAC programs and outreach co-ordinator Tricia Dyck said of the movie *Maudie*, which is based on the true story of Nova Scotia painter Maud Lewis. "It's a very entertaining film, and it was highly recommended to me by the National Film Board."

The film has been praised as an inspiring story about following one's dreams in spite of life's obstacles. It will be shown at the gallery starting at 7:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday starting at 2 p.m., the Morden library will be showing the documentary film

You Are Here: A Come From Away Story, which chronicles how the town of Gander, Nfld. came together to welcome the thousands of passengers grounded therefor six days in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Following that, at around 4 p.m., they'll screen a trio of short films for

children: *The Gift*, *Kajutaijuq: The Spirit That Comes*, and *Indian*.

The Winkler library's film screening of *Sharkwater* begins at 3 p.m.

Filmed in high-definition, the film takes viewers into shark-filled oceans, exposing the true nature of sharks as well as the way human interference has turned this noble predator into

prey.

The Manitou branch will show *Kayak to Klemtu* Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., while the Altona branch shows *Meatballs* at 2 p.m. and *Corner Gas The Movie* at 4 p.m., and the Miami library has screenings of *Inside Hana's Suitcase* at 10 a.m., *Score: A Hockey Musical* at 1 p.m., and *Ballerina* at 3 p.m.

> HEARTWOOD, FROM PG. 21

thing other than ground beef and some other cuts, but it seems to be the popular trend in our area at least," Friesen said, adding what makes it popular is "probably the simplicity of cooking it, but our beef, particularly, it's Holstein beef, a lot leaner than what anyone else is selling in the area raised on grass even through the winter," he said.

"Now we're fighting the market to find hay to raise the beef on hay rather than corn or potatoes or what-

ever else people in the area might be feeding. So yeah, I do believe our ground beef is probably the most significant difference from what you'd buy in the store."

They sell a reasonable amount of pork raised outside in an electric fence, but the difficulty of cooking pork makes it harder to expand.

While enjoying the aspect of running their own business, the recent death of Friesen's father John changed things for the family.

"My mom Anne is on the farm, so I'm doing the grain farming together with her," he said. It's a difficult year for us in a sense because I'm trying to prepare for spring on my own, on the farm, and trying to keep the business going with no one to help.

"I expect it'll be a bit of a learning curve, but I consider myself fortunate that I got most of 15 years after high school to learn things about the farming operation anyway."

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1. To control noxious weeds on road allowances and rights-of-way within the City of Winkler. The herbicides that may be used if required include:

Round-Up, PAR III.

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4. To control horticultural insect pests using **Malathion, Pyrate 480 EC** and **Trounce.**

The duration of each program will vary within this period depending on weather conditions and pest population levels.

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123 Main Street, Suite 160
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TENDER

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CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be received on or before 12:00 noon on April 26, 2019.
- Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of 5% of the amount offered, payable to FRANZ HOEPPNER WIENS LAW OFFICE. Deposit cheques accompanying unaccepted bids will be returned.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. The Vendors are not obligated to sell any of the land, or to accept any Tender.
- The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted will be required to enter into a binding agreement covering the terms and conditions of sale.
- In addition to the deposit, evidence must be provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- The adjustment for taxes is January 1st, 2019.

For further information contact: **JARET P. HOEPPNER** or **JOAN FRANZ** at: Ph. 204-325-4615; Fax. 204-325-6712; Email: jaret@fhwlaw.ca or joan@fhwlaw.ca

TENDER



LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed bids for the purchase of the following parcel of land, located in the Rural Municipality of Thompson will be received up to 4:30 p.m. May 3, 2019 at the R.M. of Thompson administration office. Sealed bids may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

R.M. of Thompson
Box 190, 530 Norton Avenue,
Miami, MB ROG 1H0

Envelope must clearly state "Sealed Bid"

Legal Description - the Northerly 80 Acres of SW 33-5-7W

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Qualifications

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Often romantic composition
- Lunar term
- California mountain
- Spiral staircase pillars
- "Heat" director
- Tellurium
- Gateway (Arabic)
- No (Scottish)
- Greek prophetess
- A team's best pitcher
- Bard's way of saying "have"
- Indigenous group of the Philippines
- Danish krone
- Type of squad
- Possesses
- Part of the face
- Very small amount of time (abbr.)
- Churches have lots of them
- Modern day "letter"
- Della __, singer
- Informed upon
- Type of house
- Folk singer DiFranco
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Car mechanics group
- Belonging to us
- Pack neatly
- Forming the bottom layer
- How fast you're going
- Sea eagles
- Cool!
- Military mailbox
- Type of lawyer
- Type of monk
- Respect due to an ancestor
- Took to the sea
- Members of a Semitic people
- A way to march

