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Caped Crusader visits Morden

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Morden's Pop Culture store hosted the Dark Knight and friends in celebration of Batman Day on Saturday. Local comic book fans off all ages joined members of the Winnipeg-based Costume Alliance in dressing as their favourite characters. This year marks the 78th anniversary of the Caped Crusader's creation and the 25th anniversary of the Harley Quinn character in the Batman universe. For more, see Pg. 22.

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Dr. Bob Menzies named Citizen of Distinction

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Area Foundation is honouring an outstanding Mordenite with a special award.

The foundation will present a Citizen of Distinction Award Saturday, Oct. 14 to Dr. Bob Menzies.

"He's just an outstanding person ... he's exceptional," executive director Lynda MacLean said of the decision to recognize Menzies.

For his part, Menzies called it an amazing honour while also wondering why he should be singled out.

"You try to make a contribution to your community," he said. "I've been here a long time, it's just given me more opportunity to try to do that ...

does that make my contribution more important than perhaps someone who's only been here for two years? I think not.

"Morden's a community because there's so many people who work to build it and make it better," Menzies continued. "I'm very humbled that I was the one picked to get this award ... because I'm sure there are many people who are equally deserving.

"You think about how you get here ... and part of the reason I got this award is because this is the way the community brought me up ... people who care and want to give back," he said. "That's one of its strengths. It's the whole community who make this happen."

Dr. Bob Menzies will receive Morden's 2017 Citizen of Distinction Award at a ceremony at the Access Event Centre on Oct. 14.

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MacLean said Menzies goes above and beyond in his service to the community.

"He does so much with his work, with philanthropy, with volunteering, with mentoring," she said. "He's so much more than just a great volunteer."

"We try to uplift with projects in town and make life better, and that's what Bob has always done."

Known to many simply as Dr. Bob, Menzies was born and raised in Morden. His great grandfather homesteaded six and a half miles northwest of Morden in 1870, and his grandfather came to town in 1920.

He followed in the footsteps of both his father and his grandfather, becoming the third generation of Menzies to be physicians in Morden, where he has practised since 1979.

A long time member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba and the College of Family Physicians of Canada, Menzies was one of the ten Family Physicians of the Year for Canada in 2002.

He will receive his award at the ceremony Oct. 14, which runs from 2-4 p.m. at the Access Event Centre. A formal program from 2-3:30 p.m. will be followed by an opportunity to visit.

The ceremony also serves as a kick-off towards marking the community foundation's upcoming 25 year milestone in the year ahead.

"We decided to do this as a kick-off event for our 25th anniversary ... because he was one of the founding members on the board for the foundation," MacLean explained, noting there will also be a specific anniversary celebration next spring.

Winkler officer's firearm discharged in struggle with suspect

A Winkler man is facing a litany of charges after a run-in with police.

On Sunday, Sept. 24 at approximately 11:37 p.m., two members of the Winkler Police Service attended a serious domestic assault at a residence on Hemlock Bay.

While police were responding, the male suspect fled the residence in a vehicle. As police arrived at the home, the suspect drove back onto the driveway, exited the vehicle, and pointed a weapon at the officers. Police were quickly able to recognize the weapon as a realistic replica handgun.

The suspect then became combative with police and began assaulting them. A taser was deployed by the officers, however the suspect continued assaulting the officers and attempted to disarm one of his firearm. During this altercation, an officer's firearm

was discharged, though nobody was injured as a result.

The suspect was eventually taken into custody by police. Both officers and the suspect were treated at hospital for minor injuries sustained during the incident. These injuries were not related to the discharge of the firearm.

Peter Fehr, 36, has been charged with aggravated assault, uttering threats, driving impaired, two counts of pointing a firearm, possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose, assaulting a police officer, two counts of resisting arrest, disarming a police officer, and having open liquor in a vehicle.

He was remanded into custody and was scheduled set to appear in Portage la Prairie Provincial Court on Wednesday.

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Harvest for Kids set for August 2018

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's been seven years since Winkler felt the rumble of hundreds of combines working as one in support of Children's Camps International.

Next year we'll get to feel it again. CCI has set a date for its next Harvest for Kids, which will see world record-setting 300 combines harvest a field of wheat south of Winkler.

"We're pleased to announce that next August, Aug. 4, 2018, we will be having a large harvest event that will be located south of the city, same field as what was done in 2010," says Dave Thiessen, national director of Harvest for Kids.

"It's going to be a full 320 acres where you're going to have a mile of combines on one side and a mile of combines on the other coming to the middle," he explains. "We want to make this a community fun event where people who are involved in farming can enjoy it and people who have never experienced farming before can have an opportunity to see what the farming community's about."

This will be the third time Winkler has set a world record for most combines harvesting a single field (specifically the Froese land located directly south of the Winkler dike).

The first go around in 2006 had 100 combines take part, unofficially shattering the Guinness World Record of

75 combines set by a group in Australia.

Four years later they doubled that to 200 combines to get the official record, which was beaten in 2012 by CCI's Saskatchewan branch, who put 244 combines on a field.

It's Winkler's turn to reclaim the record, says Thiessen, though that's not the primary focus of the event.

"That's not the driver behind it; it's one of the outcomes," he says. "It'll be fun, but in it, though, the outcome is really to send as many kids to camp as possible. That's what our goal is."

"We want to raise enough funds to send one million kids to camp ... that's about \$3 million," says Thiessen, noting money will be raised through event sponsors, private donations, and the sale of the harvested wheat.

It's a lofty goal, he admits.

"It's scary. We know that. But we know the goals that we set are God goals."

Children's Camps International operates Christian day camps in India, Cambodia, Fiji, Kenya, Brazil, Belize, and Mexico.

"About 1.8 million kids have gone to camp and heard the message of Jesus Christ since 2003," says Thiessen. "Approximately 200,000 kids a year attend camp."

In addition to raising funds, Harvest for Kids will also serve to get CCI's message out to millions.

"WE WANT TO RAISE ENOUGH FUNDS TO SEND ONE MILLION KIDS TO CAMP."



Winkler last hosted a world record-setting harvest in 2010, when 200 combines hit the field. The 2018 Harvest for Kids will see 300 combines take part.

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Harvest for Kids organizers Dave Thiessen (left) and George Klassen are looking for sponsors and volunteers for the August 2018 event.

"This is a world stage that we will be on and a platform that will give us an opportunity to share about what we do and will put Winkler on the map again," says Thiessen. "This is an event that we want millions to see ... it'll be a good time and will raise funds for an amazing cause."

GEORGE KLASSEN HEADING UP PLANNING

Taking the lead on Winkler's Harvest for Kids will be George Klassen, the recently retired general manager of Winkler Co-op.

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WINKLER CANVASS PHOTOS

Winkler Canvas employees spent last week Tuesday putting together 47 tarps for Missionary Flights International to distribute to victims of the recent hurricanes in the Caribbean.

Local biz lend a hand half a world away

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local companies are doing their part to help with disaster relief half a world away.

Last week Tuesday, staff at Winkler Canvas spent the afternoon and part of the evening building tarps to be distributed to victims of hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Caribbean.

President Chris Unrau said he saw a plea for help from the disaster relief agency Missionary Flights International (MFI) on social media.

"I was just kind of watching what was going on with the hurricane situation there and they put out a request

for large tarps," he said, noting tarps are vital for people with damaged roofs to help protect their homes and belongings in the aftermath of such vicious storms. "I thought, 'Hey, we have a tarp factory, let's see what we can do for them.'"

The company was able to round up some unneeded material and nearly 40 employees willing to volunteer their time for the project.

They initially estimated they'd be able to create one tarp every 30 minutes, but in the end averaged just seven and half minutes per tarp, creating 47 24'x40' pieces.

"We had a lot of people on the pro-

duction floor, so we were really moving," said Unrau.

Also helping out that evening were staff from Precision Land Solutions, who came out to fry up steak suppers for the volunteers. The meals were provided by an anonymous donor.

"It was a real community team effort," Unrau said. "It was really amazing and humbling just to watch it happen. To see people get excited and willing to pitch in."

The tarps finished, Unrau put out his own call for help on social media, looking for someone who had delivery trucks who could drop off the tarps at MFI's headquarters in south-

ern Florida.

"I put it out there and it wasn't an hour later and I'd had three or four offers," Unrau said.

Decor Cabinets was one of the companies who answered that call, offering space on one of their southbound transports the next day.

"If there's an opportunity for us to get involved in helping somebody in a situation like this, why wouldn't we?" said Decor's CEO Larry Dyck. "We have trucks going into that area all the time, so it's really easy for us to do it."

"We are glad to be able to partner with them," he added, stressing that Winkler Canvas did the heavy lifting on this project. "It fits in with what we are about: we're about people ... our employees and making a difference whichever way we can."

It's expected MFI will receive the

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Morden United Way sets sights on \$90K goal

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District United Way is striving to be optimistic with its 2017 fundraising campaign.

The organization will aim for the same goal again this year despite coming up short of it last year, directors said last week.

"We fell just short of \$80,000 last year ... but we're going to aim for \$90,000," said president Alex Fedorchuk. "We call it our stretch target ... I guess if we were going to be realistic it would be closer to \$85,000, but let's go all out."

The fall campaign total has continued to inch up in recent years, increasing from about \$74,000 two years ago to almost \$78,000 last year.

The United Way kicked off its 50th annual campaign this fall by sending out thousands of letters—some to

non-profit agencies inviting them to apply for a share of the funding and others to individuals and businesses asking for their support.

"Last year we had almost 30 agencies, so we're going to expect to have a similar number," said Fedorchuk, who noted they generally get far more requests for funding than they are able to support.

A majority of the charities supported by the United Way are on the list year after year, but they are always open to adding new community groups.

"If there are any new agencies out there that we haven't heard from

before, the application is on our website," Fedorchuk said, pointing out that applications are due in by the end of October.

The importance of the United Way's funding to local charities can't be overstated.

"WE FELL JUST SHORT OF \$80,000 LAST YEAR ... BUT WE'RE GOING TO AIM FOR \$90,000."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Terry Gibson (left) and Alex Fedorchuk of the Morden and District United Way are setting their sights high with this year's campaign. The agency hopes to raise \$90,000 for local charities.

"We've been told by some agencies that they exist because the United Way helps them," said Fedorchuk.

Every penny collected from the community goes directly to the chosen non-profits, as the United Way itself receives an operational grant from the province.

"Every year, we run so tight to the line," Fedorchuk said. "We're funded by the province for \$14,000 a year ...

though that hasn't changed in something like 20 years. I have tried to pursue that with the province."

In addition to the fundraising campaign, the United Way will again hold its Skate with Santa in December as well as its Koats for Kids campaign later this fall.

You can find more information about the United Way's campaign online at unitedwaymorden.com.

'Everybody wants to feel meaning'

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tarps sometime this week so they can fly them out to the island communities in need immediately.

They can't get there soon enough, said the ministry's Kevin Stratton, who said he was simply blown away to hear from a company so far away who wanted to help.

