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Winkler Fire & Rescue hosted its annual Fire Prevention Week open house Oct. 10 at the Pembina Ave. fire hall. The evening included tours, educational displays, and a mock rescue demonstration (above) that saw firefighters use the Jaws of Life to pry open a crushed car. For more photos, check out Pg. 12.

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# Winkler United Way taking year off to restructure

#### By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District United Way is taking a breather this year.

After losing nearly its entire board of directors over the past few months, the agency was unable to organize what would have been its 51st campaign this fall.

But they'll be back with a new board and some fresh ideas next year, says returning board member Steven Sukkau.

"We've been going through a transition the last couple of years," he said, explaining that many of their former board members and key volunteers had served for years decades, in some cases—and were ready to move on to new opportunities.

But no one stepped up to replace them. As a result, the work normally spread out amongst several people fell on the shoulders of just a handful last year, creating an untenable situation.

"We either needed some more people or we would have to quietly shut our doors," Sukkau said. "Which, as a number of non-profits have indicated to me ... they'd be really sad to see that happen. Many organizations have really come to rely on the Unit-



ed Way each year."

The campaign raises upwards of \$125,000 annually, which is distributed to dozens of non-profit groups operating in the Winkler area.

Every penny donated goes to charity, as the United Way's operating costs are covered by a provincial grant, Sukkau noted.

The agency is also unique, he added, in that it's one of the few granting organizations that allows non-profits to use the money to pay for operating expenses such as staff salaries. Grants from other sources often stipulate donations must be used for equipment or programming.

These are all reasons why keeping the United Way alive in Winkler is so important, Sukkau said, but they don't change the fact that without volunteer board members it's impossible to get a campaign going.

In a last-ditch effort to save the

agency, an information luncheon was held last week in the hopes of attracting new board members.

Several people in attendance did step up to form a board, though there is room for a few more.

Board members are asked to meet regularly throughout the year, especially as the fall campaign nears.

The plan is to move away from the

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Shoppers Drug Mart staff joined Eden Foundation's Earl Reimer (far left) to kick off the Shoppers Love You campaign, which is collecting donations for local mental health programming.

## Where Did the Elephant Get Its Trunk?

from Creation Moments Radio Program

#### Genesis 1:24

"And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so."



On a previous Creation Moments program, we told you about the elephant's trunk with its 40,000 muscles. This is 70 times the number of muscles in your entire body! And that amazing trunk can bulldoze a tree or pick up a pin. But why does an elephant have a trunk in

the first place? For the answer to that question, we looked in a very old book called Natural Theology. It was written by William Paley in 1802. Yes, that's the same William Paley who came up with the famous analogy of a person who finds a watch and deduces that the watch must have had a watchmaker.

According to Paley, "The short unbending neck of the elephant is compensated by the length and flexibility of his proboscis," or trunk. "He could not have reached the ground without it." In other words, the elephant needed such a trunk to reach food and water. But, then, a person could ask why does the elephant have such a short and unbending neck? Paley answers that he needed such a neck to support such a heavy head!

Obviously, the elephant was given its trunk by a very wise Creator. As Paley so well pointed out, if the elephant had waited millions of years for his trunk to grow, "how was the animal to subsist in the meantime... until the prolongation of its snout was completed?" It is a question that evolutionists today are still unable to answer.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank You that even the elephant's trunk provides a witness to Your hand in creation! In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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# **Shoppers Drug Mart launches 'Love You' fundraising campaign**

## **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

Shoppers Drug Mart in Winkler kicked off its 2018 "Love You" campaign last week.

For the third year in a row, the store is collecting donations in support of Eden Health Care Services.

The campaign runs at Shoppers Drug Mart stores across the country until Nov. 6, with each getting to select a local charity connected to women's health.

Supporting mental health in our community is a donation that pays off for everyone, said Winkler store owner Zahid Zehri, pointing to a statistic released in the Winkler Community Foundation's recentVital Signs report that noted every \$1 spent on mental health/addictions saves \$7 in health care and \$530 in losses to productivity and social costs.







"It's a huge impact. Every dollar counts," he said, challenging people to stop by and donate at least that \$1 over the next few weeks. "It's a very small, tiny amount to invest, but it's a huge impact on the life of different families."

Customers who make a donation will get to put their name on a paper leaf, butterfly, apple, or bird to place on the branches of the store's Tree of Life mural.

"At the end you'll see the whole tree will be full," Zehri said.

Eden plans to use the funding for two upcoming projects.

"One being providing people who are in hospital with some Christmas gifts," explained Earl Reimer, director of development for the Eden Foundation.

It can be difficult to spend the holidays away from home and in care, he

> added, and some patients don't necessarily have family coming to visit them.

> Eden is also working on beefing up its new Wellness Library at the Winkler mental health centre.

> "The Wellness Library is an initiative that we've had running in our Steinbach office for quite a number of years," Reimer said. "So we have some evidence to prove

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# Health Minister urges Manitobans to get their flu shots

## By Lorne Stelmach

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen set an example he hopes many other Manitobans will soon follow.

The new Manitoba health minister helped kick off vaccination season last week by getting a flu shot himself at the Morden Drugstore.

"This year is expected to be a milder year for flu, but we don't always know ... so the best thing we can do is take precautions," said Friesen.

"We know it's important, and we know it helps keep the overall cost of health care down," he said, adding that "October and November is the right time to get your flu shot. The body takes a little while in order to get ready to fight potential flu strains.

"Last year was a bad year," Friesen noted. "Hospitalizations due to flu last year were more than double the two previous years. ... And we've seen that in the data. As we measure things like nurse hours and doctor hours, you actually see that trend line up."

Forty-six people with lab-confirmed cases of the flu died in Manitoba last

winter—the highest number in three years. Another 35 were admitted into intensive care units.

In total, there were 505 hospitalizations due to influenza during the 2017-18 season, which was more than the previous two seasons combined and the highest since 2009-10.

The number of hospitalizations last winter due to patients suffering from the flu also created backlogs in emergency departments and urgent care centres.

A record number of people received flu vaccines in 2017 in Manitoba with more than 320,000 doses administered. In total, 22.5 per cent of Manitobans registered with Manitoba Health received the vaccine.

"Flu vaccines have proven to be effective in preventing illness for many Manitobans," stressed Dr. Michael Isaac, Manitoba's acting chief provincial public health officer."Manitobans are encouraged to get the vaccine and reduce the risk of contracting influenza and the potential health complications that can come with it, both for themselves and for others."

As well, a special high-dose season-

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PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden-Winkler MLA and provincial health minister Cameron Friesen stopped by Morden Drugstore last week to get his flu shot and encourage others to do the same.

al flu vaccine is once again available for senior residents of long-term care facilities. Introduced last year, the high-dose vaccine may provide better protection for those at increased risk of complications from the flu, potentially reducing the number of outbreaks experienced in long-term care facilities.

"Flu vaccines are a great preventative measure that reduces the risk of illness for all Manitobans but partic-

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city-wide, door-to-door canvass the United Way is known for, which should lessen the workload for board members.

"To be honest, it's been a very effective way of raising funds, but it's become more and more evident that organizing 100+ volunteers isn't feasible anymore," Sukkau said, adding that it's been increasingly difficult to find canvassers.

Figuring out the future of the United Way's fundraising efforts is a task the new board will need to tackle as soon as possible.

That could include promoting online and mail-in donation options, setting up donations boxes or having volunteers man information tables in high-traffic locations, or perhaps hosting fundraising events.

"We're going to have to do a lot of brainstorming to figure out what the will of the new board is," Sukkau said, stressing that whatever form the campaign takes next year, they'll make sure community members know how and where they can donate.

Meanwhile, even though the 2018 campaign isn't technically happening, funds are still coming in through the United Way's payroll deduction partnership with several local businesses and from individuals mailing cheques in.

"We are so excited that people are still thinking of us," Sukkau said, explaining that those funds will either be distributed like normal next spring or possibly rolled into the 2019 campaign.

Donations are accepted yearround online at unitedwaywinkler. com or via mail to PO Box 1528, Winker, MB, R6W 4B4.

If you'd like to get involved as a board member or let it be known you're available to volunteer for United Way fundraisers next year, contact Sukkau at 204-332-0283 for more information.

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that it is a viable service we can provide that people do want.

"We will be acquiring resources, books, CDs, DVDs ... that will be available to everyone." At the campaign kick-off last week, Shoppers Drug Mart got the ball rolling by presenting Reimer with a cheque for the \$475 it raised at its spring gala.



# Winkler candidates make their pitches to voters

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

Winklerites got to hear firsthand from the candidates asking for their vote in the upcoming municipal election at the chamber's all-candidates forum last week.

In attendance at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Oct. 10 were eight of the nine council hopefuls, including incumbents Michael Grenier, Marvin Plett, Henry Siemens, and Andrew Froese and challengers Jerry Friesen, Karina Bueckert, Don Cruickshank, and Zahid Zehri. Incumbent Don Fehr had to send his regrets due to illness.

The evening began with each candidate being given the chance to introduce themselves and state their cases for election.

Bueckert said her purpose in life is to "serve and love people.

"I believe in our community and I have a commitment to working here, to raising my family here, and to donating my time here to make Winkler the best it can be," she said, stressing this truly is a community where people make the difference.

"I promise to do my best for the city, to ask the hard questions, and always make the right choices for our city, no matter how difficult it may be.

"I stand for a city that works together and a community filled with love, respect, and support for one another."

Cruickshank stressed he has the "courage to take principled stands."

