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# Mysterious and spooky

Garden Valley Collegiate Gr. 12 students Ken Dueck and Jamie Reimer strike a pose as Gomez and Morticia Addams at rehearsals for "The Addams Family—School Edition" musical, which hits the stage in Winkler next week. For the full story, see Pg. 10.



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# Siemens presents first state of the city address

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Mayor Henry Siemens' first state of the city address laid out the challenges Winkler is facing right now and emphasized the important role partnerships will play in overcoming them.

Addressing the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce AGM Feb. 23, Siemens began by sharing the impact inflation has had on three major in-the-works community projects.

"What is the state of our city in 2023? I could tell you about our wastewater treatment project that was budgeted for \$48 million but when we tended it came in at \$71 million," he began. "I could talk about our 20-unit affordable housing project that was budgeted at \$4.8 million but came back at \$7.2. I could

talk about our clinic expansion, budgeted for \$5 million. It came back at \$8 million.

"All of these had to be sent back to the drawing board because each one had become completely unaffordable. There was absolutely no way we could do them at those prices."

Winkler is certainly not alone in seeing skyrocketing costs put the kibosh on vital projects, Siemens reflected, but that knowledge doesn't help address the question: What do we do about it?

"We went back to work. Winkler has a unique way of getting impossible projects done. This community, this business community, has a way of making things happen that can't happen."

"I'm happy to say that each of the

**"WINKLER HAS A UNIQUE WAY OF GETTING IMPOSSIBLE PROJECTS DONE."**



Winkler Mayor Henry Siemens says collaboration is the key to getting things done in challenging economic circumstances.

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three projects I've listed is going to happen in some manner or fashion. Each one will fill the need that is still there. Each one will look different than it looked when we started with it. But each one will happen. And each one will likely start in 2023.

"How did we get there? In a word, partnerships," Siemens stressed.

For the wastewater treatment plant, the Province of Manitoba is providing additional top-up funding to allow the reworked plan to proceed. The RM of Stanley and the federal government is also contributing to that project.

When it comes to the affordable housing complex, Central Community Homes (which oversees Winkler's affordable housing units) is teaming up with a local church and a developer to find a way to meet the growing need for new public housing in Winkler.

Finally, the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre is working with its landlord to find the space it needs to grow.

"Together with financial support from the RM of Stanley and the City of Winkler—and hopefully a few other neighbors will come to the table shortly—as well as a generous creative landlord partner, the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre has a solution for their expanded space needs," Siemens said, noting an announcement on that front is expected soon.

Working together with other municipalities, higher levels of government, and community agencies to make projects happen that we couldn't otherwise do on our own is fast becoming a hallmark for Winkler, Siemens reflected.

"We've doubled down on looking at absolutely everything through a lens of 'Can we do this together with someone?'"

Along those lines, building and strengthening regional relationships is a focus for city council.

Siemens noted he and the mayor of Morden and reeve of the RM of Stanley meet monthly to discuss issues facing the larger community. The three councils are also planning to meet quarterly.

"The number one item on our agenda every time we meet is what can we do together to offer better service, to save money, or eliminate duplication?" Siemens said. "How can we jointly serve our residents better? What can we do as a region of 30,000 people that we couldn't do as individual communities?"

This collaborative approach has already paid dividends by way of a \$3.6 million commitment from Morden, Stanley, and Winkler toward the Boundary Trails Health Centre expansion project.

"The project was far too important to our future to not be at the table," Siemens said. "But rather than each of us coming up with our own responses and our own plans, we worked together to come up with one consistent four-year funding plan and one joint response."

Likewise, Siemens meets regularly with the Pembina Valley Reeves and Mayors group to discuss issues of concern to the wider region, including access to fresh water.

"We will stand shoulder to shoulder to lobby Manitoba and Canada to fulfill their obligations," he said. "Individually, one or two of us can likely be ignored. Fourteen of us can't."

Siemens went on to share that city staff have been hard at work in recent years completing a comprehensive asset management plan.

"We're looking at buildings, vehicles, parks, roads, sidewalks, pipes in the ground—absolutely everything," he explained, noting it's about \$500 million in assets that come with renewal/replacements costs of upwards of \$350 million.

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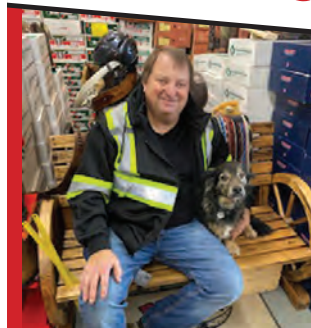
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Over 200 walkers set out from Central Station Saturday to raise funds for programs supporting those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in our community. Below: The Winkler Co-op team had some fun with their Community Crew “vehicle”.



# “Coldest Walk” smashes fundraising goals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Central Station Community Centre’s very first Coldest Night of the Year walk was a smashing success in Winkler Saturday night.

The inaugural event blew past the initial fundraising goal of \$40,000 to bring in a whopping \$95,170 and counting.

“There is still stuff coming in,” Central Station executive director Bev Wiebe shared on Monday. “It’s crazy.”

When they decided to take part in the nationwide campaign to raise money in support of those experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness, they never imagined how much it would resonate with people.

A total of 203 walkers on 28 teams came out to brave the cold and walk 2 km or 5 km routes through town.

All those walkers collected pledges, raising 237 per cent of what Central Station had cautiously hoped for with this event.

“It’s a shock. We’re overwhelmed,” Wiebe said. “But we shouldn’t be surprised. We live in such a generous community.”

The funds will go a long way towards helping Central Station help the most vulnerable in our community.

“It’s earmarked for issues of hunger and homelessness here,” Wiebe said. “So it’ll go towards our programming that support those who are precariously housed or on the verge of homelessness, our support programs such as our Community Action Training program ... and community events like the Café 545 weekly supper where we’re building community and filling empty stomachs.”

Perhaps equally as valuable, though, is the fact the walk got people talking about issues that often go unseen in a smaller community like Winkler, like

homelessness and food insecurity.

“We do have a lot of need, and a lot of it is not evident,” Wiebe said. “People are surprised when they hear that we do have it because they don’t see [people living in] a bus shelter or on the streets.”

“But if you spend any amount of time with any of our staff or volunteers here you will know that we see people who are facing homelessness every day come through our doors for a bowl of soup or for extra supports, looking for resources.”

The teams gathered inside the community centre just before setting out on the walk, and then returned there for a meal of chili after it was done.

Among them, the “Sole Sisters” team made up of Wendy Loewen, Ashly Dyck, Cindy Kalansky, and Moyra Vallely were psyched to have more than doubled their fundraising goal of \$500, bringing in \$1,150.

“We hear about all the good work that they’re doing here [at Central Station] and really wanted to just come out and support Bev and also the community,” said Loewen.

“I don’t think people are aware of the extent to which there is not enough housing for people here,” noted Vallely. “That’s definitely a conversation that’s needs to be happening to make affordable housing accessible to everyone.”

Winkler Co-op was one of several local businesses to put in a team.

“This is exactly what we do,” said captain Michelle Sawatzky. “It’s a great community initiative and we’re so happy to support it.”

Their team of eight brought in \$3,600 for the cause.

“We’re very proud of everybody’s contribution,” Sawatzky said. “Working together, we can do great things.”

Central Station intends to host the walk again next year.



Sole Sisters—Moyra Vallely, Ashly Dyck, Wendy Loewen, and Cindy Kalansky—pose for a team photo before setting out on the Coldest Night of the Year walk.

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# Alzheimer Soc. welcomes new regional coordinator

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Rebecca Atkinson is the new regional coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's south central office.

Atkinson, who started a few weeks ago, comes to the job with a background in physiotherapy and a keen interest in helping make life better for people living with dementia.

"I had my first experiences working with people living with dementia as a student in 2002," she says. "I was shocked at how limited our health system was in supporting these families and knew I wanted to help."

Atkinson today is a practicing physiotherapist with experience working in personal care homes, the acute and rehabilitative units at Boundary Trails Health Centre, and also in the community through Morden Physiotherapy.

Throughout her career, she has focused on helping people suffering from dementia or brain injuries live their fullest lives by facilitating an environment that supports and nurtures them.

"The environment becomes so important, the people around them become so critical, and then those engagements with the person with dementia can make all the difference," she says.

Atkinson also comes to the job with a personal view on the impact a dementia diagnosis can have on a family. Her grandmother suffered from Alzheimer's disease, she shares, so she's able to "relate to clients on that level."

The Alzheimer Society's south central office, which is located in the Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler, offers programs and supports to patients, caregivers, and families across southern Manitoba.

"We are here to give direct client support," Atkinson says. "It's supportive counselling,—we're going to hear your story, we're going to validate what you're going through, and then we're going to work with you on accessing the resources that are out there."

Atkinson urges people to give her a

call or stop by if they'd like to learn more about what supports are available. She's in the office Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

She also hopes to empower and educate the community at large.

"You might not come into the office with dementia or be touched by it, but maybe you're like, 'Hey, I run a restaurant here and we know our main clientele is seniors. How do we do better at being dementia-friendly?'"

Along those lines, Atkinson is available to give presentations to any group or business interested in learning more about making the community one that actively works to integrate people living with the disease into society, allowing them to continue doing the things they love for as long as possible.