"No matter where you're at in Canada you're far away from us. So to have this connection to south Florida and then the Caribbean, to have the networking resources to get the tarps made and then on a truck with your cabinets that are coming down ... it's pretty awesome."

Stratton said the tarps are a lifesaver in post-hurricane communities.

"Tarps end up being almost a primary need in these countries after these types of disasters," he said. "Their houses get so damaged and roofs get torn off and then you get all this other rain and stuff that comes by ... so they need as many tarps as we can get."

"It really is inspiring to see people who are

so far away putting their own time in to benefit people that they don't know," Stratton added.

For Unrau, though, this project was simply a welcome opportunity for his company and employees to do some good in the world.

"We all want to help others who are in need, but there's not always tangible ways that we can do that," he said. "We can always give money, but everybody wants to feel meaning and a importance in life, and if we can actually use our skills that we have to do that, I think that goes a long way."

"Then the job's not just a way of earning a wage and providing for their family, but we're actually doing something that matters to them," Unrau said of his staff. "They can actually do work that they know matters and is meaningful."

"I'm just thrilled and grateful for everyone that participated in this and I'm just really looking forward to seeing how what we can do here with our hands in Winkler, Manitoba can impact the life of someone far away who's lost almost everything. I think that's pretty special."



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Losing the battle of the bees

The bees which are apparently hiving under my deck are doing exceptionally well. One might go so far as to say they are thriving.

Who knows what happens in a person's head when a stinging insect decides to share their home? Sometimes they go dark and all manner of horror ensues. This is what happened to me when I declared war and unleashed all manner of destruction on the trespassers.

When the fog of war cleared, the battlefield was littered with small, black and yellow sweated corpses. But above the dead continued to fly new squadrons of the enemy, as if in mockery of me.

This despite my having emptied two industrial strength cans of the most

toxic poisons known to humanity all over their little heads.

Certainly the bees suffered great losses in the chemical weapons attack, but their troops continued to flow in reinforcing the losses and continuing about the work of building a home near my back door.

I have thought about employing flame weaponry, but the sly little jerks protected against this by building under a wooden platform which I am loathe to burn up in the attack. We are not at the point of falling prey to mutual assured destruction ... yet.

Back to the chemical weapons. Two different kinds were deployed, both with substantial range and accurate targeting, one of which actually foamed and expanded on contact.

Do you know how difficult it is to find bee poison? Nearly impossible since the little dudes became somewhat endangered in the past few years. I mean, the stores have poison for wasps, hornets, flies, mosquitoes, generic flying insects, spiders, and more, but can I find anything specifically labelled for bees? Nope. It has me wondering if bees are so different from hornets and wasps that they are immune to the poisons that kill them.

I suspect in reality that bees are simply not politically correct to massacre these days and the poisons simply omit their names.

Close quarters combat is out of the question. From a distance with chemical artillery I feel I hold the upper hand ... up close I am fairly certain I would come out the clear loser.

Don't get me wrong: I like bees. I just don't like them under my deck by my back door. I will kill pretty much anything that decides to move under my deck if necessary.

Sadly I cannot communicate with them and the written eviction notice was rudely ignored, leaving no other alternative but chemical warfare (the Geneva Convention excludes bees).

One has to respect the noble bee's resilience, really. One also has to wonder about the fortifications being built under my deck which have somehow sheltered their Queen from all of my efforts.

Frankly I am at a point where I might consider an armistice. A cessation of hostilities for the sake of the environment and a reflection of my depleted defense budget.

We will see how negotiations go.



By Peter Cantelon

'There's a lot of excitement already'

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Klassen says local farmers are eager for the opportunity to be part of a Harvest for Kids once again.

"There's a lot of excitement already ... that was such an emotional event for them to go through that they want to come back," he says. "A lot of them say, 'This time, I'm going to take my family into the cab.' So it's going to be a family thing that we're going to do."

"But 300 is a lot combines that we need, so we have our work cut out for us," Klassen adds. "It's going to be a fast-paced 10 months that we have because there's a lot of planning to do."

In addition to sponsors, Harvest for Kids is also looking for volunteers willing to take on roles ranging from advanced planning to lending a hand the day-of.

"We're going to need so many volunteers because we expect somewhere in about 15,000 people to be here, so we'll need a lot of coordination and a lot of volunteers to do all kinds of things—the big things and the little things," says Klassen. "We're really hoping people will step forward and volunteer and be

part of the project."

Thiessen isn't too worried about that.

"My experience so far with the ministry is I've seen so many times that we do the harvest [and] it brings the community together," he says. "People work together and they talk about it for years to come. I look forward to seeing that here."

If you'd like more information on Harvest for Kids, call CCI's Winkler offices at 204-331-4003 or head online to harvestforkids.com.

**"WE HAVE OUR
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FOR US."**

Phase two of Morden's Memorial Walk in place

By Lorne Stelmach

A project is helping to show the real reason for Confederation Park in downtown Morden.

To illustrate that the park is far more than just nice green space, work has wrapped up recently on the installation of more commemorative plaques.

The World War II Memorial Walk is the second phase of a project that began two years ago with the installation of a series of interpretive signs with a focus on the First World War.

They are chronological with an emphasis on local servicemen and women as well as major events on the war front and at home, explained Clare Agnew, Morden director of community services.

"There's a meaning to this park," she said. "The reason that we have Confederation Park is to serve as a memorial, so I think having this information there will give people an opportunity to reflect more on how it affected people from Morden.

"It kind of links us to this bigger picture," she continued. "I don't want us to lose this history ... and I think these plaques help you to reflect about the war ... and you also spend more time in the park that way as well."

The City of Morden worked in part-

nership with Morden Collegiate on the project.

Local historian and teacher Darryl Toews and former students David Crauer, David Elias, and Ilya Karpov researched and compiled the information on the plaques.

Toews suggested this second walk nicely complements the plaques made to commemorate the First World War.

"The addition of the World War II plaques at Confederation Park helps to further remind us of the sacrifices made by so many of Morden's citizens during that conflict," he said.

"The students created these plaques as a final project for their graphic arts course. This was a month-long process of sketching, designing and refining before reaching the final product," explained graphic arts teacher Ashley Hoitink.

"The challenge for the students was to not only work together but to create plaques that fit the style of the World War I plaques made the previous year. The students needed to fit the same theme but still have their own design."

The project certainly gets the thumbs up from city council and the local Legion.

"This is an important part of Mor-



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Celebrating the completion of the second phase of the memorial walk in Confederation Park recently were Morden director of community services Clare Agnew, Morden Collegiate teacher Darryl Toews, and Linda and Ken Wiebe from the Morden Legion.

den's history. They have created a lasting memorial to these people and some of the notable events of both wars," said Mayor Ken Wiebe.

"I think it's wonderful that the students from the high school have been involved with this project," he added. "As a community, we need to ensure they learn about our history and the role citizens of Morden and surrounding area have played in World War I and II. Although these conflicts were a long time ago and far from

here, people from Morden played a role.

Legion president Bob Frost said they commend the continued efforts towards recognition and remembrance of the sacrifices made.

"By adding the WWII memorial walk plaques to the WWI plaques placed in Confederation Park in 2015, they have created a lasting memorial to these people and some of the notable events of both wars," he said.

Minds in Motion starts Oct. 12

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba is bringing a new program to our area this fall.

Both Morden and Altona will host Minds in Motion, a two-hour program running weekly for eight weeks starting next month.

Each session combines physical activity, socialization, and mental stimulation for people living with early to moderate symptoms of dementia to attend with a family member or friend.

The benefits of movement help to improve balance, mobility, flexibility and alertness. The goal is to increase confidence in physical and social abilities, sharpen mental functioning, and possibly improve sleep habits.

"The Minds in Motion program is a great way for people impacted by dementia to take care of their hearts, minds and bodies," says Kathy Fehr, south central regional coordinator. "It

brings together people with family and friends in the community, giving them the opportunity to normalize the relationship in a way that is not influenced by the illness."

The Morden sessions take place at Homestead South Oct. 12 to Nov. 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$56 for two (the person with dementia and their partner). To register, call 204-822-1237.

In Altona, the program will run at The Gardens on Tenth those same weeks from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call 204-324-8945 to register.

Altona will also be hosting a free open house to give people the opportunity to experience Minds in Motion and decide if it's right for them and their family or friend living with dementia.

That event takes place at The Gardens on Tenth on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.



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RM of Pembina joins South Central Regional Library

By Lorne Stelmach

The South Central Regional Library is expanding with the RM of Pembina coming on board in the new year.

The addition of the municipality to the west as of Jan. 1 was heralded at the SCRL's board of directors meeting last Thursday in Miami.

"It's been great working together," said Winkler councillor and library board chair Marvin Plett. "The negotiations went very, very smoothly and if that's an indication of how the membership will work, it's just going to be a fantastic working arrangement for us."

"The decision was actually built

on the sustainability of our library service in Manitou," noted Pembina Reeve Glenn Shiskoski. "You can't do everything yourself. There's strength in numbers, there's no two ways about it."

A smaller rural community like Pembina can do and offer more through shared services, he said, explaining they have very much focussed on that with their merger with the Town of Manitou three years ago.

As it was, many of Pembina's rate-payers on the east side of the municipality were already paying for membership and using the library in Morden.

"It made sense, on our end, to continue the service," Shiskoski said. "And with the South Central Regional Library being gracious enough to allow us to join, it's a great partnership."

Shiskoski said there will be clear advantages for the municipality.

"The biggest benefits for us, I believe, will be the increase in types and styles of books that we can get," he said. "The biggest thing I can see so far is the availability of more books and better books."

"Right now, with joining them in the new year, you can check a book out in Morden and return it in Manitou. And the books are swapped back and forth, so patrons will have much

broader options of what they can read."

"I think it's a good way for us to work together," added Plett. "We have a certain number of books and if we can share them equally among all our partners, it's just so much better for all of us."

"And to have multiple branches to have access to them ... so many of our citizens work in one place and live in another community ... it makes it so much more open and seamless."

"And the more members we have, the more money we have to buy books and resources," said Plett. "Each one of us, if we were a standalone library, we would only have a very limited number of books ... so there's more money for the entire system."

"It's an investment. It's not a cost ... it's just an investment in our future," said Shiskoski.

The addition of Pembina is the next step in the growth of the library, which began in 1965 as the Morden-Winkler Regional Library. The RM of Stanley joined in 1976 and led to the name change to South Central Regional Library.

Expansion continued with the Altona branch in 1988, Gretna coming on board in 1992, the RM of Rhineland and Plum Coulee in 2001 and 2002, and the RM of Thompson in 2009.



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From left: South Central Regional Library board members Harry Dahl of Morden and Marvin Plett of Winkler were joined by RM of Pembina CAO Wes Unrau and Reeve Glenn Shiskoski last week in celebrating the addition of the municipality to the regional agency.

Genesis House ends busy year with a surplus

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Genesis House women's shelter looked back at a busy year at its annual general meeting in Carman Monday.

Executive director Ang Braun said that higher than usual overnight numbers coupled with a major renovation project kept staff hopping in 2016-2017.

