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500 Stephen Community Centre played host to a couple events this past week to get local families into the Halloween spirit. Kids came out Thursday evening to enjoy treats, crafts, and party games. On Saturday, the Morden Roaring Leos club held a Halloween gathering as well.

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Habitat for Humanity selects its next family

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity is hoping to tackle its sixth build in 2024, and they already have a family selected to receive the keys.

Chapter rep Christina Falk shared last week that the house will be built in Winkler for an immigrant family who has called the area home for four years now.

"We actually had picked them last year already," she said, noting the family had applied for one of the homes built in Morden and Winkler in 2023.

"The last time we did applications we had so many good ones that we had a lot of trouble picking," Falk said. "We had three families, but we had another one that was just a perfect candidate, so the family selection committee asked if we could accept them and they would just have to wait until we could build their house next. This is that family."

Binwa and Idolo (last name withheld at the request of Habitat for Humanity) moved to Winkler from the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2019. They have three children, age 3, 4, and 15.

"They are a hardworking family," Falk said. "He works full-time and she also works part-time in the evening, while also taking language classes to improve her English."

"They are trying really hard to make a life for themselves here. And as we all know, it's not only hard to make a

life for yourself if you are from here, but if you're from somewhere else, it's even harder sometimes.

"We just thought they were a great fit," Falk said. "They have two young children and then one teenager, so they've got a lot of years ahead for raising their family in this home."

Habitat families don't receive their homes for free, but they are given a zero per cent mortgage with payments geared towards their income. No down payment is required.

The families also must contribute hundreds of hours of what's called sweat equity, either helping to build their own home or other Habitat projects or volunteering in the community.

Binwa spent some time helping Habitat build the duplex in Morden and also volunteered at the Winkler Harvest Festival this summer.

He says he enjoyed the experience and looks forward to doing more in the months ahead.

This opportunity to own their first Canadian home means a great deal to them.

"I was told about Habitat by my friend she told me that this organization can help you get a house and encouraged us to try, because many people apply," Binwa said.

Being accepted into the Habitat program was real a blessing for the family, which currently rents its home.

"We were very, very, very happy and still happy to be chosen among all the people," Binwa said.



SUPPLIED PHOTO

Binwa and Idolo and their kids Elisha, Esther, and Sifa are Habitat for Humanity's newest Morden-Winkler family. The local chapter hopes to get their home built in Winkler in 2024.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS KEY

Mortgage payments from past Habitat builds help pay for future ones, but further fundraising is needed to get this project off the ground.

"We've run our numbers and we have about \$125,000 left that we need to fundraise to build this house," Falk said, explaining the cost of lots and building materials continue to increase, so even though a lot of the work is done by volunteers, there's still a hefty price tag that comes with every project.

They'll be reaching out to local businesses for support and invite the community to make donations at habitat.mb.ca/chapters/winkler-morden. The chapter will also host a Christmas prize raffle next month.

Falk is confident the area will rally behind this project, as it has for the past five builds.

"We've done five in five years," she said, noting that exceeds the usual pace for a new Habitat chapter, but community support made it possible. "Habitat Manitoba has said to us that any time the Winkler-Morden chapter

suggests something they think is impossible, they realize it's not impossible here.

"At the heart of it, Habitat is run by the local community and it will always be a part of who we are."

With that in mind, they are optimistic they'll be able to get shovels in the ground on this sixth house sometime next spring.

"We have our eyes on a lot, so we're hoping we can finalize that soon," Falk said. "We'd love to break ground as soon as the snow is gone so that we have a longer time to work on the house before the next winter sets in."

Given their work and study schedules, Falk noted that Binwa and Idolo are looking for more ways to work off their sweat equity in the months ahead, especially on the weekends.

"If anyone in the community reads this and has a volunteer opportunity that they can help out with, that would be awesome," she said, encouraging people to reach her via email to info@wm.habitat.mb.ca.

CNIB Mobile Hub coming to the area Nov. 14

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) is returning to Morden-Winkler with a program that aims to help make its resources more widely available.

The CNIB Mobile Hub was introduced last year with an initial visit to Morden for a two-day event, and it is back again Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Morden Library.

"It's a new program delivery model where we visit communities and deliver in-person programming at no cost," said Brett Cleghorn team lead for programs and operations for the

CNIB in Manitoba.

He said they would like to do further outreach into rural Manitoba to help make their programs and services more accessible.

"Access and transportation is always a huge barrier for people living in rural communities," said Cleghorn. "I think it was pretty well received [last year]. We expected a few more people to be in attendance, and we're hoping there is better attendance."

"You can participate in some of our recreation, social activities, technology workshops," he explained. "Our programs are designed to educate,

entertain and engage community members who are blind or partially sighted. It gives them a chance to meet CNIB staff and learn more about CNIB programs and services."

The CNIB Mobile Hub will kick things off from 10:30-11:30 a.m. with a welcome and an introduction to its five-year strategic plan. That will be followed by presentations on CNIB's SmartLife Tech at Home at 11 a.m., adjusting to vision loss at 1 p.m., and new technologies at 1:30 p.m. The day will wrap up at 2 p.m. with some trivia.

While registering for Mobile Hub

programs is strongly encouraged, walk-ins are also welcome. To register, contact Joanne Fabian by email at joanne.fabian@cnib.ca or call 204-789-0954.

Cleghorn is optimistic they will be able to expand on this initiative.

"We just wrapped up a mobile hub in Brandon, and it was really successful and had a really good turnout," he said. "In the future, we're hopefully going to make it out to some northern communities ... this is ongoing, so we're hoping to visit more communities in rural Manitoba."



Fdn. gala raises \$100K for BTHC

By Lorne Stelmach

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation is another \$100,000 richer after its annual fundraising gala Friday evening in Morden.

The money raised that night, which featured a James Bond /Casino Royale theme, will go a long way to help the foundation support programs, equipment, and resources at the regional hospital.

"This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We love putting on our annual gala, and this is when we get to interact with a lot of our donors," said executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett.



"We were sold out early this year, and we had a wait list, so that's amazing," she added. "Our gala tends to raise over \$100,000 for us annually ... and that's really important because we have a lot of programs that we support at the hospital."

"An event like this one is only as successful as the people who choose to attend," Samatte-Folkett added. "We could put on the most extravagant event, the best food, the most beautiful decor, but it is a success because of the people who choose to attend our event and the corporate and community sponsors who believe in us and choose to be a sponsor to help us make these events amazing."

Samatte-Folkett also gave thanks to the local RBC branches who provided volunteers to help set up.

The evening's entertainment was provided by Jayme Giesbrecht and the Soul Revue Band and comedian Dean Jenkinson.

By the end of the evening, the ongoing 50/50 raffle fundraiser saw its jackpot build to over \$31,000. The next chance to win an early bird prize is Nov. 17. The grand prize draw happens Dec. 22. To buy your tickets, visit bthcf5050.ca or stop by the foundation offices at the hospital.

Folkett said the funds go a long way to enable the foundation to support programs like palliative care and spiritual care as well as to provide equipment and education resources.

Our mistake

The cutline that accompanied the photo for the Flatlands Theatre Company's production of *Back to the 80s* last week (Pg. 14) incorrectly identified one of the actors as Klages Klages.

That should have read Kelly Klages.

We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

You can check out FTC's show at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall this Thursday through Saturday nightly at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

BTHC Foundation's fall gala featured a James Bond/Casino Royale theme. There were blackjack tables (above), music from Jayme Giesbrecht and the Soul Revue Band (left), and laughs from comedian Dean Jenkinson (below).

"I do think the expansion and having more programs, more space has made people more excited and really wanting to give," she suggested. "And now they can see it coming. It's being built, and they can feel like they are part of it."

"It's really encouraging ... and it's just rewarding to be here with ev-

eryone," concluded Samatte-Folkett. "I reflect on the conversations I had through the night and what I observe. I am humbled. Every event I work on, my goal is that our guests have a feel-good experience, that when they leave they feel appreciated by our foundation and have a great, fun time. I think they truly did."

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Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection week is coming up

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers behind the annual Operation Christmas Child program look forward to seeing how much support comes from south central Manitoba this year.

The region always goes above and beyond with its contributions of shoebox gift hampers that go to families in need all over the world.

"This is now my 11th season with Operation Christmas Child, and I have always been blown away by the support from down there," said Lynnette Loewen, regional manager for the campaign. "We've also had some really incredible volunteers over the years who have contributed a lot,

even incredible partners down there."

There are countless examples of individuals and groups going the extra mile, Loewen noted, such as a seniors housing complex in Winkler that handcrafts some of their shoebox supplies or the Plum Coulee church that every year meets or exceeds the goal of a thousand boxes.

"With the shoeboxes, you're looking at over 5,000 every year, and that's amazing," said Loewen of the region. "You're pushing high and pulling in numbers, given the amount of population there, that are quite incredible."

"I think it's a testament to the people there and their love for giving. We have incredible donors down there."

A program of the Christian min-

istry Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child each year delivers thousands of gift boxes. Last year more than 415,000 shoeboxes went out to children in West Africa, Central America, Ukraine, and Philippines.

Each box can be packed full of toys, school supplies, and personal care items. For many recipients, it may be the only Christmas gift they receive.

The boxes are collected through local church partners, which include Gospel Mission Church in Winkler and the Carman Pentecostal Church.

Shoebox Collection Week is Nov. 13-19 this year. Empty boxes can be found at a number of locations, such as local dollar stores, but you can also just create your own with whatever works.

"You can pack a regular shoe box. You can pack a plastic bin ... we've even had tool boxes come in," Loewen noted. "Sometimes people are really creative."

Loewen simply encourages people to "think of what might excite a child. We always say pack a wow item in there ... school supplies, hygiene stuff ... the only thing we ask of course is no liquids and no war related items because some of these boxes are going into war zones."

Loewen noted a family letter can also be a great addition to a shoebox.

