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A volunteer shows off his formal duds with style at the fifth annual Katie Cares Fashion Show last Thursday night. The sold-out event raised nearly \$50,000 for the charity, which operates the newly opened Katie's Cottage respite home between Winkler and Morden. See Pg. 6 for more.

**Morden fire chief receives province's top service medal**

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden fire Chief Andy Thiessen was recognized for his contributions to the Manitoba fire service last week.

Thiessen, who has been a firefighter for 35 years including 21 years as Morden's chief, received the Mary Beth Dolin Meritorious Fire Service Award at a ceremony at the Manitoba Legislature on Oct. 13.

He was one of just three firefighters to receive the honour, which is presented to those who have "demonstrated excellence, leadership, outstanding achievement, or whose contribution has substantially enhanced the safety of the people of Manitoba."

"Members of Manitoba's fire service protect the safety and well-being of our families, friends, and neighbours every day," said Growth, Enterprise and Trade Minister Cliff Cullen in presenting the award.

"When duty calls, they protect us through fire prevention, public education, and rescue efforts. Their generosity of spirit and strong commitment to duty in the performance of these dangerous tasks serves as an inspiration to all."

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# “I didn’t think I was doing anything over and above...”

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The award came as quite a shock to Thiessen, who, unbeknownst to him, was nominated by the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs board, on

which he has served both as a member and on the executive for years.

He says it’s certainly an honour to be recognized, though he stresses that all the work he’s done—both at the provincial level with MAFC and locally—is something he sees as very much a part of doing his job well.

“To be honest, I didn’t think I was doing anything over and above what I would expect anyone in this job to do,” he says, noting his focus has always been “making sure that the communities we live in are a safer place.”

Thiessen started his career in fire-fighting in Killarney back in 1982.

“I worked right across from a volunteer fire department and when the siren went off I just watched these guys run in and jump in the trucks and I wondered what they were going to and why they did what they were doing.

“And so one day, I walked across the street after they had come back from a fire call and just told them I was interested ... they didn’t let me leave,” Thiessen says, chuckling. “I had to sign up right there. That was how it all started.”

It’s been a fulfilling career, he says.

“It’s been a blast. I still really enjoy it. It’s hard work at times, but in order to get something moved forward and to improve things, hard work usually comes right along with it.”

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Growth, Enterprise, and Trade Minister Cliff Cullen presented the Mary Beth Dolin Meritorious Fire Service Award to Morden fire Chief Andy Thiessen at a reception at the Legislature last week.

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# Winkler Cheer Board kicks off campaign

By Ashleigh Viveiros

While visions of sugar-plums may not be dancing in anyone's head just yet, planning is well underway for the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board's annual campaign.

Mayor Martin Harder stopped by the Cheer Board's meeting last week to officially kick things off by declaring the month of November as Cheer Board Month.

It marks the beginning of what will be a very busy eight weeks leading up to the distribution of this year's care hampers to families in need, says the Cheer Board's Marilyn Dyck.

"It means that the train is going to be picking up speed," she said, noting that while the board has been hard at work for months, now's the time they turn to the community for help.

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During a visit to the Winkler and District's Christmas Cheer Board's meeting last week, Mayor Martin Harder inked a proclamation declaring November as Cheer Board Month in the city.

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# Massage Therapy

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## Rethinking the Message around Massage

As the popularity of massage therapy continues to grow, so too have the professional standards that govern it and – best of all! – its demonstrated efficacy as something far greater than simply a spa service to help one alleviate stress. Today, massage therapy is widely used by people of all ages who are looking for relief from many specific problems, including:

- Arthritis and tendinitis
- Repetitive strain injuries
- Headaches and migraines
- Muscle tension and related conditions such as spasms, strains, and sprains
- Circulatory problems
- Pregnancy and labour discomfort
- Post-injury and post-surgical rehabilitation

As with any health care service, patient/client education is key, especially when it comes to understanding the high level of expertise massage therapy practitioners possess.

In honour of National Massage Therapy Awareness Week (October 23-29), here is a list of frequently asked questions (and responses) developed by the Massage Therapy Association of Manitoba (MTAM) to help you better understand the profession.

### **What is Massage Therapy?**

Massage therapy is the assessment and manipulation of the soft tissues of the body including muscles, connective tissue,

tendons, ligaments and joints. Massage therapy helps alleviate soft tissue discomfort associated with every day and occupational stresses, muscular over-use and many chronic pain conditions. Often the end result is pain relief, relaxation and an over all feeling of wellbeing.

### **Is it appropriate for people of all ages?**

Yes, massage therapy is appropriate for individuals of all ages including infants, children, and the elderly.

### **Is Massage Therapy safe?**

Generally speaking, when provided by a qualified and competent Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), yes, but there are some conditions for which massage therapy is not appropriate. An RMT is trained to recognize these cases and keep you safe.

When I go for a massage, why is there so much time spent on an assessment of my medical history?

In a nutshell: your safety.

Medical and health assessments are an integral part of health care and complete disclosure of your health history is important so that during assessment, conditions or potential “red flags” are uncovered. A fully educated RMT will recognize these and ensure you are safe from further injury and avoid aggravating a pre-existing condition during a treatment.

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Most clinics and some spas build in an appropriate cushion of time before your appointment to allow you to fill out a health history form so the RMT can review it in advance and have time to assess your needs to ensure safety and give you the best massage therapy in the allotted time.

**What is the difference between the massage I get in a spa and what I get from an RMT working in a clinic or at home?**

Spas generally include massage as part of an overall service developed for general stress relief and relaxation. Therapists typically use Swedish Massage that includes a variety of effective techniques learned and performed by professional RMTs across Manitoba.

Another key difference is the breadth of techniques used to ensure the most effective treatment outcomes dependent on your needs. Professional practitioners tailor treatments to care for a specific condition or a specific outcome, while a massage as part of a spa treatment would be more general in nature and may follow a set pattern of actions.

Finally, it is important to know that in some spas your massage is not provided by a professional RMT, so the effectiveness and safety of the massage cannot be assured.

**How do I know my massage therapist is a professional massage therapist?**

Registered Massage Therapists (RMT) or qualified Massage Therapists (MT) in Manitoba are all registered with a reputable association like the Massage Therapy Association of Manitoba (MTAM). The MTAM represents the highest number of RMTs across the province with 1100 members.

So, no matter where you go for massage therapy, find out if the professional is an RMT to ensure optimum safety, effectiveness, and level of care.

To explore the benefits of massage therapy visit [www.messageforlife.ca](http://www.messageforlife.ca) or visit [www.mtam.mb.ca](http://www.mtam.mb.ca) to find an RMT in Manitoba.



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The Katie Cares Fashion Show was another resounding success for the charity, raising \$47,540 through event ticket sales, silent auction and raffle tickets, and donations. "It was a tremendous evening. It gets more exciting every year," says organizer Ruth Reimer, who notes that her late daughter, Katie, would have been thrilled to see the support the community continues to show for her charity. Show tickets sold out in just three hours this year, she added, sending out her thanks to everyone who made the event such a success.

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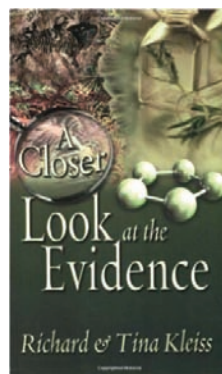
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from *Creation Moments Radio Program*

**Romans 1:20: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"**



In their book *A Closer Look at the Evidence*, public school science teachers Richard and Tina Kleiss write that our conscience is an undeniable evidence of God's existence. Another evidence is the intricate design of nature. After all, the Bible tells us in the book of Romans that He makes Himself evident to everyone so that no one can claim that He does not exist.

And yet, many people do reject God's existence, basing their disbelief primarily on one thing – evolution. "If evolution is true," write the Kleisses, "there is no evidence for the existence of God from the observation of nature because the origin of everything can be explained by natural laws of science."

This is why these science educators conclude, "The real goal of evolution is removing any accountability to our Creator by denying the obvious evidence from creation that points to His existence." Yes, indeed, the evidence is so obvious, it can be seen by everyone who has not adopted the faith of evolution.

As the title of their book makes clear, Richard and Tina Kleiss invite readers to take a closer look at the evidence for God's hand in creation. This is also what *Creation Moments* invites you to do in our radio broadcasts and our *Letting God Create Your Day* books. When you look at the evidence all around you, God's fingerprints can be found all over the world He has created.

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# Morden thrift store gives back

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Community Thrift Store handed out its second round of disbursements for the year last week.

The volunteer-run store presented Tabor Home with \$152,437 to furnish a pod of 20 rooms at their new facility, Youth for Christ with \$12,000 for counselling staff, and the Morden Police Service with \$7,000 for street signage at the Maple Leaf Elementary School to help keep students and crossing guards safe.

With that, the thrift store has given back \$266,787 to the community over the past year.

"Every year it keeps getting better and better," said new board president Jean Hildebrand, who stepped into the role at the store's annual meeting in September.

Hildebrand noted that it's the dedication of the store's 125 or so volunteers who keep the place running



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The Morden Community Thrift Store's (back row) Olga Dyck, Rudy Pauls, Jean Hildebrand, Lorraine Baker, Angie Kinsman, Dorothy Wiebe, and Ruth Moser recently presented donations to (front row) Tabor Home's Irvin Wiebe and Sherry Hildebrand, Morden Police Sgt. Brent Menzies, and Tara Wyton of YFC.

and allow for the distribution of the profits from the sale of used items to go back into community groups and projects.

"We support as many as we can," she said. "All the funds stay locally—nothing goes out of town."

"We couldn't do it without the volunteers," Hildebrand said. "We depend totally on volunteers, and we could use some more."

The thrift shop has many positions that need to be filled, both at the store itself and a few tasks that can be taken home to complete.

There's also a great deal of flexibility in shifts, she added. "Some people come in on a daily basis, full-time, and some people come in once a month."

Hildebrand has served as a store volunteer and board member for many years now. The chance to do some good is what keeps her coming back.

"I love it there. The people are great to work with and it's very satisfying to be part of an organization that can really give back to the community the way we do," she said.

The thrift store's board and staff volunteers all send a big thank-you out to everyone who shops at or donates gently used items to the store.

"If I could say one thing to the community it would be thank-you for their awesome support," Hildebrand said. "They make this possible."

If you'd like to learn more about the Morden Community Thrift Store, including ways to get involved, stop by at 220 North Railway St.

# Morden woman charged for making bomb threats

A Morden woman is facing charges in connection with a bomb threat at a local business earlier this month.

Police say that on Oct. 10 the accused called the Morden business twice and told employees she was making a bomb.

The police station then received a call from an individual who stated that police needed to get everyone out of the business because they were going to bomb the store.

Police recognized the caller's voice and confirmed it with the number that appeared on call display.

The 37-year-old woman was located at her residence and arrested for uttering threats. She was later charged with that and with false messages.

She was transported to the Morden Police Service where she was allowed to speak with a lawyer. Shortly after

the call, the lawyer contacted police and advised he was obligated to disclose that the accused had told him that if released from police custody she was going to make a bomb and plant it in the store.

As a result, the woman was held in custody overnight and taken directly to Morden Provincial Court for a bail hearing. She was released with several conditions and will be making her next court appearance next month.

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**H**uman beings. We are some of the most social animals on the planet and always have been, but we seem to be increasingly isolationist and anti-social these days.

It has been shown in a multitude of research efforts that our social instincts are linked directly to our health and well-being. Our instinct to hug others who are in pain comes from a deep-seated knowledge that physical touch can ease pain, both physical and emotional.

Our movement from a few individuals to whole communities is also an outworking of this reality—humans together in community are better off than those without community regardless of whether that community is a family, a group of friends, a club, a faith group, a village, etc.

It is this basic instinct that encour-

aged family groups to remain together instead of separate. Families were often communities unto themselves of children, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents. These were communities where our elderly and infirm were not sent off to live isolated amongst other elderly and infirm to be taken care of by people they do not know.

So what does all this mean for a world that has increasingly been focused on the individual in terms of effort and merit? What does this mean for a world where the cult of personality (read: idolatry) has never been stronger?

It means the core of who we are, that thing that actually has evolved to help us heal and remain whole, is fracturing and, with it, so are we.

Every time we celebrate that person who “pulled themselves up and succeeded on their own with no help from anyone” we perpetuate the myth of individualism. Every time we admonish our youth with words like, “I did it all by myself and so should you” we promote the unhealthy lie that needing help is a weakness.

The reality is that human beings are wired for and woven of community. When we need help we are not expressing our weakness but our strength: community. We are where

we are as a species not through the effort of any individual in our history but as a result of our communal nature and efforts.

When we see a homeless person begging, two ideas rise up in us and begin to war. One is the modern idea that condemns the person for their state and believes they should be able to make it on their own like everyone else. The other idea, more of an instinct really, is a basic foundational urge to simply help that person. It is there in all of us and it is ultimately what has brought us this far in the world. When we see people out of community our desire is to bring them in ... like a metaphorical hug.

I have no doubt that the increasing animosity and anger we see in the world today stems in large part from this movement away from community and toward the individual. This forces and fosters increased competitiveness and a kind of social Darwinism that tears apart community instead of growing it.

It is a survivalist mentality and the lone hero that made it on their own that we have been seeking more and more; but we should not be satisfied with simply surviving—we should be striving for community, because that is where we have been made to thrive.



**By Peter Cantelon**

### > POLICE REPORT, FROM PG. 7

This is the second incident where the accused has been charged for uttering threats of a bomb related to this same business, police say.

Other items of note in the weekly police reports include:

- On Oct. 12, Morden police responded to a single vehicle accident on Rampton St. Officers attended and observed a Pontiac Sunfire on the grass boulevard up against a tree with significant front-end damage and the airbags deployed.

The female driver was not injured and could not offer any reasonable explanation for the accident. The 17-year-old was ticketed for driving imprudently.

