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VOTE ON MONDAY, APRIL 28TH

BRANDEN LESLIE



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Heated chairs providing welcome comfort to BTHC cancer patients

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Patients receiving cancer treatments at Boundary Trails Health Centre are sitting a lot more comfortably than before thanks to the work of a local young woman and financial support from the Morden Community Thrift Store.

The store, responding to a grant application from Emily Bennett and her mother Tara, last fall committed \$45,000 towards the purchase of 10 heated chemotherapy chairs for the regional health centre.

Those chairs arrived at BTHC earlier this month, and last week Bennett and reps from the thrift shop got the chance to check them out and hear the impact they're already having on patients.

"I have Stage 3 Hodgkin lymphoma, and I finished treatment in this unit in January," shared Bennett. "I'm still waiting to see if I need radiation, but for now I'm done chemotherapy."

In the wake of her diagnosis last summer, Bennett was at Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg where

she got the chance to experience the comfort of heated chairs during long hours spent receiving her initial treatments.

"We just kind of fell in love with them," she said, "and me and my mom thought why does Winkler not have these? This would benefit so many people."

They wrote up a grant proposal and soon after heard back from the thrift shop, who were eager to foot the bill to swap out all the treatment chairs in the cancer care unit at BTHC.

"So far I think people are liking them," Bennett said. "They're heated ... from what I know from personal experience, it gets cold when you're sitting in an infusion chair for hours. And while there are heated blankets, they can only hold heat for so long. This will keep the heat constant, especially during things like blood transfusions, which are super cold. So it's beneficial to a lot of patients like me who often have trouble regulating their temperature thanks to their treatments."

"I'm very proud to have been part



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From left: BTHC Foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett, Deborah Riter and Joan Mikolasek from the Morden Community Thrift Store, Emily Bennett (seated), and Lindsey McLaren, Sherry Martens, and Sheri-Lynn Duncan from the BTHC Cancer Care unit with the hospital's new heated chairs.

of the process that got these chairs in this room in this building," Bennett added. "It's an incredibly hard road to travel, and if I can help make it easier for even a handful of people, I will have made a worthwhile legacy. There's no downside to this. This is something that will benefit hundreds

of people per month." In fact, the unit administers upwards of 200 treatments monthly, said Lindsay McLaren, clinical resource nurse, and the chairs have gotten a big thumbs up from everyone who's had the chance to use them so far.

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"Morden continues to thrive as a city of opportunity"

By Lorne Stelmach

Mayor Nancy Penner heralded Morden's continued growth in the past year as well as what lays ahead in her annual state of the city address.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the Morden Chamber of Commerce last Thursday, Penner expressed both confidence and optimism about what is being accomplished even with the challenges that the community continues to face.

"Morden continues to thrive as a city of opportunity, innovation, and collaboration," said Penner. "2025 is already shaping up to be another transformative year for Morden, and I am confident that, with the support of our residents, businesses and partners, we will continue to build a stronger and more prosperous city."

She began by highlighting the ongoing commercial and industrial growth in the community.

"Morden's economy is strong, fueled by a diverse range of industries. Over the past year we've seen the growth of both new and existing businesses, creating jobs and driving economic vitality," said Penner.

"Our industrial land sales have been a key catalyst in attracting investment, and we remain committed to working with prospective investors to ensure Morden remains a prime destination for business and growth."

She emphasized that infrastructure is a top priority for city leaders and suggested they continue to make significant strides on that front.

"Our ongoing partnership with Winkler and the RM of Stanley on the feasibility of a temporary regional wastewater treatment solution is progressing, ensuring we have the capacity to support our growth," Penner said. "Alongside this, we are advancing our own facility's construction, ensuring our city is well-positioned for the future."

"Our transportation networks and utility services are being continuously upgraded to meet the demands of a growing population and expanding business sector," she added. We made important investments in our

infrastructure, from renewing water mains to upgrading sidewalks and pathways."

Penner went on to say 2024 was a year of growth and progress in many other ways as well with such initiatives as the opening of the new Lakeside Cemetery along with the addition of a new lakeside trail, which she cited as an example of their commitment to creating spaces that serve residents and visitors alike.

"Morden is more than just a place to work. It is a place to live, connect, and thrive," she stressed. "Our parks, recreational facilities and cultural events continue to bring us together. This past year, we invested in enhancing public spaces and supporting programs that foster inclusivity and well-being."

"The long-awaited Stanley trails community pathway will soon become a reality, connecting our communities in ways that have been discussed for years," Penner added. "This is an exciting project, and it's one that will benefit all of us."

Looking further ahead, the mayor cited several key initiatives that she believes will help shape Morden's future.

There will be the next phases of the wastewater treatment project, and the 2025 budget introduced last week included some significant capital projects related to water and wastewater projects.

"We have allocated \$7 million for wastewater treatment plant costs in this year's budget should opportunities present themselves," she said, adding as well there is reconstruction of the water treatment plant's standpipe.

"This new standpipe will serve two purposes. It will regulate pressure and improve drinking water quality with the reduction of THMs," she said, noting this project is 50 per cent funded by the province.

"We also continue to work on algae control for Lake Minnewasta," she said, citing their commitment to a project involving an ultrasonic algae control system.

Other developments will soon begin

in the new 142 acre Industrial Park located south of Willcocks Road.

"As part of our commitment to growth and infrastructure, we are investing \$1.75 million into the construction of sewer, water, roads and storm water systems to support the phase one subdivision," Penner said. "This significant investment lays the groundwork for long term economic growth and job creation in our community."

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Morden Mayor Nancy Penner delivered her state of the city address at the chamber's AGM luncheon last week.



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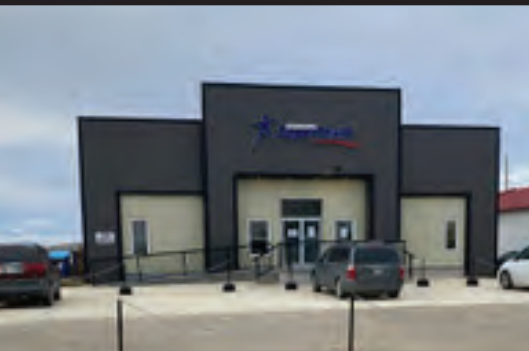
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Morden chamber looking to the future

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Chamber of Commerce accomplished much in the past year, and board chairperson Tyler Schroeder sees much more coming in the year ahead.

He sounded an optimistic tone in his address at the chamber's annual general meeting last Thursday.

"As an organization, we've had the great benefit of strong leadership and governance over the past decade and with that comes opportunity as well," Schroeder said at the luncheon.

"The Morden Chamber of Commerce is in a great position to make a difference within our community. We're in one of the fastest growing regions in Canada and with that comes opportunity," he said. "We have a strong executive director and board of directors. We have a revitalized downtown retail sector. We have an expanding industrial park. We have a city council and administration with a new strategic plan.

Schroeder began his address by noting the chamber's four core pillars: to be the voice of business, a source

of information, provide networking, and promote local businesses.

He also highlighted the Morden organization's accreditation from the Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada. Morden's chamber is one of only 23 chambers of commerce across Canada and one of only two in Manitoba to achieve accreditation for 2025-2029.

"This is a significant achievement, as it points to our strengths in governance, operations, commitment to the business community, and the overall strength of the organization," Schroeder said.

Another key priority for the chamber in the past year was advocacy on behalf of the business community.

"Our boldest initiative in 2024 and one that will drive long term value to our members is the full activation of our advocacy efforts," Schroeder said, noting they established a new governance and advocacy committee in 2023. Their goal is "to ensure that member concerns are consistently received, recorded and assessed with appropriate action taken where warranted."

The chamber undertook three advocacy efforts in relation to the wastewater situation in Morden and concerns around the Sun-



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The Morden Chamber of Commerce invited members to enjoy lunch at their annual general meeting last week, which also included the mayor's state of the city address.

catch Plaza street closure.

Another one was with the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce and bringing forward a policy resolution that asks the provincial and federal governments to increase their infrastructure funding commitments beyond the typical one-third amount of total project costs.

"This is a particularly relevant and painful issue in Morden, as we remain in a holding pattern for a wastewater solution partly due to a lack of provincial and federal funding, while project costs continue to escalate and regional economic development pays the price."

Schroeder went on to highlight the chamber's strategic plan.

"We're now in year three of a three-year strategic plan, and we're on track to materially accomplish our core objectives of enabling organization growth, acting as the voice of busi-

ness while enhancing membership services and engagement."

The past year was a busy and active one, with the chamber hosting or co-hosting 12 events ranging from its golf tournament to the Inspire Wellness events to the International Women's Day luncheon. For 2025, it already has 16 events on its schedule.

Schroeder noted the chamber is in a strong financial position.

"Our income statement shows that we're operating with a business mindset," he suggested. "The organization has financial viability by enhancing new and existing revenue generating opportunities while providing good financial management and oversight."

Finally, he heralded the benefits of chamber membership, which reached 241 members in 2024 with a goal of a net increase of two per cent each year.

"At a high level, the benefit of a chamber membership is that we act on your behalf as the voice of business to connect with people, business, industry, government, and community. We're devoted to supporting local businesses to evolve and grow."

In other business, the chamber re-elected Schroeder, Derek Wiebe, Stéphan Warnock, and Zoraia Constantino and welcomed new board member Nicole Walske, executive director of the Menzies Medical Centre. Continuing in their current terms are treasurer Connie Pauls, Brent Laverty, Leah Olson, and Mariyam Tsygankova, while leaving the board is Susan Lee.



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Prairie Soundscape kicks off another season of music

Adult, middle years
choirs open to new
members

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Prairie Soundscape launched its 2025 season in the choral room of Northlands Parkway Collegiate last week, but it's not too late to join in.

The Winkler-based adult choir held its first Wednesday night rehearsal April 9, and their middle years choir was slated to meet for the first time this week. The group also runs a small ensemble choir.

All three choirs will rehearse weekly through to the end of May, when they'll take the stage on Saturday, May 31 at St. Paul's Church in Morden at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The "Night at the Cinema" theme will feature popular songs from the movies. Admission is by donation.

The choir has been providing vocalists with an inclusive, non-auditioned space to share their love of music together since 2018, says Melanie Urichuk, artistic director and adult choir conductor.

"Karen Giesbrecht and I started it, and I think we had 15 singers that first year," she says. "It's grown pretty consistently ever since."

Last week's opening rehearsal saw about 30 people of all ages and skill levels come out to raise their voices together in song, which was music to Urichuk's ears.

She and the late Giesbrecht began Prairie Soundscape to give their former students a much-needed musical outlet.

"We were both high school directors here in Winkler and it was so hard to grapple with the fact that we had these incredible students with so much passion for music who would then graduate and there weren't really many opportunities for connecting



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Prairie Soundscape's adult choir gathered for its first rehearsal last week. The group meets Wednesday nights in Winkler and is looking for more voices.

with music and continuing that learning," she says. "We just wanted to create spaces for more singing and more joy and more community."

Even if it's been years since you've sung in a choir, you are most welcome at Prairie Soundscape, Urichuk stresses.

"Our adult choir is very much intended as a place to connect and get comfortable," she says. "We're all

about creating access and opportunity for people who don't necessarily have it in other places ... we want to make sure that experience levels aren't stopping people from the joy of making music."

The adult choir is open to anyone in Gr. 12 and up, while the middle years choir is aimed at Gr. 5-8 students.

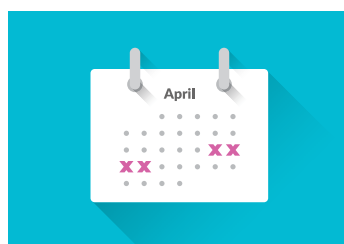
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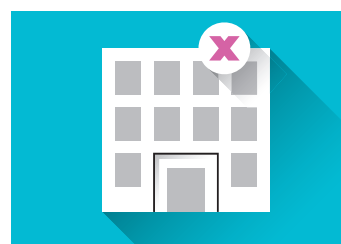
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Emerging from the dark

Sure signs that spring is coming are when you notice the buds beginning to form on trees.

Once you see this you can practically imagine the crocuses waking up just beneath the ground and the grass preparing to stretch forth in a long and yawning greening after being asleep for so long.

Other obvious signs include the tell-tale honks of Canada geese re-

turning from their southern sojourn along with robins, various other species of bird and beast, and a pale (almost transparent) Peter Cantelon emerging from his den, squinty eyed in the light of day, still bearing evidence of the winter fat designed to keep him alive through the drowsy days.

Legend holds that if Cantelon sees his shadow on the day of emergence it will be six more weeks before he can write a decent, readable column.

For various reasons including a broken foot I have remained relatively hidden within the two and half foot thick stone walls of my fortress for most of this past winter. I would like to blame a broken foot for remaining hidden most winters but sadly I cannot.

Something about the cold, long dark days keeps me mostly hidden from the living during the snowy season even though this is the opposite of what, I am told, a person needs during these frigid months of low light.

Today however, buoyed by the promise of warmer temperatures and sunlight, I packed a backpack and hobbled down to the local coffee shop to work amidst others of my species.

I am told that an introvert like me who works professionally from home should “get out” once and a while, if for no other reason then to assure people that I am, in fact, still alive.

This advice is often received like the advice some extroverts like to give to introverts when they spot them at

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By **Peter Cantelon**

Letters

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

A joke often shared about Portage-Lisgar is that a yellow dog, or even a dead horse, would win the election if they ran for a right of centre party. This is funny, but there is also a kernel of truth.

Beginning in 1953, after 18 years of being represented by a Liberal in Ottawa, voters in Portage-Lisgar chose to elect a Progressive Conservative. They continued to vote Progressive Conservative until 2000 when the electorate moved further to the right, choosing Reform, and then Canadian Alliance.