"I encourage people to do like my family does and include a letter ... I put in a picture of my family and I even put in an address," she said. "I have received lots of letters back."

If you do a letter, it can be a good idea to have it translated into French and/or Spanish, as those are dominant languages in many countries.

"If people don't have time to go shopping and can't go pick up a physical box, we have an online website: packabox.ca," Loewen said. "So it's online shopping. You can pick your items. We're trying to make it as easy and accessible as possible, and we're also trying to make it fun for people."

Loewen encourages everyone to get involved in the campaign and to make a difference for a family somewhere out in the world that is less fortunate.

"These shoeboxes get us into a lot of countries, and the countries we're looking at are mostly third world countries and some of them are in the middle of a war right now, like the Ukraine," she said. "We give the gift to the child, but it's blessing the parents as well. In a time of darkness and sorrow and loss, there's a bit of hope and joy by seeing their child get excited."

For more information or drop-off site locations and hours near you, head to samaritanspurse.ca.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Youth open up their Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, filled with school supplies, toys, and personal hygiene items. Collection week is Nov. 13-19

Local MLAs named to PC shadow cabinet

By Voice staff

MLAs across the region have earned seats on the Manitoba Progressive Conservative caucus.

The shadow cabinet of the Official Opposition was announced last week.

Re-elected Tory MLAs Josh Guenter (Borderland) and Doyle Piwniuk (Turtle Mountain) both received portfolios.

Guenter was named shadow minister for transportation and infrastructure as well as for consumer protection and government services.

Piwniuk is shadow minister for Manitoba Public Insurance and will also serve as chair of public accounts.

Rookie MLAs Carrie Hiebert (Morden-Winkler) and Lauren Stone (Midland) also made the cut.

Hiebert will serve as shadow minister for housing, addictions, and homelessness while Stone heads up the families, accessibility, and gender equality shadow portfolios. Stone is also the Deputy Whip.

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Shining the spotlight on small businesses

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce marked Small Business Week with a luncheon that highlighted the successes of two growing companies.

Chamber president Hank Froese noted the annual lunch, held this year at the Quality Inn on Oct. 26, is an opportunity to recognize the role small business plays in the local economy.

"The small business sector in this community, I believe, has generated this community. It has started so many larger companies," he said. "This community has a history of fostering a great environment and culture for small business development."

The Winkler business community is a close-knit one, Froese observed.

"They help each other out. People can go and get practically anything in this business community—all the different services and materials and advice is available."

The luncheon, in addition to being an opportunity for chamber members to network, also provides a platform for companies to share their stories.

This year the spotlight shone on Stag & Finch and Glenberg Design Builders.

"We like to showcase the diversity in the business community," Froese noted. "One is a young, new, up-and-coming business, freshly started in a field that's new in Winkler. And the other one has been a long-term business that's grown and developed and been in the area for a long time."

Bryan and Melanie Wiebe started up Stag & Finch in their home in 2016. It began as a hobby for Bryan, who discovered gemstone cutting a few years earlier, and quickly grew into a career.

"It just sort of snowballed," Bryan Wiebe said, sharing they started as an online business. They eventually set up shop in Winkler's Incubator Mall before moving into a building of their own last year.

"We make custom jewelry and gemstones using equal parts art and engineering to create a better gem," Wiebe said, explaining they work mostly

with lab created gems but also with some natural ones as well. "We like to use ethically sourced, environmentally friendly gems, which is why we like lab created stones and natural stones from places like the U.S. and Australia."

The business has thrived in recent years. Today they have a staff of six.

"So far it's been going great," said Wiebe. "We are growing every year."

They have invested in equipment that allows them to increase their production many times over, he noted. Their location today includes their production facility and a photo studio, but they hope to one day soon offer a retail shop as well.

Next up, Sam Berg of Glenberg Design Builders reflected on the beginnings of his company and the success it has found over the past 19 years.

"I'd always yearned to do something on my own that would not necessarily be attached or overshadowed by someone else. I just wanted to do my own thing," he shared.

He found success as a builder and designer, and with the encouragement of his wife

decided to take the leap into starting his own company.

"She just said, 'I believe in you. And you should too,'" Berg recalled. "That's what was needed to push me over the edge. So here we are. Thanks to Trish, we are in business."

Like Stag & Finch, Glenberg began as a home-based business, at first focusing mainly on basements.

"Somewhere along the way, the people we were working with with basements, they gave us the opportunity to help them start designing their homes ... and then they gave us the opportunity to start building their homes."

The company moved out of Berg's home and into successively larger office locations in the community, welcoming new staff along the way.

Today the company specializes not just on residential builds—graduating from single-family houses to many multi-family projects in recent years—but also commercial projects of all sizes.

The pandemic brought with it many



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Bryan and Melanie Wiebe from Stag & Finch shared a bit about their company's journey at the Winkler chamber's Small Business Luncheon last week. Right: Sam Berg spoke about the growth of Glenberg Design Builders over the past two decades.



challenges, Berg reflected, including the scarcity of building materials and rising costs.

These days high interest rates have slowed demand for single-family dwellings, and so the company has increasingly focused on multi-family projects.

"That is going to continue to be a trend and going to continue to be a place where we put efforts for sure," Berg said. "So we're doing that and we're doing other commercial projects as well. We continue to do things

like office renovations and additions. That type of work is of interest to us."

The broad scope of the business recently prompted them to change their name from Glenberg Homes and Design to Glenberg Design Builders to better reflect what they offer.

"Starting from 2010 we've been doing a lot of other things other than homes, and so we felt that it's necessary to communicate with our community and other communities that ... we take a much wider approach to the types of services that we're offering."

Winkler deputy mayor granted leave of absence

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler city council has unanimously approved a leave of absence for Deputy Mayor Andrew Froese.

At the Oct. 24 meeting, council passed a resolution to grant a personal medical leave of absence for Froese from now until the end of 2023.

Such a resolution is required under the Municipal Act for elected mem-

bers of council who will miss three or more consecutive meetings.

"On behalf of staff and council, I would like to offer Deputy Mayor Froese our sincere wish for rest and a full recovery," Mayor Henry Siemens said. "We look forward to his return when he is able and ready to do so. In the meantime, we ask that you respect Andrew and his family's privacy as he recuperates."

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The curse of abundance

It's an odd thing to say there can be a curse to abundance, particularly when you hear it coming from the executive director of a non-profit focused on poverty reduction. Shouldn't we seek as much abundance as we can? Absolutely. But there is a right way and a wrong way.

Let me explain. When the federal government announced a willingness to partner with provinces to provide \$10 per day daycare there was much rejoicing. This was a fantastic new program which absolutely made life more affordable for parents (couples and especially single parents) throughout Manitoba and the other provinces that have partnered on this.

Fast forward to today and we encounter an interesting scenario unfolding. The Jubilee Fund (my day job) has started seeing an increase in the number of daycares approaching it for lending assistance. This is great because this is what we specialize in: offering lending supports to non-profits, social enterprises, and individuals in ways that reduce poverty.

Specifically, new and emerging daycare needs have arisen around having to dramatically increasing the numbers available. Still not seeing a prob-

lem?

Well, the need for additional space has grown substantially as the number of people accessing \$10 per day childcare has grown and waiting lists have swollen. Herein lies the problem: the new funding program never took into account the downstream impact it might have on the daycare sector and its potential infrastructure requirements (or perhaps it did but those problems were ignored for political reasons).

While funding was provided for \$10 per day daycare there has been no additional funding made available to expand infrastructure to meet the dramatically increased need. This has left daycare facilities throughout the province scrambling to find whatever financing they can to grow via construction or the purchase of additional buildings.

Some work is being done in rural Manitoba to build new facilities through the innovative provincial non-profit John Q, but it does not apply to the growing needs in Winnipeg.

To compound matters even further, the \$10 per day funding is geared to ages five and under. School age children do not qualify and so there

are fewer funded spaces available to them. This means that as the large number of children aged five and under enter the system, school-aged children are being pushed out due to lack of capacity and funding.

In Morden (where I live) this is the reason the local daycare has reduced its age to Grade 1 and under, eliminating a number of school-aged spaces and leaving parents scrambling to find replacement care—it no longer has the capacity or funding to support older ages. This creates a looming problem for parents who work long shifts, or jobs with inflexible hours because they need to ensure care is available to their children.

The point? When funding is being planned there absolutely needs to be thorough consideration for the downstream effects of said funding. On the surface the provision of an abundance of money to reduce the childcare burden on parents seems like a no-brainer. But this very abundance could end of creating significant issues downstream as children become school-age and potentially lose their spots, not to mention their being any spots avail-

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By Peter Cantelon

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Genesis House marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Lorne Stelmach

Genesis House works throughout the year to bring awareness to its regional shelter for women and children, but Domestic Violence Awareness Month every November is an opportunity to especially put it in the spotlight.

"The whole idea around the awareness month is to try to figure out ways to engage with different populations of people," said executive director Ang Braun. "Doing things just one way all the time doesn't allow for that, so we are trying to make sure that we are engaging with everyone."

The national awareness month was

first introduced in 1981 as a way to bring domestic abuse out into the open, as it tends to be a hidden issue within communities.

Statistically, one in four women have experienced violence in a current or previous relationship. Young women aged 25-34 experience the highest rates of violence. Children under five years constituted the largest portion of abused children in shelters followed by ages five to nine.

The goal is bringing awareness to what domestic abuse is, how it affects our families, and how we can better our relationships to create a healthier community, Braun said, so there are a number of activities planned for the

month ahead to do just that.

Children can participate in an art contest with the theme "What does peace mean to you?" The chosen picture will be displayed on Genesis House greeting cards and the artist will drop the puck at the Winkler Flyers' Nov. 22 "Peace Begins at Home" hockey game. Submissions are being accepted until Nov. 6 via email to resource@genesis-house.ca.

There is also the Power of PJs campaign where boys, girls, and ladies pajamas can be dropped off at any branch of the South Central Regional Library.

