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Hundreds came out to mark National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Monday in Morden with a remembrance walk. For more, see Pg. 5.
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Local leaders field questions at chamber forum

By Lorne Stelmach

Local political leaders fielded a variety of questions last Thursday at a forum jointly sponsored by the Winkler and Morden chambers of commerce.

The topics ranged from the need for more post-secondary education and training in the area to the challenges faced by many community organizations.

A common thread for Winkler Mayor Henry Siemens, Morden Mayor Nancy Penner, Stanley Reeve Ike Friesen, and Morden-Winkler MLA Carrie Hiebert was the importance of co-operation at a regional level.

"We have leaders in our community, both in the greater community and elected representatives, who believe the same," said Siemens.

"We meet once a month as a tri-council. We get together; we talk about regional issues and bring those issues to the table," said Penner. "We realize some of the bigger issues that have a regional impact need to be discussed, and without discussing those issues at a regional level, they won't move forward."

"I think it hasn't been any better than this," said Friesen, who added the monthly meetings also include the chief administrative officers and city managers. "It's a great time. Even having the two chambers hosting something like this is great to see."

Hiebert commented "how proud I am of our area and our region because you guys are working together ... this last year, I've seen so much happening as a team and as a group. I think it's exciting."

"People are talking about it in the province," she suggested. "We've got economic growth. We've got so much happening here."

Questions came up about the need for more post-secondary education in the region.

"There's a number of areas there that we can build on," said Penner, who noted the example of the LPN program of Assiniboine Community College which is now available in Morden. "Most secondary education is important. If we can train our graduates at home, we can retain them at home."

"We have definitely brought this up at our monthly meetings. We need to move forward with having it more local," said Friesen. "It would be great to have something more here."

"I've actually been talking to several post-secondary institutions in the province. We just encourage them to come take a look here," said Hiebert. "It's going to help with retention. We're going to keep our people; we're going to grow our community. We're going to grow our health care."

"We're working together as much as we possibly can on it," noted Siemens. "All of it needs to be expanded and needs to be grown because of the size of the opportunity, and I think some of these institutions are recognizing that as well."

"They're interested in us. They recognize what we bring to the table, and it's going to happen if we step into it."

Nicole Walske, executive director of Menzies Medical Centre, noted how part of their challenge in attracting health care professionals here is the shortage of education and training opportunities. There are a few programs here now, but others have been lost and more are needed.

"We all know our health care is struggling ... if we can't solve the recruiting problem, we can't build on all the other things."



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From left: Morden-Winkler MLA Carrie Hiebert, Stanley Reeve Ike Friesen, Morden Mayor Nancy Penner, and Winkler Mayor Henry Siemens took part in the Morden and Winkler chamber's Your Region, Your Voice forum last week.

The four leaders also offered comments on the issues around affordability and how many local residents are struggling.

"We hear every single day how hard it is to get into a home, how hard it is to pay your bills and how hard it is to make a living today. The better job we can do to make overall life affordable, the more attractive our region becomes," said Siemens.

"More housing opportunities need to be there," noted Penner.

"We know right now we have an affordability crisis ... we do have a lot of amazing organizations doing great work in our communities," said Hiebert.

Nevertheless, she sees a need for more support for the whole range of social services.

"As a province, we're trying to figure this out, trying to figure out how we can support it."

Mariyam Tsygankova, executive director of Many Hands Resource Centre in Morden, cited how they see significant increases in people needing a wide array of supports, so there is a need for more funding support for non-profit organizations.

"I don't think it's just a city responsibility, it's a community responsibility," said Penner. "As communities, we have to come together to address the issues."

"You have a limited budget, but there is a growing need ... how much more can we come back to with all the core funding challenges that we ourselves have," said Siemens.

Tsygankova suggested organizations can't just keep looking to the community to meet the growing needs, and that thought was echoed by Milt Olfert, who spoke from the perspective of being involved with the Winkler Food Cupboard.

"The city needs to step up and help more when it comes to these programs," he said. "We're not seeing the help from our government at all levels."

"It is a really big challenge," said Siemens. "Property taxes are no longer the best way to fund municipalities. It's not sustainable. It doesn't work ... if there isn't a different funding model, eventually these three very prosperous communities in southern Manitoba will hit the wall that other municipalities in Manitoba and in Canada already have now."

Hiebert concluded by suggesting they are also pressuring the government to better support growing areas like this region.

"Right now, a lot of our taxes are not coming to our region ... so why are the rural areas not receiving back? We need to make sure we are not forgotten."

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Winkler city council, community mourning loss of Coun. Don Fehr

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler city council is mourning the loss of one of its own.

Councillor Don Fehr passed away on Saturday of a suspected heart attack. He was 62 years old.

"It is with profound sadness that we share news of the sudden and unexpected passing of City of Winkler councillor Don Fehr, yesterday afternoon," Mayor Henry Siemens said in a statement Sunday. "We extend our condolences and prayers to Don's wife Kathy and their family during this unimaginably difficult time. We will miss him immensely around our table."

Fehr was in the midst of his third term in office, having first been elected in 2014.

He'd been a fixture in the local business community for decades, most recently as the owner of Eco Plus Sanitation and Cleaning Supplies.

His community involvement stretches back for years before he entered municipal politics, including stints as Harvest Festival co-chair and with the Awana Children's Ministry in Manitoba and Northern Ontario.

In an interview Monday, Siemens shared his memories of a dedicated public servant and friend.

"He was a good friend, somebody who was a listening ear. He always had optimistic thoughts and ideas," he said. "He always believed that every problem could be solved."

Fehr served on numerous boards and council committees over the years.

"He never, ever declined an appointment," Siemens said. "He always stepped into it enthusiastically."

"I think the biggest thing that we can say about Don is that he loved his community. He wanted to find a way to contribute to



CITY OF WINKLER PHOTO
Councillor Don Fehr, who had served on Winkler city council for a decade, passed away unexpectedly Saturday.

it. He thought Winkler was a great town and he wanted to do everything that he could to make it even better.

"He did that through his service in his private business as well. When you talk to his customers, he always had time to visit. He always had time to share."

"He was a man of deep conviction, a man of faith," Siemens continued. "He listened to absolutely every opinion that was out there ... even when he disagreed with the points that were being made, he took the time to listen."

"That was, I think, one of the hallmarks of Don's life."

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Worth a thousand words

I have a problem. I am a photoholic. I take TOO MANY PICTURES. It's true. Maybe I take more than you, or maybe not. I think I am one part of a much larger societal problem, but it's hard to say because no one talks about this addiction.

As you know, recently I was in London, England celebrating (and officiating) the wedding of my son and our new daughter-in-law.

That particular digital travel album has 559 photos in it ... stretched across a seven-day visit. If a picture is worth a thousand words that's more than half a million words or about six typical novels.

The great, albeit old fashioned, Canadian writer Robertson Davies is famous for his hatred of word processors, suggesting the encouraged verbosity. I suspect he would feel the same about digital cameras.

Having a high-quality digital camera on my phone makes taking photos as easy as breathing. Unfortunately for a person like me with a journalist's heart, ease of photography combines with a desire to document EVERYTHING.

It should also be noted that volume of photos does not translate to quality. Most of the pictures I take are unre-

markable.

It's actually a pretty bad problem. I take so many photos on vacation that those who travel with me often choose not to take any under the rule of "why bother?"

I have actively wondered if I am actually missing part of the travel experience because I am seeing almost everything through the lens. Shouldn't I take a few moments and enjoy the sights unfiltered with my own eyes? I think so.

I wonder if there is a market for an app that limits the number of photos you take in a day? Say 24 photos like the ancients were restricted to in a roll in the days of film photography.

Unfortunately, if I was in the distant past using film, I would likely have brought a dozen rolls with me on a vacation and half of those pics would be blurry. Still, this would only amount to 288 pics so maybe that is a sort of restriction.

Photo obesity is part of a larger problem of our era, if it is a problem. We have created amazing tools allowing us to dramatically increase our creative volumes in nearly every area

of our lives.

Today you can write a single prompt and in the course of 30 seconds an AI-driven tool will create an entire, well-edited video for you with B-roll shots included. Incredible.

