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Around 170 people of all ages took part in the 12th annual Thanks for Giving Run in Winkler Saturday morning. Organizer Dwight Suderman estimated they'll be able to donate around \$10,000 to the Winkler and District Food Cupboard. "It's a very needed cause in our community and we're doing our part to help," he said. The food cupboard distributes upwards of 3,000 pounds of food each week to families in need.

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Council candidates state their cases for votes

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites had their chance to hear from their candidates for mayor and council last week.

A forum Oct. 2 sponsored by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce packed the Morden Activity Centre as the eight candidates for six council seats and the three would-be mayors made their sales pitches.

The candidates fielded questions on a wide array of topics ranging from day care, affordable housing, and public transport to the downtown, development, and taxes.

One big issue that came up was the highway roundabout slated to go in on the east side of Morden.

Among the mayoral candidates, Ron McClain suggested there were bigger traffic concerns to be dealt with, while Brandon Burley stressed the need to look at the evidence behind the efficacy of roundabouts while



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Mayoral candidates Ron McClain, Karla Warkentin, and Brandon Burley addressed a full house at the Morden chamber's All-Candidates Forum last week.

also noting the need for turning lanes. While observing roundabouts and traffic circles have proven safety records, Karla Warkentin also cited the need to assess the evidence that drove the decision to install one here.

Another common theme that emerged was accountability, as the candidates were asked to expand on what transparency means to them.

"Transparency, to me, means that

we are open about what we think ... it means that everybody is party to all decisions," said Burley.

"I will be a mayor that will walk up and down the streets," noted Mc-Clain. "I may have to take my lumps

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Winkler Community Fdn. takes the pulse of our community

Vital Signs 2018 report showcases our successes, challenges

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation gathered community leaders together Oct. 3 to share the results of Vital Signs 2018.

The foundation held a series of meetings over the past year with local stakeholders, service groups, and charities to identify the most pressing issues our community faces. A public survey touching on those concerns and many others was then launched, with hundreds of people sharing their thoughts.

The resulting findings serve as a snapshot of the health of the community, says foundation president Scott Doell, who also served as chair of the Vital Signs committee.

"There are some areas that need our attention," he acknowledged, going on to list just a few of the major challenges identified.

"We have only enough designated affordable housing units for one in five families and individuals who would qualify," Doell said.

The report also shows that there is a serious lack of affordable housing options for single people and young adults and that 12 per cent of households spend more than 50 per cent of their monthly income on housing

Many members of our senior population are struggling to make end's meet.

"One in three elderly women in our region fall below the poverty line,"

said Doell. "That's more than two times higher than the provincial average."

Other areas of concern include the long wait times for both day care spaces and personal care home beds.

A need for more mental health services was another problem identified, especially considering the mental health rating of our elderly is far lower than the provincial and national averages, an issue exacerbated by things like the recent cancellation of the day program and the handi-van.

Identifying these and other problems is a key step in working to improve them, Doell noted.

"It is my hope that this report will help people start a conversation, not only about the challenges we face, but also about the success we've had as a community," he said.

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Karla Warkentin for MAYOR

Credible. Capable. Committed.

Morden chamber names top entrepreneur, non-profit

Richard Klassen, South Central Cancer Resource to be honoured at Nov. 1 gala

By Lorne Stelmach

The recipient of the 2018 Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce never imagined receiving such an honour.

Richard Klassen's passion is for the arts, so the news that he is being recognized as an entrepreneur caught him off guard last week.

"It's not many times that I'm speechless ... it's very humbling," Klassen said after the chamber award announcement that included naming South Central Cancer Resource as the Not-for-Profit of the Year as well as the finalists for the two Business of the Year awards.

The finalists for Business of the Year with seven or more employees are Decor Cabinets, Sawatzky's Furniture and Appliances, and Wolfe Enterprises. In the running for Business of the Year with less than seven employees are Bella's Castle, Meilun Denture

Clinic, and Morden Nurseries.

When news of the award broke last week, Klassen—who is being recognized for his achievements with Candlewick Productions, Danceworks, and the Kenmor Theatre—fittingly was busy with preparations for a range of upcoming productions and events.

"It's a great reward ... a big part of it goes to the kids and all of the actors and everybody else who's been involved with us over the years," he said. "A lot of the honour goes to the people who have really made it happen over the years."

Klassen added the reward for him is in seeing people getting involved not only as actors or dancers but even taking it further into directing and teaching roles.

"As things continue to grow, the kids especially are getting more and more excited about doing theatre and

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South Central Cancer Resource's June Letkeman and Deb Thiessen were thrilled to learn the agency has been named the Non-Profit of the Year by the Morden chamber. Taking home the Entrepreneur of the Year Award will be Richard Klassen (right) of Candlewick Productions.





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"We need to become creative, innovative"

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To that end, among the report's positive findings include the fact that household income in our region has increased at a rate faster than both the provincial and federal averages.

"We have a young labour force," Doell continued. "Winkler's median age is nine years lower than the national age. The RM of Stanley's median age is 18 years lower than the Canadian national average."

The community also seems to be adapting to immigration well, providing the necessary supports and services to help newcomers succeed.

"The earnings of recent immigrants on average are 99.8

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per cent of non-immigrant earners," Doell pointed out.

The report shows we remain a community of entrepreneurs: self-employment accounts for 66 per cent of all local businesses.

The Winkler area also has a lower gap between the rich and the poor than elsewhere in the province,

with more middle-income families than the provincial and federal averages.

Finally, the generosity of Winkler area residents cannot be beat.

"Local residents give at a rate five times higher than the Canadian average," Doell said. "And 30 per cent more people in our region give than across Canada.

"That is something we should all be proud of."

A CHALLENGE TO LEADERS

The first Vital Signs survey in 2012 provided the community with a baseline report. Vital Signs 2018, then, gives us the opportunity to see whether efforts to improve are making a difference.

But nothing can be done without a commitment from leaders.

"What we want you to leave tonight is not just information, but an opportunity for innovation," stressed Vital Signs community volunteer Phillip Vallelly in addressing the stakeholders last week. "For innovation to happen, you may need to rethink. Rethink how you and the organization you represent lead within our community.

"Challenge your mission, challenge your vision, and ask yourself: Are we being truly innovative in the context of our community and how we can change what we do within our community?

Rapid growth brings with it a wealth of opportunities, Vallelly said, but also challenges and growing pains.

"As you read through this document you're going to discover we actually are struggling to grow," he said. "We need become creative. We need to become innovative.

"Seize the opportunity to actually leave a lasting legacy within our community."

out to all residents in Winkler and the RM of Stanley this fall.

A more detailed report is also available to any-

Findings from Vital Signs 2018 will be mailed one interested by contacting the Winkler Community Foundation or stopping by their offices in city hall.



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Battling spiritual boredom

ometime in the late '70s and early '80s, "the quiet time" became the staple of church discipleship: develop your quiet time, come to church on Sunday, and that's how everyone grows as a Christian.

The church took a cookie-cutter approach to spiritual growth and if you didn't fit the mold, you really felt left out.

Some of us are wondering why all the books on spirituality have to be written by smart introverts who love to read and spend time in solitude. Increasingly I'm meeting followers of Jesus



By Terry Dueck

who are simply bored with their faith or they're tired of playing the church game and doubt that everything works as advertised.

So how do we pursue spiritual growth? How do we engage in spiritual practices so that "the Pharisees" don't win? In other words, if you want to have an authentic relationship with God instead of religion, what can you do?

Let me suggest two key principles when it comes to spiritual practices that will help move you into a growing relationship with God and how to practically apply that in your life:

1. Spiritual practices are tools, not rules. Rules must be obeyed, all the time,

kules must be obeyed, all the time, by everyone, no exception. Tools are different; they are task specific. A hammer is a wonderful device for pounding a nail into a piece of wood, but it's not great for polishing glass. The value of a tool is in what it produces. The same is true of our spiritual practices.

As powerful as prayer, reading your Bible, the emotions that worshipping through music can be, spiritual practices have no value in and of themselves; their value is in what they produce.

Remember, the goal is that we would be on a journey that brings us into a closer relationship with God.

Have a conversation with God and ask him, is "this" (the practices I'm engaging in) working? Once we throw away the idea that spiritual practices are mandatory rituals and rules, we become free to pick up and use whatever tool best fits the need of the moment.

2. We're all wired differently, so stop comparing yourself to others.

I'm a father of two delightful and distinct daughters, each of whom relates to me in different ways. I don't expect or want them to act like someone else or pretend they like something they don't. I have a unique relationship with each of them. The same is true of your relationship with God. What works for one relationship may not work in another.