In 2006, under the leadership of Stephen Harper, the Reform party

merged with the Progressive Conservatives. The new Conservative party no longer included the descriptor “progressive.”

After 72 years of right of centre representation, most voters in Portage-Lisgar will have no memory of anything else. They wouldn’t know about Howard Winkler, a Liberal, who served as MP from 1935-1953. Winkler was highly regarded. He was a well educated man with a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, and he was also a local farmer. During WWI he served in the 11th Canadian Ambulance Unit. He was committed to public service.

Portage-Lisgar is widely known for its predictable voting pattern, and the majority of voters are okay with that. This predictability means they risk being taken for granted or not having their voices heard at all, depending on which party is in power. The mostly silent minority in the constituency continue to vote even though they know their votes won’t count.

Maybe this time around, given the seriousness of the global crisis, people will think beyond the promise of lower taxes and smaller government.

**Barb Toews,
Morden**

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• FAITH FOCUS

A life to remember

Many churches will soon hold special services to acknowledge their belief in the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ approximately 2,000 years ago.

You may wonder what is all the fuss about? Is it really true? Does it make a difference? Let's review some key information from the Bible.

In Jesus' physical birth a sense of

divine mission was understood. An unusual conception led to an unusual birth location, necessitated by a government required census. Studied travellers from "the east" came to worship this young child – so the child we know as Jesus was already being noted internationally.



By Randy Smart

Joseph and Mary were guided by God in their steps to protect this child entrusted to their care. The Bible records that by age 12

Jesus demonstrated an unusual sense of awareness about his larger purpose. He spent the next 18 years or so in obscurity, living in a smaller community with his parents and family, and learning from the practical skills of daily life that Joseph and Mary would have taught him.

The Gospels tell how he was baptized by the man we know as John the Baptist. Jesus began to travel as a teacher and worker of miracles – not for pay or popularity but because he was committed to a message and a compassion for the spiritual well-being of all people. Many people were eager to hear him speak and amazed

at his authority in words and actions, including miraculous healings and other provisions such as turning water into wine at a wedding. Religious authorities were less enthusiastic.

For three years Jesus taught and travelled, performed some miracles and held up the bigger view that God as creator still cared for the people he had created.

Jesus knew that his physical destiny would be death at the "hands of men" (Luke 9:44). As his ministry progressed, he headed toward Jerusalem, "... as the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51).

He was welcomed into Jerusalem by many people on a Sunday. He rode in on a colt – a symbol of peace. He also gave more instruction to his twelve chosen disciples who (all but one of them) would be left to carry on the work that he had begun.

The Gospels describe the growing resentment toward Jesus which some leaders had. They also describe the hurried legal trials and his unflappable resolute commitment to the truth about who he was and about the needs of all people. His death was on a Roman cross – a cruel and unusual punishment for the man Pilate said was not guilty of any crime.

Considering the life he had lived, it should be no surprise that the grave could not hold him and he was supernaturally raised on the third day. Christians still seek to understand and learn from the words of Jesus to live with a larger sense that God truly loves us personally and wants us to discover and share His love for each one of us and for all people today.

Randy Smart has been a pastor in Southern Manitoba since 1979.

> PRAIRIE SOUNDSCAPE, FROM PG. 5

"We need lots of voices still," shares Courtney Yeo-Thiessen, coordinator of the youth choir, who notes they had about five kids pre-register but hope to see more come out this week. "If parents have a kid that they know likes to sing in the shower, maybe give them a nudge to come join us so they can grow their voice and make some musical friends."

Palmer Toews, who is on the board as a creative consultant this season, has been involved with the adult choir from the get-go. Toews finds the sense of community to be invigorating.

"A lot of people's schedules are so

full and they feel so drained. For me, I found coming back to it, it's something that fills me."

"We have such a cool community that we're building," adds Heidi Friesen, who heads up fundraising for the group. "It's very inclusive, very welcoming and come-as-you-are. It's very positive and uplifting. It's a nice community to be a part of."

If you'd like to get involved, simply connect with organizers through the Prairie Soundscape website (www.prairiesoundscape.ca) or stop by an upcoming rehearsal night (the middle years choir meets in the NPC

choir room at 5:30 p.m. followed by the adult choir at 6:45 p.m.)

There is no cost for middle years vocalists to take part, but adult members are encouraged to make a \$40 donation to help cover the costs of rehearsal space rentals, if they can.

"It's very important to us that everybody be able to participate, regardless of financial situation, so we have a pay-what-you-can model," stresses Friesen. She notes people are welcome to give more than \$40, if they wish, to sponsor other singers unable to make a donation. "We don't want anyone to not be able to sing with us if they want to."

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

parties hiding in a corner, legitimately having a good time in their own way:

WHY AREN'T YOU HAVING FUN? YOU SHOULD DANCE! TRY SMILING! HEY – WHERE ARE YOU GOING???

Of course, we know they mean well. Extroverts get very uncomfortable by the presence of people who do not enjoy themselves in the exact same way

they do.

So here I am typing out my column in the coffee shop with my armour on. The armour in question are my headphones.

(ASIDE: Dear reader, should you happen to see someone you know in a coffee shop and they are actively avoiding eye contact and wearing headphones, you are best to move

along. A quick head nod or wave is acceptable. Absolutely resist the urge to stand in front of the person jumping up and down or shaking them vigorously by the shoulders. But I digress.)

At a certain point I will have reached my limit of humans in the same way a person reaches their limit of sun at the beach and must retreat to the shade. I mean, you like the warmth of a hot sunny day but there's such a thing as too much. To date I do not believe anyone has invented social sun block other than a long avoidance of bathing.

Once I reach the above-mentioned limit, I will pack my portable office up and begin the not too long hobble back home, proud of myself for breaching my own defences for a few hours.

But for now I will bask in the warmth of being out and about.

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Our mistake

An article in the April 3 edition of the Voice on the Winkler chamber's business award winners incorrectly named both the owner and chef at Mulligan's Restaurant.

The restaurant, which has been named the winner of the Business Builder Award, is owned by Andrea Knight, with Anthony Proulx heading up the kitchen.

We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

Five candidates throw their hats in the ring

Who are they? What do they stand for? Why do they think they deserve your vote April 28

JANINE GIBSON, GREEN PARTY

Janine Gibson isn't daunted by the challenge of trying to get the Green Party message out there in a riding as traditionally Conservative as Portage-Lisgar.

"You have to remember the Green Party has conservative roots. What does that word conserve mean, right? We do want to conserve," she noted. "I know there are a lot of people who share the same values.

"Green Party is about bridge building. It's about knowing when we all work together, we're stronger," Gibson said. "Instead of polarizing and being divided, we need to be talking to each other.

"And I hate the rural-urban divide in provincial politics right now. I'm running federally to just spread the information and spread Green policies so that people take a closer look at it."

Gibson brings a lifetime of service to environmental and social issues through her work with such organizations as HogWatch and as an organic standards inspector as well as leader of the Green Party of Manitoba.

She was the co-founder in 1984 of a solar-powered co-op farm south of Steinbach, and her roles with the International Organic Inspectors Association have involved developing and interpreting organic standards, transfers to practical policy development, and implementation.

She has been involved in building organic agriculture teams in Manitoba through her 30-year business Creative Health Consulting. In addition, she represents Manitoba on the Organic Federation of Canada and on the organic standards technical committee, and she is currently on the executive of Hogwatch Manitoba and Our Line in the Sand. She strives to hold business and government accountable.

"My whole life has been around agriculture, and I've done a lot of work supporting organic agriculture and more sustainable agriculture in Portage-Lisgar," Gibson noted.



Janine G. Gibson

"I believe we should be the change we want to see, and, to me, democracy requires participation," she continued. "And I am really tired of hearing crickets from Ottawa about supporting our farmers and our food producers. Food production is such an important part of life in Canada.

"Green policies support more sustainable agriculture, and they also support things like a basic income guarantee, which I think world statistics show really would reduce crime."

She noted how the other main parties will often adopt Green Party ideas, adding the party also covers a lot of ground such as supporting things like affordable housing. So they are about more than just environmental issues, she stressed, although those are at the heart of what they are about.

"If we would address the disparities between the haves and the have nots, if we could have more equity in sharing our resources, then I think we would have less crime ... it needs to be a multi-pronged approach."

ROBERT KREIS, LIBERAL PARTY

Robert Kreis comes to his candidacy for the Liberal party in Portage-Lisgar with a proven track record of community service.

He sees local families as needing a trusted voice in government who will champion for a stronger middle class and help build an economy that works for all Canadians.

He shares that he was motivated to let his name stand especially with what is happening these days with the United States and President Donald Trump.

"I felt I needed to not be a spectator or an armchair quarterback, but I actually needed to step up and counter some of the voices that were out there," said Kreis. "I'm not one to be easily intimidated or frightened, and what is happening south of the border and the president's intent in what he wanted to do with Canada really just got



Robert Kreis

me very concerned about the future for my children and grandchildren."

Calling Winnipeg home, Kreis has served as chairperson of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and as co-chair of Leadership Winnipeg. As chair as well of Forward House Ministries, he has seen firsthand the effects drugs and alcohol can have on a community.

By letting his name stand as the Liberal candidate in Portage-Lisgar, Kreis hopes to get people thinking about different viewpoints on issues that matter to all Canadians.

"I hope I can get people to stop and listen to a different perspective, which is really something that we've lost," he said. "We've lost civility to the point where people don't want to talk to you if they know that you're with someone who isn't part of their group.

"That I find is really unfortunate because this country has been a melting pot of different ideas," he continued. "It's what's made this country great. Now we have people who have become so polarized in their opinions they're not even willing to listen to another opinion."

He simply hopes to just get people to talk and maybe it will spark enough thought to consider an alternative voice.

"I think what's happening with this election is that Canadians are realizing that, regardless of what divides us, there are some central issues in Canada that we as a country and only together as a country can solve," he suggested.

He believes Liberal Party leader Mark Carney is the best man to lead the country forward, citing his experience in dealing with economies and leveraging money.

"He can help get Canadian businesses and other people from outside of Canada to invest in Canada and to build industry here," said Kreis, who also suggested Carney has done a good job of defending Canada and responding to the ongoing U.S. tariff threat.

"I see this as a moment for Canada where we as a country can take our pride in ourselves," he said. "I look at the opportunities that we have now ... as an opportunity to really do some nation building."

KEVIN LARSON, PEOPLE'S PARTY

Kevin Larson offers a simple message for the residents of Portage-Lisgar: vote for the People's Party of Canada to get something different.

The resident of Somerset sees the party as committed advocates for freedom, responsibility, and limited government.

"I think we've had years of things kind of going in one direction," said Larson. "As much as people think the main parties are different, I think they have a lot of similarities in how the country will run and the direction it will go.

"I think the People's Party offers an alternative that will turn things around and give power back to the people and less power to the federal government."

Raised as the third of eight children in a small-town family led by his father, who was a local pastor, Larson says he learned the importance of service, community, and integrity from a young age.

He has always been deeply involved in his community, including serving as a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, camp counsellor, and a soccer and hockey coach. He is currently a volunteer firefighter for the Rural Municipality of Lorne.

He works as a shop supervisor servicing both general automotive and agricultural tires, and has also worked with children with disabilities in the foster care system.

Larson's interest in Canadian politics was sparked early, inspired by his aunt, former Conservative MP Deborah Grey. Over time, his desire to move from voting to actively participating in politics grew stronger, and he says he now seeks to be a voice for Canadians who feel ignored by the political establishment.

"I volunteered with the Conservatives until 2018, and I just felt they kind of abandoned a lot of the issues



Kevin Larson

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that were meaningful to me, and I think a lot of people feel the same way," he suggested. "When Max [Bernier] made the People's Party, I joined back in 2019.

"I felt coming into this election no one had put themselves forward yet, and they hadn't picked a candidate, so I decided that it was important to do it myself. I kind of figured one day I could get more involved."

He noted the People's Party has a number of key issues ranging from cutting immigration to banning abortion.

"It's not on any of the main parties plates," he said. "I do have a personal stance against it, and the party has a stance to start eliminating it."

He sees himself as having a couple key traits or strengths that he would bring to the table.

"I think I'm good at listening and hearing what people want," Larson suggested. "Especially in politics, I think too often people are told the solutions to their problems without even having their problems heard by the government.

"I always tell people I might not have the answer right away ... but I will look into it and do my best to best represent you."

BRANDEN LESLIE, CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Portage-Lisgar MP Branden Leslie has had a simple and straightforward approach when he has been out knocking on doors in this federal election campaign.



Branden Leslie

"Do you believe that we need change with our national government? And the answer overwhelmingly is yes," said the incumbent Conservative MP.

"I talk about what we are of-

fering as Conservatives, and we have been putting forward a very positive message to people as to what the future can be for Canada," he suggested. "We've outlined many, many detailed policies so far in this campaign that are meant to lift people up."

Leslie grew up in the heart of rural Manitoba just south of Portage la Prairie. Raised on a family farm, he says he learned the value of hard work from an early age, and his roots are deep in this land where his passion for rural Manitoba began.

His journey took him from the classrooms of Portage Collegiate Institute to the halls of Brandon University and ultimately to Carleton University. He is now living in Portage with his family.

He served as an advisor in Stephen Harper's Conservative government, and he sees himself as having gained much from the experience in helping to tackle such issues as getting tough on crime, protecting the rights of firearm owners, and defending farmers.

Leslie's next chapter brought him to the Grain Growers of Canada, where he helped lead the charge against the Liberals' carbon tax—a policy which he saw as crippling farmers and others in Portage-Lisgar, where he was elected to serve as MP in 2023.

Leslie sees one of the most important issues in this election as being the cost of living and affordability. We live in what could be the wealthiest country in the world, he said, but people are still struggling to get by.

"They're simply wondering why. It feels as though that Canada has lost the promise of Canada ... the old mentality was you work hard, you play by the rules, you're going to be rewarded ... it seems like that has all gone by the wayside.

