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Cornie Banman's giant pumpkin weighed in at 1,660.5 pounds at the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth Weigh-Off in Roland Saturday, winning first place and setting a new Manitoba-grown record. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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Locally grown pumpkin sets new Manitoba record

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Cornie Banman's monster pumpkin was the grand champion at the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth Weigh-Off at the Roland Pumpkin Fair on Saturday.

The Winkler entry tipped the scales at 1,660.5 pounds, setting a new record for the largest pumpkin ever grown in Manitoba.

It was Banman's record to break—his 2018 entry weighed in at 1,522 lbs. but lost to Lancaster, MN competitor Charlie Bernstrom's 1,753.5 behemoth.

This year it was three-time winner Bernstrom's turn to come in second. His entry weighed 1,326 lbs. Third place went to Banman's wife, Helen, and her 1,296 lb. pumpkin.

For Banman, who has been growing giant pumpkins for seven years now, the moment he saw his entry surpass its nearest competitor by several hundred pounds was a proud one.

"Well, I finally did it. I must have done something right," he said shortly before receiving his trophy. "It feels

good to be first for a change."

Banman is following in the footsteps of his brother, Henry Banman, who has won the weigh-off five times over the years.

The pair have a friendly rivalry going to see whose pumpkin patch will be the most successful.

"He often comes over in the evening and we look at them, and I go over to his place and look at his," Banman said. "This year he had no luck, and I did."

It was a challenging growing season. "Hardly any rain. I pumped water on to it, at least 250 gallons a day," Banman said, estimating he probably poured upwards of 25,000 gallons of water on his pumpkins throughout the summer.

"In the beginning they were just standing in the garden doing nothing, and I was almost ready to till them out, and then my wife convinced me to just leave them," Banman said. "And then July 10th we pollinated it, and then we started it growing good ... up to 33 pounds a day."

Banman said he takes a naturalistic



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Scale volunteers celebrate as Cornie Banman's entry into the pumpkin competition tips the scales at 1,660.5 lbs.

approach to coaxing his pumpkins to grow, relying on lots of water and luck.

"Absolutely nothing [special]. It's all natural. No fertilizer used, nothing," he said.

"Sometimes I talk to it a little bit," he admitted with a laugh. "If the wind pushes over the vines you get irritated a little bit and rebury them again, but otherwise it's all good."

This year's pumpkin was a far cry from the 531 pound one Banman grew in his first year; he's eager to see if the upward trend in weights can continue.

"Well, I'll try next year again and I'll do it all natural again," he said.

You can check out Banman's pumpkin in front of the Fruit 'N More Store in Winkler for the next few weeks.

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Genesis 1:27

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."



One commonly heralded claim to the evolution of man from the animal kingdom is the statement that humans and chimpanzees are more than 98 percent genetically identical. Many people think this claim has been proven, but it has always been an assumption made by believers in evolution.

Now geneticists have begun to examine this claim. Researchers recently completed the first detailed map of one chimpanzee chromosome. That alone should tell us that

the claim of genetic similarity between humans and chimps has never been proven. They then compared this with the corresponding human chromosome. In a detailed examination they found 68,000 small differences in the DNA between the two genes. An analysis of the 231 genes of this chromosome showed that 83 percent of them would make proteins that differed from one another. They noted that if this pattern held for all the comparisons between human and chimpanzee genes, they would expect thousands of differences. In other words, rather than humans and chimps being more than 98 percent genetically identical, so far they have proven to be 83 percent genetically different!

There are, of course, more differences between humans and chimps than genetics. Humans were created in God's image and therefore are morally responsible to God. And most importantly, humans have been redeemed by God's Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross of Calvary. Author: Paul A. Bartz

Prayer: Lord, I thank You that You have made me and redeemed me. Amen.

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Morenet operators want to purchase system from the City

By Lorne Stelmach

The saga of Morenet, Morden's highly touted community-wide high speed internet service, continues.

On Tuesday, a week after city council announced Morenet would be discontinued as of Oct. 30, the two partners who have been managing and operating the service on behalf of the City of Morden announced they are interested in taking it over and operating it privately.

"Morenet began as a first-of-its-kind community service with values of affordability, sustainability, and innovation, which we as key members of the team who developed the concept still strongly believe in," said the statement from Dave Haines and Sergi Polishchuk of Infotec Manitoba.

"We are so confident that we are willing to put our money where our mouth is to purchase and deliver this service privately," they said. "We have personally invested our time and resources to increase bandwidth and immediately extend coverage to a

large area of the community. Morenet is ready to serve new residents and businesses today, as soon as a deal is inked."

On Sept. 30, Mayor Brandon Burley announced the city was pulling the plug on the project entirely, citing technical viability, soaring costs, regulatory requirements, and associated risks as ruling out Morenet as a long-term solution for the City of Morden to operate as a public entity.

Burley said then that negotiations had taken place with one unnamed potential buyer over the summer, but ultimately fell through because the last offer included terms that were not acceptable to the city.

Haines and Polishchuk said they offered to purchase Morenet in May and that "we were prepared to substantially accept their terms for the sale. Today we wish to affirm that we will accept those terms entirely. We are committed to continuing this

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Ruth Reimer receives Citizen of the Year Award

By Lorne Stelmach

Three weeks before passing away from cancer, Kaitlyn Reimer told her family she saw big things for the charity she founded, Katie Cares.

It was her daughter's vision that Ruth Reimer celebrated last Thursday as she received the Winkler Citizen of the Year Award from the Winkler Community Foundation.

"She was right. The charity is bigger than I could ever have imagined," Reimer said following an emotional and inspiring evening at the Citizen of the Year banquet.

"She was the mastermind behind the conception of Katie Cares. She shared her hopes, her dreams with her dad, her brother, and me," said Reimer, who equally shared the award with husband Randy and son John. "It is an honour to fulfill Kaitlyn's dream. It has been a labour of love, and it has given me purpose, and it has given me fulfillment."

Reimer was celebrated for her commitment and dedication to carrying on the dream that led to the creation of the Katie's Cottage respite home near Boundary Trails Health Centre as well as a number of related initiatives to support patients and their families.

Seeing the respite home celebrate three successful years of service is all the reward that Reimer needs.

"When I see a lady like the one who came in last week who was very sick ... being able to give her that quilt and to say, you know, somebody really does care about you, we care about you ... to be able to give that back to her, it's a great feeling," she said. "It's a feeling of accomplishment, not thinking of myself."

"It's being there to listen to someone who needs you ... I would rather give back as much as I can with whatever I can."

She nevertheless appreciates the recognition in terms of what the

award can do to help further the mission of Katie Cares.

"It is meaningful ... and it will elevate the charity to another level. It just makes it grow, and we have to be appreciative of everything that we have," Reimer said, adding her goal is always simply to have "more people coming and not finding themselves alone ... when they're at Boundary Trails hospital. That they can come over and that they can stay at the cottage at

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Winkler Citizen of the Year Ruth Reimer (far left) received a \$1,000 award as part of the honour to present to the charity of her choice. She selected South Central Cancer Resource, represented here by president Pam King (centre) and vice-president Rachel Dell.

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an affordable rate and be able to feel comfort."

Her acceptance speech also had Reimer recalling special moments with Kaitlyn.

"I could talk for hours about her," she said. "It makes me feel good. She

was so special in so many ways. Those five, six minutes that I talked about her don't do her justice, but they at least get a glimpse into what she was like. She was funny, she was beautiful, and she had such a great sense of humour and such a love for life and such a love for her community.

"At the age of 13, to really embrace community, is something else that I have never seen before."

Reimer said that she really appreciated

IF I Can's
Chris Koch shared his story of perseverance in the face of adversity as the guest speaker at the Winkler Community Foundation's Citizen of the Year banquet last week.

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the evening of celebration as "a night of so many emotions, so many things going through your head.

"I'm overwhelmed. It was a beautiful night ... so much to be thankful for, really," said Reimer. "Kaitlyn's not here ... but you figure out a way and you keep moving forward, and that's what she wanted us to do. She didn't want us to sit still. She wanted us to move forward and provide something for someone else, give back to the community."

"I had no idea, no idea when I started this, but to look back on it now, I can see so much and what it has meant to people."

Guest speaker Chris Koch afterwards reflected on how encouraging it can be to people such as himself to hear stories like that of Kaitlyn and Ruth Reimer and Katie Cares.

"It just shows that there's so many incredible people out there," said Koch, who was born without arms and legs but has gone on to live a full life and become the motivational speaker behind If I Can.

"I'm amazed by how often that can happen ... to hear such amazing stories, and all of a sudden it's a reversal of roles, and you're inspired by what others are doing," said the Alberta native. "I was excited to hear more of her story and get a chance to chat with her."

If I Can had originally started off as a travel show idea, but it morphed into an even larger project with Koch in demand as a speaker and YouTube

presenter.

Koch said he welcomes any and all opportunities to share his story and experiences in the hopes of encouraging others to live their lives to their greatest potential.

"I'm trying to make the most out of each and every single one of these days ... I want each and every person in this room to be grateful and not take for granted what they have in their lives," said Koch.

"I'm always looking for the next adventure, I'm always looking for the next challenge, I'm always improving myself. I love taking myself out of my comfort zone.

"We're only here once, so why not make the most of it?" he continued, encouraging people to realize just how capable they are and what all is really possible.

"Just go for it," said Koch, suggesting his main message is that people "have to look within themselves and realize often the ceiling that we put on ourselves is a lot lower than where it should be.

"We are all capable of a lot more ... so instilling that belief, and using my story as an example, is challenging people to do just that, and it's challenging myself. I hold myself to a very high standard and I'm always pushing for more myself.

"Whether it's by making presentations or just how I carry myself ... I don't do it just to motivate others, I do it for myself. It's kind of a perk that it does encourage me as well."

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service and are ready to accept city council's terms immediately.

"The community's invested a lot in this, and we would like that to continue in whatever way that's possible," said Haines, who added that, while not going into details of the offer, one important aspect from their perspective was a non-disclosure agreement.

"Morenet is a proprietary system ... to protect Sergi's ideas and designs, they come under a non-disclosure agreement that the city has to abide by ... that doesn't mean that the terms of the contract are necessarily secrets."

At press time Tuesday morning, City officials had little to say in response to Haines and Polishchuk's public statement.

"The City of Morden does not negotiate the sale of city assets in pub-

lic or through the media," said Viktor Karklins, Morden's marketing and communications co-ordinator. "This approach is inappropriate and contributes to the spread of misinformation."

Meanwhile, Haines and Polishchuk said they appreciate that council has limited resources and competing priorities that would make it a challenge to continue with Morenet as a city service, but maintained they see it as viable operationally and financially as a private entity.

