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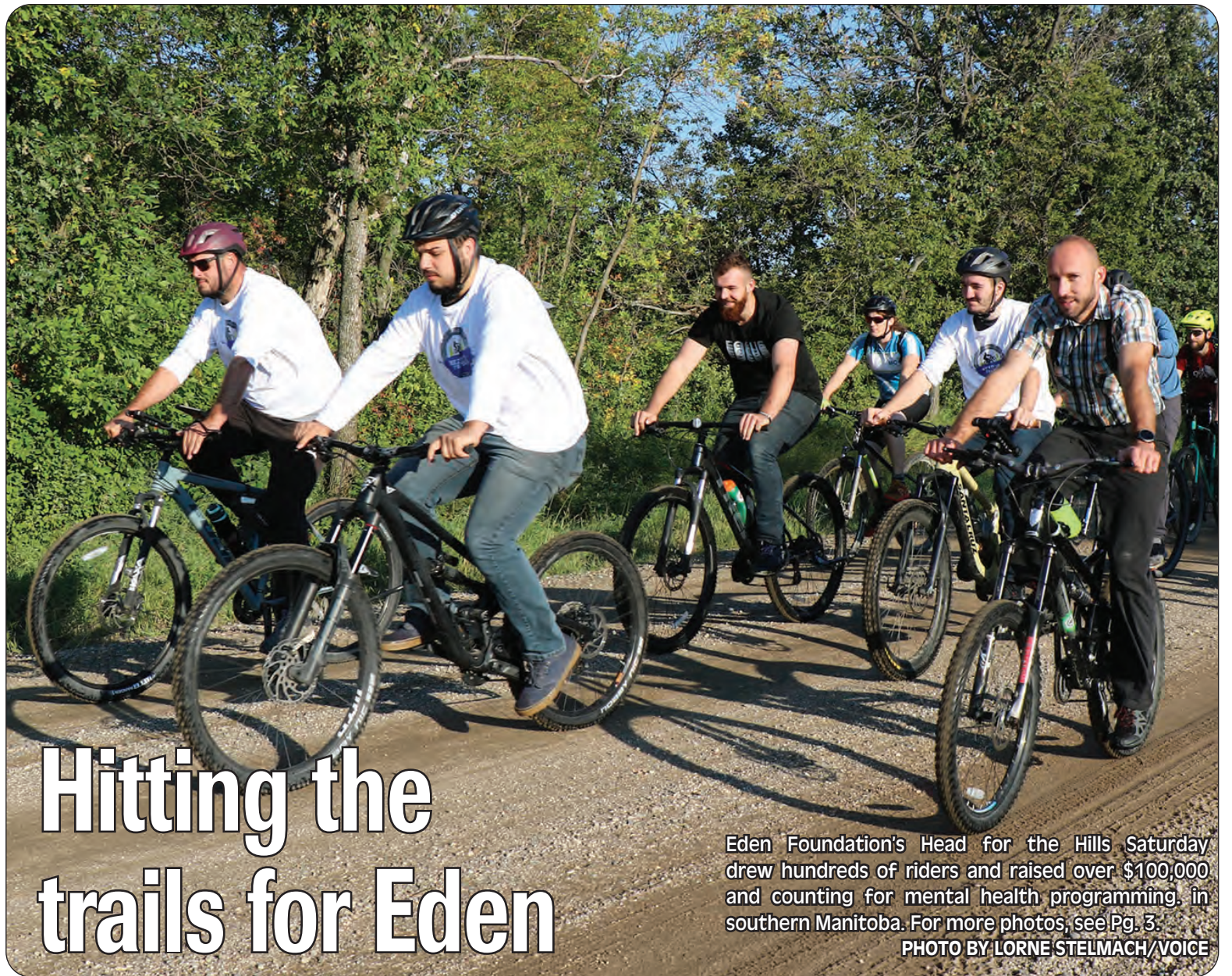
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Hitting the trails for Eden

Eden Foundation's Head for the Hills Saturday drew hundreds of riders and raised over \$100,000 and counting for mental health programming in southern Manitoba. For more photos, see Pg. 3.
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Leah Klassen acclaimed as GVSD board chair

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Leah Klassen has been acclaimed for her third term as chair of the Garden Valley School Division board of trustees.

The board's reorganization meeting Sept. 10 also saw John Klassen acclaimed as board vice-chair and chair of the education standing committee, Tena Lane elected chair of the operation standing committee, and Mandy Thiessen selected to chair the community connections committee.

Klassen says she appreciates the confidence her fellow trustees have in her and looks forward to leading the board for another school year.

"It is a very nice feeling that everybody's supportive," she said, noting they've worked hard on board unity since the last election. "We've got a good group."

She expects it will be a busy year for the division.

"I'm excited about our relationships with government, and the fact that we now have the ability to tax again, reasonably and responsibly," Klassen said in reflecting on the months ahead, referring to the NDP government's decision last spring to allow school divisions to raise taxes, if needed, to meet student needs, undoing the for-

mer Conservative government's caps and freezes on property taxes.

The GVSD board is looking forward to learning more about the provincial government's planned new funding model for the public school system, Klassen said.

"We're hopeful that we'll get that for the new funding season," she said.

The division is also eager to launch its new homeschool liaison position.

"Our homeschool numbers have increased," Klassen said, noting they spiked during the pandemic and have come down since, but there are still a lot of local families opting to keep their kids out of the public school system.

"What we want to do is provide a bridge, create a positive relationship with parents that might need additional support," she explained. "We have homeschool students that will take a music class or an industrial arts class [in our schools]. Or maybe they don't want to take any of those classes, but they're wondering about different supports that might help their child learn. We want to be able to provide that support for them."

The 2024-2025 school year will be the second year of operations for the board's community connections com-



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The Garden Valley School Division board of trustees acclaimed Leah Klassen (front, centre) as its chair for another school year. John Klassen (back row, fourth from left) is vice-chair.

mittee.

Klassen, who also sits on that committee, hopes it will continue to facilitate greater communication with the communities GVSD serves.

"We're hoping that we can work with the community, get some input, potentially get some student voices as well in some of our decision making."

After decades of lobbying for new schools while existing ones were bursting at the seams, Garden Valley is in a pretty good spot right now in terms of capacity and enrolment.

"We're probably at about 4,300 students right now," Klassen shared, explaining that's actually still down quite a bit from the 4,700 or so students enrolled pre-pandemic. "So we have a ways to go before we're at super capacity in any given school."

It's nice to be at a stable position, she added, but that doesn't mean the board's work is ever really done.

"We're fighting for funding now, equitable funding, rather than where we're going to put our next school."