He outlined his campaign as revolving around increasing seniors care and support in our community, making affordable housing a transitional phase for families, and fully resourcing the Winkler Youth Justice Committee.

Winkler is a great city to live in, Cruickshank said, but there are challenges that need to be addressed as



## PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Winkler council candidates Karina Bueckert, Don Cruickshank, and Jerry Friesen—challengers all-respond to questions from the floor at the Winkler chamber's all-candidates forum Oct. 10.

#### it grows.

"I see city council as a way to use my empowering servant leadership, education, and experience to help Winkler move forward to greater levels of success."

Fehr, whose statement was read by chamber president Kori da Costa in his absence, pledged to continue working hard to "be the voice for everyone in our wonderful city."

The past four years have been busy ones for Winkler, with a number of major projects in the works, and Fehr said he has been "proud to be a part of council during these exciting times.

"In order to continue providing the city services we currently enjoy, we as leaders need to be fiscally responsible moving forward," he said.

If re-elected, Fehr promised to continue "listening to all your concerns, whether it be affordable housing, transportation, or anything that pertains to the quality of life we deserve here in Winkler."

Friesen said he's proud to live in

Winkler and wants to do his part.

"My platform is simple: I care about people and I have the time and I want to give back to this city."

Friesen listed as some of his main areas of interest things like looking into putting in dedicated bike lanes on streets and installing a new spray park or opening up the existing one for free use.

Fiscal responsibility is also key, he stressed.

"I will do my utmost to live up to the challenge and do what's best for the community," Friesen said. "We have to make the right choices not just the popular ones."

Froese noted that a rapidly growing community is a blessing, but with it comes growing pains.

"We'll need to plan for new recreation green spaces, we'll need to discuss low-income housing support ... we need to work with our neighbours."

Council must be vigilant when deciding between needs and wants, Fro-

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ese added, stressing the importance of maintaining existing infrastructure and tackling new projects while still keeping taxes affordable.

"It comes down balance. We need to balance the things we want with the needs and the future impacts on our citizens," he said. "It's never easy, but we do our best to make the decisions we feel best benefit the community."

Grenier shared a life lesson from his parents that he's used to guide him as a councillor: leave things better than when you got there.

"I think, looking back, Winkler's better than it was four years ago when I was first elected," he said, pointing to the success of things like the Winkler Affordable Housing project and the development of countless recreation, culture, and tourism initiatives, including plans for the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

"I look forward to seeing this facility being completed and becoming a multi-faceted facility that so many of our residents will be able to enjoy."

Plett emphasized his many years of experience as being an asset he's pleased to be able to offer the community if elected for another term.

"A thriving city such as ours needs leaders who create conditions where you, our citizens, feel listened to, happy, and safe," he said." Where you have affordable housing, where you have satisfying jobs, where our businesses can thrive, where you have a variety of places to shop and we have great cultural, spiritual, health care, and recreation facilities.

"I pledge to continue to provide



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that experienced, caring leadership as your city councillor."

Siemens stressed that the decisions made today will impact generations of future Winklerites.

"In order for our children to want to be here, we have to get it right," he said, pointing to the importance of pursuing a variety of infrastructure, public safety, and recreation projects as well as sensible development and fiscal restraint.

"We have to carefully balance our needs and our wants with our ability to pay," Siemens said. "Getting it right means that taxes must remain affordable.

"We have big challenges that require big commitment and big ideas," he continued. "I'm prepared to make that commitment."

Finally, Zehri emphasized he and his family are proud to have adopted Winkler as their home.

"I have received love, care, and respect from the community, to which I owe the city a lot," he said, explaining that's why he wants to offer his services in return in order to give back.

Zehri outlined the qualities he would bring to the table as councillor.

"I am a trained listener, I am a team builder, and I have a passion to serve people," he said, going on to explain his platform revolves around sustainable growth, mutual respect, accountability, recreation, and transportation as essential pillars of a healthy community.

## QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Candidate statements done, things were opened up to the floor for questions, which ranged from those on conservation projects to day care to Sunday shopping, among others.

The latter issue saw the candidates unanimously stress they'd take their lead from the desires of the community at large, and that supporting local retailers should be a key part of the discussion.

"If you want to shop on Sundays, don't go out of town and to the city or to Grand Forks to do shopping," said Plett."[If you're doing that] then you should advocate for having it here.

"Having said that, I know that many of the local businesses very much appreciate that they do not need to be open on Sundays," he said. "It's good for us to have a day of rest."

"For me it's a quality of life issue," agreed Siemens, adding there currently doesn't appear to be much demand to change things."Our retailers aren't clamoring at the door saying, 'We want Sunday shopping.'

"If our retailers come to us and demand that they want to be open Sundays, I'm prepared to have that conversation."

"I would very much be interested in what the community actually stands for," Bueckert said, noting she'd like to see the matter be put to a public vote. "If all of the sudden people do want to open up, I think that it's worth discussing."

"I expect my pastor to work on Sunday and many of us go out for lunch afterwards, so I don't have a principled stand on it for yes or no," noted Cruickshank."If there's a demand for it, let's hear it and let's make a decision that the community wants."

"My old-school upbringing would say no," said Friesen. "But if there's a demand for it and the community would really request it and the retailers ... it's worth having the discussion and see where that leads."

The candidates were also asked to share their thoughts on the future of public transportation in Winkler.

"Winkler's really good for creating their own way and I think at some point there's going to be somebody that has a proposal that's going to knock our socks off, I hope, in a way that won't cost us a fortune," said Froese.

"We're going to have to work with our neighbours, as well," he added. "We won't be able to do something on our own."



**PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE** From left: Winkler city council incumbent Henry Siemens and challenger Zahid Zehri at last week's public forum.

"We're very car dependent right now," Grenier pointed out."I do think that once we're looking at a region of, say, 50,000 people there has to be trails, there has to be pedestrianfriendliness, and there's has to be, at that point, some viable public transportation."

"What we need to do is we need to make sure that we use every conventional means of transportation and we have to plan from now to the next 25 years," said Zehri, stressing the importance of consulting community stakeholders and neighbouring municipalities so we can "solve this problem before it gets bigger."

On the issue of the lack of child care in Winkler, the candidates had few answers, acknowledging it is a problem but not one the city can easily tackle since child care funding is under the provincial government's sphere of influence.

"I think people that are involved with day care and that need it are in the best position to look for something to work and then it is our responsibility and our pleasure as a city to respond to that," Plett said, pointing in example to the city's involvement in helping with the Winkler Day Care expansion a few years ago.

"We can create an atmosphere that makes it welcoming to people to fund private day cares," added Siemens. "We can try to take a look at our bylaws and make sure they don't get in the way."

Bueckert said she ran a licensed day care in her home when her kids were little and she'd like to see the city step up to help other families who want to do the same cut through the red tape.

"There's a need, there's a gap, let's fill it," she said.

Voters head to the polls Oct. 24 at Winkler Elementary School. Residents will also be asked to answer yes or no to the question of whether licensed retail cannabis stores should be allowed in Winkler.

# Catch up on our election coverage

Want to learn more about who's running in the Winkler, Morden, and Stanley elections but missed one of the candidate profile stories we've run in recent weeks? Check out our archives online at www. winklermordenvoice.ca to catch up. We chatted with the three Morden mayoral candidates in our Sept. 27 edition (Pgs. 8-9), with all the council candidates for both Winkler and Morden in our Oct. 4 edition (Pgs. 8-10 for Winkler and Pgs. 11-13 for Morden), and with the three Ward 2

candidates in Stanley Oct. 11 (Pg. 9). Our Oct. 11 edition also has information about the marijuana retail sale plebiscite for Winkler and Stanley (Pg. 9) and coverage on the Morden all-candidates forum (Pg. 2).







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seasons). Look, I love Manitoba winters, but that is relative. I grew up with southern Ontario winters and anyone who thinks that a warmer winter would be better has not lived

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ern Ontario was marked by a perpetual grey sky that bled into the perpetual grey landscape covered in dirty, slushy, snow.

> Manitoba on the other hand has winters that are often characterized

**By Peter** Cantelon

by bright, clear blue skies. Sure, it's

57 degrees below zero, but it's a dry cold, right?

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A can of winter worms

No, I much prefer a Manitoba winter over an Ontario winter ... though frankly I prefer a Florida winter over both. Like I said, it's all relative.

But here we are, barely out of September, and we have already had a pretty decent snowfall. It is all very unfortunate as far as I am concerned. You know what else is unfortunate? That every time we get an early snowfall some clever individual will proclaim in loud and obnoxious tones to anyone who will listen:

"SO MUCH FOR GLOBAL WARM-ING, EH?"

No matter how many times you try to explain that weather and climate are very different things, no matter how many charts you use, no matter how many puppets and flannel graphs, it just doesn't sink in. Early snow equals no climate change to a lot of people.

I blame Al Gore. Every climate scientist in the world would love to go back in time and whisper in Gore's ear, "Don't say global warming, say global climate change." But alas, such technology has not been invented yet. Look, we know a few things now we did not know before. One thing we know for sure is our global climate is changing at an accelerating rate. The average global temperature has been increasing over the past century; hurricanes are getting stronger; permafrost is melting all over the world releasing fantastically preserved woolly mammoths and not so fun massive amounts of methane into the atmosphere; and polar ice is thawing raising sea levels and changing ocean currents and water temperatures weakening our jet stream.

The jet stream is a great, fast-moving river of air that circles the arctic. One of its effects is to hold in to the cold air. As it weakens it wobbles and bulges-sometimes far southbringing with it a mass of cold arctic air that leads to snow in places and times that are not used to it.