- Police are currently investigating

a historical sexual assault that took place approximately 27 years ago in Morden.

The victim was around 13 years old at the time and the suspect is known to her. The investigation continues, with several witnesses still to be interviewed.

- Winkler police have charged an Altona area man in connection with a stolen car found behind the Winkler Arena Oct. 14.

Police received an anonymous call about the vehicle and, upon arriving to investigate, confirmed it had been reported stolen.

After conducting surveillance for about 10 minutes, officers observed a male enter the stolen vehicle and

leave. They immediately stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver without incident.

A search of the driver produced a wallet with several credit cards in the name of another person. The wallet and credit cards were also determined to be stolen, unrelated to the vehicle.

The driver admitted later that he was responsible for stealing both the vehicle and the wallet.

The accused, age 32, is now facing charges of motor vehicle theft, theft under \$5,000, possession of stolen property, and driving while disqualified.

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# Drop a tin in the bin at Co-op, City Hall

From Pg. 3

Cheer Board reps have already begun reaching out to businesses for support. The response has been overwhelmingly positive thus far, said president Francis Fehr.

"Everybody does their portion as far as businesses, so it makes our job a lot easier," he said, pointing to the many companies who support the campaign financially or who allow the Cheer Board to purchase goods for the hampers at cost.

"There's lots of donations that come in from different businesses, from toothbrushes from the dental office or roasted peanuts from Sunny Day," added Dyck.

Local schools also play a big role in filling the hampers, she said.

"There were five schools last year that helped us out with their collecting tins for the hampers, and that is a huge donation," Dyck said.

Individuals can contribute by dropping off donations of non-perishable food items at City Hall or the Winkler Co-op grocery store all through November.

Co-op will also be offering customers the opportunity to make financial donations at the till.

"Winkler Co-op is going to be packaging bags [of various donation levels] at the front of the store and asking customers if they want to donate," Fehr said, pointing out that will start up next month as well.

There will also be an opportunity to donate at the annual Holly Jolly Pancake Breakfast, which is slated to take place at the Southland Mall in mid-November.

The community's support each year is vital to the success of the Cheer Board's campaign, Fehr stressed.

"Otherwise we wouldn't be able to do what we do," he said. "We always trust that the money's going to be there and we have been so blessed in the past several years that we haven't had to worry about the financial aspect—it kind of just comes through.

"We're incredibly blessed to be in this community."

Fehr said last Christmas they distributed 310 hampers filled with food, toiletries, and gifts for the children.

"I think it could be slightly higher" this year, he said.

"We do what we can and so far we've been able to accommodate pretty much everybody that's asked for a hamper."

The impact of the hampers can be far-reaching, Dyck said.

"We've had people come back years later who said, 'You know, when I was a kid, our family got a hamper and we really needed it then,'" she said. "Now they want to come and they want to give money and they want to help pack hampers because they want to help pay back for what

they got."

Hamper applications are available at the Central Station Community Centre, MCC, and through school liaison workers.

Volunteers will be needed during the hamper packing days Dec. 5-7 and the evening of Dec. 7 for the deliveries.

"That's when we can probably use the most help is the delivery part of it," Fehr said.

You can reach the Cheer Board at 204-362-4891 starting in early November.

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## > POLICE REPORT, FROM PG. 8

A second man, age 33, from Winkler, stored the vehicle in his garage knowing it was stolen, police say. He has been charged with one count of possession of property obtained by crime.

• On Oct. 16, shortly after 2 a.m., residents of Victoria St. in Winkler reported that an unknown male had just walked into their living room. As soon as the intruder saw one of the residents on the couch, he turned and fled. The residents then noticed that their vehicle in the garage had been rummaged through.

While patrolling the area for the suspect, officers noted a number of vehicles on driveways with interior lights on and/or doors left open.

The incident remains under investigation.

That same morning, closer to 5 a.m., residents on Gemstone Dr. called police stating someone was knocking on their front door. Officers attended and learned that both residents had been awakened by the knocking. As they made their way towards the door, the knocking was heard again, this time coming from the back door.

The residents looked out in time to see a lone figure walking away. A search of the area failed to locate anyone.

The annual seasonal flu vaccine is available to all Manitobans at no charge. It will offer protection against four seasonal flu strains.

An annual flu vaccine is especially important for those at increased risk of serious illness from the flu, their caregivers and close contacts.

If you are 65 or older or have a chronic illness, you should also get a pneumo vaccine. One pneumo vaccine may give you a lifetime of protection.

To get your free flu vaccine, contact your public health nurse, doctor, pharmacist or call Health Links – Info Santé at

**204-788-8200** or toll-free **1-888-315-9257**.

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# Manufacturers advised to invest for the future

By Lorne Stelmach

The global economy is undergoing seismic changes, and industry needs to understand it and start investing in it now for the future.

That was at the heart of a keynote address offered to the Southern Manitoba Manufacturers' Summit Oct. 13 in Morden.

Organized by Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Manitoba, the summit featured as one of its many speakers environmentalist and best-selling author Gianni Kovacevic.

Regarded as an expert on modern energy, natural resources, and emerging markets, Kovacevic spoke on how the push for green energy and technology is having a growing impact, and it presents a challenge for industry everywhere.

"There's got to be things that you can provide that new economy ... and build for the future," he said.

Kovacevic's presentation touched on a number of aspects of the old versus the new economy, holding up GDP, for example, as an antiquated economic measurement.

"Who gets the credit for something that's made in 20 different countries ... all the parts of that product?" he asked.

Economists are coming up with new ways to understand how the global economy is growing, Kovacevic said. We are now facing a choice of either living in the old economic system or the new economy.

"I liken that to living in staticville or progressville," he said. "What it boils down to is you're either going to be a victim or a contrarian. You have to choose."

Technology is the driving force behind it all, and we need to think about where we should target our investments.

"Never invest in the story on page one. What you want to do is invest in the story on page 16 that's headed to page one," he said.

Kovacevic talked a lot about China and the momentous changes happening there. There is much investment going into green energy, and there is no way that could not have a global impact.

"That's going to reverberate through all of the other economies," he suggested, saying huge investments are being made in the infrastructure to support it.

"They want to de-carbonize urban transport in China. Almost all buses, taxis ... are all going to be electric," he noted as an example.



Calling himself a realistic environmentalist, Gianni Kovacevic is the author of "My Electrician Drives A Porsche? Investing In The Rise Of The New Spending Class" and was a keynote speaker at the Southern Manitoba Manufacturer's Summit.



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The Southern Manitoba Manufacturer's Summit held in Morden Oct. 13 offered a variety of workshops and opportunities for entrepreneurs to network with others from across the province.

And he pointed to the development of electric cars as a prime example of the technological change that is happening worldwide.

"The cost of these things has come so dramatically down ... in the next four or five years, the electric car will be more or less the same cost as an internal combustion engine."

People will claim electric cars wouldn't work for them, given everything they do and everywhere they go, but Kovacevic cited one experiment that tracked people's movements through the GPS in their phones which proved otherwise.

"They followed the patterns ... and 87 per cent of their movements qualify for the electric car. The reality is people just don't know."

In the end, Kovacevic suggested there are great opportunities ahead in the next 25 years, but he stressed that "increasingly, big auto, big insurance, big oil are subordinate to tech-

nology.

"The world's biggest companies today are all technology," he said. "The way it used to be ... the incumbent conglomerates ... big oil, big insurance, big auto ... they are subordinate now to tech in every aspect, including size and capital."

Kovacevic encouraged manufacturers to work hard to stay current and relevant.

"Things are changing. They are happening very quickly," he said.

"The advice I would give to anyone is to be current. You have to follow these things like a financial soap opera ... every day, every week, every month.

"The future is changing ... embrace it ... there will be winners and losers. Some of the incumbents are going to have a dent in their business model ... but for every loser, you get probably three or four winners."

## Voters want referendum on electoral change: Bergen

By Lorne Stelmach

A survey of her riding shows Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen that the majority of people want to have the final say on electoral reform in Canada.

Last week, Bergen announced the results of her riding-wide survey on the Liberal plan to change how Canadians elect their ruling government and the Members of Parliament.

There were 646 responses, with 622 or 96 per cent supported holding a

referendum.

Bergen noted the responses came from all across the riding and the survey was non-partisan. She said the results send a strong message that if you want to change the rules of Canadian democracy, every Canadian must have a say.

"It's clear overwhelmingly people believe there should be a referendum," Bergen said.

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# Annual heritage banquet focusing on rural schools

Tickets on sale now for Winkler Heritage Society education night, fundraiser

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Heritage Society will be digging into its museum and archives collections for the displays at its annual heritage banquet next month.

This year's theme is rural schools, and in addition to displays of various related artifacts, the event will also include a presentation from local historian Peter D. Zacharias.

"The society tries to set a theme every year that's relevant to our existence, which is our heritage, our background," says organizer Ed Zacharias, noting the stories of the one or two-room schools in which generations of area residents were educated should make for an interesting evening.

The banquet takes place at the Winkler MB Church on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Tickets are \$25 and need to be booked by Oct. 28. Call 204-325-2983 or 204-362-2933 to reserve tickets.

Funds from the evening go back toward the society's program operating costs, including to keep the museum's doors open at the Southland Mall.

## HISTORY ON DISPLAY

Some of the artifacts slated to be on display will come from the Winkler Heritage Archives, which is located at the Winkler Centennial Library.

Archivist Ed Falk says he'll be bringing several German language school primers dating back to the 1930s.

"One of them I had when I was a student," he says, carefully opening up the aging book students used to learn their ABCs. "We always had German as part of our schooling, and

this was the one we used."

The books are part of the archives' ever-growing collection, which can be accessed Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m. or by appointment.

People continue to donate historical documents to the archives, creating a treasure trove for anyone looking to learn more about Winkler's past or their own family genealogy.

"We have had so many different things coming in lately," Falk says, pointing in example to a box full of photos depicting the city as it was nearly a century ago.

Fittingly, considering Winkler Co-op is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, that same donation also included the invitation that went out in 1941 inviting Winklerites to come see the first store and enjoy a free community meal.

"It was good timing," Falk laughs, noting he sent the store a copy.

While much of the archive's donations are documents, photographs, or family and community history books, occasionally other artifacts find their way to them.

Last year a volunteer brought back from British Columbia the clock that used to grace the walls of the town's first post office (now the Winkler Friendship Centre).

The clock had been taken to B.C. years ago by a Mr. Ginter, who had been known as "Puffed Wheat Ginter" when he lived here, Falk says. His family donated the clock back to the city and it currently has a home at the archives.

It's always neat to see a piece of Winkler's history find its way back

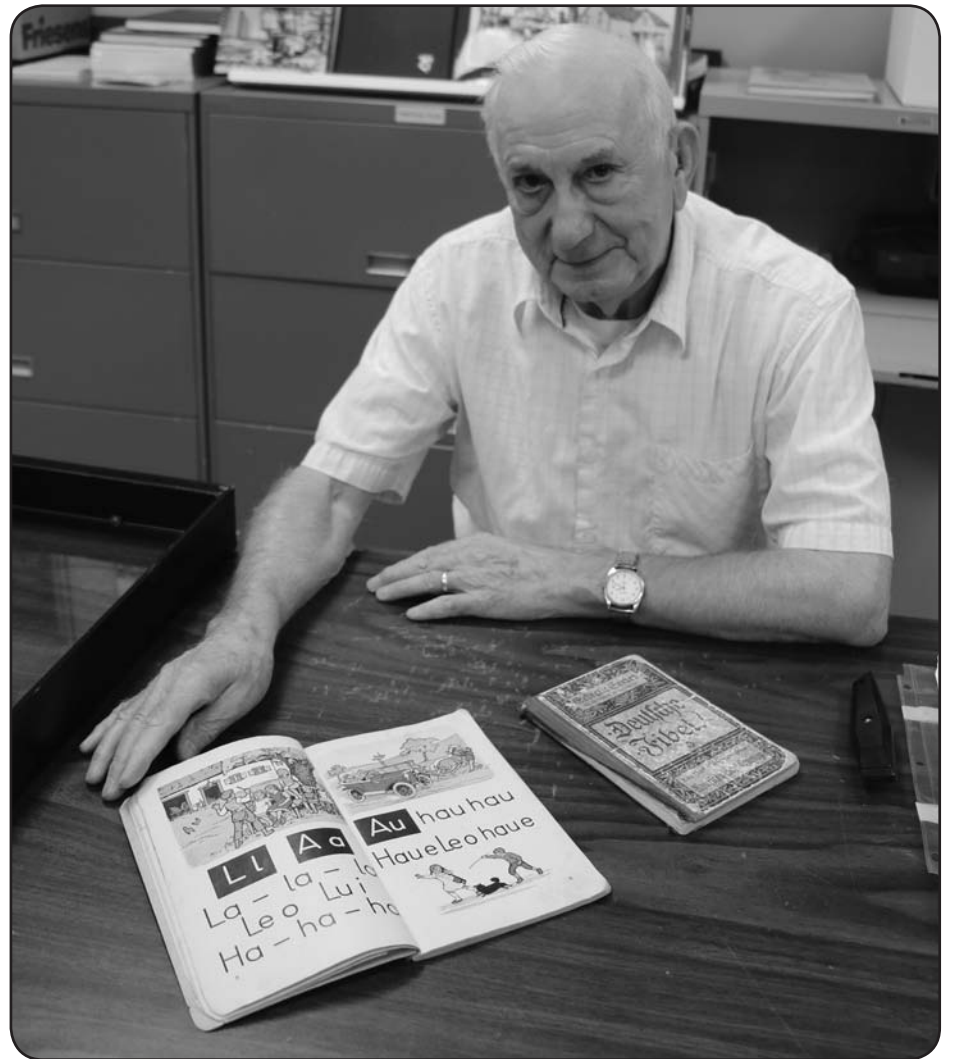


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Ed Falk of the Winkler Heritage Archives with some of the old German school primers in their collection, which will be on display at the Winkler Heritage Society's fall banquet next month.

home, Falk says.