"We pay extremely high taxes and are not getting any better services," Leslie added. "People are looking for change and see no need for a fourth term for this Liberal government that has failed them."

Despite seeking election in a riding

that has long been staunchly Conservative, Leslie said he doesn't take anything for granted.

"I'm not just mailing it in," he said. "I'm the candidate who's working the hardest. We've knocked on about 10,000 doors so far in this election campaign in towns big and small across our riding."

LISA TESSIER, NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Lisa Tessier feels it is vital that residents of Portage-Lisgar be offered a choice this election.

"I understand there's a mountain ahead of me," said the NDP candidate, who calls Portage la Prairie home.

"For me, it's not about winning. It's about standing up and saying to the people of Portage-Lisgar there's another option here. There's more than just voting Conservative or voting Liberal ... it's really important that the ballot reflects that.

"I've just really felt in recent years that having choice and voice in our riding is important. It's been a traditionally very Conservative riding for many, many years," she said. "I'm active in my community, and a lot of people have come to me and said we would like to see more representation on the ballot ... having options when it comes to elections is important."

Raised in Thompson, Tessier has lived and worked in Portage since 2008.

As an educator, she has served on many committees at both the regional and provincial levels to implement and advance French Immersion education opportunities.

In addition to her work as an advocate for bilingual education in



Lisa Tessier

Manitoba, she has also served on the teacher advisory committee for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights to help design and implement educational programming for students.

As an educator of 15 years and an active member of her community, she has witnessed firsthand how government spending cuts have impacted the people in Portage-Lisgar.

Tessier noted her family was very active with the NDP, so she learned about the importance of supporting workers and other key NDP ideas at an early age.

"It's always been a party that I've aligned myself to," she said.

Tessier highlighted a number of key priorities such as affordable housing, cost of living, and affordability, and she cited the examples of the NDP proposing a tax cut targeted to help working class and middle class families as well as capping price on groceries as a couple of examples of what the party hopes to do for the nation.

"Canadians shouldn't have to make decisions between paying bills and putting food on the table," she said, pointing as well to the party's plans to build three million homes by 2030 and offer low-interest loans for first-time home buyers.

"It's really important that Canadians understand that our government fundamentally works very differently and that there are options for them," she stressed. "The NDP is a party that has a long history of making Parliament work.

"The fact is Ottawa works better when more parties work in Parliament ... the more diversified Parliament is, the stronger our Parliament is then to actually do the work that is necessary to make Canada Canada for everyday Canadians ... having more parties in Parliament keeps pressure on whatever party is elected into government to make choices and legislation that works for all Canadians."

—Profiles written by Lorne Stelmach

Chambers hosting all-candidates forum April 23

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and Morden chambers of commerce are teaming up to give Portage-Lisgar voters the opportunity to hear from the candidates running to represent our region in the April 28 federal election.

An all-candidates forum takes place at the Morden Activity Centre (306 North Railway St.) on Wednesday, April 23 from 7-8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

"We want to let people know they can submit questions for any of the candidates," shared Winkler and Dis-

trict Chamber of Commerce executive director Tanya Chateauf, directing people to send their questions in advance to admin@winklerchamber.com. "We'll accept questions up until the day of."

The final list of candidates released April 9 includes Janine G. Gibson

(Green Party of Canada), Robert Kreis (Liberal Party of Canada), Kevin Larson (People's Party of Canada), incumbent Branden Leslie (Conservative Party of Canada), and Lisa Tessier (New Democratic Party).

Check out our profiles on all the candidates starting on Pg. 8.

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Eleven arrested in joint police investigation

By Voice staff

Nearly a dozen people were taken into custody and are facing a litany of charges in connection with the completion of a major joint investigation between the Winkler and Morden police departments.

The Project Terminus investigation—an operation conducted by the two departments with support from Manitoba Justice and the Manitoba Criminal Intelligence Centre—was underway from Dec. 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 and has resulted in the arrest of 11 suspects and the seizure of illicit drugs, weapons, and drug trafficking paraphernalia, police announced last week.

“The results of this Joint Force Operation would not have been possible without the partnerships between these two police services along with assistance from the Pembina Valley RCMP,” Sgt. Sergeant Chris Flook of the Morden Police Service said in a statement. “This is another example of what can be achieved through interoperability policing collaborations.

The operation included multiple incidents over the last three months:

- On January 24, police conducted a traffic stop which resulted in a quantity of methamphetamine, a replica firearm, and a large amount of Canadian currency being seized and two subjects being charged.
- On Jan. 26, another traffic stop re-

sulted in an additional subject being charged with possession of a controlled substance.

- On Jan. 30, three drug search warrants were executed in Winkler by members of the Regional Support Tactical Team, numerous general patrol officers from Winkler and Morden, and Pembina Valley RCMP officers.

Three people were arrested between the three locations and cocaine and proceeds of crime were seized.

- On Feb. 15, a traffic stop in Morden resulted in two subjects being arrested and a firearm being seized.

- On Feb. 21, a search warrant was executed in Roland. Two subjects were arrested and a quantity of cocaine, methamphetamine, and drug

trafficking paraphernalia was seized.

- On March 14, another search warrant was executed in Morden, resulting in one subject arrested and a quantity of cocaine and Canadian currency seized.

In all, this joint investigation got 2.7 grams of meth, 128 grams of cocaine, two firearms (one a replica), \$29,253 in Canadian currency, and drug paraphernalia including scales, safes, and packaging off the streets.

Facing charges is a man from British Columbia, two Morden men, four men and one woman from Winkler, a man from Chortiz, and a man and woman from Roland.

“The strength of Morden lies in its people”

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Penner then went on to note that work on their infrastructure master plan is underway to guide long term development and investment in critical infrastructure.

She emphasized the city will continue to engage with stakeholders throughout the year, and the input will be essential in shaping a future that works for everyone, she noted.

“We also recognize the need to expand our service industries, and we are dedicated to attracting new businesses while supporting the growth of existing ones,” said Penner. “Our approach includes offering economic incentives, streamlining processes, and enhancing workforce development opportunities.”

Penner as well cited the importance of council supporting the Morden Community Development Corporation’s acquisition of Boundary Trails Place at the end of 2024.

“This significant investment was made without any cost to Morden taxpayers,” she noted. “It continues a long-standing vision to use the facility for regional health care services and creates new opportunities to enhance education in our community.”

Penner then noted the city will continue to invest in parks, trails and public spaces to ensure Morden remains a vibrant and welcoming place for all, and she then

went on to touch on the plans for the seasonal street closure downtown for the Suncatch Plaza.

“Council’s vision for the Suncatch area was to create a space that invites people to sit, experience interactive arts and cultural events, hear music, enjoy food, and connect with others,” she said, acknowledging the chamber had advocated on behalf of the business community against a full street closure for nine weeks through the summer.

“Council has aimed to find a balanced approach. So this year the

> BTHC DONATION, FROM PG. 2

“It has very much so impacted our patient experience being in the unit. It’s just a little bit extra comfort that we can provide our patients,” McLaren said, noting some people are required to spend up to eight hours sitting in these chairs while undergoing chemo.

On behalf of the patients and staff at BTHC, McLaren expressed her grati-

tude to everyone who made this donation possible.

“A huge thank-you to all the community members that are supporting these businesses that are willing to donate big purchases to the hospital,” she said. “It’s something that impacts everybody ... their support is that little extra help and love that they can show their loved ones and friends.”

Joan Mikolasek and Debra Ritter were on hand last week from the Morden Community Thrift Store to see the chairs in action.

It’s gratifying to see the funds raised by the non-profit, volunteer-run shop being put to such amazing use, Mikolasek said, noting that supporting local health care services and patients is a priority for the board of directors.

“We are very thankful for all the donations that we get to be able to support things like this,” she said. “And we were more than happy to give them the money that they requested

mental challenges.

“This initiative will help preserve the beauty of our community while promoting sustainable growth for future generations.”

Penner concluded by expressing her gratitude to the entire community.

“I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you: our business leaders, community organizations, city staff and residents. The strength of Morden lies in its people, and together, we will continue to build a future that reflects our shared values and aspirations.”

for the heated chairs.”

Facilitating the donation and the purchase of the chairs was the BTHC Foundation.

“We are very fortunate to have such an amazing thrift shop that supports our foundation,” said executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett. “They give [grants out in] spring and fall, and so we make sure that we are thoughtful with our requests. This was one that was extremely thoughtful and beneficial for a huge amount of people in our community.”

While the foundation receives a list of potential equipment purchases from the director of BTHC each year, they also want to make sure they’re open to suggestions from the community at large, Samatte-Folkett noted.

“This particular project came straight from community. And we’re really blessed to be able to help fulfill this. It will touch so many lives in the Pembina Valley.”

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African Children's Choir to perform in Winkler, Altona, and Morris

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Concert venues in Winkler, Altona, and Morris will be alive with the sights and sounds of Africa as the African Children's Choir makes its way through the region later this month.

The choir, a program of the Music for Life Christian ministry that supports youth living in poverty, features 18 children age 9 to 11.

The kids have been making their way across Canada this spring for the Just As I Am Tour celebrating the choir's 40th anniversary.

Along the way they stay with host families in each community they perform in, and so far they've been having a blast exploring Canada, shares tour leader Jim Luzze.

"It's quite an experience for them because they now fully understand and appreciate the world of possibilities," he says. "When they come out there [on tour], they see the development, get to know that things are actually possible, know we can make change based on what they see and tap into the knowledge and guidance and use that to go back home and make their communities and families better than

they were before they were selected."

Competition for a spot on the choir is quite high, and children are selected not just based on their musical abilities but also their level of need.

"We try and look for those families that need the opportunity the most," Luzze says, explaining choir participants, upon returning home, begin attending classes at Music for Life's primary schools across Africa.

These are children who "cannot otherwise afford to go to school. They might have one meal a day," he says. "We're trying to change that story and give them a fighting chance in life."

The 2025 choir is the 52nd children's choir to tour, sharing, one concert at a time, the story of the work Music for Life is doing and how Canadians can lend a helping hand in their mission to make a difference in the world.

"As soon as people start to talk to the children, they just fall in love with them," Luzze says. "There's a realness [to children]. They do not have time to pretend. And based on what they have been going through, they know this is an opportunity and they show appreciation through how they present themselves, how they relate with



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The African Children's Choir is coming to Southern Manitoba next week, raising funds and awareness for Music for Life programming.

others. They always have a beautiful smile on their faces."

Hundreds of kids have been impacted by being part of this program, says Luzze, who years ago was a member of Choir 16.

"It opened my eyes," he shares of the experience touring the U.S. as a boy. "I was being wowed at everything I saw ... it gave me hope and it gave me a drive to work really hard so that I'm able to help my community

and bring some development to my community."

Thanks to his time with the choir and the resulting support in the years afterwards, Luzze was able to get his high school diploma and a post-secondary degree in social science. Today he volunteers his time with the organization, helping guide the next generation of participants.

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Morden council unveils 2025 financial plan

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden city council approved a 2025 budget last week that strives to strike a balance.

The city faces a number of significant capital projects and various other increased needs and demands on services, but the financial plan will not have a major impact on taxpayers.

"We were very pleased with how the budget came together," Mayor Nancy Penner said after council gave it first reading on April 8.

"We met a number of times, and department heads had major input into the budget planning and working with their budgets and making sure that their pencils were sharp," she said. "It was a very collaborative effort with all of the department heads and staff."

"A good percentage of our budget is wages, and those cost of living increases did impact the city budget, but we were very prudent and found efficiencies within our budget," noted Penner. "We were able to pass that on to the ratepayers."

The municipal tax bills include three special services levies with a total that rises from \$163.48 to \$268.26. It includes the levy for waste and disposal that goes up slightly from \$163.48 to \$165.91. As well, there is a levy for Morden's contribution to the Boundary Trails Health Centre and Menzies Medical Centre set at \$91, along with Morden's share for École Discovery Trails track set at \$11.35.

The municipal mill rate decreases 9.78 per cent from 17.359 to 15.661. However, a provincewide property re-

assessments counters that with an overall assessed value increase in Morden of 11 per cent.

The bottom line will mean a \$300,000 home now valued at \$336,000 will see its total municipal tax bill including the special levies increase 5.16 per cent from \$2,506.95 to \$2,636.20

"I guess we could have looked at the increased assessment sort of as a windfall, but council was able to look at the mill rate and look at the assessed values [and balance it out]," Penner explained.

"We are pleased with a limited mill rate increase," she added, noting how it helped them address a number of priorities in the budget.

"We are able to put just over a million dollars into reserves, which is very important to council, to be able to increase our reserve balance for the future."

The total budget of over \$25.1 million in expenditures is a 4.2 per cent decrease from the 2024 budget, while it is an increase of just over eight per cent from last year's actual year-end expenditures.

Revenue from the tax levy increases about three per cent to just over \$11.6 million, while other revenue such as government grants decrease by 33 per cent to over \$7.8 million. Transfers from accumulated surplus and reserve funds rise by 26 per cent to about \$3.8 million.

About 46 per cent of revenue or about \$11.6 million comes through property taxes, while such things as user fees, rentals and permits account for 22 per cent or \$5.6 million. Reserve transfers come in at \$4.9 million, which

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Potato growers face cuts as McCain scales back

By Becca Myskiw

Potato growers across the province are heading into the 2025 growing season with uncertainty amid a widespread reduction in contracted acres from McCain Foods.

Mark Owen received a call from McCain Foods earlier this month to set up an in-person meeting. The next day, he received a letter from the company notifying him of a volume reduction in his contract. The Carman potato grower said all growers across the province got the same letter, with reductions ranging anywhere from 10 to 100 per cent. The average reduction was 27 per cent across Manitoba. He added that Simplot also cut contracts with growers.