I fear we will drown in the tsunami of content that is coming our way. One day our augmented reality glasses will capture an entire seven-day vacation at 240 frames per second and deliver them all to us in an album.

That's more than 145 million pictures, which will make by measly 580 look pathetic. Still, I imagine we will find ways to complain about having "missed" something important.

If I had the power, would I eradicate digital cameras in favour of film? Absolutely not. The problem is not the tool ... it is how we use it. Things change, technology typically progresses, and we adjust accordingly.

I am happy to report that as of the writing of this column it has been a whole four days since I have taken a picture of anything. Maybe I'll get a pin if I can hold out another 361 days. If I do, I must remember to take a picture of it.

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"For many, it is the action piece that is missing"

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden marked National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Monday with a flag raising ceremony and healing walk.

The ceremony was led by Courtney Yeo Thiessen, who noted the passing of Doreen Cameron "who was instrumental in helping us organize the very first September 30 event here in Morden in 2021.

"Her voice and strength is missed, not only in this community but her home Swan Lake as well," she said.

Yeo Thiessen noted it was "a day to recognize and reflect on the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools, honour survivors and remember the children who never returned home."

She also reflected on the meaning of the day and how there is still much more to be done.

"How many of us understand what

the reconciliation half of today really means?" Yeo-Thiessen asked, noting the word reconciliation implies there had been a good relationship to begin with; what is needed first is actually conciliation before reconciliation can truly begin, she said.

"For meaningful reconciliations to take shape, there needs to be an honest attempt to restore to Indigenous people what was taken at the time of colonization.

"For many, it is the action piece that is missing," she concluded.

Andrei Mardli offered the land acknowledgment and speaker Marge Daniels introduced herself as the kookum (Cree for grandmother) for Western School Division. The Swan Lake resident was hired by the division last November.

"I'm very happy to be in this position," said Daniels. "I'm very thankful for Western School Division for



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Above: Raising the flag at the Access Event Centre. Right: Elder Marge Daniels.

hiring me. I will hopefully be here for a few years ... I do work with all four of the schools in Western School Division.

"I go to the classrooms and I teach the children as much of my culture as I can," she shared. "I hope I can teach ... some of the stuff that went on with residential schools."

Morden Mayor Nancy Penner also spoke on this being a day to reflect on the historic and ongoing impact on Indigenous communities and to help dismantle the barriers of ignorance and intolerance.

"This day calls us to listen, to learn and engage in meaningful conversa-

tions about the painful truths of the past," said Penner. "We acknowledge these painful truths as we also commit to building a future that embraces understanding, healing and unity.

"Reconciliation requires us to play an active role from educating ourselves to fostering relationships rooted in respect and empathy."



Letters

WINKLER CAMPGROUND DUE FOR AN UPGRADE

Winkler's campground is in a unique position, close to the pool, playground, MEC, art gallery, baseball diamonds, etc. However, here is our story.

On Aug. 7, I called the Winkler Campground to reserve some sites for the September long weekend. I was not told that the showers and washrooms were not available, only that we would have 15 amp service on the west side. I called a few weeks later to reserve another site and no mention was made about the toilets and showers, only the 15 amp service.

The sign on the showers said we could use toilets and showers at the pool, starting at 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. However, it being a long weekend, the pool did not open until 1 p.m. on Saturday. The MEC was supposed to be open at 9 a.m., but I didn't go and check it out.

We don't understand why the showers and toilets could not be repaired after the camping season is done.

We have a motor home builder in our fair city, namely Triple E, and we cannot accommodate our own people. We were told our motor home was too long, it being 35 feet, but beside our neighbours was one that was longer.

We want to spend millions on a pickleball court, but our campground to accommodate all these people only has a few sites that are really usable, being only 15 amp service.

Why is our campground not being updated to 30 amp service for everyone? We want people to come here, then let's serve them.

Another thing to address is the sewer dump. Every camper has to go through the campground to turn around to dump. There were at least two dozen who came through while we were there; they had not camped in Winkler, but chose to dump here. With the children on skateboards, bikes, and little scooters, we feel it is too dangerous for all this traffic.

Esther Reimer,
Winkler

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Manitoba

Singin' in the Grain concert in Winkler Oct. 26

By Lorne Stelmach

Upcoming fundraising concerts are built around the simple idea of raising our voices in song to help feed the hungry people of the world.

Singin' in the Grain is the effort of a small committee of people who organize this pair of annual concerts to support the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB).

The 2024 concerts at the end of the month will feature two male voice choirs: the Faith and Life Male Choir and the Eastman Male Choir.

These two ensembles, comprised of singers from across southern Manitoba, will sing at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. and then at the Douglas Mennonite Church in Winnipeg Oct. 27 at 3 p.m.

"When you think a group of musicians are willing to donate their time, and that people are so willing to come and attend these events and to make donations, when there are so many other projects, it is amazing," said spokesperson Pearl Braun Dyck.

"The realization of the importance of this is there, and it is huge to know that people continue to support us in this way," she added, noting the fundraiser on average has brought in upwards of \$25,000 per concert.



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

The Eastman Male Choir (above) and the Faith and Life Male Choir perform in this year's Singin' in the Grain concerts in Winkler and Winnipeg Oct. 26-27.



Through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, with the support of the federal government, that amount is then matched anywhere from three to four times

"So that is very significant, the contribution that the Canadian government does provide," said Braun Dyck.

Convinced that not only farmers

can help address food security issues around the world, the committee organizes these free concerts annually to offer others an opportunity to support the work of CFGB, which is a consortium of Canadian Christian aid agencies who do relief and development work around the world.

There is no admission to attend the

shows, but all concert-goers will be invited and encouraged to share in supporting the work of the CFGB.

Since the performers and organizers all volunteer their time, and sponsors cover all costs of the concerts, every dollar donated that day will go directly to the work of addressing food security concerns around the world.

The focus this year will be on areas of conflict. Watching television news reports in the security and comfort of Canada demonstrates clearly how devastating war and conflict are for vulnerable people in many places around the world, observed Braun Dyck, whose husband is also involved in harvest projects which support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

"We know the impact these things can have," she said, stressing that these concerts offer an opportunity to hear more about working toward ending world hunger and to participate in a small way by supporting CFGB's efforts.

"At every concert, stories are shared about people who have been impacted by receiving something from Canadian Foodgrains Bank ... and the impact that it has had has been huge."

For more information or to donate, you can go online to foodgrainsbank.ca/singin.

PHAC puts call out for volunteers

Halloween haunt at the gallery Oct. 17-31

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Hills Arts Council (PHAC) has put a call out for volunteers with a love of all things spooky to get involved with their Halloween haunt

Starting Oct. 17, PHAC, located in the clock tower building in downtown Morden, is putting on a Halloween Haunted Gallery Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights leading up to and including Halloween.

The haunt will run Thursdays and Fridays from 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 3-8 p.m. Halloween night will be 4-9 p.m.

The 15-20 minute walk through the gallery will take visitors through a toxic waste dump, an asylum, the Hall of Hands, and a mad scientist's dungeon lab.

Admission is \$5 at the door or in advance at pembinahillsarts.com. Group sizes max out at 10 people.

With a few weeks to go until the haunt starts up, PHAC is looking for people to help make it happen, shares executive director Jennifer Smirl.

"We're looking for people who are interested in Halloween—and I know there's a lot of Halloween buffs around here—who want to come and work with us. To set up, to make props, costumes ... we're going to need people at the doors ushering people in and out."

Volunteers willing to serve as actors in the haunt are also most welcome.

The haunt will definitely feature some thrills and chills, so it's not for young children, Smirl says.

"We've got some scarier parts and some less scary parts," she says, stressing parental accompaniment is recommended for kids who want to join in on the fun.

"We're planning on making this an

annual event, and then we'll have add-on stuff like costume prizes, pumpkin carving, the whole works," Smirl shares. This year, though, they're starting with the haunt and seeing how it goes.

If you'd like to get involved as a volunteer, head to pembinahillsarts.com to sign-up.

YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED

If haunts aren't your thing, there's still plenty of other opportunities to get involved in keeping PHAC up and running, stresses board president Lorne Stelmach.

"We have a wide range of needs right now," he says.

Chief among them is a need for new board members willing to roll up their sleeves and jump into ongoing planning and fundraising efforts.

"That includes everything from getting involved in one or two subcom-

mittees to even just offering a bit of time here and there at some of our events," Stelmach says.

The board right now is "operating kind of on a bare minimum" with seven members, he says. So there's plenty of room for people with a wide range of backgrounds and interests—finance, fundraising, promotions, and more.

"The board members are all volunteers with full-time jobs and families and everything, so it's hard—we need more people to share the workload," Stelmach says.

But if getting involved as a board member isn't something you can swing right now, PHAC can also use some general volunteers to help out with gallery events and programming.

"If people have an interest, you don't need to be involved as a board member to help out," Stelmach stresses, noting their volunteer base took a real

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Katie Cares Fashion Show another sold-out hit



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ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

It was another sold-out year for the Katie Cares Annual Celebration of Life Fashion Show, which filled the Meridian Exhibition Centre in Winkler Saturday. The evening—now in its 11th year—included music from The Bromantics, runway fashions from a host of local businesses, and an online auction, with all proceeds going to support Katie Cares and Katie's Cottage.



North Railway St. to be named Veteran's Way

By Lorne Stelmach

North Railway Street in Morden will be getting a new honorary name.

The route in downtown Morden from 4th Street to 11th Street will be known as Veteran's Way.

It will be similar to the honorary name of Larke Lane that was adopted a few years ago for 13th Street. The Morden Legion is paying for the additional signage to be placed alongside the existing street signs.

"I actually had been thinking about it for quite a while," said Legion representative Bob Frost. "I threw it out there to see what [council's] reactions would be, and they were actually quite supportive of it."

A week later, the City had a prototype of the sign to show him.

"Given the events that are taking place in the world right now, I think it's important that we bring memo-

ries of our veterans to the forefront because, who knows, we may be called upon again," said Frost. "The mandate of the Legion is to support veterans and their families and promote the act of remembrance of these veterans ... so we try to honour their sacrifice and their service."

"If people notice the signs and maybe think about veterans a little more, it can only help us in our job of promoting veterans and their families."

Mayor Nancy Penner said it was an easy decision for council.

"It's a way to honour all of the veterans ... a nice commemorative way to pay tribute to the service men and women. With the Legion being on North Railway, it just made sense ... it's a nice little reminder to the community to show respect to our veterans, and this will be a permanent way."



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hit through the pandemic and hasn't fully recovered in the years since. "We're more than open to having people volunteer in any capacity ... and we're open to all ideas."

A thriving arts council is only possible if community members step up to keep it running.

"I see the arts council and the gallery and the various programs and

workshops that we offer as really being like a hub for arts and culture in the community," Stelmach says. "But for that to fully happen, we need the support and we need people to get involved."

Head to the gallery website or stop by to learn more about how you can get involved.



Pop culture extravaganza



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Morden's Pop Culture Expo took over the Access Event Centre last weekend, offering dozens of vendors of all things pop culture, a cosplay contest, and video and board game competitions. Left: Pokémon and Yu-Gi-Oh action in the trading card area. Below: The Manitoba Ghostbusters were in



attendance to show off their cosplay outfits and props and raise funds for charitable causes.

Winkler council updates two special service levies

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler city council gave first reading to a pair of special service levies at its Sept. 24 meeting.

Council held public hearings for its police and fire protection services special levy and its highway maintenance, street lighting, and snow removal services levy.

Both will be applied to all rateable properties in the City of Winkler. The bylaws creating them lay out the maximum the City anticipates potentially having to spend annually on these services from 2025-2030.

These are not new taxes, stressed Mayor Henry Siemens, as these levies have been in effect since 2013.

"These levies get renewed every five or six years," he said.

The City needs to approve all special service levies on the books before drafting its next financial plan, Siemens explained, and these updated levies reflect the updated budgets for these services.

Council received objections for both levies from the Garden Valley School Division and the Garden Valley Teachers' Association.

By funding these services with special levies, it means properties that might otherwise be exempt—schools, churches, and government buildings—are no longer so.

GVSD and GVTA expressed concern about that point, asserting their belief that this is a misapplication of the local improvement concept. Such services, they attest, should be considered essential, ongoing municipal services that should be funded by regular municipal taxes. Requiring schools to pay these as special levies diverts

funding from education services, to the detriment of local students, they wrote.

Mayor Siemens said the City of Winkler has consulted with legal counsel and the Municipal Board and confirmed it is within its rights to apply these special service levies instead of including these services under general municipal taxes.

"We wanted to make sure that we were as fair as possible to spread [the cost of these services] absolutely over everyone who's going to use them," he said. "Otherwise we end up with some of the very large buildings, very large users of some of these types of services, not paying or contributing at all towards them through municipal taxes. It ends up with homeowners or businesses picking up somebody else's share."

"We felt it would be best if we levied it to everyone, and then everyone paid their fair share."

The first reading of these levies passed unanimously. They'll now go before the Municipal Board before returning to council for final approval.

In other news, Siemens shared that demolition inside the Winkler Centennial Arena got underway last week.

"They're staging their interior work already, and already they've put a significant dent in it," he said.

The plan is for the renovations, which will transform the aging arena into a more modern, energy-efficient recreational space, will be done by the end of 2025.

The mayor expects they'll have some detailed plans of what the finished arena is going to look like to share with the community later this month.



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Winkler firefighters had the sod laid for Habitat for Humanity's latest build in just 39 minutes. Above: Esther and Elisha got to help man the hose to give their future yard its first watering.

Firefighters leap into action

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's fire trucks rolled out en masse to Makena Way last Wednesday night.

Upon arriving on the scene, firefighters leapt into action and got the front and backyard sod for the latest Habitat for Humanity house laid in record time.

"We wanted to come out and help support the community and support the family that's moving in here," explained firefighter Chris Kalansky.

Wednesday night is the department's weekly training night, so taking some time to have firefighters do a bit of hard labour fit right in.

Habitat for Humanity's Christina Falk said their help was most welcome as the build hits its final weeks.

"Chris Kalansky sent us a message on Facebook and said, 'Is there anything we can do? We've got the manpower.' I have to say, I never expected this many. This is so amazing."

From the time a firefighter picked up the first piece of sod to the moment

the last was laid was just 39 minutes. They then used the pumper truck to give the yard its first watering.

It's another big step towards the project's completion, Falk said.

"It's basically finished inside. It's unreal" how fast it all came together, she said. "I don't know if we've ever had [sod] done when we've had a family move in, because we are often into the winter and we have to wait to do it later."

Ground was broken on the project in late May, and it was expected then it could take until December to finish. Habitat now expects to be able to hand the keys over to the family by the end of October.

"The big thing this time around was the number of trades that came to offer their services," Falk said. "Many of them did labour for free, or at a super discount. We always have some of those, but this time it was a lot and it was just amazing."

Habitat for Humanity offers families a zero per cent mortgage with payments geared towards their income

level. No down payment is required.

Thanks to fundraising and corporate support, the mortgage payments from one project help Habitat build future houses. The Morden-Winkler chapter has been able to build several in both communities in recent years, giving a helping hand to families who might not otherwise have been able to achieve home ownership.

Eagerly awaiting the go-ahead to

move into this latest Winkler build are Congolese immigrants Binwa and Ruth and their three children.

"I am so happy—I don't even know how to say [it] but you can see how I'm smiling," said an exuberant Binwa as the final pieces of sod were laid last week.

The whole family is "very excited to move," he shared, adding they've

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Man killed in vehicle-pedestrian collision

By Voice staff

A Somerset man was killed after a vehicle-pedestrian collision on Hwy. 3 near Morden last week.

On Sept. 24 at 9:40 p.m., Pembina Valley RCMP responded to a report of a man walking in the middle of the highway about three kilometres east

of the city.

As they were en route to the scene, police received an update that the man had been struck by an eastbound vehicle. The 32-year-old was pronounced dead on scene.

The driver of the vehicle, a 17-year-old male from Winkler, was not physically injured.