## LOTS ON THE SCHEDULE

A few weeks into the job and Atkinson certainly already has a lot on her plate.

Coming up, the south central office is hosting a Dementia Friendly Communities workshop from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Morden Activity Centre March 15. The event is open to the general public, care partners, people living with dementia, and service workers.

Minds in Motion sessions are also slated to get underway in both Winkler and Altona next month.

The eight-week program is designed for people with early to moderate signs of dementia to attend with a family member or friend. Each session features gentle chair fitness exercises, other engaging activities, and coffee and conversations.

"It's a place to have fun," says Atkinson. "Everyone there is in the same boat, so there's a lot of understanding there ... it's safe space."

Learn more at [alzheimer.mb.ca/mindsinmotion](http://alzheimer.mb.ca/mindsinmotion).

Also in April, Atkinson is teaming up with the Buhler Active Living Centre and the Winkler Senior Centre to host the Navigating Care Options expo. More details are expected to be released soon for the April 15 event.



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Rebecca Atkinson has joined the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba team as the new south central regional coordinator based out of Winkler.

Finally, there is an in-person support group for care partners that meets in Carman monthly.

For details on all these events and programs, call 204-325-5634 or email [ratkinson@alzheimer.mb.ca](mailto:ratkinson@alzheimer.mb.ca).

Atkinson also encourages people to contact her if they'd like to talk about offering more in their area.

"If you're wanting resources in your community or you feel like you could host something, please reach out."

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# What a true winner looks like

**Y**ears ago, during the heat of "Olympic Fever" my son's Grade Two class had a skating party.

There was a mixture of talent on the ice that day. Some of the kids had clearly taken lessons or played hockey, and studiously demonstrated their stops and spins with ill-concealed pride.

Others were still a bit shaky on their blades, clinging tenaciously to a parent, or a teacher's mittened hand. My son was still learning, and like many kids, his training consisted of the occasional jaunt to the local arena or the pond near our farm. He gingerly stepped out onto the ice, and his small feet had a mind of their own. He seemed propelled by

his flailing arms, and I almost expected him to take flight. Suddenly, both his feet were up in the air. Lying like a slug on the ice, he slowly rolled over and nonchalantly shoved a snow-encrusted mitten into his mouth. Was he injured? No. Just thirsty.

He struggled to stand and joined the pint-sized chain of parkas and toques sweeping by in its endless, counter-clockwise circuit around the frozen surface. His head was low, he lost his grasp, spun out of control and... smack! He careened into the unyielding boards and slumped onto the ice, still smiling merrily as the other kids sailed past him. No points for technique, but gold for attitude.

It was a happy day. The skating party gave him a chance to show off to his peers, and things were going well. No broken bones, no concussion. He was taking things at his own pace, unfazed.

Then one of the teachers called out, "Hey everybody! We're going to have a race. Anyone who wants to participate, line up beside me. Once around

the rink."

My son, distracted by the announcement, left another polished stripe across the ice with the seat of his ski pants. Some of the kids scurried off, stuck to the boards like shy wallflowers in an arctic ballroom. But there was my boy, calming lining up with a group of competitors who could skate circles around him.

"One, two, three... go!" the teacher cried.

One youngster quickly took the lead, leaving a scrambling clot of frantic, red-cheeked skaters in his wake. Far behind was my son, floundering and fluttering like a kite ribbon.

The winner was announced long before he even made it to the other end of the arena. He hesitated for just a second, realizing he was last, but patiently ambled on. In the end, puffing, panting, and soaked from about seven wipeouts, he completed the circle, lurching towards his classmates with his trademark dimpled grin.

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**By Lori Penner**

# Letters

## CREEK WALKING PATH IS MOST APPRECIATED

I would like to thank the individuals who have groomed the path along Dead Horse Creek this winter.

I have enjoyed walking along the creek both from the Morden Park to the golf course and from Living-

stone Park northeast to 1st St.

Walking along the creek takes you into a quiet, peaceful environment without having to travel far.

We have seen groups of Cedar Waxwings and caught glimpses of both Hairy and Pileated Woodpeckers.

Having this trail groomed makes

it much more accessible. Cycling along the path with a fat bike also looks like fun.

This type of recreational opportunity helps us get through the long winter. Thank you.

**Brian Duff,  
Morden**

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# Morden council approves 7% tax increase for '23

By Lorne Stelmach

The financial plan for the City of Morden is bumping up spending by 23 per cent, and it will mean an increase of just under seven per cent in municipal taxes for 2023.

The budget approved by council Monday evening is one that exercises some foresight in tackling some larger, longterm capital projects but in a responsible manner, suggested Mayor Brandon Burley.

"It's a budget that relates to our growth and commits to not, I guess, first of all, not creating problems for ourselves down the road," he said.

"There's a good number of budget items where the decision was ultimately made spend more now and reduce the total number of capital projects in order to ensure that we weren't just creating another problem for five to 15 years down the road," Burley noted. "We have the belief if we're not taking on these capital projects now, we're creating additional demands for resources for the city down the road."

The budget means the municipal portion of a tax bill on a home assessed at \$250,000 will increase by \$144.99 to \$2,284.59—a 6.7 per cent increase including the garbage fee.

It is part of an operating budget that

increases by 23 per cent to over \$20.6 million from \$16.7 million in the 2022 budget. The preliminary forecast for the 2024 budget though does set out a decrease back down to \$16.2 million.

Council also approved a capital budget of almost \$10.6 million as well as a utilities budget of over \$6.7 million connected to water and sewer related costs with \$4 million for capital costs.

Burley said a lot of work went into reigning in expenditures wherever they could in order to be able to tackle some of the larger capital projects.

"The amount of paring down that occurred was substantial, and the ability of our directors to work with in what we're able to provide them I think was significant as well as their creativity.

"Overall, I'm proud that we're in a position where wastewater is getting funded, and the Pembina River diversion project is moving ahead ... we can now calculate and project where we're going, and we can start building the infrastructure for that," Burley continued.

"I don't want to call it a problem solving budget, but in many ways it is," he said. "I think this budget starts to cast a much longer range view ... the things we're doing this year we're going to be still using in 40 years, so

**"IT'S A BUDGET THAT RELATES TO OUR GROWTH AND COMMITS TO NOT ... CREATING PROBLEMS FOR OURSELVES DOWN THE ROAD."**

I really think it is a forward-looking budget.

"The first budget meeting we were going to be doubling taxes ... so to be able to get it down to where we are today is I think something the organization can be pretty proud of," the mayor added.

"Looking at what we've had to cut from the budget, this is a fifth budget in a row where we're below the provincial and the federal rate of inflation," he noted. "I'm not convinced there is much that could be cut departmentally anymore in terms of operating. I think we're pretty lean."

A significant item in the budget sees the transfers from reserves increasing by 48 per cent, and Burley said that is primarily due to more significant equipment replacement.

"The big one on that is potential replacement of the ladder truck this year ... if the right truck isn't there, it

won't be coming in this year."

He further noted about 17 per cent of the overall budget increase can be attributed to special projects such as wastewater and projects like the bridge replacements at Parkhill and Alvey. Remove those, he suggested, and it would be about a six per cent increase.

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

On the revenue side, in addition to the increase in transfers from reserve and surplus from about \$2.2 million to over \$3.3 million, the city is also looking for a 42 per cent increase in other revenue (primarily provincial government funding) for a total of about \$7.1 million compared to just over \$5 million in the 2022 budget.

The majority of the revenue of course comes through the municipal

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Later, he explained, "I could've taken a short cut, but that would've been cheating."

Philosophical words from a kid who still had most of his baby teeth.

Watching the Olympics on TV later that night, I watched a speed skater slip and fall right at the starting line. Only his pride was injured, but the man pouted like a baby, and stubbornly refused to continue the race. He threw down his glasses and angrily bolted off the ice. It was a pathetic thing to see.

I wondered what little future Olympians thought as they watched this grown man have a hissy fit on national TV.

I remembered the proud look on my son's face earlier that day and realized, once again, that you don't always have to be the fastest or best to finish first.

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# Registration deadline nears for Pembina Valley Studio Tour

## Early-bird pricing ends Friday; final deadline is March 27

By Lorne Stelmach

Artists are again being encouraged to be part of an annual fall showcase of the arts across the region.

The Pembina Valley Studio Tour will be held for its 19th year the weekend of Sept. 9-10, and organizers are making a final push for artists, studios, and galleries to sign up.

"It's to bring awareness to this region. We've got lots to offer arts-wise," said artist Susan Pharaoh, who is also part of the organizing committee for the tour.

"Part of the idea is to encourage artists to show their work ... we want local artists to have the chance to share what they do," she said. "We want people to feel like they can be part of a bigger arts group, and we can support it."

Artists have until Friday, March 3 to take advantage of early bird discounted registration rate of \$65. The final deadline for registration is March 27 with a cost of \$75. Anyone interested can register online at [peminavalley-studiotour.com](http://peminavalley-studiotour.com).

The organizers are hoping to bring together a variety of galleries and artists from across the Pembina Valley region to open their spaces for visitors to experience and see their work.

There are always familiar faces and places featured on the tour, but they also aim each year to vary it a bit with some new participants.