"The museum probably sees that happen more often than we do," he says, "but we do have a few things like that."

Falk says they get visitors coming in fairly often looking to learn more about Winkler's past, but he wishes more people were aware of the wealth of information available at the archives.

"Some of the younger people have no idea we even exist," he says. "We're not as visible [as the museum] and we're also not known as well as we'd like to be."

Falk wants to get the word out that not only does the archives have on-site material for people to delve into, but also a computer station with access to the GRANDMA program, an online database of Low German Mennonite ancestry.

"The records of our forebears, many of them were lost due to the revolution in Russia and so on, so this is one way of collecting the information there is for people to be able to access," he says.

To check out the archives, stop by Wednesday afternoons or call Falk at 204-325-8929.

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"Canadians should be told what the options are, what the government is proposing when it comes to changing the electoral system," she continued. "Canadians want to be told what the options are and they want to be able to have a direct voice in making the decision."

Bergen suggested the Liberal government doesn't believe it needs the consent of Canadians to change our electoral system and called that "un-

believably arrogant to push through unprecedented changes to our democracy without the consent of Canadians."

A special all-party committee was recently established to examine the issue. The committee is to consider a variety of voting systems as well as new modes of voting, including mandatory voting and online voting. It is supposed to make its final report to Parliament by Dec. 1.

The Liberal government campaigned on a pledge to change from the current first-past-the-post system, but Bergen said Canadians have not been properly informed on the alternatives.

"Because there are so many options ... it becomes very confusing for everybody," she said.

"The easiest way to clear it up is to commit to a referendum where the options will be clearly stated

and people will be able to talk about them, understand them, and make their choice."

She noted the Conservative party has not taken a position on this matter.

"We didn't think it was up to us to take a position ... at this point, we didn't think it was up to politicians to make that decision. We believe it's up to the people."



# Horticulture Soc. moving forward with Hwy. 14 plans

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Horticulture Society is looking to honour the community's farming heritage with a new project for 2017.

Society members unveiled their plans for their pioneer park at the Oct. 11 meeting of Winkler city council.

Chairperson Margaret Penner said part of motivation for their plan for the strip of land north of Hwy. 14 between DJs Restaurant and New Leaf Greenhouse is to get away from the intensive work involved with the planting thousands of annual flowers.

"We were about to let go of that space, and then our committee members did some brainstorming, and we came up with the idea of doing the pioneer park," she said.

Their idea still involves some flowers, of course, but it will all be set amidst several antique farm equipment and implements as well as an old car and truck.

"It's basically using them as a tool for us to still do some beautification," said Penner.

With a picnic shelter in place in the



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At last week's Winkler council meeting, councillors got a look at the Winkler Horticulture Society's plans for a new greenspace area north of Hwy. 14. Funding has been secured to start the project next spring.

area for people to stop, the other key component of the society's plan for the space will be to have a butterfly garden at one end.

"This will provide a home for a variety of species of butterflies," said

Penner, adding it will be a pesticide-free natural habitat with varieties of plants known to attract butterflies.

They see it not only having ecological importance but also serving other roles.

"We expect that it will provide opportunities for education ... perhaps also as an opportunity for group outings," said Penner, adding that they already have the funds in place for the project. "We have done extensive fundraising through the summer, and we have adequate financial support from donors in the community

to provide for all of the costs for the entire project."

She sees the project fitting in well with their goals for beautification of the community.

"There are many variations of beautification. It doesn't just necessarily mean massive beddings of flowers," said Penner.

"We feel that we can use and combine various components and elements to provide beauty," she said. "We also want to keep in mind where we have come from ... it's primarily an agricultural-based community."

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## Winkler council mulling over CodeRED, library funding hike

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler is being asked to consider joining its municipal neighbours in adopting the CodeRED emergency alert system.

Chris Kalansky, co-ordinator of the Southern Emergency Response Committee, addressed city council on the matter at its Oct. 11 meeting.

He touted some of the selling points of CodeRED, which provides an emergency notification service that advises residents and businesses by telephone, cell, text, e-mail, and social media.

These can include not only weather emergencies but also amber alerts, notifications of hazardous traffic or road conditions, boil water advisories, or evacuation notices.

"We thought CodeRED had the best

service," suggested Kalansky.

Councillor Henry Siemens said he "can appreciate it makes sense that all three [municipalities] have the same system," but said council would like more information on the program to see if it is the best option for Winkler.

### LIBRARY SEEKS STAFF FUNDING HIKE

The South Central Regional Library is looking for a funding increase from its municipal partners in 2017.

Director of Library Services Cathy Ching told Winkler council more funds are needed to provide additional staffing hours and to increase wages to make them more equitable.

The proposal noted the current hourly pay rate has not changed since 2008, so they are asking the pay be

increased 50 cents to \$3 above minimum wage for uncertified clerks and a further 50 cents to \$3.50 above minimum wage for certified clerks. There were also requests for pay increases for clerks with longer term service as well as for library assistants.

Ching noted the pay rates have fallen below what is paid for similar positions within local school divisions.

In addition, the budget for next year includes increased staffing time for the Winkler, Morden, and Altona branches.

The proposal would see the per capita rate paid by Winkler as well as Morden, Altona, and the RM of Thompson rise from \$12.17 to \$12.52.

For Winkler, that would see the city's contribution increase from about \$129,800 to around \$133,500, while Morden's would go from \$95,000 to

\$97,800.

For the RM of Stanley, its per capita rate would rise from \$8.75 to \$9.10 for an overall contribution of about \$76,000 compared to \$73,000.

### PROVINCIAL FUNDING SET

The City of Winkler is receiving a couple more installments from annual funding programs of the Manitoba government.

First up, the city is receiving \$400,000 from the municipal road and bridge program. The funds are earmarked for work on 6th Street South and the Clover Creek industrial park area.

A second grant under the municipal support program for 2016 will provide the city with an additional \$79,000 based on \$5,000 plus a per capita amount.



# Winkler Co-op celebrating 75 years

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Co-op is celebrating 75 years in the community in style this month.

In addition to the more than \$2 million in equity cheques going out to its members during Co-op Week, this is also the final week of the store's Golden Ticket promotion.

For the past 10 weeks, Co-op has been shining a spotlight on certain products each week, handing out scratch and win tickets to customers who try them out.

Ten customers received Golden Tickets, which earns them a spot at a special event taking place next week to determine which prize they'll take home (everything from \$750 in gift cards to free gas or groceries for a year to \$7,500 in furniture from Co-op@Home).

"The Golden Ticket started with us wanting to promote local companies, local Manitoba food producers," says operations manager Evan Toews. "We wanted to really focus on that because we recognize that our roots are local over the last 75 years."

The response to the campaign has been overwhelming, Toews says, with customers embracing products ranging from cheese to ice cream to noo-

dles, all made in Manitoba.

"All the producers that have been a part of it are thrilled," he says. "We're more than happy to do this and the great thing is that everyone is a winner. Every ticket wins something."

It's a way for the company to thank the community for their support over the years, he stresses.

Winkler Co-op got its start back in 1941, following on the heels of the success of other kinds of cooperatives created in the area in the wake of the Great Depression.

"It started to provide goods and services to a community that wasn't able to attract business to provide those," says Toews. "That has changed somewhat as competition has come into the marketplace here, but I look at our community involvement and our commitment to service and it's certainly something that I attribute the 75 years to."

"Those are things that unwavering," he continues, "and we build our business and the decisions that we make based on the community and what is good for our Winkler-Morden customers."

The company has weathered some lean years in the past, but business has been booming over the last decade or so, allowing for a variety of expansions, including projects like

**"WE WOULDN'T BE 75 WITHOUT OUR MEMBERS AND WITHOUT THE LOYAL SHOPPERS."**



Winkler Co-op operations manager Evan Toews says the company wants to thank its customers for 75 years of patronage.

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new gas bars in both Winkler and Morden, the Co-op@Home furniture and appliances store, and the addition of an agro centre in Morden.

"We've certainly tried to grow with the communities, with the Pembina Valley," says Toews. "As a business, you always have a choice whether you're going to stay stagnant or if you're going to move forward ... I think that by turning 75 it's clear that we've chosen to move forward over the years. We hope to continue to do that."

The store also continues to grow its membership, which currently includes over 17,000 members.

"It's amazing to see every month more members are approved," says

Toews. "We wouldn't be 75 without our members and without the loyal shoppers."

Nor would the company have gotten this far without the thousands of people who have worked as Co-op staffers over the years, he adds.

"I can't even imagine how many different people have been on the payroll over 75 years," says Toews. "Many people have been employed or know somebody that's been employed at Co-op, and we're definitely thankful for any capacity people have worked for us."

The store currently has upwards of 240 employees at locations in Winkler, Morden, Plum Coulee, and Rosetown.

# CCI postpones 2017 world record attempt

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Children's Camps International is postponing its attempt to set a new world record for the most combines harvesting simultaneously on the same field

The Christian charity had previously announced Harvest for Kids would take place in Winkler on Aug. 5, 2017.

But poor weather has scuttled those plans, national director Dave Thiessen said on Monday.

"We didn't get the crop into the ground when wanted to this fall and so it started to look like that date was going to be a difficult date for us to hit next year," he said. "We want to do this well, so we're reorganizing now to figure out what our best approach is."

Thiessen said it looks like the harvest will instead take place sometime in 2018.

CCI hopes to raise \$300,000 for their camps around the world with this event, which would set a new Guinness World Record with over 300 combines.

The plan is to hold Harvest for Kids in the same field south of Winkler as it was held in 2010.

"It's the same field," Thiessen said. "We've added on some additional land because we want to put 300 combines on it."

"With the delay, we think we'll be on the same area again, but we won't know that until next year," he added.

"We're going to be working on this over the winter, trying to get this well laid out."



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In 2010, CCI set a new world record for the most combines harvesting a single field at 200. Now they have their sights on reclaiming the record with 300 combines, likely in 2018.

The 2010 record was set at 200 combines, which has since been beaten by other events, including a Harvest

for Kids in Saskatchewan in 2012 that used 249 combines.



# Paying it forward

## Winkler man raising funds to build school in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

By Ashleigh Viveiros

When Assani Muhanuzi arrived in Winkler two years ago, he was greeted with a generosity he found hard to believe.

Muhanuzi and his family had fled their war-torn Congo for Canada, eventually settling in Winkler where he got a job at Triple E.

Having arrived with little more than the clothes on his back, Muhanuzi reported for his first day of work without a lunch.

He didn't stay hungry for long.

A co-worker, learning that Muhanuzi intended to go without so that his children could eat, took up a collection for the family.

They presented Muhanuzi with \$400 in cash and other donations of food and household supplies to help get them started in their new home.

"When I came to Canada, to Winkler especially, so many people helped me," he says. "I feel like people here are very special."

Today, Muhanuzi and his wife, Yvette, and their four children have settled into their new lives, recently purchasing their first home.

They've come a long way, but they've never forgotten the kindness of the strangers who helped make their first days in this community brighter.

Now Muhanuzi is paying it forward.

"I cannot give back to them what they gave to me, but I can now give to others who are less fortunate than me," he says.

Last spring, Muhanuzi got a call from his brother-in-law, Emmanuel Ndagano, in Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"He had this land and he's always wanted to build a school on it," Muhanuzi says, noting the land is located in the village of Ciriri. "That is something I've also wanted to do because the research has shown that for the last 20 years of war in my country, seven million children have been kicked out of school."

Initially, Ndagano hoped Muhanuzi would be able to contribute \$10,000 to the project, which started off with

lofty plans for a large school.

It was money Muhanuzi didn't have. He was, however, able to scrape together \$1,500 to get things started.

"That was all I could do," he says. "We had to start it small."

Ndagano stretched that money as far as it would go, starting work on a basic four-room schoolhouse.

"When I saw the first photo, all I could say was, 'Wow.' I had a big smile on my face," Muhanuzi recalls, grinning again at the memory. "If this is where we reached with \$1,500, this means we can do something."

With the support of his wife, Muhanuzi began putting aside every cent his family could spare for the project, sending additional funds to finish off the roof and purchase other building supplies.

By August, a good part of the building had been completed and 80 children had registered to start classes.

But though the walls may have been up, the school was in no shape to house students.

"We had no doors, no windows, no flooring, but 80 children wanting to start school," Muhanuzi says, noting

they also still needed to purchase blackboards and desks. "And now we had two weeks before opening."

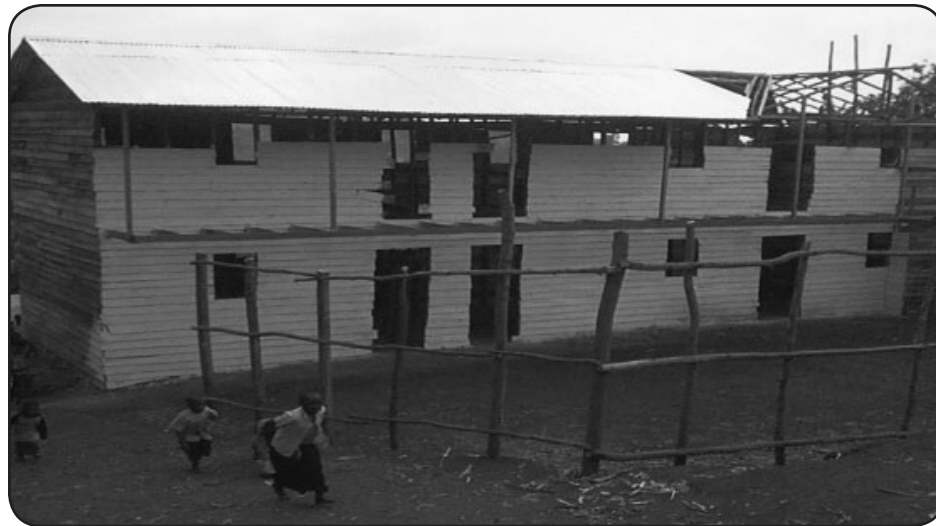
August was a rough month financially for the Muhanuzi family, what with Yvette on maternity leave and back-to-school shopping expenses for his own children coming up.