The big question is who or what is responsible? As with most incredibly complex problems our world has divided into a few very simplistic perspectives: 1. It is caused by us. 2. It is a naturally occurring cycle 3. It is a conspiracy.

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# Bill 8 needs to be amended

n Dec. 4, 2017, Cathy Cox, the provincial minister of sport. heritage and recreation, tabled Bill 8, The **Government Notices Mod**ernization Act. for first reading in the Manitoba legislature. It was recently given second reading in the Legislature and could soon be enacted as law.

The first part of the bill proposes that The Manitoba Gazette, the govern-

ment's official online portal for legal notices, be made available to the public free of charge. It then recommends amendments to 24 statutes relating to the government's publication of official notices, removing requirements that such notices to be published in local newspapers and replacing them with the requirement or option of publishing them in The Manitoba Gazette.

This does not sit well with the Mani-

By Ken

Waddell

toba Community Newspapers Association (MCNA), nor should it sit well with all Manitobans.

The Manitoba Gazette is a littleknown, online-only house organ which catalogues items of government business that must be legally published, such as notices to creditors or notices of legal name changes. It is used largely by people in government or legal circles and it is genuinely difficult to find online, even when using the search window on the government's own website.

Making something accessible does not necessarily mean people will use it, and making The Gazette free to the public does not mean the public will visit the website.

The very point of a legal requirement to publish government notices is to ensure that the information is broadly distributed. The 49 member papers of the MCNA deliver hundreds of thousands of newspapers

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# "The best thing we can do is take precautions"

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ularly for older adults," said Connie Newman, executive director of the Manitoba Association of Senior Centres. "Flu vaccines are especially important for those of us, as we age, who

# > CANTELON, FROM PG. 8

Let's pretend for a moment that we cannot know for sure what is causing it. We still cannot deny that things are changing with our climate on a global scale. We have actual measurements over decades that prove this and no amount of info you get from "theresnosuchthingasglobalwarming.com" changes this fact.

No matter what the cause we know that reducing our dependence on fossil fuels will slow this down. Maybe it won't stop it. Maybe it will only slow it down by a tenth of a percent. But no matter how small the impact have other conditions which become more complicated ... having this vaccine is a tool to help us avoid the flu." The annual flu vaccine is important for people at increased risk of serious illness from the flu, along with their caregivers and close contacts.

shouldn't we, as stewards of this world, do something?

Of course we should and whining about how costly it is or how it's not our fault cannot compare to the cost of not doing something.

But change takes something increasingly rare and radical: thinking unselfishly beyond our own lifespans.

Let our increasingly odd climate be reminder to you. When you are shovelling snow in September some day or sunbathing in January, take a moment to consider what small thing you could do to improve things. This includes seniors 65 years of age and older, residents of personal care homes or long-term care facilities, children six months to five years of age, individuals with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, anemia, obesity, cardiac or pulmonary disorders, pregnant women, health-care workers and first responders, regular caregivers of children up to five years of age and Indigenous people.

Manitobans over 65 should also get a pneumococcal (Pneu-P-23) vaccine at the same time as the flu vaccine. The vaccine helps protect against pneumococcal disease including a serious type of pneumonia, blood infections, and meningitis.

Both the flu and the Pneu-P-23

vaccine are offered at no charge for people aged 65 and older as well as to some people two years of age and older who are at increased risk of pneumococcal infection. Most people need only one dose of this in their lifetime.

The flu and Pneu-P-23 vaccines are available at local public health offices, nursing stations, doctors' offices, and Access Centres. Pharmacists can also provide immunization services to people seven years of age and older.

Check Manitoba's seasonal influenza website or contact Health Links at 1-888-315-9257 toll-free for dates, times, and locations of immunization clinics in your community.



# > WADDELL, FROM PG. 8

to Manitobans throughout the province each week. Our readers see the government's public notices and thus learn of public hearings on flood prevention or the use of fertilizers and pesticides on nearby lands.

Bill 8 effectively buries such notices in an Internet backwater.

Yes, the MCNA is aware that the government has stated that the sections of Bill 8 which deal with mandatory publishing of public notices in newspapers will not be proclaimed at this time.

However, the government has not moved to strike the relevant language from the act. So, when Bill 8 enacted, these sections will hang over the province's newspapers like a dark cloud, especially since this government has repeatedly stated its mistrust of the media.

We in the media believe that expecting Manitobans to know when and where to seek out important information that will affect their daily lives — without notifying them that such information exists — is simply wrong. Such action simply makes government less open and less transparent.

We believe that open and transparent government is essential to maintaining democracy.

Please phone, email, write or visit your MLA and demand this government provide you with proper notice of important issues affecting you and your families.

Ken Waddell is the president of the Manitoba Community Newspapers Association



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# **'We will help them through their cancer journeys'**

# SCCR marks October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

## By Lorne Stelmach

June Letkeman has been free of breast cancer for seven years and counting.

Five years is regarded as a key milestone, though there are no guarantees, notes Letkeman, who is not only a survivor but also a volunteer with and president of South Central Cancer Resource.

The reality is that breast cancer diagnoses are increasing but "the prognosis is also very much better. They have new treatments and, really, our research is working. We are really doing well in that respect," Letkeman said as SCCR marks October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian women excluding non-melanoma skin cancers, and it is the second leading cause of death from cancer in Canadian women.

In 2017, an estimated 26,300 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, representing 25 per cent of all new cancer cases in women.

Statistics also show 5,000 women died from breast cancer last year, which represented 13 per cent of all female cancer deaths.

On average, 72 Canadian women are diagnosed with breast cancer every day.

Breast cancer can also occur in men, though it is not common. Last year, 230 men were diagnosed with breast cancer and 60 died in Canada.

Letkeman was lucky that her breast cancer was found through a mammogram.

"I was fortunate. My cancer was just stage one and I just needed radiation ... I did not need chemotherapy," she said.

"It was an easy journey for me. I have great family support and friends, so I was fortunate that I had that support," she continued."Some people aren't as fortunate, though. They have a much harder journey, and that's where we come in at South Central Cancer Resource.

"We are here for them for whatever they need," said Letkeman, who also serves as one of the organization's community contacts.

"When ladies do come to us with breast cancer and they would like to talk to somebody that has been through it, June is one of the people that can be a help to these clients," noted Deb Thiessen, SCCR clinical resource coordinator.

Thiessen said SCCR provides assistance in areas ranging from transportation to accommodation to counselling.

She sees the organization as helping fill a gap, especially for people who



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South Central Cancer Resource president and breast cancer survivor June Letkeman (left) with clinical resource coordinator Deb Thiessen. The agency is marking October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

may have less support and resources to draw on otherwise.

"We will help them through their cancer journeys," she said. "It's important for our cancer clients to realize the support that they get from our communities ... and also for SCCR that anybody out there who doesn't know about us, how much we can help them."

Thiessen, a former nurse, pointed out a breast cancer diagnosis isn't the death sentence it once may have been, and the treatments have improved significantly.

"All cancer clients kind of got the same treatment. Now everything is more specific," she said. "With June, they knew that she only needed radiation. Maybe the next one they start with chemo.

"And people aren't getting as sick ...

I've just seen it progress so much over the years," she continued, though adding that "because they're finding it sooner, our clients have gotten younger."

SCCR also plays a vital role in helping patients carry on with their lives post-cancer through a variety of expanding wellness initiatives like art and fitness programs.

"They've been through their cancer journey, now they need to get themselves well again and get their mentality into a different mindset," said Thiessen. "It's not just about their cancer diagnosis; there is more to life again."

To learn more about SCCR and the services offered, check them out online at sccr.mb.ca or stop by their Morden office at 34 Stephen St.



# **Rocking W gives back**

Rocking W Ranch supported the work of South Central Cancer Resource with the donation of \$13,278.25 in proceeds from its Sept. 22 barrel racing series finale. The competition was made a charitable race this year after organizer Dusty van der Steen's father was diagnosed with cancer. "We wanted to give back to South Central Cancer Resource ... for the support they gave my dad while he was having his treatment," said van der Steen, who noted around \$12,000 was raised by the competitors in pledges. "I'm just blown away by the amount of money that they raised," said SCCR president June Letkeman (second from left), who along with clinical resource coordinator Deb Thiessen (far left) and board member Samantha Hilhorst (far right) accepted the donation last Wednesday from van der Steen.

# Wine tasting raises \$5K for Corn & Apple fund



## PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A selection of Portuguese wines (including a white and a red from the Quevedo family vineyard) were among the selections available for sampling at the Morden Wine Festival last Friday evening at the Access Event Centre. First held here two years ago, the event this time around featured 14 vendors and attracted over 230 guests. Organizers with the Morden Area Foundation were still crunching the numbers at press time but expect the night raised over \$5,200 for the Corn and Apple Festival endowment fund.

# **Our mistake**

A story in our Oct. 11 edition on the RM of Stanley's plans to install a new turning lane off the highway into Schanzenfeld included an incorrect number for the project's cost.

The turning lane will cost the municipality \$75,000, not \$670,000. The higher number was the origi-

nal amount of funds that was authorized to be borrowed for the entire Schanzenfeld village paving project, which has since been reduced to \$348,000.

The *Voice* sincerely apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.



