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St. Norbert teen wins
Roland Pumpkin
Fair weigh-off with
1,348-pounder

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a quarter century, everything about the Roland Pumpkin Fair has gotten bigger—especially the pumpkins.

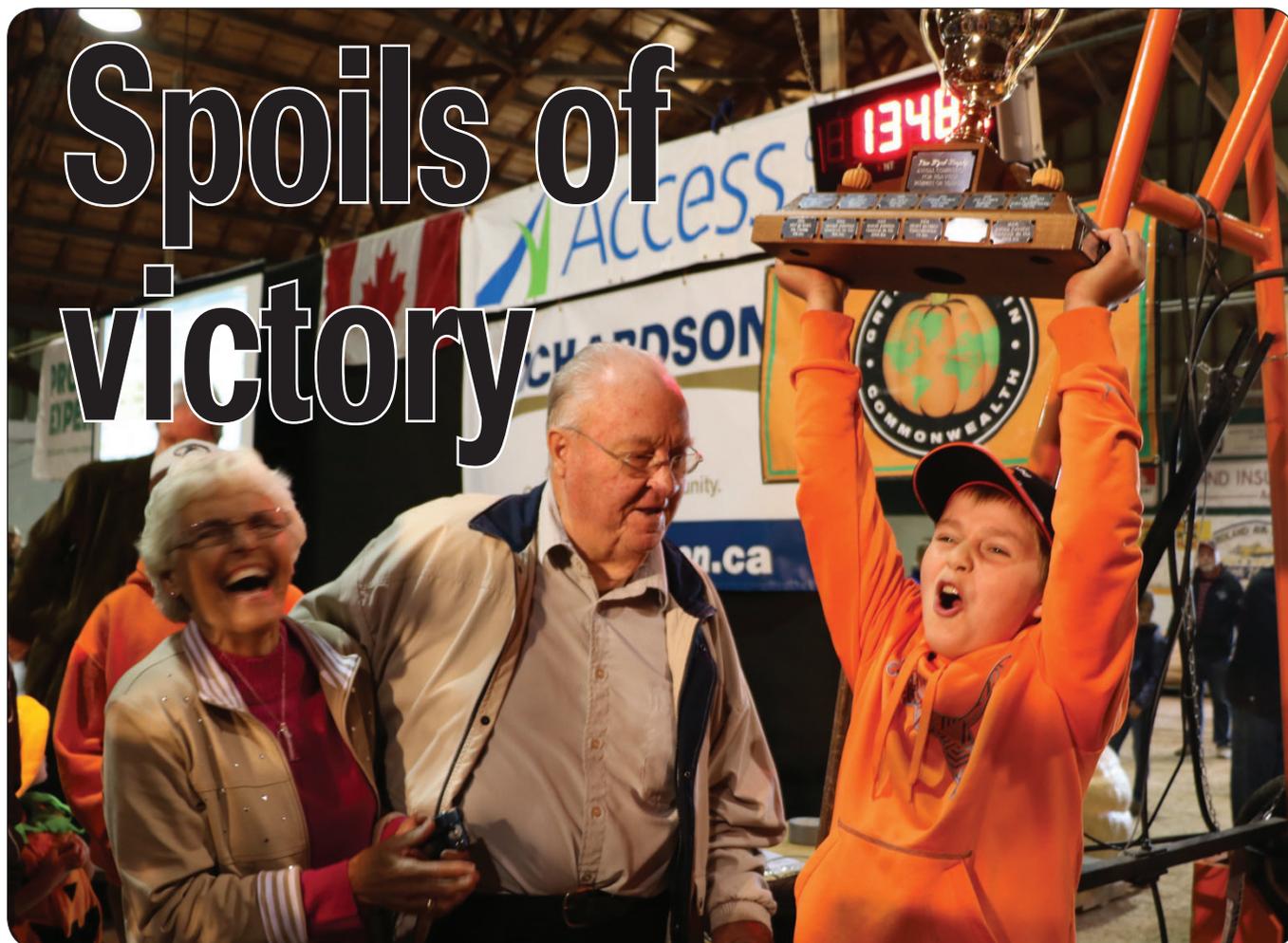
The fall festival celebrated 25 years last Saturday with a day packed full community meals, entertainment for the entire family, and, of course, the hugely popular Great Pumpkin and Vegetable Commonwealth Weigh-off, which saw hundreds of people pack into the arena to see monster-sized pumpkins, watermelons, squash, and tomatoes weighed and the winners crowned.

In honour of the milestone anniversary, organizers called up every winner of the event's giant pumpkin category over the years and presented them with a commemorative mini-pumpkin.

The first of those winners was Dennis Klassen back in 1991, whose pumpkin weighed in at 426 lbs.

The weight of the winning pumpkins has climbed exponentially ever since, ending with this year's winner grown by 13-year-old Milan Lukes.

The St. Norbert youth grew a 1,348.2 lb. behemoth that easily dwarfed his nearest competitors and beat out last year's winner by over 50 pounds.



Spoils of
victory

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Milan Lukes, 13, hoists the Van Wyck trophy—presented by Bill Van Wyck—high after his 1,348 lb. pumpkin won the Roland Pumpkin Fair's Great Pumpkin Commonwealth Weigh-off on Saturday.

Lukes also grew the event's second-place entry, a 1,283.4 lb. pumpkin, earning him a total of \$2,500 in cash prizes for his efforts.

The third-place pumpkin was grown by Schanzenfeld's Henry Banman and weighed in at 1,032 lbs. Ban-

man still holds the competition's weight record with a 2011 pumpkin that weighed 1,379.5 lbs.

Lukes was jubilant in the wake of watching his pumpkin—the very last to be weighed—beat out all comers.

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Sharing farming innovations

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A group of international visitors was in town last week to learn about Canadian farming innovations for ideas to take back with them overseas.

Organized by Winnipeg-based International Development Enterprises (iDE), 12 representatives of iDE's operations in Ghana, Ethiopia, Cambodia, and Burkina Faso toured Southern Potato's Winkler facilities and the Pembina Threshermen's Museum on Oct. 1

The local tours were part of a week-long visit to Manitoba that also saw the group make stops at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, the Canadian Mennonite Organic Farm, Peak of the Market, and the University of Manitoba Ian Morrison Research Centre.

"They've come to Manitoba to learn from what we consider to be some of the best in agriculture," explained iDE Canada CEO Bill Pratt, noting the focus was on processes and products that focus on financial viability and sustainability. "We want them to take those ideas and go back to their countries and try and figure out ... how can those lessons help the farmers right now who are still where we were many, many years ago."

Touring the Pembina Threshermen's Museum was an important part of that, Pratt said, pointing out that some of the agricultural tools and methods on display there as part of Canada's farming heritage are those still being used in poorer countries around the world.

"There's things in there that go back 40, 50, 100 years, and some of those things they're still using in our African countries, for example," he said. "So they get to see our past, but it also brings great hope for their



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Southern Potato's Marlon Kuhl (centre) talks potatoes with a tour group made up of representatives from International Development Enterprises' agricultural projects in Ghana, Ethiopia, Cambodia, and Burkina Faso last week.

future because they can see you can move from that to what they've seen this week."

At Southern Potato, the group got the chance to tour the company's storage facility in downtown Winkler as well as its seed plant south of the city.

"It's good to be able to demonstrate the technology that we're using here," said company CEO Keith Kuhl.

Kuhl has long been an avid supporter of iDE's work around the globe, having most recently toured their operations in Bangladesh.

"I was in Bangladesh visiting some of the projects this last summer, so it's nice to reciprocate and get some of them here now," he said. "iDE is a great organization to work with."

Pratt explained that the organization strives to offer a hand-up, rather than a hand-out.

"We're based on the premise of helping people help themselves," he said, stressing that iDE's projects work to give people in nearly a dozen countries the ability to lift themselves out of poverty through training and technology. "We're really about inspiring, igniting the local market so that when we're done everything continues on by itself. It speaks to the people being in control of their own lives."

The tours certainly gave the participants food for thought.

Kebede Ayele, director of iDE Ethio-

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> PUMPKIN FAIR, FROM PG. 1

"I didn't really believe it. It's just so much to take in at once," he said moments after being awarded the Van Wyck Trophy. "This is only my third year competing. The first year I grew 500 [pounds], the second year it was 1,000, and then this. It's so fast."

Lukes admitted he was feeling pretty good about his pumpkin's chances, since he had done a preliminary weigh-in the day before hauling it into Roland. When it tipped the scales at well over 1,000 pounds, he knew it was a contender.

"I didn't want to count my chickens before they hatched, or whatever, but I did feel confident," he said.

The win last weekend was the culmination of months of hard work for the young green thumb.

"Normally people would think I would need help with this, but this is all me. I mean, my parents are supportive, yeah, but when it comes to labour I'm doing it all 100 per cent," he said, adding with a laugh, "actually, I don't even let my family in the pumpkin patch."

Growing giant pumpkins requires having room for them to grow, a lot of water and fertilizer, and one more vital ingredient, Lukes explained.

"I'd say the secret is care. I didn't even leave it alone for a night ... my

family went away for a sleepover night and I said, 'No way—I have my babies to take care of.'"

Though he isn't sure what he'll spend all his prize money on just yet, Lukes does have a plan for his pumpkins.

"I do show them off a bit in my community," he said, grinning. "Who wouldn't want to? I actually open them up and carve in a hole and then I crawl in it and take some pictures. We put them on our front lawn and, last year, in two months the deer had eaten it all."

To anyone—of any age—thinking about trying their hand at growing giant pumpkins next summer, Lukes encourages them to just go for it.

"Don't think you can't. Don't give up hope. Just keep on trying," he said. "And no matter what, if you're really dedicated to it, it will pay off."

Other scale-tippers in the weigh-off competition included Winkler's Peter Wiebe, who took first place in the tomato division with a veggie weighing in at 3 lbs. 7.35 oz., and Evan Bartel of Morris, who clinched first place ribbons for his 142.2 lb. watermelon and his 438.8 lb. squash.

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PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Milan Lukes atop his monster pumpkin at the Roland Pumpkin Fair last Saturday. Lukes clinched both first and second place with the two pumpkins he spent countless hours tending to this summer.

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CITY OF WINKLER

NDP's Dean Harder joins election race

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Portage-Lisgar voters now have five candidates to choose from at the Oct. 19 federal election.

Low Farm's Dean Harder threw his hat into the ring late last month as the New Democratic Party's nominee.

Harder said his frustration with how the Conservative government has done things for the better part of the last decade is a big reason why he decided to jump into this election.

"I'm completely frustrated with the Conservative Party right now and the direction they're leading our country and I just could not sit back and watch anymore," he said. "So I decided to put myself into the ring and speak up for Canadians."

Harder says he's especially concerned with the future of democracy in Canada when the ruling party refuses to listen to the opposing parties—who, he points out, represent a significant number of Canadian voters and deserve to be heard—and passes numerous policies wholesale via omnibus bills.

"[It's] just making it an us versus them scenario," he said. "It's egregious. It's not what's supposed to happen in Canada and it's happening ... we can have such a better nation than they're putting forward."

When boiling down some of the major election issues, Harder says several come in at the top of his list.

"There's always concern about how the economy is at, that's big," he says, "but tied to that has to be the environment."

Ignoring climate change and pollution today will only lead to greater costs down the road, he says.