"It was a busy, busy year this last one, residentially," she said, noting the shelter recorded 924 overnight stays of women and children fleeing domestic violence. There were also 29 male bed nights.

In all, 54 women and 72 children sought shelter over the past 12 months. An additional 26 woman and eight children received non-residential assistance.

Genesis House was relieved to be back in its regular space as of last fall, having spent the previous six months in a temporary location while provincially-funded renovations were done

to their permanent shelter.

"We're just grateful to be back and able to offer the services in the best way possible," Braun said. "For half of the year we were in a smaller house, so it was a crazy year. But at the same time we were still really happy that we were able to provide some access to shelter."

"There was a point where we thought we might not be able to, so it was a relief that we were able to and clearly it was needed because our numbers were so high."

Most of the people turning to Genesis House for refuge from violent home situations were new faces to shelter staff, Braun noted.

"We do have people that have come more than once, but these were a lot of new faces, people we had not seen before," she said, "and still the highest

referral rate was coming from friends and family"

That's why the shelter's ongoing drive to raise awareness in the community is so vital to the work that it does, Braun stressed.

"As people just realize, 'Okay there is an option. I should check it out,' friends and family are supporting them in saying, 'Yeah, you should check it out.'"

The shelter's statistics for 2016-2017 are sobering. The most frequent types of abuse reported by shelter users are emotional (16 per cent of woman reported it), verbal (14 per cent), physical (14 per cent), psychological (13 per cent), and sexual (nine per cent).

Further, 50 per cent of Genesis House's women had been with their abusive partner for more than five

years, 35 per cent were leaving the relationship for the first time, nine per cent were new immigrants to Canada, 54 per cent of women had not completed high school, 49 per cent had requested police intervention in the previous six months, and 69 per cent of children coming to Genesis House had been a witness to violence in the home.

NEW SUPPORT GROUP LAUNCHED

Since returning to its permanent location last fall, Genesis House has been able to get its regular programming up and running again.

That includes counselling sessions, support groups, and a variety of children's programs.

Just last week they started up a brand new support group aimed at providing women with wellness and coping strategies.

"THE HIGHEST REFERRAL RATE WAS COMING FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY."

Provincial settlement workers meet in Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

People who are working on the front lines to help newcomers settle and adjust to life in Manitoba came together in Winkler last Wednesday.

The gathering of Manitoba Settlement Service organizations brought staff from settlement offices in Thompson, Virden, Killarney, Brandon, Russell, Riverton, Dauphin, Steinbach, Neepawa, Cartwright, Portage la Prairie, Swan River, Notre Dame, and Winkler to network and share practices.

"We have every region in the province represented ... settlement, language and working with refugees ... there's representatives from all three parts of settlement," noted Don Boddy, regional co-ordinator for the Manitoba Association of Newcomer Service Organizations. "We're getting together to meet each other more, to know each other better and to work together on a strategy for rural Manitoba and the settlement issues."

Boddy said it is important to have the opportunity to learn from and encourage each other, and he suggested it is vital to have a particular focus on rural Manitoba.

"It is extremely important ... what happens is that everyone thinks Winnipeg ... the truth is that every community is unique," he said.

"They have their strengths, and there's challenges in every community, but if we can tell our story together, it's going to be a really good story of what goes on in rural Manitoba ... so that's the balance that we're trying to find.

"There's the same challenges when it comes to the system, but every community has different things going on," Boddy continued. "A good example of that ... Neepawa grew by 27 per cent in the last four years because an employer came in ... so they have challenges that maybe Portage la Prairie doesn't have or Winkler doesn't have ... but the systematic challenges are the same for all of us."

Boddy said the focus for the session here was very much about talking and problem solving together.

"And discovering language that we can use to tell our story better, and then we can go to funders and other people and tell our story really well and help adjust some of those challenges."

The challenges faced by settlement

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service organizations are not simple ones.

"Once you're here, we help you get established, and that is everything from employment to housing to social connections to helping make Manitoba and Canada home," Boddy said.

"That's the role that goes on in every settlement office every day," he said, adding that they are all in turn inspired and motivated by those people they are working to help. "The courage that newcomers show always amazes me ... to leave their families and to leave what they know."

Laurie Sawatzky, executive director of Regional Connections based in Winkler, agreed that working with newcomers is complex.

"There's no two situations that are



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Representatives of Manitoba Settlement Service organizations gathered in Winkler last week for a conference which served as a strategy session of sorts for the agencies, including the Winkler-based Regional Connections

alike," she said, suggesting meetings like this can help them develop "the expertise that is needed to make sure that our staff have the resources and the expertise to help people navigate their life in Canada so that they are successful.

"And success for families means different things depending on the situation," Sawatzky added.

Similar sessions have been held previously in Brandon and Portage la Prairie. Sawatzky hopes they will continue with the initiative.

"We really hope that it can be an

annual event," she said. "The people that are attending are very excited to be part of it.

"Just to bring people who are serving newcomers in rural Manitoba from across the province just feels like a once in a lifetime opportunity," Sawatzky said.

"Many of the organizations are quite small, and this day is to really network and help develop promising practices, build a community of practices to support each other in the work that we are doing."

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"It will be each person sort of journaling and making their own decision about what small things might I like to do differently and then having the support of the group to help you stay on track," Braun explained.

SURPLUS THIS YEAR, CHALLENGES AHEAD

On the financial front, 2016-2017 proved to be a banner year for the agency, though they are anticipating rougher waters ahead.

Genesis House received \$70,491 in cash donations from the community at large and through various fundraising activities.

Coupled with a number of grants from the province and other sources, the shelter's revenue for the year came to \$573,467.

On the other side, expenses hit \$547,470, creating a surplus of nearly \$26,000.

"We're very, very fortunate to have

some super good supports in the area," said Braun, "but we will be facing a more difficult year ahead, partly because the Altona United Way has folded. We received a substantial amount from them each year.

"We've also had a couple personal donors that have moved out of the area. We were so grateful for the support that they have given us, but they've let us know that we should not anticipate their donations in the future."

Braun estimated the funding shortfall due to these changes could be in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range.

"Right now we don't know where that's going to be coming from."

With that in mind, the shelter always welcomes monetary donations and also gifts in kind.

Donations of clothing, linens, household items, groceries, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, baby items, and furniture can help take a big bite out of expenses.

"We've had people donate a freezerful of chicken," Braun said. "Because we're serving large families often, that kind of thing is expensive. Having the meat and even now with the fall season we've had a lot of produce donated ... all of those things really help our bottom line."

Braun sends her thanks out to everyone who has supported Genesis House over the past year, be it through donations, volunteering, or word of mouth awareness.

"It was a difficult and challenging year for our agency, for the board and particularly for the staff, the working conditions that we had," she said. "And so we're so grateful that people hung in there with us and saw us through to get us to this refreshed space."

If you'd like to reach out to Genesis House to make a donation or get involved as a volunteer, call 204-325-9957. For emergencies, call 204-325-9800 or 1-877-977-0007.

New owners for old Tabor Home building

By Lorne Stelmach

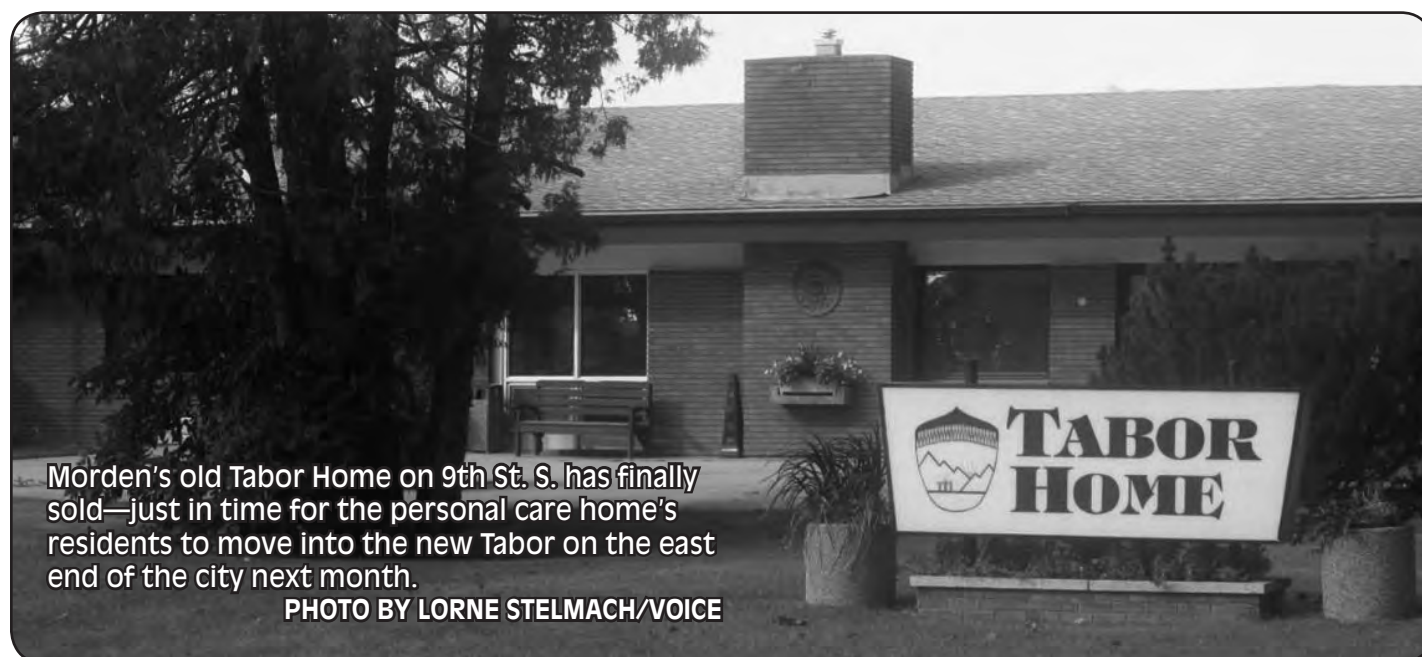
The sold sign has gone up in front of the old Tabor Home personal care home.

Details of the purchase—including who bought the facility and their plans for the property—are not being made public as of yet, but the new owners are slated to take possession of the 9th St. South building Dec. 1.

"We obviously are very happy that it sold," said Tabor Home board chairperson Wilf Warkentin. "We're thrilled that it's been sold ... the building and all the property around it."

He said the timing is good as well as final preparations are underway for the care home's move to their new facility just east of the city.

"It was perfect ... we would have been moving anyway but it's so much better to have it sold," said Warkentin, adding that the new owners "might have taken it over sooner if we were



able to get out of there sooner."

It's expected the move to the new \$38 million, 100-bed personal care home will be happening sometime in early October. The Morden Handivan

service has been enlisted to help with the transfer of residents.

The new care home is over 77,000 square feet, putting it at more than twice the size of the existing 60-bed

facility built in 1968.

The new Tabor Home will offer larger rooms for residents as well as a variety of larger spaces for dining, recreation, and social gatherings.