# Assiniboine Community College is coming to town!

## Tuesday, October 30, 2018

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11 a.m 1 p.m.	Lunch n' Learn: Keys to Successful Communication <i>Quality Inn, Winkler</i>   No cost to attend   Limited space RSVP required   Call 204.725.8725 to register
6 p.m.	Alumni & Friends pre-game reception Quality Inn lounge, Winkler
7:30 p.m.	Winkler Flyers game   Winkler arena

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Youngsters got the chance to play at being a firefighter at the Winkler fire department's open house last week. Right: Captain Ernie Froese demonstrates what a home fire might look like and explains to kids the importance of having an evacuation plan and practising it with their family regularly.



# Bringing the flavours of the world to Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

With a strong response to its world cooking classes over the past two years, Regional Connections is working with a few partners to put on a World Community Meal next month.

"We wanted to include a broader community to be able to experience the things that the people who took those classes did," said community integration worker Lynette Froese."This is getting to know some of the people who are here from around the world and specifically through the food culture that they bring to our community."

The meal on Nov. 10 at the Morden Activity Centre will feature cuisine from India, Brazil, Philippines, Syria, and Germany. The evening will also include short presentations from the cooks.

There will also be opportunity to speak with any of the cooks and leave with recipes, noted Froese, who stressed the over arching goal of the evenig is to foster connections in the community.

"It's such a friendly and interesting way to get to know somebody," she said. "We all have to eat, and sharing our food is just a neat of expanding our understanding of each other.

"We have these folks coming into our community now and they bring a lot of richness with them," Froese added."We have the ability to share and to learn from each other."

Froese said they are limiting the meal to 100 people.

"We didn't want to make it too big, we still wanted to have kind of an intimate feel to it so that people can actually visit with the folks who are making the food."

Get your tickets for \$15 online at mordenmb.com/events or by calling 204-822-5431 ext. 3.

The World Community Meal is sponsored by Regional Connections, the City of Morden, a Southern Health-Healthy Living Together grant, and the Morden Activity Centre.

Regional Connections' World Cooking Class is hosting a World Community Meal Nov. 10. Tickets are just \$15 but are limited to 100 seats.





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# **New school year for LEADER**

Morden's Cultural and Educational Centre LEADER kicked off a new school year Saturday with an opening program that featured a visit from fairy tale character Pinokkio, the ringing of the first bell, and a prize raffle. stay connected with and well-versed in their native cultures and languages of Russian and German, explains director Olga Vorobyeva.

Since starting in 2013, LEADER has grown to include 55 students ranging in age from three to 15 and representing five countries.

The program offers its students a way to

# Meridian Ex. Centre project clears final hurdles

### By Lorne Stelmach

The pieces are in place for work to start on the Meridian Exhibition Centre expansion at the Winkler Rec. Complex.

The last of the planning hurdles were cleared at Winkler council last Tuesday when Verne Reimer Architects were approved to move ahead with final designs for the project that will provide a second arena and exhibition hall. The contract for the construction management was awarded to WBS Construction.

Mayor Martin Harder said getting to the final design and engineering "gives us the numbers to be able to go and actually get the tender documents.

"That's the total details, the interior design ... how the floor is made, the kind of flooring that we are putting in ... all of those details will be in the final design," he said. "It is the final steps, and I am hoping that, if weather permits, that we can get the shovels in the ground hopefully the end of October, beginning of November."

The plan for financing the project was previously set out in the local improvement bylaw that estimated the total costs could reach up to \$20 million, with the City of Winkler expecting to borrow up to \$17 million. Another \$1,750,000 is committed from recreation reserve funds with the remaining \$1,250,000 covered by donations. The bylaw estimated a residential property valued at \$250,000 would see a local improvement tax of \$211.16 annually over the 20 year borrowing period.

The biggest change with the final plans for the Meridian Exhibition Centre project takes it down from a 2,200 seat arena to 400 seats (expandable to 600), so it becomes the secondary rather than the primary arena. This change took about \$10 million off the price tag.



# Brahaha at WAC Sat.

A local event created to raise awareness for the battle against breast cancer is opening things up to the community this year.

Participants gathered at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre last month for the second annual Brahaha evening, decorating"bras for a cause."

"I just wanted to bring attention and awareness to the community about breast cancer," said organizer and five-year breast cancer survivor Valerie Klassen. "It's so important to be able to provide support to someone going through breast cancer, or any form of cancer, really."

The 14 decorated bras are now on display at the Winkler arts centre and this Saturday, Oct. 20, the public is invited to stop by for a free evening of fun.

From 5-8 p.m., vote for your favourite bra, enter for a silent auction prize, take a selfie picture at the photo booth, or play Bra Pong.





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## What services do plumbers provide?

Plumbers work in various sectors and provide many different services, including the installation and repair of baths, showers, toilets, dishwashers and washers. You can also use the services of these professionals to have a water heater or a backwater check valve (to prevent sewage backups) installed. Similarly, plumbers clean and unclog drains and pipes. These days, more and more plumbers can also carry out camera inspections, which more accurately detect plumbing problems such

as cracks and blockages. Plumbers are also the professionals to consult before undertaking renovations in the bathroom or kitchen.

Many plumbers are qualified to work on natural gas pipelines, fire sprinkler systems or air conditioning and heating systems. In many cases, an emergency service is also offered; that's great for getting you out of a fix. Be sure to call on a qualified professional for all your plumbing needs.

## Seven tips for the ultimate walk-in closet

What fashionista has never dreamed of owning her own walk-in closet? A spacious area for storing clothes, shoes and accessories will make even the most meticulous of people happy. Here are seven tips for creating an optimal layout in your walk-in.

1. Plan separate sections for each category of clothing: long dresses, business suits, casual wear, underwear, coats, etc.

2. Opt for short rather than long horizontal rods, as they are sturdier and will simplify your search for clothing.

3. Avoid overloading rods, drawers and shelves. If possible, sell or give away any clothing that you haven't worn for at least a year.

4. Allow as much natural light as possible into the room, or install enough lighting to be able to distinguish the most subtle colours. Who wants to realize — in the middle of an important meeting — that his navy blue tie is actually black?

5. Make room for a chair or even an armchair and at least one full length mirror so you can check your outfit on the spot — and feel like a movie star in your own home.

6. Make sure there is adequate ventilation in the room, especially if it is located near a bathroom. You definitely don't want to end up with mouldy clothes. 7. If you're a shoe addict, place your collection on a shelf or in open compartments in order to protect them. You'll also be able to find the perfect pair for your outfit with one quick glance.



A walk-in designed with separate sections is much more practical.

# What to do before installing a floating floor

Practical, esthetic and economical, floating floors are an extremely popular option with many homeowners. You'd like to use this type of flooring in your home? Read on.

#### QUALITY COUNTS

When buying a floating floor, choose a good quality product, especially if you want to put it in a busy area such as a hallway. Damage to a single board could require you to completely remove your floor in order to install just one new plank.

#### UNPACK AND WAIT

Once you have purchased your flooring, place the boards in the room where they are to be installed. Open the pack-



aging and wait at least three days. The reason? The wood will have time to adapt to the temperature and humidity of the room, making it easier to install. That said, floating floors are not recommended for high humidity areas such as basements.

#### PREPARE THE SURFACE

After removing the existing flooring and the baseboards, trim the bottom of the door frame: using a saw, remove the equivalent of the thickness of your new floor plus an extra 1.5 mm. Then install the subfloor membrane according to the manufacturer's instructions. Now you're ready to install the flooring.

> Use a professional renovator if you're not used to doing this kind of manual work. They have the necessary experience and equipment to install your floating floor properly.

Choose a good quality floating floor, especially if you plan on installing it in a busy area.

## An alarm system keeps trouble away

Anyone who has been the victim of a home robbery knows how unpleasant it is to imagine strangers rummaging through their belongings. Fortunately, there is an effective way to discourage thieves from breaking into your home: install an alarm system.

#### **CHOOSE YOUR SYSTEM**

There's a lot of choice when it comes time to install an alarm system. In fact, dozens of companies want to protect your home from theft and home invasions. Beware of sellers who put a lot of pressure on you to close a sale quickly. Before making a decision, it's always best to compare estimates from three different companies.

#### THE ADVANTAGES

An alarm system connected to a call centre allows you to get help quickly in case of difficulty. In addition to giving you peace of mind and being easy to use, it can also substantially reduce the cost of your home insurance. Some companies also offer to connect your alarm system to your smartphone. That way, you'll know the state of your system and all the comings and goings in your home in real time.

#### FALSE ALARMS

Make sure that everyone who has access to your property understands how the alarm system operates. False alarms are very common and disruptive to call centres, but with a thorough understanding of the system they can easily be avoided.



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# When should I change my water heater?



Generally speaking, the average lifespan of a water heater is about 15 years. However, apart from its age, other signs may indicate that it's time to buy a new one. For instance, the presence of rust at the bottom of a water heater indicates that there is probably a crack and that a leak is causing water to accumulate there. Similarly, it's possible that the interior of the tank has begun to rust if you find that the water is not as clear as before or looks slightly coloured. And it's definitely time to replace your water heater if there are visible signs of moisture around it or if the heater is wet

to the touch. Cooler water coming from the hot tap or a decrease in the amount of hot water may mean that an element has burnt out or that sediment has accumulated in the bottom of the appliance. Obviously, vour water heater is in urgent need of replacement if the tank is leaking, otherwise you may end up with major water damage. If you need to change your water heater, have the new

er, have the new one installed by a licensed plumber — professional installation can increase the lifespan of the water heater and save you a lot of trouble.