The self-guided tour generally covers an area from Altona in the east to Carman in the north and west to La Riviere.

Pharaoh feels the tour has become a good chance for artists to be able to showcase their work and their creative spaces. It attracted 28 artists last year.

"Everyone we talked with had nothing but good things to say," said Pharaoh. "People were not only coming but sales for the artists were up. Almost everyone was absolutely positive about it."

And the region for the tour is continuing to spread out a bit every year.

"We've got people from Pilot Mound, so it's kind of moving west and then also moving east to Emerson this year," said Pharaoh. "We feel like it's important to support as many art-

ists as possible with the tour who are interested in showing their work and interested in showing their vision. We give our audience then that much more choice.

"And I think we've got so many newcomers in this area ... people have arts and crafts that they have brought with them from their country of origin ... so we would love it if they were interested in showing their stuff."

Pharaoh also noted the studio tour committee is looking for energetic people from across the region who have a few hours to volunteer to join the event's organizing committee.

If you want more information, e-mail [pvstudiotour@gmail.com](mailto:pvstudiotour@gmail.com) or head to [peminavalleystudiotour.com](http://peminavalleystudiotour.com).



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Artists from across the region are invited to open up their home studios and workspaces to art-lovers by being a stop on the 2023 Pembina Valley Studio Tour.

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tax levy and grants in lieu of taxes. The financial plan calls for a 7.3 per cent increase in that revenue from just under \$9.5 million last year to almost \$10.2 million for 2023.

Among the city's various sources of revenue aside from the tax levy and transfers from reserves are the following:

- Provincial government grants: almost \$2.1 million.
- Provincial municipal tax sharing: \$1.7 million.
- Recreation department revenue: \$700,000.
- Federal government grants: \$509,000.
- Miscellaneous revenue: \$455,000.
- Morden beach revenue: \$379,000.
- Returns on investments: \$328,000.
- Protective services (primarily police and fire services provided to RM of Stanley): \$280,000.
- Taxes added: \$200,000.

On the expenditure side, the changes range from a 75 per cent increase under fiscal services to a 2.5 per cent decrease under transportation services—the lone item that is down from the 2022 budget.

Just over a third of the budget falls under fiscal services, with expenditures totalling over \$7 million. Over \$6.5 million of that amount is going towards the capital budget, while another \$412,000 is for debenture debt charges.

Protective services are next with

17.4 per cent of the budget with expenditures of \$3.6 million, which represents a 13.7 per cent increase. Over \$2.5 million of that amount is for police salaries and benefits, while almost \$277,000 is for fire department salaries and benefits.

Community services come in at about \$3.3 million, which takes up 16.2 per cent of the budget and is a 4.1 per cent increase. Aside from \$1.8 million for the recreation department, there is \$785,000 for parks, \$345,000 for the beach and campground, \$188,000 for the library, and \$179,000 for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, among others.

Transportation services accounts for nine per cent of the budget with the 2.5 per cent decrease to \$1.85 million. It includes planning and engineering cost of almost \$553,000 as well as \$353,000 for snow removal, \$241,000 for road maintenance, \$170,900 towards street lighting, and \$155,000 for equipment repairs and maintenance.

General government services makes up 8.4 per cent of the budget with a 3.4 per cent increase to over \$1.7 million. This includes the administrative staff costs of \$570,000, and other areas such as the IT department at \$304,000, damage and liability insurance at \$260,000, other government costs at \$205,000, and legislative costs of \$193,000.

Transfers to reserve come in at 7.4 per cent of the budget with a 16.5 per

cent increase to over \$1.5 million. It includes \$684,000 going into general reserve funds, \$509,000 into the gas tax reserve fund, and \$350,000 into replacement reserve funds.

Other lesser areas of the budget include:

- Environment health: 3.9 per cent of the budget; an 18.2 per cent increase to \$811,000. The largest portion of this expenditure is \$444,000 towards recycling costs and \$244,000 for garbage collection.
- Economic development: 2.8 per cent of the budget; 6.1 per cent increase to \$587,000 including \$370,000 for community development costs.
- Public health and welfare: one per cent of the budget; a one per cent increase to \$151,000 with \$125,000 for Menzies Medical Centre,
- Environmental development: just \$1,250 for planning and zoning related costs.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

There are a number of big ticket items included in the capital budget:

- Parkhill bridge: \$1.7 million
- Sewer lift station: \$1.5 million
- Wastewater treatment: \$1.5 million.
- Alvey bridge: \$1.3 million.
- Land development of 40 acre parcel of land: \$1.2 million.
- Water line renewal, 400 block of Sixth Street: \$396,000.
- Second reservoir (preliminary design): \$200,000.

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# Morden's first drag brunch performs to a sold-out crowd

By Lorne Stelmach

A sold-out crowd came together Saturday for a drag brunch hosted by the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

It was a family-friendly event for the LGBTQ+ community and its allies at St. Paul's United Church in



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Morden, with performers that included "Peachy Keen" and "The Yellow Belle" entertaining the crowd with energetic lip-syncs.

A handful of protesters showed up to show their displeasure, but they were drowned out by a strong turnout of people bearing rainbow flags and supportive signs as participants arrived to enjoy the event.

"The support was overwhelming and just mind-blowing in a good way," said PHAC programs and outreach co-ordinator Tye Dandridge-Evancio, who spearheaded the event. "I'm incredibly happy with it.

"It meant a lot that we not only had it sold out but we also had so many volunteers show up, and we also had people outside the building showing their support as well ... everyone could come in with a positive feeling and leave with a positive feeling."

The brunch was so popular it sold out at its original venue in the downtown art gallery within minutes, and then filled up the larger church space as well.

"Everyone seemed to respond really well," Dandridge-Evancio said, noting the arts council aims to encourage the growth and diversity of arts and culture in region, and that includes providing an inclusive environment for everyone.

"I take away from it that we're heading in the right direction and that really there is a place for these events in the community," he said. "I think it's a sign that we can keep going and offer more of these kinds of events."



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Attendees and performers at the Y2K Drag Brunch in Morden Saturday were greeted by supporters ensuring everyone felt welcome.



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# GVC students bringing *The Addams Family* to the stage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate is getting a little creepy and kooky, mysterious and spooky for its first dramatic production in four years.

The Winkler high school brings *The Addams Family—School Edition* to the

stage of the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall next week.

The show is a musical comedy about the Addams family trying to get used to the idea of their daughter, Wednesday, falling in love with a “normal” man from Midwestern America.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The cast of GVC's "*The Addams Family—School Edition*" bring the spooky family to the stage at the Winkler concert hall March 9-11.

It's certainly not your typical Winkler theatrical offering.

"We thought since it has been such a long break since the last time we were able to do a musical, it would be interesting to do something a little bit outside the box," says Brent Giesbrecht, who co-directs the show with fellow teacher Jenny Gillespie. "It's definitely a bit unconventional, but that's what we were hoping for."

But while the Addams family might have an affinity for all things macabre, they're still very much a loving family, and that's at the heart of the show.

"It's not what you'd expect, maybe, based on the posters," says Jamie Reimer, who plays family matriarch Morticia Addams. "We're a family that has really good values, even though we're a bit quirky."

Ken Dueck, who plays Gomez Addams, reflects that even the "normal" family in the show has its own challenges.

"You have your stereotypical normal family, the other family, but they actually have issues," he says, "And we have issues too."

But, through about two hours of catchy songs and comedic situations, the two families work through those challenges and come together in the name of love.

Morticia and Gomez Addams are certainly iconic characters depicted not only in the original *Addams Family*

comics but also the classic television show, multiples movies, and the most recent Netflix hit *Wednesday*.

Bringing those characters to life has been a blast, Dueck and Reimer share.

"I've noticed I've started doing certain Morticia gestures in real life," Reimer says, laughing.

"Sometimes I catch myself doing the accent a little bit," adds Dueck.

The duo share the stage with a cast of 15 other actors, plus a sizeable band made up of students, alumni, and school staff.

There are also numerous behind-the-scenes members of the production working hard to bring the Gothic sets, props, and costumes to life.

It's something new, something different," observes Dueck, urging people to give the show a shot. "The last few years [pre-pandemic] it was '50s, '60s kind of shows, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Grease*. This is very different and so I think it'll be interesting to come out and see it.

"And since we haven't had a musical in so long we'd really like to see a full house," adds Reimer.

*The Addams Family—School Edition* takes over the Winkler concert hall stage March 9-11 with nightly 7 p.m. showings and a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, March 11.

Tickets are available online at [www.winklerconcerthall.ca](http://www.winklerconcerthall.ca)

**"WE'RE A FAMILY THAT HAS REALLY GOOD VALUES, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE A BIT QUIRKY."**

## MSTW development plan workshop March 7

By Lorne Stelmach

The guide that provides direction for land use and development in the region is due for a review, and there is an opportunity this coming week for community input.

The MSTW (Morden Stanley Thompson and Winkler) Planning District is updating its development plan, and a March 7 workshop online will not only provide some information but also gather ideas from the communities.

"Everybody is encouraged to be part of this meeting to have a voice in it," said Winkler councillor and

MSTW board chairperson Don Fehr. "We want to find out what people like about our region and even what they don't like about it and then also what they can see, say, 20 years down the road."