Darcy Wolfe elected as Western SD chair

By Lorne Stelmach

The Western School Division board of trustees has a new leadership team at the helm for the 2024-25 school year.

At its recent annual organizational meeting, the board elected Darcy Wolfe as chairperson and Lisa Burley as vice-chair.

Wolfe said he's excited to serve the community as board chair and honoured to have been elected by his fellow trustees.

"I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the previous chair, Brian Franzen, and those who have served before him," he said. "They have set a high standard, and I know I have big

shoes to fill.

"I'm very excited about the future of our division and the incredible opportunities ahead for our students and staff. We have a strong and vibrant community that supports public education, and I am committed to fostering that connection as we continue to grow together.

"I'm fortunate to have a fantastic team of trustees and a strong administrative staff to work with," Wolfe added. "Together, we will navigate new challenges and celebrate our achievements, always keeping the success and well-being of our students at the forefront."

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Head for the Hills raises \$100K and counting



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Some 200 riders of all ages turned out Saturday morning for the Head for the Hills fundraiser in support of Eden Foundation. The cyclists had to change their route as a result of heavy rainfall the previous day rendering a planned trail portion unusable, but they persevered. As of Monday, organizers estimated the event had raised over \$100,000 for Eden Health Care Services, with more donations still expected to come in over the next week or two.

BBBS hosting Grow Youth workshop Oct. 5

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley is launching a new program this fall aimed at supporting and empowering young girls as they enter adolescence.

On Oct. 5, the mentoring agency is hosting a free one-day, female-led workshop for girls in Gr. 5-6.

Grow Youth will feature presentations and hands-on activities led by mental health counsellor Kelly Vipond, registered dietician Janine LaForte, and wellness coordinator/personal trainer Stephanie Hildebrand, explains mentoring coordinator Danielle Crossman

“We’ve been coming up with different ideas of how do we create programming that feels accessible to everyone in the community?” she shares. “We really wanted to create an opening where parents feel empow-

ered and youth feel empowered in taking part in programming that feels aligned to them around confidence building and empowerment.”

The junior high years can be challenging ones for kids.

“They’re just at the cusp of everything,” Crossman says. “When you get into junior high, things shift, dynamics shift, your friendships shift, your relationships with your parents, your relationship with the way you see yourself. We really want to equip these girls with tools to help them navigate this next transition in their lives.”

It can also be a challenge to find adult volunteers for one-on-one matches, Crossman notes, so a program like this a great way for local professionals to get involved and impact a lot of youth at the same time.

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United Way sets \$160,000 campaign goal

By Lorne Stelmach

United Way Pembina Valley's annual fundraising drive gets underway this month, and directors are optimistic it can exceed last year's campaign tally.

The United Way was able to distribute \$150,000 in grant funding last spring to 31 local non-profit agencies thanks to the community's support of the 2023-24 campaign, so the organization is aiming a little higher this time.

"We set a very lofty goal of \$160,000. We've always received such very generous support from the communities, so we are excited to kick off our campaign," said president Levi Taylor.

"The Pembina Valley has always been very generous," he continued. "We couldn't support the local not-for-profits without the community support. We're very grateful, and we're excited to meet our goal this year.

"We get administrative grants from the province to cover our administrative costs, so every single dollar that gets donated to the United Way Pembina Valley goes back into the communities," Taylor noted. "Individual and corporate donations are what allow us to support local non-profits



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United Way Pembina Valley president Levi Taylor says they're setting their sights high with this year's campaign, hoping to raise \$160,000—\$10,000 more than last year. With the community's support, he's confident they can do it.

who provide vital programs and services to children, families, and individuals in our region."

He further noted the support also allows the United Way to present \$7,500 in scholarships and bursaries to graduates of Garden Valley Collegiate, Northlands Parkway Collegiate, and Morden Collegiate each June.

Donations to the campaign can be made at unitedwaypembinavalley.ca or via e-transfer to unitedwaypembinavalley@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and address for a tax receipt. Cheques can be mailed to United Way, PO Box 758, Morden, MB, R6M 1A7.

In addition, the United Way will be

accepting donations in person at the Co-op grocery stores in Winkler from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 and in Morden Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Businesses can also get in touch with them to talk about making it easier for their employees to give through a payroll deduction program throughout the year.

Applications for United Way funding will be available soon on the agency's website. The deadline to apply is Dec. 15.

At the campaign kickoff, Winkler Mayor Henry Siemens noted this region was the second most generous in Canada according to recent data in terms of donations and volunteer time.

"Thirty-one organizations were able to do something that they could not have done to support the community if it hadn't been for the community," he said. "When all of us give what we can to support organizations that we care about, we can make that difference as a group."

"It's nice to see the two communities joining together," added Morden Mayor Nancy Penner. "Many communities that the United Way supports are being taxed and communities are in need, and your dollars are going to a very good cause."

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"We think that this is such a great way and a great opportunity to invite a lot of leaders within our community to get involved with the program."

LaForte will help participants develop basic cooking skills and learn about nutrition in a fun way.

Vipond will facilitate a discussion of how one's inner and outer selves can often be different and how we can lean on people and places in our lives to find strength

when things get overwhelming.

And Hildebrand will focus on leading the girls through physical activities that enhance strength, flexibility, and overall wellness.

Hildebrand is a Gr. 5 teacher in the Garden Valley School Division. She says this is the perfect age to reach out to kids.

"Gr. 5 is just such an instrumental time to start chatting and to start building some confidence and foundations. It's just a really big transition year, I feel," she says. "Girls at any age, they can start to struggle with body image. We want to get them thinking about moving your body intentionally, including movement in your day ... out of love and wanting to celebrate [your body] for the things that it does for you, because you love it, not because you look at it and it makes you unhappy."

The session will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 at The Loft in the TerraPoint AgriBusiness Centre between Morden and Winkler.

It's open to all, regardless of identity, culture, or economic background, Crossman stresses.

"I want this to be a very accessible program," she says. "We really want to make sure this is a non-judgemental space for everyone."

While this session focuses on young women, Crossman says they hope to expand the program to hold a similar workshop for pre-teen boys, if they can find volunteers interested in getting involved.

"We want to grow and expand our agency and Grow Youth in general," she says, noting they also hope to host more Grow Youth girl sessions in the years ahead, expanding the age range as they go. "We would love to follow these girls as they grow up ... expand to Gr. 7 and 8 and, who knows, maybe into high school as well."

For more information or to register your child for the workshop, call 204-325-9707 or email danielle.crossman@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca. Space is limited, so reach out sooner rather than later.