"We would assume all the city's contracts, complete network coverage, and continue providing service to the hundreds of customers who have come to rely on Morenet."

In cancelling the project, Burley had noted that when it was presented to the previous city council initially the price tag was approximately \$400,000

in capital costs and then \$100,000 in operating costs annually.

The new city council stopped to reassess the project when it had poured \$650,000 into it, the mayor said, and it was found many more millions would be needed moving forward to provide the service as it had been promised.

Morenet was originally planned for multi-year implementation with cost increases projected for network upgrades as demand increased, Haines and Polishchuk said, but they maintained from their point of view that "projected costs are substantially in line with original projections, and we are confident that the innovative nature of this network will be affordable and sustainable well into the future.

"We're confident we can deliver this service affordably," stressed

Haines, who maintained the speeds as promised will be met with the completion of the network, and he added they would be ready to increase the coverage immediately.

He estimated the cost to customers could be around \$50 a month.

"As we build out the network and increase the speed, we don't expect it to have to go above that very much," he said.

"Morenet is a cutting-edge solution to internet service—secure, reliable, affordable, and sustainable, ready to meet the community's internet needs today and for years to come," Haines and Polishchuk said.

"The City recoups their investment and the businesses and residents continue to receive ultra high-speed internet service—a clear win for everyone."

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The lure to power

It was February 1, 1933. The day after Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany, a 27-year-old pastor and theologian by the name of Dietrich Bonhoeffer gave a radio address to the nation entitled "The Younger Generation's Altered View of the Concept of Fuhrer."

In the address he made the following statement:

"If the leader tries to become the idol the led are looking for—something the led always hope from their leader—then the image of the leader shifts to one of a mis-leader, then the leader is acting improperly toward the led as well as toward himself."

We like to make our leaders into idols. We know this and so do our prospective and current leaders. In the process we lose

objectivity and can create monsters. While Bonhoeffer warns the general populace against this, the primary responsibility to resist this urge he places squarely on the leader's shoulders.

He knew that once we raise a person or people to power it becomes difficult to remove them and that, therefore, the leader must be instructed toward humility and to avoid the traps of ego and abuse.

Nevertheless, Bonhoeffer admonished his fellow citizens who had, through apathy or active involvement, ensured Hitler's rise to power to not allow the abuse to continue. He challenged people to stop looking up but instead look ahead and down.

"See the great events of the world from the perspective of the outcasts, the suspects, the maltreated, the powerless, the oppressed, the reviled," Bonhoeffer said. "In short, from the perspective of those who suffer."

Wise words from one who we might consider young. Powerful words. Words that frightened the new Nazi establishment enough to end his radio address before he was finished.

I believe we need to be reminded of people like Bonhoeffer, who was no doubt a person who many thought to be a young alarmist not worth listening to. We need to be reminded to listen to the prophetic voices of those

younger than ourselves as we often become stagnant and arrogantly self-assured as we age. After all, many of our most cherished heroes died before the age of 40 as they staunchly challenged power.

By 1943, Bonhoeffer was arrested by the Nazis and imprisoned for his involvement in a plot to assassinate Hitler. On April 9, 1945, he was executed by the Nazis at Flossenbug Prison two weeks before it was liberated by the Allies. He was 39 years old.

I wonder sometimes if I would be so principled. Would any of us?

Leaders regularly abuse their power with plaintive appeals to emotion over reason, making decisions behind walls and providing little to no information, asking us instead to "trust them."

What can we learn from the message of a young German 86 years later? What value can we bring into these tumultuous days leading up to an election?

Beware making your leaders into idols who can do no wrong in your eyes. Beware further still those leaders that actively seek to inflate this attitude and, in their own ego, become the flawless idol we seek.

When they appear we must tear them down before they tear down the world and make us their accomplices.



By Peter Cantelon

• SIX SIMPLE STEPS OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Step 5: Education Savings Plan

Attending a college or university can be very expensive or it can be not as bad as you think depending on where your children go, if they live on campus, and if they qualify for any scholarships or bursaries.

There is also student loans and student aid to take into consideration. On top of that, many teenagers work to save up for their own education needs.

Everyone has different opinions on whether or not you should pay for your children's education costs. Personally, I am OKAY with paying half. I be-

lieve that if the child pays for half they will choose where to go and what to take with more care and are less likely to drop out.

How much should you save? Great question and it depends on how much you think your child will need and how old they are now. Then there is the government grants and bonds to consider. These come through the use of an account called the Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and are the most common way to save



Chris MacPherson, CHS

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FCC supports school breakfast programs in Winkler, Morden



Farm Credit Canada staff stopped by Winkler Elementary School and École Morden Middle School last week to present donations of \$250 each for school breakfast programs. Right: WSD program coordinator Carl Pedersen accepted the donation in Morden from Kelly Dyck. "We sure appreciate the support from FCC," he said. "it'll go toward food and supplies for breakfasts, so it's going directly back to the kids. Left: In Winkler, Dyck and Haley McIntosh made the presentation to principal Cindy Hamilton. WES has about 50 kids who regularly use the breakfast club, which makes sure no child has to go to class hungry.

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for education needs. Some careful planning is needed here. Work with your advisor to figure out how much to contribute, and when. I won't go into all the ins and outs of the government contributions but will give some general guidelines.

Government grants and bonds are available to every family, but it is somewhat based on family income. The bonds are only available to low income families. They will match your contributions by 20-40 per cent, again, depending on family income. Easy rule of thumb: No more than \$200 per month, per child into the RESP. And don't worry about trying to figure out how much the government should be contributing—they will figure that all out for you and it will automatically start showing up in the RESP account

a few months after opening. The overall limit the government will contribute is \$500 annually to a lifetime maximum of \$7,200. At the end of the day, your child should be happy you have saved something for him/her, as lots of families cannot afford to do this.

Generally the funds should be invested in a mutual fund, probably a nice 60 per cent equities/40 per cent bond, balanced fund. I personally recommend using a Family Plan RESP with all the children listed as beneficiaries, assuming there is more than one child. This way if one child decides not to use the funds, then the other children can.

Lastly, what if none of your children go to college or university? It's okay, you will get your money back, probably pay some tax on the "growth" you

earned, and the government will want their portion back. Then you can take those funds and use them for your retirement plan or your next vacation or whatever you like!

In the next article we will discuss Step 6: Retirement Savings

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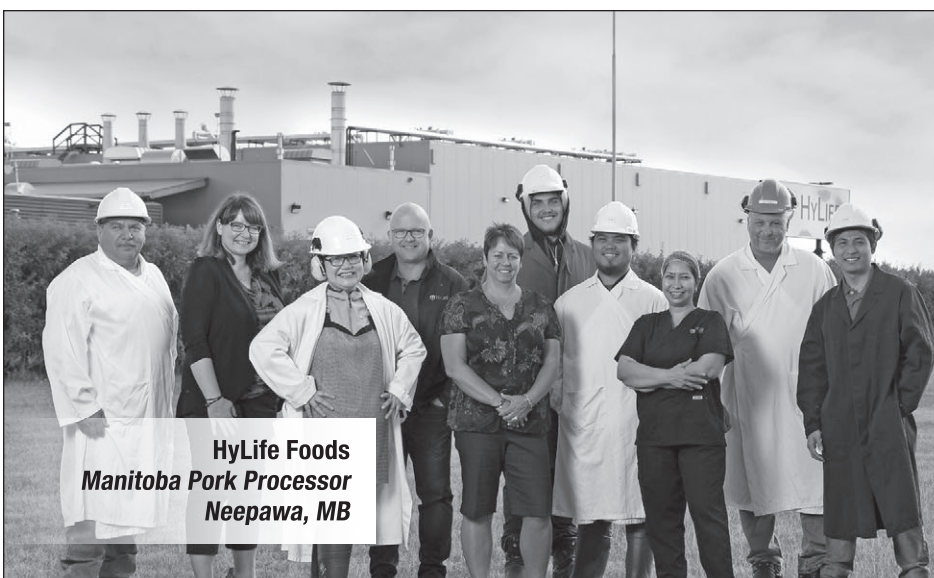
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Chamber announces award winners, finalists

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's entrepreneur of the year is reluctant to take much credit for himself for the honour coming his way.

Announced last week as the 2019 recipient of one of four annual business awards handed out by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce, the head of Checker Signs passed on the credit to his wife and partner Susan as well as his staff.

"I would rather sit in my corner and create ... that's my thing," said Merle Block, who will receive the Entrepreneur of the Year Award at next month's gala.

"I have a great team ... we've always had great staff and employees, and I just couldn't do it without them," he said. "And I especially couldn't do it without my partner; she deserves a lot of the recognition for helping market me."

Block described himself as equally flattered and floored by the public recognition, which he admitted doesn't come easy for him.

"I don't know what to say ... but it's exciting. I've been at it for so many years now ... I've been working at this

now for so long ... I didn't expect it."

He feels a large part of their success has been through being able to diversify when and where needed.

"I reinvent myself every winter when things slow down, and I try to come up with the new thing that's going to keep us going," Block said. "That's how we've ended up creating so many different projects because when it's slow, you have to get creative."

"Moving to this corner [Ninth St. South and South Railway] into the old Manitoba Hydro building was a huge move that I can only thank my wife for," he added. "I'm glad that we did it, and I've been very excited with the new space."

"The monument business was one of the reasons why we did this," Block continued. "And what they say about location is true because we've had a huge increase in the monument business, and the sign business remains the same with slow and steady growth since 1985."

The Morden chamber will also honour the Morden Community Thrift Shop, which has been named the Not For Profit of the Year.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Merle Block of Checker Signs has been named Morden's Entrepreneur of the Year. The Morden chamber also announced last week that the Morden Community Thrift Shop is the Not for Profit of the Year.

Board secretary Norah Wiebe said that news of the honour really made everyone's day.

"Everybody here was absolutely ecstatic," she said. "We didn't expect to win, but we are very happy and excited that we were recognized for what we do."

"All of the volunteers feel really good. They are on a high. They realize that they are really, really doing something worthwhile," Wiebe added. "I think it validates all of the hard work we are doing here."

"We will have a good representa-

tion of our volunteer bodies there [at the gala], and we are really excited about it."

The gala, which takes place Nov. 7 at The Oaks at Minnewasta, will also feature the presentation of two Business of the Year awards

Nominated in the category for businesses with 7+ employees are Fringe Salon & Spa, George's Kitchen & Ice Cream, and Pharmasave.

In the running for companies with fewer than seven employees are Horizon Earthworks, Morden Discount Centre, and Party On Rentals.

City bids farewell to longtime animal control officer

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler offered thanks last Wednesday to an employee whose duties have come to an end.