Ask God to show you where you uniquely need to grow and usually one or two areas will surface. Am I struggling to find peace? Am I becoming judgmental? Am I ungrateful? Do I lack self-control? Knowing where you need to grow in your inner life will help you identify which tool or spiritual practice best fits the need.

Your spiritual life will go through various seasons. It ebbs and flows just like any other relationship in our lives.

If you've lost your spiritual appetite for growing with God, don't give up! There are ways to get out of a spiritual rut and find the good and beautiful life that God intended for us.

Jesus says, "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." Not, "I have come to threaten you into line" or "I have come to exhaust you will a long list of demands." There is a path that you were made to travel with Jesus, marked by growth and grace, and you can discover yours.

If you want to learn more check out winklermb.com and our Explore series.

—Terry Dueck is the lead pastor at the Winkler MB Church

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dance," he observed, saying his goal is to keep building an artistic community.

"Morden itself, there's a lot of talented people in this community ... and I just get the benefit of being able to direct some of the drama end of things and support the dance studio," he said. "If I'm able to give them support and help get things organized and keep the theatre up and running and give them a space, that's my goal."

As for South Central Cancer Resource, board president June Letkeman said the Not-for-Profit Award is exciting news for the organization.

"I was totally shocked ... it's quite an honour," she said. "I guess it means we must be doing a pretty good job of what we are doing.

"We're very pleased because it will give us extra exposure," Letkeman said in explaining what the recognition means to the organization, which provides a range of services to people coping with a cancer diagnosis. "We want more people to know about us so that they can make use of our services. So this is an awesome way to do that."

The awards gala takes place Nov. 1 at McGee's Family Restaurant at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club.

Tickets are \$100 or \$700 for a table of eight. Register and find more information online at mordenchamber.com.

Regional Connections hosts volunteer fairs

By Lorne Stelmach

Area residents can play a direct and active role in helping newcomers become part of our community.

Regional Connections, whose programs and services rely on volunteers to assist immigrant families and individuals, held a series of open houses in Winkler, Morden, and Altona last week to recruit more help.

"The volunteer program really supports all those programs and makes them happen," said Alesha Hildebrand, integration and volunteer coordinator. "And it's really creating community connections through those programs."

Regional Connections works to supports newcomers coming into the community in a variety of ways.

"They come from all over the world for all different reasons," Hildebrand said."When they come to Canada, come to Manitoba and specifically this area, often they come to our offices as they're trying to navigate different services."

There are a number of ways in which volunteers can get involved—everything from working as classroom assistants and community tour guides to signing up as language buddies or conversation group members.

"People who are in classes, wanting to learn more natural conversation, they can get matched up with a volunteer who can have that conversation ... maybe over a cup of coffee or having their family over for supper," Hildebrand said in explaining the role of language buddies.

Another alternative is to be part of a larger conversation group designed to help people hone their English

"Those are more of interest-based conversation groups," Hildebrand noted. "They can be something more along the lines of a garden club or a cooking club or even just an informal men's conversation group."

The community tour guides play another vital role, as do those helping out with the agency's after school programs or tutoring services.

"People can decide what they want to do," Hildebrand said of the variety of roles available, estimating they currently have an active core of around 30 volunteers each in Winkler, Morden, and Altona."We do ask for a commitment of at least once per month to kind of keep the relationships going." Hildebrand said making these connections with volunteers make a huge difference for newcomers.

"Having that connection just makes them feel more at home, makes them feel more connected with what's happening in this area as well as giving them a sense of belonging when they do decide to make this their home."

And the volunteers themselves often gain just as much from the experience.

"It allows not only you to connect with somebody from another country but your family to have that experience as well," Hildebrand said. "Getting to know about another country as well as the culture can sometimes especially be a wonderful experience for a child ... it's really good when we can connect families together to newcomers who have come into the community and create that inclusive opportunity."

Learn more at regional connections. ca or contact your local office.

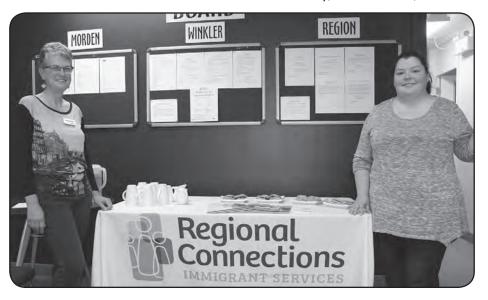


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Integration worker Lynette Froese and integration and volunteer coordinator Alesha Hildebrand were ready to welcome new volunteers at the open house last Wednesday in Morden. Volunteer kickoffs were also held at Regional Connections offices in Winkler and Altona.





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... [but] I will definitely be out and about."

Warkentin said it comes down to communication and cited the need for more consultation and "more input across the board from the community.

"Communication goes two ways ... we need to look at the process, meetings need to be public and accessible."

Each candidate also had an opportunity to make prepared statements.

Burley observed that the community was at a point "where the decisions we will make in the next decade have the ability to impact Morden for the next hundred years.

"I want my children and their children to be able to stay in this community ... and I want it to be the best it can be for them," he said. "I want it to

be a city full of opportunities for all of us.

"I believe in strong economic growth ... smart economic growth ... I believe in sustainable growth," Burley said. "And I believe that the metric by which a city ought to measure success, and the government of a community ought to measure its success, is by standard of living."

Warkentin noted she learned about the importance of public service from her father, Ernie Krahn, who served as mayor of Morden in the '90s.

She cited what she has already done "to embrace the work of being mayor" including having met with the current council as well as others from local business leaders to the police and fire chiefs to representatives from other levels of government.

"I believe that city councils need to work tirelessly for their citizens. They need to be accountable and listen to their citizens and communicate initiatives," she said. "They need to use evidence-based decision-making and due process. They need to work collaboratively with governments and business and industry stakeholders, and they need to be capable, intelligent and efficient."

"My council experience will go a long ways in the transition," said Mc-Clain, citing his past time on Carman council

McClain stressed the need to work entirely for the best interests of the city.

"Obviously I want Morden to prosper," he said. "I've had 40 years of serving and working with the public ... it's taught me accountability, it's taught me discipline, it's taught me to be open-minded."

COUNCIL CANDIDATES SPEAK OUT

Council candidate Doug Frost noted his work experience has taught him about qualities like setting priorities and adapting to change, and his eight years on council have seen him serve on a wide range of boards and committees.

"My key objectives are to improve the accountability of council," he stressed. "I can promise you I will represent all the issues of all the citizens."

Hank Hildebrand also cited his experience as a council incumbent as well as his work experience. He touched on priorities ranging from long term infrastructure needs to fostering a supportive business environment without too much of a residential tax burden.

"We need to concentrate on community services to all ... we need to support initiatives which are environmentally friendly and provide a safe community."

Nancy Penner emphasized the importance of council members being part of a strong team to make things happen.

Her aim would be to work to "build a welcoming and safe community to live, work and play.

"Morden's potential, Morden's future opportunities need a clear vision and careful answers," she said. "We need to make intelligent and appropriate decisions. We need to remain open-minded and respectful of others."

"I believe being actively involved in community in order to make a lasting impact is incredibly important," said Rich Harries.

There is much that we can build on, but we also need "to progressively move the community forward so it's even stronger for the next generation," he said.

"I'm committed to ensuring that the city takes a balanced approach to meet the needs of all segments of Morden's residents, both in infrastructure spending as well as programming."

Jim Hunt also noted his work experience and cited skills including being a good listener and being openminded as valuable for a council member. He also feels there is a good opportunity for new perspectives on council.

"We, as Morden citizens, all want to continue to move the city forward in a positive way while keeping our tax dollars within a reasonable amount," he said. "I have a strong feeling of pride for our city and region ... I feel I can make a positive difference."

Gord Maddock noted he comes forward as a first-time candidate but with almost 30 years of experience working for the Town of Morden.

He touched on the need to promote our assets like the CFDC, lake and golf course as important pieces that help attract people and build the tax base.

"There's a lot of things happening in the commercial and industrial area, and I would like to be part of that ... to make sure that we're ready for people to come and set up a business in this town."

Garry Hiebert as well noted his 25 years of experience with the Town and City of Morden.

"I want to provide new leadership ... and to plan and build for the future for Morden," he said, adding that there are many great services and amenities, but the challenge is to grow while maintaining reasonable tax levels. "I'm also a proponent of regionalism ... we need to work together to tap into all of that development and potential."

Ray Reidle observed he would be just one voice on council and did not want to be making empty promises.