"I had a choice to make: my own children's school or this school that I'm busy building," he says. "And I said, 'Please, God, help me.' I was sure these 80 children were praying for me, and I was sure something was going to happen."

His prayers were answered.

"The community of Winkler, I always say that I really don't know what to say. Somebody took over my children's school costs."

The help Muhanuzi's family received allowed him to scrimp together a few more dollars of his own to send to the project. Another several hundred dollars donated by his co-workers and others in the community



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Assani Muhanuzi has been raising funds to build this four-room classroom in the village of Ciriri in Democratic Republic of the Congo. The school opened for 103 students this September.



who had heard about what he was doing allowed Muhanuzi to send the funds needed to complete the school the day before classes were to start.

"The school was opening on Monday, Sept. 5, and they were building on the Sunday," he laughs, shaking his head. "But it was ready."

Though now open for classes, the school remains a basic two-storey structure: four classrooms for 103 Gr. 1-4 students, with the upper floors still open to the elements.

Despite all that, to Muhanuzi, it's a beautiful sight to see.

"That first Monday, lunchtime at work, I got photos of children at the school ... I couldn't stop smiling," he says. "It is finally open."

But there remains a lot of work still to be done, including finishing off the second floor. Tuition fees will cover the costs of the teaching staff (though Canadian donations allowed students to attend in September for free—an announcement that was met with a great deal of shock and celebration) but Muhanuzi expects he'll need to continue sending funds to not only finish off this first phase of the project, but also soon expand the school to include more classrooms.

"There are things we need to do to make the school safer, complete," he says, estimating it will require approximately \$3,000 to do that, which he hopes to raise by year's end.

"And for next year, I want the Gr. 4s to have a Gr. 5 building, a Gr. 6 building to grow into," he adds. "My goal for this is to see every child in that village attend school."

Expanding the building is something Muhanuzi intends to tackle in earnest in the new year, and he welcomes the help of anyone interested in donating to the project or helping him set up fundraisers.

"It is not just my project anymore," he says. "Anyone who wants to get involved can."

Muhanuzi sends his thanks out to everyone in the community who has already stepped up to support the school, including Triple E, which provided 40 matching T-shirts for the Gr. 1 class to enjoy, and companies like MIG Insurance, Access Credit Union, and Royal Bank, who donated pens so that each child could have a special Canadian one to use.

"My wish was to have something of Canada there for them," Muhanuzi explains. "My philosophy is let's take Canada to the world, instead of bringing the world into Canada. Let's let other people feel the love, the caring of Canadians, even if they're not here in Canada. That's why I wanted the kids to have something of Canada there."

"With all the support coming from this area already, this is like another Winkler school," he adds. "This is our school."

"My next dream is to see a whole team of Winklerites going to visit it, to see what they have built, meet the children."

If you'd like to get involved with the project or make a donation, contact Muhanuzi evenings or weekends at 204-332-2410 or 204-325-7639 or via email at jos.akonkwa@gmail.com.

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# Morden on board for wastewater plant planning

By Lorne Stelmach

After a special council meeting last week, the City of Morden has officially committed to its part in planning for a regional wastewater treatment facility.

Morden joins the City of Winkler and the R.M. of Stanley in what is estimated as a \$3.6 million design and engineering phase of the \$70 million project.

This phase is being funded with \$1.8 million from the federal government and \$900,000 from the provincial government, with the remaining costs shared by the three municipalities.

"We're all growing communities, and lagoons are expensive ... and as you grow, you need more lagoons," Mayor Ken Wiebe said after council met to give its approval Oct. 11.

"With a wastewater treatment facility, you still need holding capacity ... our lagoons are not obsolete ... they will just be converted from lagoons to treated water holding facilities," he explained.

Wiebe noted Morden still has the capacity to handle the current level and pace of growth in the city, but not for the long term.

"We still have probably somewhere from three to five years, depending on the rate of growth, on our lagoon capacity," he said. "If we were to get any major industry that had high water consumption ... we could be toast."

At that point, the city would need to look at adding to the six cells currently in use.

The overall wastewater project is a three-phase one. It's expected the planning and engineering stage could be completed within the next year and a half. If further funding can be obtained, construction could begin by the end of 2017.

The project would involve not only all the infrastructure for the regional facility but also tying in the villages of Schanzenfeld and Reinfeld in the second phase and a separate plant for Morden in the third.



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The region's top young vocalists came together to form this year's Central Manitoba Youth Choir last week. The choir hit the road to perform 14 shows in just five days all across southern Manitoba, including at the Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler (above) Friday afternoon. Other tour stops included Morden, Carman, Manitou, and Crystal City, to name just a few.

VISIT THE BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE IN WINNIPEG ON SATURDAY, OCT. 29TH, 11 AM - 3 PM

## FROM BRANDON TO VIENNA AND BACK AGAIN: HOW BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL CHANGES LIVES

BY REGAN BOULTON

Growing up in Brandon had a lot of advantages, such as really getting to know people in my community, but I also experienced some challenges. When I started playing hockey, I had no idea where it would take me, but in high school, when I learned about NCAA hockey in the United States, everything changed quickly. Playing hockey at an elite collegiate level became my goal; although, had I not decided to leave home in order to attend Balmoral Hall School, it never would have become a reality. Balmoral Hall offers small class sizes, an all-girls learning environment with enriched academic opportunities, and a strong commitment to athletic success. As a student-athlete, I gained essential skills such as independence, discipline, and careful time management. I loved my time in the classroom (almost) as much as I loved playing with the BH Blazers. Junior Women's Hockey League (JWHL) took me to cities I would not have been able to see otherwise. Through the generous financial aid program Balmoral Hall offers, I qualified for generous bursary support, which made these opportunities, including full-time (seven days per week) boarding, affordable.

After graduating in 2009, I had the opportunity to play hockey at Quinnipiac University (NCAA Division I) in Connecticut, just like I had dreamed. Better still, I received a full academic/athletic scholarship. I completed a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, graduating with a high GPA while captaining the hockey team, attending practice and off-ice training sessions, and gaining work experience through a demanding internship. As my collegiate hockey career neared its end, I was not ready to give up the game that had changed my life, and so I pursued a professional hockey career in Vienna.

Now, several years later, I find myself back in the school that allowed me to develop as a student, as an athlete, and as a person. I have the ability to help girls of promise achieve their goals academically and athletically. As I mentor these girls, I wonder where their educational experience will take them next.

I hope to meet you at our open house Saturday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Regan Boulton '09 is an admissions officer at Balmoral Hall School.*



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# Winter is coming... is your lawn ready?

As cool weather approaches, homeowners can use this valuable time to prepare their lawns for a healthy hibernation.

"It may seem that fall is a time to stop worrying about your lawn," says John Ladds, operations manager at Weed Man Canada. "But nothing could be further from the truth. A little proactive maintenance in the fall can yield huge benefits for a dormant lawn, and you will notice the results come springtime."

Your lawn likely suffered some damage from a long, hot summer, but cooler fall temperatures provide the best environment for healing that damage. Professional lawn services such as fertilizing, aerating, and overseeding can feed and help circulate nutrients, helping to thicken a weakened lawn. Fertilizing is especially important as it can serve to refuel a starving lawn. It's best done when the grass is still able to absorb nutrients, making fall ideal.

Cleaning your yard before winter will also help prepare for spring. Lawns can suffocate from too many leaves or other debris if left over the winter. Rake up those leaves and make sure clutter is removed before the first snowfall.

The milder temperatures and increased rainfall might mean you're not quite ready to retire the mower just yet, but as the season comes to an end, you'll need to plan on mowing differently. Make certain to mow only the top third of your grass while it is still growing. For your lawn's final mow, experts recommend that you drop your mower's blade a little lower, to a height of 5 to 7 cm. And if your mower has the capability, mulching light clippings not only returns much needed nutrients back to the soil, but can even reduce the need for raking.

Last but not least, fall is the perfect time to give your tool arsenal a once-over. Be sure to put tools away cleanly and safely, checking that all electrical cords are in good shape and organized neatly. Consider sharpening your mower's blades before retiring it to the shed.

"Fall may arrive faster than most would like to see, but for a few months your lawn is in a position to benefit from specialized lawn care services, giving your lawn a better sleep over winter and you a head start for spring," adds Ladds.



## Your closing up the cottage checklist

Although you may not want to admit it, cottage season is coming to an end. Say a final goodbye to lazy days by the lake and ensure your home away from home is in great shape for next season with this easy checklist for closing it down properly.

- If you are leaving the electricity on for the winter, go room to room and unplug any unnecessary electrical devices. Consider turning off the power supply to major appliances or space heaters at the main panel.

- If you are turning off the electricity, go room to room to turn off and unplug all electrical devices before flipping the main power switch.

- Drain the plumbing system to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting.

- Drain your water tank. Remember to turn off the power supply to the water heater before to avoid damage to the heating element.

- Leave the door to the refrigerator ajar to avoid a foul smell in the spring. Remove all food from the cottage.

- Ensure all windows are closed and the fire-place damper is shut tightly to prevent animals from getting inside during the winter.

- Store extension cords in rodent-proof containers. Check all cords for damage before using them again in the spring.

- Take photos of each room and outside the cottage just in case there's damage during the winter.

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## Decorate with the latest home-fashion trends

We've seen decor trends come and go over the years, but according to home décor expert Karl Lohnes there are a few that have held the test of time and become classics.

In the 1980's natural sea grass carpeting became a classic that never went away. In the 90's stainless steel kitchen appliances appeared on the domestic market and stabilized as long-term investments. So what recent and new decorating trends are making their way into the hall of fame to be around for the next five to 10 years? Lohnes shares his insights:

**Grey:** This solemn neutral was very popular in the mid 80's; back then it was a steely blue grey and used only to achieve a modern aesthetic. Its return to the decorating world was a nice way to ease us away from all the golden taupe that we had grown so fond of. But this time around the grey is a bit warmer (think grey flannel) and is used for both traditional and modern decorating. Look for this neutral to stick around and watch it warm up a bit more to an elephant, or driftwood colour. This will be the new taupe; cooler than what we remember and looking great with off-white, gold metallics and shots of strong colour. Progressive décor companies like Hunter Douglas has included a

fresh grey in its new Parkland wood blinds collection. Called Salt and Pepper, it is a mid-tone that adds layering and depth at the window.

**Chevron pattern:** Whether you call it zigzag, herringbone or chevron, this angled linear pattern has come in and out of décor fashion for decades. Currently, the design is highlighted by contrasting coloured stripes, which add punchy patterns to wallpaper, bedding, fabrics and carpets. Look for this pattern to calm itself down by being shown more as a texture than an obvious print. Tone-on-tone is the way to go with the classic chevron pattern if you want to live with it for a while. Use it in large doses or small. To illustrate, designer Katie Leede trimmed her Provenance woven-wood shades in a tone-on-tone chevron pattern in her designer showhouse bedroom.

**Farmhouse style:** It goes without saying that country-style decorating is still the most popular form of décor. Country has been transformed of late into "Farmhouse Chic". This new country style allows us to mix humble, worn furnishings with a touch of industrial chic in order to make it cool again. The style can look very upscale when fancy antiques become part of the mix.

More information is available online at [www.hunterdouglas.ca](http://www.hunterdouglas.ca).

## Enjoy a safe and cozy winter

As temperatures drop and the annual hibernation routine begins, we start using heating appliances such as the furnace, fireplace, and space heaters for the first time in months. To avoid potential hazards, check every autumn that these are in still in good condition and follow precautions for proper use.

Here are some safety tips for keeping warm on cold days:

### Furnace

- Have a qualified heating contractor perform a yearly maintenance check of your furnace and venting system.
- Clean or replace your furnace filter frequently during the heating season.
- Keep the immediate area free of obstructions to ensure free air flow.
- Look for a certification mark such as the CSA star mark on your gas-fired furnace to ensure it has been tested and certified to the applicable standard.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids near your gas furnace.

• Don't store combustible materials such as paper, chemicals, paint, rags and cleaning products close to your gas furnace.

### Gas fireplace:

• Check that the glass panel is intact. Do not use your gas fireplace if the glass panel is removed, cracked or broken. Glass panels and frame assemblies should only be replaced by a qualified service person.

### Space heaters

- Check for wear on the electrical cord. If it's damaged, replace the entire unit or have the cord replaced by a qualified repair person.
- Keep it clean by dusting or vacuuming it regularly. Always turn the unit off first.
- Keep the heater clear of furniture, rugs and drapes to allow free air movement and avoid overheating.
- Turn the heater down or off before going to sleep and keep it out of pathways and well away from bedding and clothes. Turn it off when leaving the house.

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# Exploring the fire hall

Winkler Fire & Rescue celebrated Fire Prevention Week with an open house Oct. 12. Clockwise from left: Chief Richard Paetzold talked to kids about the importance of having a plan to escape your home in the case of a fire; Deputy Chief Phil Dueck got dunked in full diving gear, while Paetzold later took a turn in his regular uniform (and got soaked); kids like Seth Wieler, 4, got the chance to see what it's like inside the fire trucks—including sounding the fire bell.

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## Prepare vehicles for harsh weather

As the seasons change, motorists must take steps to safeguard their vehicles, especially when the season changes from fall to winter. Each winter, many vehicles are subjected to sub-zero temperatures, snowfall and icy roads, and such conditions can take their toll on vehicles over time. Taking steps to prepare vehicles for winter weather is a vital step that can make cars and trucks safer for drivers and their passengers.