The aim is to collect 70 pairs of women's PJs and 70 pairs for children because that reflects the number of people that stay with the shelter each year. Warm socks and comfy pants are also welcome.

People are also invited to learn about the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women at a screening of Rustic Oracle Nov. 7 at the Community Exchange in Altona.

This film shares a story experienced by countless Indigenous families who have faced the trauma caused by the disappearance of a loved one. A sharing circle will be held following the film in partnership with Steps to Reconciliation.

Another initiative is a donation

drive in connection with the Fawn and Cub market in Winkler Nov. 11-12. Christmas cards can be purchased at the market by donation in support of the shelter. Genesis House will also be collecting items to gift to women and children using its services.

The events for the month then conclude with the third annual Unmasking Domestic Violence Masquerade Gala Nov. 17 at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

It is their biggest fundraiser of the year where guests will dine and be entertained as if they were Old Hollywood stars. Tickets can be purchased by emailing resource@genesis-house.ca or going online and finding Unmasking Domestic Violence Masquerade at www.eventbrite.ca.

Braun noted that while the emphasis is often on fundraising, raising awareness is equally important.

"We take every opportunity. There's always little pieces, like even at the gala there's always a component of education through stories.

"There's not a lot of opportunities to celebrate ... when you think about family violence, it's not something to celebrate, but what we're looking at is celebrating the fact that we have community support that we can openly talk about it and there is a place for people to go if they need help."

Letters

SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED

It was with surprise and disappointment we read the letter from former Councillor Florian Lassnig in the Oct. 26th edition.

We attended the candidates debate and thought he presented very well. But he served less than a year and felt inundated with criticism and harassment.

I served as councillor for 12 years, and while I encountered less than positive behaviour from a few residents I never considered resigning because of it. I was a banker for four decades and if one wants to avoid criticism then choose a different profession.

We lived in many different communities and when it was retirement time there was no question where we

would put down permanent roots. The people of this town are passionate about their community and are not hesitant to offer their opinions, something I always appreciated.

I made a point of frequenting the coffee shops to determine what was "really" going on, and had the opportunity to set the issues straight on many occasions. There were some truly unique theories, but that made the job all the more enjoyable. And if someone was less than polite, I reciprocated accordingly.

At any rate, we wish the Lassnigs only the best and thank Florian for his contribution to this city.

Alex Fedorchuk,
Morden

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

able at all due to a lack of infrastructure.

Further adding to the already challenging circumstance is the struggle to find staff for daycares. Even if the funding and capital infrastructure issues are resolved there remains the struggle of recruitment.

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Suddenly what seemed like a good

idea has saddled people with millions of useless vehicles.

All of this to say that funding partners such as varying levels of government need to do a better job of analyzing and offsetting the downstream impacts of significant grants and agreements.

They need to consider the impact on the market and the subsequent impact on capacity and staffing and then work these needs into the same funding program to avoid causing more problems than they resolve.

There are other areas where this is going to become an evident problem as the government expands access to free dental care and possibly introduces a universal pharmacare program. Let's hope thought is being put into the broader needs.



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Diversitas speaker series tackles 'What is Drag?'

By Lorne Stelmach

A trio of speakers at last week's Diversitas talk in Morden aimed to dispel some of the myths and misinformation around drag.

Every opportunity to address the subject is welcome, participants said, but especially perhaps in rural Manitoba where changing attitudes can often be more challenging.

"You never know what to expect when you come into some rural towns ... but the feedback has almost always been good actually," said Levi Foy, executive director of Sunshine House in Winnipeg, before addressing the audience at the 500 Stephen Community Centre last Tuesday. "I think attitudes are changing. But as there's these types of shifts, there's also a reluctance or a desire to hold on, to push back against change."

"[Drag's] been around for thousands of years, just under different guises," said Feather Talia, who was one of two drag performers taking part in the talk. "People like to make it evil, and that's not the case, never was the case."

"I just hope that people see that we are people too and that what we do is shaped by our community," she said. "We just want to show people that we are here to spread joy, here to spread love."

"It depends on where you are and

the attitudes of people in those areas," said fellow speaker and drag performer Miss Gender.

"It's really nice to see that it is becoming more of a normal experience for a lot of people ... different venues are hiring drag artists to be featured, and I think that is really important," she said. "We are, at the same time, seeing a fair amount of pushback and fear-mongering against queer people as a whole, and drag artists are a very visible target for it."

Drag refers to entertainment where performers wear stylized clothing. It is most commonly associated with men wearing women's clothing.

A strong source of support for the drag community in Winnipeg is Sunshine House, which offers a community drop-in and resource centre focusing on harm reduction and social inclusion.

"What made Winnipeg drag so special is that all of the performers that I saw and all of the performers that I got to meet, many of them were Indigenous, and many of them had similar stories that I could relate to and that resonated with me," said Foy.

He described Winnipeg's drag community as "spectacularly unique ... it's rough around the edges and its unapologetic ... there was always this room for a bunch of queer Indigenous people to just sort of figure this stuff out on their own."

He noted early gatherings at Sunshine House in 2015 perhaps had 20 people showing up. Before the pandemic, there were between 100 to 200 people a month for their program-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Levi Foy, executive director of the Sunshine House, and drag performers Feather Talia and Miss Gender were guest speakers at the latest Diversitas speaker series event in Morden last week.

ming. With that increased demand, the staffing went from bare bones to 26 staff now at two sites, and Foy estimates there are now about 400 people coming daily.

Feather Talia shared that she always loved musical theatre and performing, but as she came to grips with her identity, she often found it difficult to find a way to fit.

She began volunteering at Sunshine House and got more involved in the drag community while attending university, finally finding a place she felt welcome.

"I felt that because I was a trans-gender man, there wasn't a space or need for me to learn how to do some of these things," she said. "But I found a lot of freedom in treating drag and treating gender as pieces of costume and pieces of art and things that can be an extension of things that I love about femininity or love about masculinity ... that's been really empowering for me."

Miss Gender came to Winnipeg from Saskatchewan, and she recalled having always felt pretty feminine in

many ways.

"Starting out in Regina, there was no one who looked like me ... two spirit and bigger," she said. "I got better at everything when I moved to Winnipeg."

"It changed my life, and Sunshine House has been a big part of my drag journey," she continued. "Drag has given me opportunities that I never would have thought I could do ... drag is more than just art. It's political. It's gender euphoria. It's anything that you want to do."

"Because I am pretty known in Winnipeg, I do get a lot of hate ... but I keep doing it because of my love for my art. It can't be broken."

Foy reflected on what could come from this evening of discussion about drag.

"For me, I think it's dispelling some misconceptions and giving people some information that they can take to their families and their homes when they're hearing things that are awful about drag queens and drag performers."

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Providing a safe place to ask questions

By Lorne Stelmach

The local Diversitas talks aimed at being a platform for dialogue around issues related to human diversity has now been back with two sessions post-pandemic.

Organizer Peter Cantelon is encouraged by the response so far and looks forward to organizing further events in the future.

"COVID and various other things put us in a bit of a holding pattern for almost three years," Cantelon said in advance of last week's presentation

on drag last Tuesday in Morden.

"It's great to see the response," he said. "I think this was ideal for Diversitas because the goal of Diversitas is to bring information to the region that it may not necessarily have, so it can make better and more informed judgements and decisions."

The Oct. 24 presentation featured a discussion that included Levi Foy, executive director of Sunshine House in Winnipeg, as well as drag performers Feather Talia and Miss Gender.

It followed an earlier presentation this past spring with Dr. Shelisa Klas-

sen, who spoke on settlement and colonialism. That was the first session post-pandemic.

"The turnout for that was astounding. We filled the place," recalled Cantelon. "And we had great feedback ahead of the drag event, so I was super-excited for this ... I think a lot of people are looking for this knowledge and looking for a better understanding of what drag is, why people are performing drag, and the value of it."

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New album a lifelong dream for Danny Carroll

Composer, pianist performs in Winkler Nov. 9

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Danny Carroll's debut album released this summer is the fulfilment of a longtime dream for the professional pianist and composer.

While he's made a career in music for decades—working as the piano player at the Hotel Fort Garry, performing music ministry with a number of churches, and composing musical scores for every major theatre in Winnipeg—venturing into the recording studio was something new for Carroll.

"I've always had this dream of wanting to create an album of my own music," he shares. "I've done soundscapes and things for so many shows, all sorts of tracks for other people ... but what I wanted to do was something not connected to any project. That's been one of my goals."

It took a health scare to finally make it happen.

"In 2018 I survived a heart attack ... you realize your life can change very quickly."

It put into perspective the fragility of life and gave Carroll the push he needed to get to get serious about his own dreams and ambitions.

He formed a new company, Sounds of the Heart, and spent the next five years creating and fine-tuning the songs he wanted to share with the world.

"I took a retreat and locked myself away in this cabin for five days, just outside of Winnipeg," he says. "I went through a whole pile of my music that I had stored up ... and then I spent half the time writing new music."

"I devoted my time to it. I started saying no to some things and saying more of yes to this," Carroll says. "It took awhile, and it's been a huge learning experience, a real roller coaster."

"It's very surreal ... but now I have this album, and I really love the music."

Keys for Transformation is a 12-track album of original compositions that Carroll describes as "a relaxing and melodic sound experience."

"I'm hoping it will resonate with people's personal journeys and transformations," he says.

The act of transformation can come in many forms, Carroll reflects.

"Small little changes, an 'a-ha' moment of awareness or an emotion or feeling."

The album's tracks contain no vocals, but Carroll tried with the instrumentals to capture a variety of emotions—a sense of play, of release, of letting things flow, of choice, of one's heart's desire.

"It's the theme behind each song," he says of the parentheticals listed beside the tracks on the album's cover. "It's an intent, but it's just a guide, a jumping off point."

"Just listen to it and respond. That's the whole idea."

Keys for Transformation came out Sept. 1 and Carroll has spent the past couple months performing in venues across the province to support it.