Manitoba deficit lower than predicted: Friesen

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitoba's financial picture is improving with a lower than anticipated deficit for the past fiscal year.

Finance Minister and Morden-



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Finance Minister Cameron Friesen says the province's deficit came in at \$764 million—far below the predicted \$900 million.

Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen last week trumpeted the fact the public accounts for the 2016-17 fiscal year showed good progress in reducing the deficit.

The Conservative government had anticipated a \$900 million deficit, but it actually came in at \$764 million. It's the first time in five years the actual deficit is less than budgeted, Friesen noted.

"We made a commitment to Manitobans a year ago that we value fiscal sustainability and that we planned to not overspend our budget," he said. "So that is a significant result, and it shows that we're getting progress."

"Are we out of the woods as a province on a fiscal level? Absolutely not. There are many challenges out there we need to carefully navigate."

Friesen said the improvement in the province's deficit is a result of the combination of fiscal discipline, expenditure management, higher revenues, and prudent budget forecasting.

"We said from the very beginning government had to do its work better. We needed to find areas of efficiency, we needed to look for opportunities where maybe government is duplicating," he said, stressing a more moderate approach where they are making the best possible use of

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tax dollars while maintaining investments in the key core services.

"We needed to manage in the province just better on a day to day basis the way households do. Maybe something has to wait, maybe we can't afford this right now."

"There was some pickup in areas of revenue as well," Friesen said, while adding, however, that "holding for higher revenue has never been the solution."

He said their 2016 budget began the work of reversing the previous government's pattern of reckless overspending, ever-increasing debt, and higher taxes.

Year over year, the previous government exceeded its deficit projections, putting the province further in debt, Friesen said, and if they continued on that path the deficit could be \$1.7 billion by 2019.

"We have now begun to put Manitoba on a path of responsible recovery," said Friesen, who noted debt-servic-

ing costs continue to be a concern. The 2016-17 results show \$930 million spent to service the province's debt—a slight increase of \$19 million from the 2016-17 budgeted amount of \$911 million. Debt-servicing costs are projected to increase to \$991 million for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

"Taxpayer dollars spent servicing the province's debt is money that cannot be invested in health care, education and social services," said Friesen.

"It really does show the stark contrast between us and our predecessors," he said of the new numbers. "It is the first time since 2003 that the government of Manitoba can report that it under spent its plan."

"We held year over year increase to 2.6 per cent ... under the NDP, on an eight year average, that increase to expenditure was 4.6 per cent. That clearly is not sustainable."

The detailed public accounts can be viewed at www.gov.mb.ca/finance/publications/financialreports.html.



Decor Cabinets marks 40 years in business

By Lorne Stelmach

Decor Cabinets marked a milestone with a 40th anniversary open house in Morden Saturday.

As people enjoyed a barbecue and tours of the plant, president and CEO Larry Dyck paused to reflect on how far the company has come in four decades.

"It's hard to imagine that over 40 years that it could grow from an operation of three or four people to almost 500 employees," he said.

Through it all, the key to the company's success has come down to the dedicated staff who make it happen day in and day out.

"We have been very blessed with the right people coming into the organization to be able to help us to provide the services and the product that our customers want and need," Dyck said.

"For us, again, it really is about having the right people in the organization at the right time in order to be able to make it work."

Quality in what you do and a commitment to service both play big roles, as well.

"In our business, we're in the fashion business, and so we have to do good products ... that's a given," said Dyck.

"There's lots of other companies in the world and in North America that are doing the same thing as we are, building cabinets, so it's building a relationship that really makes the difference," he added. "I think most of our customers are looking for a long term relationship, so we try to provide that, and I think that makes a huge difference."

In recent years especially, immigration to the community has also been



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Tours of the Morden manufacturing plant were the highlight of the 40th anniversary open house of Decor Cabinets Saturday, but there was a long lineup for the barbecue lunch (below) as well.

vital to Decor's ongoing growth.

"For us to have the growth that we have is only possible if we can get the people," Dyck said. "We currently have 475 people and they represent about 30 countries from around the world. So we are truly multicultural here, and that's really a reflection of the community."

Dyck also attributed their success in part to constantly being prepared to do things in different ways.

"When you look around, you can see there's many industries that are being disrupted in a big way. There's industries that used to be thriving that are no longer in business, and we don't have to look very far for us to see that," he said. "For us to be relevant, we have to continue to evolve,

continue to improve, and continue to change.

"It's always changing and, for us, we have to stay up to date," Dyck said. "Anybody who doesn't stay up to date is probably not going to be in business longer."

That continues to apply looking ahead, especially as the time comes for the next generation to step in and carry on.

"Business is doing well, and there's so much opportunity, I think," Dyck said. "The business has potential to grow as much as we want it to grow, but we also have to start thinking about what the next generation looks like ... we need to develop transition plans for the next phase of the business."

ACU raises \$95K for STARS

The STARS Air Ambulance has received another funding boost from the Access Credit Union.

The financial institution announced last week that it had raised \$95,534 for the STARS through its fifth annual charity golf tournament and ACU executive Myrna Wiebe's participation in the air service's Rescue on the Island fundraiser.

The golf tournament brought in \$36,424 through participants and sponsors, to which the credit union added a surprise donation of \$25,000 to bring the tournament's tally to over \$61,000.

Wiebe, meanwhile, managed to raise another \$34,110 through her efforts at Rescue on the Island.

"We chose STARS as the recipient for this year's charity golf tourna-

ment recognizing the enormous contribution that they provide not only to the communities we serve, but communities throughout Manitoba," said Larry Davey, Access Credit Union president and CEO.

"Our mandate as a credit union is to continue to invest in causes that better the lives of our members and we were fortunate to find a partner in STARS that serves those same areas with the same passion that we have."

Access received a model STARS helicopter in thanks for its support.

Last month, ACU announced a \$250,000 funding pledge to STARS over the next five years. With that, Access became the first Manitoba organization to have their logo placed on the side of the STARS helicopter.





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The Pembina Valley Humane Society’s sixth annual Raise the Woof Comedy Night was a huge success last weekend. The sold-out event brought comedians (from left) Jordan Welwood, Mike Green, and headliner Sean Lecomber to the Quality Inn in Winkler Friday night, raising over \$7,500 for the regional animal shelter in Morden—over \$3,000 more than was raised at last year’s fundraiser.



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Morden couple share their passion for model trains

By Lorne Stelmach

Many people share a passion for model trains, but far fewer have a setup quite like that of a Morden resident.

Michael Mann's home on Pembina Dr. features an outdoor working model train set in a landscaped scene based on a late 1800s town in northern British Columbia.

After a few years of tinkering on various parts of the setup and building new pieces to add to it, the track is up and running once again and the Manns are showing it off.

"We've had lots of smiles and grins and a lot of positive comments about it all," Mann said after having welcomed visitors recently.

"We hadn't had an opportunity to do an open house for a few years and people have been asking when the train's going to be running again. Some years it's been operational, some years it hasn't."

Model trains were a bit of a hobby for Mann in his youth. Later on in life it came up again when his wife Shannon discovered the idea of having an outdoor garden railway on the internet.

At one point, the couple went to Minnesota for a family trip and stopped in at a store.

"We went in to look and two hours later came out with a starter set," Mann recalled.

They then went to work about a dozen years ago now to transform an area of their backyard into a working miniature railway.

"This was the original garden and sandbox ... it just wasn't productive anymore or useful ... so we turned that into the railway," said Mann, who noted it very much became a family project. "The whole family was getting involved as we were building it originally, carting in loads of dirt and rock to build it and the railway ties to go along with it."

The Mann's setup may be small compared to the big time hobbyists, but having it outdoors makes it rather more unique.

It includes about 80 feet of track set amidst a number of features, including a mountain waterfall and pond. The landscaping ranges from rocks to small plants, including some that look like tiny trees to scale.

"The water feature is kind of constructed to be able to enjoy that even when the train's not running," said Mann, who this year added a remote control battery system complete with realistic sounds to operate the train.

"We have plans for more buildings to go along with it ... a little town to go along the south end ... a school, a church and other little buildings," he said, adding he would also like to add a train tunnel.

While having an outdoor track comes with its fair share of challenges—from the never ending maintenance to fending off rabbits—Mann continues to very much enjoy creating his miniature world.

"Part of it's the building, being able to build and construct and work with your hands," he said.

"It's always changing, you're always thinking of different things to add to it," he said, then added, "it might be nice to have an extra spur line down the side of the yard."

Part of the fun is also in letting people see the track, which is why the family occasionally host open houses.

"We've had some open houses over the years ... and a church group is coming out in a couple weeks' time," said Mann.

"Earlier on, we were involved for about three years with the local garden tours ... we've done at least one display over at the rec. centre for the toy show as well.

"It's not just for us to enjoy in the back yard ... we've had day care groups come here as well ... it's really just for people to enjoy."



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Michael Mann with the impressive outdoor miniature train scene he has set up in his Morden backyard.

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Kidney Walk honours founder

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The second annual Pembina Valley Kidney Walk took place in Morden on Sunday. Participants braved pouring rain to walk through Morden Park in support of the Manitoba Kidney Foundation, raising upwards of \$10,000 in pledges. Right: Just before setting out, walkers released 46 purple balloons in memory Jenn Derksen, who organized the inaugural Morden walk last year. Derksen died of kidney disease this June.



Blayne Wyton, Morden Elks to receive biz awards

Comedians Caity Curtis and Stephen Sim to host Nov. 2 chamber awards gala

By Lorne Stelmach

An outstanding local businessman and a long-standing service organization will be among those honoured later this fall at the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce annual awards gala.

Blayne Wyton of Prairie Barnwood and the Morden Elks Lodge have been named Entrepreneur of the Year

and Non-Profit of the Year, respectively.

Wyton founded Prairie Barnwood in 2008, but he had started wood-working refurbishing and refinishing antique furniture in 2001 when he founded Windsor Furniture.

It was during a trip to Ontario that the vision for Prairie Barnwood was born: to create handcrafted furniture in a country style from reclaimed

wood.

Working from their shop near Morden, they dismantle old barns, wood structures and old homesteads then use it to construct furniture with unique character and patina.

"He's really stayed tried and true to the art of it ... it's all done with reclaimed wood," said chamber executive director Candace Olafson.

"It all kind of started with one piece and then building up from there into a company that is an international company ... and he is really staying true to his craft. Blayne is kind of a true entrepreneur in starting his business from scratch," she said, pointing out as well that he has been involved in humanitarian work.

Meanwhile, the Elks Lodge was founded in 1963 and is being cited for its broad range of community service involvement in Morden.

"They've been a part of so many things," said Olafson, noting that includes everything from community

projects like the tennis courts and Stanley Park playground equipment to donations to the CT scanner campaign, Katie Cares, and the new Tabor Home.

The awards will be presented at the Nov. 2 awards gala at McGee's Family Restaurant at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club.

Also honoured will be the winners of the Business of the Year awards for companies under and over seven employees. Those finalists have yet to be announced.