CLUES DOWN

- Political action committee

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- __kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- When you hope to get there
- Woman who followed Bacchus
- Cause to become entangled
- Green veggie
- Stiff bristles
- Pass in Alps
- Atomic #81
- A sharp blow
- Bears engage in it
- Prevents progress
- Young boy
- A way to go on
- Not good
- A ballet enthusiast
- Ad __
- Bar bill
- A genus of badgers
- "No __!"
- Get off your feet
- Franklin was one
- Removed
- Used to catch poachers
- Hit lightly
- Crony
- Stroke
- One who obtains pleasure by inflicting pain on others
- __ the ante
- Greek letter
- "Wings" actor Steven
- Unhappy
- Hair-like structure
- Pick up
- Type of transportation
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The successful candidate will work with the Executive Director and volunteers responsible for producing and maintaining Morden's annual signature community event.

Duties: answer telephone, emails, and greet walk-ins; receipt street space applications and cheques; work with Street Space Committee Head; make regular social media posts; assist E.D. and volunteers in daily requests and on the weekend during the Festival August 23 - 25.

Applicant will have good communication skills, good organizational skills, office skills, computer skills - Word, Excel, Outlook, social media experience, self-discipline, ability to work independently and as part of a team, carry out multiple tasks or projects, hold a valid driver's license, and work positively with volunteers and others.

Please forward your cover letter, resume, and references in confidence by April 22, 2019 to:

Lynda Lambert, Executive Director
Morden Corn & Apple Festival Inc.
Box 50050, 104 8th Street, Morden, R6M 1V1
Email to admin@cornandapple.com

We thank all those who apply; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

EMPLOYMENT



The Morden Corn & Apple Festival is offering an exciting new opportunity for a vibrant, enthusiastic, self-motivated person. If you are passionate about the City of Morden and the Festival, are a strong team player with excellent people skills and computer skills, then you need to apply for this position.

Executive Director

Contract - Term (1,200 hours minimum)

The Executive Director is the primary face and representative of the Morden Corn & Apple Festival to the larger community. The Executive Director is responsible for all day-to-day operations of the Corn & Apple Festival and is responsible to execute the strategic initiatives laid out by the Board of Directors.

Key Responsibilities

- To execute the strategic initiatives of the Corn and Apple Board.
- To be efficient in the operation and cost control of the Corn & Apple Festival.
- To provide administrative responsibilities on a day to day basis, including preparing reports, answering phones, etc.
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A bridal shower in honour of Bailee will take place at St. Paul's United Church, Morden, April 13, at 10:00 a.m. Donations may be made at the Morden Dollar Store & More.

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To celebrate our dad's 99th birthday, the family of **John J. Hamm** invite you to join us for **Cake & Coffee** on **Saturday, April 20th** in the **Heritage Room at Salem Home** from **3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** Your presence will be his gift! We thank God for the positive example you have been to us, Dad! We love you!

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OBITUARY



Victor Nelson Cuthbert 1941- 2019

On Tuesday, March 26, 2019 Victor passed away surrounded by his family at Tabor Home in Morden, Manitoba.

He leaves to mourn him, his loving wife of 50 years, Rosalyn; three children, Janice (Scott) Duguid, Patricia (Kelvin) Rothenburger, and Richard (Janna) Cuthbert; and four grandchildren, Andrew, Thomas and Lucas Rothenburger, and Alexandra Cuthbert.

On behalf of our family, we wish to express our sincere thanks to Drs Duff and Convery and the Staff at Tabor Home for Dad's care. We are appreciative of the friends and family who spent time visiting with Dad; and are grateful for the prayers and the meals that were provided to our family over the last three weeks while dad was ill. Your thoughtfulness means more than words can express. Thank you to Tracy and the Sanders family for providing beautiful music and Daniel and Sarah Kagan for serving at the funeral mass. Thank you to the Catholic Woman's League and the parish members for setting up the hall and helping with the lunch. A sincere thank you to Kiley and Wiebe Funeral Home for their professionalism, compassion and assistance at this difficult time. Heartfelt thanks to Father Joseph Tran for officiating the Funeral Mass and for his visits to Dad in the last few weeks.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Morden, Manitoba with inurnment at the Chapel Cemetery Columbarium.