The review is vital to ensure the development plan not only reflects the needs of the community but also the ongoing growth of the region, Fehr stressed.

"With the growth that we have in our communities and municipalities, we want to make sure that we are going in the right direction with our

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# Carrie Hiebert running for Morden-Winkler Tory nomination

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After years of working behind the scenes in local politics, Carrie Hiebert has announced she hopes to take things to the next level.

The Winkler resident is running for the Morden-Winkler nomination for the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba.

The spot is open now that Cameron Friesen has stepped down as the riding's MLA to pursue the federal Conservative nomination in Portage-Lisgar.

"I really love Morden-Winkler, the community. I've been involved in local business, I've been involved with lots of non-profits and volunteer positions, and I just feel like I have a lot to give," Hiebert says of her decision to run for office. "And the time in my life for this is perfect, where I have time and I want to do something like this for my community."

Hiebert currently runs King's Deli in Winkler. After six years in business,

she intends to step away from the day-to-day operation of the eatery, letting her son and business partner take the lead moving forward.

Hiebert has been involved in local politics for the past 12 years, starting as constituency assistant and office manager in Morden for former MP Candice Bergen. She also worked in Friesen's Morden MLA office.

"I have learned a lot from [Bergen] and from Cameron as well," Hiebert says, noting her time in those positions gave her knowledge of the workings of the local and provincial government processes and insight into the concerns of area residents.

"I want to make sure that our community of Morden-Winkler is well-represented in Winnipeg at the Legislature," she says. "I want to help facilitate change and help my community to grow and prosper."

Hiebert has served on numerous local boards and as a volunteer in various capacities, including with the Winkler Heritage Society, her church's

missions board, Genesis House, minor hockey, and the Winkler chamber, among others.

"I've always been very community-minded. That's just who I am," she says. "I have passion for people and I have a passion for doing what's right. I really want to facilitate a healing after COVID and bring my gifts to the table."

Issues Hiebert sees as being key in the years ahead include finding ways to recruit more medical professionals to the area, improving mental health supports, attracting and retaining both skilled and unskilled workers, and addressing the lack of affordable housing here.

"I think Morden-Winkler is an amazing, viable community that is growing and prospering," she says. "I think we are very blessed here. And I think that we definitely have some of the best people in the country living in this area. But there's always things that we can improve on."

At press time, Hiebert was the only



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Carrie Hiebert is hoping to be the next Tory candidate for Morden-Winkler.

person to have officially declared their intention to run for the Morden-Winkler Conservative nomination.

Whoever secures that nomination will run as the Conservative candidate in the fall provincial election, vying for the MLA seat in Morden-Winkler.

## Morden mulls capital lot levy increase of 300%

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is considering hiking its capital lot levies by as much as 300 per cent, and local developers are voicing concern about what that might mean for the growth of the community.

"It would be such a shame to see Morden lose momentum ... that's definitely not what the city needs at this time," said Heather Francis of the Hive Development Group based in Morden. Francis suggests the city might want to consider phasing any increases in over time.

"It makes a difference in the bottom line," she said, noting she's heard from a fellow developer who suggested such a large increase would mean reconsidering plans for a new multi-family development. "It would be nice to see at least more notice. To just kind of receive a shock of new levies without a lot of notice, it's hard to adjust in terms of your financial plans for your development. A phasing in would be preferable."

"This is still a first draft. Council is still going through it ... and there's still work to be done on it," stressed Mayor Brandon Burley after council had met with developers to discuss the proposed increases. "It was really a first look at it to get concerns from developers, and there were a number."

Capital lot levies are paid as contributions for the capital costs incurred as a result of the approval of new lots created by a subdivision and for all new developments.

The existing levies range from \$2,150 for residential lots of a certain size to \$4,250 for a commercial, industrial or institutional lot. A 300 per cent increase would see those numbers jump to \$6,460 and \$12,750, respectively.

Burley explained that the need for these increases arose from a capital lot levy study that looked at the potential expenses over the next 20 years related to the city's growth. The city is looking to figure out whether or not it is in a position to maintain that growth and also fully understand and prepare for rising costs.

"We're looking at about \$100 million of infrastructure over the next 20 years to accommodate increases in population and increased growth."

This proposal is rooted in the idea that growth pays for growth, Burley said, and it needs to be costed into the capital lot levies.

"This is a full costing of what growth is going to cost us," he said. "We're also cognizant of the fact that we don't live in a vacuum. There are competing economies within our region that we have to be competitive with, but we also have to look at it from the standpoint of trying to encourage and incentivize certain types

of development including entry level and affordable housing."

He noted council recognizes that it can't further increase the burden on taxpayers to cover the cost of growth. "Council also recognizes that there's value to increased population ... there's a larger tax base to draw from," he said.

Burley suggested the increases that are arrived at will likely vary according to different developments and property classes. He stressed they want to understand how these increases will impact developers and their business models before they arrive at a final draft later this spring.

"What we anticipate it will do is a significant part of this will likely be born out of the profits somewhere," he said. "There's a portion of this that will be absorbed by the builder. We're cognizant of that as well ... this capital lot levy does eat into a profit for the builder or developer. And it may be that there is some new increased market price, but that's something we will need to be cognizant of, in particular with respect to new building for multi-family or entry level homes."

"We're going to continue to work with developers to figure out a model that works."

Francis said they understand there is a need for the levies to increase because of the infrastructure deficit in the city.

"I think we all knew that Morden's infrastructure is in need of some improvement, and there are a lot of big projects on the go, but an over 300 per cent increase in the levy was quite unexpected," she said.

"I do hope the city takes into account some of the feedback from the development community. I do hope that they take into account different types of development. I think that's one thing that hadn't been thought through as well in the draft."

"If you want to encourage more dense developments because they are more efficient in terms of the infrastructure that's used, it makes sense to incentivize those types of developments either by decreasing the amount of fees that are paid per unit or some other kind of incentives. I think that would be an important take away to not treat all types of development the same way."

Francis suggested the obvious immediate impact would be that the rising costs would need to be passed on to buyers at a time of already high inflation and rising construction costs.

"Even in terms of developers looking to put up rental units, if the cost of each unit has just gone up ... that obviously translates into higher rental rates that have to occur in order to finance the increased costs," she said. "I think it will definitely have an impact in our community."



# "We want the chamber to be relevant"

## Winkler chamber looking to add new value in 2023

By Ashleigh Viveiros

At the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting last week, outgoing president Keith Gislason lauded the business community on its continued engagement and willingness to help one another through the hard times.

"We are actually in an interesting position relative to other chambers," he told the assembled group of business leaders Feb. 23. "Other chambers around us have to fight and beg for participation. We have a lot of participants in almost everything that we do.

"Other chambers have to spend considerable amount of time bridging communication between their members. We're very fortunate in that you guys communicate with each other pretty well ... many times we'll start a conversation and we'll find out that you guys took it 10 steps further than we expected much faster than we expected things to take off because you just work well together.

"Other chambers have to spend years calling people to action to address concerns that they see in the community ... we're poised as a community who wants to act, that wants to make things better. We're professionally impatient, where we don't want to just wait and see a problem go unaddressed—we want to go make it happen."

Gislason has lived and worked in many communities, but says there's something special about Winkler.

"The practical optimism that is part of our business community here is very tangible. It is something real ... we're not afraid to take risks, we're not afraid to look at what could happen rather than be afraid of what's going to happen.

"The willingness to collaborate that I mentioned, that is rare. The stories that I hear ... [of] competitors helping each other in ways when everybody in the world and all the business principles would tell you you should step on their necks so that they can't compete with you, that's not the way we do things here. We want our whole community to be stronger. And if that means we support a competitor when they're down and potentially out, we'll do that over and over and over again."

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Gislason noted that the chamber board has spent the past year taking stock of what the agency has to offer the business community.

"We don't want to just fall back onto what we've always done in the past. We don't want to just pretend the last two or three years haven't happened and just go back to the way things were."

While that doesn't spell the end for the various networking events the chamber hosts throughout the year, it does mean members will be seeing some new activities and programs in the months ahead.

"Come give it a try. Tell us what you think," Gislason said. "We want feed-



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From left: Incoming Winkler chamber president Hank Froese, executive director Tanya Chateaufneuf, and outgoing president Keith Gislason at the annual general meeting luncheon last week.

back on what's working, what's not working, how things are going, how they're not going—because that's how we figure out what things are going to add value going forward."

The chamber's new president, Hank Froese, echoed that sentiment.

"We want the chamber to be relevant," he said. "So when people ask us, the business community asks us, what is the chamber doing for us, we want to be able to answer that and have concrete things, tangible things that they see us doing for them to promote their business, their interests, and to connect them with networking events and [educational] programming."

Froese has been a member of the chamber executive for about four years, coming to the role with a background in the manufacturing industry. He says he's looking forward to giving back even more now in his new capacity as board president.

Financially, the chamber ended the fiscal year with a deficit of nearly \$28,000, owing in large part to losses connected to the restarting of the annual awards gala after a few years without and costs associated with the newly redesigned chamber website.

Treasurer Ryan Hildebrand noted they are projecting a break-even year in 2023, with an operating budget of about \$219,000.