Winkler Police Chief Ryan Hunt expressed his appreciation for Wes Hiebert, whose responsibilities as the city's animal control officer, as of Oct.

1, now come under the scope of the bylaw enforcement officer.

"We just want to really thank Wes Hiebert for the years of service that he's put into the City of Winkler," said Hunt, who cited Hiebert for his 14 years in the job.

"It's often a thankless job, chasing down stray animals and enforcing the city bylaw on animals," the chief noted. "He's done a great job, and he's always done it with a smile and a positive attitude and always a little bit of humour as well, and we're just really grateful and appreciative for the years of service that he's put in for us."

Hiebert recalled he stepped into the role almost by happenstance.

"My daughter was working here at the time and she said, 'You want the animal control job?'" he said, noting he was originally hired under then police chief Rick Hiebert and CAO Vince Anderson.

He has seen many interesting situations over the years, dealing with everything from dogs to skunks, raccoons to deer hanging out in places



Winkler Police Chief Ryan Hunt thanks Wes Hiebert for his 14 years of service to the community as the animal control officer.

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they shouldn't be.

"It was always sometimes a bit of a challenge but normally just a pleasure coming to work all the time," Hiebert said. "I didn't see it as being much of a challenge ... it was actually fairly relaxing."

Hiebert said he has always had a good relationship with the city and enjoyed working with the city and more recently with Hunt.

"Working with the police has been a great privilege."

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Southern Health looking for more efficiencies

By Lorne Stelmach

There are obvious challenges that come with the transformation of the province's health care system, but the annual meeting of the region's health authority last week heard a message that it is all moving in the right direction.

There are clearly issues ranging from wait times to access to services in a system that had been spending more per capita but still not getting the best results, but the goal is to make it more efficient to free up resources for more pressing priorities like addictions treatment.

So far, the response especially from those working within the health care system has largely been encouraging, officials said following the annual meeting of Southern Health Santé Sud last Wednesday in Morden.

"I've heard some people say this is happening too fast; I've heard some people say this isn't happening fast enough," observed CEO Jane Curtis. "We just have to take the time to make sure that we're listening to all those different viewpoints and moving ahead in a responsible way."

"Our system hasn't had a really significant change in many years, so it

takes a lot of work, it takes a lot of different partners coming together. You want to make sure you're consulting with experts around the province, so that takes time," said Curtis.

"You want to make sure there's a true understanding of what some of the issues are and how to solve them, so it's complex. Our health system is complex, and so I think that's probably the biggest challenge as I see it, and at the same time, making sure day in and day out we're still providing the best care we can for our patients and our residents and our clients."

"We need to make sure we're doing all the transformation work but at the core we're still making sure that we're providing all the services."

The annual meeting touched on a range of programs and priorities for the RHA—everything from putting priority on clinical preventive planning to the coming results of the new five year community health assessment.

The annual report also highlighted a number of strategic priorities including community engagement, health equity, better access to services, improved patient experience and safety, sustainability, and attracting and retaining a skilled workforce.



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Southern Health-Santé Sud board chair Abe Bergen and CEO Jane Curtis presented several service awards at the agency's annual meeting last week, including the physician emeritus honour to Dr. Chandy Jacob (centre) in recognition of his 50 plus years in medicine.

Southern Health came out of its 2018-19 fiscal year with an overall surplus of over \$10.1 million. That boosted its accumulated surplus to \$92.5 million.

Much of the meeting's focus fell on the ongoing province-wide transfor-

mation of the health care system. To that end, Curtis noted a key challenge for our region specifically is access to care.

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Six candidates asking for your vote in Portage-Lisgar

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

AARON ARCHER, PEOPLE'S PARTY

Aaron Archer believes that People's Party of Canada Leader Maxime Bernier is giving a voice to the concerns of Canadians disillusioned by the rhetoric of the other political parties.

"I was in a lot of Canadians' position wondering who I was going to vote for and who represented me as a Canadian with my values," Archer said. "The outlook wasn't looking very good as to what my options were."

"A lot of topics he's willing to talk about aren't being talked about in any party, in any form," he said of Bernier. "That's what really inspired me first was Maxime Bernier, his presence and his promises."

And so the Okotoks, Alberta resident set to work finding a riding where the party needed representation.

While he doesn't live here, he feels he has a grasp on the issues facing the constituency.

"My family comes from here and they've given me a really good outlook on all the problems and all the great things that are also happening in this area," said Archer, who grew up in Winnipeg and Dauphin.

As a veteran with the Canadian Armed Forces, the PPC's commitment to veteran's benefits and supports is something that resonates with Archer.

He's also passionate about the party's plans for the protection of Canadian values and culture, restructuring the nation's immigration policies to limit the overall number of people accepted and ensure a higher number of skilled immigrants, and stopping the flow of illegal migrants at the border.

"It does matter whether we're not checking the people that are coming into our country," Archer stressed. "If that's the case then there's going to be a change in years, just given the number of people that are crossing the border, that our values will be challenged in the next 10-20 years when people coming to our country that don't serve or don't believe in the same values we do start getting into positions [of power]."

"We need to concentrate on who those people are that we allow to be Canadians and enjoy this beautiful country the way that we all enjoy it."

"It's about keeping our country strong and free," Archer said. "What-



Aaron Archer,
People's Party of Canada

ever we can do as a party to bring the spotlight back on to Canada and start fixing our problems."

CANDICE BERGEN, CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Conservative candidate Candice Bergen has worked hard for Portage-Lisgar over the past 11 years, and she hopes to continue to do so with a fourth term in office.

"Being raised in Morden, you grow up with that kind of a work ethic that once you make a commitment you stick to it and you give it all you've got," Bergen said.

That work ethic has served her well as her responsibilities in Ottawa have increased. Bergen has served as the Minister of State for Social Development, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety, and Opposition House Leader.

Even as she takes on new roles, Bergen said she remains committed to representing the constituents of Portage-Lisgar to the best of her abilities.

"I'm a homegrown girl with homegrown values, but I've also been a very strong voice in Ottawa and I think the people in this riding can be proud of what I've done," she said.

"They might not have always agreed with me, but they know I'm not one to shirk away. I stand up for what I believe. I stand up for what the people in the riding believe. I am not afraid to speak truth to power. I've done that over the past four years. I've called out [Liberal Leader] Justin Trudeau in a very forceful way."

In speaking with voters, Bergen said it's clear Canadians are eager for a change.

"People are very frustrated with



Candice Bergen,
Conservative Party

Trudeau ... they're really looking at who can they trust to help them to get ahead," she said.

To that end, a key issue for Bergen and her party is addressing the federal deficit while at the same time lessening the tax burden on everyday Canadians.

"The Liberals took away a bunch of tax credits that families were using. And now Canadians are looking at their pocketbooks and ... it's getting harder and harder to make ends meet," Bergen said, promising a Conservative government would bring some of those tax credits back.

"[Canadians] don't want to see the government spending their money for years and years and years racking up deficit that your kids and your grandkids are going to have to pay for," she said.

"We've made a commitment. We are going to return to a balanced budget. We're going to do it in a responsible way."

JEROME DONDO, CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

It's a commitment not only to the country but to our democratic process that keeps Jerome Dondo coming back to run in what will be his third straight federal election.

The Portage-Lisgar candidate for the Christian Heritage Party also firmly believes in their ideals, said the St. Claude native.

His decision to run as a CHP candidate is fuelled by his love and passion for God and this country.

"Most of their policies and their platform are what I think would be good for the country, and they line up with my values and my position on dif-



Jerome Dondo,
Christian Heritage Party

ferent issues," said Dondo, who also serves as a national vice-president for the party.

"I love our country, and part of the democratic process is giving people the choices. I want a different direction for this country in a sense and give people the option to vote for someone else."

Dondo first ran in the 2011 election where he earned 805 votes or 2.3 per cent of the ballots cast. In 2015, his vote count increased to 1,315 or 3.2 per cent.

Dondo comes to the election with experience in leadership, including serving as president of the Tiger Hills Arts Association and as a former school board trustee for the Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine. An accountant by trade, he has also held positions on various churches and non-profit boards.

Dondo cited a number of key election issues but stresses the need to balance the federal budget as a top priority.

"At some point, running deficits too long is going to be detrimental to us, and governments are going to have to cut back ... and it doesn't have to take four years to balance."

Dondo also called for changes to the income tax system.

"We're seeing a lot of instances where people are getting away with not paying their fair share," he said.

"Health care needs to be improved," he also stressed. "There are so many different policies that are important and need to be addressed because what we have is not working."

In addition, Dondo noted that the Christian Heritage Party is "the only pro-life party in politics."

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Meet the candidates

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BEVERLEY EERT, GREEN PARTY

There was no question in Beverley Eert's mind that she would not only let her name stand for election again but for no one other than the Green Party of Canada.

The Portage la Prairie area resident and her husband very much live up to the Green ideals—from having designed and built a self-sufficient solar-powered home to operating a near net-zero household with an organic garden, greenhouse, and orchard that provides much of their food.

This experience has served as a reminder that, even in the harshest of Canadian climates, a carbon-neutral future is achievable, said Eert.

"The problem hasn't gone away. The problem for me has always been climate change. I became a 'Green' in 1987 and haven't wavered. It's now reached a point of emergency. It is a crisis, and we have a short time in which to deal with it."

Eert has been a Green candidate in two provincial and two federal elections, finishing fourth in the Portage-Lisgar riding in 2015 with 1,637 votes or four per cent of the vote.

With degrees in both music and fine arts from the University of Manitoba and a later degree in architecture from the University of British Columbia, Eert has enjoyed careers in music and construction.

During three decades as a Green Party representative, she has been involved in a number of environmental actions, including successfully organizing an effort to collect 6,000+ signatures to stop a 1,800 unit development on 97 acres of sensitive waterfront land that remains wild habitat to this day.

Currently, she represents the Brandon and Rupert's Land dioceses on the Creation Matters Working Group, which is a Anglican Church of Canada program dedicated to ecological justice.

Eert touts a Green Party plan that emphasizes sustainability in all areas and with all issues.

"Canada could really be in the forefront on climate change ... we could be a global leader," she said, adding that the Green Party offers a very comprehensive party platform.

"I think that the important thing is that the Green Party goes further than any other party towards resolv-



Beverley Eert,
Green Party

ing the climate change crisis, addressing the issues ... and ensuring the economy doesn't suffer as a result."

CINDY FRIESEN, NDP

NDP candidate Cindy Friesen may call Winnipeg home, but she has strong ties to Portage-Lisgar.

"My husband's family are farmers by trade, so they come from an agricultural background and there's a lot of family in the Winkler-Morden area," she said.