He'll be playing the Grand Piano at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Joining Carroll for several songs will be Morden musician Florian Lassnig on violin, Winkler's Sarah Lynn Bergen on viola, and Winnipeg cellist Sam Nadurak.

The show includes piano and string melodies alongside electronic soundscapes. Interwoven throughout the music are Carroll's insights and stories from his life's journey towards transformation.

"I truly believe that we are here to discover our gifts and our talents and to utilize them to bring more love into the world," he says. "That's what happens when we discover our talents and we use them."

Carroll will also be playing a few of his unreleased piano solos and one piece that will be totally improvised right there that night.

"Audience members will have a chance to offer musical note names that I will use to create a piece that will only exist in time at this concert, for this special audience."

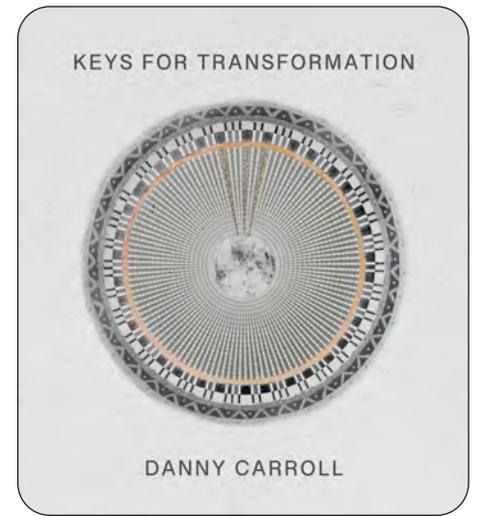


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Danny Carroll spent the past several years creating original music for his debut album, *Keys for Transformation*. Carroll and a few local musicians perform at the Winkler concert hall next week.

Tickets to the show are \$25 each (plus taxes and venue fees) and can be purchased online at winklerconcerthall.ca.

You can learn more about Carroll and his work online at dannycarroll.ca.



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Author of Jukebox Empire at Morden gallery Friday

By Lorne Stelmach

A new book by Morden born and raised writer and filmmaker David Rabinovitch unveils the remarkable story of a family member who went on to become involved with the mob and the largest money laundering scheme in history.

With a background in investigative journalism, Rabinovitch unearthed trial transcripts and classified documents to reveal the story of his uncle "Wolfe Rabin" and how his exploits have remained a subject of myth and lore.

Jukebox Empire: The Mob and the Dark Side of the American Dream is his first book, and he is paying a visit to his hometown this Friday for a book launch at the Pembina Hills Gallery that starts at 5 p.m.

The premise of the book is how an aspiring tycoon partners with a racketeer to build a jukebox that makes millions and then takes the fall.

"One of the central questions of the book is how did a son of immigrants to the Canadian prairies become a crony of major racketeers and ultimately take the fall for what the U.S. Justice Department called the largest money laundering scheme in history," said Rabinovitch. "He went on this money laundering trip to Europe, and he stayed in five star castles and ate at five star restaurants.

"How did this happen? I explored

that and found some of the details and answers to it," he continued.

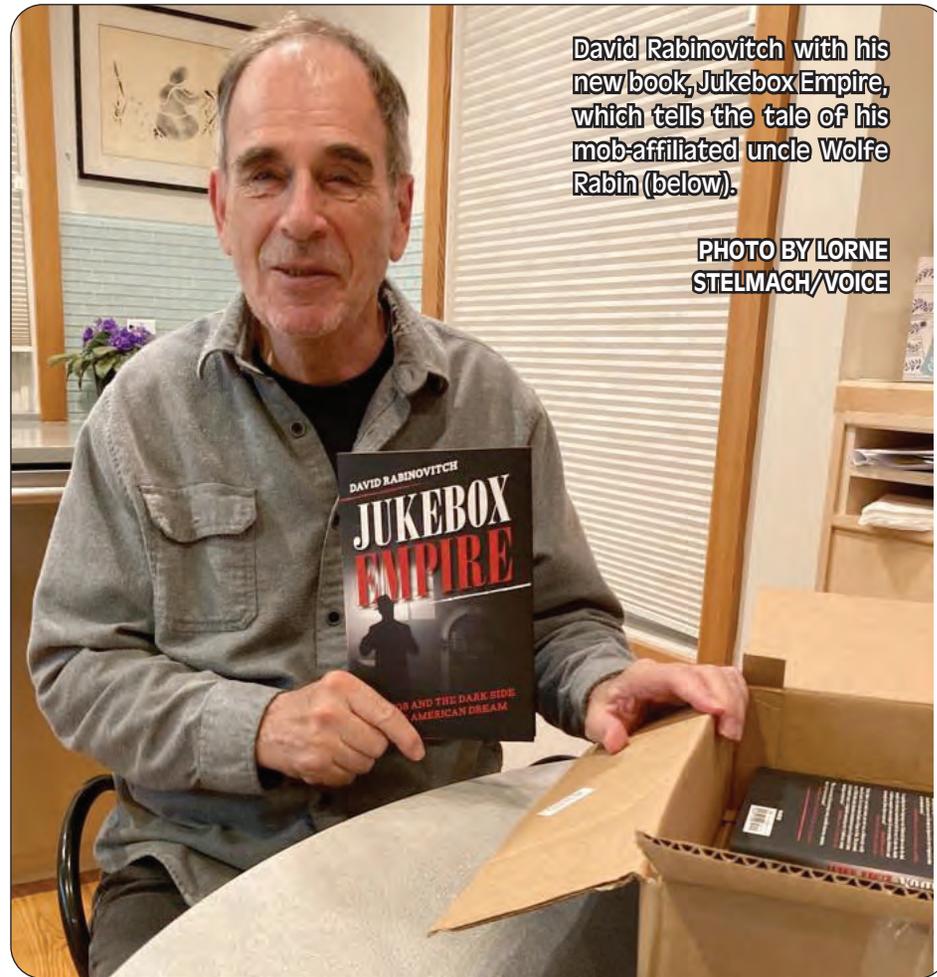
"The thing in my uncle's character was that he looked for the big score. He was one of those people who was really looking to have more ... so the people he went into business with were very seductive ... money was no object," said Rabinovitch. "He had the nerve and the vision to do these things ... so you've got a vision that was a little twisted, and it was very seductive."

Rabinovitch's professional career began as a teenager with a column for the *Morden Times*. Now an EMMY, Peabody and Gemini award-winning film maker, he has filmed on five continents and screened his work for a committee of the U.S. Congress.

Recent productions include *The Sultan's Women*, a docudrama revealing the true stories of an Ottoman princess and a revolutionary writer searching for love and freedom amidst the turbulent last years of empire

There was also the landmark mini-series *Secret Files of the Inquisition*, which brought to life the stories of victims of intolerance, based on original research in European archives. The production earned a Gemini award for best director.

A prolific producer for public television, Rabinovitch's series for PBS include *The Perilous Fight: America's World War II in Color* and *Crime & Punishment in America*, which adapted



David Rabinovitch with his new book, *Jukebox Empire*, which tells the tale of his mob-affiliated uncle Wolfe Rabin (below).

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from the Pulitzer-nominated book by Lawrence Friedman.

Jukebox Empire is the true story of Wolfe Rabin—a name adopted from his birth name of William Wolfe Rabinovitch—who made and lost a fortune four times over.

The son of Jewish immigrants to the Canadian prairies, Wolfe Rabin built a jukebox empire with the backing of the mob and, having sold his soul to the devil, masterminded the largest money-laundering scheme in history to finance running guns to Cuba.

This is the inside story of the jukebox in 1940s Chicago, casinos in 1950's Havana, and one man's journey into the dark side of the American dream,

but it also touches on the simpler beginnings.

"The beginning of the book is very much about the immigrant experience," said Rabinovitch.

"The book begins telling the story of how my grandfather, whose name was David but had the nickname Doc ... came to Morden in about 1891. My uncle, who is the subject of the book, was born in 1907."

Rabinovitch gives credit his father, who kept many things and who provides some of the records and the basis for telling these stories, and Rabinovitch still feels strong roots and connections to the family's early years in Morden.

"It's unusual ... and there was a personal curiosity because the Rabinovitch families in Morden ... between them, there were 15 children," he noted. "The connection is pretty deep for me because my family was in business in Morden for 97 years."

He said his father and siblings were all very engaging personalities in different ways but perhaps none more so than 'Uncle Bill.'

"I think, for my father's family, it was embarrassing at the time. They had been pretty proud of him up to then," said Rabinovitch.

"There seems to be a kind of perverse pride in having these links," he continued. "I don't really view him as a criminal. He was more of a rogue, and he fell in with these people ... the racketeers always had legitimate front businesses."



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2	The length of a pig's pregnancy	Piglet	8	A group of piglets born at one time to the same sow
3	Someone who takes care of pigs	Boar	9	An adult male pig that fathers piglets
4	The birthing of piglets	Barrow	10	A mother pig
5	A piglet that has grown from drinking its mother's milk to eating solid food	Weanling	11	Actions taken to protect pigs from disease
6	The smallest pig in the litter	Herdsperson	12	A young female pig that has never given birth
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Morden Christmas Cheer Board launches 2023 campaign

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Christmas Cheer Board is gearing up for what it expects to be another busy holiday season.

Their thought is that there will again be a significant need that will at least match last year's numbers, which included just over 300 hampers that helped more than 800 people.

"For this year, we're expecting we will have at least the same numbers as last year, if not more," said board member Allison Wiens.

She suggested there could be a number of factors behind it, but chiefly it's current economic conditions that has so many families struggling.

"There's just the rising costs of everything, so we're just hoping to help people make ends meet over Christmas."

Applications for hampers were available as of Nov. 1 online at mordenchristmascheer.com, but you can also pick one up in person Nov. 13 at the Morden Civic Centre. The deadline for submission is Dec. 12.

For those who want to support the campaign, donation boxes will be set up around Morden in various businesses starting around the middle of November.