### Battery

Old batteries should be replaced before winter begins. Without a strong, properly functioning battery, engines cannot turn over. Most batteries last between three and five years. However, extreme cold can compromise batteries, especially those that have been around awhile. Batteries are made up of acid and water, and cold temperatures can freeze the water, thereby affecting battery performance. According to AAA's Automotive Research Center, at 32 F, the average battery loses 35 percent of its strength.

Newer batteries can be protected by starting the vehicle each day to warm up and recharge the battery. Let the car run for at least 10 minutes if you cannot take an extended drive.

### Exterior maintenance

Keeping a car waxed and sealed can help maintain a durable exterior finish. This includes not only the paint, but the rubber and vinyl parts of the car's exterior.

Winter is a good time to switch to a heavy-duty synthetic wax that can shield against water and road salts. High-quality sealants can be used on bumpers, trim and rubber door seals as added protection. Speak with an automotive retailer or even the car dealership if you are unsure which products will make your car's parts most durable for winter weather.

Do not stop washing your car just because the weather is cold. Slushy, wet roads and snow-melting salts can speed up the formation of rust or other decay on the undercarriage of the vehicle. These materials will need to be periodically cleaned off. Flush the underside of the vehicle whenever possible, taking advantage of any dry, slightly warmer days.

### Tire pressure

According to the automotive retailer Pep Boys, vehicle tires lose a pound of air pressure for every 10-degree drop in temperature. Many modern cars will alert to changes in air pressure, and drivers should be diligent in maintaining the proper tire pressure.

Fuel economy as well as handling ability can decline when tires are not inflated properly. Tires can be refilled at many gas stations for little cost.

### Wipers

Visibility is key in hazardous weather conditions, and keeping the windshield clean is a priority. This means ensuring there is enough windshield wiper fluid in the car and that it is a product that will not freeze.

Wiper blades can freeze and crack in the winter. Older blades may be more susceptible to dam-

age. It's a worthy investment to replace existing wiper blades at the start of each winter. When vehicles are parked, pull the wipers off of the windshield to safeguard them from sticking and cracking.

Cold weather requires drivers to amp up their vehicle maintenance routines. Consult with a mechanic or automotive retailer for more ideas and products that can help your vehicles operate safely and efficiently this winter.

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## How to safely navigate wet roads

Fall is a great time of year to hit the open road, as fall foliage is colorful and provides a wonderful backdrop for weekend getaways, while the mild temperatures of fall make this an ideal time to enjoy the great outdoors.

Though autumn is often a mild time of year with regard to weather, fall foliage enthusiasts can still encounter adverse conditions on road trips. According to the automotive group AAA, wet pavement contributes to nearly 1.2 million traffic accidents each year. When combined

with fall leaves, wet pavement poses an even greater threat to drivers and their passengers.

Autumn and precipitation do not necessarily go hand in hand, but drivers should still exercise caution during the fall road trip season so they can better handle roadways that are wet and covered in fallen leaves.

- Do not use cruise control. Because fall foliage can be so stunning to experience, many drivers are tempted to use the cruise control feature on their automobiles

so they can pay more attention to the array of colors at their disposal. But cruise control should never be engaged when driving on wet roads or roads that may be covered in leaves. Such conditions require drivers to focus their undivided attention on the road ahead of them. When drivers suddenly encounter slick roads, easing off the accelerator rather than quickly applying the brakes can be the safest response, but such a response is impossible when cruise control is engaged.

- Drive slowly. Many fall road trippers are already driving slow-

ly so they can fully enjoy the fall scenery. But it's important that drivers slow down even more when encountering wet roadways, as driving slow can reduce the risk of a vehicle hydroplaning. When vehicles hydroplane, they slide uncontrollably on wet surfaces as the tires rise up on the water covering the roads. AAA notes that tires on vehicles driving as slow as 35 miles per hour can still lose some contact with the road, so drivers should maintain low speeds when driving on wet roads and reduce their speeds even further during heavy rains.

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· Resist the urge to brake quickly. When drivers feel themselves losing control, many respond by braking quickly. But hard braking and quick turns can increase the risk that a vehicle will hydroplane. And even if the vehicle does not hydroplane, motorists may have a hard time controlling it when slamming on the brakes. When encountering wet roads, brake slowly and maintain low speeds until the roads dry off.

· Leave ample room between vehicles. Because braking quickly

on wet roadways can increase the risk of accident, it's important that drivers leave ample room between their vehicles and the vehicles in front of them. Afford other drivers the space to brake slowly just like you hope the drivers behind you are doing. Avoid overcrowded roadways during especially wet weather.

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# New vests for police thanks to criminal forfeiture program

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Police Service continues to benefit from a program that puts the proceeds of crime back into helping protect communities.

A \$20,000 grant through the provincial criminal property forfeiture program will help suit up officers with new protective vests and related equipment.

Chief Brad Neduzak noted they often have to replace and upgrade equipment a bit more piecemeal as funds allow.

"We tend to do a couple at a time ... and by the time we actually complete that rotation of replacements, the ones that have been replaced first may be basically outdated again," he said.

"So we're kind of going in circles. This way, we get replacements for everybody, and they're all on the same page."

This latest grant will not only replace all of the department's protective vests but also provide new firearms and attachments such as holsters.

Right now, most of the officers carry their equipment on their belts, which can not only get heavy but also be a little more difficult to access quickly. These new vests allow for the different equipment to be mounted right on the front of the vest, Neduzak explained.

"It helps for the safety aspect as far as getting

to the equipment quicker. You're able to access it a lot easier ... it also takes the weight off the belt," he said.

"Everything's right at hand ... it's really helped with the weight distribution ... everything's a lot easier to get to and to put away as well," agreed Cst. Chris Flook. "Wearing our uniforms for maybe 10 or 12 hours at a time, it really helps with the comfort factor."

This is not the first time the Morden Police Service has benefitted from the forfeiture program.

"We also received a canine vehicle which was purchased a couple years back," Neduzak noted. "In the past, we've received other grants to start our regional support tactical team, which is a joint effort between Morden, Winkler and Altona."

That grant outfitted the tactical team with all of the necessary specialized equipment, including vests, helmets, and weapons.

"It's used in situations where you're executing search warrants for illegal substances or guns ... they are put into play to ensure the safety when we are going into homes or buildings ... also for the people inside," said Neduzak. "We were the first in rural Manitoba to have such a tactical team formed."

The police services can apply twice a year for funding from the program, though, "it's more for capital costs, it's not to run any programs



Cst. Chris Flook of the Morden Police Service in one of the new vests officers will be receiving thanks to funding from the provincial criminal property forfeiture program.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

or to offset wages ... it's to provide equipment that will help services," Neduzak said. "We've actually seen great benefits from this program."

"It certainly helps all police services, but we maybe even see a bigger impact on our budgets here."

# Countdown is on to holiday craft sale

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual holiday craft sale always draws a crowd in Morden.

With other events going on at the Access Event Centre, however, the event this year set for Saturday, Nov. 5 may be even a little bit busier than usual.

"There's a skating competition going on that day, so we'll likely get lots of new people coming to look around and see what the craft show is all about," said organizer Cathy Lone.

Held in support of the Pembina Hills Arts Council, the holiday craft sale goes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It includes a 50/50 draw with the proceeds going back to the Pembina Hills Arts Council in support of area artists.

Lone said the show is again sold out with 85 vendors.

"I think that's a couple more vendors than last year ... and we do have some new vendors this year that haven't been there before," she noted.

One of those included signs made of reclaimed wood.

"I think there's a couple new pottery people as well," said Lone.

The artists and crafters come from across the south central region and offer handmade original items, including pottery, fine art, holiday decorations, baking, knitting, sewing and more.

They always aim to have a good variety of arts, crafts and other gift ideas, Lone said.

Popular items each year range from sewing and clothing for babies to



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The annual holiday craft sale in Morden takes over the Access Event Centre community hall on Saturday, Nov. 5.

handmade Christmas decorations.

Lone said the sale has become a well established tradition in Morden.

"We get good support every year.

It's always sold out. The tables are all rented before the deadline," she said.

"We really appreciate the support we get from the community."



# Lauren Mann hits the road solo

By Lorne Stelmach

Going solo on her current tour is a different and invigorating experience for Lauren Mann.

Now in the midst of about 50 shows across the country, Mann is also hitting the road this time without the band the Fairly Odd Folk.

"It's been a few years since I've done a long tour," she noted, adding that "it's also the first time I haven't had a band with me."

"It's been really cool, exploring solo stuff and having fun with the instrumentation. I've added a few different things into the mix," she said.

It's a continuation of the musical journey for Mann, who performs in Morden Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Alliance Church. Opening the show is Castles and Vines.

She also performs Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Manitoba Arts Network showcase event at the Access Event Centre alongside Comedy In Motion with juggler Bob Cates, The Traveling Mabels, Andino Suns, and Lizzy Hoyt.

Mann's unique brand of alternative folk/pop music and live shows have garnered her increasing attention from listeners and critics alike.

Playing a number of small towns and a variety of venues this time on her own was not necessarily a conscious decision. At first, she would have wanted to go out with the band.

"It seemed economical," she said.

"It's really tough to do a large tour like this ... it's also a long time for a band to commit to, especially when they've got families."

"We also wanted to keep it a bit simpler ... and this just seemed to be the best way to do it," Mann said, adding that the band remains equally important to her, even joining in on occasion for select shows.

"It adds such a different dynamic and energy on the stage. I wouldn't want to abandon that," she said.

Mann is, however, enjoying doing a bit of experimentation this time with the songs.

"It gives me a good opportunity to work on performing on my own ... when you're the only one up there, all eyes are on you. But it's been really, really positive, and I've been hav-

ing a lot of fun," she said.

Performing solo, you can approach the songs in a different way "and try to make the set really dynamic and interesting," Mann said. "I've incorporated some synthesizers ... added some depth to the instrumentation."

"It's also nice because quite a few of the venues are intimate, so I've been able to tell stories about the songs and kind of shed some light on the recording process."

Mann stressed, though, that music remains a very collaborative process for her, with many musicians involved in her recordings, the latest of which arose after the band formed their own label, Wanderer Records, in the spring of 2013.

The group released *Over Land and Sea*, which further illustrates Mann's gift of songwriting with a wide array of instrumentation, harmonies, and lyrics that tell of whimsical adventures.

"I'm get very inspired by the different places that I go," said Mann,

while adding the songs at the same time delve into exploration of the human condition.

"I've done a lot of travelling through Canada and the U.S. in the past couple of years, and I find that different environments and locations usually inspire the start of a song."

Her creative process can arise from little bits and pieces along the way, but she finds it can be difficult to write

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SUPPLIED PHOTO

Lauren Mann performs in Morden Friday as part of the Manitoba Arts Network showcase concert and Sunday at the Alliance Church.

while on the road.

"I'm looking forward to some downtime in the winter to really work on some new songs," said Mann, noting she likes to isolate herself to some degree to write. "Songwriting for me is how I process a lot of experiences ... it's always evolving and growing and changing."

"I would love to do more collaborating as well," she added. "I think it's really cool when you can find the right people to work with ... it can really help bring out aspects of your songs you might not be able to get to yourself."

As for her future, Mann said she will "just embrace whatever opportunities come up."

"I love travelling, and music is a really neat way to do that," she said, noting she would love to be able to take

her music further outside of Canada perhaps into Europe and the U.K.

In addition to Mann's Friday night performance, the Manitoba Arts Network showcase also includes a Saturday afternoon show at 2 p.m. with Ontario folk-country performer Craig Cardiff, Alberta pop-folk group 100 Mile House, Manitoba folk roots artist Patti Kusturok, Alberta world roots group Derina Harvey Band, and the classical-based group Quartetto Gelato.

The final showcase Saturday at 7 p.m. features Yukon youth pop trio Speed Control, PEI folk bluegrass outfit Gordie McKeeman and his Rhythm Boys, Manitoba roots-pop musician Sol James, Alberta and Quebec classical combo Proteus Saxophone Quartet, and Quebec magician and hypnotist Spidey.



## Wine festival raises \$9,600

Thirteen wine companies were represented last Friday evening as the Morden Area Foundation presented the first Morden Wine Tasting Festival. With over 350 people in attendance, the event raised over \$9,600 for the community foundation to establish a Corn and Apple Festival fund.

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PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Winkler's Nolan McGuire tries to go five-hole on Pistons goaltender Roman Bengert early in the first period on Oct. 12. The Flyers lost 6-1.

## Flyers come back from Virden loss to beat Natives, Steelers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers' month improved significantly after dropping games to the Oil Capitals and the Pistons last week.

Just a few days after posting their second loss of the season at the hands of Virden 3-0, Winkler found themselves on the wrong side of the score sheet once again against Steinbach.

Despite outshooting their opponents 45-36, the Flyers only made good on a lone shot the entire game (Nolan McGuire, scoring midway through the final period), while the Pistons got six past net-minder Jakob Severson for the win.

The boys shook off the loss Friday night in Neepawa.

This time around, Winkler's 45 shots on net (versus the Natives' 22) translated into seven goals. Braden Billaney and Matt Christian gave the team a 2-0 lead in the first, which was bolstered to 4-1 with goals from Coltyn Bates and Gino Lucia in the second.

In the third period, Neepawa's John McCammon

scored twice in a bid to close the gap, but he was matched with two goals from the Flyers' Scott Gall and a single from Tyler Jubenvill in the 7-3 Winkler victory.

Cole Weaver went the distance in net for Winkler, making 19 saves off of 22 shots on net.

The team followed that win up with an even more decisive one on Sunday in Selkirk.

There, Weaver was a wall in net, turning away all 21 shots the Steelers sent his way, while his teammates fired 46 shots across the rink, scoring two each period in the 6-0 win.

Doing the honours was Lawson McDonald, Matt Christian, Gall, Billaney, Tyler Lindstrom, and Will Blake.