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Studio tour pulls back the artistic curtain

By Lorne Stelmach

It was as much about making connections as it was about art as residents and visitors alike came for the annual Pembina Valley Studio Tour this past weekend.

The showcase of the arts across the region marked its 20th year, and it again offered a good chance for artists to be able to show their work and the spaces where they create it.

There were both familiar faces and places and some new highlights for the self-guided tour, which included 20 possible stops overall across a wide region including locations in Emerson, Altona, Winkler, Morden, Carman, Miami, Darlingford, La Riviere and Pilot Mound.

"I would like to try to keep up with more things and ways to show my art," said Jodi Rietze, who was jointly exhibiting in Winkler with her sister Marcy Penner.

"I live in the country, and I work from home, so I don't share my stuff out in the world a lot ... it's just nice meeting people who have an appreciation for it," said Penner. "Even if they walk out with nothing, just to know that they took the time to come and care about what you created, that's huge."

Both reflected on how they very much grew with doing art in the family blood, though Rietze had stopped doing art for awhile.

"I've always had it in my past, but the last seven years I've been painting almost every day ... it just brings me joy, and I just paint whatever fits

the mood," she said. "There's just so much that I feel I need to catch up on, like I've missed out on it."

She started by following other artists and trying to do what they do, and she has done everything from abstract work to comic-style pieces.

"I go back and forth with what I like to paint ... I still feel like I need to learn so much, so I keep trying new things over and over again. I haven't been able to stick to one thing yet."

It was Penner's first time taking part in the tour.

"We're four generations of artists in the family, though ... my aunt was a painter as well, and she had been involved in it for many years," she shared. "In some way, there was going to be some creative art thing for sure in my life.

"I'm newer to sharing my art," she said. "We did a different, more of crafty type of tour last year. That

was my first tour, but then I really wanted to get into more of an art tour."

A veteran of the tour, Laverne Lovatt was again showing and selling his woodworking pieces in Morden.

"It's an outreach thing. I think people know the work I do ... sales of course are not number one, but it's an important part of being on it. If I wasn't selling anything, I wouldn't be on it," he suggested.

"It's nice to meet people ... a lot of it I think is about showing people what's out there," Lovatt said. "And sometimes people are returning, and they

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A l t o n a artist Olga Kr a h n opened her home to hundreds of visitors during the tour

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Above: Marcy Penner with one of the pieces she had on display at her stop of the Pembina Valley Studio Tour last weekend. Right: Jodi Rietze with some of her work.



Left: Laverne Lovatt talks woodworking with a visitor to his Morden workshop.

say I remember I was on the tour ... do you have more of this or that?"

He has been getting more involved again now after having stepped away from the provincial woodturners association for a short time.

"I took a couple of years off, and I found that I missed it, so I rejoined again this year," he noted. "It's good to just have that dialogue with other people."

"I had to get new work done ... the kind of stuff that fits into handbags," he said, noting how being on the tour gets him working at it. "After this is done, I have to look ahead ... next spring I have a show at the Golden Prairie Arts Council too, so I want to get new work; things that I have wanted to do but aren't that commercial work ... pieces that I really want to do, and I don't care if it doesn't sell."

Jennifer Smirl, who is director at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden, was also part of the tour for the first time, sharing her pottery workshop space near Thornhill with Susan Crawford-Young, a veteran of the studio tour.

"It's a good chance to get to meet people ... it's great connecting with people and having people come to see you and where you're working and how you work," said Smirl. "And it

helps a lot to be sharing the space."

"We're both pretty busy with things, so it was nice to share this space," said Young.

She added "having an appreciation for art is all that you need to enjoy the tour ... and I get to show my art work to people who are interested in art, people who are actually really interested in art come out to your studio and look at it ... it's nice to meet people."

"It's also a great incentive to get to work," said Smirl. "You can create an environment for people to come into and to experience and see your work."

Among the people taking in and enjoying the tour was Kristina Peters of Winkler.

"We like to go most years. We go and hang out for the day. You can meet some new people and see what they enjoy doing," she said.

"There's so many different styles and so many different ways to express through art ... I'm always fascinated by it. I'm more of a musical person," Peters said. "We're not really artists, but we're always fascinated by the different styles, and there's so many options for art out there. It's fun to see what people do and what's happening locally."

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PVPCC launches Get Moving Challenge

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year saw a continuing trend of rising demand for the supports and services provided by the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

The lone exception in recent years was during the pandemic when the numbers went down, executive director Linda Marek noted in a fall update on the organization's activities.

"Gradually, it climbed up again ... post-pandemic, it has been incredibly busy," she said. "For sure, it's just with the growing population in the Pembina Valley ... and part of it, I think, also could be newcomers having challenges maybe navigating the care system or maybe just having less medical care available in our region with the staff shortages. And overall, with our culture now ... I think there has been a shift in attitudes as well.

"My hope is that people would feel confident in coming for help and that they would know they would be cared for and respected no matter what their circumstances are," said Marek. "I think more people overall are more open to asking for help and also with receiving help."

Throughout the past year, clients came to the centre with a range of needs, and while the vast majority were women, some men also accessed supports.

The ages ranged, and some were married and others single, but the commonality is women, men, couples, students and families are impacted by the possibility or reality of pregnancy, whether it's planned, unexpected, or unexpectedly complicated.

In 2023, between all three locations in Winkler, Altona and Morden, the numbers jumped significantly compared to the pandemic years.

In 2020, over 80 different women and men came for help, then it was over 70 in 2021, over 100 in 2022 and 125 in 2023. And there were over 30 new clients in 2020 followed by over 30 in 2021, over 50 in 2022 and 85 in 2023.

Most people came to the centre for pregnancy options information, prenatal/child birth education, parenting education and support, baby



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The PVPCC board (from left) Kelly Wieler, Davis Wieler, Glenda Schwarz, Tricia Thiessen, and Andrew Penner have pledged to get moving to earn every dollar donated to the centre over the next month.

items like diapers and formula, and Marek noted there was a noticeable increase in the requests for mom and baby items, likely due to inflation.

"Seeing the increase in client numbers shows just how much the centre is needed," she said. "So far this year, we have seen steadily rising numbers again. So many different situations and circumstances are making it complicated for women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, and it's our honour to provide a safe place for them to ask any question and gain perspective."

Earlier this year, recognizing the increased need, the centre created a half-time position to help meet the demand for care.

"We just had noticed the growing need and wanted to make sure that we could connect with everyone who was reaching out for help," said Marek. "Having Rhonda Friesen join our team in spring has been a huge blessing, she's helped so many people in just these few months. It's been a step in the right direction to have an expanded role for client care."