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"Reconciliation is a process"

By Lorne Stelmach

An author spoke in Morden last week about how her book not only tells the story of her own journey of atonement, but also about how we all need to be on the same path.

Sandra Hayes-Gardener shared from her book *Crossing the River* last Tuesday at St. Paul's United Church. It offers a different narrative of Canada's history and personal insight into the meaning of reconciliation.

The author hopes it is a perspective that offers a way for people to maybe recognize themselves in the story.

"Reconciliation is a process, and we're all at some point in it," said Hayes-Gardener, whose visit was organized by the local Truth and Action Working Group in co-operation with the United Church. "The story of what happened with the history in Canada is that of the First Nations people ... we white people have a story to, though it's not a pretty one, but we've got a story, and I hope it will encourage people to know their own story."

Hayes-Gardener's book was influenced by her early years growing up in The Pas, a community that was divided by the river in the '50s and '60s.

She lived on what in her book is referred to as the "white privileged side" and grew up knowing very little about the Cree people on the other side.

She would go on to work in the Indigenous communities as a psychotherapist and social worker, so the book is based on not only her childhood experiences but also her professional ones as an adult.

Now, at almost 77 years of age, Hayes-Gardener said the most important thing for her was she began to realize that Canada's history was flawed and that she had a lot of unlearning to do.



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"I wasn't taught anything about First Nations people except derogatory opinions and myths, and so the most important thing I would encourage people to consider is learning and unlearning Canada's real history," she said.

"I used to think Canada had an Indian problem. That's what I was told. But we have a white problem, and white supremacy is hard to admit, and it's hard to learn from, but it's essential for us to have a Canada that we're all part of."

Her personal experiences offer an interesting perspective on the issue.

"I certainly was unaware of what it meant to live on the side of the river that was white because what I thought and kind of learned was that white was right, so I didn't have much opinion about the Cree people because I had so little contact," Hayes-Gardener said. "I think we were all afraid of one another. We were afraid of them, and they were afraid of us with good reason."

The overall journey of learning and gaining understanding became quite a process for her.

"I often think when did I start waking up. I don't know if I know the answer to that, other than I began to read and

learn," Hayes-Gardener said. "As I began to listen to the elders and what they had to teach me, I realized I was a therapist in these communities, but I ended up learning more than I gave those communities ... and I found out that the thoughts and ideas that I had were blatantly wrong, and I had little knowledge anyway of their history."

"So I began a pretty steep learning curve, and I was welcomed graciously and gently and taught when they could have kicked me off the reserve."

She sees this as a story that needs to continue to be written and be told, and she hopes readers of the book can help keep that process moving forward.

"I hope that they might give the



Author Sandra Hayes-Gardener was in Morden last week to share from her book, *Crossing the River*. Left: Prior to the presentation, a smudge ceremony was held.

book to somebody else and ask them to have a look at what one settler woman's experience was and that maybe it would even be taken to some schools or university courses."

Hayes-Gardener feels optimistic that things are changing.

"I am hopeful I guess because I sought and experienced this during a time when things were so closed, including me," she said. "I did learn, and I was lucky to be in situations where I was taught, and I was open to learn. I've seen that happen with myself and others, and I think it is possible, and Canada needs to be open to it to have the Canada that we all deserve."

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been humbled by the number of volunteers and industry professionals who have rallied to get the house built so quickly.

Falk noted the family have been helping out with the build throughout, but now, as the project hits the home stretch, they aren't letting them inside the house.

"Binwa's had been coming every day to help clean up, every day after work, but we got to the stage right before we were going to put in the flooring in the kitchen and I just said, yeah, get out!" she said, laughing. "We want the rest to be a surprise for them."



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Industrial Eats open for business

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After months of fundraising, renovating, and planning, The Bunker youth ministry's Industrial Eats BBQ & Smokehouse finally opened its doors to the public late last month.

The Winkler restaurant, located at 545 Industrial Drive, is now offering take-out every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Stop by in person or order online at industrialeats.ca.

"We kind of surprise opened," said general manager Alycia Hildebrand last Thursday as they were in the midst of their second week of operations.

Hildebrand explains they're working with a very small staff to start—just herself, chef Chris Hildebrand, and employee Amelia Kehler.

"It's a little helter-skelter at times, figuring out the best way to approach producing for a barbecue restaurant," shared Chris Hildebrand. "There's certain expectations with barbecue that you want to be able to fulfill, but at the same time there's a lot of different ways to do any given thing. It's been a lot of fun kind of playing around with new tech in the kitchen, paired up with the traditional way of doing barbecue, and how those two can come together to make something maybe more sustainable or to make the menu more fun."

Renovations to the former Central Station/Winkler Food Cupboard location have been ongoing for over a year now, giving Hildebrand plenty of time to see the kitchen is just the way he wants it.

He even did a road trip to Texas to check out authentic American BBQ firsthand and bring what he learned back to Winkler.

"I wanted people to be able to have the full barbecue experience here," he said. "So I started out in West Texas and I worked my way toward Austin."

What he learned is there's no such thing as one way of doing anything when it comes to Texas barbecue.

"There are certain things that are going to be consistent from place to place to place, just out of tradition, but, ultimately, barbecue is about figuring out what works for you and your circumstances. And as long as the result is smokey, tender, and moist, you're good to go."

It gives him as a chef free reign to determine what works best here, and Hildebrand says he's having a blast coming up with the various meat-focused menu items and sides.

"The core of the menu will always be traditional Texas barbecue," he

said, noting they also have a robust selection of non-alcoholic craft beers to pair with the meals.

Offering take-out is a way to get their food out into the community while they continue chipping away at finding the funds needed to get the sit-down dining room renovated, said Alycia Hildebrand.

"We still have to fundraise the entire dining room," she shared, estimating that just to get the renovations done they'll need upwards of \$150,000, plus more to purchase the furniture and decor.

Proceeds from their summer food truck have been going towards getting the smokehouse up and running, and now the takeout will do the same. Industrial Eats has also been contracted to run the canteen at the Meridian Exhibition Centre, so there will be some funds coming in from that.

The long-term goal, of course, is for the restaurant to be self-sufficient so that its profits can serve as a fundraising source for the youth ministry.

There's no firm timeline on when they'll be able to get the dining room completed, but Hildebrand has faith it will happen.

"We will be open one of these days," she said. "We will get it done."

In the meantime, they will focus on takeout orders three days a week to start, but eventually expanding to five.

"In restaurants, it can be hard to give staff adequate time off, which is not good for anyone's mental health, it's not good for their physical health, and it's not good for your team health," reflected Chris Hildebrand. "So we want to make sure we have that openness in our schedule that we can give people time off."

Creating a supportive work environment is what the Industrial East project is really all about.

The intention behind this project for The Bunker is to create a workspace for youth who need a more supportive environment than might be offered elsewhere, with flexible shifts and varied tasks.

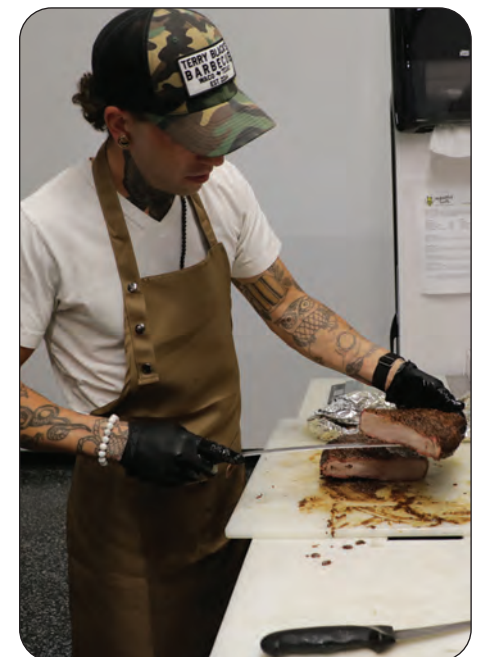
Chris Hildebrand explains they intend to create an environment built around understanding for people whose "brains maybe function a little bit different than what a lot of places are set up to accommodate. We are set up to accommodate exactly those people ... having a management team that actually understands [those needs] is critical in us being able to create the space where those folks are comfortable."