# An electric fireplace for a cozy atmosphere

Watching the dancing flames while sipping your favourite drink is a great way to relieve your stress after yet another hectic day. Of course, no electrical appliance can truly replace the smell, movement and sound of a natural wood fire. However, an electric fireplace is an economical option that works wonders. Here are its four major advantages. 1) Unlike other types of

1) Unlike other types of fireplaces, it's suitable for all kinds of homes. There's no need for a chimney or vent with an electric fireplace; that is why it's the perfect choice for small apartments and condos.

2) There's no need to call on the services of a professional to have it installed. Just like a heater, an electric fireplace operates from a wall socket. The process is simple: buy it, unpack it, plug it in and enjoy your new purchase without missing a beat.



3) You control the temperature. Just select a low, medium or high heat, depending on the season. Enjoying a cozy fire on a cool summer evening is always nice. Don't forget the eco-friendly nature of this type of fireplace — no emissions and no pollution.

4) An electric fireplace is a decorative element that adds style to your home. Since they come in a wide selection of styles, sizes and colours, you'll definitely find an electric fireplace that complements your decor. It's also extremely versatile and can be installed on the floor or on the wall of your living room, dining room, bedroom, etc.



# Winkler's Don Friesen hangs up his councillor's hat

#### **By Lorne Stelmach**

When Winkler voters go to the polls later this month they will have the choice of both familiar and new names to elect to council.

But there is one lone incumbent not seeking re-election, with Don Friesen having chosen to hang up his hat after two terms in office.

It's not that he has lost his zeal to work for the betterment of the community, but he is ready for other opportunities to serve.

Friesen reflected last week on eight years on council, noting there are many things he will miss, but also aspects of the role he found challenging.

The hard part of the job comes in those difficult decisions that have to be made that will not always please people.

" Ŵ e ' v e made some decigreat sions over the years that ... I will look back and I'll watch my grandkids do things where T helped make the decision to make it happen," he said. "I'm

passionate about

Don Friesen retires from council next week after two terms in office. the community, and when you can

help out, I think it's just a great thing," Friesen said of what drove him to serve on council in the first place."I've never run on a platform ... I just have a passion; I love this city and I just want to make sure it keeps running well."

He takes satisfaction in seeing that years of discussion and planning to make the Meridian Exhibition Centre a reality are finally paying off with construction possibly starting later

> "I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY, AND WHEN YOU CAN HELP OUT, I THINK IT'S JUST A **GREAT THING.**"

this fall.

"I'm thinking it's been six years

since we initially started talking about it," he said." I always said I would love

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Classic big band swing kicked off the 47th season of Southern Manitoba Concerts with a performance in Morden Saturday by the Mark Humphries Orchestra. They were joined on a few songs by vocalist Sandra Unger from Virden. The 2018-19 series continues with performances from the the Polycoro Chamber Choir in Altona Dec. 2, the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's Buying The Farm production in Altona Feb. 24, and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra in Winkler March 31.

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## > FRIESEN, FROM PG. 19

to see spade in the ground before I quit, but that's not going to happen ... it'll be close, very close, though."

Friesen also takes pride in the development of the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre, where he has served on the board.

"I've seen that thing take shape and form, which is great to see," he said. A vitally important initiative moving forward, he added, is the wastewater treatment project, which is necessary for the region to continue to grow.

That growth is a good problem to have, Friesen said, adding that discussions at provincial conferences among other municipal representatives show just how fortunate we are here.

"Maybe 80 per cent of the people there are dealing with issues we don't," he said. "They're dealing with population moving away, assessments going down, infrastructure falling apart but there's no tax base to pay for it."

He sees both council and the city as

a whole being well positioned to continue on a path of strong growth and development.

'We have great department heads in place and staff as well," he concluded. "Council is there to set vision and direction."

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# **Retiring Morden councillors say a fond farewell**

## By Lorne Stelmach

Four Morden city councillors attended their final council meeting on Monday.

Irv Wiebe, Alex Fedorchuk, Brian Minaker, and Heather Francis have all opted to not seek re-election.

Mayor Ken Wiebe is also hanging up his political hat, which means Morden's council is poised to have several new faces on it after the Oct. 24 election.

The retiring council members all feel it's a good time for change.

"There are many exciting opportunities ... it's a wonderful situation to be in ... we have a lot of projects on the go," said Irv Wiebe, who is the most senior member of council with four terms and 16 years at the table.

Having served in recent years as deputy mayor, Wiebe felt that "it's good, after a while, to hand the reigns over to the next generation of people who have energy and vision.

"It does take its toll, especially when you have as many issues on the table as we have had in the last number of years," he added. "There's been a lot of change over those 16 years."

It's been a decade and a half of accomplishment, Wiebe said, highlighting the agreement reached on the annexation of land from the RM of Stanley to make room for continued growth in the city, the development of Morden's three stream waste system, and the ongoing growth in the Pembina Connection.

"We knew that we would either look good or foolish ... we had to wait quite a while for that to happen," Wiebe noted of the retail development on the east end of Morden.

Fellow former deputy mayor Alex Fedorchuk is looking forward to making family a priority after having served three terms in office.

First elected in 2002 and re-elected in 2006, Fedorchuk did not run in 2010 due to health reasons, but then successfully returned for another term in 2014.

Looking back on his time representing Morden, Fedorchuk said it has always been interesting to work and associate with political leaders at all levels of government.

"It was neat to rub shoulders with the country's leaders and exchange ideas with folks from other parts of Canada," he said.

Fedorchuk also observed how fortunate we have been in Morden to have so many amenities to offer.

"I feel very good about where Morden is at," he said, also citing the development of Pembina Connection alongside that of the local immigration program and the business community as high points.

"We did get a lot of good things done," said Fedorchuk. "I think I'll miss it a lot," said

Minaker, who steps down after eight years on council.

One key focus for him was water, not only in terms of the city's water supply but working towards the wastewater treatment project

"It's an exciting time to be here," Minaker said, citing ongoing initiatives such as the proposed YMCA as well as new industrial and commercial development. "I just feel really good that we're handing over a whole

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On Monday, Morden city council held its final meeting before the Oct. 24 election, saying goodbye to five members who aren't running for re-elec-

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# **'Inspiring Hope' on at PHAC this month**

### By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Hills Arts Council's exhibit this month showcases the therapeutic value of art.

The Inspiring Hope show features the varied work of members of the local art therapy group that meets weekly at the gallery in downtown Morden.

"Every time I go home from the class, I feel inspired ... everybody inspires hope for each other," said facilitator Marilyn Young at the show's official reception last Thursday.

The exhibit includes work in a variety of styles and mediums, but the common thread tying it all together is artists finding not only inspiration but encouragement and support from each other.

Young said the phrase art therapy is fitting "because doing art is great therapy for any kind of life issues.

"Members came to this group with different artistic experience," she explained. "Some have never held a brush before, whereas others had years of experience.

"Participants have come to enjoy the process of art is just as rewarding as the finished product," Young added. "With one brush stroke at a time, we can accomplish big things.

The program started about 10 years ago.

"I was volunteering at Community Choices in Winkler and I found there were a lot of Morden people attending the Winkler program,"Young said. "So it slowly has evolved ... to seven members at the present time."

They meet once a week on Thursdays in classroom space upstairs at the gallery, all coming with different backgrounds and personal stories.

"And every one has their own style," Young said. "They're all talented; it just takes practice to keep improving."

And there just really is something about the process of not only doing art but doing it together as well that



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"Sometimes it helps me to think through things while I'm doing the artwork ... I can sort of understand something a little better," she said. "It leads me to more ideas, aside from the ones I have, even aside from the artwork."

"I wanted to explore a little bit and to express creativity," explained fellow member Rose Wiebe on why she got involved.

"I'm wanting to learn," she said. "I love landscapes a lot, I love nature ... and Marilyn can help us, for example, [learn] how to paint tree branches."

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# "My business has increased since pipeliners have come into town"



Lisa Zacharias Owner, Coffee Culture

"Today, with new residents moving to Morden, surrounding boutique stores are thriving in a revitalized downtown, and Enbridge's Line 3 construction is bringing in new customers. My business is definitely on the upswing and I'm going to bring new staff on board to keep up with the demand. This is a great opportunity for the city of Morden and it's going to be great for all the businesses."

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can be therapeutic, she reiterated.

"It helps to relieve tension ... and it's

like a social time as well," she said,

noting the exhibit is the first chance

for many of them to have their work

on display. "I think it will be a great

incentive for them all to keep going."

It's certainly an exciting opportunity

for Jamie Minne, who has been part

"I like being with people," she said.

"I love the painting. I love doing cre-

ative art work ... I like doing the pho-

"I have more inspiration when I'm

around other people," noted Janet

Young, who joined the group a little

tographs the most."

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Viterra organizers Louis Tanguay (second from right) and Frank Wiebe (far right) recently handed out the last of the profits of the curling championship. The Winkler Curling Club's Charles Dyck and Ernie Gonda received \$75,000 (above), Myra Peters of the Winkler Community Foundation received \$10,000 (right, top), and the Winkler Senior Centre's Nettie Dyck received \$800 (right).

# Viterra host committee hands out final donations

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

The Viterra Championship host committee has distributed the last of the profits generated by Winkler's hosting of the February event.

Last week, committee chair Louis Tanguay presented the Winkler Curling Club with \$75,000, the Winkler Community Foundation with \$10,000, the Winkler Senior Centre with \$800, the Buhler Active Living Centre with \$500, and Friends of Riding Mountain National Park with \$500.