Marek added they hope this could also potentially lead to further growth in terms of the programs and services they could offer, and one example would be the Steps in HOPE support group. The plan is to offer another session in early 2025 as a free and confidential support group for women impacted by miscarriage and

stillbirth.

Marek also noted the increasing requests for care means increased costs, so the financial support they receive is vital.

"The community has been faithful over the years, and we are so grateful. Having annual or monthly support from families and churches is so kind, and receiving grants from places like United Way allows us to reach even more women in their time of need."

To assist with finances, the PVPCC board is hosting a Get Moving Challenge this fall. For every dollar received between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15, board members will run, bike, walk, do jumping jacks, sit ups, push ups and more.

"Our board is a little bit nervous about just how fit they may become this fall, but I know they're up to it," Marek said. "The board cares so much about this place and the people we serve, they are truly investing body, mind and soul into the work we do."

"We may be slightly nervous, but our board is looking forward to working hard to match the dollars that come in, knowing that every gift helps individuals who come into the centre," said chairperson Davis Wieler. "The more we sweat, the more support is possible, so we are grateful for everyone who gets us moving."

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Your FARM



Harvesting hope

Farmers unite to fight hunger

By Lori Penner

About 25 local growers participated in the Common Ground grow project on Sept. 10, and with the help of nine combines and four grain carts, they managed to harvest 300 acres of wheat within one afternoon for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Project spokesperson Kevin Nickel has been part of the project since it began in 2010, when the Penner family reached out, looking to have their land four miles east of Rosenfeld used for this purpose.

"They give us a good rate on rent,

and they're very committed to the cause. They rent their land to the CHUM group out of Plum Coulee as well," Nickel says, adding that it's often a challenge for groups like theirs to find land for this purpose.

It's a labour of love, but it comes with a few challenges.

"There's a lot of support needed for this. Getting it seeded and sprayed is not that big of a deal. But the harvest is always nerve-wracking, trying to find a time that suits everybody to come out, when some of these people still have crops in their own fields. But it always happens. It's always had a way of working out over the years."

The Common Ground group follows a rotation of wheat, canola and soybeans.



PHOTO BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

A group of producers gathered at a field east of Rosenfeld on Sept. 10 to harvest 300 acres of wheat for the Common Ground grow project.

"It was wheat's turn this year. All Manitoba Food Grains projects were able to access free seed from Seed Depot this year, and the Canadian Northern Hard Red Spring Wheat we

planted is one of the varieties they handle."

Nickel says their 2024 crop looks good.

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“Cereals, in particular, everybody was talking about them all spring and summer, just about how lush they looked,” he says. “And even though there are some drown-out spots here and there, they seemed to power through most of that excess moisture that came at certain times. The yields we’ve been hearing about have been strong. I guess they just like the weather this year.”

This is the 15th harvest on this field, and to date, the group has raised about \$900,000.

Despite his optimism for the 2024 crop, Nickel doubts they’ll hit the hoped-for \$1 million mark this year.

“We have significant expenses each year and, even if there’s a strong crop here, the prices have come down a long way,” he explains. “Based on the bills we have yet to pay, it will be tough to raise \$100,000 net but we

“IT’S SUCH A PURE CAUSE ... FEEDING HUNGRY PEOPLE.”



PHOTOS BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

About 25 growers, nine combines, and four grain carts worked for hours to complete the harvest in one day.

should put a good dent in that, so maybe next year will be the year.”

At the end of the day, he says it’s the common desire to help people in need that has kept the project going.

“It’s such a pure cause for one thing. Feeding hungry people is the baseline. Nobody argues about that; it’s a really rewarding thing to do. People coming together to participate with us is humbling and gratifying.”

The Common Ground project was one of four growing projects taking place that day. Others included

Hands Harvest Hope in Darlingford, Gardenland near Boundary Trails Health Centre, and the SHARE project also near Darlingford (check out next week’s *Voice* for more on that project).

This year there are nearly three dozen grow projects scattered throughout the province, with the majority of those in Southern Manitoba.

“It’s just wonderful to see the communities coming out to harvest food, which will be used as financial resources for people who don’t have

enough food,” said Manitoba regional rep. Gordon Janzen, who attended the Common Ground harvest.

Last year, half of the donations in Manitoba came from growing projects, along with contributions from individuals and farmers.

“I just appreciate the people who are in this network of generosity looking beyond themselves. We really appreciate the communities in Manitoba that are working together to end hunger. They have a big impact.”

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Hometown Service hosts EV education event

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Hometown Service, Winkler's Ford dealership, celebrated the installation of the community's first Level 3 fast charging station for electric vehicles (EV) on Saturday.

Their Shock & Roll EV Learn & Drive event gave those curious about the future of automobiles the chance to check out their new charger and also test drive one of several fully electric or hybrid vehicles. Each test drive translated into a \$10 donation from Hometown to Katie Cares. The day raised \$1,700 for the charity.

General manager Brian Derksen says they hoped the event would help dispel some of the misconceptions that are out there about electric vehicles.

"We are EV enthusiasts here," he said. "But there's a lot of apprehension in the public about EVs. Once you experience an EV, learn about charging, it's not as scary, so we wanted to get people behind the wheel so they could drive and experience and feel what it's like."

Charging stations are popping up in more and more communities across Canada, Derksen said, making travelling with an EV easier than ever.

"With Level 3 fast charging, when you're travelling you can stop for half an hour to an hour, get a charge, and get back on the road," he said, noting the charging station at Hometown is open to the public. People pay for

how much juice they use while parked there. "It's the same as a gas station that's open 24 hours a day. Anybody can come here, they swipe through a credit card—or shortly we'll be able to activate it with an app—and they charge and then continue on their way."

"Not that long ago, you only found fast chargers like this one in major cities or along the Trans-Canada Highway," Derksen added. "But now as towns and cities the size of Winkler are starting to see chargers installed, it makes it much easier to travel."

The average local driver, though, will do most of their charging right at home and will spend far less on the electricity needed to get their EV on the road than they ever did on gas for a traditionally-powered vehicle.

"EVs have a lot of power and are very efficient to run," Derksen said. "To put it in perspective, when you're charging at home where the power is pretty inexpensive, you can expect your electricity cost is going to be about 20 per cent of what you'd be paying for gas."

"When I go to Winnipeg and back, I have about \$6 of electricity used for my trip to the city instead of \$30-\$40 on a similar sized gas-powered vehicle."

Derksen says they're selling a growing number of fully electric vehicles as well as electric-gas hybrids these days, and they expect those numbers to increase in the years ahead.



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Hometown Service general manager Brian Derksen with the Ford dealership's Level 3 electric vehicle charger, which they just installed this summer.