"That will be a lot of government money that has to go to cleaning up disasters. Either we do something about it now



Dean Harder, NDP candidate for Portage-Lisgar

or we're laying everything on the next generation, and we just can't do that. That's just completely foolhardy."

Harder also emphasized the NDP's commitment to ensuring health care gets the funding it

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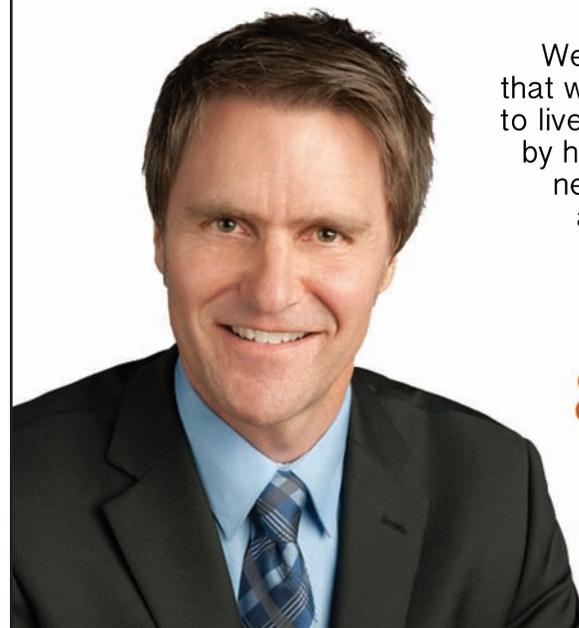
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Strangers in a strange land

Between 1874 and 1930, approximately 30,000 Russian Mennonites left Russia/the Soviet Union and settled in Canada (mostly in Manitoba).

Those who left were a mix of migrants and refugees seeking a better life for themselves and their families.

The earliest of these, between 1874-1880, should be best considered migrants, although it might be fair to say they were migrants leaving before they became refugees. They sensed the changing political landscape in Russia and feared that before too long they would be forced into military service against their religious beliefs.

It wasn't until later during the rise of the Bolsheviks and ultimately communism in Russia that those Mennonites left behind became refugees seeking to escape severe persecution.

Russian Mennonites had their land stolen and men, women, and children were murdered because of their religious and cultural differences. After the rise of communism in Russia,

Mennonites and others who openly practised religion were often imprisoned and never seen again.

After the Second World War, Mennonites again suffered severe persecution by the Soviet government because it saw them as Nazi sympathizers due to their cultural heritage. As a result, many were rounded up and sent to Siberia or Kazakhstan.

So it was in an environment of conflict and violent hostility against them because of their religious faith and unique culture that Mennonites fled Russia and looked to Canada as a welcoming safe haven where they could settle and continue to practice their faith and unique culture in peace, even in the midst of a population of people who were very different: Catholics and Jews, Protestants of a different stripe, descendants of France and Britain, Scotland, Italy and Ireland.

Canada welcomed the persecuted with open arms; Manitoba in particular welcomed tens of thousands of migrants and refugees over the years.

The history of the Mennonite people is filled with stories of fleeing war and persecution because of their unique religious and cultural beliefs. It is a history of finally finding a country that was not afraid of their differences and welcomed them with open arms where they could start a new life that still allowed them to practice their faith and culture without fear of being hated and driven away yet again.

There are more than 200,000 Men-

nonites in Canada today and the country is far better for it.

Of course, you see what I'm doing, right?

Today in the world there are a large group of people being driven from their traditional land because of war and persecution.

They are looking for a place where they can start again; a place that is not afraid of them because of their differences; a place that might accept them despite the fact that they have faith-based and cultural reasons for wearing different clothing (even head coverings for reasons of modesty).

They are doctors, and lawyers, labourers and mothers, grandparents and children. They are human beings in need.

The great Anabaptist leader and Mennonite founder Menno Simons put it far better than I ever could when he spoke of the kind of people he was leading:

"They receive the wretched. They take strangers into their houses. They comfort the sad. They lend to the needy. They clothe the naked. They share their bread with the hungry. They do not turn their face from the poor nor do they regard their decrepit limbs and flesh. This is the kind of brotherhood we teach."

The question that needs to be asked is, is this the kind of people that we want to be, Mennonite or not?

If so, what does that look like when it comes to today's refugees, no matter how different they or their culture and faith may appear to us?



By Peter Cantelon

Letters

The case to fire Maguire (and Bergen and Harper)

In 2006, Stephen Harper won his first minority government, riding into power on the twin horses of transparency and accountability. Nearly ten years later has he delivered?

Well, he did give us the Accountability Act which, among other

things, created the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO). Remember Kevin Page, who blew the lid off the price tag of the F-35 fighter jets? His costing analysis was \$30 billion, nearly double the government's estimate. His reward for doing his job? Cuts to his budget, public antago-

nism from federal ministers and attempts to shut down the PBO.

In 2009, allegations came to light that our government had handed Afghan detainees over to local se-

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curity forces knowing that they could be tortured, a war crime under international law if proven true. This led to Mr. Harper proroguing (suspending) Parliament, stonewalling efforts to get to the truth. To date, barely 10 per cent out of 42,000 pages of heavily blacked-out documents have been released to the committee tasked with this review.

In March of 2011 the Conservatives found themselves the First Canadian Government To Have Been Found In Contempt Of Parliament for refusing to provide price tags for their law-and-order agenda, corporate tax cuts and the plan to buy those F-35 stealth combat jets.

Consider the 2014 "Fair Elections Act". Political parties' election spending limits have been increased significantly. This was key in allowing Mr. Harper to more than double the campaigning period, all the while knowing that his party could outspend his opponents. Every dollar that parties spend during the election is subsidized by you and me to the tune of 125% and a longer election becomes a much costlier one.

The budget surplus validating Mr. Harper's stellar economic management is thanks in part to nearly \$9 billion of unspent (or lapsed) funding in the past year alone. That pesky PBO has pointed to a dramatic increase over the past decade in budgeted money left unspent by this government.

At a recent Brandon all-candidates debate, Liberal candidate Jodi Wyman responded to Larry Maguire's praise of lapsed funding as a sign of good fiscal management, by stating that's like saying you're being a good steward of your family's budget by 'not feeding your kids for a week'.

And the list continues:

- Bill C51, the anti-terror law that so many experts and ordinary Canadians have spoken against.
- Duffygate.
- Selling \$15 billion in armoured vehicles to Saudi Arabia, one of the world's most repressive regimes.
- Muzzling of federal scientists and other civil servants.
- Ending the valuable long form census.

> HARDER, FROM PG. 5

needs to provide quality care to all.

"The NDP has stood for health care for so long ... you want it to be strong and you want it to be viable," he says. "Both the Conservatives and the Liberals have cut health care and we need to roll that back. That's the NDP's goal."

Harder went on to tout some of the NDP's financial plans.

"It's clear that our goal is to have a balanced budget ... we are going to be lowering the small business tax from 11 per cent to nine per cent, and we also realize that municipalities need to be empowered more, so we're going to take one cent off of every gas tax dollar more than they have right now so that they can move forward with their infrastructure projects."

Though this is Harder's first time running for office, he's no stranger to the national political stage.

As a grain farmer, Harder was an avid proponent of the Canadian Wheat Board, and he travelled to Ottawa to oppose its dismantlement.

"What I saw there was a form of bullying," he says, suggesting that Canadians' voices were not heard on that matter as the government sought to push its agenda through Parliament.

He's also served on a number of agriculture boards, including the National Farmers Union and Keystone Agricultural Producers.

Learn more about Harder's platform online at www.deanharderndp.ca.

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Former Conservative MP Brent Rathgeber who left the party to sit as an Independent in 2013 stated, "I joined the Reform/Conservative movements because I thought we were somehow different, a band of Ottawa outsiders rid-

ing into town to clean the place up, promoting open government and accountability. I barely recognize ourselves, and worse I fear that we have morphed into what we once mocked."

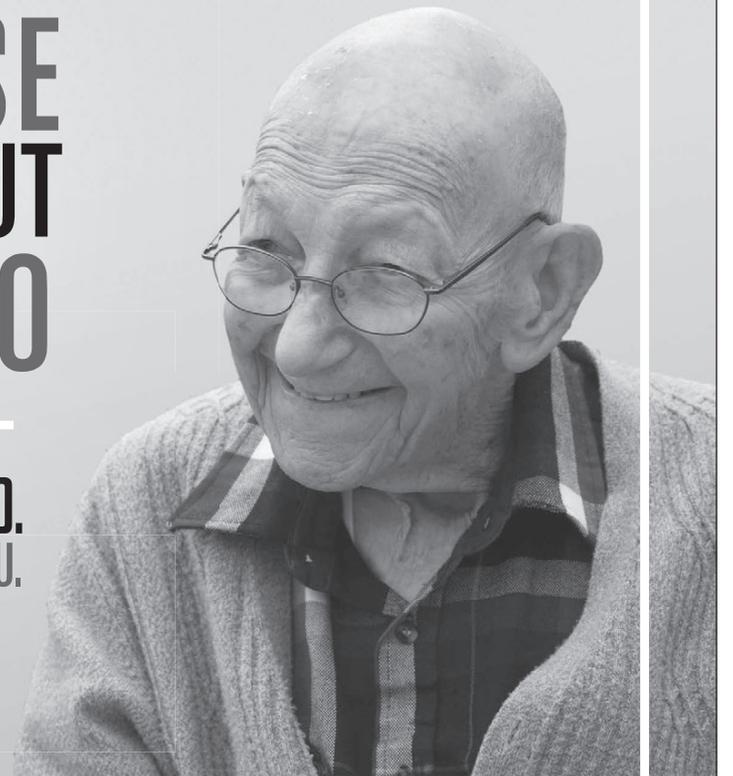
Candice Bergen and Larry Maguire have chosen to align themselves with a leader and a party that has grown comfortable and arrogant while in power.

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Riding's candidates discuss the issues

Green, NDP, Liberal, and CHP nominees come out for forum hosted by chambers

By Lorne Stelmach

Four of the five candidates for the Portage Lisgar riding in the Oct. 19 federal election met with voters at a candidates forum in Morden Sept. 30.

Incumbent Candice Bergen of the governing Conservative party was the lone candidate missing from the round-table format meeting sponsored by the Winkler and Morden chambers of commerce.

An audience of around 70 people turned out for the forum, which saw the four candidates circulate among groups for a less formal dialogue while also having time for opening statements. In her absence, Bergen had a representative read her statement.

Questions from the audience varied, but the core messages of the candidates followed these lines:

KEN WERBISKI, LIBERAL

Werbiski said a significant political shift is needed in Canada.

"I believe politics should be an intelligent exchange of ideas that results in a better life for everyone," he said in explaining his decision to stand for election.

"We teach our children to treat others with dignity and respect," he added, but "we don't seem to really be getting a lot of that right now."

Werbiski went on to touch on a range of issues and sectors of the population and country that have

been mishandled by the government.

"Our seniors and our military are being mistreated. Our First Nations, our Metis, and our Inuit are being left behind," he said. "There's a larger divide between those who have and those who have not."

"Our scientists are being muzzled, and our charities are being persecuted," he added. "We are now a warring country. We used to be a peacekeeping country, but now we go to war."