When added to donations handed out this summer to the Winkler Flyers, the Winkler Junior Curling Club, and Special Olympics, the total money poured back into the community comes to just over \$95,000.

That is down a bit from the committee's initial goal of \$101,000 due to lower than expected attendance at the bonspiel, Tanguay noted, but it's still going to do a lot of good in the community.

"[We're] very happy" with it, he said,

adding they're pleased as well with the projects selected. "Very important causes, in my opinion."

The Winkler Community Foundation's portion will go into its community endowment fund, the interest from which generates annual grants for a variety of nonprofit organizations and projects.

"The Winkler Community Foundation's very excited that they have gifted us this money and we're excited that we can grow that community fund and have a greater impact within our community," said executive director Myra Peters.

The Winkler Senior Centre will be using its \$800 to purchase a new stove to help with the Meals on Wheels program.

"It's a big project, so this will definitely help us out," said executive director Nettie Dyck, who explained they took over handling Meals on Wheels Oct. 1 and, with an extra stove in the kitchen, hope to eventually expand it from three days a week to five.

Mike Chute, executive director of the



Also receiving donations were Mike Chute of the Buhler Active Living Centre (left) and the Friends of the Riding Mountain National Park in memory of the late Gary and Tammy Berg.





Buhler Active Living Centre, said the \$500 they received is most welcome.

"We're going to use it for tenant activities or equipment," he said. "We haven't decided quite what yet, but it's going to be put to some use ... for recreation."

The donation to the Friends of Riding Mountain National Park is being made in memory of Gary and Tammy Berg, two active members of the local curling community who passed away a year ago.

"They had a cabin up there and they were frequent contributors and promoters of the Friends of Riding Mountain National Park," said Tanguay."So we thought it was fitting that, because they weren't here in 2018 to help us but they were still fresh in our minds, that we make a small contribution on their behalf.

Finally, with the lion's share of the funding, the Winkler Curling Club will use the money to look to the future, said president Ernie Gonda.

"We have some equipment here that is reaching close to the end of its life," he said, pointing to the aging cooling unit that has had to be repaired many times.

They're also considering expansion plans, potentially adding on to the viewing areas at the front of the building.

The club wants to ensure it is providing a "class A facility here that is offering good rocks, good ice, and consistent," Gonda said.

Interest in curling is alive and well in Winkler. The rink's various programs for all ages are expected to be bursting at the seams with participants this winter.

"Curling is starting to get back the way it used to be," Gonda said, noting hosting big-name events like the Scotties and the Viterra in recent years has certainly gotten more people than ever invested in the sport. "Gradually, year by year, it seems to be more and more people getting into curling, which is great."

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Art is somewhat of a new venture for her, Wiebe said.

"It just sort of emerged in the last few years," she said. "It actually helps me be a bit more adventurous.

"Sometimes, you don't feel as inspired, so you come and just sit and have coffee. This gives you a sense of community when you're sharing it with other people."

# **Local leaders** tour Enbridge pipeline project

#### By Lorne Stelmach

Local municipal leaders, business owners, and other community stakeholders got a firsthand look last week at what is a \$5.3 billion pipeline project in Canada.

Construction of the Line 3 replacement project is going full tilt across the region right now, and the tour last Wednesday offered a glimpse of every stage of the work.

It covered everything from a trench going in under Hwy. 3 just east of Morden to sections of pipeline being connected and welded and put into place south of Plum Coulee.

Participants heard that the project is on track despite the unseasonably cool and wet weath-

er of late.

"We're just trying to manage through this weather ... but things are progressing well," said David Coll, senior communications advisor with Enbridge.

"This is really about public awareness and understanding," Joanne Bradbury, commuengagement nitv

strategist for Enbridge, added in explaining their hopes for offering tours like this for local leaders. "The intention of the tour really is to showcase the rigour and the work and the safety and the commitment that these skilled trades are putting into their work every day.

"We've been working for years to get to a point where we could put all



these crew out there and build a very safe pipeline ... so what we want to do is have some transparency and show what we're doing out there."

Enbridge describes the Line 3 replacement as one of North America's largest pipeline infrastructure undertakings.

> The project is replacing over 1,600 kilometres of pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta to Gretna, Manitoba and then across the border through North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The new pipes, the company says, will help ensure an ongoing, reliable supply of crude oil. Line 3 covers about

1,070 kilometres in

Canada from near Edmonton to the Manitoba border, and it is divided into nine construction areas or spreads.

Last year, work was completed on three of those spreads, covering over 400 km. This year they're tackling the remaining 600 km.

Enbridge says the project will provide more than 24,000 temporary fulltime equivalent positions in Canada over three years, including 11,000 in Alberta, 9,000 in Saskatchewan, and 3,800 here in Manitoba.

"In each of those spreads, there's approximately 600 to 800 workers ... skilled trades primarily," said Coll.

"They've been working from Aug. 1 and it gradually ramps up from there," he continued. "We're pretty close to peak construction now.

"Our estimate is that we will be finished this work by the end of the year. There may be a little bit more to do early in the new year, depending on how the weather goes. The project will essentially be completed, though, in terms of the pipe being in the ground by the end of the year.

"We will follow up next year with smaller crews of about 160 to 200 people who will be involved in reclaiming the right of way," Coll said. "Our goal with that is to restore the pipeline corridor as close as possible to the preexisting condition, which is primarily agricultural."

The project is also a significant venture when you consider the amount of

## **PHOTOS BY LORNE** STELMACH/VOICE

Municipal officials and other local stakeholders got an opportunity to examine some of Enbridge Pipeline's Line 3 replacement project up close last week.

land that is involved.

"There's 1,087 landowners along the route ... and we have a hundred per cent support from them," Coll said.

"Those are sometimes difficult negotiations ... landowners have issues, but we have worked through all those issues," he said, adding they also work in partnership with the Canadian Association of Energy Pipeline Landowners Associations.

"One aspect of that partnership is that we do workshops twice a year where it invites some of its landowner members and even some of their prospective landowner members,"

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TRANSPARENCY



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Above: A deep trench is being built for pipeline work crews to bore underneath Hwy. 3 just east of Morden. Left: Sections of pipeline are moved into place to be connected and welded.



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Coll said, adding the company has also striven to consult and partner with affected Indigenous communities.

"We consulted with Indigenous communities from as far away as 300 km from the right of way," he said. "There are more than 150 communities that we engaged and we have agreements covering 95 communities or groups."

Those agreements include a range of provisions for training and employment as well as Indigenous construction monitors.

"We have three monitors in each spread, and their role is to follow along the right of way as construction happens and make sure that everything is proceeding according to plan," said Coll, estimating that means there are close to 700 Indigenous people involved in the project.

The company strives to be a good member of the communities it's working in, Coll said.

"We do have very close relationships with many municipalities," he said explaining those relationships include Enbridge providing more than \$2 million in grants to about 80 communities along the right of way. "That's just to recognize that we are coming into communities, there will be an impact ... we like to think it's a positive impact in terms of the economies." Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe came away from last week's tour impressed. "They keep you informed ... I think it's very indicative of the kind of company that they are ... they're very concerned that they maintain good relations," he said. "And they do things right ... all the safety protocols that they have, I was very impressed."

Wiebe added there is no question that there is significant benefit to the region in having the pipeline workers here.

"It's a very important project to the area. There are 800 here ... that's a lot of people, and they're all living in the local area and they're spending their money," he said. "We really appreciate the kind of company that they are and the way they keep everything going."

"They've been great supporters, and they ask the right questions," noted Bradbury of area leaders. "We're trying to give the right information to them so they can share that then with their local communities."

"It's important that we know what's important to them," she added. "When we understand the priorities of a community then we can make sure that we're responding to that.

"These are the key stakeholders. These are people who live with the pipelines."

"IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT TO THE AREA. THERE ARE 800 [WORKERS] HERE ... THEY'RE ALL LIVING IN THE LOCAL AREA AND THEY'RE SPENDING THEIR MONEY." Right: Workers move pipe into place in preparation for welding.

Above: Huts are lowered down via crane to apply a coating to pipeline connections.

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# Line 3 replacement: step-by-step

Ever wonder what work is going on when? Here's Enbridge's stepby-step guide to pipeline replacement:

1. Field surveys and staking: Construction footprint and field surveys are conducted along the proposed right of way. Depending on the project, they may use environmental field survey crews to evaluate and reroute around sensitive areas.

2. Clearing the right of way: To prepare for construction, crews mulch and/or clear and salvage trees, where warranted, along the right of way and temporary workspaces.

3. Stripping and storing topsoil: Care is taken in agricultural areas to separate and store the topsoil and subsoil so they don't mix.

4. *Grading:* Once topsoil has been stripped and stored, the subsoil is graded to enable safe pipeline installation.

5. *Stringing:* Crews re-stake the centre of the trench and place or 'string out' sections of the pipe.

6. *Bending:* Crews bend the sections of pipe to match engineering specifications and follow the contours of the land.

7. Welding: The pipe is welded into sections and eventually one long segment with each weld inspected via either x-ray or ultrasound.

*8. Coating:* Pipes are coated with a corrosion inhibitor.

*9. Trenching*: Crews use backhoes or wheel ditchers to dig the trench. *10. Lowering-in and backfilling*: Using multiple sidebooms or cranes, the pipe is lowered into the trench, and the trench is backfilled and compacted with the subsoil.

11. Hydrostatic testing: Each section of pipe is filled with water and subjected to extreme operating pressures to ensure the strength of the pipe and the welds.

12. *Cleanup and reclamation:* The right of way is restored. Topsoil is replaced and reseeded. Other restoration methods include tree planting and environmental monitoring.