He stressed the need for open communication between council and the community and to make sound financial decisions for the city.

"I will be your voice at the council table. I can promise that I will listen to you, the taxpayers, to ensure your voices are heard. I can promise to hold myself and other members of council accountable for the decisions that we make."

Voters head to the polls Oct. 24.





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The Morden
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was packed
Oct. 2 as voters came out
to hear what
the three
mayoral candidates and
eight council
candidates
had to say for
themselves.



Meet the candidates

Ward 2 voters in the RM of Stanley have two seats to fill Oct. 24 and three candidates to choose from:

IKE FRIESEN

He may be the newcomer in the election to fill the pair of Ward 2 seats in the RM of Stanley, but Ike Friesen is likely a familiar face to many here.

The lifelong resident of the municipality has not only farmed in the area but also owns and manages Friesen Sales and Rental in the highway corridor east of Morden.

As a farmer, Friesen has been involved in the dairy industry. He has also been involved in the community through his church and with organiza-

Friesen says he has thought about getting involved in municipal government for some time.

"It's been an interest that I have had for a while now ... and people have been encouraging me to run and it was a good time in my life to do that," he said, adding the opportunity to serve on council is a way for him to "be involved in the community ... learn about the goings-on in the area and be part of the decision-making in the RM of Stanley.

"We're a growing area, a very vibrant community ... and I also think it's a good time to be communicating with Morden and Winkler and doing regional projects together," he said in touching on some of key ideas.

"Of course, people are always concerned about roads," Friesen added. "It's one of the first things that people talk about because they are on them every day."

Other priorities that he suggested need to be looked at range from water and natural gas to internet service as infrastructure needs for the grow-



Ike Friesen

ing area. Friesen said they also need to be concerned about agricultural interests and finding a balanced level of development.

"I would like to be part of the team that's making the decisions," he said. "I think I would be a good listener. I would want to be representing the people of the

ALFRED LOEWEN

A lifelong resident of the RM of Stanley, Alfred Loewen came to council as a third generation

Now seeking re-election for a second term, Loewen sees an important role for him to play on coun-

"I still think that agriculture is an important part of the RM of Stanley. I think that there's so many things going on right now that I think we need to have a voice for agriculture and our community,"

There are a lot of challenges that come with having such strong growth in the region.



Alfred Loewen

"We need to keep it all in check," Loewen said. "I think we're doing a pretty good job of going forward.

"The first four years have been a steep learning curve, but we've already accomplished a lot of things."

Loewen stressed the need for council to ensure it is making informed and accurate decisions on all matters.

He touched on a few key priorities, but signaled out roads as an ongoing challenge.

"Roads would always be a number one issue because everyone is travelling, commuting or going

"I believe that water is also an integral part," Loewen said. "I think it's an important issue not just for part of the municipality but for all of the municipality that we should all have good potable

Loewen has served in a number of roles in his last four years as councillor, including on the boards overseeing the regional landfill, recycling, and Winkler Aquifer management.

"All of these things tie together," he observed. "I think we need to maintain our resources for going

WAYNE PENNER

Wayne Penner isn't as concerned about people voting for him as he is that they come out and vote in the first place.

"That's the most important part to me," said Penner, who is seeking re-election. "There's three of us running. I know I can do the job, but the guys running against me, I believe that they can do the job as well."

Penner believes there are a few key qualities he brings to the council table.

"I'm pretty straightforward ... I'll say what I think. I'll say no when I mean no ... I will not play back-

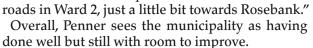
"I'll promise no promises ... but I will work for the people," he continued, adding that he prefers to look ahead rather than to the past."It's about what I do today and moving forward."

There are a number of regional projects currently in the works, Penner said, noting he is a strong proponent of bringing a YMCA recreational facility to

"I believe a lot more in regionalism than most people are talking about," he said. "I really believe in it, I believe we have to."

And while he would like to see the province putting in some more funding towards infrastructure, he stressed that roads always need to be a top priority for the council.

"Our roads need a lot of work ... we have no paved



"I think we've got a long ways to go. We've got a lot done. We've got very strong growth," he said. "With our population, we've got some growing

"We've come quite a ways in the last four years. I believe there's some things that still need to be

-Lorne Stelmach

Wayne Penner

Winkler, Stanley putting retail pot question to voters

By Lorne Stelmach

There's more than council seats on the line when Winkler and Stanley voters go to the polls Oct. 24.

Residents of the two communities are also being asked to weigh-in on whether they want to allow the retail sale of cannabis locally.

Recreational marijuana becomes legal in Canada on Oct. 17, but the federal government has left it up to municipalities to decide whether they will allow pot shops to operate within their communities.

Winkler and Stanley are among

eight Manitoba municipalities who have decided to hold referendums on

"We know everybody has an opinion and we would like people to come and put their opinion to a vote," said Martin Harder, who was unchallenged to return as mayor of Winkler. "This is an opportunity, in a democratic fashion, to state your opinion."

Harder said council felt putting this to a community-wide vote was the best way forward on what has been a long, drawn out issue across the country.

"We got absolutely nowhere," he

"WE FELT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR US AS CITY COUNCIL TO MAKE THAT DECISION ON OUR OWN."

said of the national debate on the matter."We wasted tens of thousands of hours ... and I am going to say millions of dollars in discussing this for the last year and a half.

"We had people enquiring about setting up retail locations," Harder continued. "We felt pressure, both

federally and provincially ... to take a position.

"We felt it was inappropriate for us as city council to make that decision on our own. We decided enough is

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"Look, listen, learn," says fire chief

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's Fire Prevention Week and local fire departments want you to keep three points in mind when thinking about fire safety: "Look, Listen, and Learn."

Look for places fires could start, listen for the sound of a smoke alarm, and learn two ways out of every room, explains Chief Richard Paetzold of Winkler Fire & Rescue.

This year's theme also encourages people to remember that fire can happen anywhere.

"Sometimes we think that fires only happen somewhere else, in a big business or a forest fire," Paetzold says. "But actually the number one cause of fire fatalities are fires in the home."

There are also a lot of misconceptions about just how those home fires start.

"A lot of people think that fires are started by cigarettes, smoking, but the number one cause of fires in our area is cooking fires," Paetzold says.

To that end, he urges people to think safety first when cooking, including keeping a close eye on what's on the stove or in the oven, ensuring flammable items such as dishcloths are well away from sources of heat, and being ready to put out a small fire quickly just in case.

"If you're cooking with oil or whatnot, you want to be able to extinguish it. Have the lid handy, throw baking soda on it—not flour or sugar."

And when it comes home fire extinguishers, make sure you know how to use them and that they're tested regularly to ensure they're good to go when you really need them.

"I have two fire extinguishers in my house, one in the garage and one in the kitchen," Paetzold says. "They're not just for in the workplace."

People seem to be getting the fire safety message. While the Winkler department's call numbers are up this year, Paetzold says he's seeing a lot more proactive steps being taken by residents.

"We've actually had a lot of fire incidents but nothing major because the majority of the fires were all attended by somebody with a fire extinguisher."

Paetzold reminds residents they should also be checking their home



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Winkler Fire Chief Richard Paetzold reminds people this Fire Prevention Week that fires can happen anywhere, but there are steps you can take to protect your family and your home.

smoke detectors regularly to ensure they're working, replace them if they're more than 10 years old, and consider installing detectors in multiple rooms of your home, not just on each floor.

"A lot of people think the fire will start somewhere else in their house," he says, but fires can and do start in bedrooms due to faulty wiring or electronics. "If that would happen with your door closed you would die of smoke inhalation before the smoke would ever get out of your room to set off the detector and let everybody else know that there's a fire."

One other piece of advice Paetzold wants to pass along is to smokers: stop using potted plants as ash trays on balconies or patios or in garages.

"The thing with a lot of material used in planter pots is it's not as much soil as it is peat moss, so it will smoul-

der for awhile and then reignite," he says, noting they've had several such calls recently. "Again, if it wasn't for the quick actions of somebody going by and seeing fire coming out of the pot and taking action ... it could have been much worse."

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home fire safety, visit firepreventionweek.org.

OPEN HOUSE

To mark Fire Prevention Week, the Winkler fire department hosts its annual open house at the Pembina Ave. fire hall Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 6-8 p.m.

The evening will include fire hall tours, a vehicle extrication demonstration at 7 p.m., and an information booth on children's car seat safety,

Winkler FD to conduct more inspections in 2019

Winkler's fire chief says the department is gearing up to do more inspections than ever in the year ahead.