Agriculture is an important part of all our lives, Friesen stressed, and more needs to be done to ensure the next generation of farmers are ready and willing to pick up the torch.

"If we want to eat local, if we want to support local food growers, we need to teach the younger generations that farming is a good way to make a living," she said.

The state of the health care system is another matter that hits close to home for Friesen, as she's been the primary caregiver for her in-laws for several years.

"I can speak on it as a caregiver to patients and being with them, going with them to the hospital, being there for doctor appointments, seeing first-hand what is happening in hospitals and in ambulances," Friesen said, stressing that cutting health care jobs is not the solution. "I can speak on the reality of what people are feeling and experiencing ... I've been there."

Friesen first dipped her toes into political waters in the Manitoba election last month, running as the NDP candidate in Midland.

"I definitely got my feet wet," she said, adding she was proud to have



Cindy Friesen,
New Democratic Party

placed second with 1,372 votes behind Conservative Blaine Pedersen.

Her foray into politics with the NDP comes after many years of involvement with the labour movement.

Friesen has been the vice-president of the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union Local 342 since 2006, working on collective bargaining, grievances, arbitration, and anti-harassment work.

Friesen also served as the vice-president of the Manitoba Federation of Labour (MFL) small affiliates from 2009-2018, where she represented the voices of 10 smaller unions, and as the vice-president of the MFL for COPE Local 342 since last year.

"It's about being a voice for trying to get things implemented ... listening to what [people] want and then going to fight for their rights, making sure that they're heard," Friesen said, adding she lives by the motto that if "you don't like something, get involved."

KEN WERBISKI, LIBERALS

Ken Werbiski is running here for a second time for the Liberal Party, and the Portage resident is encouraged by the results of the 2015 federal election where he earned 25 per cent of the ballots cast.

He believes he could provide a strong alternative voice that would really stand up for the Portage-Lisgar riding.

"I believe that everyone should be treated equally and fairly and respectfully ... and I'm running in Portage-Lisgar because honestly I don't believe that we have that representation now with the federal representative who we have," said Werbiski.



Ken Werbiski,
Liberal Party

"We seem to have a disconnect between what is going on at a citizen level and a municipal level and what is happening in Ottawa ... we have very little of Portage-Lisgar issues being taken to Ottawa."

A former optician who has worked as a nurse for the last 12 years, Werbiski has been heavily involved with the local Liberal riding association over the last four years.

He sees a range of key issues in this election that revolve around areas such as the cost of living and matters of quality of life.

"People are always concerned about how much money they have left at the end of the month," Werbiski noted.

Issues that Werbiski said he has heard many people sharing increasing concerns about revolve around crime and addictions, and he stressed they are not strictly an urban issue anymore.

"People are afraid ... it seems to be becoming an epidemic," he said, stressing that it is not enough to just toughen up the enforcement.

"It's not just incarceration. We have to provide programs to work on their addictions issues ... we need to teach them some type of employment skills; we need to work on their addictions issues," he said.

"We don't just need to be putting people in jail for it. We need to be addressing the issues that caused the problem to start with," he concluded. "A lot of times we have reactions to things that are going on but we don't take the time to find out what the cause of it is and address the cause."

—Written by Lorne Stelmach
and Ashleigh Viveiros

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Pine Ridge daycare hopes to open later this month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's newest childcare centre is hoping to open its doors later this month.

The Pine Ridge Childcare Centre, located in the new Pine Ridge Elementary School in northwest Winkler, will provide the community with 114 new daycare spaces, said executive director Karen Vandijk, who also heads up the Northland Childcare Centre.

"That will include infants, pre-schoolers, and school-age children up to the age of Gr. 2, once they finish Gr.

2," she said, adding that they won't be operating at full capacity right from the get-go.

"That's mainly an issue of trained staff," Vandijk explained. "In rural communities it can be hard to get all the trained staff that you need to meet licensing [requirements]. We will be starting up and running at about 50 per cent and then we will just keep growing from there."

The daycare will start with 11 full-time staff, three part-timers, and two management positions.

"We've got a really excited team,"

Vandijk said. "Staff are just pumped about this ... everybody's in a really positive frame of mind and we're really excited about this centre opening up and providing care for new families."

The new daycare has a few perks up its sleeve for both staff and children.

"This centre has storage rooms," Vandijk said. "Our current centre had no storage space and it took us a couple of years to be able to build an outdoor storage shed for our extra materials."

Other features include multiple staff washrooms, a separate laundry room (NCC's is set up in the infant care room), fewer carpeted areas to make mess clean-ups easier, and smaller class sizes overall.

"Instead of having three groups of children in a classroom, there's only two groups," Vandijk said. "So that allows for some more one-on-one care for the children."

Being attached to Winkler's newest school is also a big plus, as it has been at with NCC at Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

"I think any collaboration between community organizations is always a really healthy thing," Vandijk said. "It's been fantastic in the high school ... we've had their students coming in and doing recycling with us, we've had student volunteers coming in and doing placements with us."

"It's been really neat to find ways that we can build networks with them and I think it will be really exciting to find ways to build network with these elementary students as well."

The Pine Ridge centre was originally slated to open this week, but construction delays threw a wrench in those

plans.

"We were hoping for an early October start date and I know we really wanted to provide that for our families," Vandijk said. "But sometimes there's just some unexpected delays that could happen and so we're rolling with that as best we can."

"We're all doing the best we can to get started as fast as we can."

As work continues on the building itself, staff have put a call out for items to help fill it.

"We've been putting out calls to the community for donations," Vandijk said, noting that includes children's books, toys, and kid's furniture, to name a few items. "Just seeing if anybody has any gently used items that they could donate to the centre."

CUTTING DOWN THE WAIT LIST

The new facility is going to take a big bite out of NCC's lengthy waiting list.

"This site is going to [be] really helpful for us," Vandijk said. "We're going to be able to accommodate all the full-time children that are on our wait list at this time that are looking for current spaces ... opening up this centre is going to make a huge impact on the wait list and on the community."

The wait list will still exist, however, as many people have put their names down for future childcare spaces as they grow their families or anticipate changing childcare needs. Vandijk is optimistic they'll be able to accommodate some of those future needs moving forward.

All of the infant spaces at Pine Ridge are full, but the daycare does have a few pre-school and school-age spots still available.

Contact the Northland Childcare Centre for registration information.



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Karen Vandijk said staff are eager to get to work at the new Pine Ridge Childcare Centre. Work on the interior of the building should be completed later this month.

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"WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS CENTRE OPENING UP AND PROVIDING CARE FOR NEW FAMILIES."

Tree care workshop draws 135 delegates

By Lorne Stelmach

A new community of people dedicated to protecting, maintaining, and enhancing the urban forests in Manitoba held an inaugural conference in Morden last week.

The Oct. 3 Community Tree Care Workshop was an initiative of the Manitoba Urban Forest Council, which aims through education and networking opportunities to inspire people to care for trees.

The council is headed up by chairperson Shawn Dias, Morden's parks and urban forestry manager, and he was pleased the event attracted 135 delegates—substantially more than the 60 to 90 anticipated.

"I definitely would say that there's a growing movement in terms of the recognition of the value of trees and the need to further our management activities within these communities," Dias said.

"We're unique in the prairies in the sense that we are not surrounded by

trees inherently, and as our urban centres get bigger, we have more of a necessity to surround those urban communities with green infrastructure."

The delegates from across the province were people with common interests related to urban forestry. The roster included everything from landscape architects and nursery growers to certified arborists and municipal reps.

"There's quite a diversity of people here. I think bringing everybody together allows them to network and understand how many people there are across the province who share a common interest," Dias said.

"The council itself will aim to build membership, represent all those people and their interests," he added. "Our goal is to provide education opportunities and training for people in Manitoba and kind of become an umbrella for all things related to urban forestry, whether its municipal or industry, across the province."



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Delegates at the Community Tree Care Workshop in Morden last week headed outside to learn the ins and outs of tree identification.

The workshop included a keynote address by Ronald Zillmer, an American expert in urban tree care and management.

There were also a number of breakout sessions on identifying and managing common tree pests, forest enhancement programs, urban tree inventories, forests and climate change, identifying Manitoba's urban trees, and Emerald ash borer monitoring techniques.

"I would say with the current issues we have, especially with the Emerald ash borer getting into the City of Winnipeg, it's now heightened every-

one's awareness of their trees," noted Dias.

"Some of the municipalities are also going through asset management, which is also driving not just the grey infrastructure but the green infrastructure that you have in the city," he added. "We're starting to do a little bit more promotion and education on the values of trees."

Dias said he appreciated the opportunity for Morden to host this event.

"The City of Morden, I feel, outside of the City of Winnipeg, has been a leader in urban forestry."

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Car washes: an essential component of winter car care

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As a general rule, you should wash your car once a month. However, certain factors may prompt more frequent clean-

ings, such as lots of slush and particularly heavy use of salt or gravel on the roads.

Whether you use an automatic car wash or do the job yourself, make sure to focus on the undercarriage. This is the place where dirt and grime accumulate the most.

If possible, avoid cleaning your car when it's very cold. Pick milder days when the temperature is above the freezing point, especially if you're

washing it outside. In any case, make sure to use a microfibre cloth to dry the rubber seals on your doors and trunk. This will prevent them from freezing shut.

Cleaning your car regularly will help mitigate the development of rust by eliminating sources of corrosion. However, no amount of washing, no matter how thorough, can replace an anti-rust treatment.



All-season vs. winter tires: what drivers should know

It may seem like a misnomer, but all-season tires aren't really built to withstand winter driving conditions. In truth, winter tires are a much safer alternative. Here's some information about what makes them the superior choice.

Materials

Tires need to be pliable enough to grip the road, which is why they contain rubber. However, summer and all-season tires are made with a compound that becomes rigid when the temperature falls to seven-degrees Celsius. Because of this, they can't provide enough traction when the weather turns cold.

Winter tires, on the other hand, are made of a softer compound containing a higher concentration of rubber. This allows them to remain soft even in cold temperatures, thereby enabling them to grip snow-covered roads. In addition, they contain silica, which provides even more traction.

Tread

Named after its inventor, John Sipe, siping is the process of making hairline cuts across a surface to improve traction in wet or icy conditions. On tires, these small cuts create shallow grooves that displace water and snow. The marks prevent

the tread from becoming clogged, which impedes your car from hydroplaning in wet conditions.

While each tire manufacturer has its own tread design, all tires share one common feature: their tread is single-directional. This allows the tire to push snow and ice away from its surface. It also enables winter tires to grip roads covered in snow, ice and slush.

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Sharing stories

By Lorne Stelmach

Inspired by listening to her grandmother Katherina, Tammy Hendrickx now hopes to build similar connections between local youth and adults.