Referring to his work in the dialysis unit at Portage Hospital, Werbiski said that, as MP, he would need to advocate on voters' behalf just like, as a nurse, he must be an advocate for patients.

"I believe in trying to make a change ... trying to make someone's life better," he said.

Werbiski also fielded questions on the Liberal plan to legalize marijuana, suggesting that prohibition clearly doesn't work so it would be more productive to legalize and regulate it.

BEVERLEY EERT, GREEN

Eert suggested the Green Party would allow MPs to better represent their constituents with less pressure to follow the party line.

"So that means what I think and I believe actually matters. I will do whatever matters to my conscience and whatever matters to the Portage Lisgar constituency."

She touted her varied background, which includes degrees in music and



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

CHP candidate Jerome Dondo (above) and Green Party candidate Beverley Eert (below) chat with candidates at the election forum held in Morden last week. Also in attendance were Dean Harder of the NDP and Ken Werbiski of the Liberals. Conservative incumbent MP Candice Bergen was absent, though she did send a representative to speak briefly on her behalf.

architecture. She also spent six years in the wilderness of British Columbia, where she built houses on the B.C. islands, before coming back to Manitoba.

Eert spoke of how she and her husband are putting into practice what they believe with a sustainable home that is off the grid.

"Everything we do is powered by the sun. We heat the house, we power up our house, and we heat our water with the sun," she said.

The message then is that anyone "can do this ... we can move from the carbon era into the future, and we need to do it fast ... we have to get going on this."

Rather than a carbon tax, Eert said they would apply a fee at the source where the carbon is created and then distribute that revenue as a dividend to Canadians.

"The people producing the carbons would be motivated to stop," Eert said.

Another key issue for her was a youth employment program.

"The Green Party wants to reinstate that and put a billion dollars a year into the hiring of youth by municipalities to do the jobs that need to be done."

They would also eliminate post secondary tuition fees, Eert said, stressing that they are a huge burden on students but just a drop in the bucket for the universities.

DEAN HARDER, NDP

"I'm running because I want to see a better Canada. I believe NDP values and I believe the vision of Canada is stronger," Harder told the audience.

He said the public trust has been broken as a result of such measures as Bill C51, which he said goes against the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"The public trust has been broken ... and it gives good reason to think deeply and critically about what is being offered," he said. "As far as I see it ... a lot of things are being done in the name of big business, in the name of big companies, and, yes, there's been some tax breaks here and there, but people feel disconnected to their government."

Harder touched on a variety of issues he says were mishandled by the government, ranging from the Canadian Wheat Board to muzzling scientists and the ongoing Senate scandal.

He said there was a need for a comprehensive action plan to kickstart the economy and stimulate more employment, particularly among our youth.

The NDP would also apply one more cent off the gas tax and give it back to municipalities.

"We want to put more money there because municipalities know where their money should be spent," said Harder, adding they were also going to reduce small business tax from 11 to nine per cent.

And though not mentioning Bergen's absence by name, Harder concluded "as your MP, it's my job to listen to you ... and to have a discussion ... so I'm disturbed that that's not happening."

JEROME DONDO, CHRISTIAN HERITAGE PARTY

Dondo touted the idea that they are the most truly conservative party in Canada—much more so than the governing party.

"We have balanced budgets, reducing debt, reducing taxes ... investing in government services by reducing



> AG TOUR, FROM PG. 3

pia, said the whirlwind week left him with a great deal many ideas, though he acknowledged that Canadian farming is quite different from the way things are done back home.

"The farmers here, they have huge areas of land, thousands of acres, and it's all highly mechanized, less labour, and highly productive. Our farmers own small plots of land—on average, about one acre—their production is very low ... and they're using equipment we saw at [the Threshermen's Museum] you used 100 years ago. It's hard work, and productivity is low, and therefore farmers are poor.

"But although there is such a stark contrast between the farmers of Canada and the farmers of Africa, we have seen a lot of similarities, too. Similarities in terms of behaviour, in terms of the challenges farmer's face, and in terms of the support they need: agronomic support, market support, business management support.

"The farmers of Canada get that support from many different directions, and our farmers also need that kind of support," Ayele said. "And we, iDE, are there to provide that support. There's a gap there, and we are filling that gap.

"We are helping our farmers to modernize a little bit ... but it will take many years for us to get to where you are in Canada."

To learn more about iDE Canada and the work it's doing around the world, check them out online at www.ide-canada.org.

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the debt," he stressed.

He added that they are the only pro-life party in federal politics and that he believed he was the only declared pro-life candidate in the Portage-Lisgar riding.

"We would work towards establishing some laws around abortion, and we'd use the notwithstanding clause to prevent doctor-assisted suicides," he added.

Dondo, who has been a school trustee and currently serves on the Local Urban District of St. Claude, said they would prioritize balancing the budget and eliminate the debt within 25 years, which would allow them to reduce taxes and invest more in services.

"I don't think [the Conservatives] can be trusted to balance budgets because they haven't done it yet in the last seven years," he said. "They did have a surplus in the last fiscal year, but that was more by chance than any plan they had."

CANDICE BERGEN, CONSERVATIVE PARTY

In her absence, Bergen's representative read a statement on her behalf.

In it, she touted the strong record of the Conservative government, particularly in managing the economy through challenging times, and she suggested they are the best choice to maintain that growth.

Bergen also said that she worked hard for Portage-Lisgar to bring the riding infrastructure funding as well as in advocating for funding for seniors centres and residences and assisting small businesses through the small business grant.

Portage-Lisgar voters head to the polls on Monday, Oct. 19. If you can't make it that day, the advance voting polls will be open from Oct. 9-12 from noon to 8 p.m. Advance votes can be cast at the Elections Canada office in Winkler's Southland Mall.

For more information on the different ways to cast your vote, including how to double-check that you're on the voter's list, go to www.elections.ca.

The iDE group also made a stop at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum to check out some of the equipment and methods once used commonly by Canadian farmers and still used today in some of the world's poorer countries.

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Smoke alarms save lives: fire chief

Fire Prevention Week focuses on the value of detectors—especially while you sleep

By Ashleigh Viveiros

“Just think of a smoke detector as a big giant nose on your ceiling,” advises Winkler Fire Chief Richard Paetzold, chuckling.

It’s a goofy image, to be sure, but an apt one to have in mind during Fire Prevention Week.

This year’s theme is *Hear the Beep Where You Sleep*, urging homeowners to ensure their residences are properly outfitted with working smoke detectors.

Paetzold points out that while they’re invaluable at any time of day, overnight is when smoke alarms really prove their worth.

“Scientists have proven that when we sleep, our noses go to sleep too. We can’t smell when we’re sleeping ... so we require a working smoke detector to be our nose, to give us that

warning.”

In fact, research shows that roughly half of all home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.

Day or night, though, smoke alarms save lives, Paetzold stresses, as they give people precious time to react to a fire, either by putting it out if it’s small enough (a stove top blaze that breaks out when you’re not paying attention, say) or quickly evacuating everyone safely.

“Fires start small, and small fires can often be put out using a fire extinguisher,” he says, noting that once a fire takes hold, though, it can get out of control quickly.

“A fire doubles in size every minute. It can spread quickly ... you can slow it down by closing your door, which will help contain it in the room,” advises Paetzold. “Closing doors will also keep the smoke at bay—and it’s the smoke that kills people 99 per cent of the time before the fire ever does.”

Modern building codes mean that newer homes will have smoke detectors on every level, inside bedrooms and attached garages, and all interconnected and wired right into the house’s electrical system, using batteries only as backup.

If you live in an older home, though, you should take steps to ensure you



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Winkler Fire Prevention Officer Phil Dueck with a smoke detector, which Chief Richard Paetzold stresses could mean the difference between your family getting out of a burning home safely or not, especially if a fire breaks out when everyone’s asleep.

have enough smoke alarms, Paetzold says.

“You want them on every level of your home ... in every sleeping quarters, hallways ... we also advise having one in your laundry or furnace room, because you’ve got a dryer, you’ve got a furnace in there that could be the source of fires,” he says. “The more smoke detectors you have in your home, the earlier warning you’ll get, wherever the fire starts.”

You should also test your alarms every few months to ensure they’re working and that everyone in the house knows what they sound like.

“It should be all part of having a home escape plan and practicing it,” Paetzold says. “You want to make sure everyone knows exactly what to do—how do I get out of here, where do

we meet after we

get out to make sure everyone is safe?”

Though the value of smoke alarms is the main theme of this year’s Fire Prevention Week, Paetzold also wants to stress one other key issue firefighters keep coming up against.

“We really want to encourage people to make sure that they have legible numbers on their houses, so that if you do have an emergency we can find you,” he says. “For [ambulance calls], especially, it’s very important.”

The City of Winkler recently changed its bylaws to make it mandatory for homes to have clear numbers out front, and Paetzold says they’re going around and reaching out to homeowners to let them know about that change.

Similarly, if you live in the country, Paetzold advises you to make sure everyone in your home knows the number that’s shown at the sign at the end of your driveway—it helps emergency services find you that much more quickly.

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WCF presents Katie's Cottage donations to Katie Cares

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation and Katie Cares celebrated the completion of one aspect of their relationship this week.

From last November through to the end of this July, the WCF fielded all donations coming in for Katie Care's respite home project, dubbed Katie's Cottage. This included donations to Toys for Travis, which collected funds to purchase board games for the home.

But now, with Katie's Cares Inc. having officially received its charitable status as of August, the organization is able to receive and receipt all donations coming in on its own.

On Monday, the WCF officially presented Katie Cares with the nearly \$200,000 in donations that have poured in over the last year.

WCF executive board member Justin Funk says they were happy to be able to help out Katie Cares by creating the temporary flow-through fund for the respite home donations.

"It fits right in line with what our strategy is in benefiting the commu-

nity," he says.

Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer thanked the foundation for their support over the past year, noting that the Katie's Cottage campaign is about halfway to its goal of \$650,000 thanks to donations, pledge commitments, and in-kind support.

"I cannot say thank you enough for everything that they did," she says of the foundation, noting the partnership helped Katie Cares learn the ins and outs of coordinating charitable donations. "To have Winkler Community Foundation in our community who is willing to accept a project such as ours, to take on Kaitlyn's dream, that was phenomenal. Where would we have gotten

that type of support anywhere else?"

As to Katie's Cottage, initial work is already underway on the respite home's land located across the road from the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Reimer says they hope to have a sod-turning ceremony at the site later this month and to have the facility up and running next year.

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From left: Katie Cares' Randy and Ruth Reimer picked up a year's worth of donations to the Katie's Cottage respite home from the Winkler Community Foundation's Myra Peters and Justin Funk on Monday. Katie Cares are now able to issue donation receipts themselves, allowing the WCF to step back from the project.

their partnership, the community foundation and Katie Cares are certainly not cutting all ties, stresses WCF executive director Myra Peters.

The Katie Cares endowment fund created by the late Kaitlyn Reimer will remain at the Winkler Community Foundation.

"The endowment fund will stay with the community foundation, because that's what she started and that's what we will honour," Reimer says of her daughter, who founded Katie Cares before succumbing to cancer in spring of 2012.

The interest generated by dona-

tions made to that fund will continue to support the efforts of Katie Cares forever, Peters says, with grants being presented to the charity from the fund each year.

"That money that you give is never spent, so that gives back to the community forever," she says.