Among those on hand to test drive an EV Saturday was Willie Enns.

"I've been interested in electric vehicles for quite a while already and I've always said maybe my next vehicle might have some component of electricity in it, an electric battery," he said as he waited to drive the Ford Escape plug-in hybrid.

"Right now, for our Canadian winters, that one makes a lot of sense," Enns observed. "You have the gas for

going to Winnipeg and back, but then 95 per cent of our driving is in town, so then it could be battery-powered for that."

Enns said he's most interested "in the fact that we're finding alternatives to our fossil fuel burning. That's my biggest thing—whether it's electricity or batteries or some other energy source that they might develop, that's the part that excites me."



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Genesis House hosting fundraising walk/bike for transitional housing project

Oct. 5 event sets \$20K donation goal

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Genesis House, the regional shelter for the victims of domestic violence, is aiming high with its first Ride for Refuge fundraiser taking place in Morden in a few weeks.

At press time, the Oct. 5 event already had a couple dozen participants, several teams, and \$2,400 in pledges collected towards their \$20,000 goal, but there's certainly room for more.

Karina Bueckert, who's heading up the event on behalf of Genesis House, is feeling good about their chances to give the shelter a great head start on its new transitional housing project.

"This is their first fundraiser that's going to go towards that, so we're really excited to launch all of it," she says.

With the soaring costs of housing, it's become increasingly more difficult for women who want to permanently leave an abusive partner to do so. Genesis House shares that only about 12 per cent of women move into their own housing upon leaving the shelter. The remaining 88 per cent move into temporary living situations or, in many cases, return to their abuser.

"They have emergency housing available, but there's so much more needed," Bueckert says.

The shelter plans to build a 25-unit transitional housing complex that will help domestic violence survivors get back on their feet, away from their abusers.

The project comes with a \$14 million price tag. Bueckert hopes the Ride for Refuge's \$20,000—or more—will be the first step towards making it a reality.

Participants are invited to walk or bike either a 2 kilometre or a 5 kilo-



metre route that will start and finish at the Access Event Centre on Saturday, Oct. 5

Check-in will begin at 10 a.m. that day followed by the send-off at 11 a.m. and then a light lunch at noon after the walk.

There is no fee to take part, but participants are asked to try and collect as much they can in pledges in support of Genesis House. Adults who raise over \$150 and kids who raise over \$75 will receive a free event shirt for their efforts, while supplies last.

While same-day sign-up is welcome, you can also register in advance to get started on fundraising online at

rideforrefuge.org/location/morden. That's also the spot to go to make a donation, either towards the cause in general or a specific walker/team.

Bueckert hopes to see more local businesses and community groups get involved in the walk, perhaps challenging others to some friendly competition.

Genesis House itself is squaring off against SOFIA House in Regina to see which shelter can raise the most.

"We're trying to do this whole Blue Bombers versus Roughriders thing," says Bueckert. "They have more participants so far, but I'm not worried. We've got this."

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Stationary bike-a-thon for Movement Centre returns Sept. 28

By Lorne Stelmach

A stationary bike race next weekend will not only provide a physical challenge but also raise money for a good cause.

The six-hour bike-a-thon runs Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in support of the Movement Centre of Manitoba.

The Winnipeg facility is one of a few such centres in Canada that offers conductive education, which basically works on the brain to change the body. It is especially effective for children or adults with neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, stroke, brain injury, developmental delays, spina bifida or Parkinson's disease.

"We as a family have for the past 13 years hosted the stationary bike-a-thon fundraiser to support the movement centre, as we have been blessed by the difference they have made in our daughter Kathy's life," explained organizer Marie Wiebe, whose daugh-

ter lives with cerebral palsy.

"Your donation will make an impact to all that attend the movement centre, helping to keep the amount that the clients pay from increasing, and help the centre to be able to keep their doors open," she added. "The movement centre is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on donations and fundraisers, as they don't receive any government funding."

Participating bikers are asked to raise a minimum of \$100 and to plan on biking for at least 25 minutes.

There will be a \$100 prize for whoever bikes the most kilometres, with prizes as well for the top three fundraisers. The day will also offer a prize auction as well as a free hot dog lunch.

It all takes place at 25158 Road 9N. To get there, head two miles south of Winkler, turn towards Schanzenfeld, and then continue five miles west.

For more information or to register as a biker or volunteer, you can call or text Wiebe at 204-362-4998.



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The annual stationary bike-a-thon in support of the Movement Centre of Manitoba takes place south of Winkler on Saturday, Sept. 28. They're looking for bikers, volunteers, and, of course, donors.

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vide excellent education and support for all."

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Burley. "I am grateful for the confidence and support of the board of trustees in my new role as vice-chair.

"I am committed to supporting decisions and ideas that foster a healthy and thriving environment where we can all learn and grow in mind, body and character," she added. "This community is truly special. There is safety, peace, and many people that care. We are privileged to be part of such a community, and it is essential that we act responsibly and never take this for granted."



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Darcy Wolfe (right) and Lisa Burley are the new chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Western School Division board of trustees.



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Charlie's Coffee Co. opens in Morden-Winkler corridor

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Charlie's Coffee Co. cut the ribbon on its second location last Friday afternoon.

The Manitou cafe has expanded to include a Stanley location in the TerraPoint Agribusiness Centre between Morden and Winkler.

TerraPoint's Chris Unrau says the eatery is a perfect fit for their vision for the facility, which is home to several local businesses.

"One of the things that was really important when we built this building was bringing together communities," he says. "It's a place where people can come together."

"When we saw what the Dobsons had done in Manitou, we recognized

right away that it was the calibre and quality and the feel and the vibe" they wanted for TerraPoint.

Charissa Dobson heads up Charlie's Coffee Co. alongside her husband Brodie. She says the company, which started up in 2021, has thrived in its original location in downtown Manitou, and they're excited to expand east.

"We were very flattered when the Unraus were liking what we were doing and recognized our efforts there," she said. "So we were very pleased to partner with them ... we knew that Chris has the same spirit of risk-taking that my husband and I have, so we were confident they would be good partners to carry the business forward."



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The TerraPoint Agribusiness Centre cut the ribbon on the new Stanley location of Charlie's Coffee Co. last Friday afternoon.

"We're very excited to see what's going to happen and what kind of future growth there will be."

The Stanley cafe's menu includes all manner of hot and cold beverages as well as breakfast and lunch offerings.

"One thing that's probably a little bit different from our location in Manitou is we wanted to have food included in ours as well," said Unrau. "It's not a burgers and fries kind of place. It's a little bit more deli, a little bit more casual, hopefully a little bit more along the healthier line."

