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Vintage farm equipment took centre stage Friday during the antique tractor parade at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, which celebrated Reunion Days last weekend. For more photos, see Pg. 13.

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Salem residents having fun with new ABBY unit

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home's first ABBY unit is a huge hit.

The interactive display was installed in the Winkler care home's dementia care unit a couple of weeks ago and has fast become a popular form of calming entertainment for residents.

"We were kind of the pilot project up here to see how people would respond," said Dayna Jonasson, resident

care manager. "The residents, the staff, we absolutely love it."

The ABBY device offers residents several different options of engagement, each of which launches a corresponding program on the screen.

Grab the steering wheel and you're taken on one of several rides through the countryside (the one called "Driving to Church" has proven the most popular so far, Jonasson noted). Or you can pet the furry model of a cat



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Salem Home resident care manager Dayna Jonasson demonstrates the driving program offered by the recently installed ABBY device, which provides interactive, calming activities for residents to enjoy.

and enjoy a series of cute feline photos that pop up.

There are also a handful of interactive games (match the shapes, pop the balloons, finger painting), preprogrammed radio and TV dials (complete with musical oldies and classic cartoons), and a giant button that launches a photo slideshow set to music.

"This is a feature I really like, especially if you have somebody that's really agitated," said Jonasson. "We had a lady that was crying uncontrollably last week and we were able to bring her over here and turn the lights off and put the photos and music on and it really helped soothe her."

The country drives have also proven extremely popular, added Salem CEO Sherry Janzen, especially with male residents who miss spending time behind the wheel.

"The hardest thing is to take their driver's license away, because that's their independence," she said. "This is a way to feel like they're getting that back, in a way."

That said, a few residents have complained their driving avatar goes a bit faster

than they'd like, Jonasson added, laughing. They may install mock pedals in the future to give them a further sense of control.

The \$7,000 ABBY unit was purchased with funds raised by the Salem Home Ladies Auxiliary's barbecue this spring.

Janzen said they hope to install more ABBYs in other parts of the care home in the future.

"We absolutely want to get more of these," she said, noting Salem is the first Manitoba facility to install the device, which has the ability to feature individualized content. "We decided we were just going to start with this for now to see how residents responded to it first."

Some ideas for localized content include videos of drives through Winkler and the surrounding area and perhaps historical photos of the community to help trigger fond memories.

"We could load old photos of Winkler ... or even the countryside so that someone wanting to drive to Plum Coulee, say, could feel like they were doing that," Janzen said. "Those are things we're going to look at doing over time."

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Salem CEO Sherry Janzen gives the ABBY's cat a scratch, which causes photos to show up on the screen.



Longtime retailer hangs up his hat

By Ashleigh Viveiros

When 18-year-old Jim Fehr took a job selling clothing at the old Stylerite store in downtown Winkler, he scarcely could have imagined he was embarking on a career in retail that would span 48 years.

That career came to an end last week as Fehr wrapped up his last full day of employment with SolutionsIT, a company he's called home for 28 years.

In reflecting on his impending retirement Friday afternoon, Fehr looked back at how it all began.

"I started in 1971 selling clothing for the Stylerite department store," he says. "I was just a kid that wanted a job ... and I ended up working there for 17 and a half years."

Then it was time for a change, so Fehr set out to find the next chapter in his career. He spent the next couple of years finding some success as a sort of jack of all trades about town.

"I sold natural gas contracts, did odd jobs, worked for the police department as a guard/deputy," he says. "I would do anything from shingling roofs to moving heavy equipment ... anything and everything."

And then Dennis Kehler came call-

ing. Kehler, who today is president and CEO of SolutionsIT, was heading up Southland Electronics/Radio Shack back then and was looking for a salesman.

"We went for coffee and basically he just asked me, 'Have you ever considered working at Radio Shack? Why don't you try it?' And I said, 'Okay.'"

Fehr says that while he didn't really consider himself a 'techie' he did know a thing or two about the new technology hitting store shelves.

"I was always on the edge of technology, I thought. In 1968, for example, I was the first guy in Winkler to have a cassette player in my car. Everybody else had eight tracks.

"And then in 1982, when CDs came out, I was the first guy in Winkler to have a CD player. I made sure of that."

And so he took the job "for the fun of it" and then enjoyed it so much he ended up staying with the company, which changed names and locations several times over the years, for the long haul.

"The 28 years here has been by far the best thing I've ever done," Fehr says. "I've been very happy."

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Jim Fehr has been working in retail in Winkler for 48 years, the last 28 with SolutionsIT. This week marks the start of his retirement.



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The Morden Activity Centre will celebrate 25 years in its 306 North Railway Street location on September 20 with a social evening.

Manager, Neha Kohli, says all members, both present and past are invited to attend to celebrate a milestone in the organization's history. Of course, we would like to see anyone who is interested in becoming a part of our centre attend as well," she says.

According to an early mission statement, the members decided "We envision a multi-purpose Senior Centre where individuals share responsibility for their wellness."

The statement went on to define how this would be accomplished by saying "The Morden Senior Citizen's Friendship Centre Inc. will independently or in partnership promote and provide multi-services, emphasizing the spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical well being for those 55 years and older in our community."

President Evelyn Currie notes, "As we celebrate this milestone of 25 years in this facility, it is gratifying to note that we have been able to add many programs. The Centre is busy with card games, fitness programs, dancers, painters, shufflers and floor curlers to name but a few. It is evident that the Centre is filling a need for older adults in the community.

The centre has been run and organized by volunteers through out the past 25 years. Although there is paid staff for both the Executive Director and Services for Seniors coordinators' positions, the Board responsible for the centre has been made up entirely of volunteers.

When studying the history of any organization it's always essential to recognize the efforts of those who had the foresight to undertake the first steps. To this end we acknowledge the 1994 members of the Morden Friendship Centre Board. Taking on the mortgage for the centre were:

Mary Dushenko, Neil Dyck, Roberta Griffin, J.D. (Scotch) Sawatzky, Dr. Jim Menzies, Mary Giesbrecht, Isabel Olafson, Ruby Hammond, Alice Rothenberger, Abe Thiessen, and Basil Agnew.

The Board of Directors is also responsible for Services for Seniors that has been in operation since March 1988. Services provided help people to remain as independent as possible in their own homes. Congregate meals are provided in three locations and delivered to those in need of a nutritious meal.

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ReRyde director of operations Jamil Chaudhry is excited to be expanding the ridesharing service into Morden-Winkler.

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ReRyde launches in Morden-Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A new company in the area is hoping to change the way Pembina Valley residents get around.

The ridesharing app ReRyde has launched in Morden-Winkler, and they've put a call out not just for riders but drivers as well as they work to establish the service here.

"We're looking for drivers. Part-time, daytime, evening—whatever they want to work, we urge drivers in Winkler and Morden to reach out to us," said director of operations Jamil Chaudhry.

"We want people to know these drivers are going to be hired from your local communities," he added. "It's community helping community in this sense. The money stays in the community."

Drivers keep 75 per cent of the cost of every trip, with the remainder going to ReRyde.

Chaudhry hopes to build up the local driver base to at least 70 people, thus ensuring there's someone on call just about anytime someone needs a ride.

"We don't schedule drivers. They have the freedom to work when they want," he explained. "So I think if we have 70 drivers we'll have at least 5-10 online all the time."

ReRyde drivers, who can apply at reryde.com, must be at least 19 years old and need to provide a driver's abstract, insurance information, a vehicle safety report, and a criminal record check before they can begin

picking up fares.

"Every driver has to go through a process of screening," said Chaudhry. "That's very important for us because we want to make sure we have the right people working for us and the right people serving this community."