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"As we've gotten deeper and deeper into the details of what we have, its age, and anticipated replacement date, we're finding that we have a deficit of about 10 per cent in our ability to fund it. It's not huge, and it is way less than many other municipalities, but it is a shortfall. And if we want to be good stewards of what we have, we need to deal with it."

The City is also taking a close look at how transportation works in our community, and what can be done to get people where they need to be more efficiently.

That might include a transit system of some kind, Siemens noted, stressing that a transit feasibility study is part of the city's plans for the year

ahead.

"We are at a place that we can no longer not do something about helping people move around without vehicles," he said. "Many homes in our community have multiple people but only one vehicle. Some have or want no car at all. How can we help them get to work, go shopping, or to appointments?"

"We'll make sure that everyone affected is at the table and has their voice heard. Because we know that there is a need. Now we have to find ways to get the next step."

Other big projects on the horizon for the years ahead include renovations to the Winkler Centennial Arena and an expansion to Winkler's water treatment plant.

All these steps forward—whether they're happening this year or some time in the near future—come with a cost, which means taxes are going up to help pay for it, Siemens announced.

"We know we need to continue to invest in the people and services that make Winkler great. And we knew we couldn't shirk our responsibility to also put a little bit more into savings for the future. All of that ultimately brings us to a tax increase of 5.9 per cent this year."

As 2023 is a reassessment year, exactly what that increase means for individual homeowners and businesses will vary, though Siemens noted, in broad strokes, residential taxpayers will see their taxes go up

more than businesses.

The full financial plan will be unveiled at the March 14 city council meeting.

"We're at an exciting point in Winkler's history," Siemens said in closing. "We have a great city built by a generous and visionary business community. Thank you. People give freely of their resources and their time to many causes and events. We have a city staff that is dedicated and committed to service.

"I'm extremely proud that I get to lead a council that has been given the opportunity to build on this inheritance."



# PVLIP brings community together to celebrate diversity

By Lorne Stelmach

There was extra cause for celebration last Thursday at the Connecting Cultures and Communities event in Winkler.

The night served as a launch party of sorts for the Welcoming and Inclusive Communities toolkit (see story below), but it was also extra special as the first time the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP) has been able to hold the annual celebration of diversity in person.

The evening featured the live music of DEJAVU along with cultural appetizers, trivia, and discussion, and it takes the place of a regular annual meeting, said executive director Elaine Burton Saindon.

"We use this as an opportunity to bring information to the public about the work that PVLIP does and has done in the past year and announce our plans for what we are working on next year," she said.

"At the same time, it's an opportunity to get the bigger picture of the goals that we have and to engage the public to see if anyone is interested in joining some of our initiatives," Burton Saindon said. "And this is our third annual event but the first time in person, so coming together like this is exciting."

"It's celebrating the cultures in our region and talking about how we can work together to make this home for everyone."

The event ties into the PVLIP aim to identify and reduce barriers facing newcomers in the region and to create communities where everyone can feel welcome and that they belong.

That continues to be an important goal, given that over 130 different countries of origin are represented in the region as well as 35 different first languages.

There is much opportunity to meet with local leaders and talk about the challenges and barriers as well as share knowledge about things that are positive and working well, said Burton Saindon, and she sees PVLIP as playing an important liaison role with the communities across the region.

"We have seen such momentum," she suggested. "Helping educate our community leaders and helping them feel supported is one way that we can help them bridge that gap in terms of how they can better serve their newcomer population."

"I hope this draws them into a better understanding and maybe they will learn something they didn't realize before on how cultures interact with one another," she continued. "And maybe some of the challenges you may find in communicating isn't even really a personality thing but a cultural or traditional way of handling conflict."

"It's a way of hopefully drawing some attention to these nuances that

**"IT'S CELEBRATING THE CULTURES IN OUR REGION AND TALKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS HOME FOR EVERYONE."**



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

It was a full house in Winkler Feb. 23 as the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership hosted its third annual Connecting Cultures and Communities event. It's the first time the gathering has been able to be held in person.

we are seeing more and more of as our communities grow and expand."

Burton Saindon is optimistic about where PVLIP can go from here now that they have pretty much accomplished their original goals.

"It's really exciting ... it's almost five years when we met in this building to determine our strategic plan," she noted. "Here we are five years later with this incredible dream coming true and providing this resource to our communities."

"It's kind of come full circle, and we are really excited to see this happen-

ing and where we can go from here. Since we have actually kind of completed our work, we will be looking forward to strategic planning again this fall.

"We'll be doing a lot of consultations and some interviews with stakeholders and community leaders in the next six months, and we'll use some of that content to help us look at what are the next steps for PVLIP, how do we want to move forward and what kind of impact do we want to bring to our communities in the next five years."

## PVLIP unveils its new 'Welcoming and Inclusive Communities' toolkit

By Lorne Stelmach

The hope is that a new resource officially launched last week as part of the Connecting Cultures and Communities event will be a valuable tool in many ways for many users in the region.

The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership (PVLIP) sees its Welcoming and Inclusive Communities toolkit as being key to helping promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and enable community leaders and employers to implement best practices within their organizations.

"It's kind of a buffet of information in the toolkit. It's very broad," PVLIP executive director Elaine Burton Saindon said at the Feb. 23 event in Winkler. "It is a lot of information, but you can pick and choose what works

for you."

The project includes not only the resource book but also a series of diversity and inclusion videos for workplace training.

"There's some resources and content in there specific to employers to help them with understanding a multicultural workplace," Burton Saindon said. "There's a management perspective but also employees can see maybe these are things they need to be aware of as they work together."

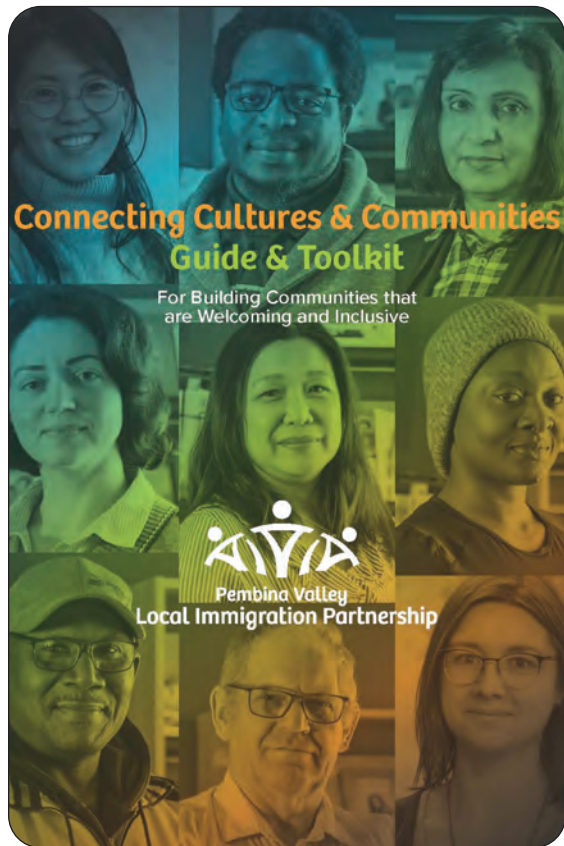
The toolkit addresses diversity and how communities can take steps to be more welcoming to immigrants and offers links for newcomers to connect them with local resources and information as they settle into their new home.



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DEJAVU was among the cultural entertainment for the evening, which also included ethnic food, trivia, and discussion about the work of PVLIP.





**ABOVE PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE**  
PVLIP's Elaine Burton Saindon hopes the new Connecting Cultures and Communities toolkit will have a wide reach across the region.

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"There's also a lot of good general information that anyone can access, whether you're a student in high school or a senior in a home," Burton Saindon said.

It's been estimated this project could help PVLIP reach 2,200 newcomers and 100 stakeholders across south central Manitoba, so they're certainly grateful for the federal funding that made it possible.

"It allowed us to create this guide and toolkit and video series on how to be more welcoming in our communities, how do we understand cultures, how do we communicate with different cultures and a multitude of content related to understanding diversity," Burton

Saindon said. "We have a part two now where we will be developing workshops that are then going to be implementing the toolkit content in our communities.

"Our priorities have been focused on welcoming and inclusive communities, communication, and mental health. This resource kind of combines all of those into one resource or one way of accessing that information," she concluded. "We are going to be making the effort to bring this into other communities

within our region that maybe don't have a lot of newcomers, so this could be a way of helping them prepare for immigration that they may be expecting."

**"IT'S A LOT OF INFORMATION, BUT YOU CAN PICK AND CHOOSE WHAT WORKS FOR YOU."**

# Municipalities respond to request to cut library funding

By Lorne Stelmach

Local municipalities have been offering a show of support for the South Central Regional Library.

In recent weeks, a number of them have responded to the delegations who made presentations asking that sexual education books they deemed pornographic be removed from local libraries. Failing that, the presenters asked the seven municipalities that support the SCRL to withhold funding as a show of support for their concerns.

Thus far, the councils who have drafted formal responses to this request have not only stressed the proper process was followed in reviewing the books in question but that funding will be maintained because of the importance of local libraries.