The hosts for the gala will be Caity Curtis and Stephen Sim, a comedic duo who have toured the world and in recent years have been the hosts of TEDxWinnipeg.

"They've also done some work for some other chambers as well ... I'm sure they're going to make the evening light and fun," said Olafson.

Tickets are available through the chamber for \$100 each or \$700 for a table of eight.

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A taste of culture

Local sites host Culture Days activities

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Infuse a little culture into your life this weekend.

Manitoba's annual Culture Days run this Friday through Sunday, Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, and there are several locations in the Morden area taking part on Saturday.

Among them are the Pembina Threshermen's Museum on Hwy. 3, which invites you to enjoy "Life in the Past Lane" hands-on heritage activities from 1-5 p.m. (this is also the museum's final day of the season); Morden's Coffee Culture, which hosts a musical showcase by Melanie Schwarz Saturday afternoon at 1:40 p.m.; and Bella's Castle Bed and Breakfast Tea House at 572 Stephen St., which marks its grand opening with a ribbon cutting at 12:30 p.m. followed by tours, tea, and dainties.

The Pembina Hills Arts Council also has a few activities planned, including demonstrations from local artists from 1-4 p.m.

"We have Ukrainian folk painting, Portuguese tile painting, Mendhi art, Indian saree wrapping, and more," said the gallery's Margie Hildebrand, who adds they will also have activities and information available connected to the upcoming Canada 150 mosaic project in Morden.

The afternoon will also see artists Jessica Fox and Willi Richardson hosting pottery and multi-medium demonstrations from 1-4 p.m. at the downtown gallery.

Hildebrand hopes people will come out to take advantage of the free activities.

"We have been doing Culture Days a few years in a row now ... it would

be nice if there would be more people interested in the event," she said. "We'd love to see more people."

Also downtown, Peter Cantelon is leading a walking tour starting from Bella's Castle at 1 p.m. The tour will include informative stops at several historical buildings in the city's core.

"I think that a lot of people recognize that Morden has a great heritage, but I don't think they necessarily know much in terms of the details beyond that," said Cantelon. "I'll be talking about what was going on in Morden during that time, the construction of these types of buildings, how long it would have typically taken to build these kinds of structures—all to give people just a better sense for the deep history that we have here in Morden."

The tour will also stop in at the music showcase at Coffee Culture and at the art gallery.

Meanwhile, across town, the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre presents *The History in Your Backyard*, featuring a trio of guest speakers.

From 1-1:30 p.m., Bette Mueller of the Nellie McClung Museum in Manitou will discuss the impact the woman's suffragette had on the world; at 1:45 p.m., CFDC field and collection manager Victoria Markstrom will present *The Layperson's Guide to Discovering Fossils in Your Community*, outlining the dos and don'ts of amateur fossil discovery; and at 2:30 p.m., Joe Brown, curator of the Miami Museum, will talk about their mosasaur exhibit, which recently underwent a major overhaul.

Cantelon, the CFDC's executive director, hopes people will find these speakers of interest.

"It's a great initiative," he said of the Culture Days, noting that while the CFDC's activities for the program last year were aimed more at kids, this time they wanted to provide educational opportunities for adults. "We wanted to do something compelling."

Admission to all the speakers' presentations is free. The CFDC is also offering free children's admission to its displays with the purchase of an adult admission all day.

For more information about local Culture Days events, head to mb.culturedays.ca.



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For Culture Days this weekend, Peter Cantelon (above) will host a historical walking tour of Morden. The Pembina Hills Arts Council (below) also has events lined up, as do several other businesses.



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A number of local dignitaries and Miami Museum board volunteers were on hand Sunday afternoon for the ribbon cutting that officially opened the new fossil display. Right: Work on revamping the exhibit was done by Morden artist Adolfo Cuetara.



Miami Museum unveils revamped mosasaur exhibit

By Lorne Stelmach

A new exhibit opened Sunday at the Miami Museum will make it a destination for fossil lovers.

Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre executive director Peter Cantelon has no doubt the mosasaur fossil exhibit should and will be a draw.

"Even if they think they've seen a mosasaur ... they have to come here and see this. This is unlike anything else you'll ever see," he said, encouraging people to visit and see for themselves.

"It will attract researchers ... there is no doubt in my mind that there will be researchers here to take a look at this again, redescribe this," he added. "And that means tourism for the RM of Thompson and for the community of Miami, and that's a win for everybody."

The museum teamed up with the CFDC and its fossil exhibit curator Adolfo Cuetara to create the

new permanent exhibit of the *Tylosaurus pembinensis* mosasaur to help mark two key anniversaries: the 45th anniversary of the museum itself and the 30th anniversary of the naming of this mosasaur species, of which Miami's fossil was the first ever to have been scientifically identified.

Cuetara spearheaded the work, including thoroughly cleaning the fossils and then mounting them in a realistic way.

The project had a budget of about \$15,000, about three-quarters of which has already been covered, which Cantelon observed is remarkable for a community the size of Miami.

"It's such an amazing thing to see the community pull together the way that it did to support the initiative," he said.

Miami Museum board member Joe Brown said it is a real boost for them to have this exhibit now set up in a way that better befits its importance.

"The fossil that we have has been here a long time, but we felt that it could do with a tune-up for the display, so it's a good anniversary gift for ourselves," he said.

Brown added it is good recognition as well of Miami's connection not only to this piece of ancient history but also that of the bentonite mining in the area that led to the discovery of the fossils.

"Miami is actually very close, as is Morden, to the main mining sites, and it turns out that this fossil in particular was found at the northern most of the bentonite mines. It was a very productive mine site in terms of fossils ...

second most productive in terms of the number of species," he noted.

"So it's very nice to have it here, and with the publicity we're getting we're hoping it's going to help us more and more."

Cantelon said they embraced the opportunity to work with the Miami Museum to properly display the fossil.

"It's exactly the sort of thing the CFDC should be involved with," he said. "It was a no-brainer."

"This, in my mind and certainly from a scientific perspective, is the most significant specimen anywhere on the earth, and they have it here in Miami ... and that's why we were so excited to be able to assist with its preservation."

He added as well how fortunate they are to have Cuetara available to make projects like this possible.

"He's as much of a donor and a contributor to this kind of project as anyone else," said Cantelon. "The quality of the work he's been putting out is phenomenal."

"It would be completely inaccessible to this region and this province if he weren't here."

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The actual fossil of the *Tylosaurus pembinensis* on display at the Miami Museum measures about 40 feet in length.

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CFDC hosts virtual paleontology symposium

By Lorne Stelmach

There was a gathering of paleontologists in Morden this past weekend ... just not in person.

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre hosted its biannual Manitoba Paleontology Symposium, but this year it became an online meeting instead of the usual in-person conference.

Field and collection manager Victoria Markstrom said scheduling and travel challenges necessitated going virtual with the event.

"Everyone keeps getting busier and busier and it keeps on getting harder and harder to take time out of people's schedules to come to Morden," she said.

"We have enough interest, but it is quite difficult to make it happen," Markstrom said, noting that offering the symposium online still allows for the interaction to happen in some form. "It still opens the dialogue between paleontologists ... to see what others are doing,

"It's really to gather the community of paleontologists. It's a way to bring us together so that we can discuss the

events that are happening in the field ... talk about our projects, talk about ideas."

To that end, participants were asked to post their presentations online for discussion.

They included pieces on recent discoveries in British Columbia, work one researcher is doing on some of the CFDC's plesiosaur specimens, and Markstrom's own work on a significant fish specimen found here two years ago.

"We have all the information online ... a forum, if you will, or a starting point," Markstrom said. "I was trying to encourage as many of the speakers who are participating ... not only for paleontologists but for the public to see as well.

"That was sort of another reason why we have this ... most people who wouldn't be exposed to the field of paleontology have a way to access this information," she said.

"One of our aims is to make the symposium much more accessible to more people ... and I think we can do that if we incorporate the technology that we have available."

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre's Victoria Markstrom looks over some of the museum's specimens in advance of last weekend's online Manitoba Paleontological Symposium.

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Amended bylaw addresses heritage home development

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden city council is amending its zoning bylaw to help guide and ease the way for the use and development of the community's heritage homes.

The amendment approved at the Monday council meeting is aimed at supporting not only the continued conservation of heritage buildings but also enhancing opportunities for their continued use.

"Heritage homes are expensive to maintain and keep up ... sometimes the only way to keep the heritage home in good shape is to make it into a business," said Mayor Ken Wiebe, who noted he spoke from the experience of having owned a heritage home.

The bylaw sets out guidelines for

heritage properties to be developed for a range of uses outside of those covered under the zoning of the properties. The possible uses vary from multiple family to a range of cultural, retail, professional and other uses while also setting out whether they are permitted or conditional uses.

Some work such as minor interior renovations would not require any assessment but the bylaw provides for a design review process for other more substantial work such as exterior renovations or expansions.

"So if there is someone who owns one of those homes ... outside of an area that is already zoned commercial ... then they have that opportunity to possibly put a business into it," said Wiebe.

He added their aim with the bylaw

is to be proactive.

"It's just a good thing to have, so that the building stays and it's maintained. It keeps the home standing, and it keeps the home in good shape, and it still adds character to your community."

"We have a fair number of heritage homes in our community," Wiebe added, stressing their importance to the community. "They just give the community some character ... go down our Stephen St. and it's beautiful old homes that were built at the turn of the century."

City council also gave final approval Monday to the rezoning of properties bordering Lake Minnewasta. The rezoning applies to city-owned properties adjacent to the lake and changes them from community reserve to

"SOMETIMES THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THE HERITAGE HOME IN GOOD SHAPE IS TO MAKE IT INTO A BUSINESS."

parks and recreation.

As well, the approval of a variation order clears a planning hurdle for further potential commercial development on the east end of Morden.

The variation changes the front, rear and side yard distances for the strip of land just north of Boston Pizza at LaVerendrye Blvd and Loren Drive.

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sports & recreation

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Flyers drop first two games of the season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a flawless 6-0 pre-season, the Winkler Flyers struggled to find their footing as the Manitoba Junior Hockey League regular season got underway last week.

Winkler dropped a 4-2 decision in their season opener against the Natives in Neepawa last Friday night.

Early penalties quickly derailed the team's attempts at a decent start to the season, with Neepawa drawing first blood before the first six minutes were up.

Winkler rebounded with one of their own a few minutes later courtesy of Nolan McGuire, who backhanded a pass in from CJ Corazzin to tie things at 1-1.

More penalties for the Flyers gave Neepawa the advantage again and again, which the Natives made full use of by scoring to pull ahead 2-1 heading into intermission.

The middle frame saw Winkler tie again thanks to Colbyn Bates, who scored off a back door pass from Matt Christian at 6:18.

Despite four powerplays in the second, Winkler failed to pull ahead, while Neepawa had no such prob-



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Natives goalie Evan Robert pokes the puck away from Flyers forward Griffin Leonard in Saturday's 3-1 Winkler loss. The defeat came a night after the Flyers fell 4-2 to Neepawa in their season opener.

lem, scoring the game winner with just over eight minutes left on the clock and then making it 4-2 with an empty-netter in the dying seconds.