With that, Winkler's record for the season thus far is 7-3, putting them in fourth place with 14 points behind the Steinbach Pistons (20 points), the Portage Terriers (18 points), and the OCN Blizzard (15 points).

Coming up this weekend, the Flyers host OCN at 7:30 p.m. in a two-game home stand on both Friday and Saturday. Next week they hit the road to play

the Selkirk Steelers on Tuesday.

### FLYERS TRADE COHAN, SLIPP

The junior hockey club bid farewell to forward Jason Cohan and goalie Connor Slipp this week.

The 1996 born players were traded to the Swan Valley Stampeders in exchange for future considerations and the rights to goaltender Cole Kehler ('97).

The Altona native is currently playing with the WHL's Portland Winterhawks. He has a 6-1 record, a 2.57 goals against average, and a .913 save percentage so far this season.

Also on Monday, the Flyers acquired goaltender Josh Williams ('97) from the AJHL's Bonnyville Pontiacs in exchange for future considerations.

Williams is a 6'0", 175-pound goaltender from Calgary who played the past two seasons in the Alberta Junior Hockey League. In 2015-2016, he sported an 8-0 record, 2.30 GAA, and .907 save percentage with both the Pontiacs and the Camrose Kodiaks. So far this season with Bonnyville, Williams has a 5-0 record, a 2.62 GAA, and a .921 SV%.





## Thunder soccer teams place third at provincials

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Thunder varsity soccer teams came in third at the Rural Provincial Soccer Championships held in Winkler last weekend.

The Thunder boys varsity team downed the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs 1-0 in the third-place match. Morden had previously bested Stonewall 3-1 and then fell to Niverville 2-1.

GVC, meanwhile, started off the weekend with a 3-0 win over Hap-

not before falling to the tournament's eventual winners Steinbach Regional 4-0.

On the girls' side, the Thunder downed GVC 3-0 in both teams' first game of the weekend. Morden went on to fall to Minnedosa 3-1 before besting Lorette 5-2.

The Zodiacs moved on to the consolation side, where they bested Strathclair 4-0 before getting knocked out by Hapnot 2-0.

The Zodiacs varsity volleyball teams



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The Morden Thunder soccer teams got off to a strong start at the rural provincial soccer championships hosted by GVC last weekend. In their first games of the tournament, the boys downed Stonewall 3-1 (left), while the girls bested GVC 3-0 (above). Both Morden teams eventually came in third.

had a better go of things on the courts last week. Both the boys and girls teams downed the visiting Altona Aces three sets to one in Zone 4 action.

Also in Zone 4, the Morden girls fell to the Sabres in three straight sets.

Over in the SCAC, the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks boys varsity team bested the Lions 3-1 on Oct. 12 while the girls lost their game 3-0. On Monday, the boys fell to the Wings 3-0, while the ladies lost to the Voyageurs 3-2.

## Hawks fall to Wheat Kings, best Rangers

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks had yet another weekend of mixed results.

The Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League team remained at .500 with a 4-2 loss to the Brandon Wheat Kings Friday followed up with a 5-1 win Saturday over the Parkland Rangers.

It left Pembina Valley very much in the middle of the pack with a 3-3 record that has them in eighth place in the 12 team league.

The Hawks kept it close Friday, closing a 2-0 first period gap to 3-2 after two periods before Brandon sealed the deal with under two minutes left.

Pembina Valley connected for two powerplay goals in the second, with Jayden McCarthy scoring 25 seconds in and then Elijah Carels slamming one home at the 10 minute mark.

Aaron Brunn took the loss in net, making 28 saves off of Brandon's shots as the home team outshot the Hawks 32-29.

On Saturday, the Hawks gave up an early goal just three minutes in before taking control the rest of the way, firing in two first period powerplay goals, a single in the second, and two more in the third.

## Hawks down Wildcats 2-1 in overtime

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks are unbeaten through their first three games of the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League season.

It didn't come easy, though, as Pem-

The scoring was spread around, with goals from Elijah Carels, Caleb Unrau, Sven Schefer, Dylan Dacquay, and Travis Penner.

Martin Gagnon earned the win in net with 19 saves as the Hawks outshot the Rangers 30 to 20.

The pair of goals on the weekend had Carels leading Pembina Valley in scoring with five goals and eight

points through the first six games.

This week, the Hawks host Norman on Thursday before heading to Portage for the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League showcase weekend, where they will meet the Parkland Rangers on Saturday and the Interlake Lightning on Sunday.

bina Valley needed overtime Friday to edge the Westman Wildcats 2-1 in Hartney.

Scoring for the Hawks was Toni Conrad in regulation and Makenzie McCallum with the overtime winner. The Hawks had spotted the Wildcats

a 1-0 lead in the second before tying it up in the third period.

Veteran goaltender Halle Oswald was solid in net, making 23 saves to pick up the win.

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# Twisters post 4-3 losses to Hawks, Jets

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Twisters experienced some déjà vu over the weekend.

The MMJHL team lost both their games to the Charleswood Hawks and the Stonewall Jets by scores of 4-3.

First up on Friday, Pembina Valley fought back from being down 2-0 in the first and 3-1 in the second to tie the game at three each by the second intermission.

Michael Wirth, Fraser Mirrlees and Chad Millar each had a goal and an assist for the Twisters, who gave up the winning goal to the Hawks midway through the final frame.

Morgan Wall manned the team's

net, making 30 saves in the even 34-34 shots-on-goal match.

On Sunday the Twisters were up 3-2 after the opening period, with goal coming from Mirrlees, Wirth, and Karl Conrad.

After a scoreless second period, the Jets were the only ones doing any scoring in the final period, tying things up in the first few minutes and then getting the winning goal in with less than six minutes to go.

Wall gave up the four goals off of 32 shots as the Twisters outshot Stonewall 37-32.

Coming up, the Twisters are on the road Friday in Winnipeg to face the Raiders. They're back home Sunday to host Transcona.



PHOTO BY LANA MEIER/VOICE

The Twisters fell to the Stonewall Jets 4-3 Sunday night, following on the heels of a 4-3 loss to the Charleswood Hawks.

The work ethic was there. They knew they needed to get a goal and they went out and worked hard every shift ... they went right to the final buzzer." The Hawks have a good opportunity

to extend their season opening winning streak this weekend, as they are home in Morden to host the winless Norman Wild for a doubleheader Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

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Coach Dana Bell felt his team really took it to Westman in the first period but couldn't connect, and they kept pushing.

"It was a good game, it was fast

paced ... the girls worked hard," he said. "Something I saw this weekend that was good was we didn't quit, we got down, and they kept going.

"They knew what they needed to do.

# Miami weight loss group provides support, advice

By Lorne Stelmach

It's as much about community and fellowship as it is about weight loss.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) is a non-profit network of weight-loss support groups and a wellness education organization.

Established in 1948, TOPS offers tools and programs for healthy living and weight management, and a local group in Miami continues to be a source of support and encouragement for its seven current members.

"Friendship's a big part of it. We feel like it's an hour spent together with friends ... and that friendship has developed over the years," said member Joan McDowell.

The current group started here in 1999. The membership has been as high as 22 people over the years.

Weekly meetings can offer infor-

mation on nutrition, exercise and healthy lifestyles, and the emphasis is very much on positive reinforcement and encouragement.

"Ultimately, we all would like to take off some weight, but our group also focuses on a healthy lifestyle," said McDowell.

"Occasionally, we have guest speakers on ways we can improve and maintain our health and abilities," she added, noting the educational component of it is vital.

"We do spend time on educational things about health, not just about weight loss. Everybody likes to trim off a few pounds ... it's also that we want to continue on with a healthy lifestyle."

Local participants are currently wearing pedometers as part of a challenge walk between Saskatchewan and Manitoba clubs. Since Feb.

**"WE ALL WOULD LIKE TO TAKE OFF SOME WEIGHT, BUT OUR GROUP ALSO FOCUSES ON A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE."**

1, the Miami members have walked a total of 1,932.5 miles and counting.

McDowell noted many of their activities are also making members aware of local and surrounding places of interest. It has included walking through a local floral garden, visiting the fire department, enjoying the view from Alexander Park, and luncheon trips to places like the Silver Ridge Tea Room west of La Riviere.

This fall, Joe Brown, a local paleontology enthusiast, brought artifacts he has collected and talked about ones of local interest.

"We support our community by sponsoring events such as a noon soup and pie luncheon in October," noted McDowell. "A portion of the proceeds go to a scholarship for a local high school student pursuing a career in a health-related field.

"We also sponsor classes in our local horticultural show, and in November we have a tea in aid of the Canadian Diabetes Association."

Anyone interested in joining the group or wanting more information can contact McDowell at 204-435-2103.

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# Agriculture

## HyLife unveils \$125M expansion to Neepawa plant

By Harry Siemens

HyLife has announced a \$125 million expansion for its meat processing plant in Neepawa to meet rising worldwide demand for their products.

"This new investment in Manitoba will mean not only more jobs across the province but a greater demand for value-added pork thanks to our integrated system and our great primary producer partners," says HyLife president Claude Vielfaure.

HyLife has become Canada's number one fresh chilled pork exporter to Japan, returning \$200 million worth of sales from the Japanese market annually.

"HyLife has taken that unique Japanese consumer demand for its domestic pork and worked tirelessly to recreate this taste profile at home in our integrated production and processing system," says Vielfaure. "The result is a solid and growing base of Japanese consumers seeking to buy HyLife's premium fresh chilled pork products, which we grow and process right here in Manitoba."

HyLife also has a steady presence in the Chinese market, grossing \$80 million in sales annually since breaking into the market in 2008. While in China with Prime Minister Trudeau in early September, HyLife announced a contract with the Chinese e-commerce platform JD.com.

"To meet growing demand and address international competitive pressure, the time has come to re-invest back into HyLife's integrated system," Vielfaure says. "HyLife envisions expanding the Neepawa plant by moving to a full double shift and adopting innovative technologies to improve yields and processes and increase shelf life."

HyLife also plans to construct new finishing barns and a feed mill. This will bring up to 165 new jobs and will increase the company's total employee base to approximately 2,000.

"Our company has grown significantly over the last few years and we purchased the Neepawa processing plant in 2008 and had 300 employees, invested heavily over the years and now we are at 1,200 employees," says Vielfaure. "We've grown our markets

all over the world, specifically in Japan and China and the demand for our product has outgrown our supplies.

"We're looking to expand our plant by 130,000 square feet, which will include a much bigger cut floor than we have today, packaging, shipping. We're going to put a lot of innovation in the plant and improve our processes so it should become a very world class plant after we're done."

HyLife sells weaner-feeder pigs into the United States, but once they can build their new feeder barns, hopefully in western Manitoba, they will keep and finish them here at home and process them in Neepawa.

Recently, the Americans cancelled

the M-COOL program for pigs and cattle, but so far it hasn't changed very much as far as meat sales go.

"Because of M-COOL we have never targeted the U.S. fresh pork sales. Maybe that will open up more but for now we have targeted other markets," says Vielfaure. "If the plant in Neepawa needs pigs, then it doesn't make much sense to send live pigs south."

The entire pig industry in Manitoba needs more finishing barns, but the ban on building new barns in Manitoba imposed by the former NDP government and bad economics stopped that.

Vielfaure says they will work with the industry and government to determine where and how best to build

those proposed finishing barns.

Whether producers can get involved, Vielfaure says that they will look at all options to purchase pigs and therefore are open to anything.

"The PED virus is part of the scary part of our business as it keeps nipping us on the side here and we try to do things to make sure it doesn't spread more in western Canada," he says. "Three months ago we invested into a big trailer wash in Neepawa where they get washed and baked to kill any bacteria and viruses in the trailer and will build one in La Broquerie too. It is new technology—if you bake the trailers it is almost fool-proof."



By Harry Siemens

## Chatting with a centenarian

Several years ago, I met Mrs. Mary Penner and her son Abe who lives with her on the original family homestead in the village of Chortitz south of Winkler.

When I was introduced to Mrs. Penner, she said, "I read your articles every week in the Voice."

While not surprising to hear that, it was surprising when I learned she was 98 years old. I made up my mind then and there that I would interview her and write a column.

Well, it took some time, but finally after her 100th birthday celebration in Winkler on July 31 I met the family again. This time after sifting through her hectic going-out for meals schedule, I set up an appointment.

She says her daughters had bought prizes for all those over 90, but found only two from the 200 people in attendance to help her celebrate.

"I didn't know I had so many friends and they all wished me well."

Mrs. Penner currently lives in the house and on the same farmyard that she and her husband Frank moved to about 71 years ago. Frank died in 2006 at the age of 95 after helping out on the farm well into

his nineties.

Mrs. Penner grew up in Chortitz but on the other side that included 10 siblings in a little house with three rooms, and one hired man who slept in the kitchen.

"No one thought anything of it. That was normal and how it should be," she says, speaking fluently in Low German or English. When it comes to language, she understands English well, but prefers to attend the Low German service at the Old Colony Church because she memorized the scriptures in that language.

When she grew up, the entire village belonged to the Old Colony Church because no one owned a car and travelling distances going by horse and buggy to a church outside the village just didn't make sense.

"We didn't have central heating at that time and ours was the only house in the village where people could not walk from the house into the barn, but walk outside first. Yet the two were attached."

The first thing that comes to her mind from years back is the funeral of her oldest sister.

"I was four years old and remember just a little bit of it at her grandparents Thiessens' house and sitting



PHOTO BY HARRY SIEMENS/VOICE

Mary Penner, 100, still lives on the family homestead in Chortitz.

on my father's lap," says Mary.

She isn't certain if it is true or not, but now there is no one older she can ask about it.

Growing up on the farm with her parents, Mrs. Penner remembers when she and her sister Tina did the stooking with a pitchfork the big old threshing machine.