She is facilitating an intergenerational storytelling program which she sees as offering an important lesson about valuing what our seniors have to offer.

"I think seniors' stories are getting lost," the local artist said last Friday as the Morden Activity Centre hosted the first of four Friday afternoon sessions.

"Intergenerational storytelling is about building community and sharing our stories for the next generation to learn from," Hendrickx said. "We can learn from the past and from each other."

Under the program, Gr. 4 students from Maple Leaf School will meet up with older adults over the next four weeks to hear their stories.

The plan is that after getting to know the adults, the kids will write and record their stories in some creative way.

The first session was led by Mary Louise Chown, who has taught school for many years in Winnipeg and also toured with the Manitoba Arts Coun-

cil's artist-in-schools program.

Her main art form for the last 20 years has been storytelling. Chown sees visual art and storytelling as both using imagery and metaphor to express the beauty and variety of the world we live in as well as our deepest hopes and cares.

"I love sharing stories with everyone I meet," she said. "Delving into a world of myths and legends, culture and history, teaching about the past and sharing the present."

Chown said she hoped above all else that the students get some really good listening skills from this experience.

"We don't listen enough ... and we need to be listened to as well," she said, noting it is valuable as well to have the different generations connecting.

"The idea of older people being able to tell some of their stories is probably important. Often, older people aren't living with their families, and no one's asking them," she said.

"You feel closer to people after you've heard them tell you a story, part of their story," she said. "Most of life today works against making connections ... and we don't do a lot of intergenerational things."

John Epp, who was one of the volunteer storytellers last Friday, shared



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Mary Louise Chown (right) led the storytelling session last Friday at the Morden Activity Centre. Above: Participants broke up into small groups to spend the afternoon sharing tales.

a story about his mother, but he also asked the kids to share stories with him.

He thinks the project is one that will benefit participants young and old.

"I have travelled widely and been in a variety of plac-



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Getting Down to Business

Nikki's Beauty Bar committed to enhancing natural beauty

When Nikki Budz started out doing eye lashes and brows for people from home four years ago, she never imagined it becoming the business it is today.

Her dream of Nikki's Beauty Bar began to take shape in 2017 when her parents sold the building they owned in downtown Morden. Budz had a vision right from the start for it to be something much more than a hair salon.

"I wanted to bring a luxurious spa atmosphere to Morden because we don't really have that," she says. "I wanted something different, something unique where you come in and it's a positive, encouraging atmosphere."

The hair lounge quickly grew to include a wellness spa in an adjacent building. The spa expansion more than doubled the shop's space and saw the staffing numbers jump from 14 to 22.

Budz says it's been remarkable to see how quickly the business has grown.

"Knowing that the building beside me was available left me thinking I really have to do this," she says, crediting her father for helping her a lot throughout the process. "I don't think it's really hit me yet, although it's here and it's real, and there's so many of us."

Nikki's Beauty Bar offers microblading, micropigmentation, lash extensions, lash lift, lash and brow tints, waxing and sugaring, manicures, pedicures and gels, facials, dermaplaning, brow henna, massage, plasma lift, hair extensions, laser hair removal, piercings, makeup, reflexology, and, of course, hairstyling.

Budz is excited about some of the newer features the extra space allows, such as having a dedicated area for a bridal lounge.

Her goal with every single service they provide is to enhance and bring out the beauty of their clients.



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Nikki Budz is the proud owner of Nikki's Beauty Bar, which has grown in leaps and bounds in recent years. Today the business includes both a hair salon and a wellness spa.

"My vision has come to life because it's what I do. It made it that much easier to show what I want to bring to our community," Budz says. "It's about enhancing what you naturally have, because we are all beautiful in our own way."

"We're not here to change you—we're here to enhance you and make you feel good," she says. "Beauty is seen with our eyes but felt with the soul."

Budz is planning an opening evening celebration for sometime in November. In the meantime, you can find more information online at nikkisbeautybar.com.

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Winkler Co-op celebrates its new car wash

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Co-op celebrated the opening of its new car wash in Winkler last week.

On Oct. 1, Co-op introduced members to its new facility, formerly Valley Auto Spa, on Main St. with four hours of free car washes and a ribbon cutting.

"We've had a car wash in this town for a long time and it was time to retire that one," said general manager Evan Toews of the 20-year-old wash bay down the street.

"We grew a service in Winkler that we knew we didn't want to go without, so just closing down wasn't an option," he said. "So we had the opportunity to purchase this one and we definitely made good on that."

The Co-op Car Wash features four automatic wash options and eight wash bays. Gift cards and wash vouchers can be purchased at the wash office or at the Co-op gas bar or truckstop. Discounts are given with gas purchases.



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Winkler Co-op last Tuesday celebrated the opening of its new car wash on Main St.

Customers have been giving the wash a big thumbs up since it opened under the Co-op banner last month, Toews said.

"The transition's been really good and I want to thank the previous owners for making it really seamless," he said.

"As far as the functionality and the

acceptance of the public, it's been fantastic. We've definitely spent some money into it and also getting it up to speed so that hopefully we can go trouble-free for a long time."

In advance of cutting the ribbon, Deputy Mayor Henry Siemens lauded Co-op for its commitment to the community.

"I want to take a moment and say thanks to Co-op for your continued investment in our community," he said. "As our community grows and as Co-op has grown, Co-op doubles down and commits to providing the services that our community needs."

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province you should have access, and we have some more remote areas of our region where access is a little bit more difficult ... so I think that's one of the keystones of this whole transformation."

She added there is also focus on better integration throughout Manitoba "so that whatever service it is, it looks consistent wherever you go ... and that patients can move around the province as they need to ... so getting as much care as you can close to home, but if you need to go in for specialty care, that will happen with ease."

"The other thing is just being more streamlined and easier for patients to navigate the system."

"It's really about patient care, access to the services that our people in our region need," agreed Abe Bergen, RHA board chair.

As for what lies ahead, Curtis suggested the drive for greater efficiency doesn't necessarily have to mean cuts in programs and services.

"I think what we're focusing on is a change in service delivery ... I think we've had a lot of information and data telling us what some of the clients and patients needs are, and now we're trying to align our services better to that," she said.

"I wouldn't say it's about cuts, and I wouldn't say it's about loss ... I would say it's about making sure that the right services are provided to patients when they need it in the right environment."

Consultant Ian Shaw, Manitoba Health's transformation management director, also stressed the idea of reforming health care services to better meet the needs.

"What we're emphasizing is how to get the primary care right and not emphasizing so much that care needs to be delivered in a hospital," he said.

"The hospital isn't always the right way to deliver the care and actually introduces barriers to the care. So I think what you're going to see is more

of a reconfiguration of the services and realignment ... making the care models more sustainable for providers.

"Many jurisdictions have taken steps actually to realign their care ... there's signs that the structure that we have in place and the services that we have around that, we can't really sustain."

"The health care system we have today was really designed in the '50s, and back in the '50s a lot of focus was on how to treat acute conditions," noted Dr. Brock Wright, CEO and provincial lead of health services for Shared Health, which co-ordinates health care service in the province.

"The real challenge in our health

care system today is how to manage the growing number of individuals with chronic diseases

"Our system in Manitoba has a very strong institutional focus. A lot of the care is provided in institutions, more so than many other provinces in the country ... and Canada as a country tends to have more institutional based care than many other countries.

"So part of the plan that we're looking at is to begin to shift some of that care out of institutions into the community," he concluded. "It's better for patients. We can provide more care closer to home. If you don't need to be in hospital, you shouldn't be in hospital, and we can do it more effectively."

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es ... and I think I probably have some life experience to offer to them," he said. "I might get a better understanding of the young ... I don't have much interaction with young children, so I'm hoping to gain something there."

That's encouraging feedback for Hendrickx, who hopes this initiative will "just be making connections and keeping our stories alive."

"Kids keep their minds occupied with so many other things, and they're not listening. They're not listening au-

rally to people as much as they used to," she suggested.

"We have some people who have lived in this community for a long time who have farmed, have been teachers, have been nurses ... they can tell the kids what life used to be like," Hendrickx continued. "I learned a lot from my grandmother and my mother, and I think these stories need to be told. We need to take time for these stories."

Each session will offer something

different. This week's features Els Temmerman speaking about growing up in the Netherlands during the war.

"Every Friday could be different depending on who comes out," Hendrickx said. "We would love to hear from people ... they don't even have to be seniors, just people who have some time and would love to share with these students who have stories to tell and would like to talk to young people about what they've experienced."

Have an escape plan and practice it: fire chief

By Lorne Stelmach

The message year after year focuses not only on prevention but also on preparation to know what to do in the event of a fire.

That's part of the theme again this year for Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6-12.

The awareness campaign again puts an emphasis on preparing and practicing escape plans, and Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen believes the message is getting through, judging by the response he receives when doing presentations in local schools.

"The first couple of years I would ask kids in school, 'Who has an escape plan at home?' and one or two kids would put their hands up. I would ask them to explain it to me, and they actually did," Thiessen said. "Now you go there and ... I would say three quarters of them put their hands up ... and most of them have practiced it.

"So the message is getting through to not only have a fire escape plan but to practice it and make sure that you can get out ... that's been the theme for the last few years," he continued.

"The little twist that they've got out there this year is that not all heroes wear capes," added Thiessen, who was making school presentations all this week. "The hero is the person that creates a fire escape plan, practices the escape plan, and actually gets out if there is an emergency."

Thiessen said a key in developing an escape plan is ensuring that you are fully prepared and that you have accounted for every aspect.

"Things happen really fast ... you can't make these plans just off the cuff. You've got to know what all you need to do before something happens," he said.

"At that point of time, to think of it, it's pretty tough, especially if you've got family to look after ... you may know in your head what you want to do, but do your kids know ... have you talked about it, have you gone through it physically?

"We find a lot of times what may seem good on paper doesn't work so good in reality."

For example, Thiessen noted families need to consider how they can get out if they find themselves trapped on



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Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen says one of the most powerful ways of protecting your family in a fire is to have created an escape plan and practiced it so everyone knows what to do in an emergency.

an upper floor of the house.

"How do I get out if the stairs are blocked?" he said. "You have an escape ladder in this bedroom ... that's where you need to go ... so you need to have a ladder, know where it is, and how it's used."

He encouraged people to go through all the details when practicing their plan.

"It doesn't need to be a polished plan. It just needs to be a plan, something that you're comfortable with ...

and the main thing is you need to be sure you can get out of the house as fast as you can.

"It takes time to make it a habit for people," Thiessen stressed. "It's kind of getting into the workplace now as well where workplace health and safety requires you to have an escape plan. You have an emergency response plan for your place of work, whether it's an office or a manufacturer."