In addition, Dairy Queen will have



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The Morden Christmas Cheer Board is launching its 2023 campaign. They expect to put together over 300 hampers for families in need this Christmas.

its Angel Tree set up to collect new or unused toys. Volunteers will also be at the Morden tree lighting celebration Nov. 18 to collect new or unused toys, books, and cash donations.

The week of Nov. 13-19 will also offer the opportunity to buy a Holiday

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Wiens noted they will again do hampers that are built around gift cards.

"We still provide books and toys and school supplies for children," she explained. "We give food and toiletry gifts cards and coupons instead of some of the actual food items, so people can then purchase what they would most like for their meal. We have so many people now from different cultures and different backgrounds, we want people to have what would make for a special meal."

Wiens encouraged people to follow Morden Christmas Cheer on Instagram and Facebook to hear about more events as they are scheduled.

Otherwise, she extended her thanks to the community in advance of what they say is always strong support from the community.

"We have a really active board that works really hard to get everything together to make the hampers, and we have a lot of volunteers who come out to help us wrap presents and pack hampers and do the deliveries," she said.

"We're always overwhelmed by the support that we get from everybody in our area. We're always grateful for everyone's support," she said. "As well, we have a number of people who plan events for us ... so we live in a great community."

Morden holding holiday lighting contest

Community tree lighting celebration scheduled for Nov. 18

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is doing its part to help get residents into the Christmas spirit.

It's holding a community-wide Christmas lighting contest on top of the annual tree lighting ceremonies at the Morden Civic Centre.

The Light Up Morden promotion is offering participants the chance to be eligible for prizes for the best seasonal lighting displays.

"We would love to see Morden lit up more, especially in the downtown ... so we're creating this competition which is open to all residents, businesses, non-profits," said events co-ordinator Lili Krushel.

"We're hoping people may go with

lights that could even be used year-round," she added. "So even after the Christmas season our downtown could be more lit up and beautiful."

Anyone wanting to participate is asked to register by Dec. 1 at mymorden.ca/light-up-morden. Submitted photos of displays will be posted to the Pembina Hills Arts Council's Facebook and Instagram accounts. You are encouraged to share your display with as many people as possible and to tag your posts with #LIGHTUPMORDEN2023.

The top three participants for votes will receive a Co-op gift bag, and the top entry will receive a one-year arts council membership as well as a mosaic book from the City of Morden.

The winners will be announced at

the arts council's holiday craft sale on Dec. 9.

Meanwhile, the annual Morden tree lighting celebration is set for Saturday, Nov. 18 from 5:30-8 p.m., and there will be a couple differences this year.

"With the tree lighting, we're changing things up a bit," said Krushel. "We're having a 30-piece orchestra inside the Murray dealership. The Douglas Kuhl School of Music will be doing it."

"We'll be able to push that music towards the civic centre," she added, noting Janzen Brothers of Winkler are sponsoring and providing the sound equipment.

"As usual, we'll have hot chocolate and s'mores the whole time, and the

winter parade will go from 6 p.m.," said Krushel. "We want the community to get involved ... non-profit groups, businesses can all register online now."

Morden Christmas Cheer will provide volunteers to help serve and also will be accepting donations that evening.

One other change is the event will not include photos with Santa this year, but it is expected there will be other photo opportunities in the community in the season leading up to Christmas.

"We're trying to condense this event a bit so that it's not too long for families," said Krushel. "We want to bring people together, and the live music will be a new and exciting thing this year."

"We have more budget for fireworks, so it will be a great show."

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Plum Coulee Fire Dept. settling into new hall

By Lori Penner

Work is finally complete on the conversion of an old cardboard box plant into the new public works building and fire hall in Plum Coulee.

The new fire hall addition features a huge apparatus room with three bays, a meeting hall with a kitchen, laundry area, gear room, and two washrooms.

Chief Tony Fehr has been with the department for 25 years. He says they could not be happier with their new space.

"With the increased traffic at the beach, the location of the old hall was really becoming dangerous. Space was a huge problem as well. We weren't able to expand at that location. When I started, we were at one truck, so it fit. When we expanded to a second truck, we had to modify the old building because it was pretty small. Before that, it was a water treatment plant, so the building was never designed for

that."

They also had trouble hosting training events at the old fire hall.

"We had to train outdoors. We have 18 members, and we were limited to just a few months of the year when the weather was nice. This building has all the right details to function properly as a department."

"WITH THE INCREASED POPULATION, IT JUST MAKES SENSE. A COMMUNITY NEEDS PROPER EMERGENCY SERVICES."

The addition was nearly two years in the making. After months of delays, the effort finally got underway in January 2023. Since then, a separation wall went up to create the two spaces, a new concrete floor was poured on the public works side of the building, and the floor on the fire hall side was modified to accommodate fire trucks. The north wall of the building was brought up to code and an addition built on to

the east side.

The public works staff moved into their respective side earlier this year, and a few weeks ago members of the fire department were able to move their gear and apparatus into the new garage, which features roughly three



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Plum Coulee fire Chief Tony Fehr in front of the new, much more spacious fire hall the department moved into last month.

times the space they had in their previous hall.

The previous Plum Coulee Fire Hall had been deemed to be inadequate for a long time, Fehr says. Not only was the facility too small for current and future needs, but its location next to the beach also raised traffic concerns for firefighters responding to emergencies.

"And the town is growing. With more residential and more business comes more risk for fires. Our average has been about 25 calls a year. This year has been an exception with over 30. With the increased population, it just makes sense. A community needs proper emergency services."

Additionally, the old hall sits on the same lot as a water pump house, which was considered a "non-conforming use." With a replacement pump station planned to be built at a different spot, the question was raised about what to do with the old building, as well as the needs for a new fire hall.

"Two years ago council finally decided to purchase this building. This was a paper plant and previously to that a manufacturing plant and before that, a chemical storage," Fehr says. "These three bays were added in 2011 when it was a manufacturing plant. When this came available, the municipality saw the value and the opportunity."

There were cost overruns with the

early engineering designs, along with supply chain issues, which put the process at a standstill.

"We weren't asking for the world. We needed a place to meet and a place to put the trucks. So me and the guys came up with a plan and pitched the idea of this addition to council. Initially the perception of adding onto a building this size seemed ridiculous. But when it came down to dollars, this made the most sense. Council jumped on board, and it happened. Now we're good to go here for another 50 years."

The meeting hall alone is the same size as the entire old fire hall.

"We could fit three of our old fire halls in that garage," Fehr says. "Now we can train with the trucks inside. It's just great."

The next dream is more equipment. "Before, we didn't have that option.

The stuff that we had was just laying there already. Now we're in the process of trying to organize and sit back on what we can do next. There's always been talk of a tank truck because of the municipality we live in. So that's one thing that somewhere in the future we'll be looking at."

Fehr adds, "Our neighbouring departments have beautiful halls, with future built in. And that was our goal here. Make something that we don't have to think about changing anytime soon."



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The Plum Coulee Fire Department's meeting room in the new facility is the same size as the entire old fire hall.

Discovery Nature Sanctuary had a busy summer season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The arrival of winter last week wrapped up what was an incredibly busy season for the volunteers behind Winkler's Discovery Nature Sanctuary.

The 34-acre site at the northeast corner of the city features walking trails that wind their way through natural grassland and woodland habitats resting alongside seven acres of wetlands.

Board chair Paul Goossen shares that the team got to work on the expansion of the site's pollinator garden as soon as last winter's snow had melted in the spring.

"We had initiated that particular pollinator garden a few years ago and we've been trying to do something with the remaining space there," he says, stressing the importance the garden plays in providing habitats for bees and butterflies that pollinate local plants and crops.

"Part of that was this year we put in over 1,7000 native plants in the springtime. We also added just over 120 native shrubs and trees just adjacent to the garden there. It provided a really nice addition to that area."

It took a small army of volunteers to get that planting blitz completed and to care for the fledgling plants throughout the summer.

"We're so grateful to the volunteers that helped with that," Goossen says. "It was a lot of work, a lot of watering, a lot of weeding and weeding and weeding."

Many of the plants thrived and Goossen is eager to see how much taller they'll grow next summer. They also plan to further expand the polli-

nator garden with more plants.

"We're thinking of doing maybe about half what we planted this year," he says, "and then adding a few more shrubs as well."

Volunteers will be needed again for that project come spring.

"It would make our work a lot easier if we had a lot more volunteers," Goossen says. "People that love to pull weeds or just like to get away and do a little bit of gardening, that would be really helpful."

A call for help will go out in a few months, but you can also reach out to the organizing committee in advance by email to discoverynaturesanctuary@gmail.com.

"Whether it's planting or whether it's weeding or watering, there are lots of different jobs there that people can help us take care of," Goossen says.

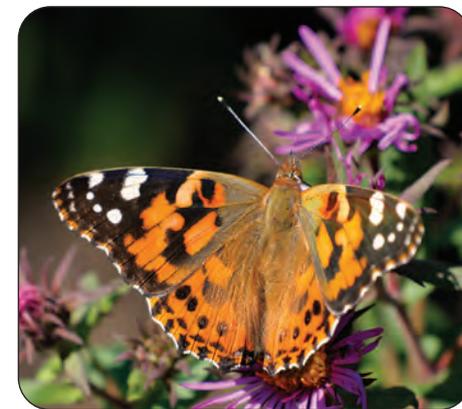
The sanctuary's grassland restoration project also took a big jump forward this summer.

Volunteers had previously prepared about 6.5 acres for the planting of native grasses. This summer saw the first round of seeding happen.

"We've been sort of prepping the area for two or three years now," says Goossen. "We're hoping next year to do some more seeding because some of the areas didn't take, and so hopefully those areas can be prompted to burst forth into grasses in the future."

The hope is to provide visitors with a glimpse of the prairies of years gone by.