Contact the foundation at 204-362-9292 for information on donating to the WCF Katie Cares fund.

To donate to Katie Cares Inc., including to Katie's Cottage, get in touch with them online at www.katiecares.ca or via email at ruth@katiecares.ca.

Public Consultations

Share Your Views on Manitoba's rural veterinary services

The **2015 Rural Veterinary Task Force** is holding public meetings across the province to hear what you have to say about Manitoba's rural veterinary services. These meetings will be open for presentations and discussions anytime between 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Dauphin – Tuesday, October 20

Canway Inn and Suites, 1601 Main Street

Brandon – Wednesday, October 21

Riverbank Discovery Centre, #1-545 Conservation Drive

Stonewall – Thursday, October 22

South Interlake-Rockwood Agricultural Society's Red Barn, south of Stonewall on Hwy 236
(French language services will be available)

Online survey - If you cannot attend these meetings, you may respond to a survey available on the Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development website at manitoba.ca/agriculture.

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CFDC's 'Suzy' snags Travel MB award

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre found itself in the spotlight again in front of the who's who of tourism in the province.

The audience included Minister of Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport and Consumer Protection Ron Lemieux Oct. 2 as the CFDC received

one of the annual Manitoba Tourism Awards in Winnipeg.

The museum was honoured for the 2015 Event of the Year Under \$5,000 for the unveiling of its mosasaur fossil Suzy.

Executive director Peter Cantelon said it was especially worthwhile to earn recognition as a leader in the

tourism industry.

"The win is sweet ... given the work that we've done," he said. "And that it was connected to Suzy was poignant because of the amount of effort that went into it. It was a lot of time, many years, to actually get Suzy on site."

And the setting was especially beneficial, being that it was among such a large gathering of the tourism industry's leaders.

"You get such a high profile ... and you get such high visibility being in front of that crowd," said Cantelon. "This award is of particular value because of the profile of Travel Mani-

toba. It's at a provincial level where we're competing against organizations that in pretty much every instance are better funded and have a much larger staff and greater access to resources than we have."

This latest honour comes with the CFDC also up for the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce MBiz awards as a finalist in the Not for Profit of the Year category.

It will be up against Canadian Blood Services of Winnipeg and the Children's Wish Foundation of Winnipeg when the winners are announced Oct. 28.



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The CFDC's Peter Cantelon with the Event of the Year award the museum won from Travel Manitoba for its unveiling of "Suzy".

Protect yourself this winter with free flu shot

By Lorne Stelmach

Flu season will soon be upon us, and regional health officials hope residents of southern Manitoba take the warnings seriously.

They are also hoping to not have a repeat of last year, which hit unexpectedly hard.

"Last year we had a particularly nasty year with influenza," said Dr. Shelley Buchan, medical officer of health for the Southern Health - Sante Sud regional health authority.

The challenge in preparing for flu season is that the vaccine is prepared earlier in the year, Buchan explains, and, last year, from the time when it was made to the fall when flu season hit, the conditions had changed.

"It's always a bit of a guessing game because you're always trying to plan eight months, nine months in advance for what's going to be circulating in the fall," she said. "One of the strains had mutated enough in the community that it wasn't a good match with what was in the vaccine."

That contributed then to there being a higher number of hospitalizations and deaths related to influenza last flu season.

"We had a lot of illness and lot of outbreaks in personal care homes," Buchan said. "It really gave us a snapshot of what would happen out there if we didn't have vaccines at all."

Buchan said they are more hopeful this year with the current vaccine having protection against four viruses—including H1N1 and H3N2, which hit the province hard last year—as opposed to just three last year.

CLINICS START SOON

The province is now heavily promoting its upcoming flu shot clinics, which offer the free shot to Manitobans throughout the region beginning the week of Oct. 19 and running into November.

Residents can look for their community seasonal flu clinic flyer in the mail starting this week or go to www.southernhealth.ca for information on the when and where of their closest clinic.

"Wherever they could possibly go, there's probably a clinic there," said Buchan, stressing they try to make the clinics as accessible as possible to all residents.

Flu shots are also available from family doctors, public health nurses, and even pharmacists.

As always, there are some people who are priorities for getting flu shots, Buchan said.

"Who we would want to make sure gets vaccinated would be the very young and those over the age of 65," she said, "and those with any chronic health conditions like asthma, heart disease, kidney disease

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The Bra Lady Is Coming To Size You Up

Are you tired of feeling saggy, lumpy, pinched or strained? Well you're not alone. As you've probably seen on Oprah or read in women's magazines, over 80 per cent of all women wear the wrong size bra.

Here's where Barb Chapman, the Bra Lady, comes in.

Due to the overwhelming response to the previous clinic, Chapman is coming to **CARMAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16** to outfit you with the best possible bra for your body. Chapman said she will be seeing clients on a one-on-one basis, explaining the benefits of good bras and measuring their bodies properly.

"Most women just want to find a good-fitting bra that's not uncomfortable," Chapman says. "What they don't realize is that a good support bra is also important for blood circulation and enhanced lymph drainage."

Chapman has over 200 bra sizes available for ordering, ranging from 30AA to 52KK. It's likely that you'll fit somewhere between those sizes.

She offers these questions for women to ask themselves:

- Do you have a drawer full of bras but none that fit comfortably?
- Does your bust line "bounce" when you walk while wearing your "everyday" bra?
- Do you overflow the cup of your bra?
- Do your bra straps dig into your shoulders leaving red and painful marks?
- Does your bra ride up in the back because you tighten the straps to give you added support?
- Have you ever begun an exercise class only to drop out because your breasts ached from lack of support while jumping or running?

If you answer yes to any of these you are in need of a new bra, and a custom one could be the way to go.

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She doesn't come into town very often so she advises booking as soon as possible. Although Chapman enjoys coming to this area, she is on the look-out for someone to train for the business.

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Imagination Library to host used book sale

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local bookworms have a brand new used book sale to shop at this fall.

The Imagination Library in Winkler has been collecting donations of used books all year long, and now they're ready to send them out into the world.

The early childhood literacy project—which sends out free books every month to the 725 registered pre-school aged children in the Winkler area—is hosting what they hope will be their first annual Recycled Book Sale Oct. 16-17 in the Winkler Elementary School gymnasium.

Organizer Wendy Wiebe says people have been very generous with their book donations, resulting in a sale that will include an estimated

10,000 or so books.

"People have been dropping off books here at the school for months," she says, noting the sale also includes about 250 boxes of books leftover from the Morden fire department's book sale last spring. "So it's going to be a pretty big sale, lots of good variety, all kinds of books. And they're all in really good shape."

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Books will be individually priced on the Friday—ranging from \$1 to \$3 or so—but on Saturday you can purchase a bag's worth of books for \$10.

In order to be able to continue sending out free books to kids, the Imagination Library relies on fundraising



The Imagination Library, which distributes free books to all registered pre-school children in the Winkler area, is holding a used book sale next week to raise funds.

to cover its costs.

That's why Wiebe is hoping to raise at least \$5,000 from the book sale, which would take a good-sized bite out of their annual fundraising goal of \$40,000.

"We are hoping this could be an annual event," she says. "We'll see how

it goes."

In addition to the thousands of books up for grabs, the sale will also include raffle items, including a children's book autographed by Imagination Library founder and country music superstar Dolly Parton, and a painting by local artist Ruth Hiebert.

> FLU SHOTS, FROM PG. 12

... anything you would see your doctor for regularly ... because all of those groups have a greater potential for being hospitalized if they get infected with flu."

Family members of such vulnerable people should also get the shot, Buchan stressed.

They encourage it as well for "people who have a lot of contact with the public. Because even though they may be perfectly healthy and can withstand a lot of illnesses ... they can still pass on the influenza virus ... even if they are just mildly ill they can pass it on to those who are more susceptible to more severe disease."

FLU SEASON HITS SOON

Flu season in North America usually starts in November and runs until April, so getting your flu shot now will protect you through the whole winter, Buchan said.

The influenza virus spreads by respiratory droplets when infected persons cough, sneeze, or even talk. It is also spread through direct contact with objects contaminated by the virus.

Influenza usually starts with the sudden onset of a headache, sore throat, and muscle aches. The onset is often abrupt enough that people can remember precisely when it started.

Most people recover from the flu in about a week, but it is much more serious than the average cold.

A cold is a mild infection caused by a variety of viruses that may last for

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A proposal has been filed by Winkler Consumers Cooperative for the construction, and operation of the Development being a bulk materials handling facility including a crop protection products warehouse, granular fertilizer and liquid fertilizer handling/distribution facility to be located at 205 Wilcocks Road in the City of Morden. The development will consist of a 9 by 18 meter crop protection chemical warehouse, 8 - 200 metric tonne dry fertilizer facility, and 4 - 94 cubic meter liquid fertilizer facility.

Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to make a representation either for or against the proposal should contact the Department, in writing or by E-mail (krystal.penner@gov.mb.ca), not later than NOVEMBER 8, 2015. Further information is available from the Public Registries located at: Legislative Library, 200 Vaughan St., Winnipeg; Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; Online Registry, <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/index.html> or by contacting Krystal Penner, Environment Officer at 204-945-7107.

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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Lowering the risks

This month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Various organizations partner at this time of year to remind Canadian women of the importance of breast cancer prevention and screening for early detection.

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation recommends regular mammogram screening for women over the age of 40. In 2011, the foundation published a study in which 1,671 Canadian women were polled about whether the risks of "false positive" results in mammograms were a deterrent to that kind of screening. About 85 percent of these women felt that organized screening for women between 40 and 49 is effective, and 87.5 percent of them felt that the benefits of early detection through mammogram outweighed the risks of a false positive result.

In addition to early detection through regular screening, clinical breast exams and self-breast exams every two to three years are recommended for women in their 20s and 30s.

There are some lifestyle related risk factors for breast cancer. These are unlike the unchangeable risk factors that women can do nothing to alter, such as genetic predisposition, dense breast tissue, and having had previous chest radiation treatments. Women can improve their chances of staying free from this disease by keeping a moderate body weight, getting plenty of physical exercise, eating a healthy diet, giving up tobacco use, and reducing alcohol consumption. Post-menopausal women considering hormone replacement therapy should discuss with their doctors the risks involved with that kind of treatment, as should women using oral contraceptives.

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Laser tag tournament looking for teams

By Ashleigh Viveiros

You've laced up your bowling shoes in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler for years—now the mentoring agency is hoping you'll be keen to arm yourself with a laser weapon for the cause.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is teaming up with Rush Laser Tag and Entertainment to host what they hope will be the first annual Big Rush for Big Brothers and Big Sisters laser tag tournament.

"It's something really unique and different for us," says Big Brothers Big Sisters executive director Michael Penner. "Rush has been very supportive of helping us raise some money for our programs ... we're really hoping this will become an annual event. We're hoping to grow it."

Rush general manager Steve Friesen says they're thrilled to be able to

team up with Big Brothers.

"It's going to a great cause," he says. The importance of the work the agency does in matching up children from single-parent homes with mentors can't be overstated, Thiessen says.

The event runs on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Rush in Winkler's Southland Mall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Penner says they're hoping to have a maximum of 20 teams of four, with each team getting at least two games in the laser tag arena. The top scoring teams will battle it out for cash prizes.