"We're stepping up our end in 2019 where we're going to be covering off a lot more businesses for fire inspections as well as ... multi-family apartments and seniors housing," says Chief Richard Paetzold. "We want to make sure that some of our most vulnerable people—the people that may have a tougher time escaping from fire—that the places they're living in have working and tested annually fire alarm systems."

Fire inspections have always been part of the department's mandate, but they've been kept busy in the past focusing on facilities that require annual inspections by law. That includes things like schools, day cares, assisted living facilities, and the like.

Now, high-risk businesses will be seeing fire inspectors more often than in the past, Paetzold says, as will multi-family complexes.

"We've had some requests based on the places where were get called out to cooking fires often," he says. "We're going to make sure those places have working fire alarm systems and that their ways out are operational.

"We want to make sure people are living and working in places that are fire safe."

The department plans to hold a fire inspection information session for businesses later this year.

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enough. We are going to let the people decide now," he said. "I just want to encourage everybody to come out and vote."

Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson, also re-elected by acclamation, echoed Harder's sentiments.

"We're just seven people and we were left with this decision ... it was thought around the table let's put it to a plebiscite and see what the people want.

"A lot of people have some very strong viewpoints on this," Olafson added. "I'm not going to go argue for or against this, but it is going to be the law."

The plebiscite also gives many Stanley residents a reason to head to the polls in the first place, as Olafson and the councillors in Ward 1 were all elected by acclamation. Only Ward 2 has three candidates in the running for two seats.

"Normally we have very low turnout for any vote in the municipality. This time we only have the one election in Ward 2," said Olafson. "So I encourage people to come and vote."

Should the two communities vote against retail pot sales it would not stop local residents 19 years of age or older from being able to purchase pot online or in other communities for use on private property.

If voters give the green light to pot sales, retailers will have to follow provincial operating guidelines. Municipalities can also limit marijuana retailers to prescribed zones, establishing buffers around schools and community centres.

Wab Kinew next speaker in Diversitas series

NDP leader to reflect on residential school system's continuing impact in Canada

By Lorne Stelmach

A man celebrated as an Aboriginal leader seeking to engage with Canadians at large kicks off the next season of the local Diversitas speaker

Manitoba NDP leader Wab Kinew will speak on the residential school system in Canada on Monday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

Started in 2015, Diversitas is a series of community presentations designed to educate and inform people about the diversity of humanity. It's built around the idea that understanding leads to tolerance.

"My hope is that it's informative, like everything we do," said Diversitas founder and co-ordinator Peter Cantelon of Kinew's presentation. "Maybe it presents some context to people in the area about why residential schools has been coming up more often ... why it's a big issue not just for the Indigenous people but also for all of us."

Cantelon said this was an area they wanted to address again as only one previous Diversitas speaker—former grand chief and treaty commissioner Dennis Whitebird—has spoken on the topic of Indigenous affairs.

Held in the summer, that presentation saw a lower than usual turnout.

"It was time to do something again," Cantelon said. "It's a little more focused ... and Mr. Kinew comes with some visibility."

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SUPPLIED PHOTO Manitoba NDP leader Wab Kinew will be in Morden Oct. 29 to speak as part of the Diversitas series about the residential school system.





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Getting Down to Business

Avenue Polaris meeting the needs of wide market area

Business is booming for Avenue Polaris.

The company that started in Portage la Prairie 36 years ago first came to this area six

They've since made the move to a new, larger building closer to Morden in the highway corridor just east of town.

"The expansion has been great," said manager John Friesen. "We started on a leased lot a few miles east of here and we purchased this land and built here almost two years ago.

"We had tremendous customer support, so obviously we thought this was a great place to stay," he added. "Getting a little closer to Morden has been very convenient for everyone; for us, with getting parts, and it's a little closer for people to come.

"Being in a brand new building is kind of nice too," Friesen said. "We've doubled in size physically and we've also added two staff members."

The business started out as strictly a Polaris dealership, offering a full line of its products including motorcycles before they were discontinued.

"So we took on Kawasaki. We took on a full line Kawasaki dealership this past January," said Friesen, noting they offer complete parts and service including jet skis and dirt and street bikes.

"So we've got a pretty full lineup," he continued. "On top of that, we're also a Husqvarna dealer for power products, so snowblowers and lawn mowers and tractors ... log splitters and leaf blowers and chain saws."

The store is certainly meeting a need in its extended market area.

"A lot of our customers are ag-related. They either are farmers or they deal with farmers as a business," Friesen noted. "We do have strong agricultural roots here with our prod-

"We stretch very far east and very far west,"



Avenue Polaris manager John Friesen says the company prides itself on being part of the Morden-Winkler community.

he added. "We'll have customers that are an hour and a half away to the west, so maybe there is a bit of a vacuum in the area.

"Being located near Morden and Winkler here is very important to us because we have the community that brings people in for other reasons as well," Friesen said.

He sees a lot of potential for continued growth for Avenue Polaris.

"We want to just continue to build with what we have," he said. "We've got a pretty diverse lineup, pretty well rounded with pretty much everything you would need for your yard or your business."

















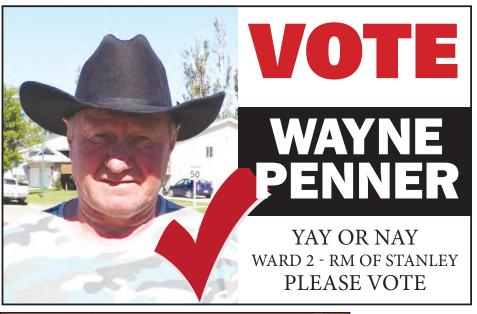




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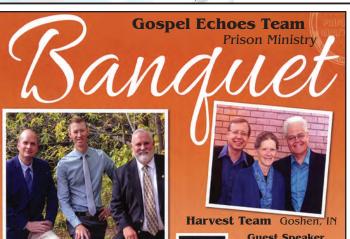




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The Winkler chamber hosted a come and go Meet the Candidates night at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre Oct. 4. It was a chance for voters to speak in-FOR YOU. FOR LESS. formally with the men and women seeking a seat on the next city council. In attendance were candidates (above, from left) NOW OPEN Don Cruickshank, Michael Grenier, Jerry Friesen, Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens, Karina Bueckert, Zahid Zehri, and Don Fehr. Missing was candidate Andrew Froese. A more formal public forum took place Wednesday. Voters





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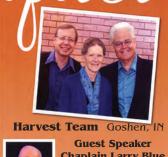
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Stay safe on wet roadways all year long

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Wet roadways are a common occurrence. The automotive resource AAA advises that wet pavement conaccidents each year. Many crashes occur when drivers do not recognize the need to change their driving habits in wet conditions. Mastering driving techniques on slick, water-logged roads can help motorists avoid accidents and injuries.

See and be seen

Before they even get behind the wheel, drivers should inspect all headlights and taillights to ensure they are in working order. Replace any bulbs that have burned out, and clean cloudy lens covers.

Drivers need to see roadways clearly, so they should make sure their windshields are free of streaks, debris and water. Periodically replacing windshield wiper blades can ensure they're working optimally when drivers need them most.

Slow down and give other motorists space

Slowing down and stopping can take extra time when roads are wet. AAA notes that, with as little as 1/12-inch of water on the road, tires have to displace a gallon of water a second to keep the rubber in contact with the street. Driving slowly can make it much easier for vehicles to stop. Plus, driving slowly enables drivers to see obstacles or pedestrians more easily, especially in heavy rains.

Exercise caution with puddles and running water

It may be difficult to gauge the depth and ferocity of water flowing in a roadway.

Quickly moving water can cause a vehicle to hydroplane or even move a large vehicle. A deep puddle also can affect drivers' ability to steer or cause vehicles to stall. Take another route rather than risk driving through large puddles or areas where water is flowing on

Skidding

Do not slam on the brakes if a car begins to skid or hydroplane, advise experts. Instead, ease up slowly from the accelerator and then steer the vehicle into the skid or straight. Then accelerate smoothly once more. Sudden, jerky movements when a car begins to skid can exacerbate the situation.

Maintain tires

Tire treads should be checked at the start of a new season to ensure the rubber will be able to grip the road. Rotate tires according to the manufacturer's requirements, or every 5,000 miles. Properly inflated tires will improve traction as well.

Wet weather can make driving challenging. Driving slowly and modifying other habits when roads are wet can make for safe road trips.

How to recognize potential brake problems

Maintaining a vehicle is more than just a way to protect one's financial investment. Vehicle maintenence can protect against accidents and make the road safer for drivers and their passengers as well as their fellow motorists.