"A lot of people, when they think of prairies, a lot of them just think of crops and agriculture," Goossen says. "Historically, you know, the southern part of Manitoba was just a sea of



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

The Discovery Nature Sanctuary in Winkler expanded its pollinator garden (above) and added new information signs (above, right) at its entrances this summer.

grasses mostly.

"I'm hoping that this will give people a sense of what the prairie used to look like."

The summer also saw the installation of new information kiosks at the east and west entrances of the sanctuary, a brand new logo created by a local high school student (now available on T-shirts sold at the Winkler Chamber offices, with proceeds going to DNS projects), and additional conservation work by way of a large mound of earth in the northwest corner of the site modified to provide a nesting habitat for Bank Swallows.

Hopefully next spring visitors will enjoy seeing a flurry of activity at the face of the mound as the swallows begin to make use of this area for nesting, Goossen says.

He's also hoping 2024 will see more field trips to the sanctuary by local schools.

Over 450 student visits took place at DNS this year, including students

from both Garden Valley School Division and Western School Division.

It's a great chance for kids to learn about the environment and biodiversity in an outdoor setting so close to home, Goossen says.

"It's an outdoor living classroom which I think could be used a lot more by schools, particularly the younger kids," he says. "There's so much potential there."

Goossen says the committee is always pleased to see the sanctuary filled with people enjoying nature, snapping photos and bird watching.

"Pretty much every time that I come there's at least one or more people using the site," he says. "It's very gratifying to see it's being used."

While the trails aren't maintained in the winter, the Discovery Nature Sanctuary remains open year-round from dusk until dawn.

"It's a place just to go and think, relax," says Goossen.



It's officially Cheerboard Month

Winkler Mayor Henry Siemens joined the volunteer board of the Winkler and District Christmas Cheerboard Monday to officially proclaim November as Cheerboard Month. It kicks off a busy few weeks for the organization, which is fundraising for an estimated 400+ care packages for families in need. This weekend they host a by-donation Holly Jolly Breakfast at Central Station (555 Main St.) from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. On Sunday, Nov. 5, the Winkler Fire Department squares off against the Winkler Flyers in the second annual Charity Classic. Puck drop is at 2:30 p.m. at the Winkler Centennial Arena. Admission is \$2, with proceeds going to support the Cheerboard. Cheerboard hampers go out Dec. 6. Donations can be made at winklercheerboard.com.

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sports & recreation

Wild start season with wins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Red River Wild had a winning starting week in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action.

Red River kicked off their season with a 6-2 win against the Winkler Royals last Wednesday night and then followed it up with a 6-3 victory against the Carman Beavers Saturday.

Winkler's goals came courtesy of Aaron Lewadniuk and Remi Laurencelle. Scoring for the Wild was Paul Remillard, Justin Giesbrecht, Jonah Wasylak, TJ Matuszewski, Justin Baudrey, and Drayden Kurbatoff.

The Royals' Jayme Janzen made a whopping 82 saves in net for Winkler as the Wild outshot them 88-33. Mark Friesen was between the posts for Red River and made 31 saves.

Red River scored six goals again a few nights later as they hosted the Beavers. Doing the honours this time around was Brett Armstrong, Jared Magne, Gavin Froese, Wasylak, and Wyatt Sabourine (with two).



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Winkler Royals netminder Jayme Janzen faced down 88 shots in the team's home opener against the Red River Wild Oct. 25. He made a whopping 82 saves en route to the 6-2 Winkler loss.

Carter Lemay made 37 saves in net as the Wild outshot the Beavers 48-40. This week Altona plays its season

opener in Carman Thursday night and then hosts Ile des Chenes Saturday, Red River plays at Ste. Anne

Saturday, and Morden hosts Winkler Saturday.

Winkler Flyers' win streak comes to an end

By Ashleigh Viveiros

All good things must come to an end, and for the Winkler Flyers that meant their nine-game winning streak last week.

It was the Dauphin Kings who finally felled the Flyers on Oct. 24, though it took a shootout to do it.

Winkler was up 2-0 after first-period goals from Xyon Kiemeney and Zach Nicolas. The Kings tied it up in the second.

A scoreless third period and overtime forced the shootout, which saw all three Flyers' shooters—Nich McKee, Dalton Andrew, and Trent Penner—miss the mark, while Dauphin's third attempt found the back of the net for the win.

Goalie Malachi Klassen faced 28 shots on net this game, saving 26. His teammates sent 33 shots the other way.

The Pistons then handed Winkler their second loss of the season Satur-

day night in Steinbach.

Winkler was down 2-1 heading into the final period (Penner having scored early in the second).

In the third, Steinbach added another marker at 17:02 to make it 3-1, but goals from Jayce Legaarden and James Richard that very same minute tied it up at 3-3.

With seconds left on the clock, the

Pistons managed the game-winner on an empty net to take it 4-3.

Winkler had the lead on shots 32-15. Klassen made 11 saves.

The team bounced back when they faced the Niverville Nighthawks at home Sunday night.

Goals from Penner, Nicolas, and Kobey Edwards and a 22-save night from goalie Liam Ernst gave Winkler

the win 3-1. The Flyers outshot the Nighthawks 37-23.

With that, the Flyers are 10-1-0-1 for 21 points and second place in the MGEU East Division, trailing the Pistons in first by two points but with two games in hand.

This week the team heads into Winnipeg to play the Blues Friday and then the Freeze Saturday.

Male Hawks down Selects, fall to Brandon

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Hawks U18 AAA team split their games last weekend.

They hit the road Friday night to play the Eastman Selects and returned home victorious.

The 4-1 win saw Adrien McIntosh score twice and Ryder Wolfe and Lane Apperley add singles. Bryson

Yaschysn made 40 saves in net as the Hawks outshot the Selects 50-41.

Things didn't go so well two nights later against the Brandon Wheat Kings.

Ragnar Gillis and Kam Thomas put the Hawks on the board but the visiting Wheat Kings doubled the home team's score to take it 4-2, including a late empty-net goal.

Yaschysn faced 48 shots in goal, de-

nying 45. His teammates had 27 shots against the Wheat Kings.

That puts the Hawks in 11th and second-last place in the standings with a 3-8 record.

This week the Hawks have road games against the Winnipeg Wild Wednesday and Eastman Sunday. They also host Interlake in Morden Friday night.



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The Hawks fell to the Winnipeg Ice 3-0 Saturday night. Above: Hawks goalie Kasia Rakowski denies two Ice players from scoring. Right: The evening was the team's Hockey Fights Cancer fundraising game, with proceeds from a bake sale, quilt raffle, and 50/50 going to South Central Cancer Resource. Right: MaryAnn Brunn with the quilt she made for the raffle.



Ice, Avros best Hawks

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The U18 AAA Pembina Valley Hawks had a challenging weekend in the Manitoba Female Hockey League. Pembina Valley fell 3-0 to the visiting Winnipeg Ice Saturday evening

and then lost 9-2 to the Winnipeg Avros on Sunday.

The Ice outshot the Hawks 33-16, with Kasia Rakowski manning the net for Pembina Valley.

Sunday's game, also held in Morden, saw goals scored for the home team

by Sophia Cox and Casey O'Brien while Rakowski made an impressive 50 saves in net as the Avros won the shot battle 59-31.

Pembina Valley's record for the season so far is 3-5, which gives them six points and sixth place in the eight-

team league.

The Hawks get a break now heading into November. Their next game is in Stonewall against the Interlake Lightning Nov. 17.

Pembina Valley Twisters down Twins, lose to Knights

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Twisters added a win and a loss to their record in MMJHL action this past week.

Friday night saw the team lose to the Fort Garry/Fort Rouge Twins 5-1.

Alex Vandenyze scored Pembina Valley's lone goal during a powerplay

in the third period. Splitting time in net was Logan Enns and Matt Grysiuk. Enns made four saves off seven shots. Grysiuk made 12 off 14.

The win came Sunday against the River East Royal Knights.

Goals from Merik Degraeve and Vandenyze in the first and second

sandwiched around one goal from the Knights gave the Twisters the game 2-1.

Grysiuk made 34 saves as the Twisters outshot the Knights 43-35.

That puts the team at 3-4-1-1 for the season thus far, which is good for eight points and seventh place in

the 10-team league. The St. James Canucks are currently in first place with 18 points.

This weekend the Twisters host the Raiders Friday night and then play the Railer Express in Winnipeg Sunday.

Clocks fall back this Sunday for end of daylight savings

By Voice staff

Most Canadians will turn their clocks back by an hour Sunday, Nov.

5 for the switch from daylight savings time to local standard time.

Local standard time officially starts at 2 a.m.

Clocks are turned back one hour in the fall for what's commonly called "the end of daylight savings time," an idea first used in Germany during the First World War with the goal of saving energy.

It aims to take advantage of daylight hours in the spring so that people don't sleep through the first few hours of sunshine.

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DOELL LAW OFFICE
per: Scott C. Doell
Solicitor for the Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Stanley has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 1-23111 PTH 14 and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of *The Assessment Act*.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

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- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
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 - delivering it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Stanley to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

Dated at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 26th day of October, 2023.