"The reason they gave was two-fold," said Owen. "The entire industry was a little bit shocked."

McCain Foods cited decreased demand in the first quarter of 2025 and market uncertainty amid U.S. tariffs as the reason for the reductions. Potatoes are one of Canada's top agri-food exports, with most going directly to the U.S. While tariffs on frozen fried products remain at zero per cent, the potato industry is preparing for that to change.

"It's a really big deal," said Owen.

"The seed pipeline and industry in Manitoba could have lasting long-term effects from something like this."

The reduction in volume means a reduction in acres for potato growers, which means fewer seed potatoes will be going into the ground this spring. Owen said the implications will be felt across the entire potato sector, including growers, seed producers, equipment suppliers and others.

A seed potato takes five years to grow from a healthy tuber to field-ready. With production slowing down this year, future production could be impacted. Losing a large portion of acres also puts growers in a position where they need to make major changes to financially recover, said Owen — shifting their business plans entirely.

"It changes our budgets on a per-acre basis immediately," he said, noting that growers purchase specific equipment and infrastructure for their operations. A changing business plan could make that equipment unaffordable. "It's a structural change to your business, and it really makes you vulnerable."

The Owen Potato Company has already secured its seed for the 2026 season, with seed for this year purchased long ago. With a 20 per cent



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Potatoes are unloaded into a truck during harvest near Carman where growers like Mark Owen are facing major contract reductions from McCain Foods and Simplot. The cuts mean fewer acres will be planted this year, raising concerns across Manitoba's potato industry.

volume reduction effective immediately, Owen said they'll have far too much seed this year and now have to plant something else in those acres.

A completely different crop requires a different investment — different machinery, management methods, applications and more. Those with larger reductions will face bigger

changes, but even those with smaller reductions are affected. Everyone, Owen said, will be limited on investment and optimism.

"Lots of people don't want to do the next thing they're planning because they're scared of what could happen," he said. "I think a lot of growers are a little bit scared or tentative.

We're feeling a little optimistic there could be some volume back after the latest tariff announcement, but it's pretty late in the game and may not be probable."

The Owen Potato Company is choosing to "keep calm and carry on," though Owen said the industry feels different overall right now.

The *Voice* reached out to McCain Foods for comment but did not receive a response in time for print.

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Manitoba producers find profit in low-input farming

By Becca Myskiw

Regenerative agriculture is the past, present, and—most importantly—the future.

Duncan Morrison, executive director of the Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association (MFGA), believes that—and more.

“I think regenerative ag has the potential to be bigger than it is already,” he said. “Right now, those that are participating in programs and using regenerative ag practices are definitely seeing benefits to their farms, families, and quality of life too.”

Regenerative agriculture is a set of farming techniques based on biological designs that benefit the soil, ecosystem and the Earth as a whole. The practices have been around for a long

time, but Morrison said what’s new is the “dedication of farmers who want to work with the land and not against it.”

A few regenerative practices include cover cropping, rotational grazing, crop rotation, no-till farming, water management, carbon sequestration and more. Cover crops slow erosion and runoff, protecting the soil surface and enhancing soil structure. Rotational grazing allows manure to be distributed evenly across pastures, improving soil health, and gives plants time to regrow between grazings and establish deeper roots. Crop rotation helps diversify crop applications and pests, while improving soil health and nutrient availability. No-till farming reduces soil erosion and improves soil quality. Water manage-

ment helps the soil retain nutrients, boosting overall soil and crop health. Sequestering carbon enhances the ability of soil and plants to absorb and retain carbon, reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

It’s important to note there is no silver bullet with regenerative ag — there are many practices to try, and when one doesn’t work, Morrison said regenerative farmers are good at adapting and trying something new. It can be as simple as leaving a wetland or grassland intact, working with natural infrastructure, or planting forages that resist runoff.

“It’s a different mindset than other farming,” he said. “There’s a real strong sense of community that intertwines regenerative ag. Families and couples come to our conference

and learn about it and get connected to others using regenerative ag. They stay in touch and help each other out.”

Mike and Scott Duguid have been implementing regenerative ag practices on their farm near Arnes for 10 years. They currently have a herd of 250 beef cows, 1,000 acres of grain, and 600 acres of various forages — many of them regenerative species.

Mike said they started down the path of regenerative ag because land prices were so high that they had to learn to maximize every acre. They started with one small field and have since expanded to use regenerative practices on every field and in their cattle operation.

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> REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE, FROM PG. 13

The Duguids use their hay and grain acres and add another process or enterprise — that can mean grazing, planting multiple shorter-season crops, or harvesting feed. Scott said they have a couple of fields they use for grazing, feed or grain, and with regenerative practices, they get two to three crops from them.

“All of a sudden you start running two to three enterprises, not just one,” said Mike.

They typically direct seed the grain crop — usually oats or peas — with a cover crop underneath, which is used for grazing in the fall. In addition to cover cropping, they rotationally graze their cows, have reduced tillage from traditional practices to nearly none, switched from an air seeder to a disc drill to limit soil disturbance, significantly cut their fuel use, leave longer stubble, and are constantly testing

new practices.

“The way that we’re doing it, we have options,” said Scott. “You’re not limited to thinking that piece of land is a grain farm anymore or that’s a pasture — you start integrating them all. It’s helped, not so much being more profitable across the board; you see more opportunities.”

Profits in regenerative agriculture often come from what farmers aren’t spending. With fewer inputs and less equipment, regenerative farmers have lower costs.

Mike said the biggest change was their mindset — realizing that some traditional practices, like deep tillage, aren’t necessary and may do more harm than good. Regenerative practices are also more resistant to climate change, with stubble catching snow to reduce erosion and improve soil structure.

“When you go through your five soil health principles, a lot of farms in Western Canada are down the path — they just don’t call themselves a regenerative farmer,” said Scott.

Those principles are:

- **Maximize soil cover:** Leaving soil cover like stubble prevents erosion, regulates temperature, builds structure, increases organic matter and better manages water.
- **Minimize soil disturbance:** Less tillage helps nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium remain in the soil.
- **Promote plant diversity:** A diverse mix of plants maximizes carbon input and diversifies soil biology.
- **Have continuous live plants:** Crops that leave high-carbon material on the surface help prevent erosion.
- **Integrate livestock:** Livestock convert high-carbon matter to low-carbon matter, and their manure benefits both insects and the soil.

Scott said they work to achieve these principles every year, though the methods vary. Regenerative ag also

benefits animals in the ecosystem, such as native birds, when their habitat and food sources remain. Crop rotation allows for a diversity of insects and birds, as different crops offer different nutrition.

Morrison said regenerative agriculture stands the test of time, but there needs to be recognition of its value in the marketplace.

“Whether it’s honey from bees on a regenerative farm, grass-fed or rotationally grazed livestock, a grain farm with soil enhanced by cover crops — there needs to be recognition so it feeds back into the value chain,” he said. “Consumers have to know ecological goods and services need to be valued more by society.”

The Duguids are looking at leaving longer stubble on their fields and adding more remote watering stations and smaller paddocks in their pasture. Ten years in, they’re still looking for ways to adopt more regenerative practices.



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Sixteen13 hosting gospel music nights, Brother Yun

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Sixteen13 Ministry is having a busy spring, with a trio of special events coming up over the next few weeks.

First up is the first of two gospel music nights raising funds for the ministry's programming.

"We're planning to do music nights every year," shares president Harold Espinosa, explaining it's a chance to get together for an evening of worship and celebration, all while supporting programs and services making a difference in the lives of people in need both close to home and abroad.

Taking the stage for the evening of bluegrass worship music April 25 are the Blue Water Brothers (Rudy Knelsen, Johanna Harder, Johnny Knelsen, Jonathon Penner, and Lorne Abrams).

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church (252 6th St.). Admission is by donation.

The music will ring out again a month later, on May 23, at the same time and location but this time featuring the Glencross Quartet.

In between the concerts, Sixteen13 is teaming up with the Bergthaler church to host a stop on the Back to

Jerusalem cross-Canada tour May 2 at 6:30 p.m.

The event will feature a presentation from Brother Yun, the author of *The Heavenly Man*, which details his life of faith.

"I've always wanted to do something where believers are encouraged and inspired, and that's why we got involved to bring Brother Yun here," says Espinosa, noting Yun's stories of spreading the Christian faith in China are a "mind-boggling example of what God can do."

The evening will also feature worship music led by Nathan Keys.

Admission is free, but people are encouraged to reserve their seat in advance at concertsonrequest.ca/tickets.

"There are 600 seats, but we also have the ability of an overflow room," Espinosa notes, which should allow for some same-day attendees to enjoy the show. "If it went up to 800, we could do it."

Donations will be accepted at the event in support of Sixteen13, The God Who Sees Me Missions, and Back to Jerusalem.



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On May 2, Sixteen13 Ministry and the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church host Brother Yun, author of *The Heavenly Man*, for an evening of fellowship and inspiration. The ministry also has two gospel music nights coming up April 25 and May 23.

> AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, FROM PG. 11

"This is my way of giving back and saying thank-you for sponsoring me," he says, "and now let me be part of the change-making, be part of discipline and mentoring the next generation."

The African Children's Choir takes the stage at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Morris on Wednesday, April 23 at 7 p.m., the Winkler Mennonite Church on Friday, April 25 at 7 p.m., and the Altona Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church on Sunday, April 27 at 10:30 a.m.

"I can assure you, people are not going to stay seated," Luzze says of the performances, promising that the high-energy music will get audience members up on their feet.

"It's comprised of different hymns that have been forgotten, but we are bringing them back because they do carry a profound message."

"We also have a few African pieces that share our culture with the Western world," he adds. "Back home in Africa, music is an integral part of our culture. So [the kids] find peace and joy through performing and doing music ... expressing themselves."

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Rehearsals for *The Wizard of Oz* took place at GVC last weekend. Clockwise from above: Dorothy (Julia Loewen) Scarecrow (Halo Reuben), and the Tin Man (Russell Klassen) rehearse If I Only Had a Heart; Munchkin Mayor (Sydney Friesen) surrounded by her adoring citizens; Lion (Katrina Banman) looking fierce.



GVC presents *The Wizard of Oz* musical April 24-26

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate is inviting the community to join them on the yellow brick road next week.

The Winkler school presents *The Wizard of Oz* at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall April 24-26.

It's a high-energy musical packed full of catchy songs, intricate dance choreography, and a message with heart, says director Melanie Urichuk.

"The music is incredible," she says, explaining there are actually multiple versions of this play available to

theatrical troupes. GVC is doing the Royal Shakespeare Company version, which lines up closely to the popular 1939 movie. "It's got all the songs that are near and dear to our hearts."

Some of this musical's versions of the songs are longer than their film counterparts, Urichuk notes, and the show also includes one new song ("Jitterbug"), so even if you've seen the film a million times, there's lots to love in seeing it all live.

"It's the movie leveled up, in my opinion," she says

A cast of 31 young actors have been working on this show since the start of the year.

"We really kicked it into high gear in February," Urichuk says. "We have Aura Studios here teaching our kids choreography each week, and that has just been incredible. It really has added to the visual nature of the show, because it's really fun and colourful and bright."

The production also includes a live band and an army of behind-the-scenes volunteers and students heading up the make-up, hair, costumes, sets/props, and publicity departments. It's truly a schoolwide effort, Urichuk says.

"And that's the dream, is really connecting our learning to real-life," she says. "As a teacher it's just such a gift to be able to work with the kids in this setting and see them bring their whole selves to something."

"They're really preparing to a high level of excellence to share with the community. They're working hard to nail a million things ... it's going to be an excellent show and super enjoyable and fun for the whole family."

Putting on a green face of makeup to play the Wicked Witch of the West is Maria Bergen, Gr. 11. She comes to the role as a *Wizard of Oz* newbie.

"I knew of it, and I kind of had an idea of what the show was about, but I'd never actually seen it," she says. "So I went home and watched it and just fell in love with it right away."

She's having blast digging into the role of the story's baddie, stretching not just her acting skills but also her singing and dancing chops as well.

"The fun part is there's so much variety—I have a song, I get to dance, I get to act."

The cast and crew have really been pouring themselves into this show, Bergen shares.

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Power of the Purse raises \$22,700

By Lorne Stelmach

Four organizations are receiving portions of the proceeds from the recent Power of the Purse fundraiser.

With the combination of the participating ladies' donations and a Morden Area Foundation top-up, there was a total of \$22,700 available to be granted out after the April 5 event.

Grants of \$6,000 went to the Child and Family Services Foundation for its Chance 2 Camp and Chance 2 Grow programs and to the Pembina Hills Arts Council in support of its open art studio project.

The third recipient was Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley, which received \$5,500 for its GROW Youth programming.

The fourth recipient was the Douglas Kuhl School of Music, which earned \$5,200 to help provide string orchestra programs for students.

The aim of Power of the Purse is to engage women to help build visibility for Morden's charitable sector while bringing them together to learn about the needs of the community and to support area residents through their donor-directed grants.

It started 10 years ago as the Women's Giving Circle under the umbrella of the Morden Area Foundation with the goal to raise and grant \$10,000 from 100 women who had each donated \$100, but it was a little extra special this year to mark the milestone with four projects rather than three making a pitch for funding.

> WIZARD OF OZ, FROM PG. 16

"Every single character, they've really learned their stuff and it shows on the stage," she says. "We've all put in so much work into it—that's one reason why people should come watch."

On the other side of the good versus evil spectrum is Taylor Hildebrand, Gr. 12, playing Glinda.

"It's definitely out of my comfort zone," she says of the Good Witch. "Definitely the opposite of my own personality, but it's fun to wake up and be pink and glamorous, which is not really what I'm used to."

A huge fan of the recent movie *Wicked*, Hildebrand says she created her version of this character by taking bits and pieces from the other famous actors in the role.