# Agriculture

# Succession planning helps Steppler Farms take the next step

#### **By Harry Siemens**

Andre Steppler has started a new venture at Steppler Farms near Miami by adding a commercial black cow herd to it to take the farm to the next level.

Steppler Farms already has the largest active registered Pure Bred Charolais herd in Manitoba. In the early '70s, Steppler's father, Daniel, bought his first Charolais cows and went on to develop a purebred operation over the next 50 years.

"It's fundamentally white cows, purebred-based that saved the farm through the '80s," said Steppler."Dad always tells us that the cows always made the payments."

The key behind the success of Steppler Farms has been proper succession planning making it possible for the farm to move to the next level now by acquiring black Angus commercial cows and starting a commercial herd business.

In 2015, after farming for over 45 years, Daniel handed over his role of farm president to his eldest son, Ian. The succession planning also saw Jeff take on the secretary-treasurer duties and Adam and Andre continue on the board of directors alongside their father.

This shift excited and energized the family farm, placing more responsibility into the hands of the sons and also initiating the beginning steps where Daniel and his wife Patricia can move to retirement from the dayto-day operations of the farm.

Fast forward to October 2018 when the opportunity came to buy a commercial herd because the existing owner didn't have the feed to take them through the winter .

"We are big into the white breed and our brand always the Charolais bull and the Charolais cow," said Steppler in explaining the decision to make the purchase. "When we shift and a bunch of black cows show up, there's no doubt that we stir a little bit of attention on it. We're still calving about 450 purebred Charolais cows, and then we market them through the bull sale and the female sale. We've been fundamentally white, and there's no doubt about it."

Branching out is an opportunity the farm can't afford to miss, Steppler

## said.

"There's only so many purebred Charolais bulls or females we can sell every year, so if we want any growth on the cattle side, we had to look at a different avenue," he said. "We did look at the purebred black industry, but we liked the look of the commercial and surely not as much work for them compared to the purebred cow."

The hope, as well, is that this addition will allow them to be better able to relate to their commercial customers.

"If we run a whole bunch of commercial cows, the credibility that we get I hope is going to increase and then we should be able to understand the needs of our bulls, even more, when we live in their world," Steppler said.

The new commercial lot is Black Angus with a little shot of Simmental in them, mostly straight breeds by the look of them, he said, but they're Angus with a bit of shot of something.

Crossbreeding should produce a silver calf.

"That calf is the best of both worlds. We'll get the performance and the growth traits that have built the Charolais breed, plus we'll get marbling carcass traits from the Angus side of the cow and develop that optimum hybrid cross-type individual," said Steppler. "I think one mistake purebred guys always make is they get so barn blind to their breed and they don't think other breeds have anything to offer. Whereas the black cow, there's no doubt her milking ability, her fertility, her low maintenancetype of a female for us to go into a commercial herd, we needed to go to a British cow to make it even more economical for us raising her.

"But the main focus there is breeding and achieving that silver calf. That's the goal."

# Harvest '18 turns into Salvage '18

#### **By Harry Siemens**

The harvest of 2018 almost turned into the salvage of a damaged crop in parts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

For the most part, cereal and special crops farmers in the Red River Valley have finished, except for corn, potatoes, sunflowers, and some soybeans. However, as you travel further west in our province, the harvested acres percentage drops significantly.

I recently put out some questions as to how the tail end of the harvest is going following abnormally cold temperatures dropping well below freezing mixed with snow and rain at the most inopportune times.

"Well, the bin fans are running 24/7, heaters are humming, and there's water dripping out the canola hopper ... you tell me how it's going," said Newdale farmer Andrew Dalgarno.

Gerry Demare at Somerset said, "Guessing at most five per cent crop left to go around Somerset/Swan Lake, and mostly soybeans. Need some sun and wind. I'm hoping for the best of late fall conditions for everyone to finish up."

Korey Peter, who farms at Randolph, said they're nearing the finish with most soybeans harvested but lots of corn left in the area.

Morris area producer Rolf Penner said he needed one more day to finish soybeans, but they've been shut down for three weeks because of weather.

Jim Wickett of Rosetown, SK said they're about 70 per cent done in his area, with some pockets done entirely and others at about 50 per cent. Farmers there have lots of tough, damp grain in the bins.

The farmers with potatoes most likely have the most to lose because harvesting in wet, muddy conditions is almost impossible, and if it gets too cold too many nights in a row, the frost will damage those potatoes, and they become useless.

I wasn't able to speak to a potato grower locally, but colleague Jack Dawes spoke with one in Saskatchewan where conditions are similar to here.

"We delayed our harvest hoping for some late rains in late August, and that seems to be, right now, not a good choice," said Kirk Flaman of Prairie Dome Potatoes."We got most of our seed off, but that is about all that we have right now. So, potatoes are still in the ground, most of our potatoes are still in the ground and, with this recent lengthy cold spell, it is pretty grim with what we can get out of the ground."

With over 100 acres still out on his fields, Flaman is worried about just how far down the frost will go.

The soil temperature has been about zero degrees four or five inches down, so the possibility of the crop freezing in the ground is becoming greater every increasingly cold night.

He was able to harvest all his seed potatoes for next year so they have what they need to plant. For the rest of his customers, though, they have very little.

"I guess it just goes from bad to worse. The alternative is, of course, if they freeze in the ground, well then, I guess that's where they stay, in the ground and, of course, the possibility for seeing probably in that 40 to 50 per cent damage right now," Flaman said. "So, even if we get them out of the ground and we put them in storage, we're going have issues in the storage of them breaking down and causing the other potatoes to break down as well.

"So, yeah, with this long cold spell and cool weather it's been tough to sit in the yard and wait for it to warm up because we know that we can only take so much frost damage."



# Hawks best Interlake, fall to Eastman

By Lorne Stelmach

The weekend showed signs of good progress for the Pembina Valley Hawks.

The female AAA team struggled out of the gate, dropping their two opening games in the wake of losing both of their starting goaltenders to injury.

This past weekend, though, they picked up three of a possible four points, beating the Interlake Lightning 8-2 before falling 2-1 in overtime to the Eastman Selects.

"It was overall a really good weekend," said coach Shanley Peters. "We played two really good games ... a big win on Saturday and a tough overtime loss Sunday with some unfortunate bounces."

Mikaylie Bibault picked up a hat trick Saturday night in Morden as the Hawks jumped out to a 4-0 lead after one period and then put it away with four more in the third.

Several other Hawks had strong nights, including Cambree Martens and Cora Fijala, who each scored once and picked up three assists. Maiya Aschberg added a goal and a pair of assists. Also scoring were Tessa Odell and Zoey Pearce. Isabell Reutter was only called on to face 15 shots on goal.

Abbey Bourdeaud'hui opened scoring for the Hawks in the first period Sunday against Eastman, but that was all they could manage as the Selects tied it in the third and then won it in overtime. Reutter stopped 12 of 14 shots.

With a record now of 1-2-0-0-1 for three points, the Hawks are fifth in the eight team league—one up on Winnipeg Avros and Winnipeg Ice and one back of Eastman and the Central Plains Capitals.

The ladies are able to stay put for two home games in Morden this weekend. After welcoming the Eastman Selects Friday they have their first game against the Winnipeg Ice Saturday, who are back in the league following a four year hiatus.



## PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Interlake Lightning's Brenna Barylski slips a loose puck past Pembina Valley goalie Isabell Reutter for their second goal of the night. Those two were all they got, while the Hawks scored eight for the win.

# Hawks add wins up north

## By Lorne Stelmach

A northern road trip got the Pembina Valley Hawks back in the win column this weekend.

The male AAA team rebounded from being doubled up 4-2 by the Winnipeg Wild last Wednesday with a pair of wins over the Norman Northstars.

A 12-2 victory Saturday was followed by a 7-4 victory Sunday to improve Pembina Valley's record to 5-2-0-0 for 10 points, which has them tied with the Winnipeg Thrashers and two back of the league-leading Yellowhead Chiefs.

The Hawks ran away with the first game in the third after taking period leads of 2-0 and 6-1 and outshooting Norman 42-32.

Cameron Brunn scored a hat trick while Roux Bazin and Jacob Carels had two each. Also scoring were Riley Goertzen, Trent Penner, Andrew Boucher, Caelen Russell, and Tyler Park. Dylan Meilun earned the win in goal with 30 saves.

Game two was a tighter affair, though the Hawks still controlled the

play with period leads of 2-1 and 5-2. Shots on goal were in their favour at 37-31, with Brock Moroz making 27 saves.

Scoring two each was Goertzen and Bazin, whose productive weekend had him tied for the league lead in goals at eight. Also scoring was Boucher, Justin Hobbs and Tyson Allison, who leads the Hawks so far with five goals and 12 points followed by Bazin at eight goals and 11



# ÉMMS wins championship

The École Morden Middle School boys were victorious over Prairie Dale at the soccer tournament in Altona Oct. 13 to capture the school's second consecutive league championship. ÉMMS were 5-1 going into the tournament and ranked second behind Prairie Dale during league play. ÉMMS defeated Emerado Centennial School in the 2 vs 3 matchup to earn a berth to the final, while Prairie Dale defeated Winkler Elementary in the 1 vs 4 game. In the final, neither school could win in regulation play or 10 minutes of overtime, sending the game to a shootout that went Morden's way.

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# Winkler Flyers fall to Wolverines, beat Oil Capitals

#### **By Ashleigh Viveiros**

The Winkler Flyers split their games in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League last week.