Meanwhile, the way ridesharing works for passengers is pretty simple. First, download the ReRyde app for your Android or iOS smartphone and register an account.

When you need a ride, fire up the app and type in where you need to go. You'll see how much the ride is expected to cost based on distance and time.

"The beauty of this app is you'll know before you even get in the vehicle how much you're going to pay," Chaudhry said, noting unexpected traffic delays could add costs to a ride, but, for the most part, in a community this size there are few surprises.

Detailed rates are available on the app, but a ride from Morden to Winkler, for example, generally comes to about \$24.

If you're good with the predicted fare, you send your request for a pickup out and the nearest driver will confirm they're on their way.

"You'll get a notification that your ride has been accepted and 'ABCD' is the name of the driver, this is the licence plate number, and this is the colour of the vehicle that is going to come pick you up," said Chaudhry. "And there will be a picture of the driver as well on display in your app."

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Payment is made through your saved credit card in the app, meaning you don't need to have cash on hand to get a ride.

Passengers can also leave reviews for their drivers. Those ratings are taken seriously by the company, Chaudhry stressed. Too many bad ratings and a driver would have their account suspended pending review.

"We work very closely with our drivers," said Chaudhry, emphasizing that they want to ensure a high quality of service and respect for every ride.

ReRyde, which is a Vancouver-based company, first launched in Manitoba in Winnipeg last year. They soon after began considering their expansion options across the province.

"We have a vision of interconnecting all the communities of Manitoba through ReRyde," Chaudhry said.

With over 50,000 people calling the Pembina Valley home, it made an enticing location to start, he said, noting they're also looking at starting up in Steinbach, Dauphin, Thompson, Selkirk, and Brandon in the coming months.

Chaudhry was in the area last week meeting with local leaders to discuss the new service.

Among them was Winkler Mayor Martin Harder, who said he's excited to welcome the company to the community.

"I've had an opportunity to speak with them and they're a legitimate outfit and they're here to serve the community," he said, noting the bylaws are already in place to allow ridesharing services to operate in the area. "I'm excited for them to be able to offer opportunities for people locally in the Winkler-Morden area to be able to access rides when they need them."

> JIM FEHR, FROM PG. 3

It's not the sales so much as it is the people that kept him in retail.

"I just love talking to people," Fehr says. "I could sell anything ... you've just got to be able to talk to people ... relate to them on their level."

His ability to build relationships with customers and staff alike will be missed, notes his longtime boss.

"I'm happy for Jim, but I'm sad for myself," Kehler says. "We have lots of long-term staff here ... but Jim's got an old-school talent that you don't often find anymore."

"Jim has always prided himself—he's actually found it to be a welcome challenge—to befriend even the most challenging customers," he adds. "He had a unique talent to take situations that required patience, clarity, maybe some directness, and he really prided himself on winning those customers over."

"He understands human nature really, really well."

So what's next for the lifelong salesman? A well-earned break ... after he closes out a few final accounts.

"I'm going to finish up some of my stuff here in September. I won't be coming in every day but I've got a few furniture installs that need to be completed," he says. "You can't really just quit and walk out."

After that, he's got plenty to keep him busy at home.

"I've got a lot of projects lined up, but there's no real definite plans," he says. "I'll be spending more time with the family ... and my wife is still working, so I'll be doing a lot of the home things that you struggle to get done when you're both working."

Fehr's parting advice to the retailers of tomorrow? Be flexible and willing to change to meet the needs of the market.

"And don't be afraid of the grey area," he adds. "Black and white is fine when you're reading a book but, really, people aren't that way. They need flexibility and you've got to find ways to make it work."

ReRyde is currently offering 100 free rides (up to \$20 each) in the Pembina Valley to encourage people to try the service. Once those are used

up, they'll be offering 50 per cent off the next 1,000 rides in the area (again, up to \$20). "We want people to try it out," said Chaudhry.

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The Hub continues hunt for a permanent home

Morden food bank given an extension at temporary location

By Lorne Stelmach

An organization providing a vital food bank service to the community has received a temporary reprieve, but The Hub still faces the prospect of becoming homeless this fall.

The Hub found a temporary home for the summer thanks to the EMMC church offering the use of an accessory building on its property in northeast Morden. The Hub was originally supposed to be out of the space on Aug. 31, but the church has given them another month to make other arrangements.

Unfortunately, the group's search for a new permanent location to at least continue running the weekly food bank program has come up empty.

"If there are people out there who have answers for us to help us come to a solution, we urge them to reach out to us," The Hub's Brian Thiessen said last week. "At this point, we feel we've exhausted our circles to try to find a spot, so we don't know where else to go.

"I hope by October 1 that we are still here ... to help those who need the extra leg up ... when their hard working dollars have been spent," he said. "Our own community can help care for its own."

Formerly called Donate Love, The Hub had been running its food bank and offering free clothing and household items to families in need from a location on Thornhill St. for about two years before the space got a new tenant.

Not having a location in place for July would have meant suspending their operations entirely, but the temporary space at the EMMC allowed them to continue offering at least the food bank, which runs Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m. Their other services have had to be suspended until a new home is found.

"No other progress has been made on any other front. We are still without a location, and there's been no progress as to a potential location as of yet," said Thiessen.

The challenge for them as a non-profit, volunteer-run or-

ganization is having limited resources that they can draw on, he said.

"Every dollar that we gain we want to spend on food to feed the mouths of the people in this community that require it," said Thiessen.

They realized that "to find another location like we had ... we got handed the golden ticket off the hop ... to find anything else with that sweet of a deal is proving to be difficult."

Thiessen believes a key factor for them might also be getting their registered charitable status.

"Until we have our charitable status fall in line, and we can start issuing tax receipts for things that are given, we're limiting our money ... we're limited in our options for us to be able to find a spot.

"If that had already happened by now I'm confident that we wouldn't be in this position that we're at right now."

Ideally, the organization would love to have a location that is a little more centrally located in Morden that would be accessible to everyone, but they will take anything that can be offered. Thiessen estimates they would need about 500 square feet to operate the food bank and

more space to bring back its other services.

"It's not an option to not be open," he said, stressing there is no question of the needs in the community, but the reality right now is they just don't know how they are going to be able to meet those needs as of the end of this month.

"When our time is up where we are at, I don't know what we will do," Thiessen said.

"When every thought of everybody that's on the board has been exhausted, we're left standing in the middle of a field not knowing which way to go now. We don't know what we are going to do next if we don't have anything in place at the end of September."

Anyone wanting more information or to help can reach out via The Hub Community Centre Facebook page.

"WHEN OUR TIME IS UP WHERE WE ARE AT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE WILL DO."

Council ups budget but on track to balance: mayor

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden ended up making budget revisions this year as a result of increased spending for the mayor.

Explaining some of the changes that had been made, deputy city manager of corporate Patrick Dueck last week sought to respond to speculation around the mayor having already gone over budget for the year.

"Council recognized that the mayor was facing a busy year and putting in considerable time following leads that could benefit our community," Dueck said in a news release last Friday. "For this reason, council approved increased spending in order for the mayor to attend these events."

Morden council approved \$20,000 as a budget increase for the mayor with the aim of using these funds for promotion of the city as well as to help drive further economic growth and development in Morden.

Dueck said they were able to make adjustments in order to account for the increase.

"This increased spending will be re-allocated from other under-utilized sources within the budget, as budget numbers were already finalized. This causes the affected accounts to appear over budget but with the knowledge that other offsetting accounts will also be under-utilized compared to budget," said Dueck.

"While each line item has a budgeted amount, these are only our best es-

timates, and we always consider the budget as a whole."