The event will also feature a few other fun activities to keep teams busy between games, including karaoke, Time Freak, air hockey, and a few other mini-competitions.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler executive director Michael Penner (left) squares off against Rush Laser Tag's Steve Friesen in the lead-up to the upcoming The Big Rush laser tag tournament.

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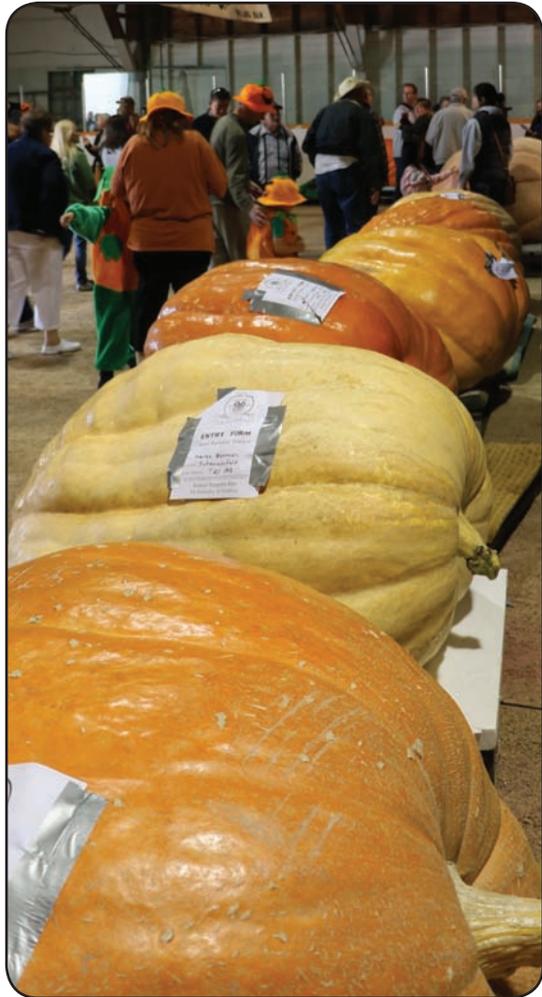
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HR 'boot camp' in Winkler Oct. 22

By Lorne Stelmach

A group of human resources professionals in the area who have been helping each other now want to also help the region's business community at large.

The Pembina Valley Human Resources Professionals are planning their first annual HR Boot Camp this month.

The Oct. 22 workshop at Winkler's Quality Inn will feature four guest speakers and is open to anyone involved in business large or small but particularly managers, supervisors, and anyone involved in human resources.

Spokesperson Michelle Sawatzky said the small group of HR professionals has been meeting for networking and professional development for about 15 years now.

Their emphasis is on networking, but they also have specific topics they discuss each time they meet.

"We talk about how each one of us are dealing with certain areas ... challenges that we face. And we kind of glean from each other's experience and knowledge."

They decided to reach out to the community to offer professional development which they think could be helpful to businesses.

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Inking of TPP a game-changer for Canada

By Harry Siemens

On Monday in Atlanta, Georgia, trade ministers from 12 countries announced the conclusion of a landmark Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement that will allow farm exports to grow substantially.

By eliminating tariffs and bringing new disciplines to non-tariff barriers like those related to biotechnology, the agreement is expected to improve the competitiveness of the Canadian farm industry.

The new trade deal is getting great responses from the

ag sectors which depend so heavily on trade of their produce to other countries.

"Gaining improved market access is crucially important for Canada's export-oriented agriculture industry," says Levi Wood, president of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers. "Allowing competitors to gain preferential access to key export markets would have been devastating for the grain, cattle and hog sectors."

The TPP deal will ensure market access for Canadian wheat, canola, barley and other crops is equal to access for Canada's main competitors in the United States and Australia.

The Wheat Growers say substantial gains are also expected for export shipments of Canadian beef and pork.

The agreement should also lead to significant improvements in market access for Canadian canola oil, malt and other processed grain products.

Expansion of the livestock sector and grain processing in western Canada is seen as vitally important in broadening market options for

prairie grain farmers and reducing our dependence on shipping raw grain by rail.

"This deal will significantly strengthen the agricultural economy in western Canada," says Wood. "We congratulate negotiators on reaching an agreement that will allow agriculture to make an even greater contribution to Canada's prosperity."

Patti Miller, president Canola Council of Canada, says eliminating tariffs on canola oil in Japan is a huge benefit to the canola industry.

"Once the agreement is fully implemented, the TPP will put us on a level playing field in one of our most valuable export markets," says Miller.

Japan is a long-standing and consistent market for canola seed, but tariffs of approximately 15 per cent have prevented oil exports. Through the TPP, the canola industry estimates that when tariffs are fully eliminated in Japan and Vietnam over five years, exports of canola oil and meal could increase by up to \$780 million per year.

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SHARE celebrates a successful harvest

Canadian Foodgrains Bank project gets final crop of soybeans off the field

By Lorne Stelmach

Local producers were wrapping up their harvest in support of the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank last weekend.

The SHARE project had one final field of soybeans to harvest last Saturday.

The crop near Thornhill was part of the 520 acres planted for donation to the CFGB, and organizers held an appreciation barbecue in conjunction with this last harvest.

It's a way of just saying thank you to the people who have helped either with seed donations or donations of land and their time, said organizer Ben Friesen.

"It's about seven or eight of us who do it together and usually try to share the work ... and make sure everybody pitches in," he said. "Our project itself has usually been about 10 per cent of the Manitoba growing projects. That's about where we're at ... and it's been fairly consistent."

Friesen said their harvest was generally looking good this year.

"It was pretty good. We had some land west of Morden where we didn't get a lot of grain off some of the land up there," he said. "Soybean yields are down a little bit, but mostly we had soybeans and we've got one field of sunflowers being harvested ... and they're doing really well. And the soybean ... we're getting an average crop. It's not a bumper, but similar to a lot of the other farmers around."

The SHARE project is among about 35 different groups throughout the province contributing 5,750 acres worth of food to the CFGB, which sells the crops and uses the funds for its projects around the world.

Harold Penner, CFGB co-ordinator for the Manitoba and northwest Ontario region, noted the size of individual projects varies, but the acreage has at least remained steady if not increased.

"We've been slowly going up every year," he said. "We tend to maybe lose a project here and there and gain another project here and there."

The Pembina Valley region, especially, has been very generous to the



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global relief agency.

"Down that southern corridor ... all along the 14 highway and continuing on to Hwy. 3 ... all the way from Rosenfeld to Boissevain ... we've got crops growing and get good support," Penner said. "It's an exciting time of year ... to see all these crops coming in."

Penner said they are generally

pleased with how the crops turned out this summer, though it hasn't all been outstanding.

"We've had a mixed bag ... as we normally would expect across the country," he said. "We've had some crops that have been a little disappointing, that haven't done very well. We've had some excellent crops ... and we still have quite a few acres out there

waiting to be harvested."

He said they remain ever optimistic, as "farmers are always hopeful."

Penner added it is always encouraging to see the ongoing commitment and support from farmers across the nation.

"That's what keeps a person going ... is all these different groups of people who share the views that we have that this world shouldn't have hungry people," he said. "And by all working together, we can make a difference."

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger.

Through the commitment of projects like SHARE, they are supporting international programs to meet immediate food needs, reduce malnutrition, and achieve sustainable food security.

Programs provide food in times of crisis for hungry people in the developing world, help people grow more food to better feed themselves and their families, and provide nutritional support to malnourished people with a particular focus on pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and young children.

In 2014-2015, the organization helped 1.1 million people in 39 countries.

WSD reports four per cent increase in enrolment

Student population up at three of Morden's four schools

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's schools had about a four per cent increase in enrolment for the start of classes this past month.

The enrolment numbers are still preliminary, as it is the student population as of Sept. 30 that is used to determine provincial education support funding for the next school year.

Western School Division superintendent Stephen Ross, however, presented preliminary numbers at the Sept. 28 school board meeting, sharing that total enrolment was up 64 students to 1,735 from 1,671 a year earlier.

Morden Collegiate's student population increased from 514 to 530 students, École Morden Middle School had a slight decrease from 506 to 502, Maple Leaf School increased

from 414 to 432, and Minnewasta School increased from 237 to 271.

Ross stressed those numbers would change yet in the months ahead, but the general trend of rising enrolment is a good one for the division, though Western is cramped for space with about a dozen portable classroom huts already in place among the four schools.

"That's a great problem to have," commented Ross, adding that "every sign says that we're getting more kids."

The division remains hopeful that provincial approval will be coming for a new school for the division to relieve the enrolment pressure.

Other items that came up before the board of trustees last week:

- Some Morden students were invited to take part in a special workshop that focussed on issues related

to newcomers in our schools.

It was estimated up to 60 or 70 students could be taking part in the Oct. 2 session.

Trustees were told the aim was to give participants some greater awareness of the experiences of newcomers and the challenges they face with a report to be compiled from the event.

- A smaller group of local students may also be participating in a special session of the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The session aimed at increasing awareness is planned for early November in Winnipeg.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established to contribute to healing between aboriginal and non-aboriginal Canadians, particularly those affected by the former residential school system.

PTM wraps up busy summer season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum wrapped up another successful season of bringing history to life last week.

The Hwy. 3 heritage village closed up shop for the winter on Sept. 30.

General manager Kim Striemer is still crunching the attendance numbers for the summer, but says they were pleased to see countless first time visitors alongside all the many returning visitors this season.

"This year there's been a lot of first-timers, which is really exciting to us because obviously word is getting out," she said, noting the museum has seen an increase in interest since it started using social media more heavily to reach out to supporters. "Facebook is really helping a lot ... some of our posts go all over the world and have thousands of views."

Both Heritage Day in June and Reunion Days in September pulled in huge crowds at either end of the season, but attendance was also consistent at the other special events, in-

cluding the Pioneer Days sprinkled throughout the summer.

Also well-received were new additions to the PTM's activity line-up, including a second scavenger hunt as well as a History Walk designed to take visitors all over the grounds.

The museum also got the chance to cut the ribbon on its village's newest addition with the opening of the Elias grain elevator this fall, Striemer noted.

SAVING THE BRAUN HOUSE

PTM supporters certainly got behind the Save the Braun House campaign this summer.

The 1885 heritage building requires a move to a new foundation to replace the century-old rotting timbers it currently sits on.

Just over \$14,500 was collected for the \$25,000 project, in part through people making donations to sponsor individual logs, windows, doors, and foundation corners for the house.

"We've already sold all the windows," Striemer said, noting there's



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum received a number of donations towards its Save the Braun House campaign this summer, including a \$50 donation from the family of Mataya Gerbrandt, shown above presenting it to PTM manager Kim Striemer last month.

still plenty of pieces of the house to support if someone would like to have their family recognized on the donor plaque when the house reopens in its new location a few feet away from the old.

The home's new timbers came in just a few weeks ago, and the plan is to get to work on moving the building in the off-season.

"We're hopeful that it will happen

this fall ... so that next year we can get the flooring in and then get everything back in there," Striemer said.

For more information on supporting the project, go to www.threshermens-museum.com.

That website is also the place to go to keep on top of PTM's off-season happenings, including the hugely popular Fish Fry suppers, the first of which will be held on Nov. 27.

NDP fails to keep budget promises: Friesen

By Lorne Stelmach

With provincial officials touring the province to gather public input for the next Manitoba budget, financial figures show the government falling further behind.