Shoppers Drug Mart raising funds for mental health

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Shoppers Drug Mart kicked off its annual fall fundraising campaign last week with a donation to the Pembina Counselling Centre.

Store owner Zahid Zehri hopes this \$317 donation (which was raised at an event held at the store in spring) is just the beginning of a much larger show of support for the counselling agency.

"Winkler has 14,000 people living [here]," said Zehri. "My request to all community members is to do \$1 per person. If you donate [that] we're going to collect the \$14,000, which is five times more than what we have set as our target."

The "LOVE YOU" campaign runs now through to Nov. 1. Customers who make a donation will be able to personalize a LOVE YOU paper icon—leaves, apples, birds—to help fill the campaign tree in the store's front window.

"The good thing about Shoppers is they allow the local store and the

team to pick their own charity," said Zehri, noting store staff together selected PCC as this year's beneficiary. "We wanted to collect the money from the community and spend back into the community.

"You can see how many people are suffering here, how many people are waiting for counselling, and how many people cannot afford it. This money, \$14,000, is going to help them."

Every single dollar helps, said PCC executive director Paul Penner.

"It's always encouraging when community members, organizations, and businesses want to help people in the community," he said. "And it feels very special when we get to be a vehicle through which they help people.

"We would like to be a safe place where people can come, talk about concerns they have, and hopefully in the process of doing that gain insight about what they need more clearly," Penner added. "There's a saying: joys shared multiple and problems shared half."

The agency relies on donations to be

able offer a sliding fee scale to clients, noted Mark Sawatzky, community development officer.

"What somebody's income level is determines the fee for them so that no one is turned away because of cost," he said. "We want counselling to be available for everyone."

Community donations and grants

help cover the gap between client fees and the actual cost of care.

"When we have partners like Shoppers doing something like this, it's significant," Sawatzky said. "It's reaching a lot of people that I couldn't reach ... it's such a multiplier for our effort and it's a huge blessing for the organization."



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Shoppers Drug Mart staff presented the Pembina Counselling Centre with a donation to kick off its LOVE YOU fundraising campaign. All funds donated by customers will go to the centre.

Cutting the ribbon on Renew Wellness Center

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Renew Wellness Center in Winkler held its grand opening celebrations on Saturday.

The facility, located at #5-820 Triple E Blvd. in the strip mall north of Southland Honda, provides people with a professional and relaxing atmosphere in which to enjoy therapeutic massages, said owner Crystal Thiessen, who completed her studies as a massage therapist this summer.

"[Initially] I wanted to do it out of my home—flexible schedule, be available when my kids came home after school," she said. "But as a student and as I started doing this more on a regular basis, the vision just kind of grew and I felt like God was putting it on my heart to open something bigger and provide a service that was lacking in the community."

"Not everybody wants to go into somebody's home" for these services,

Thiessen noted. "Sometimes that's a more personal space for people, so going into a more public, professional setting is what other people, the public would like."

The centre currently has three RMTs providing therapeutic and pregnancy massages, as well as several advanced and beginner students from the Wellington College RMT program offering discounted massages.

"That was a huge part of the push behind opening the clinic," said Thiessen. "I was a student myself recently, so just having a really good clinic space to be able to do their clinic experience, learning, and just connecting with the public, with other RMTs, is so important for that growth."

Massage therapy is something Thiessen and her staff strongly feel can do a lot of good.

"I love helping people and it's so rewarding seeing them benefit from massage therapy and having



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Renew Wellness Centre staff were joined by Deputy Mayor Henry Siemens (far left) and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen (far right) in cutting the ribbon on the new Winkler massage therapy centre.

increased movement and relief of their pain," she said. "That was really important to me. That's just kind of where my heart went."

The centre has been open since July

and has quickly become a busy place.

"We've lots of great response," Thiessen said. "A lot of great support from the community ... more and more people are hearing about us."

PHAC adds second satellite art gallery

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Hills Arts Council continues to expand its reach regionally with the addition of a second satellite gallery location.

The arts council has established a new partnership with the Neuberghthal Heritage Foundation to provide the gallery in the Commons Barn of the historic facility southeast of Altona.

"Being regional has been a big part of our mandate for quite a while now, so we're trying to get that going and

do more," said Laurie Wiebe, PHAC administrative co-ordinator.

"We've been looking at ways of how we can bring more people into that space," added Shaun Friesen, chairperson of the Neuberghthal Heritage Foundation. "This allows us to make use of their expertise, and the partnership with them works perfectly for us because we're really trying to extend our partnerships with different organizations."

The first show for the new gallery runs Oct. 8-31 and will feature horse-themed exhibit *A Moment in Space for the Space of a Moment* by artist Cristiane Pravaz.

There will be an opening reception Oct. 17 from 7-9 p.m. for the show, which was also featured last month when the arts council debuted its first

satellite gallery at the Manitou Opera House.

"The Manitou one went over really well, extremely well," noted Wiebe.

The conversation about establishing this second satellite gallery started after PHAC program and outreach co-ordinator Tricia Dyck attended an event at Neuberghthal.

"They were saying how now that the Commons Barn was fully restored that they were thinking about what they could put in it to make it more of a permanent feature," said Wiebe.

The idea of art came up immediately, and it seemed like a perfect fit for both.

"We both had the same sort of focus ... and it just kind of really fell together," Wiebe said. "The more people are aware of the Commons Barn the

better, and if we can help spread the word and make it more of a destination, that would be great.

"It's really a great match, as we both share a strong sense of community and focus on spreading opportunities to learn and educate."

The Commons Barn, formerly known as the Klippenstein barn, was originally built near Steinbach by early Mennonite settlers. The barn was disassembled and rebuilt in its present location when several families moved to the area in pursuit of better farmland.

The exterior of the Commons Barn has been restored to its original appearance, and the interior functions as a large multipurpose venue.

"We're really excited about having the first show in there ... it will be something new for the community here," said Friesen. "We feel we are really a unique venue, and we hope we can attract more people from all over for these types of shows."

Wiebe noted they were uncertain yet of the longer term plans for more satellite exhibits, but there is plenty of interest.

"They did sort of indicate to us that they would like to have quite regular exhibitions going on ... we will be having those discussions."



The Commons Barn at the Neuberghthal Mennonite Street Village hosts a PHAC show this month.

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The King of Rock & Roll comes to Winkler Oct. 19

By Ashleigh Viveiros

When a pre-teen Adam Tarnowski heard his first Elvis song, he was hooked.

"One of my friends in Gr. 6 happened to be singing 'Hound Dog' one day and I asked my mom, 'Who sings that song?' I had never heard of Elvis at that point," recalls Tarnowski.

A few days later he happened to catch the legendary rocker's performance in a television airing of the movie *Jailhouse Rock*. His fate as a fan was sealed.

"It really just blew my socks off," says Tarnowski "Between the dance moves, the voice, the rock and roll ... by Monday morning I was slicking my hair back and putting on whatever button up shirts I could to put the collar up. And my career began."

Tarnowski brings his Elvis tribute show, the Adam T. Elvis Show, to the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall stage in Winkler on Saturday, Oct. 19.

As the show's Elvis, Tarnowski strives to replicate all the moves and mannerisms of the King of Rock & Roll.

"It's going to a really fun night of high energy music and performance," he says. "The first act you're going to get a lot of the early hits that Elvis had mixed in with some of his movie soundtrack music. And then there will be a short intermission and I'll come back and do a '70s Vegas-style performance."

It's a show Tarnowski has been fine-tuning for 25 years.

He was just 12 years old when he competed in his first Elvis tribute artist competition in 1994, finishing dead last.

"I watched what the other performers did on stage," Tarnowski says. "I was a quick study, I went out and did a year of vocal training ... and very quickly I learned how to carry the tune, I learned

how to play guitar, and I went back the following year and won third place."

In 1998 he teamed up with The Good Rockin' Tonight Band to create the Adam T. Elvis Show, and they've been touring Canada and the U.S. ever since.

A highlight of his career thus far was being selected to perform with the Jordanares, Elvis' own band.

"They really liked what I was offering," Tarnowski says, going on to explain he's always tried to portray Elvis in as authentic a way as possible both on stage and off.

"Where other Elvis tribute artists put on the costumes, they glue on their sideburns or put on their wigs, everything about me, right from the sideburns to the hair, is all real, it's all mine," he says, adding that means "you're not watching to see if a sideburn is going to peel off or not."

"Each Elvis tribute artist does their own show to the best of the ability," he continues. "Some have the look, some have the voice, some have the moves, some have all three of them. With my show you do get all three."

"You get a high-energy, hip shaking, toe tapping concert," Tarnowski says, calling it as close to seeing Elvis live in concert as is possible. "It's the concert he never gave."

Tarnowski has been honoured by the response his show generates in old and new Elvis fans alike.

"I always sit there and think how many times have I sung Hound Dog or Blue Suede Shoes? But then when the music starts at the beginning of the concert I completely forget all about that and it's like my first time on stage again," he says. "When you hear the people clapping and you hear the music, you see the lights, it's probably one of the greatest



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Adam T. Elvis comes to Winkler Oct. 19.

feelings you could ever imagine—getting out there doing what you love and giving people what they also love.

"At the same time, being able to keep Elvis' memory alive? That's what we're doing. That's what it's all about."

Ticket information is available online at winkler-concerthall.com.



Youth choir on tour next week

The Central Manitoba Youth Choir is hitting the road next week.

The choir is a group of 50 auditioned singers from throughout the central region and they'll be performing concerts across southern Manitoba Oct. 17-21.

An annual project of the Central Manitoba Choral Association, the purpose of CMYC is to bring together some of the finest high school singers in the region, to build a choral community, and to prepare and perform outstanding repertoire.

The choir this year will be conducted by Philip Lapatha of Winnipeg, and accompanied by Loren Hiebert of Altona.

The singers rehearse intensively for two week-

ends before embarking on the tour, which includes the following public performances:

- Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna as special guests of the Central Manitoba Choral Association Senior Choral Workshop.
- Oct. 18 at W.C. Miller Collegiate in Altona at 11 a.m., Carman Collegiate at 2 p.m., Meadowood Estates in Carman at 4 p.m., and Westside Community Church in Morden at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 at Salem Home in Winkler at 10 a.m., Silverwinds Colony at 1 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church in Starbuck at 4 p.m., and McKenzie United Church in Portage la Prairie at 8 p.m.
- Oct. 20 at MacGregor Evangelical Mennonite Church at 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Cypress River United Church in Cypress River at 3 p.m., and the Manitou Opera House at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21 at Pilot Mound Collegiate at 10 a.m. and Prairie Mountain High School in Somerset at 1:30 p.m. The tour will close with a performance at 4 p.m. as special guests of the Junior School Choral Workshop in the Holland Community Hall in Holland.