Donations may be made in Victor's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden
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OBITUARY



Clarence Harvey Mayert 1931 - 2019

Surrounded by his family, Clarence Harvey Mayert, age 87, went peacefully to his eternal rest on Thursday, March 28, 2019.

Clarence was born in Morden to Reinhold and Eleanor Mayert. He began grade school at Mason but attended Mountain City country school after moving with his parents to the family farm. Clarence proudly learned to drive the combine early on. Farming was a priority for Clarence from a young age, and he soon left school to pursue his career on the family farm. A short 3-month stint in Winnipeg working at Canada Packers aside, the farm was his life's focus. This passion included a deep love for horses, and Clarence proudly added a PMU operation to the farm in 1966. To Clarence, farming wasn't work - it was a way of life.

Clarence's love for farming meant he had little time for hobbies. However, when he did take time away from the farm, he could be found curling, dancing, or enjoying a visit at the coffee shop. Clarence was a kind, loving, and soft-spoken man who relished little more than spending time in conversation with others. For many years, Clarence drove a school bus. He was also a 4-H leader for the pony club and a legion member, and, along with his father, Clarence was a founder of Christ Lutheran Church in Morden. On October 13, 1954 Clarence married Elaine Cochrane of Woodnorth. The two began their life together in a little house south of Morden. Their family grew to include two sons and two daughters.

It is with sad hearts that his wife, Elaine, sons, Bevan (Glenda) and Vaughn (Fran), and daughters, Tanis (Clint) and Mandy mourn his passing. Also left to cherish his memory are Clarence's seven grandchildren, five great-grandsons, three brothers and three sisters. Clarence was predeceased by his parents, parents-in-law, an infant brother, two brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law.

Memorial service for Clarence Harvey Mayert was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Christ Lutheran Church in Morden with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Tabor Home for the attentive care they gave Clarence over the past few years. He always made sure to mention how well the staff treated him. Another big thank you to neighbour, Ernie Wieler for his Friday evening visits. Clarence enjoyed and looked forward to those visits every week.

Donations in Clarence's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

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OBITUARY



Ted Goossen September 7, 1948 - March 31, 2019

Ted Goossen, formerly of Winkler, MB, passed away at home in Saskatoon on Sunday, March 31, 2019 after a brief struggle with cancer.

Viewing was at Riverbend Church of God, 306 Saguenay Dr, Saskatoon, SK, on Thursday, April 4, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Funeral Service for Ted Goossen was held Friday, April 5, at 1:00 p.m. at Forest Grove Community Church, 502 Webster Street, Saskatoon, SK with burial following at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Simonhouse Bible Camp, 206 - 35 Main Street, Flin Flon, MB R8A 1J7. Flowers may be sent to the Riverbend Church of God.

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OBITUARY



Cecil Ernest Scott

Born on January 7, 1943, Cecil passed away peacefully at Boundary Trails Hospital on April 5, 2019.

Cecil is survived by his wife Carol of 53 years; his children Kevin, Barb (Tom), Richard (LeAnna); grandchildren Michael, Scott, Jaden (Kent), Mason, Tyson, Kara and Raymond; brother-in-law Don (Carol) Brechin and several nieces and nephews and cousins. Predeceased by parents Alfred (1979) and Lottie (2001); brother Milton (2005); sister-in-law Pat (2014); parents-in-law Robert (1970) and Eva (1997) Brechin.

Cecil requested a private burial. Everyone is invited to a reception to be held at the Roland Community Hall on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boundary Trails Palliative Care Program, Box 2000 Stn Main, Winkler, MB R6H 1H8. Doyle's Funeral Home in care of arrangements www.doylesfuneralhome.ca

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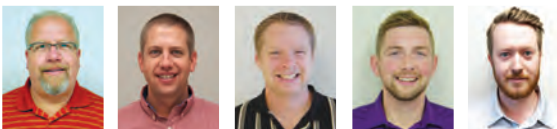
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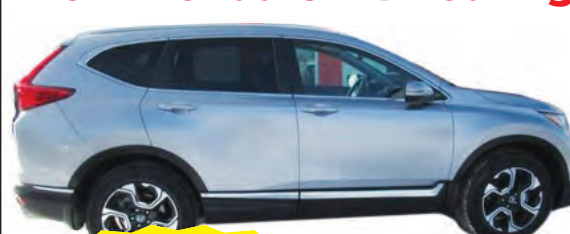


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