"It's a little bit of that, and then a little bit of my own thing," she says. "I'm really excited to be experimenting and kind of figuring out what works."

The Wizard of Oz is really a story that appeals to all ages, Hildebrand says.

"It's something everyone knows and it's a story that everyone can connect with in some way in terms of just connecting with the importance of family and of home and finding belonging"

Taking to the stage for his first theatrical production is Gr. 10 student Russell Klassen, who plays the Tin Man.

Seeing all the pieces come together to form the whole that is this show has been an amazing experience, he shares.

"I'm learning so many new things, and I like the community around it too," Klassen says. "Everybody is doing their own thing and then it kind of all intertwines together into something great."

There are 7:30 p.m. shows nightly Thursday, April 24, Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26 and also a 2 p.m. matinee on the Saturday.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults and can be booked online at www.eventbrite.ca (search for the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall) or in limited quantities from the GVC office.



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A quick response by Morden Fire & Rescue prevented a minor fire from becoming something much worse last Friday morning. Firefighters happened to be nearby when a call came in that brought them to Pure Anada, where a stovetop blaze started as a result of cocoa butter being melted. Damage was limited, but the business was closed for the rest of the day.



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Police warn residents not to mess with election signs

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Altona Police are asking residents to be respectful to one another as the 2025 federal election campaign continues.

The department has received multiple reports of election signs being damaged in and around Altona, including two on April 10 alone.

Chief Dan Defer shares that two signs for the Liberal Party were deliberately run over by a vehicle last week.

"There have been a few others, but we don't know if that's damage or environmental," the chief notes. "But

these [two] were obviously deliberate."

Defer reminds residents that it is an offence under the Federal Elections Act to tamper, damage, remove, or destroy any election signage, and police will be investigating all such complaints.

It's not unusual for the department to receive a few reports of this crime during the federal and provincial elections (less so the municipal ones), but it is discouraging, Defer says.

"We understand everyone's got different viewpoints, especially when we're talking politics, but that's the beauty of living in Canada. We can all have different viewpoints and we don't need to



ALTONA POLICE PHOTO

Someone drove into this election sign near Altona last week. Police are reminding residents that tampering with campaign signs is a crime and they will be investigating all reports.

be disrespectful of another person's views.

"You don't have to agree with a po-

litical affiliation, and that's fine, but don't go out and damage someone else's property."

Morden Community Garden info, registration night is April 24

By Lorne Stelmach

It is a fun challenge for Many Hands Resource Centre to be gearing up for another season for the Morden community garden in a new location.

The garden is being established on a 40-acre parcel of land purchased and being developed by the City of Morden north on First St.

While the site is new, Many Hands executive director Mariyam Tsygankova noted everything else about how the garden is run will be the same as in previous years.

"Last year we had 144 plots, and all of them were taken," she said. "This year we plan to do the same, but there may be about 150 plots."

The plots are all available on a first-come first-serve basis. There are a lot of repeat gardeners every year, but newcomers are most welcome as well.

"Whether you are a returning gardener or joining us for the first time, we will love to see everybody," Tsygankova said.

An information and registration night will be held at the 500 Stephen community centre at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 24.

"We will be going over the rules and regulations for the season and answering any questions people might have,"

Tsygankova explained, adding there are also door prizes up for grabs for those in attendance.

Tsygankova sees the community garden as being a good tie-in to the community food bank overseen by Many Hands.

"We see how important the access to healthy food is and how difficult it can be for many families to afford it," she said. "That's why a community garden is such a valuable part of our work."

"We will be offering food bank clients plots with a 50 per cent discount, so it is a good opportunity for any of them who are interested in starting a garden," she further noted.

"Last year we had a few plots for Many Hands," Tsygankova added. "We had four or five, so we were growing some food just for the food bank. So the community garden is an extension of our mission ... not just to feed people but to nourish the whole person and help build a stronger and more resilient community."

"So this is a very important program for us. Community gardens are more than just a place to grow vegetables. They help grow stronger and healthier communities. It also brings people together. It's a great way to meet your neighbours ... it can build friendships across cultures and generations. It's just a great opportunity."

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Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales: A History of Excellence

Rudy and Betty Ens bid farewell after 48 years in the business

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In 1977, we started selling Harley-Davidson motorcycles under the name of Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales. The Harley-Davidson showroom was first located across the street from our current location in a rented space.

In 1981, Gaslight Coachworks Ltd. added on to the existing auto body shop and moved the Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales showroom under the same roof.

Selling Harley-Davidson motorcycles was a little more of a challenge back then, but Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales was committed to the product and the brand. (Harley-Davidson's published slogan back then was: "If I have to explain, you wouldn't understand.")

Over the years the Harley-Davidson business kept growing. In the year 2000 a decision was made to phase out the auto body repair shop to prepare for the most anticipated anniversary in Harley-Davidson history: 100 years old in 2003.

When Gaslight put all its energy and focus into the Harley-Davidson business, the customer base increased, and it has been growing ever since.

Gaslight is a family-run business that is celebrating 53 years in business this year, and 48 years with Harley-Davidson.

Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales is a unique dealership styled and operated like successful Harley-Davidson dealerships from a by-gone era, and also from the rich local history of Morden, Manitoba (one of the oldest towns on the Prairies, established in 1882), which boasted having a Harley-Davidson dealership as far back as 1916.

Old photos of local motorcycle enthusiasts—some dating as far back as 1913—adorn the walls. Often customers will come into the store and say, "My grandfather is in that photo!"

As you walk into our showroom, a sense of nostalgia makes you feel like you are walking down Main Street Sturgis, South Dakota.

Our store has built a reputation as being a destination dealership in Western Canada. We take pride in calling ourselves "The Last of the Old Style Dealerships."

It is with mixed feelings that we, Rudy and Betty Ens, announce the decision we have made to sell Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales.

Having our own Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealership for 48 years has been a very rewarding experience, and we have enjoyed the



relationships we have built with our clients.

This wasn't an easy decision for us, but after long consideration, we finally decided that the timing was right for us to sell.

Though we will miss the many relationships and friendships we have built over the years, we are looking forward to having time to finally do some more riding and to work on a few vintage motorcycles, vintage autos, and Hot Rod projects, etc.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you Matt Walters, who has taken over this motorcycle dealership.

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Rest assured Matt is a very competent businessman with numerous years experience behind him.

It was important to us to find a good fit for our customers, and we feel confident that you will find Matt and all the original Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales staff (including Tammy, Dave, and Lori) to be very knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with going forward.

Thank you for your business support over the years. It was our distinct pleasure to have been of service to you, and we wish you continued health, success and prosperity in the years to come.

- Kindest regards, Rudy and Betty Ens

The Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales team, including (front, centre) founders Rudy and Betty Ens and (back row, from left) Iryna Gural, Lori Wiens, Dave Wiens, Dustin Ens, Harlan Schaefer, Phillip Klassen, Joey Enns, Greg Klassen, Taylor Hiebert, Tammy Taylor, and Carter Hamm. While Rudy and Betty are moving into retirement, the rest of the team are staying on to continue providing the top-level customer service Gaslight has always been known for.



Going out on a high note

Gaslight honoured with Platinum Premier Service Award

Just prior to the sale of the business, Rudy and Betty Ens, long-time owners of Gaslight Harley-Davidson Sales in Morden, received one of the motorcycle company's highest honours.

Harley-Davidson Western District manager Ian Thomas and Harley-Davidson managing director Adam Kostanowicz stopped by Gaslight earlier this spring to present the couple with the Platinum Premier Service Award.

To earn this honour, a Canadian dealership must demonstrate exceptional customer service, service department expertise, and consistently high customer service index scores, as well as maintain the highest level of service performance and capability.

"This is the top award you can get," reflects Rudy, noting it's the first time Gaslight has received it. "It's our last hurrah."

Coming as it did at the same time they were in the midst of selling the business means they're going out on the highest of notes.

"We had a wonderful time," Rudy says, "and we're leaving when our business was operating at peak performance."

Gaslight has always prided itself on ensuring every motorcycle that leaves its shop is heading out "bulletproof."

"It means failsafe—that's the model we have here," Rudy explains. "When we hand you the keys, we're doing that bulletproof delivery. You're riding out of here knowing everything's been taken care of."

He stresses this award belongs to the entire Gaslight team.

"It's the people that work for me that have put their efforts on the line to come through for us every day."



Here's a more detailed breakdown of what it takes to earn the prestigious Harley-Davidson Platinum Premier Service Award in Canada:

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The management structure of the dealership is critical, with the Dealer Operator (Owner) expected to have at least five per cent equity ownership, be directly involved in operations, and be accessible to Harley-Davidson representatives.

Commitment to Excellence

The dealership's team must demonstrate a genuine love for the Harley-Davidson brand and a commitment to providing exceptional experiences in every interaction.

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'Pilgrim's Progress' at the Kenmor Theatre next week



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Looking Glass Theatre brings *The Pilgrim's Progress* to the stage in Morden April 26.

By Lorne Stelmach

Staging an adaptation of the classic story *The Pilgrim's Progress* has been a somewhat daunting but exciting challenge for the Looking Glass Theatre.

Even aside from how to do the story justice, there is the challenge of having four actors represent multiple roles at various times in the show.

"There are about 70 characters in the show," noted Laura Turner, who heads the company alongside Marc Moir, both of whom perform in the show. "It's so much fun. This is some of the most fun I've ever had on stage ... it's the kind of challenge that we love."

The Pilgrim's Progress was published in 1678 and has not been out of print since. It records the journey of Christian, an "every person" seeking salvation on a pilgrimage to Heaven. Along the way he encounters obstacles that test his faith and characters that help show him the difference between right and wrong.

This adaptation features a minimalist set of four ladders and the four actors who will morph seamlessly between the different characters.

It is very similar to the style of play that would have been popular at the time John Bunyan first wrote this epic allegory, and it features sword fights, songs, laughs, and tears.

"Mark has wanted to do this for something like half his life," shared Turner. "It's been two decades in the making and then finally he cracked the code on it this past year, and we've made it into something that has taken off."

"I think the reason it took this long to create it as a stage adaptation is because, as a book, it works really well," she said. "Christian goes a few steps and then meets a new person and they have a big long theological discussion ... you can't really do that in a play. You can't have someone just kind of stand there and talk to people the whole time without anything really happening."

"So what [Moir] did was he took the children's illustrated classic, which just narrows the story down to just the basic plot," she said. "It doesn't get as deep as the original book ... it reads more like an adventure story, and that is the direction we've taken it as well."

"We take the ladders and configure them into like a dozen different shapes, and that takes Christian into all the different places that he goes," she added.

The play is being presented at the Kenmor Theatre in Morden on Saturday, April 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available online (lookingglasstheatre.ca) or at the door.

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represents about 20 per cent of revenues, and grants are estimated at \$2.5 million or about 10 per cent of revenues.

Here is a breakdown of the expenditures and what percentage of spending each category represents:

- Fiscal services - 36 per cent at about \$9 million.
- Protective services - 15 per cent at about \$3.9 million.
- Community services - 15 per cent at about \$3.8 million.
- Transfers to reserves - 10 per cent at about \$2.6 million.
- General government services - eight per cent at about \$2 million
- Transportation services - seven per cent at about \$1.9 million.
- Environmental development services - four per cent at about \$900,000.

- Economic development services - three per cent at about \$600,000.

- Public health and welfare services - two per cent at about \$400,000.

The budget also includes over \$1.3 million in funding support for various community organizations and facilities:

- Boundary Trails Health Centre support for expansion - \$275,000.
- Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre - \$263,960 including \$95,000 in general funding and \$168,960 for rent.
- South Central Regional Library - \$218,722.
- Menzies Medical Centre - \$125,000.
- Morden Corn & Apple Festival - \$80,000.
- Pembina Hills Arts Council - \$60,690.

- Western School Division - \$53,200.
- Pembina Valley Child Care Centre (loan payment) - \$45,000.
- Morden Community Handivan (including \$30,000 provincial grant - \$43,355.
- Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame (in kind) - \$26,325.
- Morden Chamber of Commerce - \$22,550.
- Gateway Resources - \$15,660.
- Various other organizations - \$113,002

CAPITAL PLAN

The overall financial plan also includes the separate capital budget set at \$21.4 million, which includes \$13.1 million under utilities and \$8.3 million under general government services.

The capital projects under utilities include an initial \$7 million towards wastewater treatment as well as a standpipe reconstruction set at \$4.6 million and ultrasonic algae control at Lake Minnewasta estimated at \$500,000.

The capital projects under general government services include just over \$5 million for transportation services, nearly \$1.4 million for community services, about \$1.2 million for protective services, and \$718,000 under general government services.

Key capital projects in the works include:

- Industrial park phase one construction - \$1,750,000.
- Ladder fire truck - \$844,885.
- Thornhill service lane reconstruction - \$697,572.
- Public works shop expansion - \$650,000.
- Work on the 40-acre property north on First Street (contingent on grant approval) - \$600,000.
- Parkhill Drive concrete pavement - \$400,000.
- Infrastructure master plan - \$300,000.

Funding for the general projects is projected to include \$1.2 million through grants and \$7.2 million through internal funds and debenture. Funding for the utility projects is projected to be \$4.5 million through grants and \$8.6 million from internal funds and debenture.

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Morden to open area's first Islamic cemetery

By Lorne Stelmach

The inclusion of space for an Islamic cemetery at the new Lakeside Cemetery in Morden is another important step for the local Muslim community.

Along with the opening of Morden's first mosque in recent months, it makes local Muslims feel that much more part of the community, suggested Syed Faizan Nasir, president of the Pembina Valley Islamic Society.

"It all is a dream come true," he said. "It's a great achievement for our community. It is very significant for the inclusion of our culture."

The cemetery for those of the Islamic faith is the first one in the province outside of Winnipeg.