The Waywayseecappo Wolverines came to town on Friday and left with a 4-1 victory as a souvenir.

They scored the first period's lone goal midway through and then made it a 2-0 lead nearly seven minutes into the second.

Winkler got on the board at the 14:25 mark that period thanks to a goal from Griffin Leonard working off assists from Eric Fawkes and Jesse Korytko.

That was the only time Winkler could find the back of the net, though, despite outshooting the visitors 36-30.

The Wolverines, meanwhile, fired home two more goals in the final period to cement their victory.

Riley Morgan was in net for the loss, making 26 saves.

The Flyers managed to much more successfully come from behind in Saturday's game in Virden.

The Oil Capitals drew first blood midway through the second period. It was a goal Winkler got back a minute into the final frame thanks to Brody Moffatt.

Leonard then shifted the scales firmly in Winkler's favour by scoring at 9:23. It was a lead that held for four minutes before Virden's Ben Dalke slipped the tying goal past Morgan.

The resulting overtime proved fruitless, sending the game to a shootout for a decision.

There, Winkler shooters Josh Kagan and Colton Friesen were true with their shots, while Morgan shut down the efforts of Virden's Jack Einarson and Ben Dalke, giving the win to Winkler to 3-2.

Overall shots on goal were 35-29 in Winkler's favour.

That bolsters the team's record to 5-5-1 for nine points, which puts them in eighth place ahead of Virden,

Neepawa, and OCN.

This week, Winkler hosted Virden on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. Over the weekend the team hosts

OVer the weekend the team nosts OCN Friday and Winnipeg on Sunday.

In other Flyers news, the team has traded 1999 born forward Cole Kirkup to the Humboldt Broncos (SJHL) in exchange for future considerations. The Souris native had yet to record a point through three games this season but had 21 points (12 goals, nine assists) and 153 penalty minutes in 66 total games played with Winkler last season.

# NPC girls are provincial soccer champs

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate girls are the provincial champs after downing Stonewall 1-0 at the provincial rural soccer championships in Swan Valley last weekend.

The ladies earned a spot at the final by beating R.D. Parker Collegiate 4-0 and then Lorette 3-2.

Also competing were teams from Garden Valley Collegiate and Morden Collegiate.

Morden beat Swan Valley 3-0 but then lost to Stonewall by the same score to find themselves in the consolation bracket. They went on to beat Niverville 1-0 but then fell to R.D. Parker 2-0.

GVC's girls also ended up on the consolation side after losing to Minnedosa 3-2. The Zodiacs also fell to Niverville 3-0.

All-star awards went to NPC's Dina Leal Tirado, Katelyn Cowie, Vanessa Rogalski, and Paulina Tuikaka. Nighthawk Amy Lloyd was named tournament MVP.

On the boys side, the Zodiacs beat Altona 2-0 and Niverville 1-0 to earn a spot at the championship match against Steinbach. There they fell 2-1 to take second place.

Morden beat Stonewall 3-0 but

then lost to Steinbach 1-0 to find themselves in the third place match against Niverville, which they won 2-0.

Earning all-star honours was GVC's Vitali Penner, Aaron Doerksen, Nathaniel Penner, and Janik Giesbrecht and Morden's Nathan Payne.

Out on the varsity volleyball court last week, the Thunder boys started their season with a loss to Altona four sets to one (21-25, 25-22, 25-17, 21-25, 15-11), while the Thunder girls lost in three (25-18, 25-23, 27-25).

NPC's boys bested Westgate in four (22-25, 13-25, 27-25, 19-25).

# Weekend wins put Twisters in first

## By Lorne Stelmach

Their first winning streak of the season had the Pembina Valley Twisters seeing what the view is like from the top of the standings.

Three wins in a row put the Manitoba Major Junior team at least momentarily in a tie for first place with the Transcona at 4-1-1.

They extended the streak by edging the St. James Canucks 3-2 Friday and then grounding the Stonewall Jets 7-4 Sunday.

Pembina Valley led 2-0 after 40 minutes Friday on goals by TJ Ma-

tuszewski and Nick Hatley. Jeremie Goderis then got what proved to be the winner with just over two minutes remaining. The goal put the veteran at eight just six games in.

They got solid goaltending from Travis Klassen, who made 42 saves as St. James outshot the Twisters 44-34.

On Sunday, Brendan Keck led the attack with a hat trick, while Braeden Beernaerts contributed a pair of powerplay markers.

Tristan Day and Quade Froese also scored for the Twisters, who took period leads of 2-0 and 5-2. Riley Buhay only had to face 24 shots on goal while his teammates fired 40 shots the other way.

Goderis is leading the Twisters' offense with eight goals and 10 points, which has him tied with Beernaerts at five goals and 10 points, putting them fourth and fifth in the league.

Klassen is providing solid goaltending as he is third in the league with a 2.50 goals against average and .936 save percentage.

The Twisters visit Winnipeg Friday to face the Charleswood Hawks and then are home in Morris Sunday to play the Transcona Railer Express.

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bunch of projects that are ready to develop."

For Francis, now feels like the right time to pass on the torch after two terms on council.

"I've certainly enjoyed it. There's been ups and downs, as there is with any job or any new role that you play," she said ."I hope that my being there somehow contributed to the strength of the community.

"I'm very proud of the way that Morden has progressed over the last eight years in terms of new business growth, population growth," Francis noted, pointing as well to the ongoing roll-out of the Morenet internet service, among other highlights. All four offered a bit of advice for Morden's next city council.

"When you've got a substantial change on council, there's going to be a learning curve," said Wiebe."Our job is to make sure we don't get into micromanaging ... keep our energy on the big issues that we need to address, and let our staff carry out their work." "Have the courage of your convictions; know what's right," suggested Fedorchuk.

"I've tried to carry what was important to people to the council table," added Minaker. "Just be honest and vote for what you think is the best for the region."

"It's a big responsibility and a great

privilege," said Francis. "My key advice is just to go into it with an open mind and not think that you know everything about an issue ... take the time to do your research and look into all of the aspects of the issue and make the best decision."

Check out next week's Voice for our interview with outgoing Mayor Ken Wiebe.

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points. Those stats have them fifth and sixth in the league.

Pembina Valley led the Wild 2-1 after two periods and then faltered in giving up three third period goals within three minutes to Winnipeg. Penner scored both Hawks' goals in the first and second period working off assists from Bazin both times. Moroz made 27 saves as the Hawks outshot the Wild 33-31.

in the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League Showcase in Portage. They play Winnipeg Friday and Interlake Sunday.



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We would like to thank the Staff and Home Care workers at Homestead South, nurses at Boundary Trails and Swan Lake Hospitals and finally Tabor Home for their loving care and respect to Hattie (Wruck) Lavallee. We appreciated the baking, flowers, cards, hugs, charitable donations and calls at the time of our loss. Special thanks to those who phoned. read and brought meals to our Mom, and to those who took part in Hattie's Celebration of Life: Pastor Keith and Wendy, the ladies who served the brunch and Wiebe Funeral Homes who guided us through this difficult time.

> -Sincerely, the family of Hattie (Wruck) Lavallee



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## **Tina Giesbrecht (nee Dyck)** 1923 – 2018

Tina Giesbrecht, age 95 years of Winkler, MB passed away peacefully on Saturday October 6, 2018 at Salem Home.

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Tina was born in 1923 in Russia, the oldest daughter of Johan and Agatha Dyck. They came to Canada in October of 1926. Mom accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour and was later baptized upon the confession of her faith in the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. She married the love of her life, Bernhard Giesbrecht on April 8, 1945 and they celebrated 73.5 years together. Mom had finished her grade six education when she was asked to help at home. Later on in her teens, she attended W.B. School to grow in her faith. Mom was very involved in church activities; teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir which

Ben directed. They also served as a deacon couple for many years. We had many picnics and meals on the field as she willingly supported dad during the busy summer harvest months. Mom supported dad in farming until they moved to town in 1984. Playing games with friends was one of her enjoyments. She was known to cheat here and there. Mom was always dressed nicely and loved wearing high heels, the in-laws always thought she was going somewhere but that's how she always dressed. She spent much time gardening and canning to provide for the family. Her baking was second to none. Many of our clothes were sewn by her. Mom loved hosting company. She had a very quiet nature but had a great sense of humor. Mom and dad's love and devotion to God and each other has been a great example to us children and grandchildren. They showed this by always holding hands and never going anywhere without each other. Mom prayed for each child and grandchild by name which will be greatly missed. Even with dementia, she would often say to the family, "God is so good." We love you mom and will miss you, but we do not sorrow as those who have no hope. We will meet again.

Tina is survived by her husband, Ben, three sons, John (Lydia) and their two children and families, Walter (Joyce) and their three children and families, Abe (Brenda) and their four children and families, and two daughters, Mary (Abe) Epp and their four children and families and Linda (Jake) Klassen and their three children and families as well as one brother and three sisters-inlaw and their families. She is also survived by her adopted children Gerhard and Anna Friesen and their five children and families. She was predeceased by her parents, Johan and Agatha Dyck and one great grandchild, three brothers, and one sister in infancy.

Celebration of life service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday October 11, 2018 at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

We as a family would like to thank all the Salem staff for the loving care and patience you have given to our mom. Thanks to Wiebe Funeral Home for your professional care and service. Thank you to Pastor Menno Janzen, Rev. Wilbert Friesen and pianist, Irene Krahn and the Winkler Community Male Choir for participating in mom's service. Donations may be made in Tina's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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