"We also noticed a gap here in the corridor. There's a lot of businesses

located here, and to get anywhere for a bite to eat, the traffic has increased, it's further away, so we felt that there was an opportunity, and so far the community seems to be responding well to it."

Unrau's daughter Katie Unrau has been heavily involved in bringing the location to life. The fifth-year student at the Asper School of Business says she's enjoyed learning the ropes of entrepreneurialism from her father while tackling this project.

"It's been something that I've never imagined would happen, and it's been really good," she said. "My dad has been the best mentor ... he's taught me everything I know."

The opportunity to serve people and bring some joy to the community with this new gathering space has been a highlight, she added.



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Flyers sweep Pistons in pre-season games

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers end the short MJHL pre-season with a perfect record.

The team downed the visiting Steinbach Pistons 5-4 Friday night, following up on a 3-2 OT victory against the same team the week before.

In Friday's game, Steinbach matched goals from Winkler's Brody Beauchemin and Mathys Blanchette to make it 2-2 heading into the middle frame.

There, the Pistons pulled ahead in the first five minutes with two to Winkler's one, scored by Connor Jensen.

Brady Craik fired one home for the home team midway through the final period to force what ended up being a fruitless overtime.

The Flyers then took the resulting seven-round shootout with three goals, scored by Brendan Vincent, Jensen, and Nick McKee for the win.

Liam Ernst went the distance in net for Winkler, making 13 saves off 17 shots. The Flyers outshot the Pistons



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Winkler's Kam Thomas tries to keep Pistons Brett Kaiser from getting a shot on net in Friday's home game. The exhibition match went Winkler's way 5-4 after a shootout.

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The Flyers kick off the regular sea-

son this weekend with a home and away against the Pistons. They play

in Winkler Friday night and in Steinbach Saturday.



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Winkler Storm 1 keeper Carter Klassen robs Kucame's Danila Shakhov on a breakaway in Sunday's final game of the regular season. The Storm won it 5-2 and finish the summer in first place in the MMSL's Division 1. Playoffs get underway next week.

Storm 1 finish season in first

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm 1 team ended their regular season with a 5-2 win against the visiting Kucame FC Sunday afternoon.

Scoring for the home team was Peter Neufeld, Mamadou Turay, Janick Richter, Santi Bergen, and Cornie Siemens.

The win cemented the team's first-place finish in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Division 1 with a record of 14 wins, two losses, and two ties, good for 44 points—four ahead of the second-place Galacticos FC and nine up on Winnipeg FC in third place.

Winkler now advances right to the division semi-finals Sept. 24 in Winnipeg. The championship final will be Sept. 28.

Hawks 1-1-1 in pre-season

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a weekend of mixed results for the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks in pre-season action in Souris.

The Hawks kicked off the three games with a narrow 5-4 loss to Interlake Saturday morning, but they recovered to earn a 3-3 tie with Eastman Saturday evening. It wrapped up with Pembina Valley coming out on top of a 3-2 decision over Yellowhead Sunday afternoon.

The weekend gave the coaching staff headed by Jeff Andrews a good look at their prospects in game action as they work to make decisions about the roster.

Zodiacs make new junior U of W basketball team

By Lorne Stelmach

Four Garden Valley Collegiate students who excel at basketball are getting the opportunity to take their game to another level.

They were recently accepted to be part of the new junior Wesmen team at the University of Winnipeg. It's an exciting opportunity, especially for a trio who have played together going back as far as Gr. 3 and now through high school.

"It's not common that four of them would be on the team, but we think they can definitely compete talent-wise, so we are happy to give them the opportunity," said Alyssa Cox, head coach of the U of W women's basketball program.

The trio who are longtime friends and classmates are Mekdes Wall, Annika Dyck, and Maria Bergen. The fourth local student accepted into the program is Nadlyne Bergen. The latter Bergen was not available to comment, but the other three were very excited to have the opportunity.

"The three of us have played together, so I think we'll have good chemistry," said Dyck.

"I'm really grateful that we are able to have an opportunity like this," she

said. "As rural kids, it's really hard to get exposure if you would like to play at a higher level. I think it's really cool that they reached out to us and are giving us this opportunity as kids with potential."

Wall said it is especially good as well to be going into it with some classmates and friends.

"I thought it was pretty cool to just be able to be a local player and be able to grow with some elite competition and a good coaching staff," she said. "It's a really good opportunity ... I'm looking forward to it."

Maria Bergen thinks it will be a tremendous learning experience.

"I'm really thankful for this opportunity because playing here compared to in Winnipeg, it's two different levels," she said. "I'm happy to get this exposure to playing against athletes who are better ... it helps me as a player."

Being part of the junior Wesmen team will include a number of tournaments throughout the season with a break during the winter months before resuming next spring.

Cox recognized it is a bit more of a challenge for rural athletes with the program being in Winnipeg.

"It's a little bit tougher for some of



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Mekdes Wall, Annika Dyck, Maria Bergen, and Nadlyn Bergen (not shown) will play on the University of Winnipeg's new junior Wesmen basketball team this fall.

the rural athletes to participate just because of the drive and the distance," she acknowledged.

"This group of girls has a lot of talent," she noted. "They have participated with some provincial teams and Manitoba Games teams, and they just have had some good coaching and development out there."

"I've seen them play a handful of times and some of our other coaches have as well," she noted. "We reached out in hopes that they would come to our tryouts."

"They're a great group; very athletic, and I think all of them are multi-sport athletes, and I think it's really helped them develop as basketball players

and as athletes."

Cox noted they have high hopes for the revival of the junior Wesmen program, which existed a number of years ago.

"We wanted to bring it back just to kind of increase our involvement with the youth basketball community," she said. "We're hoping it goes well ... and our biggest goal is that we get the chance to get some young players involved in our Wesmen community."

"It would be great if we were to perform well on the court as well, but I think more than anything we're just hoping we can give more kids an opportunity to play and get to know our program."

U18 female Pembina Valley Hawks down Buffaloes

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks picked up their first win of the exhibition season Saturday.

Three unanswered goals in the third period broke open a tied game and gave the Hawks a 5-2 win over the Pilot Mound Buffaloes.

Emma Durand and Jessica Anderson each had a goal and an assist, with the other goals coming from Leah Klaassen, Casey O'Brien, and Rory Perrin. Kasia Rakowski had a solid game in net in stopping 31 of 33 shots.

The victory followed a 5-4 overtime exhibition loss to the Westman Wildcats the previous weekend.