"We've communicated to the library board that they have our support," said Morden Mayor Brandon Burley. "The library is a valuable resource. It's a public library, and there's a variety of different materials in there. It would become a very slippery slope if every piece of literature that somebody didn't like or objected to was removed."

"It's a valuable resource, and we want to protect it," agreed Don Wiebe, reeve of the Municipality of Rhineland, which had formally replied in writing to the delegation earlier this year.

"Our regional libraries are a valued community resource and represent a safe public space for all our residents. As such, the municipality of Rhineland will continue to financially support our regional libraries," stated the RM's letter.

Ike Friesen, reeve of the RM of Stanley, was not available for comment last week, but Stanley's council echoed a similar sentiment in its written response sent out last month.

"At this time, we are not prepared to withhold funding for the library which would remove this valuable resource from our entire community," it read.

The first municipality to formally respond to these delegations was the Town of Altona in mid-December.

"The South Central Regional Library is an essential service in our community, and we support our library board and staff, their knowledge and expertise, and the decision they've made on this request," Mayor Harv Schroeder said in council's statement on the matter, stressing funding would not be halted.

"While we recognize that the library may provide materials that do not

appeal to each and every patron, it is important that all legal reading materials remain available so that each patron is free to make their own choice."

Stanley council's letter on the matter pointed to statistics that show over 4,700 residents of the municipality have library cards, with over 45,167 items borrowed within the last year, so that indicates it is a valuable service.

It further noted the library's collection and development policy was under review, but library users always have the opportunity to challenge a book, including a right to contest the findings of the review committee following a challenge.

"It is our understanding that the board has taken the book challenges seriously and has followed their established policy and has informed us that they received a legal opinion that the materials being challenged are educational in nature, are legal and not pornographic, and do not violate the Criminal Code of Canada," Stanley council said.

"Public libraries are for the public," the letter continued. "They contain a variety of information on different themes and topics that represent the diversity of the community it rep-

resents, and it is expected that, like in any public setting, that parents would explore the libraries together with their children ... in that way, any books selected by the child are at the discretion of the parent.

"What some find to be a valuable teaching tool with their child of a very sensitive subject others may find offensive."

"It's certainly okay to challenge books," noted Wiebe on behalf of Rhineland council, "and if you don't like it, there's an appeal process, so they should follow it."

Burley noted council was under no obligation to respond according to the Municipal Act, but he suggested it was an over-reach by the delegations to ask the municipalities to intercede in this way.

"We made our position very clear at a council meeting that we believed there were jurisdictional lines that they were crossing and that there were serious steps they had not taken.

"[The library board] has jurisdiction. We're not going to insert ourselves where we don't belong and begin to make decisions that would reflect only certain specific positions in the community that would not be shared by everybody."

Winkler city council has yet to comment. Representatives noted it is still considering the matter and they anticipate drafting a response soon.

**"IT WOULD BECOME A SLIPPERY SLOPE IF EVERY PIECE OF LITERATURE THAT SOMEBODY DIDN'T LIKE OR OBJECTED TO WAS REMOVED."**



# sports & recreation

## Flyers clinch playoff spot

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A pair of wins last week earned the Winkler Flyers their seat at the MJHL playoffs this spring.

The team kicked things off by blanking the Winnipeg Freeze 5-0 in front of a hometown crowd last Wednesday night.

Aidan Comeau got the shutout in net, making 28 saves.

His teammates fired 49 shots the other way, with Zachary Brault, Jacob Sargent, Gavin Waltz, Xyon Kiemeney, and Zach Nicolas all finding the mark.

On Saturday, OCN drew first blood with the only goal of the first period, but Winkler's Trent Penner got that one back in the second and then pulled his team into the lead with an early third-period goal. Sargent then put the final nail in with an empty-netter with four seconds to go.

It was Malachi Klassen in net this game. He made 37 saves as the Blizzard outshot the Flyers 38-22.

Winkler's lone loss of the week came at the hands of the Swan Valley Stampede Saturday night.

Swan Valley, who are currently in second place in the West Division, skated away from the confrontation with a 4-3 win.

Penner scored the only goal of the first period, giving the Flyers a lead that held all the way until the end of



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Freeze goalie Michael O'Sullivan appears helpless as he tries to get past Winkler's Logan Fillion to cover up the loose puck in Wednesday's game, which Winkler took 5-0 to secure their spot in the MJHL playoffs.

the second, when the Stampede finally got on the board.

The third period saw both teams score twice, Winkler's coming from Sambrook and Andrew. Swan Valley's second at 19:27 tied things at 3-3.

It took Stampede Collin Jennings 41 seconds into overtime to score the game winner.

Klassen made 34 saves in net for Winkler this game off 38 shots. Winkler had 32 shots.

With that, Winkler's record is 30-13-6-1 for 67 points, putting them in third place in the East Division behind the Portage Terriers (80 points) in first and the Steinbach Pistons (74 points) in third place. The Niverville Night-hawks are a ways back in fourth place with 50 points.

The Flyers kick off the final month of the regular season at home against the Steelers Wednesday. They then play

in Selkirk Friday night.

## Hawks wrap reg. season with loss to Wild

By Lorne Stelmach

The male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks kicked off their quarter-final series with the Yellowhead Chiefs this week.

Game one between the third ranked Hawks and sixth place Chiefs took place Tuesday in Morden. The result was not available at press time.

The best-of-five series was set to continue Thursday in Shoal Lake and then return to Morden for game three Saturday. If it goes the limit, game four is in Shoal Lake Monday and game five is in Morden next Wednesday.

Pembina Valley finished the regular season at 30-7-7 for 67 points, while Yellowhead ended up at 22-16-6 for 50 points.

The Hawks won three of the four games the two teams played against each other this season. They swept a home doubleheader last October by scores of 4-2 and 9-3 then split a February road doubleheader, winning 3-2 and then losing 4-3.

Pembina Valley ended their regular season run last week Wednesday with a 6-5 overtime loss to the Winnipeg Wild.

The Hawks fought their way back in this one after falling behind 4-1 in the first 20 minutes, closing the gap to 4-3 after two periods and then even leading 5-4 briefly in the third period. The Wild ended it 3:47 into overtime on a powerplay.

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### 2023 Giant Pumpkin Growers Seminar

The Manitoba Giant Growers Association (MGGA) invite all giant pumpkin growers to a seminar about the intricacies of growing giant pumpkins.

**Date:** 1:00 P.M. till 3:00 P.M., March 25, 2023.  
Incase of inclement weather, it will be postponed till April 1, 2023.

**Location:** Carman Legion Hall  
28 First St. N.W.  
Carman, Mb.

The first part of the program will be a presentation by Milan Lukes, two time winner of the Roland Pumpkin Fair.

Secondly, Laverne Wojciechowski, Western Canada representative for the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth, will report about the GPC convention held in Danvers, Massachusetts.

Thirdly, the MGGA will open a discussion about the patch tour, GPC rules, and any other questions the growers may have.

Mr. Don Crews of Lloydminster, Alberta has kindly donated four of his 2537 lb. Seeds grown in 2022 for door prizes.

Since the MGGA hasn't charged a membership since 2017, it will be necessary to charge in 2023 to pay for the cost of holding the seminar. Memberships are \$10.00 per person, or \$15.00 per family. **(Cash Only)**

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# Bombers/Mercs series tied at one game each



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Morden's Mike Rey tries to stop Warren's Matt Jacobucci from completing a pass in the SEMHL semi-final series, which was tied after the weekend.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Ste Anne Aces await the outcome of the Morden-Warren series to see who they'll face in the SEMHL finals.

The Aces (who finished the regular season in fourth place) swept their best-of-five semi-final against the first-place Portage Islanders 3-0 last week.

It was a close affair that saw Ste. Anne eke out overtime wins of 6-5 and 5-4 in games one and three, bookending a 5-4 victory in game two.

Meanwhile, the Morden Bombers and the Warren Mercs were in lock-step heading into this week, Morden having taken game one 7-4 Friday night and Warren winning game two 4-3 in overtime Sunday.

Adam Hughesman scored four goals for the Bombers in the opening game, which also saw Mike Rey contribute two and Jay Fehr one.

Reed Peters stood tall in net for Morden, making 33 saves as the Bombers outshot the Mercs 51-37.

The lead swung back and forth in game two on Sunday.

Morden was up 2-1 after 20 minutes thanks to goals from Fehr and Andrew Clark.

Warren tied it up early in the second and then pulled ahead in the 14th minute. A goal from Hughesman with 12 seconds on the clock tied things up 3-3.

After a scoreless finale frame, Braydon MacDonald scored the game-winning goal for the Mercs four minutes into overtime.

The Mercs once again held an edge in shots, 45-34. Peters made 30 saves in net.

Game three is in Warren Wednesday night. Game four is back in Morden Friday. Game five, if needed, will be in Warren on Sunday.

# Female Hawks made great strides this season: coach

By Lorne Stelmach

The season may have been disappointing in some respects for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks, but coach Addie Miles is looking on the bright side.

Despite having finished sixth and then bowing out in the quarter-finals, the Hawks were always competitive and showed great growth throughout the campaign, she suggested last week.

"At the end of the day ... my mes-

sage to the girls was that I'm a proud coach," said Miles, who cited how they were throughout "really putting an emphasis on their skill development, their work ethic ... this is a completely different group from the start of the year."