Fully functioning brakes are an important component of automotive safety. In its 2015 Crash Stats report, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that brake-related problems accounted for 22 percent of crashes where vehicular failure was cited as the cause of the collision. Bad brakes are particularly notorious for rearend collisions. Faulty, worn brake lines, antilock brake system malfunctions and worn brake pads and discs are some potential brake problems.

It is important that motorists learn to recognize the first symptoms of brake trouble so they can address issues before they put drivers, their passengers and other motorists at risk of accident or injury.

· Unusual noises: Screeching, grinding, rubbing, and high-pitched sounds are common indicators that brake pads, rotors and other parts of the braking system need attention. Worn pads can cause damage to other vehicle parts, resulting in more expensive repairs if they're not addressed promptly.

· Pulling: If the car pulls to one side when applying the brakes, this may indicate brake pad linings are wearing down unevenly. A brake adjustment may be necessary. Pulling also may be indicative of an object or debris caught in the brake fluid.

· Less responsive: If when pressing on the brake pedal the brakes just do not seem to be as effective as they once were, or it is necessary to press the pedal harder for the brakes to engage, there may be a brake fluid leak or an air leak. Check under the vehicle to see if any fluids are pooling.

· Pungent odors: Firestone Tire Company says a burning smell may be indicative of worn out brake pads and friction on the tires. Each of these issues require immediate attention

· Vibrations: Certain vibrations may indicate brake issues. Rotors can become warped from metal-on-metal rubbing, potentially leading to a failure of the vehicle to brake properly. Vibrations also may indicate tires are misaligned. These problems can be properly assessed by a trained me-

Do not let potential brake problems go unchecked. Keeping brakes in good working order helps drivers stop more readily and avoid collisions.





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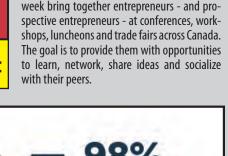
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From left: The CFDC's Peter Cantelon, Victoria Markstrom, Yevgeniya Tatarenko, and (far right) Cheryl Link were joined by sponsors Edith Brunn of the Morden Motor Inn, Wesley Ngwenya of Access Credit Union, and Joe Brown from the Miami Museum in unveiling the museum's new vehicle Friday.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre's newest set of wheels hit the road last week.

The Morden museum purchased an old community handivan to use as its "Mosasaur Machine."

"We're using it for all forms of pro-

gramming," says CFDC executive director Peter Cantelon, noting that includes dig tours and trips to give educational talks all over the prov-

The Mosasaur Machine replaces the museum's aging van, which, though it only had 70,000 kilometres on it, was 20 years old.

"It's been a nice but necessary transition from the older vehicles," Cantelon said, noting the new van puts forward a much more professional look that lines up better with the museum being one of the area's prime tourist destinations.

Getting the vehicle all decked out with a new Jurassic Park-inspired look

was made possible thanks to donations from Dinokinetics, Rock's Bar & Grill, Wolfe Enterprises, the Miami Museum, Chicken Chef, Elite Crushing, Access Credit Union, Sharptooth Adventures, and Humanists, Atheists, and Agnostics of Manitoba

CFDC unveils new "Mosasaur Machine"



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New record at Roland pumpkin weigh-off

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Returning victor Charlie Bernstrom won the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth Weigh-off Saturday at the Roland Pumpkin Fair with a monster weighing in at 1,753.5 pounds, setting a new record for the event.

The Lancaster, Minnesota native's entry surpassed his 2017 record-setter by a full 255 pounds.

"Like I said last year, you get them to the scale and it makes you feel pretty good. There's a lot of stress that goes on throughout the year," Bernstrom said just after receiving his trophy and cash prize.

He said he had high hopes his pumpkin would be a record-breaker despite the hot, dry conditions this summer. Bernstrom estimated he pumped 35,000 gallons of river water throughout the growing season to keep his three giant pumpkins alive.

This is his fifth year growing giant pumpkins and he says the only real trick is to give them everything they need to grow big and healthy.

"Fertilize a lot, every day they get fertilizer ... lots of water, you've got to spray fungicide, insecticide for the bugs and disease," he said. "It's just a lot of care and luck and weather."

It's a labour of love, but most definitely worth all the work for Bernstrom and his family.

"You get addicted to it," he said, adding the pumpkin fair itself is a big

highlight and a great way to wrap up the season. "We love coming here."

Another highlight is seeing so many people of all ages and experience levels getting into this hobby, which is filled with helpful growers.

"Everybody's so nice, they help out," Bernstrom said. "There's really no secrets. If somebody asks, you'll tell them, because you want everybody to come and experience this."

And just what does one do with a 1,700 pound pumpkin once the competition season is over? Drop it from a great height, of course.

"We lift them up on a crane 80 feet up and we drop them on vehicles," said Bernstrom, noting last year the pumpkin drop raised \$1,200 for literacy programming in Lancaster.

Taking second place in Roland this year and setting a new Manitobagrown pumpkin record was Cornie Banman of Schanzenfeld with a pumpkin tipping the scales at 1,522 pounds. Third place went to two-time champion Milan Lukes of Winnipeg, who returned to the competition after a year off with an entry weighing 1,349 pounds.

In the weigh-off's other categories, Carman's Harry Peirson won first with his 3 lbs 7 oz. tomato, Tom Hudson from Sperling took the watermelon top prize with one weighing 59.5 pounds, and Roseau, MN entrant Dean Skoien's 609.5 lb. squash won that category.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Charlie Bernstrom, with daughter Briar and wife Mallory, accepts the trophy for the biggest pumpkin at the Roland Pumpkin Fair's Great Pumpkin Commonwealth Weigh-off Saturday. His entry set a new record at 1,753.5 pounds.

The weigh-off was, of course, just one part of a busy day of entertainment in the small community.

The fair also included a pancake breakfast, craft sale, the ever-popular Pumpkin Patch Tea Room featuring a

dizzying array of pumpkin desserts, a classic car show, children's activities, the evening harvest supper, and live stage entertainment from The Wood Knots, magician Mr. Ken, and Jayme Giesbrecht and Jonathan Alexiuk.



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Little Shop of Horrors at the Kenmor this weekend

The Classic Kenmor Players bring Little Shop of Horrors to the stage this weekend.

The cast and crew have spent the summer and fall preparing for the show, including creating Audrey II, the eight-foot floral star of the comedic musical romp.

Little Shop of Horror tells the story of a meek floral assistant who stumbles across an unusual plant never seen before on Earth and provides sustenance to it by very unique means.

It's only when the plant matures that Seymour understands its plans for world domination. What does he do to stop this menace?

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Fri-

The Classic Kenmor Players perform Little Shop of Horrors in Morden Oct. 12-14.

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Volunteer board stepping up at Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre is finding its feet with a new volunteer management board.

The organization held a town hall meeting this summer to discuss its future in the wake of financial challenges that necessitated laying off its paid director.

Since then, a dedicated group of volunteers have stepped up to keep the Christian nature and conservation centre going.

"We have a core group of volunteers dedicated to the PVIC vision," says organizer Leanna Wiebe, who explains they're committed to ensuring the centre remains open to the public.

The 100-acre property located between the Pembina Valley Provincial Park and Pembina Valley Bible Camp includes a bed and breakfast house, learning centre, hiking trails, unserviced camping sites, gardens, native prairie and aspen parkland forest.

The volunteer board has come up with a detailed business plan it believes will help the organization become sustainable on its own, without having to rely on financial help from parent organization A Rocha Canada. "That involves offering both church

memberships and individual memberships,"Wiebe explains.

"We think it's realistic," she says. "We should be able to meet our operating budget through memberships, renting out the facilities ... and then filling in the gaps with some grants and fundraising.

"It will just be a matter of getting the

community involved to make that vision happen."

Community involvement is also key to PVIC being able to once again offer the programming it has in the past.

Volunteers are needed not only for the organizing board but also to help with such events as nature talks, artists retreats, guided hikes, and various conservation projects. Help is also needed for grounds keeping, hosting,

and various administrative tasks.

"The more hands on deck the better," says Wiebe. "We would love to see growth of a larger community of people who support each other through the PVIC vision and increase the impact of the site."

If you'd like to learn more about getting involved, contact Wiebe via email at leanna.pvic@gmail.com.

> DIVERSITAS, FROM PG. 11

Kinew serves as leader of the Manitoba NDP while representing the riding of Fort Rouge.

The author of the award-winning national bestseller The Reason You Walk: A Memoir, Kinew was also host of the documentary series 8th Fire and a past host of CBC's Canada Reads literary competition.