Pembina Valley now takes part in the Central Plains Showcase tournament this weekend in Portage la Prairie. They take on the Eastman Selects Friday morning then have the Northern Capitals and Central Plains Capitals Saturday before closing it out with the Winnipeg Avros Sunday afternoon.

The following weekend then takes the Hawks to Grand Forks for a pair of exhibition games against the North Dakota 19U team.

The regular season gets underway with three home games in Morden the first weekend of October: the Hawks will welcome Westman Oct. 4, the Avros Oct. 5, then Eastman Oct. 6.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a hearing at which time and place the council of the City of Winkler will receive representation from the applicants and any other persons who wish to make representations in respect of the Rezoning Application No. RZ2024-004 and By-law No. 2321-24, being an amendment to Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21 of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2321-24, is to zone the land described below, as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, so that:

A) The lands legally described as being Lots 1, 2,3, Plan No (Dep 709-2023) MLTO be rezoned:
FROM: "DR" DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONE
TO: "CG" COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONE


B) The lands legally described as being Lots 6,7,8 Plan No (Dep 709-2023) MLTO be rezoned:
FROM: "DR" DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONE
TO: "R2" RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY ZONE

C) That the lands legally described as being Public Reserve, Plan No (Dep 709-2023) MTLO be rezoned:
FROM: "DR" DEVELOPMENT RESERVE ZONE
TO: "PI" PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2321-24 and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.


Date of Hearing: October 8, 2024
Time of Hearing: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Winkler Council Chambers, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 6th day of September 2024, Designated Officer, City of Winkler
Schedule "A"



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1. Roseau Valley School in Dominion City
2. Administration/Transportation Office in Dominion City
3. Shevchenko School in Vita
4. Ross L. Gray School in Sprague

All driveways and parking lots must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m., Monday-Friday. Please include type of machine, truck/machine sizes and hourly rates. Lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Tender Deadline is 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 4, 2024

Address All Submissions to:
 Border Land School Division
Attention:
Barry Friesen, Maintenance Manager
 120 - 9th St. NW
 Altona, MB ROG OB1
 Email: friesenb@blsd.ca
 Phone: (204) 324-9536

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1. Gretna Elementary School
2. Rosenfeld Elementary School
3. W.C. Miller Collegiate, École Parkside School, École West Park School, École Elmwood School and the Administration Office in Altona
4. Roseau Valley School in Dominion City
5. Administration/Transportation Office in Dominion City
6. Shevchenko School in Vita

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
 SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES
 MUNICIPALITY OF RHINELAND**

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 **23rd day of October, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 AM**, at MUNICIPALITY OF RHINELAND, 109 3RD STREET NE, ALTONA MB, 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
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 - 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 \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) 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 4th day of September, 2024.

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OBITUARY



Mary Ann Agnes Wiebe
January 8, 1937 – September 9, 2024

Mary Ann was adopted into the home of Jake R. and Agnes Wiebe in June 1937. She was well loved and very content with her family. Mary Ann lived near Plum Coulee, in Zion and in Winkler. She was baptized as a young adult and her church family was very important to her. She enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie at the Winkler Bethel Hospital where she worked meticulously in the Housekeeping Department for 25 years. She enjoyed entertaining and connecting with her Birthday Ladies Group, cousins at family gatherings and friends at church events. She was gifted in handiwork, liked to keep busy helping others and loved her cat Spotty. She crocheted many dishcloths for Samaritans Purse and cut many denim squares for others. Mary Ann enjoyed adventure and travelled extensively. Her favorite trip was to the Holy Land.

The highlight of Mary Ann's life was the special relationship she had with Stephanie, Courtney and Lindsey Wall. After their mother Mary passed away, Mary Ann took on the role of hosting family suppers for Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving. Stephanie and Courtney were faithful helpers to Mary Ann in planning and preparing these meals, and these were times that the whole family looked forward to. Mary Ann was close to the age of their grandparents but she viewed them as 'her' children and she loved them.

Mary Ann struggled with health issues in the last few years but she did not worry and instead trusted the Lord to take care of her. She was fully confident her life was in God's hands.

Mary Ann was hospitalized mid August due to the complications of her growing cancer. Her health declined quickly and she passed away peacefully September 9, 2024.

We would like to thank the residents and staff at BALC for the care they gave Mary Ann; The HF Wiebe Pharmacy for going above and beyond in making sure she had what she needed; Dr. Jordan Kroeker, Dr. Woelk and the staff in the Palliative Care Dept and the Medical Ward at BTHC for carefully honoring her wishes and diligently attending her needs during her stay.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in memory of Mary Ann to the BTHC Foundation. The funeral will be held on September 15th, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with a prior burial.

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Fred Goshulak
May 22, 1928 - July 2, 2024

Our, dear Fred passed away on July 2, 2024 at the Red River Valley Lodge in Morris, MB.

He was born in Dauphin, MB and grew up on the family farm with his parents Nelly and Monty and his sisters Fran and Marge. He loved farm life and shared many special memories of his life there. As a young man we went to work for Western Grocers and also played in a band with a group of friends. They played for weddings and social events and also in the local pubs. Rumour has it that they were a hit and very popular!

He later went to work for CN Railroad which would eventually lead him to Morris where he chose to call home for the last 50 years. He lived at the Morris Manor where he met the love of his life, my mom, Gayle Fraser, "his Missy" just before the 1997 flood.

The adjustment didn't take long as the wonderful team at RRVL welcomed him with compassion, respect, love, and dignity making it possible for him to spend his last year and a half of life fulfilled and truly happy with "his Missy". And he got some visits with his sweet Shilo which brought him so much joy.

We are so blessed and thankful for each and every one of them. A gentleman's gentleman. He was kind, considerate, generous, exceptionally polite, always thankful, and ever so humble.