Dale Toews - Secretary
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4. Bits per inch
7. Ghosts
12. Presents
15. Noises
16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
18. Elevated railroad
19. A way to drench
20. The Tarheel State
21. Lilly and Manning are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Harvester
30. Unit of subjective loudness
31. Jewish calendar month
33. Dash
34. Armed conflict
35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
37. Jump
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
44. African country
47. Cool!
48. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
49. __ route
50. Ed Murrow's home
52. Lethal dose
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56. A treeless grassy plain
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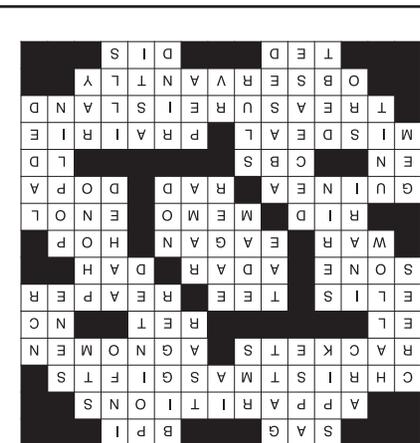
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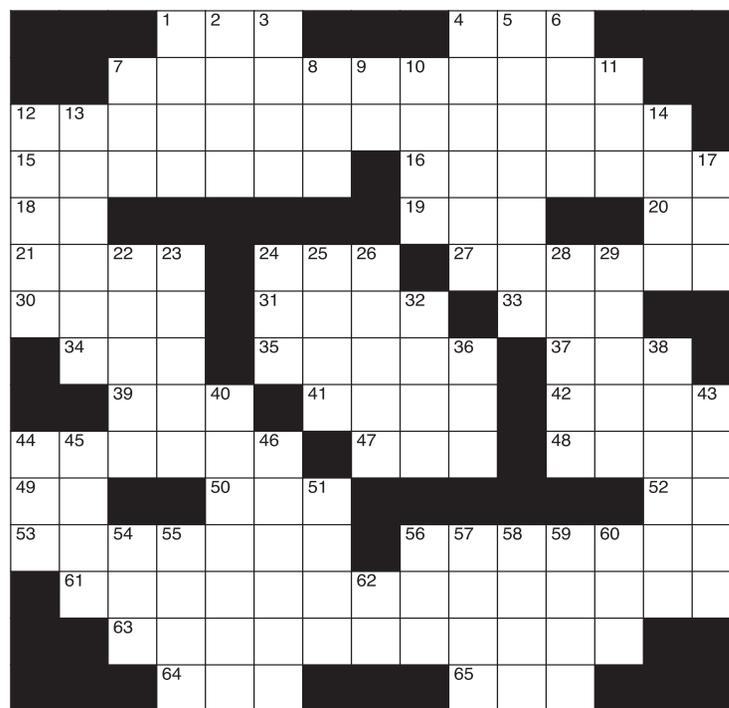
- 63. In an incisive way
- 64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
- 65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
- 2. A domed or vaulted recess
- 3. Trade agreement
- 4. Larger
- 5. Edged
- 6. Data
- 7. Something curved in shape
- 8. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 9. Farm state

- 10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
- 11. Short-term memory
- 12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
- 13. Honor as holy
- 14. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 17. Company that rings receipts
- 22. City in Finland
- 23. Small finch
- 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 26. Very willing
- 28. Partner to "oohed"
- 29. Turntable
- 32. Major Hindu deity

- 36. Move head slightly
- 38. Plain-woven fabric
- 40. Die
- 43. Shipped as cargo
- 44. Something highly prized
- 45. Individual thing or person
- 46. Humbled
- 51. Speak indistinctly
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Financial obligation
- 56. Green vegetable
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Singer Charles
- 62. Camper



SPECIAL MEETING

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED
(the "Credit Union")**

TAKE NOTICE THAT a Special Meeting of the Members of the Credit Union will be held at 7:00 PM CST on Tuesday, the 28th day of November, 2023 via teleconference to consider the approval of the amendment of Access Credit Union Limited's By-laws to allow for the removal of districts in accordance with The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act (the "Act") and the By-laws of Access Credit Union Limited (as proposed herein).

All eligible members wishing to participate in the Special Meeting are required to register online at www.accesscu.ca prior to November 28th, 2023 at 4:00 PM CST.

VOTING

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT Voting on the Special Resolution will take place during the meeting held on November 28, 2023. Each member may vote on a personal electronic device. Voting will end during the meeting and results will be shared.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED

WHEREAS the Governance Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors of Access Credit Union Limited ("Access") that certain changes be made to the By-laws of Access;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Access have considered the recommendations of the Governance Committee pertaining to the removal of the Director District Structure;

AND WHEREAS section 58(1) of the Act provides that the Members of Access may, subject to the Act and the Articles of Access at a general meeting called for the purpose, amend By-laws in respect of those matters authorized or required by any provision of the Act;

AND WHEREAS under section 58(2)(b) of the Act, any By-law may be amended by the Members by a majority of the votes cast at the meeting if written notice of the proposed amendment is forwarded to each Member of Access with the notice of the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Access have determined that it is in the best interest of Access to put before the meeting of the Members the recommendations of the Governance Committee for approval of the Members;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors recommend that it is in the Members' interest to approve the recommendations of the Governance Committee;

AND WHEREAS this meeting has been duly called and requisite notice under the Act and the By-laws has been given by the Directors of Access for the purpose of amending the By-laws of Access as aforesaid;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS A GENERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CREDIT UNION THAT: The By-laws of Access Credit Union Limited be and are hereby amended to remove any reference to the Director District Structure, including the Table of Contents, Interpretation, Section Five, Section 6.02(b) and (c), Section 7.04(a) and (b) and Appendix 1.

Unless otherwise expressly amended as herein provided the provisions of the By-laws of Access Credit Union Limited remain in force without any further amendment.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

The proposed By-law changes remove Director Districts to provide for more equal representation on the Board as it relates to the growing territory of the Credit Union and to enable the most qualified Members to serve as a Director and a member of the Board of Directors.

RIGHT OF DISSENT

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, under the provisions of Section 127 of The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act, you have the right to dissent to the proposed amendment. If you wish to dissent, you must send a written objection to the amendment to the Credit Union at or before the meeting of Members referred to in this Notice.

DATED this 2nd day of November, 2023

ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED By
Order of the Board of Directors



PUBLIC NOTICE

FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

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

McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP
14 Main Street S., Box 1670
Carman, Manitoba R0G 0J0

PROPERTY SW ¼ 18-8-5 WPM being approx. 160.12 Acres
NW ¼ 18-8-5 WPM being approx. 129.68 Acres

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders may be placed and accepted on one or both or all parcels of land.
3. Tenders must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. on November 17, 2023.
4. Tenders must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP in Trust as a deposit. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
5. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing which shall be December 17, 2023 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.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2024.
5. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

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FARM LAND FOR SALE TENDER

**FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEMBINA**

Sealed tenders in writing for the purchase of the property described below will be received by:

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

PROPERTY FOR SALE:

PARCEL 1: THE NE1/4 AND THE N1/2 OF THE N1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 27-3-7 WPM (200 acres in total, including 180 cultivated acres) Title No. 318666/4; Roll Nos. 218000.000 & 218200.000

PARCEL 2: THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 32-3-7 WPM EXC ROAD PLAN 1951 MLTO (157.56 acres in total, including 135 cultivated acres) Title No. 318666/4; Roll No. 220100.000

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 November 17th, 2023.
- A deposit cheque in the amount of **\$30,000.00**, payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby Trust, must accompany the Tender. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
- Bids accepted on one, or both parcels.
- Successful tender is subject to Court approval.

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 20 days following Court approval of the sale, 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. Once arrangements acceptable to the vendor have been made, the successful bidder may have access to the property.
- Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2024.
- The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.
- The land is not subject to a first right of refusal.
- Two sheds (8x10 and 10x12) are not included in the sale, and will be removed by the owner no later than May 1, 2024, at the owner's expense.
- All other buildings located on the property are sold "as is".

For further information, contact Chris H. Bowler
Phone: 204-242-2801
Fax: 204-242-2723
Email: chris@mmjlaw.com

Please Label Envelope: "Robinson Estate Tender"

FARM LAND FOR SALE TENDER

**FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEMBINA**

Sealed tenders in writing for the purchase of the property described below will be received by:

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

PROPERTY FOR SALE:

PARCEL 1: SW 1/4 1-1-9 WPM EXCEPTING THEREOUT - ALL MINES AND MINERALS IN THAT PORTION FORMERLY TAKEN FOR RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN 143 MLTO (160 acres in total) (Title No. 3215157; Roll No. 0068700.000)

PARCEL 2: S 1/2 2-1-9 WPM EXCEPTING THEREOUT - ALL MINES AND MINERALS IN THAT PORTION FORMERLY TAKEN FOR RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN 143 MLTO (320 acres in total) (Title No. 3215157; Roll Nos. 0069100.000 & 0069000.000)

PARCEL 3: SE 1/4 1-1-9 WPM EXCEPTING THEREOUT - ALL MINES AND MINERALS OUT OF THAT PORTION FORMERLY TAKEN FOR RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN 141 MLTO AS RESERVED IN DEED 139476 MLTO (160 acres in total) Title No. 3215160; Roll No. 0068600.000

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 November 24th, 2023.
- A deposit cheque in the amount of **\$30,000.00**, payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby Trust, must accompany the Tender. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
- Bids accepted on one, two or all parcels.

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 January 1, 2024, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
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- Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2024.
- The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.
- The land is not subject to a first right of refusal.

For further information, contact Chris H. Bowler
Phone: 204-242-2801
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-We all send our love,
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COMING EVENTS

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PUBLIC NOTICE



PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ALTONA

In accordance with Section 194 of *The Municipal Act* of Manitoba, PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the audit report and audited financial statements for the Town of Altona for the year 2022 have been deposited with the undersigned and are available for inspection on the Town of Altona website or at the Administration Office, 111 Centre Avenue during regular office hours.

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We thank all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

FARMLAND TENDER

FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed, written tenders for land in the **RM of Stanley** described below will be received by: **Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office**
Box 99, 1 – 880 J 15th Street
Winkler, MB R6W 4A4

LAND: LOT 2 PLAN 50138 MLTO in SE ¼ 24-2-4 WPM (32.57 acres)

CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. The parcel of land described will be sold "as is".
2. Tenders must be received on or before 5:00 PM on November 15, 2023.
3. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
4. Possession is January 1, 2024
5. Tender must be accompanied by a refundable deposit of 10% of tender total (cheque made payable to Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office).

TERMS OF SALE:

1. The successful bidder(s) shall enter a formal agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
3. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2024.
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For further information contact Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office at 204-325-4615.