In addition, Kinew was as an honorary witness for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and has served as the associate vicepresident for Indigenous relations at the University of Winnipeg since

Beyond Kinew, Diversitas is still firming up its schedule of speakers for the next few months. The next session is expected to take place in late January.

Cantelon said they're working to bring a representative from the Yazidi Association of Manitoba.

"The Yazidis are a small, unique cultural and religious group from Iraq that has been prettily heavily persecuted," he said. "It will offer their perspective on what's been going on, who they are and how they are unique from other groups in the area."

Cantelon noted they have also extended an invitation to Pride Winnipeg to have a leader from the transgender community speak here.

Cantelon is hopeful these talks will continue to generate positive dialogue in the community.

"It continues to be well received ... it's usually a diverse group," he noted. "Every time we have a presentation, there's a good chunk of the crowd that has never been to one before, and there's a good chunk that are returning from previous Diversitas events. It's good to see there's the level of interest."

Cowboy Valley Collective coming to 1-6 Hall

By Lorne Stelmach

Cowboy Valley Collective presents

Cowboy Church at the 1-6 Hall south of Morden Oct. 21 from 7-8 p.m.

Cowboy Valley Collective is a inter-



Blair Bates and wife Brenda of the Cowboy Valley Collective are hosting a church service south of Morden Oct. 21. denominational ministry whose focus is working with the rodeo, ranching, and everyday cowboy communities in western Canada and abroad.

Pastor Blair Bates and wife Brenda have been involved in this for about 14 years, having started out in B.C. at rodeo events before coming to Manitoba four years ago.

Bates noted they have done a number of small events that have gone over well.

"It's kind of a more safe environment for people who don't necessarily feel comfortable going to a larger church body," he said, describing it as "a place where people are seeking and looking for information about God ... at the same time, a place that's kind of neutral.

"People enjoy the cowboy way of life, and there's a lot of cowboys in this area," Bates added. "We're just trying to get them all collected in one place, and we can do this together."

Cowboy Valley Collective has also hosted a popular Cowboy Christmas featuring Eli Barsi and John Cunningham.

You can keep up with them on Facebook or stop by the church service next weekend.

The Mount Pleasant 1-6 Hall is located at 33055 Rd 3N less than a half mile west of the PR 201 and Rd 33W intersection.

WFRC launching Fun With Seniors program

Weekly program pairs up seniors with preschoolers for fun and games

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre is putting a call out for seniors to take part in one of its new programs. WFRC launches Fun With Seniors at the Winkler Senior Centre Nov. 8.

The program, which runs weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. until mid-December (except for Nov. 22), will team up a senior with a preschooler for crafts, games, songs, reading, and physical activity.

"It's an intergenerational program we're really looking forward to introducing," says WFRC coordinator Cathy Savage. "I think it's going to be really cool because this hasn't been done in our community with this age group [preschoolers].

"We're encouraging seniors to sign up at the senior centre if they want to take part."

Another new program starting up this fall is the Nuttin' But Fall Fun kit and kaboodle program running in Plum Coulee at The Centre on Main Oct. 15 to Nov. 27.

"This is a new program and a new location for Plum Coulee," says Savage. "We're excited to be partnering with The Centre on Main."

The Tuesday morning session (10-11:30 a.m.) is aimed at preschoolers and their caregivers and features reading, singing, and arts and crafts.

Other new sessions of returning WFRC offerings include the Preschool Party language/literacy development program Thursday mornings from Nov. 8 to Dec. 13 and the healthy living program Wiggle Giggle Munch Friday mornings from Nov. 19 to Dec. 13.

Also happening is the Tuesday morning Jolly Tots Family Drop-in until Dec. 19 and the Jumping Jacks 'n Jills family gym program at J.R. Walkof School Thursday evenings from Nov. 6 to Dec. 11.

For details on all these programs or to register, head to winklerfamilyre-

sourcecentre.com or contact Savage at 204-332-9418 or winklerfrc@gmail. com.

Savage notes there's also still space in their annual Quiz Nite taking place at Garden Valley Collegiate Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. It's \$20 per person or \$160 for a team of eight. Contact her for details.

Rural Women's Day event focusing on health care

Are you aware of what health care services are available to you in rural Manitoba?

You can learn more in Morris later this month at the Manitoba Rural Women's Day event"Exploring Rural Heath Care."

Taking place Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Morris Multiplex, the day,

which is organized by the Manitoba Women's Institute, is an opportunity for women to network and learn from a variety of speakers and displays.

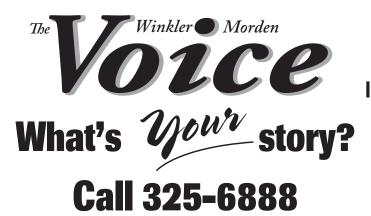
Speakers include a pharmacist, naturopathic doctor, health care researcher, and representatives from the STARS air ambulance, regional health authority, Port in a Storm, and Laughing Yoga.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. Advanced registration of \$25 is requested. The fee covers snacks, lunch, and a chance to win door prizes.

This is the third year that MWI is hosting this learning opportunity, offered to all women, members and non-members alike.

Those in attendance will get to weigh-in on the topic to be explored at Manitoba Rural Women's Day 2019.

Check out MWI's website at mbwi.ca/manitoba-rural-womens-day-2018 for more information.



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Hawks solid at **Thanksgiving Classic**

Female team 2-1-1 in home tourney

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a weekend of encouraging results for the Pembina Valley Hawks. Coming off an opening weekend where the female AAA midget team lost both games as well as both regular goaltenders, the Hawks won two and tied one of the four games at their Thanksgiving Classic tournament.

After opening with a 2-2 tie against Regina Friday, the Hawks were on opposite ends of a pair of 7-2 decisions Saturday, beating Thunder Bay but falling to Swift Current. They then closed the weekend out by edging Weyburn 2-1.

Against Regina, Pembina Valley got goals from Cora Fijala and Cambree Martens. Isabell Reutter, who was picked up following injuries to goaltenders Kadynce Romijn and Regan Durand the week before, earned the win with a solid 30 save performance.

The Hawks saw their core of veterans take over against Thunder Bay, turning a 1-0 first period deficit into a 3-1 lead after two. They were led by Tessa Odell with a hat trick and five points, while Fijala also had five points including a pair of goals. Abbi Conrad contributed a pair of goals as well, while Reutter was only called upon to face 11 shots on net.

The Hawks fell behind 2-0 and 4-1 by periods as Swift Current capitalized on their 26 shots. Conrad and Maiya Aschberg scored for the Hawks.

Pembina Valley took a 2-0 first period lead and then held on the rest of the way against Weyburn. The goals came from Fijala and Odell, while Reutter made 24 saves.

The Hawks resume their regular season schedule this weekend with a home game in Morden Saturday night against the Interlake Lightning. They then head east to Ste. Anne Sunday to face the Eastman Selects.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Pembina Valley's Tessa Odell tries to force her way through a Thunder Bay blockade in Saturday's 7-2 Hawks win. The ladies were 2-1-1 at their Thanksgiving Classic in Morden.

Hawks bow to Kings, best Cougars

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks showed some character in taking their first loss of the male AAA hockey season.

After being humbled 8-2 by the Brandon Wheat Kings Saturday, the Hawks came from behind in erasing a two goal deficit to edge the Southwest Cougars 4-3 Sunday.

The campaign is only four games in, but Pembina Valley sits tied for third at 3-1-0-0 for six points alongside the Winnipeg Bruins.

The Hawks trailed 2-0 and 5-0 at the intermissions Saturday but finally broke through in the third with a pair from Michael Hlady, including a powerplay goal.

Brock Moroz was relieved after allowing five goals on 20 shots after two periods. Dylan Meilun then allowed three on nine shots in the third. Total shots were 30-29 for the Hawks.

Meilun carried on in goal Sunday and was solid in stopping 48 of 51 shots from Southwest, while the Hawks were opportunistic with their

Tyson Allison led the way with a hat trick, including a powerplay marker in the second period that tied the game at 3-3. Roux Bazin then connected on another man advantage with 5:19 remaining to get the win for the Hawks.

Allison now has four goals and seven points after the first four games to lead the Hawks' attack and sit in fifth overall in the league in the early going.

The Hawks concluded their four game homestand Wednesday in hosting the Winnipeg Wild. The result was not available at press time.

This weekend they venture north for a doubleheader against the Norman Northstars Saturday and Sunday in Thompson.

Rough week for Flyers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers had a rocky week, dropping three of four games in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League.

The Selkirk Steelers came to town Oct. 2 and went home with a 4-1 victory to show for their efforts.