We are so blessed that you chose us to share this life. We love and will miss you always.

take a break

> GAMES

SUDOKU

		3	2					7
		4			3	8		
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Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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

Sudoku Answer

S	E	S	V	D	K	V	T	R
V	R	V	A	D	I	O	S	C
B	V	T	S	E	B	V	T	O
M	P	I	D	B	B	V	T	E
S	S	V	R	V	D	O	I	X
E	W	E	O	F	R	W	M	I
O	I	C	F	V	R	D	H	V
T	T	T	D	E	D	E	I	S
E	G	N	A	S	D	I	K	N
V	R	T	C	I	G	O	T	N
R	E	T	I	V	O	T	I	W
N	V	D	V	B	R	V	G	C

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Wrest
- Russian river
- Grupo Montparnasse founder
- One who quits prematurely
- Related to the nature of being
- Early multimedia
- Indigenous Tibetan religion
- Tease
- J.M. __, Irish dramatist
- Pounds per square inch
- Surrendered
- Notable Dallas Cowboy Leon
- Dash
- Man who behaves dishonorably
- British Air Aces
- Data executive
- Spiritual leader
- Flower cluster
- Of the cheek
- Tears down
- Uncoordinated
- Touches lightly
- Soak
- Founder of Babism
- Not good
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Type of casino game
- Skills assessments for adults
- Check
- Gives a job
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Small, faint constellation
- Thou
- Reduce
- Another recording
- Removes for good
- Jill and Catherine are two
- Cruise

CLUES DOWN

- Greenwich Time
- Metropolis

		1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9			
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	14						15						16	17
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53				54		55							56	
57				58		59			60	61	62			
	63	64						65						
								67						

- Complete
- Scheduled
- One who obeys
- Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
- Days (Spanish)
- Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
- Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
- Tributary of the Alabama River
- One who eliminates
- Ballroom music
- Officer in the Book of Mormon
- Denies
- Barrels per day (abbr.)
- Make vital
- Former NFLer Newton
- Kashmiri tribe
- Indigenous S. American person
- Capacitance unit
- MLB great Scherzer
- Taxi
- Boggy
- Artist's workroom
- Feline
- Prosecutors
- Freshwater perches
- Young ladies
- Whittles
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Type of gene
- Express displeasure
- Fly high
- Norwegian krone
- Investment account
- Chinese surname
- Language
- By the way (abbr.)

Bell Exhibition 2.0 on display now at Winkler art gallery

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture's September offering features a father-daughter duo in their second joint show.

Bell Exhibition 2.0, on display until Sept. 28, includes over 30 pieces from artist Scott Bell and his daughter Grace Bell.

Local art aficionados may recall the Bell family's last show at the gallery together a few years ago.

"That was back when I was in Gr. 11, in 2021, so it was awhile ago," Grace said. "I've made some new art that I'm always looking for opportunities to display. I've mostly been displaying it in Winnipeg because that's where I live now, but when he asked me, I thought it was a great opportunity to be able to do something with him again and out in the Pembina Valley area."

For Scott, who has been a familiar face at WAC shows over the years and as the art instructor at Garden Valley Collegiate, the opportunity to showcase not just his own work but his daughter's as well makes for a very special exhibition.

"It adds a lot more meaning and importance to this if it's something I can do in partnership with one of my kids," he said last week as the doors opened on the show. "It absolutely makes it more special."

Scott's pieces include several portraits that reflect in his interest in pop culture, featuring characters from the Marvel and Blade Runner universes.

"It's like pop culture nerdy stuff for me, and then more kind of traditional figure or portrait based artwork," he said. "So some of it I think has a broad appeal."

While there's no shortage of promotional images of pop culture icons, Scott enjoys trying to approach capturing these characters in unique ways.

"I don't want to regurgitate these common images that everyone sees," he said. "I'll make use of models, I'll even buy an action figure if it helps me capture a pose and the light and shadow ... combining that with a portrait of the actor from a whole different source."

He points to a painting he did of Jason Momoa's Aquaman flying above a stormy sea, trident in hand.

"I try to show them in a slightly new way. Like that Aquaman, that pose was taken from a picture of a marble statue that I photographed in Italy,

this classical statue ... now I take that pose and the angle I photographed from and I put Jason Momoa's likeness on it."

The background, he explains, started off as an abstract painting that eventually morphed into a perfect seascape to drop the superhero into.

Whether you know your superheroes or not, Scott hopes you'll find something that draws you into his work.

"I hope they maybe can find something in it that they like. I know I'm always excited by just seeing artwork that, whether I can instantly articulate it or not, but something that resonates in some way. You want to just keep looking at it and then maybe start reflecting, well, why do I like that?"

"I'm not saying everyone would have that response to my work, but if people do, that's wonderful."

Grace, meanwhile, has several striking oil portraits on display, along with her forays into other mediums—string art, abstract acrylics, circular palette knife paintings.

"I'm trying to work my way into landscapes because I did portraits for so long," she shared. "I'm also exploring digital art and other forms, just so I don't get too comfortable doing one thing."

Grace notes that her pieces are available for purchase, and she encourages people to consider a portrait instead of the usual landscape many prefer to put up on their walls.

"I hope that mine will maybe have



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Art from father-daughter duo Scott Bell and Grace Bell are on display this month at Winkler Arts and Culture.



them reconsider and maybe think about trying something new or buying something different for their home that they maybe normally wouldn't."

You can meet the artists at the exhibition's reception this week Friday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at the gallery.

> HAWKS, FROM PG. 14

"It was a fun weekend of hockey," said Andrews. "We were able to narrow things down and pick our final roster."

"We would like to thank all of the kids who came to tryout and helped to keep our camp super competitive and fast paced," he added.

Pembina Valley now hits the practice ice and begins to gear up for the

start of the regular season, which kicks off with a pair of home games in Morden next weekend.

The Hawks host Southwest Sept. 28 and then welcome Parkland Sept. 29.

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- **Expand services.** The more money a small business makes, the more likely it'll expand its product and service offerings and delve into new markets. For instance, your favourite local brand may set its sights on opening a new location in a nearby town.
- **Improve the job market.** When small businesses grow, they require more employees. A prospering local business can help create jobs in your area.
- **Uplift other local businesses.** Small businesses often look to local suppliers to support their growth and help each other prosper.
- **Increase social involvement.** Local businesses are active in charitable causes. For example, thriving small businesses often give back to their communities by donating to local organizations.
- **Reap tax benefits.** Small businesses that make more money also pay more taxes. This means that more money is going back into your local government to help with infrastructure and social initiatives.

3 types of buy-local enthusiasts: which one are you?

Every consumer has reasons for buying locally, depending on their values and priorities. Which of the following buy-local enthusiasts do you identify with most?

- 1. The environmentalist** loves buying local products because they don't require large amounts of fossil fuels to get to their destination. They also know that transporting food over long distances often involves using chemical agents to preserve its integrity as it travels by road, sea or air.
- 2. The humanist** is keenly aware that working conditions abroad don't always meet basic human rights standards. This advocate has the well-being of their fellow humans at heart. They believe that

buying local ensures the products they buy have been produced in a country where legislation governs fair wages and humane working conditions.

- 3. The patriot** constantly thinks about how their choices impact the local economy. They purchase local products to encourage entrepreneurship and help create and maintain jobs in their community. They also recognize that buying local increases their community's economic stability and resilience, especially in an era of global uncertainty and upheaval.

Do you recognize yourself in any of these profiles, or do they all describe you? Whatever your motivation for buying local, it's an intelligent choice.



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