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen commented last week that it all simply reinforces that "the NDP just cannot manage the finances of the province of Manitoba."

The release of the Manitoba Public Accounts showed the NDP government spent \$204 million more than they had budgeted for in 2014/15.

Because of this, the deficit is now \$100 million larger than what had been presented in the last budget.

"And if it wasn't for a strong year for several Crown corporations, the deficit would be much worse," noted Friesen, who

serves as finance critic for the Conservative Opposition. "The NDP received \$207 million more from Crown corporations than they budgeted for. Without that windfall, the deficit would be almost \$700 million."

Friesen stressed that NDP Finance Minister Greg Dewar had stated their goal was to return to surplus in 2016-2017 by controlling expenditures.

He noted that provincial revenues

> BOOT CAMP, FROM PG. 21

"We want to share some of the knowledge and resources with all of the businesses in the Pembina Valley," said Sawatzky. "This is new for our group, but it's something we want to do on an annual basis ... to be a resource to the community."

Harv Giesbrecht, a retired educator, will address engaging young workers, while another presentation will feature health and wellness expert Karley Middleton.

Dave Kramer of Safe Work Manitoba

were up about a half billion dollars, but the NDP still made no decisions to curtail its spending as promised

"So revenue is up ... but the spending was up the same, so they're left with the same structural ... almost half a billion dollar deficit," Friesen said. "So how could the NDP possibly now get into balance by 2016-17? It cannot happen."

Friesen further noted Manitoba re-

ceived its first credit downgrade in 30 years this spring, and it is now ninth among all provinces in terms of business confidence.

To make matters worse, Friesen said the release of the public accounts only came at the last possible day as required by law. By comparison, he points out, Saskatchewan released

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will speak on changes to workplace, safety and health programs, and employment lawyer Scott Hoepfner will focus on severance and accommodation in the workplace.

The day kicks off with a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by the workshop from 8 a.m. to noon with an optional networking lunch to follow. The cost is \$75 with a registration deadline of Oct. 20.

You can go online to www.hrman.org/event/HRBootCamp, e-mail

msawatzky@winklercoop.com or call 204 362-0885 to register or get more information.

Sawatzky said they hope any business could take away something beneficial from the workshop.

"Hopefully, we can help them become better businesses in the area of HR. They can maybe apply one little thing to their business to make a difference for their employees."

arts & culture

Youth choir tours the region Oct. 15-19

Finest high school choralists to perform as the 2015 Central Manitoba Youth Choir

Fifty of the finest young singers in our region are coming to a venue near you next week.

The Central Manitoba Youth Choir tours the region Oct. 15-19.

This year's choir includes numerous high school choralists from the Winkler-Morden area, who will rehearse intensively for two weekends before embarking on a 14-stop performance schedule.

The CMYC is an annual project of

the Central Manitoba Choral Association, sponsored by Peak of the Market and the Foundation for Choral Music in Manitoba.

This year's choir is conducted by Winnipegger Rob Monson and accompanied by Altona's Loren Hiebert.

The public is invited to attend the free concerts to hear these talented young singers showcase their skills.

Performance locations and times for



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Winkler/Plum Coulee/Reinfeld students on this year's CMYC include (back row, from left) Andrew Funk, Lance Friesen, Jayden Wall, Sarah-Lynn Bergen, Hannah Drudge, (middle row) Lydia Klassen, Zac Froese, Griffin Kehler, Mykayla Klassen, Amy Dyck, (front row) Amanda Rempel, Alexandria Klassen, Reinhart Blignaut, and Alyssa Unrau.

this year's tour include:

- Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morden Mennonite Church, (special guests at the CMCA Senior Choral Workshop).

- Friday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. at Baldur School, 3 p.m. at Prairie View Lodge in Pilot Mound, and at 7:30 p.m. at the Manitou Opera House.

Morden area teens that made the choir's cut included (back row, from left) Rylan McCallum, Amber Bezte, Tulsa LaBonte, (front row) Austin Penner, Colton Giesbrecht, Finley Wheeler, Emily Ward, and Jocelyn Penner.

- Saturday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Carman Active Living Centre, at 1:30 p.m. at Horizon Colony in Lowe Farm, 4 p.m. at the Altona Mennonite Church, and at 7:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler.

- Sunday, Oct. 18, at 10:45 a.m. at the Morris Fellowship Chapel, 3 p.m. at the St. Francois Xavier Roman Catholic Church, and 7:30 p.m. at Gladstone Christian Fellowship.

- Monday, Oct. 19, at 9:30 a.m. at La Verendrye School in Portage La Prairie, 1 p.m. at Elm Creek School, and 4 p.m. at the J. A. Cuddy School in Sanford (special guests at the CMCA Junior Choral Workshop).



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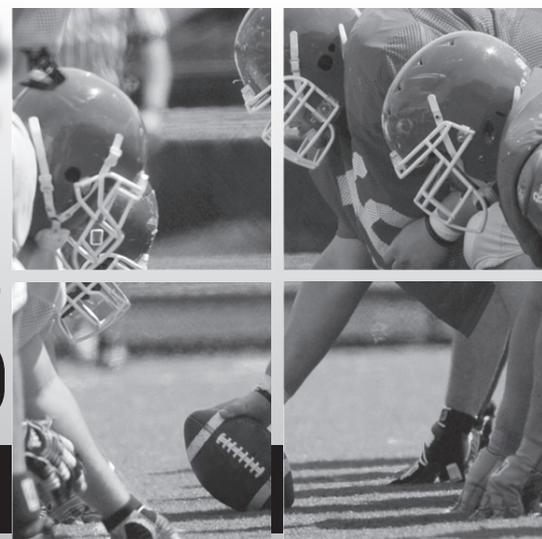
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Hawks goaltender Halle Oswald stretch to cover the net isn't quite enough for the accurate breakaway shot of the Avros' Ainsley Dubowec early in the first period on Saturday. It was the only goal Oswald would allow in regular time and she went on to stop three of four shoot-out attempts to give the Hawks the victory 2-1.

PHOTO
BY RICK
HIEBERT



Hawks fall to Capitals, bounce back to beat Avros

By Lorne Stelmach

They needed a shootout to do it, but the Pembina Valley Hawks connected for their first win of the Manitoba AAA Female Midget Hockey League season last Saturday.

Goaltender Halle Oswald stopped all three Winnipeg Avros shooters to give the Hawks the 2-1 win over Winnipeg.

Katelyn Heppner came in from the far side of the ice and then used a quick backhand-to-forehand move to score the winning goal on the second of the three Hawks shot attempts.

Earlier that night, Sage McElroy-Scott picked up a loose puck in the Winnipeg end and slid it home with 7:55 left in the third period to tie it at 1-1 and send the game into overtime.

Oswald was called on to make 18 saves as Pembina Valley outshot Win-

nipeg 34-19.

The win came on the heels of a frustrating loss the night before, where the Hawks gave up two second period goals to fall 3-2 in their home opener against the Central Plains Capitals.

They had jumped out to a 2-1 first period lead on goals by Makenzie McCallum and McElroy-Scott.

Alyssa Alderson fed McCallum for the rookie's first regular season goal at the 4:20 mark in the first.

Later that period, McElroy-Scott took a pass from Brooklyn Major, who dove at her blue line to chip it over the Caps defender and then skated in uncontested, roofing a shot high glove side.

Taylor Reimer put in a solid effort in net but took the loss in stopping 29 of 32 shots on goal. McKenna Wild was one better in net for the Capitals, stopping 30 of 32 shots by the Hawks.

Coming up, the ladies host their

home tournament this weekend in Morden. It kicks off Friday with games against Interlake at 4:30 p.m. and Norman at 8:30 p.m., and then Central Plains at 11:30 a.m. Saturday and Shaftesbury at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Pembina Valley returns to league play next weekend when they meet the Yellowhead Chiefs in Shoal Lake Oct. 17 and then host the Eastman Selects Oct. 18.

Male Hawks 1-2 over the weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

A three game weekend to open their Manitoba AAA Male Midget Hockey League season ended on a positive note for the Pembina Valley Hawks.

Undisciplined play contributed to a pair of losses Friday and Saturday, but they tightened up their game Sunday to pick up their first win.

Coach Gerry Leiding said their emotions were high and their self control

a little bit low in a 2-1 loss Friday to the Interlake Lightning and then a 6-2 defeat at the hands of the Central Plains Capitals Saturday.

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Ladies hit the mat

Canadian Wrestling's Elite brought its Girls, Girls, Girl's tour to the Access Event Centre in Morden last Saturday night. The event put women centre stage in the wrestling ring, featuring eight female wrestlers and five matches, with a few male wrestlers performing as well. At left: In an out of control feature tag team match, AJA Perera and Sahara Se7en team up against Bambi. Below: Kat von Heez puts "The Rebel" Bobby Collins in a choke hold after being taunted into a match by his chauvinistic comments.

PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT



Winkler Flyers get streak going with third win

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers made it three in a row Saturday afternoon in Winnipeg by blanking the Neepawa Natives 6-0.

It was the team's second win of the MJHL Showcase weekend, which they kicked off by downing the Dauphin Kings 3-0 on Friday.

That game saw goals coming from Jordan Williamson, Coltyn Bates, and Jeff Michiels before the end of the second frame, with Ryan Larochelle acting like a wall in net, turning away all 23 shots he faced as Winkler outshot the Kings 28-23.

Saturday's game was more of the same, with Larochelle once again turning away all comers—this time the shot count was 41-19 in the Flyers' favour—and goals coming from Thomas Mansbridge and Michiels in the first, Zak Hicks, Williamson, and Bates in the second, and Michiels once again in the final period.

Having also defeated the Winnipeg Blues 3-2 earlier in the week, on Sept. 29, the Flyers find themselves with a solid 4-1 record so far in the regular season, giving

them eight points and tying them for first place with the Portage Terriers. Nipping at their heels are the Winnipeg Blues, who are 3-1-1 for the season thus far and have seven points.

> HAWKS, FROM PG. 27

"The first two games we spent a lot of time in the penalty box. We corrected it on Sunday and were rewarded with the win," said Leiding.

He said the Hawks got solid goaltending through the three games as they improved Sunday for a 3-2 win over the Kenora Thistles.

"In all zones, we need to get better," said Leiding. "We got into penalty trouble in the first two games because we couldn't control our emotions. But it shows me we've got a room full of guys who care ... and that's what we want."

In Friday's loss to Interlake, Pembina Valley netminder Aaron Brunn kept the Hawks in the game as they were outshot 42-25, including facing 16 in the first period alone.

This week, the Flyers hosted the Pistons on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Winkler's schedule coming up includes a trio of home games against

the Winnipeg Blues on Friday and the OCN Blizzard on Sunday and next Tuesday.

Garrett Szeremley gave the Hawks a 1-0 lead in the second on an assist from Nikko Morin at 4:56. The Lightning tied it up at 1:11 into the third and then won it one minute into overtime.

Both teams took 32 minutes in penalties, but each went 0 for 8 on powerplays.

On Saturday, the Hawks gave up three unanswered third period goals after having trailed 2-1 and 3-2 at the intermissions against Central Plains.

Szeremley scored both goals for Pembina Valley, as the special teams play did in the Hawks this night in giving up a pair of powerplay goals and a shorthanded marker. The Hawks again went 0 for 8 on powerplays.