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"That is something the young people today really wouldn't know what that means," she says. "Stooking and setting up the sheaves was our job. I can't remember having to do any other hard work, except milking cows, that was a girl's job at that time. We always had about ten cows

"That was a good thing especially during the poor times, the farmers always had milk, eggs, chickens, and other meat and ate a lot of bread. Mother's work was milking, choring the chickens and pigs, but they always had a hired man who would do the heavier jobs."

Remarkably, she says, her father knew how to milk, and would help sometimes too. Most of the men at that time didn't do that, she says.

While Mrs. Penner doesn't remember how much land her dad farmed, he always had a hired man to work on the field with eight horses.

"My husband kept the one share plow that he ploughed the fields with when he was ten years old handling two horses drawing that plow," she says fondly. "One furlough a day must have taken forever. His father worked with four horses and two plow shares. That is how they started, today it seems like nothing works fast enough. Now it needs doing, not tomorrow."

While she didn't work with the horses herself, on many farms the oldest daughters would have to do the field work. At that time the clothes were poor compared to today and they almost froze to death, she recalls.

Since the fields were further away from home, her mother prepared the food for the workers for the whole day and loaded up the food box on a wagon, which included a barrel of water and some feed for the horses, and they hung the milk containers into the water to keep it cool and had cold milk for lunch.

Mrs. Penner says it was a totally different time.

"Back then we didn't have a telephone in the house, and no radio. For entertainment as sisters we'd get together and, especially during the winter, play lots of crokinole.

"The boys did play cards, but at that time it was a no-no in some places."

She recalls getting a job off the family farm and her salary was a whopping \$5 a month. That meant getting up early in the morning, milking four cows and feeding some of that milk to the thirsty calves.

Since she loves to read and does so to this day, Mary would sometimes find a little time during her working day or in the evening to read the *Weekly Free Press*, but it didn't take long and someone would bring her some clothes to mend.

She spent the nights there, but she did say they treated her well, but those times meant working hard.

"I can remember clearly what I bought with that five dollars, sending in an order through the Eatons Catalogue paying \$2 for one dress, \$2 a pair of Sunday shoes" and with the remaining dollar buying several yards of material so her mother could sew some new dresses for her sisters.

The real blessing she says of growing old is the fact she has the time to reads lots now and does so without needing glasses to assist her.

While her walking isn't what it used to be, she did use a cane to walk down a flight of stairs so I could take a picture of her outside.

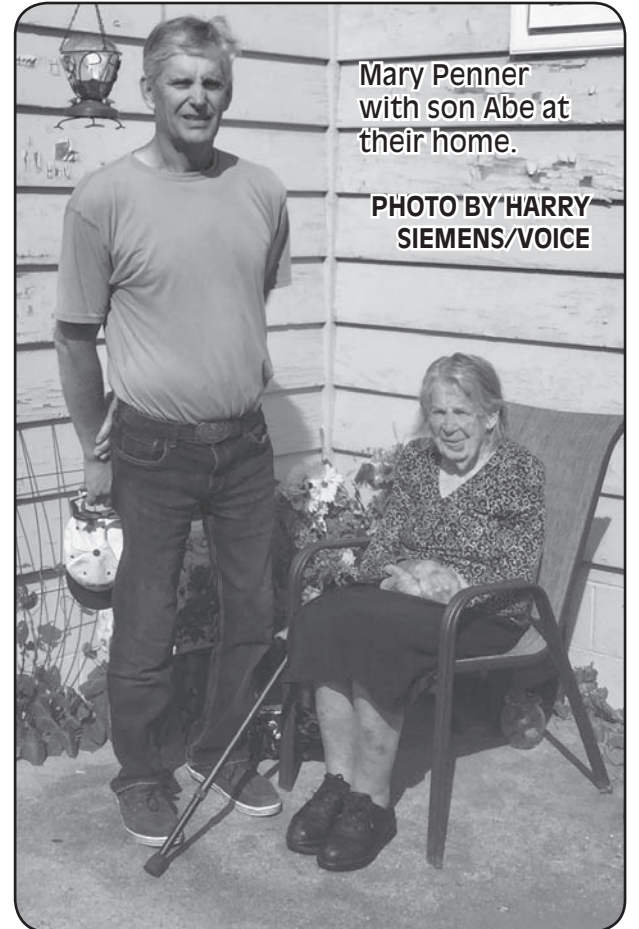
"I'm so thankful of the things I can still do," she says.

Born in 1916, Mrs. Penner remembers looking at the calendar as a child and looking at the year 2,000, which seemed an impossible date to still be alive.

When she received her first pension cheque, her goal was to live until that cheque reached \$500 a month. Now, she laughs, her aim is to live to the day that pension cheque becomes \$600.

It seems so to me that loving life every day and living it to the fullest, things of the past aren't quite so important. She most certainly doesn't believe in sitting around, twiddling her thumbs and waiting for death.

"God chose me to live to be 100," she beams. "If I gave up everything, I could also say sit here and twiddle my thumbs and wait for my death. Then



Mary Penner with son Abe at their home.

PHOTO BY HARRY SIEMENS/VOICE

I wouldn't have any joy. I go out for meals many times during a week, meeting for fellowship with a group of ladies from Chortitz from yesteryear weekly."

Mrs. Penner has lost weight and height, endured cancer four times, needs a pace maker to keep her heart beating correctly, but really doesn't consider ever being seriously ill.

"The loving God sets our time, but it is up to us how good that life can be," she says. "It is hard to believe I reached the age of 100."

The secret to her long life is her attitude of not getting upset, lots of patience, being thankful and enjoying every moment, and, last but not least, a faith in an unwavering God, living by His dictates as outlined in the Bible.

# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



- 2 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 ounces red-skinned potatoes, scrubbed but not peeled, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 eggs
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 8 cups arugula, stems discarded and leaves cleaned, dried and coarsely chopped\*
- 1/2 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 6 tablespoons grated Gruyere cheese

1. Heat 1/2 tablespoon of the butter and the olive oil in a medium, heavy frying pan set over medium heat. When hot, add the potatoes and saute, stirring often, until light

## Potato and Arugula Omelets

golden and tender, 8 minutes. Remove from the heat and season with salt and pepper. (The potatoes can be prepared 1 hour ahead; leave at room temperature. Reheat, stirring, over medium heat.)

2. Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl and season with a good pinch of salt and the cayenne. Place the arugula in another mixing bowl and toss with the vinegar. Place the Gruyere and the potatoes each in separate bowls. Have ready a ladle for adding the egg mixture to the pan.

3. Add 1 tablespoon to a 9-inch frying pan, preferably nonstick or seasoned cast iron, set over medium heat. Swirl the butter so that it coats the bottom of the pan. When it is hot but not smoking, ladle half of the eggs into the pan and stir with the back of the fork until they

start to set but are still quite liquid on the top, 30 to 40 seconds. With the fork or a nonstick spatula, lift an edge of the omelet and tilt the pan to let some of the uncooked egg mixture run underneath. Repeat this two or three more times, working your way around the pan until the eggs are cooked but remain moist on top.

4. Sprinkle half of the potatoes, then half of the cheese, and finally half of the arugula over the eggs. Let the mixture cook until the cheese begins to melt and the arugula wilts only slightly, 30 seconds. Using a nonstick or metal spatula, fold the omelet in half and slide it onto a plate. Repeat to make another omelet.

5. Serve each omelet as soon as it is prepared.





# Book sale raises funds for Imagination Library

Winkler Imagination Library committee members Debbie Doell (left) and Carol-Ann Braun with some of the items that were up for grabs at the program's annual book and art sale last weekend. The two-day event brought in \$1,752 for the early childhood literacy program that sends free books out to pre-school age children in the Winkler area each month.

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## take a break

> GAMES

### SUDOKU

	8		9			1		
			2	1			4	
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	3			7	5		8	
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Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**

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

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

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Crossword Answer

## X CROSSWORD

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Subway inhabitants
- 5. Removes
- 11. Ancient Greek City
- 12. Plagued
- 16. An aspect of the Egyptian Sun god
- 17. Registered dietician
- 18. A citizen of Iran
- 19. Jordan's old team
- 24. Ballplayers go here when they're hurt
- 25. Common fractions
- 26. Terrorist organization
- 27. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 28. Heroic tale
- 29. Reared
- 30. One of the first cars
- 31. Praises highly
- 33. Make fun of
- 34. Defines a vector space
- 38. Blotted
- 39. Municipal
- 40. Maxim
- 43. Russian investment bank
- 44. Active Filipino volcano
- 45. Scottish tax
- 49. Peter \_\_\_
- 50. South Asian garment for women
- 51. Taiwan capital
- 53. University of Dayton
- 54. Combining radio waves
- 56. Sweetheart (archaic)
- 58. Farm state
- 59. Singer-songwriter Atias
- 60. Isolates
- 63. Tiny piece
- 64. Most domesticated
- 65. Matured

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Responds
- 2. Trailblazing tennis player \_\_\_ Gibson
- 3. Driving

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- 4. Holy places
- 5. Spanish river
- 6. Cardinal
- 7. Anno Domini
- 8. Southeast
- 9. Ills
- 10. Gentlemen
- 13. Lanthanum
- 14. Support
- 15. Widened
- 20. Exclamation of surprise
- 21. Type of Suzuki motorcycle
- 22. Advantages
- 23. Cover
- 27. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 29. Baylor University
- 30. Aristocratic young lady
- 31. Resinous insect secretion
- 32. Noble gas (abbr.)
- 33. Combo exercise \_\_\_-bo
- 34. Shoulder blade

- 35. Fortress
- 36. River in England
- 37. Popular point guard Jeremy
- 38. Decigram
- 40. Swiss river
- 41. Where milk is processed
- 42. Weird guy Yankovic
- 44. Tattoo (slang)
- 45. Place to see movies
- 46. Conclusive comment
- 47. Has high legislative powers
- 48. Initialed
- 50. Cassia tree
- 51. Touchdown
- 52. Egyptian pharaoh
- 54. Thai district Ban \_\_\_
- 55. Kiln
- 57. Michigan
- 61. Morning
- 62. Rob Gronkowski is one



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### STEEL BUILDINGS

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### WORK WANTED

Available to do renos, repairs, maintenance, painting, siding, roofs, fix-ups. Residential or commercial. Call Bill at 204-362-2645 or leave a message at 204-822-3582.

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Do-it-yourself project gone bad? Need help to start or finish? I can help. Call 204-362-2645 or lve. message at 204-822-3582.

### HELP WANTED

Pine Falls Golf Club - along the Winnipeg River. Request for proposal - General Manager, 2017 season. For information package contact: Vanessa Fontaine 204-797-6747 vfontaine@pfts.mb.ca.

### HELP WANTED

Medical Transcription! In-demand career! Employers have work-at-home positions available. Get online training you need from an employer-trusted program. Visit: CareerStep.ca/MT or 1-855-768-3362 to start training for your work-at-home career today!

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### COMING EVENTS

## Genesis House presents their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Dance! "Under the Sea"

- Games • Prizes • Snacks
- A visit from a real, live Mermaid!

**Fri, Nov. 4 at 7 pm**  
at the Morden  
**Friendship Centre**  
\$5/person or  
\$20/family

Call 204-325-9957  
for info!

### COMING EVENTS

**Thousand Oaks Ministries Inc.**  
**GOSPEL MUSIC NIGHT**  
Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016  
7:00 pm at the  
P.W. Enns Centennial  
Concert Hall Winkler, MB  
Featuring: **Gospel Echoes**  
**Harvest Team** (Goshen, Indiana)  
**Gospel Echoes Western**  
**Canada** (Warman, Sask.)  
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www.ThousandOaksInc.org

### COMING EVENTS

## Darlingford Community FALL SUPPER

Sunday, October 30, 2016  
4:00 - 6:30 pm  
At the Darlingford Hall

Adults - \$14.00  
Children 6-12 yrs - \$7.00  
Children 5 & Under - Free

### TENDER

## FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed, written tenders for property in the Municipality of Pembina described below will be received by:

**McCULLOCH MOONEY JOHNSTON SELBY LLP**  
351 Main Street, PO Box 279  
Manitou, MB. R0G 1G0

### PROPERTY

Part of SE 1/4 13-3-8 WPM including all grain and hopper bins, (being approximately 150 cultivated acres)

### CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on **November 10, 2016**.
- Tenders must be accompanied by a \$25,000.00 cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP Trust as a deposit. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before **December 15, 2016**, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid on or before December 15, 2016, the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty. Possession date shall be **January 1, 2017** unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.
- Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
- Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2017.
- The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact **Larry J. Selby** at:  
Ph: 204-242-2801  
Fax: 204-242-2723  
email: larry@mjmjlaw.com

### TENDER

## FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed, written tenders for property in the Municipality of Rhineland will be received by:

**GILMOUR & BRAUL LAW OFFICE**  
184 Main Street  
Winkler, MB R6W 0M3

For: THE ELY 814 FEET OF THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 10-3-3 WPM - 49.33 Acres  
Certificate of Title No. 2435262/4

### CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be received by Gilmour & Braul Law Office in Winkler on or before **5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2016**.
- Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of 5% of the amount offered, payable to GILMOUR & BRAUL LAW OFFICE. Deposit cheques accompanying unsuccessful bids will be returned.
- The Purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. The Vendors are not obligated to sell the land or to accept any tender. The Vendors will have a reserve bid.

### CONDITIONS OF SALE:

- The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted shall be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted purchase price must be paid on or before the date of possession, or evidence provided by the Purchaser that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendors. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit, the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- The date for adjustment for taxes is January 1, 2017.
- The date of possession shall be in December, 2016.
- Fifty percent (50%) of payment shall be made in December, 2016. The balance will be payable at the end of January, 2017.
- Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.