Troy Martyniuk was between the posts for the Flyers, stopping 32 shots as the Natives outshot Winkler 36-26. The Flyers were 0-for-6 on the powerplay and 7-for-7 on the penalty kill.

Winkler had a crack at revenge the very next night, this time in front of a hometown crowd, but the result of Saturday's match against Neepawa was much the same.

Penalties and missed opportunities once again plagued the Flyers, whose only goal came from Bates in the first half of the opening period, scoring off passes from Brock Montgomery and Christian.

The 1-0 Winkler lead didn't last long, with Neepawa tying things up just past the midpoint of the first 20 minutes.

After a scoreless second period, the Natives made it 2-1 2:38 in and then 3-1 two minutes later. That score held through to the end, giving Winkler

their second loss in as many nights.

Winkler outshot Neepawa 41-34, with Martyniuk once again in net. The Flyers were 0-for-8 on the power-play and 3-for-4 on the penalty kill.

The Flyers had a chance to redeem themselves Tuesday as they hosted the Winnipeg Blues, who they beat 4-2 and 3-1 in the pre-season. Results were not available at press time.

This weekend the Flyers host Waywayseecappo on Friday and Dauphin on Saturday. They then kick off October playing in Winnipeg on Sunday.

Lady Hawks 3-1 at Central Plains tourney

By Lorne Stelmach

A final pre-season tune up saw the female Pembina Valley Hawks go three for four this past weekend.

The Central Plains tournament in Portage saw the Hawks rattle off three solid wins Friday and Saturday

before dropping their final encounter Sunday.

They kicked off the tournament with a convincing 11-0 romp over Pilot Mound Prep.

Captain Sage McElroy-Scott fired home five goals to pace the overwhelming attack, while Makenzie

McCallum and Kaila Powell each had a pair with other goals coming from Breanna Millions and Hannah Petrie.

Goaltender Kadynce Romijn earned a 20 save shutout then repeated the performance with 27 stops in a 3-0 blanking of Melville. Abbi Conrad and Hannah Petrie scored along with

another from McElroy-Scott.

McCallum then had a pair while Halle Oswald stopped all but one of 32 shots she faced in a 4-1 victory over Eastman. Petrie and Karsty Nicolson also scored.

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The Morden Bike Pump Track was the site of a series of free workshops on Saturday which aimed to teach bikers the basics of off road bike handling, pump track techniques, and navigating drops and jumps.



Hawks making progress in pre-season

By Lorne Stelmach

A win and a loss to close out the pre-season for the male Pembina Valley Hawks had coach Rylan Price feeling encouraged about his team.

"I think we're definitely making good progress," Price said after his squad split a pair of home and away games with the Central Plains Capitals last weekend.

After the Hawks edged the Capitals 5-4 in Morden Saturday, they fell 6-4 Sunday in Portage.

"We saw some really good things happening," Price suggested.

"I thought our puck movement between lines was very good. I thought our defence was able to break the puck out quite easily, and we had our feet moving, and when we were moving, we were able to generate scoring chances.

"I felt that in our zone though we got running around a little bit, we weren't as patient as we needed to be. That's something we will need to work on in practices."

Price is seeing positive developments as well as a few things they will still need to work on as they kick off the regular season this weekend.

"We're going to be able to put together, for sure, two strong powerplay units," he noted. "We gave up quite a few powerplay goals against

this weekend as well too, so penalty kill will be another topic on our agenda."

Pembina Valley gets their campaign going Saturday when they host Yellowhead at 5:15 p.m. They then head

back to Portage Sunday for an afternoon encounter with Central Plains.

High school sports round-up

- In Zone 4 varsity boys soccer, the NPC Nighthawks posted a 1-1 tie against the GVC Zodiacs Sept. 21. GVC went on to lose to the Thunder 3-2 Monday night. Morden also bested the Sabers last week 9-0.

- In Zone 4 varsity girls soccer, Morden beat the Sabers 6-0 Sept. 21 and the Zodiacs 3-1 on Monday. The Zodi-

acs also beat Nighthawks last Thursday 2-0. NPC went on to beat Sanford on Monday.

- SCAC varsity volleyball kicked off Monday with the NPC boys and girls both falling to the Olympians in three straight sets.

- The NPC boys and girls golf teams took third place at the Zone 4 champi-

onships last week.

The boys team is made up of Dustin Wall, Dustin Unrau, Eric Klassen, and Caydon Klassen. Caydon Klassen's score of 76 also earned him a third place for individual scoring.

On the girls team are Farah Thiesen, Kaitlyn Cowie, and Annika Schwarzkopf.

Twisters 2-2 as season gets underway

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters sit at .500 four games into the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League season.

Their record slipped to 2-2 after dropping two of three games this past week. They rebounded from a 3-2 loss last Tuesday to the St. Boniface Riels with a 6-0 shutout of the River East Royal Knights Saturday before falling 5-3 Sunday to the St. James Canucks.

In St. Boniface, Corbin Clunis made 32 saves in goal for the Twisters, who were outshot 35-34. Wyatt Sabourin scored both goals for Pembina Valley as he connected twice within three minutes of the third period including one coming on a powerplay.

Griffin Dyck earned the shutout Saturday with 32 saves as the Twisters took period leads of 3-0 and 4-0 on River East. Brendan Keck scored a pair with other Pembina Valley goals

coming from Fraser Mirrlees, James Van Der Velde, Steven Baker and Jordan Riddell on a powerplay. Shots on goal were 43-32 in favour of the Twisters.

On Sunday, an even affair was broken open in the final frame with three goals by the Canucks after the game had been tied at one after one and at two after two periods.

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Agriculture

NuVision Commodities teams up with CN

By Harry Siemens

Centrally located in the heart of the Red River Valley, NuVision Commodities provides a growing number of services in the agricultural industry.

Specializing in the feed industry, NuVision sources grain across the prairies and supplies feed to all of southeastern Manitoba.

"Partnered with our transport division, we also provide custom grain hauling to a wide variety of customers. We pride ourselves on having a reputation for exceptional and reliable service," said Daniel Sabourin, president and commodity trader. "We strive to deliver our products at competitive rates with the timely delivery our customers know us for."

Daniel's son, Nathan, said the company is now a certified CN Agricultural Transload Facility.

"Leveraging our location on the main rail line, we offer transloading services for your grain and cargo needs, in both rail cars and dry intermodal containers," he said. "With CN as our partner, we provide timely service to our customers, and look forward to expanding this offering to provide our clients with multiple shipping solutions."

David Przednowek, CN director of grain marketing, said CN is proud to work with the company.

"We are pleased to see the relationships that NuVision has developed with customers, especially when it comes to cereals," he said. "NuVision provides another avenue for farmers in the Red River Valley who are looking for grain marketing and transload options. CN looks forward to working with NuVision as its intermodal and carload business grows."

Nathan said they're selling their grain to companies in the U.S. and Canada, and from there those companies ship it to wherever they'd like.

"The other part is we are transloading products for customers. Say, a customer sells his wheat or barley or whatever it is to a client that's on the rail, we can load it for them on a CN line right here in St. Jean, MB," he said. "We've sent them every single direction; south probably most of the time. But a lot goes east into Montreal, some west into Vancouver, and

elsewhere."

Nathan said the grain for rail delivery comes from different places, some from Saskatchewan, but mostly Manitoba.

"One thing that this has opened up for us is before the rail we would be essentially buying feed product, from Saskatchewan. Farmers here in Manitoba don't grow feed grain, so we rarely bought from local people. But now with the rail up and running, we can," he said. "Now I'm focusing on local farmers. We bought quite a bit of wheat as new crop before farmers planted. So that is something that we hadn't done in the past."

NuVision Commodities is very happy with the results buying from Saskatchewan and local Manitoba farm-

ers, too.

"As far as transloading goes, there is grain coming from the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border where the bigger companies are asking to load rail cars," said Nathan. "Yes, intermodal shipment is something else we are doing. To date, roughly 80 intermodal shipments most as NuVision product."

He said the intermodal involves the 53-foot trailers that CN highway tractors pull on the roads.

"They bring us the intermodal containers for us to load. Once loaded we seal them and release them back to CN ready to put on rail chassis in Winnipeg destined for someplace in the world. Carloads are actual rail cars we load on the siding in St-Jean."

According to Daniel, who operates the feed side of the business founded in 2003, NuVision Commodities Inc. has grown steadily into a larger family business.

In late 2006 the company sought to expand its activities and ventured into the transportation sector by offering custom hauling of grain and feed commodities.

At this same time, Daniel's wife Terry left her employment of 20 plus years to take over administrative duties and back-end management of the company. Thus began the family business.

Since then, Daniel and Terry's sons, daughter-in-law, and daughter have also joined the company to fill a variety of roles.



By Harry Siemens

Bill Vaags, a great friend and a giant in the pork industry, passed away recently.

A release by the Manitoba Pork Council said Manitoba's pork industry has had many champions over the years, but few as dynamic as Vaags, who passed away at the age of 82, leaving a hole in numerous lives and a profound legacy for the pork industry.

As a farm broadcaster going back to 1971, I remember Bill as one of the first influential people I interviewed and how he helped me overcome my jitters and always treated me with the utmost respect.

He wasn't only the subject of the news story—he was the teacher and friend that showed me how important the farming industry was and the importance of getting the story right the first time.

Many times Bill would take me aside and tell me stuff that no one else knew about, testing me, using me as a sounding board to implement his next so-called way-out idea.

Most of the time those ideas came

to fruition in yet another good and helpful thing for hog and grain farmers.

I remember when I heard of this young farmer in the Dugald area building a huge sow farrow to finish operation with 700 sows, way too big and way too expensive. He invited me down to take a look at the new-fangled systems and we sat down to do that big interview.

As president of Canada Pork International, I remember Bill telling me how he had to open a delicacy cafe serving Canadian offal in China officially. Being at the head of the table and everyone watching him, Bill told me how he'd asked for every spice and sauce he could find, smothered the offal and ate it as if it was the best-tasting meal he'd ever had.

I honestly considered Bill, as every other person who knew him did, as a great friend, and someone who knew the business better than most. And if he didn't know something, he'd find out in a hurry.

My condolences to the family, friends and the hog and farming industry that knew no bounds to Bill Vaags.

Manitoba Pork chair George

Matheson said Bill's career as a pork producer began in the early 1960s, and with his family, he built a progressive, sustainable hog operation that at one time was one of the largest in Manitoba.

Always active in the industry, he was a director at Manitoba Pork for 37 years, 11 of those as chairman, and president of the Canadian Pork Council for five. He was heavily involved in the global pork trade, president of Canada Pork International for six years, and an active participant in the creation of NAFTA.

To honour and acknowledge Bill's contributions to agriculture, he was entered into the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2006 and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Manitoba Pork in 2010.

"To say that everyone in the Canadian pork industry knew Bill Vaags might be an exaggeration, but not by much," said Matheson. "He had a way about him that drew people in and made them feel that their opinions mattered."