"As of right now, we're not actively hiring," added Alycia Hildebrand. "But we do have some people kind of



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Above: A happy customer picks up his order last week from Industrial Eats GM Alycia Hildebrand and chef Chris Hildebrand. Right: Hildebrand carving.



champing at the bit to get in here. We will slowly be bringing them in."

Future plans call for them to hire seniors as well, she said, to draw on their wealth of experience and give them the chance to serve as mentors for the younger employees.

"We're hoping that once the dining room does get open and we're actually running at full capacity with full staff, we will be able to take on more people—more seniors and others who just need to get out of the house for a few hours every week. Everyone has something to offer."

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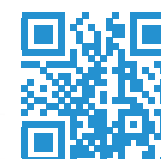
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Access CU golf tournament raises \$125K for Katie Cares, Ronald McDonald House

By Voice staff

The 11th annual Access Charity Golf Tournament raised a total of \$125,590 for local non-profits this summer.

Held at the Minnewasta Golf & Country Club in Morden and at the Bridges Golf Club in Starbuck on Sept. 11, the event's proceeds were earmarked for two beneficiaries: Katie Cares and Ronald McDonald House Charities Manitoba (RMHC). Both agencies provide respite accommodations for families with loved ones receiving medical treatment in nearby hospitals.

"We are honoured by the support we receive from our sponsors and attendees," said Access CU president and CEO Larry Davey. "The impact that these two organizations have for

Manitobans when they need it is immeasurable, and we truly appreciate the care and compassion they provide."

Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer, who oversees the Katie's Cottage respite home, thanked the financial institution for its support.

"The funds raised have provided families across Manitoba with a home away from home, allowing them to feel safe and find comfort during stressful times," she said.

"Thanks to Access Credit Union's commitment to community, generous sponsors and donors, and an outstanding effort by Access Credit Union employees, the RMHC Manitoba mission has been strengthened," noted Wendy Galagan, CEO of RMHC



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The Sept. 11 Access Charity Golf Tournament held in Morden and Starbuck raised \$125,590, when all was said and done, for Katie Cares and Ronald McDonald House Charities Manitoba.

Manitoba. "Access Credit Union is deeply grateful for this meaningful truly making a difference, and we are support and partnership."

Health care support workers may strike

By Voice staff

Health care support workers across southern Manitoba are poised to go on strike on Oct. 8 unless a settlement can be reached regarding their wages.

Last Tuesday, unions representing approximately 25,000 Manitoba health care support workers served formal notice of their strike intentions.

If a strike happens, it will include workers in the Southern Health-Santé Sud regional health authority, which includes health care facilities across the Pembina Valley.

CUPE and MGEU represent health care aides, laundry workers, dietary

aides, ward clerks, and recreation coordinators at health care centres and personal care homes, as well as workers in the home care program.

The unions say these workers are the lowest paid health care support workers in Canada.

"If Manitoba is serious about fixing health care, it will need to resolve the health care staffing crisis, and that means paying fair and competitive wages for health care support workers," said CUPE president Gina McKay. "Health care jobs that were once seen as highly desirable are just not competitive anymore. The result is increasing staff vacancy rates that are negatively affecting patients and res-

idents."

Many of these often physically demanding jobs start at just above minimum wage, the unions say, noting that even if workers had accepted the last offer on the table, they would still be the lowest paid health care support workers in the nation.

"You can't expect to fix health care if you have the lowest paid health workers in Canada. The employers' last offer just doesn't do enough to recruit and retain the workers needed to run our health care," said MGEU president Kyle Ross. "Continuing to fill staffing gaps with private agency workers is costly and wasteful. Instead, Manitoba needs to grow its

health care workforce to provide the care that patients and residents deserve."

"Every day the employer puts off addressing these issues means patient and resident care will continue to suffer," Ross said. "Strike action is a last resort, but health care in Manitoba is in crisis and that crisis demands urgent action."

Discussions between the unions and Shared Health, Manitoba's provincial health agency, continue.

In the event of a strike, agreements have been negotiated, in accordance with provincial legislation, to ensure essential health care services continue.

Lakeside Festivities takes over Colert Beach Oct. 6

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is hoping to bring people together for a day of fall fun at Lake Minnewasta.

Lakeside Festivities will include a variety of events and activities this Sunday, Oct. 6 from 1-10 p.m.

Event coordinator Trisha Hoeppner said the idea came

from the thought that Morden has a number of community celebrations throughout the year, but nothing in autumn.

"Fall is just such a beautiful time of the year, and it is especially nice at our lake, and it's just something that we haven't tapped into ... so why not enjoy our beautiful fall lake?"

"I was kind of trying to make it a well rounded event with something for everyone," Hoeppner added. "We have a ton of immigrants and newcomers to Morden, so it may be nice for them especially to explore the area and see what we have available, even as far as hiking trails."

The day is shaping up to be a filled with fun, food, and entertainment set against the picturesque backdrop of Lake Minnewasta.

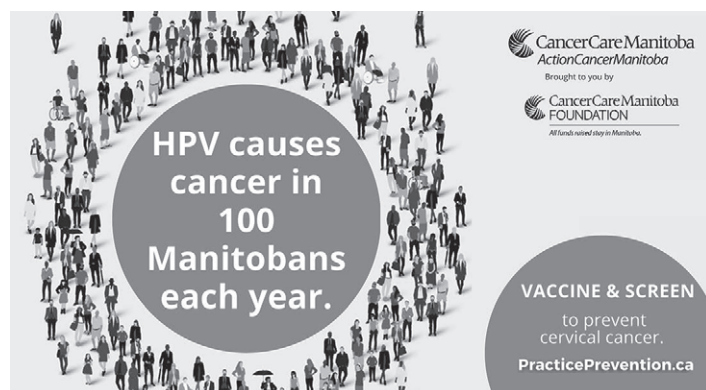
There will be a number of kid's events throughout the afternoon, including face painting, barrel train rides, and bouncy castles.

Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre will have a display up until 5 p.m. and a show from 2-2:45 p.m.

There will also be a straw bale maze, a scavenger hunt around the lake area, a chili cook-off, and an evening supper starting at 5 p.m. with food by chef Kevin Funk. The evening will continue with a beer gardens and live music until 10 p.m.

A fee will be charged for the supper, and it should be noted all transactions will be cash only.

Hoeppner said there will also be giveaways where if you share on Instagram about your favourite hiking or fall activity, you will be entered into a draw to win a two-night yurt stay at the lake with access to the kayaks and equipment at the lake.



sports & recreation

Mixed starting weekend for Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks opened the 2024-25 season with a win and a loss on home ice in Morden.

They doubled up the Southwest Cougars 4-2 Saturday but were then on the losing end of another 4-2 game Sunday against the Parkland Rangers.

The Hawks took period leads of 2-0 and 3-2 against the Cougars, and then Nathan Froebe got the insurance goal 3:16 into the third period.

Ragner Gillis, Haiden Friesen, and Cole Secord also scored for Pembina Valley, while Ryler Gates made

35 saves as Southwest outshot the Hawks 37-35.

The Hawks were then mostly stymied Sunday against Parkland as the Rangers' goalie Piet Mierau stopped 43 of the 45 shots sent his way.

Adrien McIntosh and Ryder Wolfe scored for Pembina Valley, while Karsen Dyck made 20 saves in net.

The Hawks now have a three-game week that started Wednesday with a trip to Winnipeg to take on the Bruins. The Interlake Lightning then come to Morden for a pair of games Thursday and Saturday.

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Hawks goalie Ryler Gates stopped 37 of 39 shots on net Saturday, including this save in the dying seconds of the game to preserve his team's 4-2 lead.



Female U18 PV Hawks' regular season starts Friday

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks faced two tough teams in a pair of exhibition games this past weekend in Grand Forks.

The first game Saturday saw the Hawks fall 5-3 to the North Dakota 19U team.

"They were aggressive. It was a competitive

game and went back and forth. The girls weren't ready for the physicality," suggested Pembina Valley coach Matt Victor.