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Hawks off to fine start

The Pembina Valley Hawks' Daniel Isaak displays superior speed to get around the Cougars' Nolan Wickham in Sunday's home game, which the Hawks won 4-2.

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By Lorne Stelmach

A strong start to the regular season continued this past weekend for the male AAA Pembina Valley Hawks.

They have won four of their first five games after winning two out of three this past week, and it has them challenging for the league lead in the early going of the 2019-20 campaign.

The Hawks made it three in a row to kick off the season last Wednesday with a 7-4 win over the Central Plains Capitals.

On Saturday, they picked up their first loss in being edged 4-3 by the Winnipeg Bruins, but then rebound-

ed Sunday by doubling up the Southwest Cougars 4-2.

Against the Capitals, what had been a 2-2 tie after 20 minutes became a 4-3 lead for Pembina Valley after two periods. They then put the game away with three more goals in the final frame.

Justin Keck scored two while singles came in from Guerin Apperley, Cameron Brunn, Tyler Park, Riley Goertzen, and Trent Crane.

Reid Dyck made 33 saves as the Hawks won the shots battle 44-37.

In Winnipeg on Saturday, the Hawks let a 2-0 lead on a pair of power play goals slip away with three unanswered goals by the Bruins, who then got the winner with about four minutes left.

Keck, William Irvine, and Andrew Boucher all scored for Pembina Valley, who got 26 saves out of Brock Moroz. The Hawks outshot Winnipeg 41-30 overall.

The local boys held on Sunday after taking period leads of 2-1 and 3-1 against the Cougars.

Scoring for the Hawks were Crane, Boucher, Irvine, and Michael Hlady, who sealed the deal with an empty netter with 34 seconds left on the clock.

Moroz backstopped the win with a solid 35 save outing as shots on goal were 37-23 for Southwest.

The Hawks have a rematch with Southwest this Saturday in Souris and are then in Brandon to take on the Wheat Kings Sunday afternoon.

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Female Hawks fall to Wpg. Avros, Ice

By Lorne Stelmach

A pair of opening weekend losses didn't leave the coach of the female AAA Pembina Valley Hawks too disappointed.

While Shanley Siemens would prefer to not be winless in two games, she saw enough encouraging signs on the ice to keep her optimistic.

"Both games were quite close," she said after the Hawks fell 5-2 to the Winnipeg Avros Saturday and then were edged 4-3 by the Ice Sunday.

"I think we were doing all the little things right. We were winning battles,

we were moving our feet, moving the puck well. So I think it's just continuing to build off that and eventually those wins will come and the hard work will pay off."

The first period did in the Hawks Saturday, as they fell behind 3-0 after 20 minutes. They played relatively even through the final two periods, with the two teams exchanging goals.

Veteran Tessa Odell scored both goals for the Hawks, while Tria Enns made 30 saves in net for Pembina Valley, which managed 26 shots.

On Sunday, the Hawks trailed 2-1 and 3-1 at the intermissions and then

made a strong push in the third that came up just short.

"Saturday I think there were a lot of nerves ... first period of our home opener," suggested Siemens. "We got our legs going into the second period and I thought the second and third we played really well and just couldn't quite close it out."

"[Sunday] was another fast paced game, and the girls came to play a full 60 minutes ... they couldn't quite complete a comeback, but we saw a lot of good things."

This weekend the Hawks host their Thanksgiving Classic Tournament.

PVMHA hosts Female Fun Day in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Female hockey players from across the region gathered in Morden Saturday as part of a global effort to both celebrate and help grow the game.

The Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association held its first Regional Female Fun Day in Morden in conjunction with the International Ice Hockey Federation's ninth year of World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend Oct. 4-6.

The goal of the weekend was to have events to help recruit, retain, and engage female players, coaches, officials, and fans alike through grassroots programs led by local hockey associations and communities.

"The region came together to put all

of our organizations in one arena and create the largest rural [Manitoba] female hockey fun day," said Amanda Wall, who handles female hockey promotions for the association.

Wall said it was a good opportunity to further build on the success of the program in this area, where female hockey is expanding significantly.

"We are up to 33 this year, so it's more than doubled from last year," she noted.

The growth brought a good response for the fun day, with over 160 kids ranging in age from six to 12 coming out.

"That goes from Rock Lake all the way to Morris and everywhere in between south of Highway 2," Wall



Players competed in a three-on-three tournament as part of the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association's Female Fun Day Saturday in Morden.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

noted. "They're building teamwork, they're building confidence, they're building the skills."

The event featured both dryland and on-ice sessions, a three on three tournament, and a chance to watch

the day's AAA female U18 game and meet the players.

"We're just trying to keep growing the game here," said Wall. "We are definitely growing, and we hope that those numbers continue to grow."

Winkler Flyers send Natives, Wolverines packing

The Winkler Flyers won two in a row in Manitoba Junior Hockey League action last week.

On Oct. 1, the boys wrapped up the MJHL Showcase with 4-1 win over the Neepawa Natives.

After dropping a 5-2 decision to the Portage Terriers the day before, the Flyers travelled back to the Seven Oaks Arena in Winnipeg in search of their third win of the season against the winless Natives

Winkler was up 2-0 after seven minutes thanks to goals from Drake Burgin and Nathan Poolman.

Sullivan Shortreed, who had the assist on Burgin's goal, chipped one in himself four minutes into the second period to make it 3-0.

The Natives got on the board half a minute later, but it was the last time they managed to get one past Winkler netminder Dorrin Luding, who made 24 saves overall as Winkler outshot Neepawa 42-25.

Shortreed, meanwhile, scored once more in the third to cement the victory.

The Flyers next headed north to take on the Waywayseecappo Wolverines on Friday night.

Shortreed got the ball rolling 40 seconds in. The Wolverines tied things up on the power-play minutes later, and the score held through to the first intermission.

Period two saw some back-and-forth attempts to score, but it was Winkler's Justin Svenson who broke

the deadlock with a goal at 18:28, followed by the Flyers' third of the night from Griffin Leonard less than a minute later.

The home team made it 3-2 early in the third, but Jayden McCarthy and Leonard, scoring on an empty net,

widened the gap for the 5-2 win.

Luding was back in net for the Flyers, slapping away 28 of the 30 shots on goal he faced. His teammates fired 37 shots the other way.

This week the team took on Winnipeg on Tuesday. Results were not

available at press time.

Over the weekend the Flyers host Portage Friday night and then travel to Waywayseecappo Saturday. Next week they host Portage on Tuesday.

Flyers announce several big trades

The Winkler Flyers' roster underwent a flurry of changes this past week.

The junior team kicked off the month Oct. 1 by announcing they have traded 19-year-old defenseman Noah Goertzen and 20-year-old forward Tanner Barbeau (99) to the Neepawa Natives in exchange for future considerations.

Goertzen recorded five points in 30 games last season with the Flyers and had one assist in two games this season. Barbeau got into one game for the Orange and Black this year after playing the season prior with OCN.

On Oct. 2, the team added some forward depth with the acquisition of 19-year-old forward Carson Pawlencuk from the OCN Blizzard.

In 39 games played with OCN last season, the Alberta native recorded 11 points (seven goals and four assists) and 38 penalty minutes.

The Flyers sent future considerations to the Blizzard in the deal.

On Friday the team announced that

the Spokane Chiefs (WHL) have re-assigned 16-year-old forward Grady Lane to the Flyers.

The Virden native was taken 1st Overall in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League Bantam Draft by the Flyers in 2018.

After missing the start of the 2018-2019 season due to injury, the Lane recorded 12 points (five goals, seven assists) and 67 penalty minutes in 32 regular season games played with the Southwest Cougars of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League. He then added seven points (one goal, six assists) in seven playoff games with the Cougars.

Lane suited up for one game with the Chiefs this season.

Finally, on Monday the team announced it has swapped team captain Brody Moffatt ('99) to Waywayseecappo for 20-year-old defenseman Garrett Szeremley.

Moffatt, who was in his fourth year with the Flyers, made 27 goals and 28 assists in 154 games for the team.

"This was an extremely tough trade to make as Brody is a great person and gave a lot to this organization over the past number of years," said general manager Jeff Jeanson. "We wish him nothing but the best but in order to get the player we acquired we had to give up something of quality. This is just the unfortunate part of the business."

Szeremley will be a huge addition to the Flyers' blueline, Jeanson said, standing 6'2", and weighing in at 201 lbs.

Prior to this season, the Morden native played 88 games with the Weyburn Red Wings (SJHL) where he accounted for 23 points (three goals, 20 assists) and 180 penalty minutes. He started the 2019-2020 season with the Minnesota Magicians (NAHL).

"We feel that his skill set is exactly what we need on the back end and we feel very excited about what our defense will look like with him there," said Jeanson.

Agriculture

Frost a big threat to Manitoba's potato crop

By Harry Siemens

Potato producers are facing another challenging harvest this year, says Dan Sawatzky, manager of the Keystone Potato Producers Association.

"Early on we had some heat that shut down the diggers and those that kept on digging," he said. "Most did not, in that heat, [and they] had to haul some of their product back out within the week to salvage it.

"That shortened our opportunity. And then, after that, it's just continued to rain," Sawatzky added. "And especially in that Carberry area, I think they've had probably a little more rain than others, and it's very challenging there.

"So we're probably not at 50 per cent at this point," he said last week. "I'm hoping that the weather holds and we don't have frost—that'll end the season."

The KPPA's 55 member farms planted roughly 70,000 acres of potatoes in 2019, which is down from a dozen years ago but up from four or five seasons ago.

"We've increased some because of the expansion by J.R. Simplot in Portage la Prairie ... they are looking at expanding again next year. But to get the plant's needs for this coming year when they look at opening in late January, they needed to have some of that supply contracted," Sawatzky explained.

In terms of frost killing this year's crop, potatoes, unlike other crops, can't handle frost, at least not severe cold. Recent rains are keeping producers out of the field, but in the end it's the frost that would end the season.

"Last year that date was the 11th or Oct. 12th and we did suffer severe losses," Sawatzky said.

He noted that everything destined for processing is grown under irrigation. The fresh side, there are still quite a few acres produced on dry land. More and more of the seed is under irrigation as well on the fresh side, but some table potatoes are, too. Some of the varieties are shorter seasons, so if they get off to a good start in the spring they tend to finish a bit earlier and require less overall irrigation.

Sawatzky said the industry is using some new concepts for storing potatoes on the farm.