For further information contact:  
GARY R. GILMOUR at:  
Ph: 204-325-8850 Fax: 204-325-8830  
gary@gilmourlaw.ca

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### COMING EVENTS

## CARMAN GUN SHOW

October 29  
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Carman Community Hall  
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12 & under Free

### CAREERS

## Employment Opportunity ROLAND RINK CARETAKER

Approximately November 15, 2016 to March 15, 2017

General duties include cleaning of building; making and care of natural hockey ice, and artificial curling ice.

Submit resumes to:  
R.M. of Roland

Box 119, Roland MB R0G 1T0  
Email: caormofroland@gmail.com  
Phone: 204-343-2061 Fax: 204-343-2001

Deadline: October 26, 2016 4:30 p.m.

We thank all for applying. Only those selected for interview will be contacted.



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**SOUP & PIE FUNDRAISER**

for Valley Mennonite Academy  
**Fri., Oct. 21**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**  
 Winkler Mennonite Church  
*Admission by Donation*  
 School Choir will be performing

**COMING EVENTS**

St. Thomas Anglican Church  
 131-8th St., Morden

**SOUP LUNCH**

**Fri. Oct. 28**  
**11:30 - 1 pm**  
 \$7.00 per person

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**NOTICES**

**ATTENTION KIDS!**  
 Come and join the **Lamplighters Kids Club!**

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to come to "Lamplighters" on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30, at the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church.

Come and join us for songs, Bible stories, special activities, and snacks!  
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**COMING EVENTS**

**Christmas Market**  
**IN THE CITY**  
**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 29**  
**2016**  
 55+ ACTIVITY CENTRE  
 306 NORTH RAILWAY ST. - MORDEN  
**9:30 AM TO 3:30 PM**

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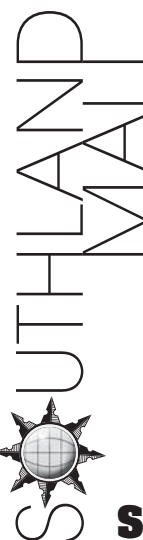
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**CRAFT SHOW**

**Friday, October 28**  
**Noon - 9:00**  
**Saturday, Oct. 29**  
**9:30 - 4:00**

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**TENDER**

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**McCULLOCH MOONEY JOHNSTON SELBY LLP**  
 351 Main Street, PO Box 279  
 Manitou, MB. R0G 1G0

**PROPERTY**

Parcel 1: SW ¼ 15-4-8 WPM, in Manitoba (being 161.5 cult. acres) (includes the former New Haven schoolyard) and  
 Parcel 2: NW ¼ 9-4-8 WPM, in Manitoba (being 137 cult. acres and 23 acres pasture and slough)

Excepting all Mines and Minerals.

**CONDITIONS OF TENDER**

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. on **October 28, 2016.**
- Tenders may be placed and accepted on one or both parcels of land.
- Tenders must be accompanied by a \$25,000.00 cheque per quarter, payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP Trust as a deposit. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE**

- The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing which shall be **November 30, 2016**, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
- Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2017.
- The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Larry J. Selby at:  
 Ph: 204-242-2801  
 Fax: 204-242-2723  
 email: larry@mmjlaw.com



**CAREERS**



**Pembina Counselling Centre is accepting applications for a part time BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

In conjunction with the Executive Director, the Business Development Officer is responsible for developing marketing and business plans in support of the donation revenue goals of PCC. PCC is a not-for-profit, Board governed faith-based counselling centre. We are looking for someone who will value our culture, vision, mission and values.

The job description also entails participating in media communication activities which include marketing, press releases, websites, and advertisements.

The position of the Business Development Officer is a result oriented role. He/she is responsible for understanding the trends in PCC's field of specialty; and knowing the people that matter in such fields. This role includes negotiating sales - licensing arrangements, raising funds for various projects, finding business partners, and pitching to potential partners PCC's business plans.

Other duties include developing effective customer relationships with stakeholders in order to get their support affiliated with the company.

He/she will effectively manage appointments and customer calls, and will always be on the lookout for new opportunities.

This position will be two days per week to start, but may be expanded commensurate with need and results. Compensation to be discussed. Applications will be received until November 4, 2016

**If interested contact Pembina Counselling Centre at 204-822-6622, or email at pccmorden@gmail.com**

**TENDER**

**FARMLAND SALE BY TENDER**

Sealed, written tenders for property in the RM of Stanley will be received by:  
WIENS & FRANZ LAW OFFICE

2-500 Main St., PO Box 99, Winkler, MB, R6W 4A4

For: SE 1/4 22-1-6 WPM, Except Plan 46900 MLTO and Ely 1254 ft of Sly 643.5 ft. approximately 130.99 acres.

**CONDITIONS OF TENDER**

Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.

Tenders must be received on or before **5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2016.**

Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of 5% of the amount offered, payable to WIENS & FRANZ LAW OFFICE. Deposit cheques accompanying unaccepted bids will be returned.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. The Vendors are not obligated to sell any of the land, or to accept any Tender.

The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering the terms and conditions of sale and, on the execution of such agreement, an additional sum representing 15% of the accepted tender price will be required as a second deposit.

In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender(s) must be paid on or before the date of possession, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

The adjustment for taxes is January 1st, 2017.

The date of possession is January 1st, 2017.

**For further information contact:  
HARRY WIENS or JOAN FRANZ at:  
Ph. 204-325-4615 Fax. 204-325-6712  
Email: harry@wflaw.ca or joan@wflaw.ca**

**CAREERS**

**Regional Outreach Worker For the Central Region**

The Manitoba Schizophrenia Society, Inc. invites applications for the position of Regional Outreach Worker in the Central Region of Manitoba (Winkler/Morden).

This 30 hours a week position will be spent in promoting the vision, mission and goals of the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society. The successful candidate will:

- Provide public education on mental health and mental illness issues, specifically schizophrenia and psychosis from a recovery perspective.
- Develop peer support groups for those living with schizophrenia and psychosis and families.
- Engage in one-on-one consultation with those living with schizophrenia and psychosis, family members, and service providers.

The qualifications for this position are:

- A passion for empowering those affected by mental illness.
- A warm, safe, empathetic, and welcoming personality.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Experience in delivering public presentations.
- An understanding and ability to develop and facilitate peer support groups
- Have a valid driver's license and access to transportation across the region
- Direct experience as a consumer of mental health services or a family member is an asset.

Remuneration: \$16.00 an hour plus expenses and mileage (medical optional), and three weeks vacation.

Please send resume to:

**Chris Summerville, Executive Director  
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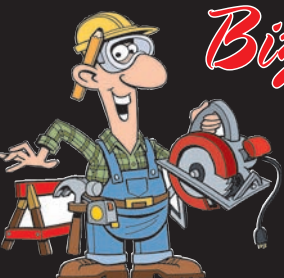
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## OBITUARY



### Diedrich D. Klassen

On Friday, October 7, 2016 with his family by his side, Diedrich D. Klassen of Austin, formerly of Blumenfeld went to be with his Lord and Saviour.

He was born on June 30, 1933 in the R.M of Stanley. He was baptized in 1957 in the Old Colony Church in Blumenfeld by Bishop Jacob Froese. Diedrich married the love of his life Mary Kehler on October 27, 1957. They were married for 52 years and were blessed with three children. Their first home was in Blumenfeld, MB. Dad and Mom lived in many different locations while Dad was employed with the gravel company. They moved to Austin, MB on October 18, 1963. In June 1997 they moved into Austin where he resided until his passing. He was predeceased by his wife Mary on May 26, 2010.

Left to mourn his passing are daughter Marge (Jake) Wiebe, daughter Susan (Dan) Bueckert, and son Jake; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at the MacGregor Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at the Sommerfeld Cemetery, Austin.

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## OBITUARY



### Leery Zacharias 1960 – 2016

On Monday, October 10, 2016, Leery Zacharias, husband, father, grandfather, son and brother, passed away suddenly at the age of 55 years.

Leery will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 36 years, Elizabeth and his children, Elmer (Danya), Lennard (Monica) and Jason (Allison). Leery will also be greatly missed by his six grandchildren: Alethea, Kaleb, Elijah, Judah, Rory and Kellan. He is survived by his mother, five sisters and one brother. He was predeceased by his father.

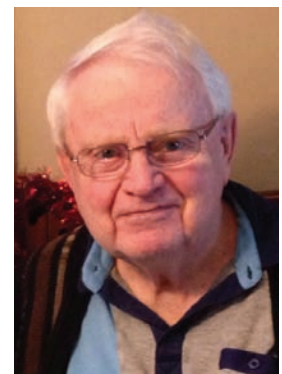
Leery loved being outdoors; in the woods and on the water were places he really connected with the Lord. Leery loved to pray and would always pray that people would know the Lord's forgiveness. Leery is now with the Lord he loved so much.

A funeral service celebrating the life of Leery was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Pembina Valley Baptist Church in Winkler with Pastor Michael Sullivant officiating with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

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## OBITUARY



### Billy Gordon Brown 1930 - 2016

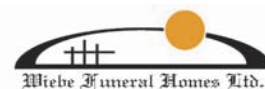
On Friday, October 7, 2016 Bill Brown, aged 86 of Winkler, MB passed away at Salem Home. He was predeceased by his first wife, Anne Brown (nee Doell), one daughter, four brothers and one sister. He is survived his second wife, Marie (nee Isaac); four children, two step children and their families: Ralph; Yvonne, (Doug) Barron, grandchildren, Rebekah, Jon (Jen), Tim (Becca), Allison and their families; Tim (Dianne) Brown, grandchildren, Thomas (Chelsea) and Janell; Loren (Kathie) Brown, grandchildren, Jackson and Mollie; stepchildren, Cindy (Al) Penner, grandchildren, Lindsay (Warren) and their family; Amber (Patrick) and their family, Jolene (Randy) Braun, grandchildren, Jameson (Haley), Kristin (Brent) and Derek (Karissa).

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at the Winkler EMM Church with interment prior at Plum Coulee Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Pastors Dale Dueck and Wilbert Friesen, the wonderful staff at Salem Home, Wiebe Funeral Home and all who participated in the service. Also, thanks to our family and friends for your prayers and support.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Bill's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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## OBITUARY



### John Martens 1936 - 2016

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, John J Martens, aged 79 of Morden, MB formerly of Lowe Farm went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Susan (nee Klassen); two daughters, Chris and Ed Froese, Tammy and Byron Klassen; daughter-in-law, Candice Martens as well as seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one sister, two brothers and their families. He was predeceased by his son, Rick Martens (2012) and one stepbrother.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Church of God in Morden with interment at the Lowe Farm Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in John's memory to Siloam Mission.

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## OBITUARY



### John Lloyd Hiebert March 19, 1949 – October 10, 2016

John Lloyd Hiebert passed away suddenly on Monday, October 10, 2016 at the age of 67 years.

John grew up in Horndean, MB and moved to Calgary, AB with his wife, Sharon in 1973. In 1984, they moved to Crossfield, AB where they raised a family and were very active community members. John's occupations included road construction, custom automotive upholstery and long distance truck driving. In his spare time, John loved to cook, entertain guests, work on home improvement projects and ride his Harley Davidson. John was very personable and always strived to put a smile on everyone's face. He brought energy, love and happiness into every room he entered. He truly was an amazing husband, father and the best grandpa ever!

John's memory and love of life will be carried on by his wife of 44 years, Sharon; his daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Jeff Hiebert; his son and daughter-in-law, Sean and Lindsey Hiebert; his two grandchildren, Emerson and Hunter. He also leaves behind his father, Lawrence; twin sister, Joyce (Lloyd); brother, Henry (Margaret) and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his mother, Helen.

Celebration of John's life took place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday October 14, 2016 at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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## OBITUARY



### John Elias 1928 - 2016

It has been the will of the Lord to take from us through the natural death our dad, grandfather and great-grandfather, John M Elias.

He was born on April 7, 1928 in Blumenfeld, MB. His parents were Peter and Sarah (nee Janzen) Elias. Upon confession of his faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour he was baptized on May 29, 1950 by Jacob Froese in the Blumenfeld Old Colony Church. He grew up in Blumenfeld, MB and received his education in the Blumenfeld School. After his school years, he worked as a farm helper for a number of years. He married Maria Reimer on March 29, 1953. During their marriage, two sons were born, George and John. They were married for 60 years, nine months and 18 days. After marriage, they first lived in Friedensfeld, then in the Blumstein area for nine years then back to Friedensfeld. This is where they spent their livelihood; a chicken and grain farm. They also sold eggs on the farm to drive up customers which dad enjoyed serving. Dad served the church as a Sunday School teacher for about 25 years. Dad enjoyed fairly good health throughout his life. In April of 2015, dad was hospitalized due to congestive heart failure. After this condition was corrected, it was decided by his doctor and dad's family that it would be better for him to move into a care home. While spending time at Salem Home, dad always enjoyed going to the programs at the chapel. Dad had fairly good physical health up until about three weeks ago when he seemed to lose appetite. This was followed by rapidly losing his body strength. Dad passed away Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 8:55 p.m. in the evening. He reached the age of 88 years, five months and 29 days.

Dad is survived by his son, George and wife, Anne, son, John and wife, Margaret as well as 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three brothers, one sister and their families and many friends and relatives that mourn his departure. He was predeceased by his parents, five brothers and three sisters. We sorrow, but not as such who have no hope. We believe that he through God's grace and mercy will have reached that eternal home prepared for all believers.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at the German Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Blumenfeld Cemetery.

The family would like to express their appreciation for all the visits, the assistance given and the prayers that have been done for him and them. Special thanks to the Salem staff for the good care provided for him. Thank you all and may God bless you for it. The Family

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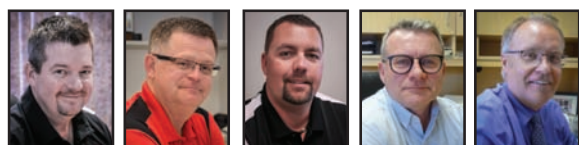
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