It will have a capacity for about 78 graves, with the possibility of future expansion.

The space is "designed to follow Islamic burial rites, including the orientation towards Mecca," Nasir explained. "Even these smallest details are of great significance for Muslims."

"It isn't just about laying a body to rest," he noted. "Before, families of-

ten had to travel to Winnipeg to bury their loved ones according to the Islamic customs. Now they can remain close, and we grieve together here as a community."

It's something that could help attract more Muslims to the community and to retain those already here, Nasir said.

"That is important when you look at the number of families that are all from Muslim backgrounds," he said. "Having a cemetery along with the mosque is something which makes people want to stay here for a longer period of time."

"Even just having the graveyard here helps make them feel they are not just visitors here. It encourages the younger families to settle longterm ... and it's the idea that we are not outsiders but also Mordenites."

The new Morden mosque has also been very well received.

"Our mosque is very active. We are praying five times ... we have two Imams," said Nasir, noting it also hosts Friday prayer services as well as education classes for youth.



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And he noted local companies have been very respectful of their Muslim employees' needs, including making accommodations during the recent Ramadan.

"The employers had given them the flexibility ... they are giving them a break for the Friday prayer," he said. "We are getting a very positive response ... we are thankful."

PCAN hosting its first sustainability fair April 26

By Lorne Stelmach

A local grassroots organization committed to both action and reflection on the changing climate is hosting its first sustainability fair next week.

The event hosted by the Pembina Climate Action Network on Saturday, April 26 from 1-4 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church in Morden will include a variety of displays and short presentations as well as a Mor-

den Community Thrift Shop fashion show.

"The aim of the fair is to heighten awareness of environmental issues and give ideas of simple things folks can do to help slow down climate change," said group member Edith Lovatt.

There will be stations to obtain information on such things as pollinator gardens, making your own laun-

dry soap, what e-waste is, what goes in the garbage, recycle, or compost bins, and more.

There will also be talks on driving an electric vehicle at 1:30 p.m. followed by the fashion show at 2 p.m. Following that will be presentations on recycling from a Gateway Resources rep at 2:30 p.m., the Stanley Community Pathway project at 3 p.m., and local food rescue efforts at 3:30 p.m.

The afternoon will also include test drives of electric vehicles, free bike check-ups, a prize draw, and a kid's craft zone.

The Pembina Climate Action Network is group of Morden-Stanley-Winkler residents working together to reflect and act on climate change. You can learn more about them online at pembinacan.org.

GVSD announces admin. hires for GVC, NPC, and Border Valley

By Voice staff

Winkler's two high schools will see some administrative changes this fall.

Garden Valley School Division announced last week that Mike Friesen is stepping into the principal position at Garden Valley Collegiate.

Friesen, who is currently vice-principal at GVC, brings 22 years of experience in education to the role, including stints as an administrator in both GVSD and Border Land School Division.

"Mike is a firm believer that schools thrive when genuine collaboration is at the heart of their culture," the division shared in a statement. "Over the

years, he has come to appreciate the power of open, positive communication in fostering a successful learning environment."

Meanwhile, moving into the vice-principal roles at GVC are Brendan Neufeld and Walter Giesbrecht.

Neufeld has dedicated 22 years to education at GVC, where he has served as a teacher, athletic director, and vice-principal.

Giesbrecht has spent 20 years as a teacher, making a significant impact both in the classroom and through his work in student services at GVC. Since 2015, he has served as a resource teacher at the school.

Over at Northlands Parkway Collegiate, Donovan Giesbrecht and Charlie Siler will come on board as principal and vice-principal, respectively.

Giesbrecht brings 18 years of experience in education, with a strong foundation in leadership. He has served as a teacher at GVC and is currently principal at Border Valley School.

"Donovan believes that schools play a vital role in building connections within the community and has dedicated his career to creating environments that support the success of students, staff, and families," the division said.

Siler has 24 years of experience in

education, including serving as a teacher and guidance counsellor for Frontier School Division and at both GVC and, currently, NPC.

Meanwhile, Border Valley School and Blumenfeld School will have a new face at the helm.

Nathan Friesen has been appointed to that position, effective this fall.

Friesen brings 15 years of experience in education as a teacher and leader, the division shared, 14 of which have been in GVSD at Parkland Elementary School and Winkler Elementary School. He is currently the principal of Oaks of Righteousness School in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Anabaptist heritage on display in Altona

By Lori Penner

A unique traveling exhibit exploring the rich and often misunderstood history of the Anabaptist movement is currently set up in Altona, offering visitors a deep and interactive dive into the origins of groups like the Mennonites, Amish, and Hutterites.

Through artifacts, recreated historical displays, and powerful storytelling, *500 Years of Discipleship: From the Anabaptist to Us* traces the journey of early Anabaptist believers from their radical beginnings in 16th-century Europe to their global presence today.

Jonathan Krause and Andreas Harder, members of the Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren Church in Altona, are part of the local organizing team bringing the exhibit to town. The display was originally designed in Germany as a commemoration of the 500-year anniversary of the Anabaptist movement—marking the first adult baptism of faith in 1525.

“Our churches here are connected to the German churches that developed this exhibit,” explains Krause. “We were given permission to recreate it for our region, and now eight churches from Southern Manitoba have come together to make it accessible here.”

The result is a detailed and immersive showcase featuring panels in both English and German, original 3D-printed replicas of historical artifacts, and stories of faith, courage, and persecution.

“The first baptism of faith, rejecting infant baptism, was a bold stand that cost many their lives,” says Harder. “But these early believers felt strongly about returning to a life modeled after Jesus’ teachings. That conviction spread through Europe, despite much persecution.”

The exhibit is arranged in a series of themed rooms that walk visitors through different eras of Christian history—from the early days of the Reformation and Renaissance, through the martyrdom of early Anabaptists, and into the modern era. It explores how Anabaptist communities were often forced to scatter and regroup due to persecution, yet maintained a focus on peace, scripture, and community living.

One display highlights a decision made by Anabaptist leader Conrad Grebel, who refused to baptize his infant daughter in 1525.

“This was a key turning point,” says Krause. “They believed that baptism should be a conscious decision made by an adult, not a tradition imposed

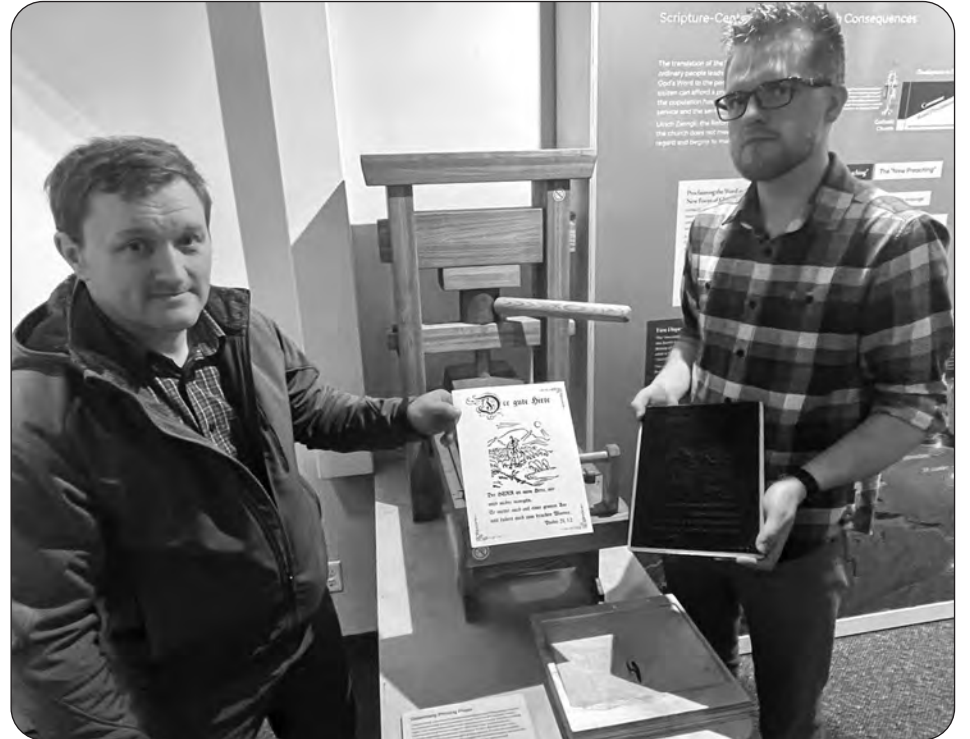


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Andreas Harder and Jonathan Krause produce a printed page on a model of the original Gutenberg press, on display as part of the “500 Years of Discipleship” exhibition on Anabaptist history touring the region this spring.

on babies.”

Another section features a traditional farmhouse scene, representing the clandestine Bible study gatherings that were crucial in preserving Anabaptist teachings. Visitors can also learn how the Bible was once so rare that towns might only have a single hidden copy, read in secret by candlelight.

A portion of the exhibit is devoted to the suffering and martyrdom faced by early Anabaptists.

“We take our freedom of faith for granted,” says Krause. “But these

people risked—and often gave up—everything to follow what they believed was God’s truth.”

“This exhibit isn’t just for Mennonites,” notes Harder. “It’s for anyone curious about why there are so many churches in Southern Manitoba or interested in learning more about religious history. It’s for people who appreciate the sacrifices others made for faith and truth.”

The exhibit will be available to tour in English at EEMBC in Altona (39 6th St. NE) until April 21.

It then moves to the EMBC in Reinfield, where the German version will be displayed from April 26 to May 7 followed by the English version from May 8-11. It will also be available at GMBC in Schanzenfeld later this spring.

Admission is free, and tours run Sunday to Friday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with alternative hours available upon request.

To book a tour or learn more, visit onfireforchrist.ca, call 204-325-7277, or email altona@onfireforchrist.ca.



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Above: The Farmer’s Parlour depicts the first Anabaptist meetings where communion was served and the Bible was studied. Right: The sculpture Hiker Facing Headwind represents the persecution and perseverance of the early Anabaptists.



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St. Claude farmer recognized with watershed award

Submitted by Angie Smith, RBWD

The Redboine Watershed District (RBWD) is pleased to present Nicolas Jobin with the 2025 RBWD Watershed Award. This award recognizes his outstanding contributions and the significant impact he continues to have on our landscape.

Nicolas was born and raised on his family's farm near Saint Claude. His father initially operated the farm as a dairy but transitioned it to a mixed farm, producing beef, pork, and grains in 1996. After graduating from high school in 2003, Nicolas worked seasonally on the farm while also completing his welding certification and gaining experience in the trade.

At the age of 22, Nicolas returned full-time to the farm to work alongside his father. In 2008, he initiated the process for Organic Certification of the farm. By 2014, Nicolas was farming organic beef and grains and was also direct marketing beef and pork with his wife, Leanna. His goal was always to expand his cattle operation and transition to full-time ranching. While he enjoyed all aspects of farming, his true passion lay in working with cattle and improving his pastures and land for future generations of farmers.

In 2016, with guidance from various ranch mentors, Nicolas focused his farm operations exclusively on cattle ranching, emphasizing rotational grazing and effective pasture management.

Currently, Nicolas and Leanna, along with their four young children, operate a large-scale ranch with cow/calf and backgrounding operations. They focus on regenerative pasture and land practices, which aim to enhance soil health and land productivity for the next stewards of this land.

Through the RBWD GROW program, Jobin has created a series of swales that go across the high



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The Redboine Watershed District would like to congratulate Nicolas and Leanna Jobin and family on their commitment to the Redboine Watershed. He will be recognized in December at the Manitoba Association of Watersheds Annual Conference in Brandon.

points of the ranch. He installed a series of dams and culverts that will hold back and divert water slowly over his property through the swales. Once the retention ponds have reached their maximum capacity the design of the swales will allow the overflow to travel across the sandy landscape as slowly as possible along the farthest distance. The slow-moving water will help fill as many potholes as possible along the way to maximize the amount of water that can be infiltrated into the soil and re-

duce water erosion. By holding water back in the sandy soil, it will increase the recharge of groundwater which will also provide a larger capacity of accessible water for the cattle. This project will help reduce the total volume and speed at which water will flow downstream in the watershed. The increased storage on the wetlands will provide increased wildlife habitat, water storage and decrease the nutrient load.

Alzheimer Society of Manitoba hosting events across the region

By Ty Dilello

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba is hosting a number of upcoming events in the region, aimed at supporting people living with dementia and those who care for them.

Notre Dame de Lourdes will host an in-person education session, ABC's of Dementia, on April 25 at 1:30 p.m. at Club D'Âge d'Or, located at 172 Notre Dame Ave.

The session is open to anyone interested in learning how to better support someone living with dementia. It's also intended to serve rural residents and health-care workers, offering an opportunity to engage with Alzheimer Society staff and others in similar situations. Coffee and light snacks will be provided. No registration is required.

Topics to be addressed at the presentation include:

- Recognizing signs of brain changes

- Approaching difficult conversations, including driving concerns
- Wandering prevention and quality of life support
- Emergency preparedness, including locating devices and ID
- Audience Q&A
- Building dementia-friendly communities
- Available supportive resources

For those unable to attend in person, the Alzheimer Society offers ongoing online education. Interested participants can register for virtual sessions at: <https://alzheimer.mb.ca/we-can-help/education>.

The annual Walk for Alzheimer's in Darlingford is also set for June 21 at Darlingford Memorial Park. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with the walk starting at 10:30 a.m.

The event raises funds for provincial dementia research and support services. Local organizer Terry Klein can be reached at tj-klein@hotmail.com or

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204-823-0453.