"To me, Bill was a colleague and friend, and most importantly, a men-

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Remembering Bill Vaags

New and the old in raising hogs in Manitoba

By Harry Siemens

The first new hog barn in the last seven years held an open house back in spring of 2016 at the Suncrest Colony just outside Steinbach.

Colony hog boss Bob Kleinsasser described it as an 800 sow farrow to 80 pounds using open group housing with 125 sows per group at 28 square feet per sow.

Then in February 2017, on a tour of the new facility and walking among hundreds of sows, Kleinsasser said the new barn housed 850 sows and the old barn 500 sows.

This month, in another meeting, Kleinsasser said things are still going fairly well.

"We're very, very impressed with the loose housing. There are challenges, but all around I think we're not looking back," he said.

When walking into a group pen of 140 plus pregnant sows and talking about the training of those sows, only a few even lifted their heads to acknowledge the human intrusion.

Since that day in February Kleinsasser hasn't changed much except tweaking what he's doing to hopefully make it even better.

"I think it took a year for us to figure things out and I think we pretty much got it to where we want it," he said. "The training, well, that's automatic now, we don't have to do big groups anymore so now it's just basically one every week. We need 10 to

12 new animals, and it's way easier to do smaller groups."

Training has proven to be easier than they thought, Kleinsasser said, noting that the key to training sows successfully is waiting until they're big enough.

"Smaller pigs don't train as well so make sure they're mature animals," he said. "We tried doing 150 to 170 pounds and that just didn't work, so now we're back to the 100 kg. That's about when you start, and it looks like it works a lot better."

On the economic side, with interest rates slowly climbing and the U.S. dollar dropping, they've probably lost \$50 per pig in the last six or seven months.

"We have price protection, having forward sold about 70 per cent of our product Hams Marketing and Maple Leaf Foods," said Kleinsasser. "We're fortunate for that."

Meanwhile, Rolf Penner of Morris has made some major changes on his farm after the sudden death of his father last year.

"The hog business has changed a lit-

tle bit over the last year. I'm focusing far more on my grain at this point," said Penner. "I'm not in the hog business so much. I'm renting those barns out to a third party and trying to make some extra income that way ... there's some optimism there. I mean, those guys that have my barn think there are still good opportunities in the hog business."

Penner said the arrangement with his renters is similar to owning a rental house or an apartment building in town.

"I still own the building, I'm still responsible for maintenance and upkeep and repairs for the equipment and all that kind of thing," he explained Penner. "Their responsibility is the animals and the feed, and the vet bills, and the labour."

"It's not entirely risk-free on my part. My biggest thing is, especially with an older facility like mine, are what are those potential repairs going to be?"

When it comes to protecting the facility from a PED virus outbreak, Penner said they are prepared.

"WE'RE VERY, VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE LOOSE HOUSING. THERE ARE CHALLENGES, BUT ALL AROUND I THINK WE'RE NOT LOOKING BACK."

"It is more the responsibility of the people in my barn to keep the PED out," he noted. "I mean, I've got some responsibility too, I suppose, with obviously doing the maintenance, I have to follow the biosecurity protocols. And if I'm hiring people they have to follow the biosecurity protocols."

"Thankfully I've been in the business long enough that I know exactly what those are and how to handle that stuff, which probably gives the people I'm renting to a little bit of peace of mind, too."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 21

tor. He taught me that in our sometimes maligned industry, diplomacy is essential and that it is crucial that producers always present themselves well and with pride.

"He also taught me the value of con-

sensus," Matheson said. "Manitoba Pork's board of directors is the most diverse group of its type in the country, and Bill knew that a united front was necessary to get a useful message out to governments and the public."

"With Bill's passing, the Manitoba and Canadian pork industries lost a terrific friend, and I am sure many producers would say one of their best."

> HAWKS, FROM PG. 19

In the final game, Oswald kept the Hawks in it with a 41 save performance, but they fell 3-1. McElroy-Scott was the only skater to put one in against the Steelers.

The Hawks kick off their regular season schedule this Saturday, hosting the Winnipeg Avros at 8 p.m. in Morden.

A five game homestand continues Sunday afternoon with the Eastman Selects at 2:30 p.m. The Hawks then host their home tournament in Morden the following weekend.

> TWISTERS, FROM PG. 20

Shots on goal were even at 39 apiece with Brady Klassen making 34 saves in net for the Twisters, who got goals from Mirrlees, Riddell and Braeden Beernaerts.

The Twisters are at home in Morris Friday to face the St. Vital Victorias and then are in Winnipeg Sunday to take on the Transcona Railer Express.

Fun and games at Batman Day



Morden's Pop Culture's Batman Day celebration Saturday included not only more than a few costumed superheroes on hand for photos, but also several homemade, pop culture-themed carnival games, free comic books, face painting, and prizes.

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GVC, Back 40 hosting songwriters workshop

Workshop open to local youth age 14-21;
free public concert to follow

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Back 40 Folk Festival is teaming up with Garden Valley Collegiate and the Manitoba Arts Network to provide a free songwriters workshop for local youth next month.

Juno Award winning musician Joey Landreth will be at the Winkler high school on Oct. 24 to lead a free songwriters workshop targeting 14 to 21-year-olds in the Morden-Winkler region.

Landreth is fast becoming a well known name in the Manitoba music

business, said event organizer Donovan Giesbrecht, a teacher at GVC.

"He headlined the Back 40 Folk Festival this summer and he was also on the main stage at the Winnipeg Folk Festival, so it just seemed like there's a lot of momentum behind his musical journey right now," he said.

"He's just such a smooth guitar player," Giesbrecht added, "his voice is amazing, and he's a solid songwriter, so all those things together made him the right choice for this."

At the workshop, slated to take place for about 90 minutes late that morn-

ing at the school, students will get to hear more about Landreth's story and his advice for their own musical careers.

The workshop is free and open to any youth in the region who would like to take part. To register, email info@back40folkfest.com.

Landreth will also be meeting with and performing for other students at the school that afternoon in addition to a free evening concert open to the general public. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. upstairs in The Zone.

Joey Landreth leads a songwriters workshop at Garden Valley Collegiate Oct. 24. He'll also be performing a free concert at the school that evening.



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

Sudoku Answer

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

Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Spanish city
7. Middle ear bone
13. Satisfy to the fullest
14. Able to be consumed
16. US island territory (abbr.)
17. Predatory reptile
19. Beachwear manufacturer
20. European space program
22. Alias
23. Metrical feet
25. Large integers
26. Matrilineality
28. Snouts
29. Giants' signal caller Manning
30. Pacific Time
31. Electronic countermeasures
33. "Anna Karenina" author
34. Snare
36. Sleeveless garment
38. More arctic
40. Clean off
41. Signs
43. Common Japanese surname
44. Allow
45. A way to mark
47. Ballplayers need one
48. ___ and cheese
51. KGB mole
53. Indicating silence
55. Capital of Yemen
56. A woman of refinement
58. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
59. Belonging to a bottom layer
60. Stephen King novel
61. Fire obstacle
64. Lumen
65. Loud insects
67. Energetic persons
69. Confession (archaic)
70. Witnessing
- CLUES DOWN
1. Whiskey receptacle

	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	
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		34	35						36		37			
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56				57		58				59				
60			61		62				63				64	
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	69							70						

2. Western State
3. Cereal grasses
4. Needlefishes
5. Relating to the ears
6. Mathematical ratio
7. Dignified
8. Pacific sea bream
9. One of Thor's names
10. Song of praise
11. Equal to one quintillion (abbr.)
12. Drools
13. Cluster
15. One in a series
18. Egyptian unit of weight
21. Broached
24. Skin cancers
26. Second sight
27. Shock treatment
30. Whittled
32. Murdered in his bathtub

35. A way to soak
37. Small piece
38. Relating to Islam
39. Climbing plant
42. Drunkard
43. Test for high schoolers
46. Least exciting
47. Amanda and James are two
49. Something comparable to another
50. Soothes
52. Month in the Islamic calendar
54. White gull having a black back and wings
55. Japanese seaport
57. The south of France
59. Batman villain
62. British air aces
63. Body part
66. Clearinghouse
68. Manganese

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Morden Collegiate Institute
ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY
Thurs., Oct. 5th, 2017
11:40 am in the
Morden Collegiate Gym
Honouring grade 9-11 students
from the 2016/17 school year
Everyone Welcome

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Moving Auction
For Darlene and George Smith
198 1st St SE - Carman
Sat Sept 30 @ 1:00PM

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CITY OF WINKLER
PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2018 assessment roll for the City of Winkler has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 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 subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, 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 delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler MB., or by serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board of indicated in the Public Notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Wednesday, November 7th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the City of Winkler to hear applications. The **final date** on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **Monday, October 23rd, 2017.**
 Dated this 15th day of September 2017.

Barb Dyck, Secretary
Board of Revision
City of Winkler
185 Main Street,
Winkler, MB R6W 1B4



NOTICES

Winkler Curling Club
Registration Night

Tues. Oct.3, 2017 • 6:30 - 8:00 PM

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Mixed (Thurs), sign up as couples or as a team!
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NOTICE OF HEARING

UNDER THE HIGHWAYS PROTECTION ACT
THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a hearing of the Highway Traffic Board will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 204-301 Weston Street, Winnipeg MB R3E 3H4 Phone: (204) 945-8912.

PERMITS - PART I - SECTION 9 H.P.A. AND PART III - SECTION 17 H.P.A.
2/014/073/S/17 - PRIDE SIGNS LIMITED
O/B/O 3490051 MANITOBA LTD.

Application to Replace On-Premises Sign and Fascia Sign (Commercial) adjacent to P.T.H. No. 14, Lot 1, Plan 31451, and Lot 3, Plan 879, N.E. 1/4 4-3-4W, City of Winkler.

2/032/152/C/17 - PULLAN KAMMERLOCH FROHLINGER
O/B/O JOHN & KATHARINA WIEBE

Application to Change the Use of Access Driveway (Residential to Public) onto P.T.H. No. 32, Lot 2, Plan 40592, N.E. 1/4 33-1-4W, R.M. of Stanley (Hochfeld).

The Highway Traffic Board will be prepared to consider all submissions, written or oral, on the above applications by contacting the Secretary prior to or at the hearing.

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Michelle Slotin, A/Secretary
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CITY OF WINKLER - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2190-17, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2190-17, is to zone the land described below, Namely: **Parcel "E", Plan 42006 MLTO in the SW ¼ 5-3-4 WPM** as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE

TO: "RS" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2190-17, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office. DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 12th day of September, 2017.