The Capitals outshot the Hawks 36-21, with Brunn again tending net for Pembina Valley.

On Sunday, Samuel Krushel scored the winner at 1:57 of overtime to give the Hawks their 3-2 win over Kenora.

Daniel Nychuk and Nicholas Hatley also scored for Pembina Valley, which generated more of an attack in this game with the Hawks outshooting Kenora 41-28. Brunn manned the net for a third straight game, picking up his first win with 26 saves.

Pembina Valley was hoping to build on that first victory this week, which started with them meeting the Wild in Winnipeg Wednesday. They then host Interlake in Morden Saturday before visiting Eastman in Beausejour Sunday afternoon.

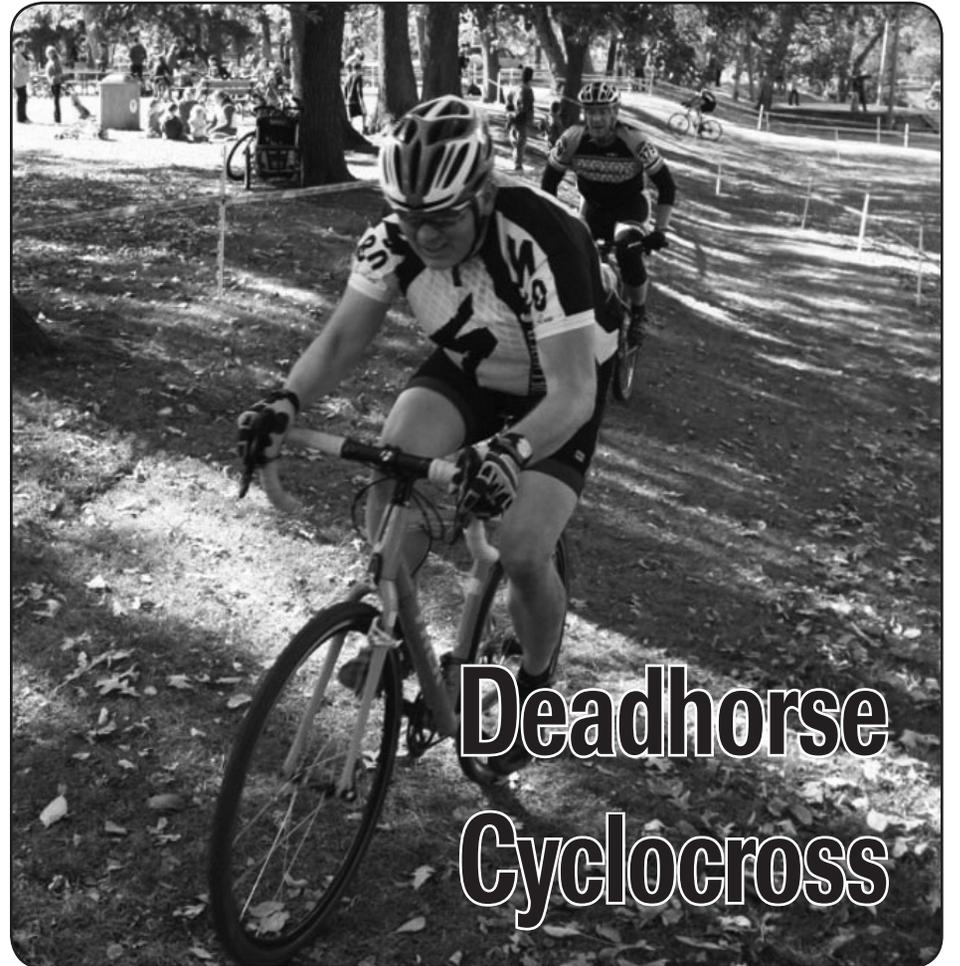
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Morden Park was the setting Saturday for the annual Deadhorse Cyclocross. Sponsored by Winkler's Country Cycle, there was racing throughout the day for racers of all skill levels and ages. The course was about 3 km in length throughout the park including pavement, grass, and loose sand with a combination of rolling and flat sections, requiring bikers to ride and haul their bikes over the varying terrain.



Twisters fall to Victorias, trounce Railer Express

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters suffered their second overtime loss of the season but remain unbeaten in regulation through six games in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

The Twisters rebounded from a 4-3 overtime loss Friday to St. Vital with an 8-5 romp Sunday over the Transcona Railer Express.

The results left Pembina Valley clinging on to first place at 4-0-2 with 10 points—just one up on the 4-0-1 Stonewall Jets.

Fraser Mirrlees scored two goals—his fifth and sixth of the season—Friday night for the Twisters. Jordan Ivanyshyn scored his second of the game 47 seconds into the extra period to give the Victorias a 4-3 victory.

James Van Der Velde also scored for Pembina Valley, as the teams exchanged goals through the three periods of regulation play.

Gavin Klassen had a solid night in net for the Twisters making 45 saves as his team was outshot 49-42. Each team took five penalties but failed to connect on their powerplays chances.

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Zone soccer season winds down

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Zone 4 high school soccer season wound down last week, with playoffs slated to start earlier this week.

In the final regular season games of the year, the GVC Zodiacs varsity boys and girls teams went head-to-head against the Morden Thunder on Sept. 30 in Winkler.

The GVC boys walked away with a 3-1 victory, while the Thunder girls beat the Zodiacs 4-0. The Zodiac boys team also beat the Carman Cougars 10-2 on Oct. 1, while the girls won their match against Carman 6-1. The ladies went on to face Northlands Parkway Collegiate Tuesday in the semi-finals. Results were not available at press time.

Morden's boys also went up against the Raiders on Oct. 1, winning 3-2. The team went on to win against the Coyotes on Monday 7-1 in the Zone quarter-final to qualify to play the Zodiacs on Tuesday.

The Thunder girls, meanwhile, were slated to play the Aces in the playoffs on Tuesday.

NPC's male Nighthawks tied the Blues 2-2 on Oct. 1, while the

ladies won their final game of the season 2-0 that same night, moving on to win to the Sabres 3-0 in the quarterfinals on Monday night.

In high school volleyball, the NPC boys varsity team fell to the visiting Lancers in three straight sets on

Sept. 30 and then to the Sabres 1-3 on Monday.

The female Nighthawks beat the Lancers 3-1 and then lost to the Sabres one set to three, as well.

Both GVC teams beat the visiting Sabres 3-0 on Oct. 1.



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The Morden Thunder varsity girls team hosted and defeated the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs on Sept 30 by a score of 4-0.

Agriculture

Cattle and pork sectors react to TPP agreement

By Harry Siemens

Canada's cattle and pork sectors are celebrating today in the wake of the inking of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement.

The agreement was reached in Atlanta on Monday, and the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA), for one, was quick to express its support.

CCA president Dave Solverson called the agreement a game-changer for Canada's beef industry and Canadian agriculture as a whole.

"This is really fantastic news for Canada's beef producers," he says. "Canada's beef producers have long needed to have equal access to these important markets to compete with Australian and U.S. beef. Now, through this agreement, Canada will receive the same preferential access to these markets as its competitors, leveling the playing field for Canadian beef producers once and for all."

CCA vice-president Dan Darling says it was a major priority for Canadian beef producers to ensure that the TPP would result in a level playing field for all beef competitors in the TPP's 12 participating countries.

"I am pleased to say we have achieved that," he says. "The TPP agreement ensures Canadian beef producers will enjoy significantly improved access to Japan and other growing markets in Asia."

Canada already has duty-free access for beef with many of the countries that are part of the TPP, including the U.S. and Mexico.

Darling says now the TPP will gradually reduce a 38.5 per cent tariff on Canadian beef in Japan down to nine per cent in 15 years, including an immediate cut to 27.5 per cent on day one of the agreement coming into force that will restore Canada's competitive position with Australian beef.

Under the deal, Canada could double or triple its annual beef exports to Japan to nearly \$300 million.

Other wins for Canadian beef producers in the TPP include achieving elimination of beef tariffs in Vietnam and Malaysia, two countries that have not traditionally been significant beef consumers but have been identified as potentially important

markets in the future as their level of economic development increases.

The TPP also addresses the exclusion of some beef access from previous agreements with Peru and Chile.

Speaking from the pork sector, Ray Price, president of Sunterra Farms, says participation in the TPP offers a tremendous opportunity.

Price says if Canada had ended up outside the agreement, the pork industry would lose market share and it would devastate the markets his company has developed over the past 23 years.

Japan has a very complicated import regime, he notes.

"They do import billions of dollars worth of pork every year but it's under a regime that is difficult to navigate and also is expensive to navigate," says Price. "Some of the other countries, I think Australia and New Zealand in particular, have been importing Canadian pork, but there are some challenges there that we'd like to see improved market access to."

He thinks the experience as an industry in Korea is one that, when Canada pork fell behind other trad-

ing partners like the U.S. and Chile, certainly Canada's market share dropped dramatically.

He hates to think what it would have been like to be on the outside looking in, instead of being on the inside of the largest trading block in the world.

"Certainly within the pig side of it or the pork side, it could take a billion dollars off the sales that we would have or conversely add a billion so it's a huge factor in terms of viability of Canadian operations," he says.



> HARRY SIEMENS

Negotiators in Atlanta this week inked the big trade deal, Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), involving 12 countries including Canada, but not China.

This is a done deal, except for one big caveat: participating countries must now take it home and have their governments ratify it.

They must do so amidst screaming from all sides, including people who love it and those who hate it.

Many say they don't support it because the negotiators did it behind closed doors.

Then there are those who say it will be months before any copies become available, and my question then is who will actually read it?

Producers were certainly active on social media on Monday as news about TPP broke.

Stuart Somerville from Alberta says all one can say is this: it will be very good for some and very bad for others, but it's overall impact will remain to be seen.

"Until we have more details, the

TPP very nearly a done deal

worst thing to do is crow at one another over #TPP. Only time will tell the real impact," says Somerville.

David Wiens, a dairy farmer from Grunthal, chair of Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, and vice-chair of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, sent me this brief comment:

"It is our understanding the federal government granted 3.25 per cent access of Canada's 2016 production to secure a TPP agreement. This milk will be forever displaced and the revenue from that will be lost. We would have preferred no access given, however we realize Canada was under tremendous pressure. We understand there will be mitigation measures and a fair compensation package to minimize impact of this deal."

Wiens says, "We have come a long way from the threat of eliminating supply management. The government does understand the importance of SM to the economy and particularly rural Canada."

The Dairy Farmers of Canada will continue to work to preserve a strong and viable dairy industry in Canada and know that Canadians value Canadian dairy products and thank them for their support.

I agree with Donald Lepp of Winnipeg who says a very pragmatic response from Dairy Farmers of Manitoba. You have to give to get.

Hopefully, this will stop some of the debate surrounding the supply management issues and how it keeps Canada from participating at the big table of trade. For some it won't, I know, but for now the feds can participate in the TPP without scuttling the mil and poultry sectors. To me, that is a good thing.

I asked our Ag Minister Gerry Ritz how were they able to stay in the agreement without giving up on supply management? He says it took tough negotiators to stick it out and make the right concessions.

Of course there are those who think and say as one person did: "We need to ensure debate is focused on ensuring workers' rights, environment, and consumers are protected."

The NDP leader says if they form the next government they won't be held to this deal.