"The zipper lock building was the standard here in the '80s and '90s through to 2010. Now we're seeing some U.S.-style [storage facilities] ... big changes in storage design, structure, and cost. They are four times the cost what they were back before 2000," he said. "The newer designs have increased airflow, better air distribution. The way the slots are on the floors, it's more like full floor aeration. Some storages have prescriptive air; the ability to pull air separate from

the main air system to target problem areas. So there's a lot of different advancement within the potato storage world."

Sawatzky said after some growers left potatoes in the field last year because of frost, some increased their efficiency and harvesting capacity.

"Usually it takes a couple of weeks and in some cases three weeks, but guys are trying to shorten that window," he said. "And if we do get some good weather here, which hopefully we will, we're still hopeful that we can salvage and get a lot of this harvest out.

"The other part of what I see as I drive around, there is water in some of the low areas, especially in that Carberry area, so there will be some elevated risk of rot. Growers may have to go around some of those low areas so they don't bring that into the bins and contaminate the rest of the pile.

"We have some pretty large operations," said Sawatzky. "Instead of having one place to unload, they're up to four different places to unload. So you can imagine the capacity of what's coming off."

Twisters derail Express 5-2

There's one less unbeaten team remaining in the early going of the MMJHL season thanks to the Pembina Valley Twisters.

After rattling off three straight wins, the Transcona Railer Express lost for the first time this season to the Twisters on Sunday.

After spotting the Express an early powerplay goal, Pembina Valley fired three unanswered goals in the first period and then held on the rest of the way until putting it away with two more in the third.

T.J. Matuszewski had a goal and an assist. Other goals came in from Nathan Ayotte, Quade Froese, Brendan Keck, and Wyatt Sabourin while Dylan Dacquay and Sven Schefer chipped in a pair of assists each.

Martin Gagnon earned the win in net with 27 saves as the shots on goal were 40-29 for the Twisters, who improved to 2-1 with the

win.

Pembina Valley will look to get their first winning streak going this weekend as they pay a visit to Stonewall

Friday to try to ground the Jets. They then host the Charleswood Hawks in Morris Saturday.

Thunder win soccer provincial qualifiers

The Morden Thunder varsity boys soccer team won the Zone 4 provincial soccer qualifier last week.

Morden beat out Altona 5-1 in the final to earn the right to represent the region at provincials.

The Thunder varsity girls were also victorious in their bid at the qualifiers, defeating NPC 7-6 to win the spot.

In the Zone playoffs, both of NPC's teams beat GVC 2-1 Monday night to

advance to the next round. Tuesday night game results were not available at press time.

In SCAC volleyball, the NPC varsity girls fell to Glenlawn in three sets (17-25, 18-25, 23-25) Oct. 2 and then lost to Steinbach Monday night (15-25, 12-25, 13-25).

The male Nighthawks won their match against Glenlawn in four (29-27, 23-25, 21-25, 20-25) and then lost to Steinbach (17-25-13-25, 20-25).

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(Attention: Andrew D. Hnatiuk)

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Parcel 1: Title No. 1880710/4 (160 acres including 75 Cultivated)

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CONDITIONS OF TENDER

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders may be placed and accepted on one or more or all of the above described parcels.
3. Tenders must be delivered to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2019, marked "Sterling Tender"
4. Tenders must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP or MMJS as a deposit (deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned).
5. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
6. Property is not subject to any First Right of Refusals.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering the terms and conditions of the sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing, being January 1, 2020, or, evidence that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor must be provided. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit, the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Parcel 2 is divided into two separate titles, which collectively make up the full quarter section and 80 acre parcel. Legal descriptions available upon request.
4. The Possession date will be January 1, 2020.
5. The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2020.
6. The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information, contact Andrew D. Hnatiuk at:

Ph: 204-242-2801 Fax: 204-242-2723

email: andrew@mmjslaw.com

A previous ad incorrectly described the land in Parcel 2. The description above is correct

NOTICES

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and locations 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:

R.M. of ROLAND BY-LAW 6-2019 BEING AN AMENDMENT TO THE R.M. OF ROLAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW 5-2001, AS AMENDED.

HEARING

LOCATION:

DATE & TIME:

GENERAL INTENT

of BY-LAW 06-2019:

FOR MORE

INFORMATION

CONTACT:

R.M. of Roland Council Chambers

45 3rd Street, Roland, MB

NOVEMBER 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

To amend section 5.3.3 of the Development Plan to allow Council more flexibility when considering residential proposals in the urban centre of Roland.

Kristi Olson, Chief Administrative Officer

45 3rd Street, Box 119 Roland, MB R0G 1T0

Ph: (204) 343-2061

Email : caormofroland@gmail.com

A copy of the above proposal and supporting materials may be inspected at the R.M. of Roland Administrative office at the above address during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON

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 - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
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- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2019.

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Peter Ginter 1950 – 2019

On Sunday, September 29, 2019, in Winkler, MB, Peter Ginter, aged 69, went to his eternal rest.

Peter was born on January 20, 1950, in Winkler MB, to Jacob and Margaret (nee Hamm) Ginter. Peter grew up in the village of Friedensruh, with three sisters and one brother. Peter was baptized into the Winkler Mennonite Church in 2003. In his early twenties, Peter began working in the construction industry and started his own company in the late 1970's. Early in his construction years, Peter also managed to farm 200 acres in the summers, working many hours. Over the span of his career, Peter developed many friendships. He retired in the spring of 2019.

Peter is survived by his wife Janet (nee Friesen) and three sons, Kevin and Gwen of Winkler, Darcy of Parksville, BC, Shane and Rebecca of Winnipeg and six grandchildren, Taylor, Ethan, Colby, Ashton, Sydney and Jameson. He is also survived by his brother Abe (Elma) Ginter and sisters, Mary (Abe) Unrau, Sadie Klassen, Dorothy (Tim) Stoesz. He was predeceased by his parents Jacob and Margaret Ginter and a brother-in-law Henry Klassen and nephew Daryl Klassen.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 4, 2019 at the Winkler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Peter's memory to Eden Health Care Services (Eden Foundation).

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REGARDING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 01/19 – BY-LAW NO. 03-2019 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE

The Council of the City of Morden has scheduled a public hearing at 100-195 Stephen Street in Morden, Manitoba on the 28th day of October 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to present the following local improvement plan:

The purpose of this local improvement levy is to fund the purchase of a new fire rescue vehicle for the City of Morden.

The fire rescue vehicle that the City of Morden currently owns was manufactured in 1986 and is in a state of disrepair. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) outlines how apparatus manufactured prior to 1991 usually included only a few of the safety upgrades that were required by the 1991 (and subsequent) editions of the NFPA fire department apparatus standards, or the equivalent Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada (ULC) standards.

Since 1991, the changes, upgrades and fine tuning to NFPA 1901, Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus, have been truly significant, especially in the area of safety. It is therefore considered a risk to keep pre-1991 fire apparatus in first-line service.

The new heavy rescue vehicle is a completely up-to-date 2019 model. It can carry 8 firefighters as well as all the required rescue tools. In addition, it is capable of Hazmat response, water rescue and high angle responses, and can operate as a portable command post.

The City of Morden will be getting the new rescue vehicle in late December 2019 or early January 2020.

The local improvement tax to be levied under this proposal is to be based on the portioned value of all assessable property in the City, which includes taxable, grant-in-lieu and otherwise exempt property in the City of Morden, and the tax is to be based on the portioned value of all these properties. The potential taxpayers under this plan are the owners of said properties.

The total estimated cost of this local improvement is \$820,000.00, and it is to be funded by City of Morden borrowing at a maximum rate of 5.125% over 10 years.

The rate will be calculated as follows:

Based on the calculated annual repayment amount of \$106,839.34 and the City of Morden's 2019 local improvement district assessment value of \$464,409,000.00, an estimated 0.230 mill rate will be required. Calculated on a residential property valued at \$200,000.00 (portioned value of \$90,000.00), an estimated \$20.70 local improvement tax will be levied annually for 10 years.

The annual operating and maintenance costs associated with the proposed local improvement will be covered under the City of Morden's annual operating budget.

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager at the Civic Office located at 100-195 Stephen Street in 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 local improvement plan.

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 local improvement plan are available at the municipal office at 100-195 Stephen Street in Morden, Manitoba and on the municipal website at: www.mordenmb.com.

Dated at the City of Morden, this 2nd day of October A.D. 2019, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

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Here's How It Works:

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

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

Sudoku Answer

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

Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Google certification
- Cloths spread over coffins
- Disorderly
- "Star Wars" hero Solo
- Toward the rear
- The order of frogs
- Alternative pain treatment (abbr.)
- "Wolf of Wall Street" star
- Evoke
- Units of metrical time
- Helps to predict eclipses
- Some say they attract
- Pitching statistic
- Baseball box score (abbr.)
- Force unit
- Repaired shoe
- English theologian
- Commercial
- Exchange money for goods or services
- Give off
- One from Utah
- Computer department
- Begets
- English navigator
- C C C
- Of I
- Pouch
- Add notes to
- A way to fall into ruin
- Cunning intelligence
- Blood disorder
- Disgraced CBS newsmen
- Tax collector
- Type of grass common to the Orient
- Cosmic intelligence
- No (Scottish)
- People who rely on things
- Stairs have them
- Mathematical term (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- Clarified butters

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
14				15						16				
17				18						19				
20			21				22							
23						24	25					26	27	
		28				29				30				
31	32					33		34	35	36			37	
38				39	40							41		
42				43						44	45			
46		47	48				49			50				
51				52	53	54				55			56	57
		58							59					
60	61							62	63				64	
65								66					67	
68								69					70	

- Primitive Himalayan people
- Completely
- Steep cliffs along the Hudson River
- Assist
- Language spoken in Laos
- Type of screen
- An attempt to economize
- Volcanic craters
- Still outstanding
- Takes responsibility for another
- California think tank
- Former Rocket Ming
- A pigeon noise
- Central part of
- Academy Award statue
- Distinct unit of sound
- Relative on the female side of the family
- Passover feast and ceremony
- The brightest star in Virgo

- Made with oats
- Subjects to laser light
- Beloved Hollywood alien
- Neatly brief
- The Great Lakes State (abbr.)
- Soon to be released
- Swiss river
- Become involved in
- More dour
- They're on floors
- Boxing's GOAT
- Swarms with
- Quantum mechanics pioneer
- Facilitated
- As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- Regional French wine Grand
- Owns
- Tell on
- Precedes two

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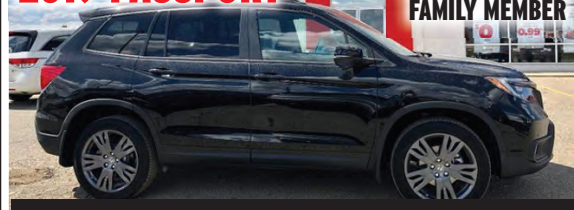
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