Despite Winkler actually getting the edge in shots on net—39 to the Steelers' 32—it was Selkirk who made the most of their chances

The Steelers drew first blood less than five minutes into the game, which went unanswered until Jesse Korytko got Winkler up on the board at the 13:33 mark.

That was the last time Winkler would find the back of the net, while Selkirk scored early on in the second period and then twice in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Riley Morgan took the loss in net, making 28 saves.

The team tried to shake the defeat off the next night in Portage la Prairie. But while it was a much closer match, things still swung their opponent's way 3-2.

Winkler was down 1-0 until well into the second period, when Jayden McCarthy tied the game 13 minutes in and then Cory Checco pulled the Flyers into the lead 2-1 at 17:17.

That was all she wrote for Winkler, though, while Portage tied things up less than two minutes into the third and then got the game winner with four and a half to go.

Veteran netminder Aaron Brunn went the distance in net, making 30 saves as Portage outshot Winkler 33-29.

Things finally went Winkler's way Friday night as they welcomed the Swan Valley Stampeders to town.

The hard-fought game saw the two teams neck-in-neck through all three periods.

Swan Valley got the first goal in the opening frame but McCarthy evened things out a minute and a half later.

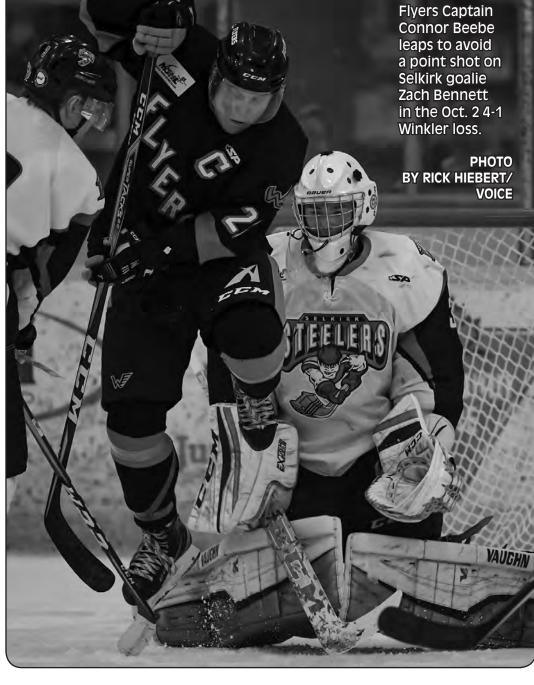
Period two saw Winkler take the lead two minutes in thanks to a goal from Griffin Leonard, only to have the Stampeders tie it up midway through the period.

Leonard and Brody Moffatt launched the Flyers back into the lead, Leonard scoring at the 1:50 mark and Moffatt making it 4-2 in the 13th minute.

That minute proved to be a busy one, with Swan Valley scoring two unanswered goals of their own to force overtime.

There, McCarthy got the game-winner for Winkler 1:20 in.

Brunn and Morgan both saw time on the ice in net, the latter making 24 saves off 27 shots while the former stopped 11 out of 12. Finally, on Sunday, the Flyers fell to the Pistons in Steinbach 5-2. Korytko and Jacob Lacasse scored in the first and third periods,



respectively, while Steinbach got two in the first, two more in the second, and then capped it all off with a final goal early in the third for the win.

Morgan made 33 saves as the Pistons outshot the Flyers 38-27.

Winkler is now 3-4-1 for the season thus

far.

Coming up this weekend, the Orange and Black host Waywayseecappo Friday and then head to Virden on Saturday. They then have a rematch against Virden on home ice on Tuesday.



Riot beat Wolverines to win championship

The South Central Riot wrapped up their inaugural season in the Manitoba Major Soccer League with a championship win over the weekend.

The SC Riot wrapped up their first season of MMSL 8th Division soccer by winning the champion-ships Saturday.

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The team, who were 14-0 in the regular season and had defeated Colo-Colo 2-1 in the playoffs, beat the Wolverines 4-1 Saturday to clinch the 8th Division title.

Arni Schott scored twice in the victory, with Kris Roberts and Shepherd Chiwandire contributing singles.

The team's domination in their division means they'll be moving up to a more competitive one next summer.





PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The GVC boys beat Morden 3-1 and the NPC girls defeated GVC 1-0 to win the Zone 4 banners last week Thursday. They now compete at provincials Oct. 12-13.

Nighthawks, Zodiacs bring home Zone 4 banners

Two Winkler teams will represent Zone 4 at the provincial soccer championships later this month.

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate varsity girls and the Garden Valley Collegiate boys won the Zone championship banners Oct. 4.

NPC downed GVC 1-0 in the girls final, with Jessica Wieler scoring the game's lone goal for the Nighthawks. On the boys side, GVC's Helmut

Rode, Owen Friesen, and Vitali

CWE comes to Winkler Oct. 11

Canadian Wrestling Elite comes to Winkler this week.

After years of setting up their ring in Morden for hard-hitting wrestling action, CWE hosts its first event at Winkler's Royal Hall (upstairs at the arena) this Thursday, Oct. 11.

Performing live will be CWE champion "Hotshot" Danny Duggan, Canadian National Strongman "Canadian Hercules" Tyler Colton, International Lucha Libre Star "The Zombie Icon" Mentallo, CWE tag team champions "The Canadian Crusher" AJ Sanchez and "The Boston Bruiser" Kevin O'Doyle, "Big" Bobby Schink, among others.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$13 at the door or \$11 in advance online at cwetickets.com or at Chicken Chef. VIP tickets, which include a meet and greet at 6 p.m., are \$16.

Penner led the way in a 3-1 victory over the Morden Thunder, who were the defending zone and provincial champions. Scoring for Morden was

Nathan Payne.

Provincials takes place in Swan River Oct. 12-13.

In other high school sports, the NPC

varsity volleyball teams both fell to Steinbach. The boys lost 25-15, 28-26, and 25-19 while the girls fell 25-16, 25-13, and 25-16.

Twins best Twisters 6-5 in shootout

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters were four seconds away from what could have been a perfect four point week-

A penalty shot goal in the closing seconds Friday led to a 6-5 shootout loss to the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins, but Pembina Valley rebounded Sunday with a 5-3 win over the St. Boniface Riels.

It left the Twisters tied for third at 2-1-1 for five points in the early going of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League season.

Pembina Valley trailed 2-1 after two periods Friday in what became a back and forth affair that went to overtime when the Twisters were called for closing their hand on the puck in the crease with four seconds left, and a penalty shot goal tied the game.

In the resulting shootout, Braeden Beernaerts would score for the Twisters in the second round, but the Twins got the equalizer in the third and then won it on the fifth shooter.

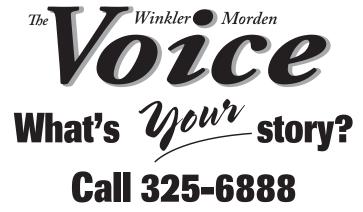
Jeremie Goderis got a pair for the Twisters with other goals coming in from Beernaerts, Brendan Keck, and Wyatt Sabourin. Final shots were

51-40 for the Twisters. Riley Buhay stopped 35 in net.

On Sunday, the Twisters had period leads of 1-0 and 3-2 as Beernaerts got what proved to be the winner 4:12 into the third and then sealed the deal with an empty netter. Sabourin also had a pair for Pembina Valley with the other goal coming from Nathan Ayotte.

Shots on goal were 34-31 for the Riels. Travis Klassen made 31 saves.

The Twisters welcome the St. James Canucks to Morris this Friday night and then head to the Interlake to take on the Stonewall Jets Sunday.



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Doc Walker at Manitou Opera House Oct. 26

By Lorne Stelmach

Veteran country band Doc Walker return to the area this month with a show at the Manitou Opera House.

The winners of multiple Canadian Country Music Awards hit the stage

Oct. 26 at 8 p.m.

with Doc Walker. They've liked them of the Manitou Opera House Foundation. "It's going to be a lot of familiar

"People in this area are very familiar for a long time," said Thor Thorleifson songs that people have known and

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Canadian country music stars Doc Walker take the stage in Manitou

loved for many years."

The foundation along with gold sponsors Louis Dreyfus, Delmar, and Cargill is sponsoring the show, which will have local teen band The Stowaways open the evening.

The night will benefit the historic venue in its efforts to clear the debt from its major expansion and accessibility project.

"The total project cost was about \$1.3 million and we've got the debt down to around \$28,000,"Thorleifson estimated.

The Heartland Acoustic show brings Doc Walker fans closer than ever to the band they've known and loved for the past two decades.

The show will include old favorites plus new material from their latest album Weathervane.