The Sunday afternoon game then saw the Hawks come up with a strong effort in edging the North Dakota 16U team 3-2.

"We adjusted for the game versus the state 16U team, which, in my opinion, was a stronger

team. We matched their physical presence and came on top with a win," said Victor.

He offered praise in particular for the performance of their goaltender.

"Madison Froese was great in net," said Victor, who added he liked his team's overall effort. "We are proud of the character shown by our team and expect the learnings to flow into to this weekend's regular season games.

In exhibition and pre-season play, the Hawks were 4-4.

The regular season is now set to get underway with three home games in Morden this weekend. The Hawks welcome Westman Friday, the Winnipeg Avros Saturday, and Eastman Sunday.

Winkler Flyers fall to Titans

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers were handed their second loss of the season last week, courtesy of the Neepawa Titans.

Playing on the road Tuesday night, Winkler was up 2-1 after 20 minutes thanks to goals from James Richards and Nicolas Mckee.

The home team managed a tying goal just two minutes into the middle frame and then pulled ahead at 6:17.

The Flyers retook the lead thanks to Jayce Legaarden and Marek Miller, but it didn't last for long—Neepawa quickly followed Miller's goal with one more to close out the period with the score tied at 4-4.

The Titans made it 5-4 46 seconds into the final frame and, despite firing nine shots on the Neepawa net, Winkler failed to make good on any of them, giving the win to the Titans.

Winkler outshot Neepawa 28-19 overall. Liam Ernst was between the posts for the Flyers, making 14 saves.

With that, the Flyers are 1-2 in the early goings on of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's East Division. They had earlier split their opening weekend games with the Steinbach Pistons.

The team was scheduled to square off against the Wolverines in Waywayseecappo Friday night, but that game was postponed.

The Flyers play the Kings in Dauphin Tuesday night and then host the Portage Terriers Sunday.

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Local rifle shooters win international honours

By Lorne Stelmach

Two young local shooters did not only the province but the country proud at a recent premier international event in the U.S.

Luke Trinke of the Winkler area and Andrew Wolfe from the Carman region were part of a Canadian four-some that took home second place in the junior category recently at the World Precision Rifle Championship in Grand Junction, Colorado.

It is an impressive feat considering there were competitors from 24 countries, and Trinke and Wolfe literally live about 15 minutes away from each other.

"I think we've got, in Manitoba alone, some of the best shooters in Canada and the world," said Wolfe of the area. "It was very exciting."

"It's interesting there's a high density of good shooters from the southern Manitoba area," added Trinke. "We were both lucky enough to be selected."

The precision rifle shooting competition challenges competitors to take on a series of targets in a specific order.

The distances vary from perhaps 300 to 1,000 yards, and it has to be done within a time period, which in this case was 105 seconds.

The targets can be a variety of objects: oddly shaped rocks, off of a vehicle, a barricade or even logs, tree branches, or stumps.

A 500 yard target might be six to 10 inches in size, and a 1,000-yard target might be about 10 to 15 inches. The shooters also move around to different positions to fire.

Shooters qualify based on their results from competitions. In the case of Trinke, he normally competes in the open category, but in this instance he could shoot as a junior because it is extended to being under 20 for this event.

The Canadian contingent had a

strong showing at the championships. Of the 30 Canadian shooters, Trinke ranked sixth across all divisions and was the top Canadian junior shooter. He was 81st in the world out of 266 shooters.

Now 19 and having grown up on a family farm north of Winkler, Trinke started shooting with his grandfather out into the country. Once he was old enough, he enrolled into a junior rifle club program, got his hunter safety certificate, and then got into competitive shooting.

"The reason I got into it was just to basically become a better hunter, so that I could make more accurate shots on game and just have more confidence in my equipment," he said.

"I had started out with competitive curling, and I always wanted to be at the top level of whatever I was doing," Trinke shared in explaining his mindset. "Eventually, getting into shooting, it started with becoming a better hunter, and then it morphed into just becoming the best and perfecting the craft."

Trinke considers himself fortunate to be living in the country, whereas shooting is not as accessible to a lot of other people, especially if there are not many facilities or clubs available in more urban areas.

"It's often very hard to find for most people, so I'm very lucky in that way," he said. "I'm lucky enough that, living on a farm, I'm able to have some targets set up with some berms that I've built ... and I'm able to practice with my sport, which is something most people are not able to do."

"It's nice because it's something I can do all year long, whereas hunting, there's specific seasons ... depending on where you want to travel, you're able to shoot rifle matches throughout the whole year."

In the end, he attributes his success to lots of practice and training.

"It's not like there's really any se-



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From left: Jess Tischler from Ontario, Chase Beckley from BC, and locals Luke Trinke and Andrew Wolfe at the World Precision Rifle Championship in Colorado last month. Right: Trinke aims and fires.

crets I have found," he said. "There's things that you have to know and practice, but really it just comes with being out on the range and spending time pulling the trigger, perfecting your movements and making sure that all of your gear is fail proof and that you know how to use it all effectively."

Wolfe, who is 17, also grew up shooting "since I could hold a BB gun" at age four or five. He got into competition shooting in 2019.

"Over COVID I had a really bad concussion. I used to play hockey," he noted. "So I really just started getting more into the precision rifle game ... I couldn't play hockey."

Wolfe also suggested his success comes from putting a lot of time into precision shooting.

"It's just lots and lots of practice, getting to know the equipment and getting to know the devices we use," he said, citing the example of using a kestrel wind meter or even just choos-



ing the right ammo that will offer the best and consistent quality.

"I think really the big thing with me was the wind. It was really, really switchy wind out there, so it would go from right to left, left to right, and it would drop down to nothing and then gusts ... and it's some really small targets out there."

Both Trinke and Wolfe see themselves continuing with precision shooting because it has become a passion for them.

"Yes, for sure," said Wolfe. "Definitely."

Storm 1 falls to Galacticos in championship final

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm 1 saw their season come to an end with a loss to Galacticos FC in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Division 1 championship final last weekend.

The Storm advanced in the playoffs after making short work of United

FC in the semi-finals Sept. 24. Carter Klassen had a clean sheet in goal for Winkler, while teammates Tobi Morasch scored twice and Koen Unrau and Santi Bergen had singles to win it 4-0.

But Winkler struggled Saturday against Galacticos. Multiple errors lead to a 6-1 loss, with Matheus Ruffi-

ni scoring the Storm's lone goal of the night.

Nonetheless, it was a stellar season of soccer for the team, who finished in first place in their division with a record of 14-2-2.

"I thought overall we had a great season," coach Chad Bergen shared. "The purpose of moving down to Di-

vision 1 was to get guys more time on the ball, have more opportunities to score, and to be able to work on improving our play in the attacking end. And I believe we were able to do that."

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PUBLIC NOTICE



R.M. OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rural Municipality of Stanley purchases water from the Pembina Valley Water Co-op (PVWC) to supply water to portions of the Municipality.

The Rural Municipality of Stanley hereby notifies all Pembina Valley Water Co-op (PVWC) water consumers of a Public Utilities Board-approved rate adjustment. Effective **January 1, 2025**, the water rate will increase by \$0.29 per 1,000 gallons.

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Chad Harder
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2025 ASSESSMENT ROLL

Public notice is hereby given that the 2025 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Roland has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 45 3rd Street, Roland, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Any person who believes that an assessment ought to be revised, may make application in accordance with section 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 section 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:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

"43(1) An application for revision must

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
 - serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice."

The Board of Revision for the RM of Roland will sit on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 10:00 am** in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Roland to hear applications.

The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is October 28, 2024.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2024.

Taya O'Brien, Secretary
Board of Revision
Rural Municipality of Roland
45 3rd St.
Box 119, Roland, MB R0G 1T0

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

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

General Intent: Subject to Section 290 (1 & 2) of The Municipal Act, a municipality may close a municipal road by passing a by-law closing the road and must give public notice and hold a public hearing in respect of the proposed closure. And Section 147 (1) of the Municipal Act, the Council of a Municipality has the power to amend or repeal a bylaw. The proposed closure is illustrated by heavy solid lines on Schedule A.