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PUBLIC NOTICE



UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR RE-ZONING By-Law # 1816-2023

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

PARKSIDE VILLAGE LTD, (applicant) of mailing address 20 BRANDT ST UNIT 3 - SUITE 407, STEINBACH, MB, STEINBACH, on behalf of PARKSIDE VILLAGE LTD (owner/s) has made an application to amend the Town of Altona Zoning By-Law 1792/2021 and Re-Zone the land legally described as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 Plan _____ MLTO (Dep 796/2023) in the SW 8-2-1-W Roll # 115300.000 from "5:6" RMH - Residential Mobile Home" to "5:5" RMD - Residential Medium Density"

HEARING LOCATION: Town of Altona Council Chambers
 DATE AND TIME: November 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM

GENERAL INTENT:

The applicant is applying to rezone the property to "5:5" RMD - Residential Medium Density from "5:6" RMH - Residential Mobile Home on the property described above. A Public Hearing is required for this purpose. Notices were sent out within 100 Metres.

Please see attached Schedule "A" for reference.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tanya Waddell, General manager
 109 - 3rd Ave NE,
 Box 270 Altona, MB R0G 0B0
 Phone: (204) 324-5357
 Email: manager@rpgamb.ca
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OBITUARY

Rev. Henry Penner 1944 – 2023



On Tuesday, October 24, 2023 God called to his eternal rest Reverend Henry Penner of Winkler, MB formerly of Plum Coulee at the age of 79 years.

Henry is lovingly remembered by his loving wife, Trudy, and children, Henry (Esther) Penner, David (Mary) Penner, Helena (John) Wiebe, Anna (Abe) Teichroeb, Willie (Helen) Penner, Frank (Diana) Penner and Andrew (Marianne) Penner and their families.

He was predeceased by four grandchildren in infancy. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at the Winkler Reinland Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Henry's memory

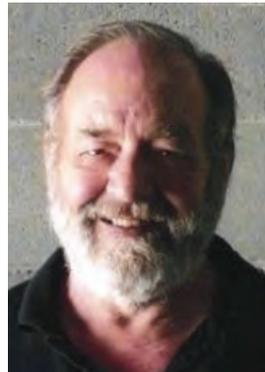
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OBITUARY

Robert (Bob) Garth Mahar



In Loving Memory of Robert (Bob) Garth Mahar who passed away on October 15, 2023 at the Penticton Regional Hospital.

He leaves behind to mourn his passing a loving wife Betty of 53 years who was beside him until the very end.

As per Roberts request there will be no formal service. Condolences may be made to the family through kettlevalleymemorial.ca

OBITUARY

Gordon Alexander Stobbe December 11, 1927 - September 15, 2023

Gordon Alexander Stobbe, at the wonderful age of 95, died peacefully, September 15, 2023. Gordon was born in Altona, Manitoba on December 11, 1927 and grew up in the Mennonite farming community of Altona. He started working in the printing industry while attending school and continued full-time after graduation. Gordon worked in the printing industry until his retirement in 1991.

Gordon married Irene Siemens on October 2, 1953 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He and Irene and their family spent their working years in several communities in Alberta including Altona, Red Deer, Calgary, and Canmore. In 2003 Gordon and Irene moved with their daughter Greta and son-in-law to Courtenay, B.C.

Gordon loved music and it played a big part in his life; singing in choirs and playing in bands he played tuba well into his late 80's. He was also an avid curler and golfer and could be found working out at the gym until his early 90's.

Gordon was a big believer in volunteering and offered much of his time to supporting missions he believed in humanitarian and environmental.

Gordon is survived by his wife Irene; daughters Greta Judd, Rachel (Mark) MacAulay, Elizabeth (Dan Bal) Stobbe; three grandchildren Jennifer (Jordan) Petrovics, Jeff (Charlotte) Judd, Megan MacAulay and three great-grandchildren, Brooke and Emma Petrovics and Milo Judd as well as his sister Irene Raedel.

Gordon was predeceased by his parents David D. and Anne Stobbe, brother Ronald Stobbe, sister Marilyn Nelson (nee Stobbe) and son-in-law Dales Judd.

By request there will be a private family memorial. Donations can be made in Gordon's memory to the Unitarian Service Committee or The Trans Canada Trail.

Thank you to the wonderful staff of the Ambulance Service and the Emergency staff and doctors. Gordon's family appreciated your kindness and care.

It is hard to sum up 95 years, but Gordon had a "life well lived".

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Local day cares grappling with school-age bottleneck

By Lorne Stelmach

Overwhelming numbers and the lack of government funding to support child care for school-aged children has left some local families in the lurch.

They are now having to find other options as a result of facilities like the Pembina Valley Child Care Centres having to turn away some school-aged children.

So much relies on government support, and the upper age level that will

> RABINOVITCH, FROM PG. 10

The book tells part of the story of the community's early history, which changed with much of the early Jewish immigrants to the region having largely left by the 1920s.

"My father was really the last one out of that whole generation of what would have been a community of about a hundred people," he said. "They all sought bigger horizons ... it was a fairly common experience."

It's been a project with obviously stronger feelings for Rabinovitch, who delved into some classified files that were just released in 2018 and where he found references to his uncle as well as many other aspects of the mob operations.

"I got very excited ... as a journalist, it has been one of the most rewarding projects I have ever investigated ... with each new revelation," he said. "I had a lot of information from my father Milton, as he was a fantastic story teller ... but there was a lot that he didn't know that I've been able to unearth here now."

"Morden produced a lot of people who excelled in a lot of different fields," Rabinovitch noted. "All of this informs my background in terms of approaching the book."

"It came down to understanding how a man from these roots ends up taking the fall for this extraordinary crime ... but it was more of a caper than a crime. It was like *Ocean's Eleven*."

Rabinovitch had a straightforward thought as to what he hoped people might take away from the story.

"I would like people to be entertained by it. I think that's it really."

be subsidized has been lowered from Grade 4 to Gr. 1.

"This was a very hard decision for our board and our management team ... all we could think of is that we need to at least care for the youngest of the youngest first," said Shuana Richards, executive director of the Pembina Valley Child Care Centres, which operates facilities in Morden and Manitou.

"I don't know what the solution is ... without the operating grants, it's either going to be very expensive for the families or not just financially sustainable."

The centre continues to struggle with overwhelming waiting lists, and the local program is only licensed for 38 school-aged spaces although the demand is far greater.

Initiatives to support child care, such as that from the federal government, focuses on pre-school children aged five and under, Richards noted.

> DIVERSITAS, FROM PG. 8

"It's creating opportunity for people to have dialogue in a safe way and also just for us to create opportunities for allyship, whatever that might look like."

"We're just coming here to show that drag queens aren't terrible people. We are people and artists like anybody else," added Feather Talia. "Yes, we are normally queer, but we also have some of the best art, and we like to share it."

"I've been doing drag for about seven years, and this is about the most hate I have ever gotten," she said. "It's just because people are miseducated and don't have the proper etiquacy when it comes to understanding drag as an art form."

"I think for me it's talking about

> SAFE SPACE, FROM PG. 8

"Typically, and especially around drag, what we see is a lot of inflamed emotion on both sides feeding into conflict and division," he continued. "The goal here was to provide some background from people who are actively performing and have been part of the community and can speak to it."

"Hopefully it can help demystify

"Child care in our province, not just our region, is a high commodity, and everyone is looking for space, and wait lists are high," she said. "There's not enough school-aged child care."

"You get that bottleneck effect ... and we've had the bottleneck happening now for a number of years," said Richards. "This year alone, our kindergarten children are 50 to 55 children. They will all be going into Gr. 1 in the fall of 2024, but I only have 38 school aged spaces."

"We haven't lowered any of our numbers in regards to teaching 38 school age ... we're still doing that, but what we're not able to do is take any more."

"With 38 and such a long wait list ... there's just nowhere for them to go," she continued. "It's only going to get worse ... and it's basically availability. It comes down to the physical space."

"School age, because it's not a prior-

ity, can sometimes be difficult to get additional funded spaces ... and if you don't have the spaces funded, that's half of our income," said Richards. "There is just a very strong need for child care everywhere, but Morden has a very big need ... Winkler as well does not have a large school age program. It only has 30 spaces as well."

Ultimately, Richards said there is a need to put pressure on the governments both provincially and federally to provide greater support.

"I know there are some community members who are trying to figure out something," she said.

"It's not just a Morden issue. We had a south central directors meeting recently and, around the group, everyone is saying our school aged are bottlenecking. We don't know what we're going to do ... it's province-wide. I don't know what the solution is."

my perspective coming into the scene as a trans person ... kind of discussing the artistic impact that drag has and the role that is has played in theatre and in film and in media for centuries," said Miss Gender. "It's a uniquely liberating form of artistic expression, and I think a lot of people just don't necessarily understand the scope of drag. I would like to, hopefully, broaden some horizons in that way."

"We see a variety of reactions and different levels of appreciation for what we do ... in some spaces, drag is very very radical; just the existence of visibly queer people and visibly trans people is in and of itself an act of resistance and rebellion ... where in other spaces and in other

areas, it's just part of the day to day.

"It breaks my heart a little bit because it just shows the queer people who live here or the people who want to just try drag or just have any kind of different approach to gender and sexuality ... it kind of just tells them that they aren't welcome. And when you push those people out of small communities, you lose a lot of what makes these groups diverse and interesting and special."

"The resilience and the passion that some people have is really heartwarming, and I just hope the people who are out here doing this work don't let the pushback stop them, because they're doing really necessary and needed things."

it a bit and take away some of the fear by showing these performers are human."

As always with *Diversitas*, a key aim was to have respectful and open dialogue.

"What we want is for people to feel this is a safe and comfortable place to be able to ask their questions," Cantelon stressed. "Sometimes

questions rise up out of ignorance, and in fact most of them do ... it's not a negative thing to be ignorant of a subject. It's negative to avoid learning more about it."

If you want to keep up to date on the series and upcoming speakers, head to www.diversitasca.wordpress.com.

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- Yellow skin or eyes
- Changes in stool colour
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