Making clear that the city currently is within budget, Mayor Brandon Burley also stressed that they are seeking to end the year with a balanced budget.

"I hope any confusion surrounding this will only serve to highlight that this council and the City of Morden staff are always seeking to be good stewards of the funds we have available and want to provide the best service possible to the citizens of our great city," said Burley.

"Events like the Corn and Apple Festival ... highlight what this city is capable of, and we will continue to search for more opportunities that help Morden grow."

“It can happen at any age, to anyone”

Pembina Valley Kidney Walk aims to raise awareness, funds Sept. 15

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Working kidneys are the kind of thing most of us take for granted—right up until the moment we or a loved one have to navigate the world without them.

That experience is what brings volunteer organizers Mary Lilke and Marilyn Sandercock to the Pembina Valley Kidney Walk each year.

The duo are spearheading this year’s walk, which takes place in Morden Park on Sunday, Sept. 15.

“There’s all kinds of different reasons why kidneys fail. It can happen at any age, to anyone,” says Sandercock. “Four million Canadians—that’s one in every 10 people—have chronic kidney disease.”

She was one of them. A bout with strep throat left her kidneys damaged and eventually led to their failure.

Sandercock was on dialysis three times a week for over seven years before receiving a kidney transplant.

“I’ve had that transplant now for 10 years. I’m healthy and I’m grateful,” she says, stressing one of the reasons she’s so passionate about supporting the Kidney Walk is to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation.

“For me, the difference between being on dialysis and then having my transplant was just a world apart,” Sandercock says, explaining that without a working kidney toxins slowly build up in one’s body, causing headaches, fatigue, and other symptoms. “Dialysis removes those toxins, but then they start to build up again. So you have maybe one day where you feel good and then you’re back

to square one. When you have a new kidney, all that’s gone.

“I really want people to realize how important it is to become donors,” she says. “As well as to help support the kidney foundation, which does research towards anti-rejection meds for transplant patients, meds for people whose kidneys are starting to fail ... medicine has made so many advances and the more we can make the easier it is and the longer people with this can have a good quality of life.”

Lilke is also no stranger to kidney disease.

“My husband Howard has kidney failure. It was due to polycystic kidney disease, which can be hereditary,” she says.

Due in part to his age, Howard is not on the list for a new kidney. Instead, he travels to Boundary Trails Health Centre three times a week for dialysis, and will do so for the rest of his life.

“You’re there every other day. And he’s on it for five hours at a time,” says Lilke. “His diet is also very restrictive. There’s a lot of things you can’t eat when you’re in kidney failure.”

Dialysis is a tiring, time-consuming process, she says, and, as Sandercock pointed out, it’s not something limited to older people—46 per cent of new patients with kidney disease are under the age of 65.

The BTHC dialysis unit sees 14 patients a day six days a week from across southern Manitoba, Lilke says. Some locals have to travel to Winnipeg regularly for treatment.

Last year’s Pembina Valley Kidney Walk brought in over \$12,000 in donations. It’s an amount Sandercock and



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Pembina Valley Kidney Walk organizers Mary Lilke and Marilyn Sandercock invite people to show their support for those living with kidney disease by taking part in the Sept. 15 walk. Right: Lilke’s husband Howard is one of the dozens of local patients who have to spend several hours three times a week on dialysis.



Lilke hope to see grow this year.

“We actually raise more than Brandon does,” notes Lilke. Over the past four years, the local walk has raised more than \$30,000 for the cause.

“But there’s always room for more participation and more donors,” says Sandercock.

Registration begins on Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. The walk starts at 2 p.m.

“You can do either two kilometres, five kilometers, or 10 kilometres,” says Sandercock. “They can walk, they can bike, they can bring their family members in wheelchairs, whatever they like. The point is just to get as many people out to support the Kid-

ney Walk as possible.”

Participants are encouraged to collect pledges in advance of the walk. There are a variety of incentive prizes for various levels of fundraising, including free T-shirts, picnic blankets, and electronics.

All the money raised goes to help the Kidney Foundation of Canada make a difference in the lives of those living with kidney disease.

More details are available online at kidneywalk.ca. Pledge sheets can be picked up in Morden at the library, Pharmasave, Chicken Chef, the Morden Activity Centre, and at the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Genesis House launching Caring Dads program

By Lorne Stelmach

Genesis House sees the impact of family violence day in and day out, but until now there has been little support available that is geared towards the men in those relationships.

It is a missing piece of the puzzle that executive director Ang Braun

hopes they will find through the new Caring Dads program.

“We’ve talked about it around the shelter for a long time now how there’s not much around for intervention for men,” Braun said last week in announcing the initiative that will be tried for the first time here this fall.

“If it’s successful, I would be able to

build a case for doing it more ... ideally, down the way, I would love to see that there would be some partnership with us and intervention programs with men offered all the time.”

Caring Dads is being introduced with the support of a grant from the Morden Foundation through its Power of the Purse event.

It is a group intervention program for men who have abused, neglected, or exposed their children to domestic violence. As Genesis House is not funded for this kind of program, the support from the foundation was vital to cover the cost of the facilitators.

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Miami Railway Stn. Museum gets a helping hand from an old friend

By Lorne Stelmach

A former Miami resident is still giving back to the community she once called home.

Lynda Oakes recently presented a \$5,000 donation to the Miami Railway Station Museum in support of their plans to restore a vintage caboose.

Now residing in Morden, Oakes said she continues to have a strong connection to Miami and she values what the museum does for and means to the community.

"I worked there for 15 years as treasurer, so I wanted to give them a little donation to help," she said last week. "And they've done remarkable things. It is just looking so good, and they've got so many new additions in it."

Oakes was not only a member of the board for many years but also devot-

ed a lot of hours and energy to help promote the museum, noted chairperson Joan Driedger, who was grateful for the support.

"While Lynda was a member, she and a friend actually spent a night at the museum," she shared as an example of Oakes' dedication. "Keep in mind that the museum has no water or facilities and had little lighting. Both ladies purchased sleeping bags and slept in the bedrooms upstairs."

The 1914 wooden caboose was recently moved to the museum after having been decommissioned by another museum from its collection.

The plans are to do more fundraising, including applying for grants towards the restoration of the caboose. The hope is that work will get underway next year.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Gordon and Lorraine Docking, former chairs of the Miami Railway Station Museum, accepted a \$5,000 donation from Lynda Oakes last week.

Winkler council tweaks city's noise bylaw

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler's noise bylaw has been tweaked following a recent conflict revolving around a new commercial development.

The revisions to the noise bylaw earned the approval of council at its Aug. 27 meeting, and Mayor Martin Harder said the aim was to set out a few more clear and specific standards to be met particularly in relation to where commercial and residential developments come in close proximity.

"Whenever you have a commercial and a residential transition ... it's just like if you have a heavy industrial zone versus a light industrial and you transition to residential, then you would have an issue when you transition ... it can become problematic at times."

The change comes after concerns were raised around the new Valley Bowl building in northwest Winkler, specifically in relation to noise from air conditioning units in relation to an adjacent residential area.

In such an instance, the bylaw now sets a limit of no more than 55 dba (A-weighted decibels) between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and 50 dba between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

A-weighted decibels are an expression of the relative loudness of sounds in air as perceived by the human ear. In the A-weighted system,

the decibel values of sounds at low frequencies are reduced, compared with unweighted decibels, in which no correction is made for audio frequency.

Harder noted that they sought to make an informed and fair decision on the issue.

"We did all kinds of tests at that point ... so they had a fair amount of

data which they presented," he said.

Council last week also dealt with a couple planning matters.

The rezoning of 182 Victoria Street from residential two-family to a residential restricted multiple family zone was approved. It is in an area that is comprised of a mixture of those two zoning classifications.