Area: All that portion of Russet Road, Parcel B, Plan (Dep 1597-2022) MLTO in the NW ¼ 2-3-4 WPM, as shown in heavy solid lines on the map attached hereto as Schedule A. (By-law 2322-24)

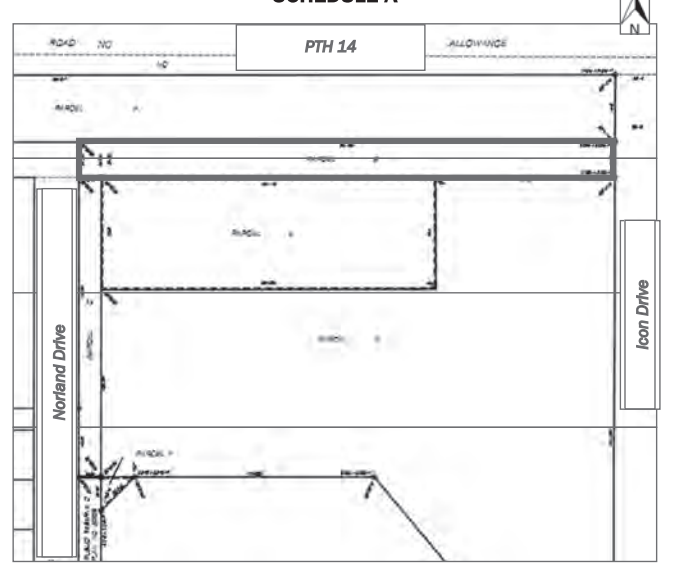
Contact: Jody Penner, City Manager
City of Winkler
Phone: (204) 325-9524

Date of Hearing: October 22, 2024
Time of Hearing: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Winkler Council Chambers, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm Friday. Copies may be made, and extracts taken therefrom upon request.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF MORDEN PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL BY-LAW NO.12-2024 FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION AND STREET LIGHTING SERVICES

The Council of the City of Morden has scheduled a public hearing at the City of Morden Civic Centre, 100-195 Stephen St., Morden, MB on the 28th of October 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to present the following special service proposal:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL SERVICE PLAN NO. 3

Council is proposing to replace Special Service By-law No. 27-2017, dated March 26, 2018, to modify the rates that are subject to the special services tax for police and fire protection and street lighting services. The proposed special service levy will not be a new tax, but will be a separate levy to transparently reflect the costs for police and fire protection and street lighting services, and will be levied on all rateable property including otherwise exempt properties within the City of Morden limits, at estimated costs as follows:

2025	\$3,585,000.00
2026	\$3,690,000.00
2027	\$3,800,000.00
2028	\$3,915,000.00
2029	\$4,035,000.00

The method of taxation to be applied shall be based on the portioned value of assessable property. The assessed property is all rateable properties, including otherwise exempt properties, within the City of Morden. The mill rate shall be determined by Council annually, based on the annual police and fire protection and street lighting services budgets set out in the City of Morden's Financial Plan. The actual portioned values of the properties will be supplied annually by the *Department of Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs* (\$620,652,130 in 2024). Estimated budget for 2025: \$3,585,000 / (\$620,352,130 / 1,000) = 5.78 mills. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$280,000 (portioned value of \$126,000) and based on 2025 estimated budget and assessment, a \$728.28 special service tax will be levied for police and fire protection and street lighting services.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 100-195 Stephen St., Morden, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the special service proposal are available at the City of Morden office at 100-195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba and on the municipal website at www.mymorden.ca.

Dated at the City of Morden this 24th day of September 2024, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of *The Municipal Act*.

Nicole Reidle, CMAA
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- Tenders must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 cheque payable to MMJS LLP in Trust as a deposit. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing which shall be December 31, 2024 (1/2 payment due December 31, 2024 and 1/2 payment due January 7, 2025) or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
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- The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Harley J. Shepherd at:
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OBITUARY



Helen Harder
Helen Harder of Winkler, formerly of Plum Coulee, passed away peacefully at Salem Home, Winkler, Manitoba on September 23rd, 2024.
Helen was baptized on May 26th, 1947. Helen married John Harder on July 6th, 1947. They were married 52 years. They had one son, Jack.
Helen was predeceased by her husband John K Harder on July 8th, 1999 and her son Jack Harder on October 2nd, 2015. Helen is survived by three grandsons and their families. A private viewing and graveside have taken place.

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Sudoku Answer

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4	9	8	7	1	5	3	2	6
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Separate with an instrument
- 5. State clearly
- 11. One-time MLB speedster Gordon
- 14. Broad in scope
- 15. Lacking social polish
- 16. Amount of time
- 17. Frame
- 19. Automobile
- 20. Caps
- 21. High school dances
- 22. Utilize
- 23. Checked
- 25. One-sided
- 27. Having an extreme greed for wealth
- 31. Potted plants
- 34. We all have one
- 35. Lake north of the Kalahari
- 38. Unidentified flying object
- 39. Aging persons
- 41. Small amount
- 42. Mother of Perseus
- 44. Ornamental waist box
- 45. Officials
- 46. Uncertain
- 49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 51. Extensive, treeless plains
- 55. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 56. Consumer advocate Ralph
- 60. Notable Spanish sports club
- 61. Body part
- 62. One's responsiveness
- 64. Woman (French)
- 65. Ready and willing to be taught
- 66. Muslim ruler title
- 67. Unhappy
- 68. Gradually disappeared
- 69. Able to think clearly

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Brushed

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- 2. Water sprite
- 3. Ones to look up to
- 4. Monetary units
- 5. We all have one
- 6. Marine invertebrate
- 7. One who institutes a legal proceeding
- 8. Outer
- 9. Parallelograms
- 10. Uncomfortable feelings
- 11. Cross to form an X
- 12. Remove
- 13. Some pages are dog-__
- 18. Capital of Ukraine
- 24. A citizen of Denmark
- 26. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 28. Hindu queens
- 29. Acids structurally related to amino acids
- 30. Rider of Rohan in Tolkien
- 31. Wet dirt
- 32. Russian city
- 33. Observed
- 36. Irrate
- 37. Travelers need them
- 39. Musical composition
- 40. Auction
- 43. Form of "to be"
- 45. Women
- 47. Inspire with love
- 48. Think Japanese ankle sock
- 49. Appears
- 50. Old World lizard
- 52. The lead dancer: __ ballerina
- 53. Protein involved in motion
- 54. Rosalind Franklin biographer
- 57. Popular 1920s style art __
- 58. __ Blyton, children's author
- 59. Abnormal breathing
- 63. A place to rest

HTJHL expanding to 10 teams, divisional play for 2024-25 season

By Kieran Reimer

The Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League is expanding once again.

The HTJHL will feature three new clubs in the 2024-25 season. The Ste Anne Aces, Mitchell Mustangs, and Grunthal Red Wings were approved to join the league at their annual fall meeting on Sept. 9.

With the Lorette Comets taking a leave of absence this season, the HTJHL now has 10 teams primarily based south of Winnipeg, with the exception of the East St. Paul Gators and Springfield Xtreme.

This season, the league also moves to divisional play with five teams in

each division.

The East St. Paul Gators, Mitchell Mustangs, Springfield Xtreme, Ste Anne Aces, and Steinbach Huskies have been divided into one division, while the other will include the Grunthal Red Wings, Landmark Blues, Macdonald Swarm, Niverville Clippers, and Red River Mudbugs.

Throughout their 26-game seasons, each team will play divisional opponents four times (two home, two away) and non-divisional opponents twice (one home, one away).

The HTJHL has also made changes to its playoff format. The top three teams from each division receive a bye



to the best-of-five divisional semi-final round, while the teams finishing fourth and fifth in each division will play a best-of-three divisional quarter-final, with the winners advancing to the divisional semi-finals.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, the HTJHL will

also be hosting a showcase day at Niverville Community Resource & Recreation Centre, with each team playing a game that day.

The league's pre-season kicked off last week. A regular season schedule has not yet been released.

Altona Maroons taking a break this season

By Lori Penner

For the first time since the winter of 1951, Altona hockey fans will not be watching their favourite team play at Sunflower Gardens.