The Hawks finished the regular season in sixth at 9-18-1 for 19 points, which put them up against the third-place Winnipeg Avros, who were 21-6-1 for 43 points.

Pembina Valley had dropped all four of their regular season games against

the Avros, but they made them work for it in the playoffs, narrowly losing 3-2 in overtime in game one and then 1-0 and 2-0 in games two and three.

One thing that likely stands out in reviewing the season was a struggle to simply score more, which could have turned the tide in so many of their close losses.

Still, Miles is pleased with the marked improvement she saw in the team.

"I think about where we started at the beginning of the year to where we ended off ... we pushed one of the best teams in the league into very, very close games. We were in a position to possibly being able to win every single night against them, so for me, it's just the progress I've seen throughout the year with the girls.

"We pretty much had a season of barn burners. It was a lot of one goal games, two goal games very consistently throughout the year," Miles continued. "For us, we always just seemed to be just on the wrong side of it.

"Normally, it's you get a couple bounces here and there ... we talked about it as a group, we had to work for everything. We weren't going to

get anything handed to us."

Miles was particularly proud of her core of players who are now graduating after this season: Caitlin Anderson, Gracie Carels, Emily Foster, Mya Pearce, Eric Fijala, Kaylee Franz, and Marissa Fehr.

"They put in so much work and showed such dedication," she said. "They took this team by the reins and put everybody on their shoulders and just went after it. We had rookies coming in who had never played at this level before, and our leaders just brought them under their wings."

Miles believes there are good prospects for next season between players eligible to return and younger talent that is ready to take the next step.

"There's a couple key players we're seeing at the U15 level. I know a lot of girls are looking to make that jump to the U18 level, which is fantastic.

"We're going to be running a spring program allowing those U15 girls to come skate with the U18 girls so they can start to understand the expectation of what it takes to compete at the U18 level," she concluded. "I would say there's three or four really good girls coming up from that U15 team."

## > HAWKS, FROM PG. 15

Ryder Wolfe, Beau Bannerman, Sebastien Hicks, Liam Goertzen, and Marek Miller all scored for the Hawks, who were outshot 35-25. Goalie Bryson Yaschyshyn made 29

saves.

The other quarterfinal matchups have Brandon against Southwest, the Winnipeg Bruins against Eastman, and the Wild against the Thrashers.

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# Twisters extend win streak

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters are now riding a four game win streak as they hit the final stretch of the MMJHL season.

They extended their run on the weekend with a pair of victories, including a win over league-leading St. James.

The 4-2 victory for the Twisters Saturday handed the Canucks only their fourth regulation time loss of the season, and it came after a 9-3 romp over cellar dwelling Stonewall Friday.

Pembina Valley broke open a 3-3 game after one period with two second period markers against Stonewall followed by four more unanswered goals in the third period.

Nico Vigier led the way with a hat trick while Jacob Carels, Caelen Russell, Luke Van De Velde, Mike Hepner, Zander Carels, and Derek Wiebe also scored.

Shots on goal were 44-30 for the Twisters, with Matt Grysiuk getting the win with 27 saves.

Pembina Valley got a jump on St. James with four unanswered first period goals and then hung on, giving up a pair of third period powerplay goals to the Canucks.

Scoring for the Twisters were Slade Sotheran, Luke Van De Velde, Brett Bergman, and Riley Goertzen with his team-leading 25th goal. Logan Enns made 31 saves as the Canucks held a 33-27 edge in shots.

The Twisters remain in the thick of the battle in the middle of the standings, sitting in sixth place at 19-14-3-3 for 44 points, which has them one point back of Fort Garry Fort Rouge and two behind Charleswood while eight ahead of Transcona.

Pembina Valley has two key games this week starting with third place St. Vital Thursday then second place Riverview East Sunday.



PHOTO BY LANA MEIER/VOICE

Pembina Valley's assistant captain Nico Vigier (#16) scored a hat trick in the Twisters' 9-3 win against the Stonewall Jets Friday night.

# WFRC after-school program calls it quits

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre's After School Program hosts its final session this week.

The program offering activities and supervision for kids whose parents are still at work at the end of the school day has struggled to keep its head above water since it was launched in the fall of 2021, shares executive director Chantal Human.

"The program just wasn't sustaining itself financially," she says, noting they had just a handful of kids signed-up in recent months.

There is a real need for after-school programming in Winkler, but not necessarily in the two schools the resource centre is closest to, Human observes.

WFRC operates out of space in the

Emmanuel Mennonite Church on 15th St., a short walk from both Pine Ridge and Parkland schools.

As a result, they were able to offer "Walking School Buses" for participants of the program from those schools. A WFRC staff member would meet them at school and walk them down the street to the church each day.

Unfortunately, Winkler Elementary, J.R. Walkof, and Emerado Centennial schools are all too far way to offer a similar service, which made the program unfeasible for many families who might otherwise benefit from it.

"It seems like the need really is for the W.E.S. and J.R. areas," Human

says. "We're just too far away."

There was some discussion about potentially finding another space for the program closer to the other schools, but it simply isn't doable for the resource centre right now.

"For now, we're closing it down," Human says, noting perhaps it's something they can readdress in the future.

In the meantime, WFRC's early-childhood programming for pre-school age kids is alive and well. The next session of courses starts next week and runs until the end of April. Details are available online at [winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com](http://winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com).

"[IT] JUST WASN'T SUSTAINING ITSELF FINANCIALLY."

# Police locate stolen firearm

By Voice staff

A man is facing several firearms-related charges after a police investigation in Morden last month.

On Feb. 14, Morden Police were contacted about a vehicle that was taken without the owner's consent. The victim was fearful of the suspect and advised police of a firearm inside a Morden residence.

Police subsequently located the firearm and determined it had been stolen from a business in the RM of Dufferin in January.

As a result of this investigation, a 27-year-old man was arrested and has been charged with unauthorized possession of a firearm, knowledge of unauthorized possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm contrary to an order, possession of weapon obtained by crime, taking a motor vehicle without consent, and failing to comply with an undertaking.

He was remanded into custody to appear in Winnipeg Provincial Court.

## > MSTW WORKSHOP, FROM PG. 10

policies and land use and such," he suggested.

"The development plan reflects where people live and where they work and play in all of the MSTW region," he continued. "So you're looking at urban areas like Winkler and Morden, and you're looking at rural urban communities like Reinfeld and Schanzenfeld ... you have the Stanley corridor and all the villages and the rural agricultural areas.

"It can reflect the region's strengths and our hopes and aspirations that we have for the future as well," said

Fehr, who added the region's zoning bylaws also often need to be updated to reflect new development.

The review process started with a steering committee involving the four municipalities, and it is moving on to the second phase to get community input before the plan is revised and submitted for final approval.

"It will give a pathway then to go into the next phase of drafting the development plan," said Fehr, who suggested the importance of this cannot be understated. "If we don't get this right, it could impact the fu-

ture of our region. If you don't plan properly in all of these areas, we would not continue to grow like we have in the past ... there could be setbacks."

The March 7 workshop will include a background presentation and a facilitated group discussion to explore opportunities and issues in the area.

The workshop is set to go from 6-7:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to join the discussion can contact Kari Schulz, senior planner at WSP, either by calling 204-259-1477 or by e-mail to [kari.schulz@wsp.com](mailto:kari.schulz@wsp.com).

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## PUBLIC NOTICE



### You are invited to attend The Town of Altona 2023 Financial Plan Hearing Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:00 pm Council Chambers of the Altona Civic Centre

In accordance with subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act, the Council will present the proposed 2023 Financial Plan for the Town of Altona at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 in the Council Chambers of the Altona Civic Centre. The presentation will include the 2023 operating costs, the 2023 capital budget and a five year capital expenditure program. The presentation will be followed by a forum for questions and comments from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

Copies of the proposed Financial Plan will be available after March 15, 2023 on our website at www.altona.ca or upon request at the Town of Altona Administration Office, 111 Centre Avenue during regular business hours. Questions and remarks may be directed by letter or email to our Manager of Finance or through our email address at info@altona.ca.

Terry Fehr, CMMA  
Manager of Finance  
Town of Altona  
terry.fehr@altona.ca  
Box 1630  
Altona MB R0G 0B0

February 24, 2023



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC HEARING 2023 Financial Plan

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the City of Winkler will present its 2023 Financial Plan at a public hearing to be held on:

**March 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**  
City of Winkler Council Chambers,  
185 Main Street, Winkler, MB

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan. Anyone wishing to get a copy of the City's 2023 Financial Plan can contact City Hall by phone at 204-325-9524 or admin@cityofwinkler.ca during regular office hours.