Another bylaw rezones community

reserve land north of Highway 14 to a mixture of residential single family, two-family, multiple family and open space for new development along the western extension of Northlands Parkway.

"It's moving along. There will be houses popping up there before you know it," said Harder.

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The program is set to launch Oct. 3 and will be led by two facilitators with sessions once a week for 17 weeks. The number of participants will be limited to about 10 people.

Caring Dads was specifically designed from the premise violence against women and children are intricately intertwined and that these can and should be addressed together.

Principles that the program puts forward include men becoming aware and taking responsibility for their actions, a desire to learn and practice child centered fathering and making the connection between the safety and wellbeing of their children and of their mother.

"There's a couple things that I think would have to fall into place to make this effective ... the ability to be

self aware and take responsibility for your actions. I think those are the big pieces," said Braun.

She noted it can be an intense experience and that making a change can be especially hard for men.

"I would say that a person who would participate in this would need to be emotionally and mentally prepared to be a bit vulnerable," she said. "It's quite emotional work as well because you are really looking back at your own experiences as a child and sort of what formed you."

She is optimistic about the program's potential, noting a similar initiative in Winnipeg saw a 30 per cent reduction in re-offending within a two year period.

"The statistics in our programming have remained consistent for the past 30 years, however there are some ex-

pecting and effective intervention programs being launched for men that are showing a significant decrease in re-offending," Braun said.

"Many of the women we see have been asking for some type of intervention for men for a long time. It was important for our agency to hear the voice of the women and now that the option is available locally it made sense to try it."

Braun said the program is open to men in the community who are currently parenting children and would like to become the best parent they can be using new tools and practices.

The location is still to be determined but classes will likely be held somewhere in Morden. The deadline to register is Sept. 18.

For more information, call 204-325-9800.

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Winkler CIBC gives back to Katie Cares

By Ashleigh Viveiros

CIBC in Winkler was able to give back in more ways than one last month.

As it has for the past several years, the downtown bank supplied volunteers to man the information booth at the Winkler Harvest Festival Aug. 9-11.

"It's really a no-brainer for us because it lets us help out in the community, help out with this big event, the Harvest Festival," said community general manager Ryan Gitzel.

In thanks for their efforts, the City of Winkler provided the CIBC branch with \$500 to donate to the charity of their choice.

"That's just a nice bonus on top of it all," said Gitzel.

Last week, CIBC staffers presented

that money to Ruth Reimer of Katie Cares to help with the charity's respite home, Katie's Cottage, and its patient support programs in health care centres in Morden-Winkler, Carman, and Altona.

"It's not an easy decision picking which charity because there's a lot of great charities you could choose in this area," said Gitzel. "But Katie Cares really stood out to us."

That's music to Reimer's ears.

"What a fantastic city we live in," she said. "They're all seeing and believing what's happening at the cottage, at the charity."

"The charity is growing by leaps and bounds right now," she added, noting they're now sending Beanie Baby gift bags to kids receiving treatment across the Pembina Valley. "We're thrilled about that. It's such a good



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CIBC's Kori da Costa, Chris Thomas, Ryan Gitzel and (far right) Debbie Loewen presented Ruth Reimer of Katie Cares (second from right) with a donation of \$500 last week.

thing to hear tears are being wiped away with smiles."

Donations are what make it all possible, Reimer stressed.

"It doesn't matter what the amount is because it all goes into the pot and

that pot grows," she said. "And we work hard to use it wisely and with integrity and transparency."

"It's benefiting guests and it's benefiting kids. It's benefiting anybody that needs Katie's Cottage."

Comedians eager to help PVHS 'Raise the Woof'

By Lorne Stelmach

He has no shortage of gigs as an acclaimed comedian, but Simon King likes to make time for events like the upcoming Raise The Woof in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

"I do enjoy being able to use the art form that has given me so much to give some of that back," King said in advance of his headlining role here Sept. 20 at the Quality Inn in Winkler.

King has performed at The Just For Laughs Festival, Vancouver International Comedy Festival, TBS Las Vegas Comedy Festival, and Winnipeg Comedy Festival, to name a few, and organizers are excited to have him headed here to help raise funds for the shelter.

"To have a comedian of this calibre coming to our little neck of the woods is quite an honour," said PVHS rep. Holly Thorne. "He's funny, without a doubt, and attendees are in for a real treat."

Although his schedule doesn't often allow him to do as many strictly charity performances as he would like, King does try to make time when possible for shows like this.

"I have a particular soft spot for animal charities and causes, as I truly believe the way we treat the weak and unable to defend themselves is the real test of our character," he said. "When the opportunity arises for me to be able to do something that can effect positive change I'm all for that. Especially since it bleeds much needed reality back into a business that can often become very much disconnected from the world if you're not careful."

Joining King at Raise the Woof this year will be Minneapolis comedian Casey Flesch and Winnipeg's Jared Storey, a three-time finalist in the Winnipeg's Funniest Person competition.

In addition to the laughs, the evening, which is held in partnership with the Winkler Dental Clinic, also

includes appetizers, mystery bag giveaways, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and a grand prize of a \$750 travel voucher from Blessed Journeys.

The shelter hopes to raise upwards of \$11,000, which would be an increase from the \$10,000 the show brought in last year.

"This year we've taken a bit of a hit financially at the shelter due to things like our property taxes going up and some past fundraising opportunities that unfortunately weren't available to us this year," said Thorne. "We've also had a very busy kitten season and our vet bills were more than expected."

"The money raised through Raise the Woof will help us get caught up and allow us to be in a better position going into the new year to be able to help rescue and care for more animals."

Tickets are \$40 and are available online at pvhssociety.ca or in person at the Winkler Co-op gas bars, Quality Inn, and at the shelter in Morden.



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Comedian Simon King joins fellow funny men Casey Flesch and Jared Storey at the PVHS Raise the Woof fundraiser Sept. 20



Access Credit Union helped wrap up summer vacation with its annual Movie in the Park in Winkler, Morden, and Altona last week. Rain sent the Morden showing of the live-action movie Aladdin indoors at the Access Event Centre (above, left), but the Winkler show (above, right) went ahead as planned at the Parkland stage despite a few sprinkles. Both events gave families a chance to chow down on free popcorn, pose for photos with Aladdin and Jasmine (right), and enjoy activities such as baseball throwing competitions (left), arts and crafts, and bouncy castles.

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Communities in Bloom delegates in Morden this weekend

Tickets for awards dinner, educational presentations open to the public

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden may be hoping for a perfect score this weekend, but there are more important things to be gained in hosting the annual Manitoba Communities in Bloom conference.

Community events and services manager Clare Agnew is focused on the many other benefits of the program aside from the beautification competition.

"I would say we have put our best foot forward," she said going into the event, where the city hopes to better last year's score of four blooms out of five.

"At the same time that they give us a score, they will also give us feedback," noted Agnew. "So I'm looking forward to hearing what they have to say. They will give us some suggestions on how Morden can improve ... it's up to us to take their advice and make our community stronger and better."

Communities in Bloom grades the city on its commitment to tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape, and floral displays.

It's expected about 100 representatives from 11 competing communities will be at the conference and awards gala in Morden this week.

Communities will receive their marks at the Saturday evening banquet, which is open to the general public at a cost of \$35. A Friday evening guest speaker and wine and cheese event is also open to all for \$25 per ticket. The entire conference package is \$85.

Friday evening features a presentation by Dr. Gordon Goldsborough of the Manitoba Historical Society. Goldsborough has mapped thousands of historic sites around the province and has written four books on Manitoba history.