The Altona Maroons, a charter member of the Southeastern Manitoba Hockey League (SEMHL), will be taking a one-year leave of absence, ending a streak of 72 years of senior hockey in Altona.

President Byron Loeppky said there were a number of factors that led to the decision.

"The main issue is that over the last number of years, the team hasn't had enough local players that have been able to compete at the level the league has risen to."

Since the SEMHL expanded to 10 teams with the addition of the Ste. Anne Aces, Red River Wild, and Ile des Chenes Northstars in the fall of 2022, the Maroons have won just five of 36 games and finished in last place both seasons. This year the league has added another team from the Winnipeg area, Springfield, led by former NHL player Quinton Howden. Also competing are teams from Carman, Ile des Chenes, Morden, Notre Dame, Portage, Warren, and Winkler.

"You want to stay competitive," Loeppky said. "It got to a point where we were playing primarily with local players, and we could see we weren't going to be able to compete. This has been our reality for a long time. At some point it catches up, and it's caught up to us unfortunately. We just couldn't ice a competitive team this year."

Consistency has also been a challenge.

"We generally would be able to fill

up the roster with players who said they'd play five or six games a year, when what we needed was players who were committed to playing the season," Loeppky said. "But we know even when that happens, players can get hurt, people have family events, they travel for business or recreation, so they're not always available. You need to have the occasional game where everybody shows up, but unfortunately there were games where we'd show up with just eight or nine players, and you just can't compete at this level with that many players."

"We need three lines of forward and three lines of defence that you can count on, week in and week out. And we just didn't have that."

Loeppky said they don't see that changing anytime soon.

"When we talked to players that were graduating high school and maybe playing for a junior team somewhere, the question was would some of these players come back to play in Altona? Some started families, some would go to Winnipeg to go to school, some move out of province or

country, and then you have the odd one who would consider playing, but you need not only the numbers, but you'd also need the capabilities and the abilities to play at this level," he said. "And with the teams that have been added to the league in the last couple of years, particularly around the Winnipeg area, the caliber of play continues to rise, which means if you're not getting better, you're falling further behind."

It may also be a sign of the times, Loeppky surmised.

"Hockey is a huge financial commitment and may not be the sport of choice for as many parents as it was years ago. There are more options now than there were in 1951. Back then, you either curled or played hockey. This is what the community did. And they watched hockey on Saturday night."

Skipping this season was a tough decision for the executive, he said.

"It always hurts when something

is lost. We had dads and grandparents who played on the Maroons. It's a legacy team and we're the only league who has been there from the beginning. We've had many ups and downs over the years, but we're the only team that's been able to navigate through it until now. That says a lot."

The executive hopes to announce some exciting options in the coming months.

"We can lament the Maroons as we know them, but we still have lots to celebrate," Loeppky said.

"Something positive

and good can come out of this situation.

"We're focusing on the future of the team—and we think there is still a future—and we're excited about that. We don't think this is the end of the Altona Maroons. It might just look somewhat different in the future."

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The Storm had been in the MMSL's Premier Division in 2023, but finished that summer in eighth place out of 10 teams. As a result, they opted to move down a division to rebuild.

Even though their first-place finish means they could move back up to Premier next summer, Bergen says they'll be staying where they are for another season.

"We scored 66 goals in 20 games, but we still have a lot of work to do

to improve our finishing and ball control under pressure," he said. "Division 1 continues to be the best spot for us to work on improving those parts of our game."

"This has been a wonderful group of young men to work with," Bergen shared. "They play the game with integrity and show care for opponents and referees during games—even when it's challenging and everyone's emotions are heightened. Every practice these guys have shown genuine appreciation for the

commitment that each member has made to showing up regularly; some guys drive out from Winnipeg for practices and others have taken time off work to make it to practice. The level of player commitment to being present makes the season with these guys so much more enjoyable."

The team sends its thanks out to all the fans who come out to cheer them on at home games.

"We generally draw the biggest crowds in the league," Bergen said. "Our fans have been the best."

"It's never too late to learn"

By Lori Penner

Kelly Chinchilla's story is about healing and finding her roots.

Chinchilla, whose spirit name is Nishkewaasiia'ed Ikwe (Shines Alone Woman) grew up in Winnipeg and always felt disconnected from her Indigenous heritage.

"I didn't know anything about my culture when I was growing up. But I experienced all the negative things, such as being stereotyped and the intergenerational trauma our family was dealing with. I struggled with depression, anxiety and low self esteem. When I was a teenager, I went through identity issues."

Her mother is Anishinaabe, and her parents came from two Ojibwe communities: Roseau River First Nation and Skownan First Nation. She also has Métis ancestry from her dad's side (from Kinosota) as well as Polish, but was born and raised in Winnipeg.

Her mother was raised in Winnipeg and was part of the Sixties Scoop with her siblings. Both of her maternal grandparents went to a residential school.

"My parents both grew up in poverty, surrounded by addictions. They had their struggles, which also affected me and my siblings. But they worked their way out of it. They lived in housing and got better jobs. My dad became a police officer, and my mom became a teacher. They're still

together."

Motherhood became the turning point in her life. Her daughter, Rylee Sandberg, was born when Kelly was 20.

"It was unplanned, and I struggled. Her dad was also First Nation. I didn't know much about the world, and I really became a helicopter mom. Everything I did was about my daughter. Little did I know that becoming an Indigenous mother would heal me and empower me."

When Rylee was two, Chinchilla decided she wanted her daughter to grow up proud of her Indigenous heritage.

"I wanted her to know who she is and be filled with knowledge. I took her to a powwow club in Winnipeg. That's when she started dancing. She just went right into the circle. It was like it was made for and it still is."

Sandberg received competitive dance lessons. Now, at just 15, she is a well-known hoop dancer in the Indigenous community.

Chinchilla also aspired to rediscover her Indigenous roots, learning about the sacred role of motherhood in traditional Indigenous societies. These teachings also inspired her own personal growth, driving her to reclaim her culture through ceremonies, language, and dance.

"I started dancing a year later. I was very shy, with low self-esteem. I learned how to make regalia and all



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Kelly Chinchilla started learning about her Indigenous heritage late in life, but now she celebrates it regularly as an accomplished dancer at powwows across Manitoba. Her daughter, Rylee Sandberg (below), is also a well-known hoop dancer.

about powwow teachings. It felt empowering to connect with my Indigenous roots. Initially I felt like I didn't belong, because I didn't grow up with it. But I had the right people guide me. They know the history about what was lost," Chinchilla recalls.

"At Roseau River where my grandfather is from, and where my daughter and I are registered, they're known for keeping a lot of the ceremonies during a time when there were Indian agents finding and arresting people for having ceremonies or during anything cultural. So, in Roseau River, they kept their practices and their stories alive. When I learned about this, I felt pride."

Chinchilla and her daughter continued to perform at powwows and ceremonies.

"We'd get invited to Folklarama and other dancing events. and then I joined a women's drum group. I learned ceremony songs and singing at the drum. Part of that group was also raising awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). It was a healing time, and the teachings I was learning mixed with all the anger and the hurt, and the traumas I didn't know how to name when I was growing up."

In 2016, she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, a condition that altered her life significantly. Yet her determination to follow her dreams never waned. She enrolled in the CATEP

education program at the University of Winnipeg, which partners with Seven Oaks School Division. This opportunity allowed her to gain experience as an Educational Assistant while pursuing degrees in both Education and Arts. Upon graduation, she joined the Ojibwe Bilingual Program at Riverbend School, where she currently teaches.

Now, as both a mother and an educator, Chinchilla is helping shape a new generation of students with a stronger connection to their Indigenous heritage

Her mother teaches in the class beside hers.

"It's about understanding the traumas. And that we can still make our choices to live a better life, especially for our kids, with what we know now compared to my mom's generation. They didn't have social media and the internet. I feel like her generation had a harder time when racism was so much more in your face. I think about what my daughter doesn't have to experience"

There's a quote Chinchilla often shares at demonstrations: "A year from now, you're going to wish you'd started today."

"I didn't start learning about my culture until I was an adult, but I want people to know, it's never too late to learn."



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