One headline says Harper hails 'tremendous' TPP deal; Trudeau reserves judgment.

Trudeau during campaign stops said his party will have to look at the details of the agreement, but stressed that Liberals have always been a "pro-trade party."

So, what do you think? Me thinks the Conservatives did okay on this one as it pertains to the election outcome because Trudeau says trade is



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RBC supports United Way

The Winkler and District United received a boost for its 2015 campaign from the RBC Foundation. On hand for the presentation of the \$1,000 donation were (from left) Svetlana Nickel, Sylvia Sanjenko, Tyler Schroeder, Kevin Hamblin, Jean Guy Fillion, and Lori Penner of the United Way and RBC branch manager Brad Poole. "The United Way ... is an organization we've supported for several years now," Poole said. "Knowing the work that United Way does with their member agencies in the community, it's one we're very pleased to support."

New manager for MSTW Planning District

By Lorne Stelmach

Managing the organization that oversees construction and development in the region is a complex job.

The responsibilities are numerous: managing relationships with municipal partners, inspecting to fire code, managing the development plan for local governments, and providing training and education to local contractors, to scratch just the surface.

It's a challenging position,

for sure, but one that Glen Wieler is ready to tackle.

"I have lots to learn," Wieler said last week as he prepared to step into the role of MSTW manager starting Oct. 19. "This is a huge step ... a huge change in my life."

Wieler comes to the role with experience working in a senior leadership role with Berdick Windows and Doors in Winkler.

"I know a lot of the contractors through my current position. And I know the code as it applies to windows and doors," he noted. "Hopefully I can take those skills and that knowledge into this new position."

MSTW board chair Henry Siemens said they feel Wieler will bring strong

management experience to the job as well as a good knowledge and understanding of the southern Manitoba construction industry.

"What we wanted to do was to make sure we brought in a strong manager and a good leader," said Siemens, who serves as Winkler city council's representative on the MSTW board. "We needed someone who would be able to bring to the table all the divergent things that MSTW has to do."

"It's a tough job to fill," he added, noting they had advertised the manager position for a second time before finding the right candidate. "Glen quickly showed what he could bring to the relationship side of it ... that he could help us in those relational

"HOPEFULLY I CAN TAKE THOSE SKILLS AND THAT KNOWLEDGE INTO THIS NEW POSITION."

things we have to do ... [and] he certainly understands how codes come into play and the work that needs to be done to make sure that you're code compliant."



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Glen Wieler has been hired as the MSTW Planning District's new manager.

Get your ticket for a 'Redneck Thanksgiving'

Central Station is holding a hoe-down of sorts next week.

The Winkler community centre takes over the Winkler Bible Camp's barn on Saturday, Oct. 17 for a Redneck Thanksgiving fundraising dinner.

"We were looking to do something a little different," says executive director Lavonne Kroeker, who notes funds from the evening's ticket sales will go towards funding the centre's variety of programs and resource services.

The evening gets underway at 6:30 p.m. and will include a Thanksgiving supper with all the fixings, live music from local band Special Blend, and a few secret fun redneck-themed activities.

Guests are encouraged to come decked out in their best flannel shirt, Kroeker says. Cowboy hat and boots are optional.

Tickets—which are limited to just 150 in all—are going fast and can be reserved for \$75 each by calling 204-325-0257.

> TWISTERS, FROM PG. 29

On Sunday, the Twisters put the game away with three goals in the third period after having been tied 2-2 and 5-5 at the intermissions.

Matt Mazinke had his first two goals of the season as part of a five point night to help lead the Twisters to their win. Paul Remillard also had a pair of goals and a three point night, with other goals coming from Mirrlees, Tyler Penner, Bryce Dusik and Alex Tetrault, who also chipped in a pair of

assists.

Klassen made 10 saves after coming in midway through the second period to relieve Morgan Wall, who had allowed five goals on 20 shots. The Twisters overall outshot Transcona 52-35.

It will be a battle for first place Friday when the Twisters visit the Jets in Stonewall. Pembina Valley then returns home to play the Charleswood Hawks on Saturday.

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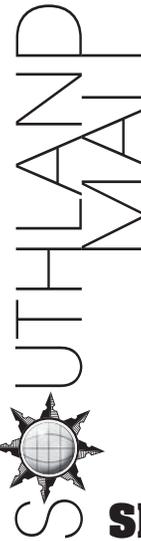
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NOTICES

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND - PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2016 ASSESSMENT ROLL

Public notice is hereby given that the 2016 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Roland has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 45 3rd Street, Roland, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. That any person, who believes that an assessment ought to be revised, may make application in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

"42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

"43(1) An application for revision must

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

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice."

The Board of Revision for the RM of Roland will sit on **Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 10:00 am** in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Roland to hear applications.

The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **October 26, 2015.**

Dated this 24th day of September, 2015.

Kristin Olson, Secretary
Board of Revision
Rural Municipality of Roland
45 3rd St.
Box 119, Roland, MB R0G 1T0



NOTICES

CITY OF WINKLER PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2016 assessment roll for the City of Winkler has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

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- be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler MB., or by servicing it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, November 5th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the City of Winkler to hear applications. The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **Tuesday, October 20th, 2015.**

Dated this 1st day of October, 2015.

Dave Burgess, Secretary
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UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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:

THE CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 16-2015

Being a By-Law of the

City of Morden to close a Public Road.

HEARING: Morden Civic Centre

LOCATION: 195 Stephen St., Morden, MB

DATE & TIME: Monday, October 26, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

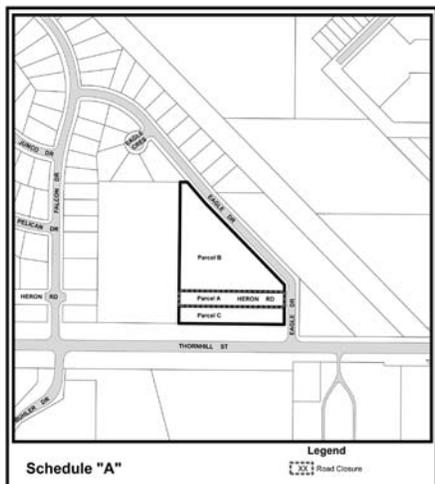
TO: Close a municipal road described as a portion of Heron Road

AREA: Portion of Heron Road as outlined in Schedule "A"

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Martin Sandhurst, City Planner
 133 7th Street, Morden, MB. R6M 1V3
 Phone: (204) 822-4434

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



TENDER

FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER - 25 QUARTER SECTIONS* IN MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE AND MUNICIPALITY OF PEMBINA ESTATE OF LATE ROBERT EDWARD ALVIN FINDLAY

Sealed tenders in writing will be received for the purchase of the following property:

Parcel 1:	NW 13-01-09 W	155 ac. pasture, creek and bush, 5 ac. cultivated
Parcel 2:	NE 13-01-09 W	60 ac. cultivated, 100 ac. bush pasture
Parcel 3:	NE 14-01-09 W	135 ac. cultivated, 25 ac. bush pasture
Parcel 4:	SW 23-01-09 W	140 ac. cultivated, 20 ac. bush pasture
Parcel 5:	SE 23-01-09 W	120 ac. cultivated, 40 ac. bush pasture
Parcel 6:	NW 24-01-09 W	143 ac. cultivated, 17 ac. bush and river
Parcel 7:	SW 24-01-09 W	100 ac. cultivated, 60 ac. bush pasture
Parcel 8:	NW 22-01-10 W	155 ac. cultivated, 5 ac. runway
Parcel 9:	SW 22-01-10 W	160 ac. cultivated
Parcel 10:	NW 23-01-10 W	145 ac. cultivated, 15 ac. slough
Parcel 11:	SW 23-01-10 W	141.44 ac. cultivated
Parcel 12:	SE 23-01-10 W	140 ac. cultivated, 20 ac. bush
Parcel 13:	NW 26-01-10 W	80 ac. cultivated, 2 x 50,000 bu. and 2 x 75,000 bu. Westeel bins with floor air and augers, 100 x 50 floor heated machine shed/workshop, 300 x 32 x 19 loose housing with lean-tos, 54 x 36 machine shed, 1 1/2 storey 4 bdrm, 2 bath, house
Parcel 14:	SW 26-01-10 W	150 ac. cultivated, 10 ac. slough
Parcel 15:	NW 27-01-10 W	87 ac. cultivated, 73 ac. slough
Parcel 16:	SW 27-01-10 W	120 ac. cultivated, 40 ac. slough
Parcel 17:	NE 27-01-10 W	98 ac. cultivated, 62 ac. slough, loose housing, shed
Parcel 18:	SE 27-01-10 W	150 ac. cultivated, 9 ac. Star Mound hill top
Parcel 19:	NW 28-01-10 W	140 ac. cultivated, 20 ac. slough
Parcel 20:	NE 28-01-10 W	97 ac. cultivated, 63 ac. slough & grass, water way
Parcel 21:	SW 28-01-10 W	128 ac. cultivated, 32 ac. slough
Parcel 22:	SE 28-01-10 W	155 ac. cultivated, 5 ac. slough
Parcel 23:	NW 02-02-10W	157 ac. cultivated, 3 ac. slough
Parcel 24:	NE 02-02-10 W	160 ac. cultivated
Parcel 25:	SE 02-02-10 W	160 ac. cultivated

*TOTAL ACRES: 3,981.44

Terms and Conditions of Tender and Sale:

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection of the property.
- Each tender must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 deposit cheque payable to Treble Law Office Trust. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
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- If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by December 1, 2015, or other satisfactory arrangements are not in place, the deposit shall be forfeited to the vendor as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
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Please submit tenders to Treble Law Office, 115 Broadway Street, Box 10, Crystal City, Manitoba R0K 0N0 before 4:00 p.m. October 30, 2015.

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Anne Thiessen
October 10, 2010

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OBITUARY



Agatha Klassen (nee Wall)

November 10, 1922

- September 21, 2015

Agatha Klassen aged 92, of Winkler passed away Monday, September 21, 2015. She is survived by six sons, five daughters, one daughter-in-law and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Jacob D Klassen, one son, two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

The funeral service was held Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church.

Many thanks go out to Dr. Basson and staff at Salem Home, Carman Hospital, BTHC staff, Wiebe Funeral Home.

Thank you for all the visits, prayers, flowers, food and love shown to all of us. God bless you. The Klassen Family.

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OBITUARY



Jane Janzen (nee Striemer)

Blanche Sara Jane Janzen, aged 68, of Altona, Manitoba passed away peacefully at the Boundary Trails Health Centre on September 25, 2015.

Born February 13, 1947, in Altona, she was a proud wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Jane will be joining her husband Jake Janzen, who predeceased her on February 5, 2004. She was also predeceased by her parents, one sister and one brother.

Surviving Jane are daughter Vicki (Dave) Thiessen, son Cameron (Sheila) Janzen, daughters Connie (Ralph) Underwood, and Patti Janzen, as well as 13 grandchildren and their families, and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, one sister-in-law, and countless nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Rudnerweide Sommerfeld Mennonite Church on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, with Bishop Art Wiebe officiating. Interment followed at the Altona Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank all of the Doctors involved in moms care. A special thanks to Dr. Woelk and the staff at the Boundary Trails Health Centre. Thank-you as well to all those involved with the funeral.

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