Sessions Saturday include Shawn Dias, manager of parks and urban forestry for Morden, speaking on de-

veloping a plan to manage the city's inventory of over 5,000 trees on public property and the steps Morden is taking to maintain, improve and protect their urban forest.

Jason Vanrobaeys of the Morden agriculture research station will talk about the Living Labs initiative, which is a new program to conduct environmental research and extension activities on farms in Canada.

Mark Milne of Enviro Clean will discuss how Morden is leading the way in processing food and green waste.

Also taking the stage to talk about their local projects are Shelly Voth of the Morden immigration program, Peter Cantelon from the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, and Ruth Reimer of Katie Cares.

The Saturday schedule also leaves open time for participants to tour the community, including participating

in the Pembina Valley Studio Tour, Agnew noted.

"So there's some sitting and listening but there's also some good activities going on," she said, adding she feels the conference has a good program that is covering a lot of ground.

"THEY WILL GIVE US SOME SUGGESTIONS ON HOW MORDEN CAN IMPROVE."

"We chose the theme 'to discover our growing community' and I think Saturday's speakers really represent the different ways that Morden is growing," Agnew

suggested. "They're all local people and they're all very informed about their topics and they're all passionate about what they're going to be talking about ... I think it's going to be a great mix."

Event details are available online at mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca.

Prairie Perspectives

Morden's Pembina Hills Gallery hosts a show from the Fibre Art Divas this month.

By Lorne Stelmach

They first came together as a group of artists in 2014 with the idea of simply sharing their mutual interest with each other.

Since then, the Fibre Art Divas have continued to encourage and support one another, but they share their ideas and inspiration with others as well.

"It's new and upcoming in the province ... it's just all over," suggested Rosalind Sims, a member of the group behind the featured exhibit this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

The exhibit dubbed Prairie Perspectives is the group's first show together and Morden marks its seventh showing. It features pieces large and small depicting topics ranging from prairie sunsets to grain elevators to wind turbines.

"It's kind of neat that there's a variety of things, said Sims, who added she simply hopes visitors appreciate the work. "I hope they enjoy it ... and I

hope they're inspired to maybe even try fibre art."

Sims said the exhibit has been well received at other Manitoba art galleries and she believes fiber art is something that has continued to steadily gain more interest.

"It's becoming more and more popular, I think ... when it really started, way back in the '70s as far as I know ... it has evolved," she said.

"There are other similar groups in Manitoba," Sims added, pointing to the Textile and Fibre Artists of Manitoba, which will be featured as part of PHAC's November exhibit.

It obviously is a different art form from other media, though Sims draws a comparison of sorts to painting.

"You're using fabric to paint with or wool to paint with," she said.

The fibre arts can involve a large variety of material or textiles and fibres like wool, and she said

that is very evident in this show.

"There's a couple of wool pieces and more like quilting but it's done in a different way ... and a lot of embroidery and handwork."

Sims is attracted to it because of the level of creativity that can be involved when you start adding beading and other decorative touches.

"For me, it is to be able to create something that somebody else didn't design, it's my own work," she said. "You're really using your own creativity. We all have it, and we encourage each other in the group. That's the reason for the group is to encourage and support each other."

Fibre Art Divas are made up of 15 Manitoba fibre artists from Lockport, Manitou, Niverville, St. Claude, Springfield, West St. Paul, and Winnipeg.

Their exhibit runs in Morden until Sept. 28. There is an opening reception this Saturday at the gallery from 7-9 p.m.

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Showing Filipino pride

The local Filipino community bore their flag proudly at the Morden Corn & Apple Festival parade last month. Representative Marcos Simpao said the number of immigrants to the Morden area from the Philippines has grown in leaps and bounds in recent years. "The Filipino residents in Morden have been flourishing for the past years and their number is growing thanks to the Morden Immigration Initiative program," he said, noting the area offers an "inviting nature, a family-friendly community, [and] a safe and booming economy." The parade walkers included those performing a traditional dance of thanksgiving and a Manny Pacquiao lookalike (right).

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Reunion Days 2019

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum brought history to life at its 51st annual Reunion Days celebration last Friday and Saturday. The days were packed full of pioneer living, including demonstrations of old-fashioned lumber sawing (top left) and blacksmithing (left) as well as hands-on activities for the kids (far left). Volunteers also manned the museum's many heritage houses, including the General Store (above).



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- In 2017, life expectancy in Canada was projected to be 79 years for men and 83 years for women.

- In 2018, life expectancy for Indigenous peoples was 15 years lower than that of the non-Indigenous population.

- Older adults are working longer. In 2015, 20 per cent of Canada's seniors were in the labour force. The percentage of working seniors has climbed steadily since 1995 and that trend is expected to continue.



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- Use the ramp to climb aboard the bus if there is one and sit down quickly.
- Keep your backpack on your knees or stow it under your seat.
- Wait for the bus to completely stop moving before getting up.
- Don't push when exiting the bus.

IF YOUR CHILDREN WALK TO SCHOOL

- Always use the sidewalk and make sure to respect traffic lights, even if there aren't any cars coming.
- Only cross at intersections and look left and right before crossing.



IF THERE'S A CROSSING GUARD, follow their directives.

IF YOUR CHILDREN BIKE TO SCHOOL

- Always wear a helmet and make sure it's securely fastened.
- Make certain nothing gets stuck in the bike's chain or wheel such as backpack straps or an umbrella.

- Use bike lanes whenever possible.
- Don't go too fast, even if you're in a hurry.

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LEFT PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Dale and Dianne Lambert, shown at left today and above at a trade show with some of the latest gadgets in 1989, have been running D&D Electronics in the Pembina Valley for 50 years.

50 years of electronics repairs

By Lorne Stelmach

As much as technology has changed in the past 50 years, some things have remained largely the same—like going to get repairs done at D&D Electronics.

The Morden business marked its 50th anniversary last week, and owners Dale and Dianne Lambert believe it has been their commitment to having the best service in southern Manitoba that has been the key to their longevity.

Dale Lambert also still relishes the challenge to repair anything and everything. Even after all these years, he still loves doing the work.

"It bothers me if I can't fix something," Lambert said last week.

"There is more stuff getting that way," he acknowledged. "Things lasted longer [back then] ... nowadays, if they last five years ...

"And there's no parts ... if I can't fix it and you can't get a part ... it's changed a lot in that way."

Lambert developed his interest in electronics early on and learned some of the latest technology while working at MTS. He was employed there for 10 years before deciding to change careers.

The couple opened D&D Electronics on the Saturday of the 1969 Corn

and Apple Festival. They started in the former Appelts Jewellery location at 276 Stephen Street (now Jimmies Barber Shop). After two months, they were so busy with repairs that Lambert pulled in a house trailer for his repair shop and said goodbye to MTS for good. Dianne came on board a few years later full-time as bookkeeper.

They started out selling televisions, stereos, eight tracks, cassette tapes, and even craft supplies, and were one of the first solid state dealers in Manitoba. Over the years they would add everything from model kits to music and art supplies to their offerings, along with all the latest electronics.

The business moved shop many times over the decades, sometimes to larger locations during boom years and other years to smaller spots when sales slowed.

In the '70s they bought out the Radio Shack in Pilot Mound and Manitou and had drop off points in Crystal City and Pilot Mound for service and repairs at the main shop in Morden.

Some years later, they operated a store in Carman for a time and took on a contract with Carman Co-op to repair their products. If items could not be repaired in Carman, Lambert would hop on his motorcycle to drive out to bring it back to Morden for service.

In 1997, the couple shut down their Morden store and moved the repair side of the business to Rosebank Road.

After trying out retirement for a few short months, Lambert reopened the current D&D Electronics repair shop in the carport of the couple's Tulip St. home in 2003.