The first single "Heart of the Heartland" was inspired by hometown pride, fond memories of youth, and continuing to find new inspiration in one's roots, in this case Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg, which have long been home to Doc Walker's Chris Thorsteinson and Dave Wasyl-

"Heart of the Heartland is about all of the lives that were lived and all of the memories that were created in a now dying town," Wasyliw explained. "One man's connection to the broken concrete and dilapidated structures that harbour the ghosts of his entire childhood, and his unshakable hometown pride.

"IT'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF FAMILIAR SONGS THAT PEOPLE HAVE KNOWN AND LOVED FOR MANY YEARS."

"In short, Weathervane is the record we've always wanted to make. We don't set out in a specific direction when we start writing for an album. We write and write and re-write. Much like a weathervane, it's almost as if we'll lick our finger and hold it to the wind to see if we are on the right track."

"Weathervane to me is a reflection of the amazingly crazy life I've lived," added Thorsteinson.

"I am one of those guys that never left his hometown yet had the opportunity to travel the world. I've seen Canada from coast to coast many times throughout the years, staring out the windows of vans, old buses, new buses, trains and planes, and every time I'm shocked by the beauty of our country, but my heart has always been in the Prairies."

Tickets are \$30 or \$50 for VIP seating and are available by calling or texting 204-242-4287.

Stanley gives final approval to revised zoning bylaw

Council also okays road improvements in Schanzenfeld, Meadows Golf relocation

By Lorne Stelmach

The revised rules and restrictions governing development in the Morden and Winkler highway corridor are now in place.

Council gave final approval last Thursday to the zoning bylaw with only some minor tweaking.

The bylaw goes into detail about the various development zones from industrial to agricultural including what are permitted and conditional uses in each zone. For example, the area around the regional hospital is designated as a wellness zone.

One key consideration that arose involved setting out guidelines for development in the fringe areas bordering Winkler and Morden. Reeve Morris Olafson said Stanley recognized that they don't want to allow industry too close to residential development.

concerned about that area," said Olafson, adding those kinds of concerns have been addressed.

"If there was a major business or factory that was going to locate in those fringe areas ... it wouldn't happen automatically. We would have to be in consultation with the cities to make that work."

Meanwhile, council also voted last week to go ahead with further road improvements in the village of Schanzenfeld.

A project carrying an estimated cost of about \$670,000 will see another "It's understandable that they were turning lane installed a mile north

> from the recently completed project at the main highway intersection.

> "It's making two really good entrances into that village," Olafson said.

> As well, council cleared the way for a popular area attraction to make a new home in the RM of

Stanley.

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REALLY GOOD

A conditional use permit was approved for Jake and Elsie Thiessen, who are purchasing the former

Winkler-based Meadows Golf and Amusements and moving the business to their rural property about two miles north of the city.

They're hoping to have it set up and running sometime next year. It will operate much the same as in the past for now, though there might be opportunity to add to it down the road, said Thiessen, who noted the former owner had approached them about the business as far back as two years

"He talked to me numerous times over probably the last two years ... a month ago, we met and talked, just by chance ... I went home and at supper just said to the family, 'You guys want to buy Meadows Golf?' And everybody was excited."

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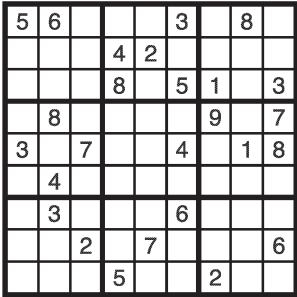
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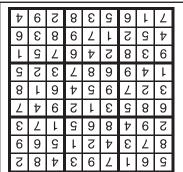
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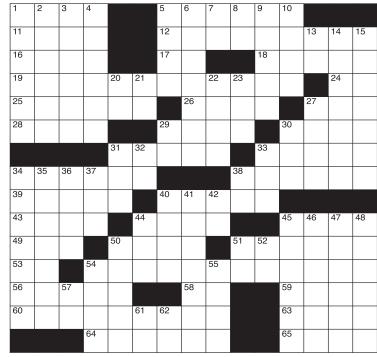
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- 18. Russian lake
- 19. Not allowed into evidence
- 24. Indicates position
- 25. Without clothes
- 26. Geological times
- 27. Folk singer DiFranco
- 28. Buddy
- 29. but don't break
- 30. Father
- 31. Cast a shadow over
- 33. Afghan city
- 34. Concluding speech
- 38. Type of creed
- 39. French Revolution image "The Death of _
- 40. Syrian president al-
- 43. Soviet composer
- 44. Dove into
- 45. Famed Broadway producer
- 49. Leavened bread
- 50. Ruling family House of ___
- 51. Planet
- 53. Publicity
- 54. Manifesting approval
- 56. Fern genus
- 58. Larry and Curly's pal
- 59. Company officer
- 60. Expressed loathing for
- 63. Birthplace of Constantine
- 64. People from Asia
- 65. "Hercules" voice Donovan
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- 1. Central hall or court
- 2. Italian city
- 3. All there
- 4. Seamstress's tool
- 5. Sends after



- 6. Used in herbal medicine
- 7. Specific gravity
- 8. A male
- 9. Hydroxyls + 2C
- 10. Trigonometric function
- 13. Archaic language (abbr.)
- 14. East African native
- 15. Satisfy
- 20. Mother
- 21. Where innate impulses are processed
- 22. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 23. Not good
- 27. Swiss river
- 29. A-Team member Baracus
- 30. Calendar month
- 31. Drunk
- 32. Mercury
- 33. Concealed
- 34. Give forth

- 35. Contradiction in terms
- 36. Middle Eastern country 37. On the
- 38. Sodium
- 40. One who attended a school
- 41. Supporters
- 42. South Dakota
- 44. American brewer Adams, Sr.
- 45. Type of attorney
- 46. Absence of oxygen
- 47. Most sheer
- 48. Human soul, mind or spirit
- 50. Flies high above
- 51. University of Dayton
- 52. Dorm moderator (abbr.)
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 - c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
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 - i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
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The Board of Revision for the RM of Roland will sit on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Roland to hear applications.

The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2018.

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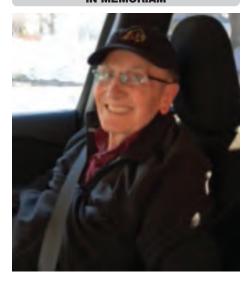
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Retirement Celebration for Raymond Grenier after 44 years at Monarch Ind. Sunday, October 14, 2018 Come & Go from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. 1351 Willowridge Place (off 14th Street South), Winkler

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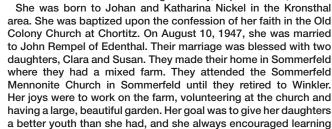
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Helena Rempel (nee Nickel) 1922 - 2018

Helen Rempel of Salem Home in Winkler, MB went to be with her Lord and Saviour in the morning of Friday, September 21, 2018.



and music. In Winkler, she worked at Salem Home for approximately 10 years. In retirement, she volunteered as a server at her church and at the MCC thrift store. Her grandchildren and now her great-grandchildren brought her much joy. On January 15, 2014, she moved to Salem and resided there until her passing.

She is survived by her husband, John; her daughter, Clara and husband, Jake Peters and their children, Lori and Wayne Klassen and their daughters, Alyssa and Samantha, son, Terry and Erica Peters and their daughter, Sadie, Steven and Krysten Peters; her daughter, Susan and husband, Marlin Nagtegaal and their son, Joshua and his fiancé, Mya Diaz.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

The family wishes to thank Salem Home for the fantastic care provided to Mom during her stay and Wiebe Funeral Home for their compassion and caring service at this time of loss. Donations may be made in Helen's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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OBITUARY

Kola Holenski May 15, 1922 - September 29, 2018

On Saturday, September 29, 2018 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB, Kola Holenski aged 96 years passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones.

Kola was predeceased by wives, Mary Holenski in 1995 and Annie Holenski in 2017; son, Jerry Holenski and brother, Joe P Holenski. He is survived by son, Donald and Lorraine Holenski; daughter-in-law, Wendy Holenski; grandchildren, Andrea (Adam) Tanner, Brandy, Jason (Genevieve), Cameron and Stacy Holenski; great-grandsons, Hunter, Indiana, Lucas and Logan Holenski and great-granddaughter, Vegas Tanner. He is also survived by his brother, Roy (Evelyne); sister, Dorothy; sister-in-law, Tina; four step children and their families.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5, 2018 at St. Paul's United Church in Morden with ash interment at Chapel Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Kola's memory to either the Cancer Care Manitoba or Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

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