"The Walk is usually the same weekend as the Trapper's Rendezvous in Darlingford, so we would encourage people to walk and then support the Rendezvous and buy or enjoy lunch and experiences there," said Rebecca Atkinson, South Central regional

co-ordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

Additionally, an eight-week Minds in Motion session begins April 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Morden Activity Centre. Registration is available by calling 204-822-3555 or visiting the Alzheimer Society website.

sports & recreation

Blizzard freezes out Winkler Flyers

Team's hopes to defend title come to an end at the hands of Northern Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers' hopes to defend their MJHL championship were dashed last week.

After knocking out the Niverville Nighthawks in the first round of the junior league's playoffs, Winkler found themselves up against the Northern Manitoba Blizzard in the semi-finals.

The two teams were well apart from one another in the regular season, Winkler having finished in first place overall and the Blizzard in sixth.

But those standings fell by the wayside as the Flyers struggled to find their footing in the best-of-seven series.

Winkler headed into the week down two games after the Blizzard bested them 4-2 and 3-1 April 5-6.

Game three Wednesday night saw Isaiah Peters draw first blood late in the first, but the Blizzard returned the favour early in the second and then scored with just seconds left on the clock to make it 2-1 heading into the final frame.

Northern Manitoba then added an insurance marker with a short-handed, empty-net goal with nine seconds left to win it 3-1.

Liam Ernst made 18 saves in net as the Flyers outshot the Blizzard 31-20.

That made Thursday night's game four do-or-die for Winkler, who once again held the edge in shots—31-26—but just couldn't capitalize on them. Ernst was in net once again for Winkler, making 24 saves.

After a scoreless opening period, the Blizzard's Marlen Edwards scored unassisted midway through the second to take the lead.

Andrew Morton fired home an unassisted goal of his own in the third period's 12th minute to force overtime.

There, Quincy Supprien got the

game-winner for the Blizzard to take the game 2-1 and sweep the series to advance to the championship final against either the Portage Terriers or the Dauphin Kings.

It's certainly not the end to the season the team had hoped for, reflected Flyers head coach and general manager Matthew Melo.

"It's disappointing for us as a group," he said, noting the Blizzard proved to be a tough nut to crack. "They're a really well-coached team and they play a really structured, defensive game. They don't give a lot up. They play really hard and they want to win really low-scoring games.

"I think for us as a group we struggled to generate offense, specifically at five-on-five, which is obviously a struggle when you're in a playoff series," he continued. "Ultimately, I think it came down to just it takes a different level of commitment and paying a price at this time of year.

"[The Blizzard] found that desperation, that level. They took it to us in that area for the first three games and then by the time that we found it in game four, it was too late."

While the post-season didn't shape up they way they wanted, Melo is proud of how the team handled themselves throughout the regular season, which saw the Flyers finish at the top of both the East Division and league overall standings with a 46-8-3-1 record, seven points up on their nearest competitors.

"Obviously you don't play for regular season banners here. We were looking to win the championship. But there's certainly a lot to be proud of in terms of what was accomplished throughout the regular season with our group," he said.

"Ultimately, this is a winning organization, especially after tasting the championship last year and then having the regular season that these guys

Redhawk named Athlete of the Week

By Voice staff

A Rosenort Redhawk was named the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba High School Athlete of the Week by the Manitoba High School Athletic Association on April 9.

Ryleigh Schellenberg, Gr. 12, recently won the single girls badminton championship at a tournament in Carman and, just two days later, won the tournament championship in girls doubles at Garden Valley Collegiate.

Schellenberg participates in volleyball, basketball, badminton, and track and field. She was co-captain of both the varsity volleyball and basketball teams and helped lead the Redhawks to a silver medal at the AA provincial volleyball championships, where she was named a provincial all-star.

Schellenberg also led her basketball team to a provincial championship gold medal at the A



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basketball provincials, where she averaged 26 points, 43.4 FG%, seven steals, and 13 rebounds per game. She was named provincial MVP.

Academically, Schellenberg maintains an average of 98 per cent.

did," Melo said. "We're really proud of these men. They're men of character, men who are growing into their potential, and I can truly say with all my heart that they left this organization better than when they found it."

The Flyers bid farewell to eight 20-year-old players who are aging out of junior hockey: Isaiah Peters, Isaac Deveau, Nicholas McKee, Will Brophy, Andrew Morton, Connor Jensen, Brody Beauchemin, and Jayce Legaarden.

"I don't know that there'd be another eight 20 year olds in the league that would leave a bigger hole than ours are," Melo observed, noting a number of these guys have been leaders with the team for years, and they will be sorely missed.

"It's pretty special just to see all that they've invested and what they've brought to this community, and how they've built relationships with people within the community as well," he said. "There's going to be huge holes in terms of the skill, the leadership."

But he's confident the up-and-coming Flyers are prepared to step up next season.

"We're really seeing that this is an organization that people want to be a part of," Melo noted. "There's a ton of interest and we've already started the recruiting process; that's been ongoing.

"And we have a ton of faith and confidence in how guys are going to come back after the off-season in increased roles," he added. "We know we're going to be in a really good place."

On behalf of the team, Melo sends thanks to out to the community for its outpouring of support this season.

"It's just been nothing short of a privilege and an honour to have the support of the community," he said, pointing to all the fans, volunteers, and sponsors who make junior hockey in Winkler possible. "We can't do a single thing without all the support that we receive in the community, and we don't take it for granted for a second."

Grow the Game event gets girls on the ice

By Siobhan Maas

The sounds of laughter and the scraping of skates filled the Morris Multiplex Sunday afternoon as 28 young girls between the ages of six and 12 laced up, many for the first time.

The Red River Wild team hosted an all-girls event for the third year with the hopes of increasing interest in female hockey in southern Manitoba.

Organized to introduce young players to the world of hockey in a safe, supportive, and fun environment, Grow the Game allows girls to try hockey at no cost, with all equipment provided, enabling the event to be accessible to all.

"So many people come together to make this event possible," shared organizer Lindsay Ewbank. "Most of the equipment is borrowed from Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Recreational Council or loaned for the day by hockey families."

Sponsors Western Harvest Bean, Town of Morris, Morris Bigway, Morris School, and River City Express provided snacks, drinks, and swag bags for the participants.

Parents of current Red River Wild players and the girls themselves volunteered their time on and off the ice to make the day successful.

"We have roughly 25 volunteers help out at these events," said Ewbank.

"Having all-female teams evens the playing field for the players," she shared. "On co-ed teams, boys will always get more ice time. Hockey is a

great way to be active year-round and make friends."

Harlow Muller, 6, tried hockey for the first time at the event.

"I want to score a goal today," she said, a big smile on her face.

Dad Charlie says the plan is to put Harlow in hockey next fall, if she wants.

"I love hockey, grew up with the sport, and have no preference what kind of team she's on, as long as she's enjoying it," he said.

Ewbank's daughter Kaydence was one of the original nine players that started playing female hockey with the U9 Red River Wild four years ago. She now plays on the U11 team and was able to share her skills with other youth last weekend.

"By helping out, I get to see other people enjoying the sport. I've made a lot of friends playing hockey," shared Kaydence. "We aren't split into two change rooms and [players] bond in the dressing room as much as on the ice. I get to stick with my best friends because we play on the same team."

Elena Daman, 9, attended the Grow the Game event last year and is now finishing up her first year of female hockey. Mom Sara says that "seeing the team spirit, having the U11 players cheering them on, and playing their first game increased Elena's interest in the sport. She now has confidence in what she does, loves having something to look forward to, and ultimately, hockey has showed her what being a team player is."

The afternoon included two one-



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Over two dozen young ladies took to the ice last weekend to hone their hockey skills at the Grow the Game event hosted by the Red River Wild. Right: For many of the girls, including Lennon Marion, six, it was their first time trying out the sport.



hour ice sessions broken up by an hour in a classroom setting to share information about the Red River Wild team that includes girls from Rosenort, Morris, and St.Jean.

The ice sessions focused on gaining confidence on ice, with hockey equipment, basic drills, and ended with an inter-squad game.

"Female hockey builds a closer friendship [than co-ed teams]," shared Daman. "The girls give each other compliments, boost one another's confidence. There is also a different dynamic: boys are more compet-

itive, rough. Female hockey doesn't have contact and I don't have to worry about my daughter getting into a fight. Elena doesn't have to go to a game wondering 'Is someone going to want to fight me today?' There is relief in that."

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The building and land known as 1198 Dutch Villa Bay, Winkler, MB, as described in Certificate of Title No. 2128922/4 will be sold by public auction by a Licensed Auctioneer on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. The auction sale will be held by video or teleconference. There will be no in-person attendees at the auction, in order to participate you must pre-register at least 24 hours prior to the auction by contacting Jo-Anne Degagne at either 204-957-4808 or jdegagne@mltaikins.com.

The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a 1187 square foot single family detached bungalow, built in 1986, 3 bedrooms, 1 four piece bathroom, 1 three piece bathroom, full finished basement, single attached garage, located on a 55 x 110 foot lot. Realty taxes (excluding any accruing water charges) are paid to December 31, 2023. The property is sold subject to taxes and penalties accruing after that date. Prior charges: Caveat No. 37712/4

TERMS OF SALE

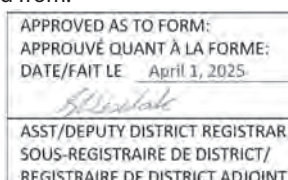
Deposit of \$9,000.00 by way of certified cheque or bank draft payable to MLT Aikins LLP, or cash (the cash component of the deposit not exceed \$7,500.00) and the balance according to conditions to be announced at the sale.

The property will be sold subject to a Reserve Bid of \$79,700.00 plus such other additional and incidental costs which may be incurred by the Vendor from the 11th day of April, 2025 to the date of the auction and which costs will be announced prior to the commencement of the sale.

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Further information may be obtained from:

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CAREERS

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

By-law No. 13-2025, being an amendment to Zoning By-law No. 08-2017

Hearing Location:

City of Morden Civic Center
195 Stephen St, Morden MB

Date: April 28th, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Area: By-law 13-2025 will apply to the entire limits of the City of Morden

General Intent: 1. To amend Part I Section 11.0: Enforcement and Penalties. This section to be deleted and replaced.
2. To amend Part VII Section 34.0; Use Definitions, to include "Country Resort" under the Cultural & Entertainment Use Category.

3. To amend Part III Section 28.2; Zoning Districts, Agricultural, Parks & Public Works Districts Use Table to add "Country Resort" as a Conditional Use in the Community Reserve Zoning District.

4. To amend Part IV; Use Specific Standards, to add Section 30.18, "Country Resorts".

For More Information Contact:
Santokh Randhawa, M. Eng., P. Eng.
133 7th Street, Morden MB R6M 1v3
204-822-2567

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5	1	3	2	4	7	8	6	9
4	3	1	8	9	5	6	7	2
6	7	9	1	2	4	3	5	8
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1	8	5	4	7	3	2	9	6
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Crossword Answer

S	E	R	V	E	D	S	E	S	H	N	C
S	E	R	N	D	N	E	O	N	E	T	I
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IN MEMORIAM



Lena Pauls

June 29, 1939 – April 6, 2024 (aged 84)

With loving hearts, we remember our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother (Babbi), and certified force of nature, Lena Pauls (nee Sawatzky).

It's hard to believe it's been a year without your spirited opinions, quick wit, and culinary experiments.

Lena was a woman of fierce conviction. She had opinions and wasn't shy about sharing them. She believed in justice and fairness and that the world could be better. Whether discussing government reform or the latest book she was reading, she could hold court at any table while serving up her baking and laughter in equal measure.

Jebore in Halbstadt, Manitoba, hatt Lena veel mol mit dröamsche Nostaljie von ihre Kjinjheit jeproakt. Ehr opweagje Natur kummt friej rut, zum Biespiel wann se hemmlich Pedal Pushers von't Eaton's Catalogue bestellt hatt, oba ehr Moeder hatt se daut zwunge, se trüchjeschicken. Se hätt jeschichten vertellt von't olde Schoolhus, von'e Gaul met'n Naam Lena, un von ehr Leewt för ehr Eltern, George un Maria Sawatzky, ehr Bräar Peter, un ehr Schwesta Mary. Se hätt gern besäukje. Se hätt gern jeäte. Un se hätt gärn jelacht!

Se wär de eerste in ihre Familie, die Huus verlooten hätt, um no School to jeahn, un de erste Fru in ihre Jeemeent, die een Lehrerin wär. Se hätt ehr eigene Student Loan jemakjt, un hätt mit de typjesche Stäak un Jeweidheit ehr eerste Lehrjob in Loon Straits anenommen – waut se säje, se hätt do eene Schildkrööt as Pet hatt. De Lägnd säjt, se wär eenmol in Grand Forks as Lehrerin anjenname, noch während't Interview, nohden de Interviewer Präsident Lyndon B. Johnson anruupe, um ehr gleich en Visa to kriegen.

Lena's garden on Victoria Crescent was her masterpiece—so stunning that Better Homes and Gardens invited her to be featured on the cover. It was more than a yard. It was her sanctuary, her studio, and her symphony of colour. For the 50 years she lived there, she walked the crescent and by the river daily, sang whenever the mood struck, chatted with strangers (and their dogs), and thrived in good conversation.

A bench will soon rest in her honour on the hill at Harris Park where, every winter, she flew down at alarming speeds on a crazy carpet, cheered on by giggling grandchildren. And she laughed all the way.

We picture her now in a heavenly garden, barefoot in the grass, the deer resting nearby—while politely asking them to eat someone else's flowers. She's likely rewriting the rules to Uno, too.

If you want to feel close to her, scoop some Breyers Natural Vanilla ice cream, pour just a little milk on top, and settle in. That was her nightly ritual—somehow, it made everything a little sweeter.

Here's to you, Babbi. We miss you. We love you. And yes—we're saving you a spoon.