Wherever their location, D&D's level of commitment and service over the last half century extended far into the community.

Over the years they have installed antenna systems at the Legion Houses and Tabor Home, and helped one of the local churches pipe their services live into the care home for residents to enjoy. The company also had a hand in installing countless speaker systems in local venues, and supplied and manned the Corn and Apple Festival stage sound system for its first decade.

The business has also long been very much supported by the family. As they came of age, their children Kurt and Lynda helped either on outside jobs or with sales, sometimes running the business when Dale and Dianne were out of town. To this day, both are willing to pick up parts in Winnipeg when needed.

Through all the changes in the past 50 years, the Lamberts have worked hard to change and adapt and keep

up with the times.

"You have to keep up to date with everything that is going on," Lambert said.

"One of the good things in the former years when I started ... one of the big companies was Motorola ... and I was the first dealer in Morden. Both them and Electrohome would send me on courses ... and that happened for 15 to 20 years in a row," he said.

"So that kept you up-to-date, and when you're up-to-date with one make of a TV you're up-to-date with

the rest of them because it doesn't matter who builds them, they've got to do the same thing ... if you know the one, you can pretty well fix any make," said Lambert, noting now you have the option of taking courses online.

"Other than that, you've got to just

work on the new stuff. You've got to get it apart and look at it," he said. "The whole theory is there, but how they do it is altogether different."

Even with five decades of work under his belt, Lambert isn't planning on calling it quits anytime soon.

"I was the only service department in southern Manitoba, still am, that will go any place at all," he said. "If you pay me to go, I'll go. I'm still covering the whole area."

"YOU HAVE TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON."

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Flyers hopefuls hit the ice

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Winkler Flyers held its Main Camp/Rookie Prep Camp over the weekend, inviting upwards of 80 players out to show the junior team's coaching staff they have what it takes to don the Orange and Black. In the intrasquad game Saturday afternoon, Team Orange defeated Team Black 5-3. The Flyers have their pre-season opener this Wednesday against Virden. They host Thief River Falls on Friday.

Winkler Whips win first championship title

The Winkler Whips won their first Border League Baseball title last week.

The team swept the best-of-five series in three games with a 2-1 victory over the Pilot Mound Pilots Aug. 27.

The win followed on the heels of decisive 8-0 and 7-3 Winkler wins the week before.

Last Tuesday's game in Pilot Mound saw Winkler get their two runs across home plate in the top of the third inning.

Pilot Mound got on the board at the bottom of the fifth, but made no further headway against Winkler pitchers Marv Quiring and Travis Friesen.

Quiring and Jamie Fehr were named playoff co-MVPs for their contributions to their team's success.

The Whips had a stellar post-sea-

son, going 9-1 en route to the title. They knocked out Carman in three games in the quarterfinals and then beat Morden in four in the semifinals.

This is Winkler's first champion-

ship since they joined the league in 2016 but not their first time battling for the title; in their inaugural season Winkler lost in the finals to the Pilots, who in ceded the title to the Morden

Mohawks in 2017. Last year's champs, the Baldur Regals, got knocked out by Cartwright this season in the first round of the playoffs.

SC Riot finish season with a 3-1 loss

The South Central Riot wrapped up their regular season with a loss last week.

The Winkler team fell to Kucame FC in Winnipeg 3-1 Aug. 27. Scoring for the Riot was Eldon Niessen.

With that, the team finishes their second summer in the Manitoba Major Soccer League (and their first in the 5th Division) in a respectable sixth place out of 10 teams with a re-

cord of 7-8-3.

A playoff schedule for the month ahead was not available at press time.

Our area's other senior soccer teams didn't take the field last week.

The South Central Hurricanes ladies team ended their season this Tuesday with a game against the FCNW Titans. Results were not available at press time.

The 'Canes headed into the game in

last place in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League's 1st Division with a record of 0-11-2.

The Winkler Storm, playing in the MMSL's 1st Division, play their final game at home this Sunday against the Hanover Kickers at 5:30 p.m.

Winkler is 4-10-1 for the season thus far for sixth place.

Ladies of racing do ALH track proud

Submitted by Val Catellier

ALH is true grassroots racing at its finest. The track is modest compared to many of the surrounding competitor locations and supported by volunteers who keep the program running each week from April until the season end coinciding with the Corn & Apple Festival weekend.

Although ALH might not offer the same flashy services as other tracks (no Wi-Fi, no ATM, no running water, no electrical sites for campers) the fan base and weekly drivers are loyal and the sense of community felt by all involved is endless. It's this sense of community and an overall family feel that set the stage for an amazing season of racing and some spectacular bragging rights few, if any, dirt tracks in Manitoba and nearby North Dakota/Minnesota can boast.

In a typically male-dominated sport,

ALH has the unique distinction of having had 18 female drivers take to the dirt track during the 2019 season, with 14 of these ladies racing at ALH on a regular basis.

There are six regular classes racing weekly at ALH and each of these classes has had a female driver represented on the track this season alone.

Another unique fact with regard to these amazing ladies is they range in age from nine years old in the Sling-shot class to a 61-year-old rookie driver in the 4 cylinder class.

Unofficial points results also show that these ladies are all contenders on the track, with female drivers taking a track championship in the Sling-shot Class (Sierra Staff) as well placing in the top five season points in three classes: Slingshots (Sierra Staff, Brooke Cousins, Cyrus Falk), 4-Cylinder (Cassandra Worms, Morghann Gable, Jamie Bates), and Street Stocks



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ALH Motor Speedway's female racers this season included (top row, from left) Danielle Korne, Anita Bellew, Cassandra Worms, (second row) Rebecca Stutsky, Mercedes Audette, Jamie Bates, Joanne Scott, (bottom row) Cyrus Falk, Sierra Staff, Ashley Temple, Brooke Cousins, Alexia Loewen, and Amy Doell. Missing is Morghann Gable, Abby Doell, Brittany Berard, Megan McNamee, and Victoria Stutsky.

(Danielle Korne).

Congrats to all these women for their hard work and great driving. We look forward to what they will bring

to the 2020 racing season.

Val Catellier is the track photographer at the ALH Motor Speedway

Pembina Valley Hawks starting season with optimism

Female midget hockey team hosted tryouts last weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

With a challenging and disappointing 2018-19 season behind them, the female AAA Pembina Valley Hawks are approaching the new campaign with renewed optimism.

As the team held its tryouts in Morden last weekend, coach Shanley Siemens said both she and assistant coach Dana Bell were excited about the prospects this season.

"I think we're both really excited about this year and what this year could have for us," she said. "I think we've got a good young group coming up to tryouts and definitely a good group of returning players. I think overall we're optimistic about the talent we have and the work ethic we'll have with the girls coming up."

The Hawks will be looking to improve upon their seventh place finish last winter, where a slide in the second half saw the team end up with a record of 8-16-4 for 20 points.

Pembina Valley gave the second place Winnipeg Avros a hard battle in a best of five quarterfinal that featured four overtime games before the Hawks' campaign came to an end.

Siemens felt there was a good mixture of veterans and rookies coming to tryout camp last weekend. There were 21 girls scheduled for the tryouts, including eight returning players.

There is always turnover, she noted, with some players graduating from this level and others moving on to pursue other opportunities.

"You always expect to lose a few

each year, but it's always good to have at least a bit of a core that returns," said Siemens.

She believes there is some good talent coming up through the ranks, though.

"I think over the last few years the region definitely has been pushing that development and really pushing female hockey, so I think we're starting to hit where the numbers are getting bigger," Siemens suggested.