Designated Officer
City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A"
To By-Law 2190-17

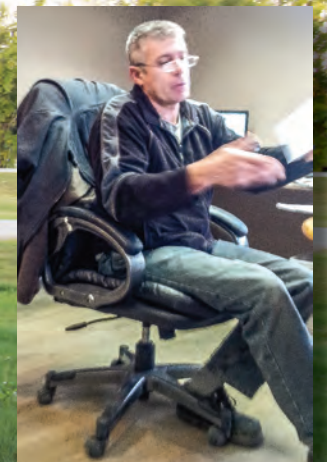


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Thank You

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OBITUARY

Katie Brown (nee Janzen) 1928 – 2017

Katharina Janzen Brown – better known as Katie – was born at Gretna on August 12, 1928. She went to live with the Lord and was reunited with her family on September 12, 2017. She was predeceased by her parents, Heinrich and Anna Janzen, by her first husband Peter Arnold Brown (in 1994) and second husband Henry Unger (in 2017). She is survived by her children Jennifer Brown (and Brian), Wade Brown (and Angie) and two grandchildren. She is also survived by stepchildren Diane Unger (and Ian), Lori Janzen (and Harold), Brian Unger (and Ardelle), Randy Unger (and Heather), Glenda Lepage (and Paul) and eight step-grandchildren. Katie had many loves and interests in her life.



Katie's teaching career spanned through many years. Her parents sent her to Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna and then to Teacher's Normal School in Winnipeg. She was a passionate teacher who loved her students and recognized the importance of reading. When she read Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, she made sure she had Willy Wonka candy to distribute to her students. Her creativity and commitment to her classroom teaching was shared with Wade and Jennifer as they helped her prepare for the first day of school so all the students would feel welcome. Katie married Arnold Brown on July 31st, 1960 in Winkler, Manitoba. Katie was supportive and involved in Arnold's political career when he was elected Member of the Legislative Assembly for Rhineland, which spanned 1971 to 1988. She was key to Arnold's success and involved with every aspect. From campaigning on the road to hosting legislative colleagues and special occasions like dinner with the Queen. As written by Katie in a family history...Their chosen children Jennifer Gayle (Klassen) and Wade Lorin (Klassen) became a part of their family on February 13, 1971 after their parents (Arnold's sister and brother-in-law) were fatally injured in an automobile accident. She unselfishly embraced life with her children which included piano lessons, picnics in the Pembina Valley, afternoons on the farm, and lots of story book reading. Katie married Henry Unger on October 6th, 2002. Both being widowed, they enjoyed their life together in their later years. Their love and respect for each other was evident by all around them. Many winters were spent in Harlingen, Texas where they enjoyed making many close friends. Life with Henry brought lots of kidding around, playing cards, wonderful friendships, and the ability to express their affection for each other. Katie was embraced by Henry's large family. She enjoyed them immensely and they provided her a strong, loving family. Katie quietly strived for perfection in all aspects of her life. She had an adventurous spirit and never shied away from new experiences. Whether stepping into the political arena with Arnold, two-stepping with Henry in Tarpley, Texas or recently attending an ABBA Rainbow Stage performance; she embraced the experience with grace and style. The family will miss her quirkiness (hand signals), her unending love of shopping and her wonderful cooking. Katie prepared for family visits by making sure that snickerdoodles, oatmeal and date cookies, ginger snaps or lemon meringue pie was waiting for them. Nobody's cookies tasted better or looked as flawless as those that came from her oven. In a written family history, Katie ended her self-reflection with these words: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the Winkler Berghthal Mennonite Church with interment at Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Katie's memory to assist the libraries of Winkler Elementary School and J.R. Walkof School payable to the Garden Valley School Division.

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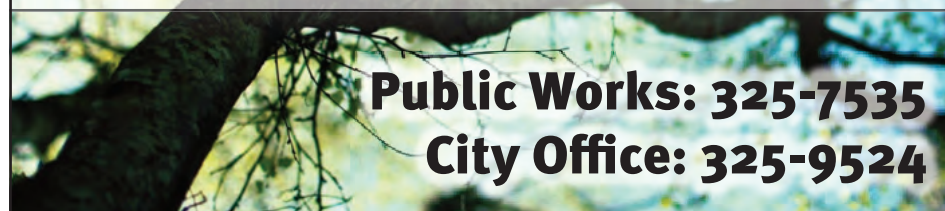


NOTICES



CITY OF WINKLER Notice to Residents

THE ANNUAL BRANCH SHREDDING PROGRAM will run from **October 2nd to October 13th**. Branches should be placed neatly on the curb no later than 8:00 a.m. on the 13th. Any piles containing garbage, steel wire or roots will not be cleaned up. **No large tree removal, tree prunings only.** Any branches brought to the curb after October 13th must be bundled to comply with garbage pick up regulations. Thank you.



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PUBLIC NOTICE



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October 7th, 2017**

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Samantha Veronica Heinrichs 2001 - 2017

On Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 a void was created in our hearts when our beloved Samantha passed away at her family home in Winkler, MB just shy of her 16th birthday.

Samantha was born on October 2, 2001 at Boundary Trails Health Centre in Winkler. On December 9, 2001 she was dedicated in the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. She was baptized at Emmanuel Lutheran Parish in Emerson, MB on February 3, 2002. She lived with her parents and sisters in Winkler. Samantha attended Winkler Elementary School for Grades K - 8 and Garden Valley Collegiate for Grades 9 - 11. As the youngest of four girls, Samantha was unique. Always mature beyond her age, she spoke like an adult right from the start. She had a very sharp wit, the drier

the better and a wry, quick sense of humour. Sometimes impatient with the immaturities of her peers, her affinity for silly Internet videos was a frequent source of entertainment in our home. She'd often amaze adults by conversing as an equal. As an avid music lover, she appreciated great renditions of her favourite pieces. A self-professed band geek and talented saxophonist, her repertoire grew quickly. Her excitement of sharing a new-found piece will be intensely missed by her family. She had many talents and interests which included photography, drawing, painting, reading and most recently travelling. Samantha had an extraordinary connection with animals. They seemed to be as fond of her as she was of them. A few had a special place in her heart: Buddy, Farley, Charlie, Rolie, Lexi and Angus.

Samantha will be lovingly remembered by her parents, Darryl and Sharon (nee Ray) Heinrichs of Winkler; three sisters, Katharina of Gillam, MB, Victoria (fiancé, Kevin Avanthay) of Morden, MB and Patricia of Winkler; her grandmas, Nettie Heinrichs of Winkler and Rosina Ray (husband, David) Volkenant of Tolstoi, MB as well as many extended family members and close friends. Samantha was predeceased by her grandpa, John Heinrichs in 2012.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with Rev. Jake Doell and Pastor Ryley Fehr officiating and interment at the Rosenbach Cemetery.

Donations may be made to assist with funeral expenses or in Samantha's memory to Pembina Counselling Centre.

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OBITUARY



Susan Hannah Marie Penner (nee Brown) 1927 - 2017

Let me tell you about the dash in between those dates...Hannah was an early Christmas present for the Isaac and Gertrude Brown family. Her six older siblings were at the Rose Farm school program December 23 while she was delivered at home to the family that eventually totaled nine. They had enough kids to form a baseball team on which she played second base and it's not an exaggeration to say that the Brown team was one to be reckoned with. They had a reputation of being the toughest kids around - feeling no pain and fearing no one. Hannah was a cheerful girl and a good student - good enough to skip a grade and add up numbers as fast as a calculator and she earned two weeks at summer camp by memorizing a total of 800 Bible verses, but she found academics (especially history classes) boring and left school after grade eight. She always enjoyed learning though, taking various courses throughout the years. The family's love of music stayed with Mom all her life as she played both the guitar and piano. She was the local piano teacher, church, choir, and quartet pianist, and later on, volunteered in that role at the Salem Home and Eden Health facilities.

Ed, the only son of a farmer down the road, whose passions of education, music, organization, and neatness entered this rough and tumble crowd when he and Hannah married in 1947. They set up their own household on the second floor of Ed's parents' house for the first number of years. Their vows of "for richer or poorer" were tested immediately as their wedding presents were lost in a fire which destroyed the Isaac Brown home after the wedding. Five children joined this family over a period of 20 years starting in 1949 when Ken was born, followed by Carole, Curtis, Cyndy and finally Crystal completed the family in 1969. The Gospel of James and the virtuous woman described in Proverbs 31 could be illustrated by Mom's life. After her salvation, she became baptized in 1943 and from then on became a "doer of the Word". She has always had a "get 'r done" attitude long before it became a catchphrase. Feeding family, friends, missionaries, strangers or perhaps even "angels unawares" at her kitchen table with fresh buns and garden produce was a regular occurrence. This hospitality included taking in a niece when Mom's sister died after childbirth. Her church family in Rose Farm, then Lowe Farm and then finally in Winkler was consistently supported in word and deed. Our clothes were sewn (and later repaired) by Mom. Other pursuits included paper tole, cross stitch, quilting and embroidery - to name a few. When she was persuaded to enter some of her amazing handiwork in the Winkler Harvest Festival competition in 1999, she won four firsts, one second and one third. Her willingness to take charge and tackle projects extended out of doors as well. She could (and did) operate anything faster than anyone else. Whether it was driving a vehicle, farm machinery, a motorcycle, going for an airplane ride, milking a cow or planting her garden, completion of the task at hand quickly was paramount. Knowing how to do something was not necessarily a barrier to stop it from getting done. When something needed doing right now, she was the person to put on the job. When asked if she wanted to go fast or slow, the answer invariably was 'as fast as possible'. She had a competitive nature, whether it was in arm wrestling or a table game and she was always looking for an edge, whether sanctioned by the rules or not.

When Mom and Dad moved off the farm in 1987 to make room for the next generation, Mom's energy and talent found its outlet with a myriad of community volunteer efforts. The MCC store benefited from her "get 'r done" attitude when she attacked the donation pile. Things literally flew to the shelves. Salem and Eden residents enjoyed her talents on the piano each week. The produce from her amazing garden delighted everyone around. Winkler Bible Camp was another beneficiary. It wasn't just the local community that got things done. When Mom and Dad traveled, it was not to look for a beach but rather, to make a difference. Whether it was to Mali to help build a church, to Texas to help at the Wycliffe facilities, to the Holy Land to understand their Bible studies better or to Europe to see how farming was done there - idle leisure was never the purpose. Even when visiting the children, there was invariably a pile of clothing that was mended or help given on some other project. When Parkinson's was first diagnosed in 2008, she accepted this with her usual mix of good grace and taking on a challenge. Her exercise routine included walking and bicycling - as fast as possible! As the disease slowly took away her physical and mental abilities, her grace and good manners remained. "Thank you" and "I love you" were phrases that stayed in active use as long as she had speech.

Home Care, Boundary Trails Health Centre, Rock Lake Health Centre and Salem Home all provided excellent, kind and considerate care and the family would like to thank you all. Family, friends and church support has been invaluable and we appreciate your love.

Mom was finally given her new body and healthy mind on September 18, 2017. She is survived by Ed, her husband of 70 years; her children, Ken (Els), Carole, Curtis (Beverly), Cyndy (Gareth), Crystal (Calvin) along with 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son-in-law, Gary Pollard; her parents, Isaac and Gertrude Brown; five brothers and one sister.

We are sad to say goodbye, but are rejoicing that in the hope of seeing her again; celebrating with her in her new home in heaven. The Family

Memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday September 22, 2017 at Grace Mennonite Church with a private interment prior to the service at Rose Farm Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Hannah's memory to World Vision Canada.

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