SUDOKU

	6						5	
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		3				6	7	
		9		6	8		3	
		8	7					5
		1			6	4		
	4			3				

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CLUES ACROSS

- Dark blacks
- Construct a wall to confine
- Most inappropriate
- A type of board
- Sacred Hindu syllable
- Flatterer
- The Granite State
- Tears down
- China's Chairman
- Former Houston footballer
- Periods of time
- Expressed pleasure
- World alliance
- A Brit's mother
- Television network
- Brother or sister
- Type of spirit
- ___ Ladd, actor
- A medium oversees it

38. One time province of British

- India
- Wrong
- The highest parts of something
- Insect
- Baseball stat
- A way to use up
- Where wrestlers compete
- It helps elect politicians
- As fast as can be done
- Genus of legumes
- Samoa's capital
- Monument in Jakarta
- Former French coin
- Exploiters
- College sports official
- Uninterrupted in time
- Stephen King story
- Marked by no sound
- Weathers

CROSSWORD

	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	
13								14						15
16				17				18					19	
20			21			22				23		24		
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56				57		58					59			
60			61		62				63				64	
65		66						67				68		
	69							70						

69. Denouncements

70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN

- Winged nut
- It cools a home
- Oxess (French)
- Kifford political economist
- Keyboard key
- Leaf pores
- Agrees with publicly
- Not around
- Czech city
- Muscle cell protein
- Greek letter
- Movements
- Ned __, composer
- Popular series Game of __
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Helper
- Gift
- Up in the air (abbr.)

27. Treat without respect

30. Trims

- Slang for lovely
- City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
- Guitarists' tool
- Island nation
- Delivered in installments
- A baglike structure
- Cooking vessel
- Gets in front of
- Wounded by scratching
- More breathable
- Medical dressings
- Indiana hoopster
- Married Marilyn
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OBITUARY



Hilda Spicer
January 08, 1928 - April 08, 2025

Hilda was the middle child of nine siblings and grew up in the Rosenfeld area on a farm. They attended the Lutheran Church and their first language was German. She moved to Winnipeg as a young adult where she met and married Alfred Spicer in 1962. During their marriage they moved many times. Their first home was a small dairy farm at Eriksdale. They followed work and opportunities, at one time buying Alfred's parents house in Charleswood and later buying Hilda's mothers house in Rosenfeld. She had two daughters, Debra 1964 and Linda 1966.

Hilda was an accomplished seamstress, gardener and housewife. Alfred was a plumber/ pipefitter and often worked away from home on construction projects. In 1980 she started working outside the home once more, originally helping her sister-in-law, Helen, in "Sisters" restaurant in Altona and later managing a Canex Store at Southport.

Working as civilians for the military they moved from northern Manitoba, Alberta, Ontario and back to southern Manitoba. Retirement brought them to Morden to be closer to family, enjoying their grandchildren Jason, Alex, Adam and Heather and many great-grandchildren. Hilda became quite active in the Morden Friendship Centre. She enjoyed the various exercise and card game programs. She was a Legion Auxiliary member and was a cribbage and shuffleboard player. Family celebrations were always Sunday supper followed by cards and cake. She kept a birthday and anniversary calendar and would remember her extended family by mailing cards.

Alfred passed away in 2012. Hilda moved to the Legion House 2 a year later where she remained active in the community well into her 90's by delivering "thinking of you" cards and making sure her fellow tenants were alright in the mornings. She lived her final years at the Manitou Care Home. When asked "What is it that she loves?" she replied, "Family and ice-cream!". Hilda will be lovingly remembered.

A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Morden with burial at the Rosenfeld Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rosenfeld Cemetery, Box 214, Rosenfeld, MB R0G 1X0.

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OBITUARY



Edward Watson Maddock
July 13, 1925 - April 9, 2025

It is with much sadness we announce the passing of our dad, Ed at the age of 99.

Survived by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren - Gord and Cindy, Courtney (Paul) CJ, Reilly (Teagan) Cru, Doug, Dakota, Dallas (Megan) Benji, Sherri and Ken, Hunter (Sarah), Dakin (Donna), Kim and Bill.

Predeceased by his wife Ruth (2004), infant child, his parents and his sister Gwen (Eddie), and nephew David.

Dad was born in Winnipeg to Reginald and Elsie. The family was soon joined by his sister Gwen. Dad grew up in West Kildonan where he met our mom through the Anglican Church youth group. Dad attended the U of M and graduated with an agriculture degree. Soon after he moved to Morden to start work at the Morden

Research Station. After a short time, Dad moved on to work at Canada Packers.

Mom and Dad were married on October 4, 1952 and Mom joined Dad in Morden. Dad was involved in many community organizations - Lions Club, Morden Curling Club, Anglican Church, Boy Scouts, Morden Fire Department, Morden Beach Committee. Dad was named Morden Citizen of Distinction in 1990.

Dad went back to university on a part-time basis in the 1970's to get a Theology degree. He became an ordained Deacon in the Anglican Church where he served well into his 90s.

Dad loved spending time at Morden Beach where they camped for years. There were many gatherings with friends for 4 p.m. T-Time, followed by many Saturday nights at Jack's Bar. Cheers!

Dad was fortunate to live in his home until he was almost 97 at which point he moved into Homestead South where he spent almost three years. He enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and colleagues.

Dad's health declined in December and he spent the last few months in care at Boundary Trails Health Centre and Pembina Manitou Health Centre. Thank you to the caring staff at Homestead South, Boundary Trails Health Centre and Pembina Manitou Health Centre.

Thank you to Rev. Brian Minaker for his support to Dad and the family during his life and his final hours.

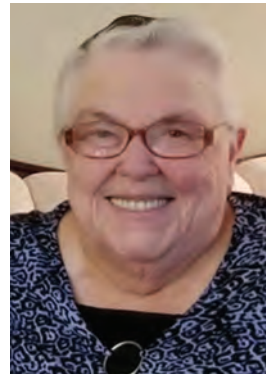
A celebration of Dad's life will be held at Morden Beach on his 100th birthday - July 13, 2025. More details will be provided closer to the date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory for Edwad Maddock may be made to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation, Box 2000, Station Main, Winkler MB, R6W 1H8, or The Legion House in Morden, 285 North Railway St, Morden, MB R6M 1T1.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Morden
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OBITUARY



Tina Wiebe (nee Wolfe)

Tina Wiebe (nee Wolfe) of Morden, Manitoba, formerly of Lowe Farm and Winnipeg, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2025 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre in Morden, Manitoba at the age of 79 after a brief but fierce battle with cancer.

Tina was born on August 23, 1945 in Reinfeld, Manitoba to Abram and Anna Wolfe. She was predeceased by one daughter Nancy (Peter) Klassen in 2015, as well as many of her brothers and sisters.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 63 years, Rev. Peter Wiebe; daughters Janet (Dave) Dueck, Carolyn (Dean) Oxford, Jacqueline (Dave) Friesen, and Tamara (David) Peters; as well as her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m. at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church, with burial at the Kronsweide Sommerfeld Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CancerCare Manitoba.

Wiebe Funeral Homes, Winkler
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OBITUARY



In Loving Memory of
Dale Archibald Henderson
October 22, 1942 to March 13, 2025

On March 13, 2025 Dale passed away peacefully at home.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 55 years, Jean. He will also be deeply missed by his children: Barb (David) and Brett (Alejandro) and his grandchildren: Adam, Sydney and Rylan. He is also survived by his sisters Geraldine and Glenda as well as siblings-in-law: Brian, Ellen, Bette (Frank), Doug (Bernice), Murray (Karen), numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents Archie and Irene Henderson and his parents-in-law Harvey and Pearl Rinn, sister Gloria, sister-in-law Diane and brothers-in-law Ray, Dale, Jim and Ted.

Dale was born on October 22, 1942 in Manitou, Manitoba. He was raised on the family farm south of Manitou and followed in his father's footsteps becoming a lifelong farmer.

In addition to farming, Dale was active in his community. He was a hockey referee for many years. Dale was a volunteer firefighter with the Pembina Manitou Fire Department for many years and was also a member of Provincial Ground Search and Rescue. He served as a delegate for Manitoba Pool Elevators.

In his younger years, Dale enjoyed participating in sports such as hockey, curling and baseball. Dale was an avid moose hunter and fisher who enjoyed his annual trips to Mafeking, Manitoba.

A public graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kaledia, Manitoba. Lunch will follow at the C.E. Building, St. Andrew's United Church, Manitou, Manitoba.

Donations in memory of Dale may be made to St. Andrew's United Church, Box 267, Manitou, MB R0G 1G0 or St. Mary St. Albans Anglican Cemetery, Box 189 Manitou, MB R0G 1G0 or a charity of one's choice.

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Hot Honey Chicken Meatball Subs

cayenne, if desired; and breadcrumbs.

Use cookie scoop or hand roll chicken mixture into balls. Place on aluminum foil-lined sheet tray, leaving small space between each ball. Bake 25 minutes, flipping meatballs halfway through.

Slice hoagies in half, lengthwise. Remove some bread from middle to make room for meatballs. Butter inside of each hoagie and place on sheet tray.

Once meatballs are cooked through, turn broiler on high and place buttered hoagies in oven. Cook 1 minute, or until butter is melted and hoagie has browned.

Remove hoagies from oven, place 3-4 meatballs inside (depending on size) and cover with slice of cheese. Broil on high 30 seconds to melt cheese.

Drizzle garlic sauce on top.

Tip: Garlic sauce can be substituted with topping of choice.

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

1 Minute Hot Honey Chicken Seasoned Rice Cup

1 pound ground chicken
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
1/4 cup breadcrumbs
4 hoagie rolls
2 tablespoons butter
4 slices provolone cheese
garlic sauce, for garnish

Preheat oven to 375 F. Heat rice according to package directions.

In large bowl, mix rice; chicken; salt;



Hot Honey Chicken Rice Crackers and Ranch Dip

cording to package directions.

Lay rice on parchment paper. Place another sheet of parchment paper on top. Use rolling pin to roll out rice into thin layer.

Bake 20 minutes.

In medium bowl, mix sour cream and ranch seasoning.

Once crackers are cooked, cut into squares while still hot. Allow to cool.

Serve crackers with ranch dip.

Tip: Ranch dip can be substituted with hummus or any flavored dip.

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 2

1 Minute Hot Honey Chicken Seasoned Rice Cup

1 cup sour cream
1/2 packet ranch dip seasoning
Preheat oven to 400 F. Heat rice ac-



Grilled Whole Branzini with Fresh Herb Sauce

Fresh Herb Sauce:

2 tablespoons chopped dill
1/4 cup chopped parsley
2 tablespoons chopped chives
1 small garlic clove, minced
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 tablespoon lemon zest
1 tablespoon lemon juice
3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Recipe courtesy of chef Alton Brown on behalf of Current Backyard

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves: 4

How nutrition impacts brain health

By Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

Exercise is the very best thing you can do to combat aging when it comes to cognitive health. Of course, your genetics play a major role in memory loss and brain function, but lifestyle factors—including diet and exercise—are also significant.

Learning new things, such as taking up a challenging hobby or adding a new movement to your resistance training routine, stimulates neuron growth in the brain (a process called neurogenesis), particularly in the hippocampus. This region is responsible for learning and memory. Weight training, in particular, enhances concentration, building your ability to focus and recall information. Cardiovascular activity is also extremely beneficial thanks to the endorphins your body releases during and after exercise, which help you relax. This feel-good effect often provides much-needed stress relief and can boost your mood. Plus, deep breathing during intense exercise pushes oxygen- and nutrient-rich blood throughout the body—including the brain—supporting optimal function.

But I promised to talk about how simply choosing the right foods can help... Sorry, I just couldn't help but promote movement first!

When it comes to diet, balance is important—even with fruits and vegetables. It's easy to fall back on your favorites out of comfort or habit, but being more adventurous with your meals and ingredients has a two-fold impact. First, you're learning something new with each new recipe—not to mention the time spent discovering it, rather than relying on the same ol' one tucked in your cupboard. Second, you'll benefit from greater nutritional variety by rotating protein sources like fish (a great source of omega-3 fatty



Fitness Expert Julie Germaine Coram

acids) and chicken (rich in brain-boosting nutrients like choline and vitamins B6 and B12). Pair these with kale (full of antioxidants like flavonoids and carotenoids that slow age-related mental decline), broccoli (an excellent source of vitamin C), or beets (rich in nitrates that help dilate blood vessels and promote blood flow to the brain).

Following a "diet" is still popular, though experts continue to encourage variety and moderation in food choices. But if you must follow a plan, the Mediterranean Diet is a great place to start for meals that support both your body and mind.

Would you like to discuss your personal nutrition questions, health goals or fitness challenges with me? Schedule a free online consultation by visiting: www.calendly.com/juliegermaine

Coach Julie Germaine Coram is dedicated to lifelong health! She's an active mom, Registered Personal Trainer, two-time Pro Fitness Champion, Certified Nutrition Expert and Fitness Specialist. Since 2005, she has helped thousands of people worldwide improve their health.

Branzini:

2 head-on whole branzini (about 1 pound each), cleaned and scaled
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 lemon, sliced into six rounds
6-8 sprigs dill
6-8 sprigs parsley
2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil

To make fresh herb sauce: In small bowl, combine dill, parsley, chives, garlic, salt, red pepper flakes, lemon zest, lemon juice and olive oil; set aside.

Set both sides of grill to 650 F (high) and close lid.

To prepare branzini: Season fish inside and out with kosher salt. Fill cav-

ity of each fish with lemon slices, dill sprigs and parsley sprigs then tie with kitchen twine to secure. Refrigerate until ready to grill.

Evenly coat skin of both fish with olive oil. Insert temperature probe into thickest part of flesh of each fish, parallel to dorsal fin, then place on grill with belly sides toward you. Close lid and cook 5 minutes.

Open lid and gently turn fish over with thin metal spatula or two forks. Close lid and cook 5 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 145 F.

Transfer fish to platter and remove twine. Serve fish topped with fresh herb sauce.