"I think this group coming up had a lot of experience, even coming up from bantam AAA where they won a provincial banner," she added. "So I think that goes to help us with the experience coming up to the next level ... having played in key situations."

As far as the tryouts, Siemens said they were watching for one key thing

to emerge.

"I think, for us, the key thing is just that work ethic," she said. "The skills you can teach and develop over the year, but the work ethic is something that's put into people ... work ethic and attitude are things that can go a long way not only as hockey players but as people too."

"Obviously, skill is a big part of it too, but some of those skills can also be developed, and not every skill needs to be too perfect."

As the coaches fine-tune the roster, the team will start pre-season action with three exhibition games in Swift Current this weekend followed next weekend by a tournament in Portage la Prairie.

"So we pretty much dive right into it," said Siemens.

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Agriculture

Cattle producers in dire straits due to drought

By Harry Siemens

Twelve rural municipalities in the Interlake and Parklands regions have declared a state of agricultural emergency after dry weather has left producers unable to produce enough hay to feed their cattle.

Due to extremely dry conditions, grain, hay, and straw producers are facing severely reduced crop yields. The conditions are also adversely affecting pastures throughout the growing season. A depleted inventory of carryover feed due to dry conditions last summer and the long, cold winter further compounded the feed shortage.

RM of West Interlake Reeve Arnthor Jonasson said the situation is so dire that waiting to solve this until after the provincial election is too late.

"When you look at it... they've been asking, 'Can it wait till after the election?' And you go holy cow, another ten days, another two weeks. And then the government has to form and then it's too late," he said. "We sent the resolution to the Department of Ag about a month ago, received a letter outlining all the programs that are available to the producers. And these producers already know that. They know what programs are available, but they don't seem to work for cattle producers."

Jonasson said what the provincial government failed to mention is there is an agro recovery program, but the province has to initiate and access it from the federal government.

"I look at our situation here and

ours would fit completely into that agro recovery," said the frustrated cattle producer.

While recognizing the election process, they're trying to get the attention of the government and want a response because of this severe emergency.

"I think that this is very time-sensitive and coming to a big crunch here. And I don't know if we can wait until after the election," said Jonasson. "If the legislature were burning they'd certainly call the fire department."

Why the help is critical and time-sensitive has to do with the younger producers selling off the livelihood and in some cases their entire cow-herd.

"Ashern Auction Mart, the Interlake Cattleman's Co-op, opened up two weeks ago. They sold about 320 cows on the first sale, and last week's sale had 240 or 250 cows and a lot of bulls," Jonasson said. "Everyone's clearing up any animal that they can. They're moving right now."

What happens when a cattle producer sells off his cattle? It's like a grain farmer who finally sells his last quarter to pay off some debt—he is not a farmer anymore

"It will take years to rebuild the herd because the guys selling are the young producers in the industry, and they're the guys we're trying to encourage to stay," said Jonasson. "It's very tough to keep them in the industry if they have to sell their stock off. Producers are advertising whole herds right now."

Many producers are wondering



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Due to the extremely dry conditions, many Manitoba cattle producers are facing severely reduced crop yields, poor to no pastures, and drying up water dugouts.

what to do right now, and they have three options.

"One, you sell your herd. Secondly, you buy in feed, and the feed is so high that it's not cost-effective but cost-prohibitive right now. Or, thirdly, you find someone to feed your cattle for you. You make a deal with the feedlot somewhere to feed your cattle. That's what people are scrambling to do right now, but it's a tough go."

Some estimates put the number of cattle affected by this drought in Manitoba at 80 per cent.

"This area and the Parkland region

... it's a large number. I'm not saying every producer [is] in that position, but a good percentage of them are because even with some spotty rains some producers have only a little feed," said Jonasson. "But I don't know of any producer that has a lot of feed or adequate feed. Everybody I talked to is short, and they're talking selling 15, 20 per cent of their cow herd if not the whole herd if nothing happens."

Election season or not, the issue needs a response from the government, he stressed.

"It's got to happen now."



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For further information contact Pullan Kammerloch Frohlinger at 204-822-4463.

NOTICES

**NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON**



Notice is hereby given that a vote will be taken to elect a Councillor for Ward 1 from the following duly nominated candidates:

- Travis Reichert
- Stacey O'Neill
- Ron Rothwell

VOTING PLACE

A voting place will be open for voting on **Wednesday, the 2nd day of October 2019** between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the R.M. of Thompson Civic Centre, 530 Norton Avenue, Miami, MB.

ADVANCE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at the R.M. of Thompson Civic Centre, 530 Norton Avenue, Miami, MB on **Wednesday, September 18, 2019** between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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

| Roll Number | Description | Assessed Value | Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| 48600 | LOT 7 BLOCK 5 SS PLAN 856 MLTO IN NE 1/4 6-3-5 WPM -224 PEMBINA DR | L - \$48,300 B - \$112,800 | \$6,778.35 |
| 71500 | LOT 7 BLOCK 14 SS PLAN 863 MLTO IN S 1/2 8-3-5 WPM -128 6TH ST | L - \$52,400 B - \$71,500 | \$7,735.87 |

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

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

Dated this 19th day of August, 2019.

Managed by:



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City of Morden
Phone: (204) 822-4434
Fax: (204) 822-6494

TENDER



The Municipality of Pembina is issuing a tender to interested parties for the construction of a foundation and 24' x 26' concrete bathroom/shower building for the Manitou Park in the Town of Manitou, Manitoba.

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

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

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

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Location: Winkler MCC Thrift Shop, 325 4th Street, Winkler, MB
Job type: Full Time **Application Deadline:** Open Until Filled
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155 Pineview Drive Winkler, MB R6W 1T3
Email: fivemeses@mymts.net

TENDER

FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed tenders in writing for the sale of the properties below-described in the Municipality of Lorne will be received as follows:

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PROPERTY FOR SALE
(owned by Murray Wilson & Diane Wilson)

Title No. 1552844/4 (125.53 acres including 90-93 cultivated)
THE FRAC NE ¼ 4-5-8 WPM

CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders must be delivered to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2019, marked "Wilson Tender"
3. Tenders must be accompanied by a **\$10,000.00** cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP or MMJS as a deposit (deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned).
4. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
5. Property is not subject to any First Right of Refusals.


TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering the terms and conditions of the sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing, being November 1, 2019, or, evidence that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor must be provided. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit, the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. The Possession date will be November 1, 2019.
4. The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2020.
5. The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information, contact Andrew D. Hnatiuk at:
Ph: 204-242-2801
Fax: 204-242-2723
email: andrew@mmjslaw.com

NOTICES

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON
PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION



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

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:
42 (1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114 (1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:
a) liability to taxation;
b) amount of an assessed value;
c) classification of property;
d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13 (2)

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

The Board of Revision will sit on October 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Thompson to hear applications.
Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before **September 24, 2019**

Secretary
Board of Revision, The Rural Municipality of Thompson
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CITY OF WINKLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2241-19, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2241-19, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

Plan No. (Dep. 767/2019) MLTO of Part of SE ¼ 8-3-4 WPM including Part of Public Reserve A, Plan NO. 52300 MLTO

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

FROM: "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE

TO: "RS" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY

"RT" RESIDENTIAL TWO FAMILY ZONE

"RMA" RESIDENTIAL RESTRICTED MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE

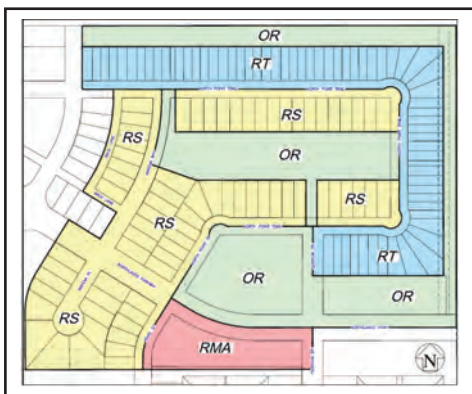
"OR" OPEN SPACE/RECREATION ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2241-19, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 23rd day of August, 2019.

Designated Officer
City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A"
To By-Law
2241-19



COMING EVENTS

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The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2238-19, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

182 Victoria Street, legally described as Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 30045 MLTO in the SW ¼ 3-3-4 WPM

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

FROM: "RT" RESIDENTIAL TWO FAMILY ZONE

TO: "RMA" RESIDENTIAL RESTRICTED MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2238-19, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 19th day of August, 2019.

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City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A"
To By-Law
2238-19



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CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Doug Phillips would like to thank everyone who shared in the celebration of his life. We appreciated the stories and memories that were shared. Thank you to all who sent cards, floral arrangements, gifts, food and memorial contributions. Special thanks to Shirley McClaren for the thoughtful and meaningful words shared at the service as well as to the pallbearers. Thank you to the Roland UCW group for providing and serving a delicious lunch following the service. We also wish to thank the staff at Wiebe Funeral Home for making the many arrangements for the funeral service. So many people offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement. We really appreciate and will always remember your thoughtfulness.

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OBITUARY

Jacob F. Klassen
1938 - 2019



On Monday, August 26, 2019 Jake Klassen of Winkler, MB, formerly of Gnadenthal, died peacefully at Boundary Trails Health Centre after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Dad was born to Frank and Agatha (Unrau) Klassen in Cuauhtemoc, Mexico. After a few years, the family moved back to Canada and eventually came to reside in Winkler, Man. In 1958, Dad met the love of his life, Evelyn Defehr. In the fall of 1961, Dad and Mom were married on the 17th, of September and were blessed with eight children. Dad was baptized upon the confession of his faith in Jesus Christ on May 24, 1964 by Bishop John A. Friesen in the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church. During the early years of their marriage, they lived in Winnipeg where Dad would take night classes to further his education. Dad worked a variety of jobs that took him from the tobacco fields of Ontario, to working construction in Winnipeg and eventually to his career with the gas company. Due to health problems brought on by Rheumatic Fever when he was a child, Dad was forced into early retirement at the age of 51. A year later, he had his first of two open heart surgeries to replace the valves in his heart. As a hard-working individual, this was devastating to Dad as he was no longer able to return to work after this. Music was always a very big part of our family. Dad played the harmonica, accordion and guitar while the rest of the family played the organ and piano. As a result of this love for music, many hours were spent singing with family and friends. Throughout the years Dad instilled a deep love of God to his children. We would often see Dad quietly reading his Bible, deep in the Word or softly communing with His Lord. The last two and a half years were very difficult for Dad with the loss of Mom, leaving his home and moving into Garden Park Estates. Dad always had a difficult time showing emotion to his family. It was by God's grace that a deeper bond developed between Dad and his children after mom passed away. In the fall of 2018, Dad's health began to deteriorate. The following spring Dad was diagnosed with lung cancer and on August 6th, was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Centre, where he remained until his passing on Monday, August 26, 2019.

He leaves to mourn two sons, Brian (Helen), John (Kathy); six daughters, Shirley (Rick Neufeld), Brenda (Dave Heide), Linda (Shawn Wieler), Lori (Cornie Wall), Darlene (Darryl Thiessen) and Sandra; 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two brothers. He was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Agatha Klassen and five brothers, two sisters and one sister in infancy.

We as a family would like to thank the following: the wonderful staff at BTHC for their care of dad and being so accommodating to our large "group" every day, Dr. Lane for his care of dad over all the years, to the Palliative Care Department for their care and support, Rev. Art and Kathy Wiebe, Rev. Abe and Martha Heppner for your visits, baking and prayers and support to our family and to everyone for their prayers and gifts of food.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

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

"And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:39-40

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler
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OBITUARY

Beth Zacharias



Our beloved mom, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and sister passed away early in the morning on Wednesday, August 15, 2019 at the Rock Lake Hospital at Crystal City with family at her side.

Mom had a feisty spirit that lasted her lifetime. She was born on a farm at Morden, Manitoba on October 23, 1923, the seventh child of John and Katharina (nee Hoepfner) Dyck in a family of 11 children. Her mother died tragically when Mom was only six years old.

Mom was baptized in the Bergthaler Church and on June 27, 1943, she married handsome Dick Zacharias. Their new home was once a granary, and for Mom, it was like living in a dream: she had never had so few responsibilities and that much space to herself. Judy, Karen, and Harv were born during their years in that little

house.

In 1950, Mom, Dad, and the little family moved to a rental farm south of Crystal City. It didn't take long for them to make friends, to be comfortable in the church, and get to know their neighbours. With no water source on the farm, drinking water was hauled in and the cattle were chased to the creek every day. Phyllis, Gayle, Wayne, and Diane were added to the family. Twelve years later, they moved two miles east to their own farm. Mom continued to enjoy raising her family, gardening, canning and hosting relatives and friends.

Some years later, when the dairy and grain farming became too much, Mom and Dad moved to Crystal City, enjoying new neighbours and learning to slow down in life (though, at 70, she did play goalie for Corey and his friend in street hockey games). She moved into Parkview Lodge a few years after Dad died and remained there until a few months ago.

Mom loved her family and friends and liked nothing more than to be with them, sharing fun and games, songs and laughter, stories and food. She was known for her hospitality. Her kids remember being sent down to the pantry for jars of beans, canned chicken, and pickles as company drove up the lane. Later, residents at Parkview Lodge came to know her love of sharing food and generous hospitality.

Her enthusiasm for music, flowers, being in the garden, eating home-cooked meals, winning at Scrabble (she'd say, "What's the point in playing, if you're not trying to win?"), and hearing stories from our lives was a blessing and a joy. These passions are ties that bind our family. Clearly, her constant prayers for each member of her family, her sharp wit and special love for each of us will be dearly missed.

Mom is predeceased by her husband, Dick Zacharias in 2001; her grandson Dwight Klassen in 1999; her parents and many of her brothers and sisters. She will be deeply missed by her seven children: Judy (Ernie) Hildebrand, Karen (Bill) Klassen, Harvey, Phyllis (Eldrid) Roth, Gayle, Wayne (Pauline) Zacharias and Diane (Mike) Ediger; 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; her brothers Jake (Grace) Dyck and Henry (Loreena) Dyck and sisters-in-law, Alfrieda Dyck and Olga Zacharias.

The family would like to thank the hospital staff, who so clearly demonstrated their loving care for Mom these past few months (angels would be a more accurate description), the home care workers and Diane at the Lodge and her many friends who lifted her spirits and made her life so rich and full.

We are so grateful to have had so many years with her. She was a wonderful Mom and we have been truly blessed.

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OBITUARY

Betty Jean Dueck (nee Dyck)
1931 - 2019



On Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB, Betty Dueck age 88 years formerly of Winkler and Grimsby went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Valerie Kovacs, Lydia and Ray Hamm, Janet and Dale Ferris; one son, Randy and Phyllis Dueck; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by one sister, two brothers, two sisters-in-law and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Abram R Dueck in 2005; her son, Gordon Dueck in 2006 and another son, Ronald John Dueck in infancy as well as one brother and one brother-in-law.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Betty's memory to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

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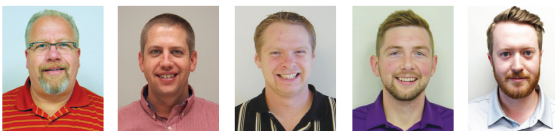
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