CITY OF WINKLER  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a hearing at which time and place the council of the City of Winkler will receive representation from the applicants and any other persons who wish to make representations in respect of the Rezoning Application No. RZ2023-001 and By-law No. 2298-23, being an amendment to Winkler Zoning By-law 2271-21 of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2298-23, is to zone the land described below,

Namely:

**1650 Northlands Pkwy, legally described as Part of SE ¼ 8-3-4 WPM  
Being Block 4, Plan 66568 MLTO**

as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

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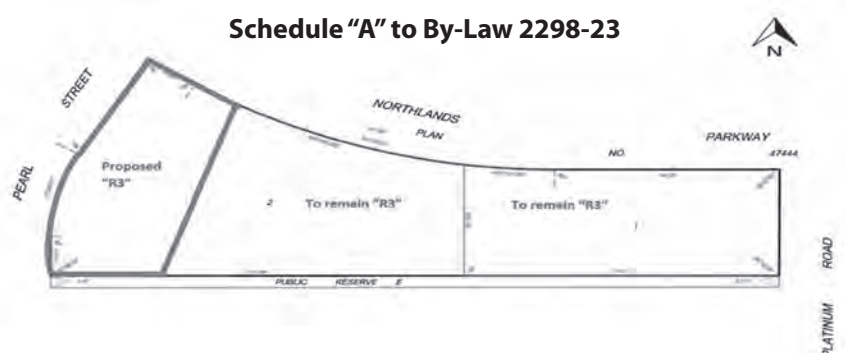
TO: "R3" RESIDENTIAL HIGHER DENSITY ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2298-23 and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

**Date of Hearing:** March 14, 2023  
**Time of Hearing:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Winkler Council Chambers,  
185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 17th day of February 2023.  
Designated Officer  
City of Winkler

### Schedule "A" to By-Law 2298-23



## PUBLIC NOTICE



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Municipality of Rhineland

2023 Financial Plan Hearing  
Wednesday, March 22, 2023 • 10:00 am  
Council Chambers of the  
Municipality of Rhineland

In accordance with subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act, Council will present the 2023 financial plan for the Municipality of Rhineland at 10:00am Wednesday, March 22, 2023 in the Council Chambers of the Municipality of Rhineland office.

The presentation will include the 2023 operating costs, the 2023 capital budget, and a five-year capital expenditure program. The presentation will be followed by a forum for questions and comments from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested persons to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection. Copies of the proposed financial plan will be available after March 8, 2023 at the Municipality of Rhineland office, located at 109 3rd Avenue NE during regular business hours. Questions and remarks may be directed by letter or email at info@rhinelandmb.ca

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## PUBLIC NOTICE



### R.M. OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2023 FINANCIAL PLAN

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the R.M. of Stanley intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2023 at a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the Municipality on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Financial Plan, as provided. Copies of the 2023 Financial Plan will be available for review prior to the Hearing at the Municipal Office at 1-23111 PTH 14W in the Rural Municipality of Stanley.

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### PUBLIC NOTICE Municipality of Rhineland

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 194 of the Municipal Act of Manitoba, the audited financial statements for the Municipality of Rhineland for the year ended December 31, 2021 have been completed and are available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the Municipality of Rhineland Administration Office, 109 - 3rd Street NE, Altona, MB.  
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### SUDOKU

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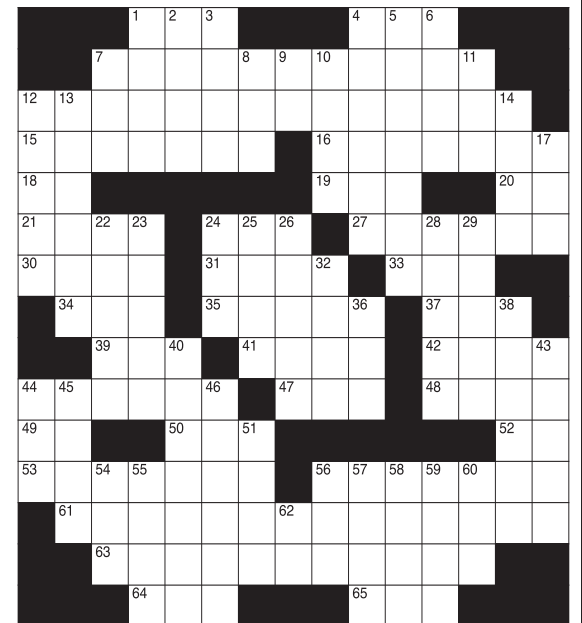
Sudoku Answer

Crossword Answer

## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Relaxing place
- 4. Plant by scattering
- 7. A type of explorer
- 12. Unique traits
- 15. Lady
- 16. Dismayed
- 18. Railway
- 19. Type of whale
- 20. Sodium
- 21. Manning and Lilly are two
- 24. Where golfers begin
- 27. Entrapped
- 30. Influential punk artist
- 31. Hebrew calendar month
- 33. Car mechanics group
- 34. Undesirable rodent
- 35. Minneapolis suburb
- 37. Witch
- 39. Get free of
- 41. A written proposal or reminder
- 42. British School
- 44. Country on west coast of Africa



- 3. Portrays a character
- 4. Expresses happiness
- 5. Acquires
- 6. "The Martian" author
- 7. Degree
- 8. 60-minute intervals
- 9. A detective's pal
- 10. Group of nations (abbr.)
- 11. Popular Georgia rockers
- 12. Fencing swords
- 13. Basement
- 14. Samoan monetary unit
- 17. Male parent
- 22. Finnish lake
- 23. A smooth fabric
- 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 26. Very willing
- 28. Expressed pleasure

- 29. Lasso
- 32. Hindu model of ideal man
- 36. Move your head in approval
- 38. Ill-\_\_: gained illegally
- 40. Die
- 43. Accused publicly
- 44. Precious stone
- 45. Individual thing or person
- 46. Behaved in a way that degraded
- 51. Derogatory term
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Liability
- 56. Popular beverage
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 58. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Negative
- 62. Camper

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. A person with unusual powers of foresight
- 2. Single sheet of glass



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### CARD OF THANKS

Dear doctors, nurses and volunteers - I want to thank you all for a great job you are all doing, you are all special. God bless you. A great team at Boundary Trails Health Centre and Cancer Care.

Thank you all - You are Awesome!  
-Shirley Simpson

### BIRTHDAY



If you recognize this newly-minted octogenarian, please come to 1027 Mountain Ave. in Winkler on Saturday, March 4 and wish him well!  
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#### Devotion

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**5:00 - 7:00 PM**

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### IN MEMORIAM

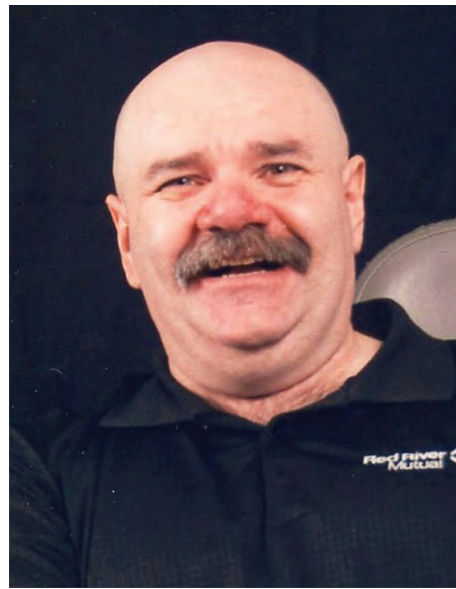


**Evelyn Giesbrecht  
1931-2017**

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day;  
Unseen, unheard but always near,  
So loved, so missed and held so dear.  
You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide;  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.

-Lovingly remembered by your family

### IN MEMORIAM



**In Loving Memory of  
our dear son, brother and uncle,  
Rick Heppner**

**June 20, 1963 - March 3, 2021**  
who went to be with our Lord and Saviour  
2 years ago.  
We miss you a lot.

-Mother Diane  
and family

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<b>April 29/22</b>		
232	John & Pam Jackson	\$150.00
260	Rob & Cathy Dudgeon	\$150.00
62	Giant Tiger	\$500.00
<b>May 27/22</b>		
246	Merle Block	\$150.00
115	Tom Wiebe	\$150.00
15	Krahn Friesen Neufeld CPA	\$500.00
<b>June 24/22</b>		
251	John Dyck	\$150.00
83	Monty Magarell	\$150.00
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66	Marlene Nelson	\$500.00
<b>February 24/23</b>		
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144	Jamie & Denise Hartry	\$150.00
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### VOTING FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## NOTICE OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS ELECTRONIC VOTING

### MEMBERS OF ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED (the "Credit Union")

**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION**

### VOTING FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Annual General Meeting of the members of Access Credit Union will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. CDT via virtual means, for the following purposes:

1. 2022 Financial Statements
2. Board of Directors Report
3. Appointment of Auditors
4. Announcement of Patronage Allocation and Cash Redemptions
5. Director Elections

All eligible members wishing to participate in the General Meeting are required to register online at [www.accesscu.ca](http://www.accesscu.ca) prior to April 18, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. CDT. More information about the virtual General Meeting can be found at: [www.accesscu.ca](http://www.accesscu.ca).

DATED this 2nd day of March 2023  
ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED  
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**OBITUARY**



**Abe (Red) Hiebert**  
1933 – 2023

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather at the age of 89 years. Abe passed away peacefully after a short battle with cancer.

He leaves to mourn two daughters, Jennifer (Bob), Connie (Wilbert); daughter-in-law, Doreen; one son, Wayne (Carol) and their families as well as one sister, Helen; six brothers, John, Nick, Herman, Dick, Chester and Cliff and their families.

Abe was predeceased by his beloved wife, Liz in 2019; son, Robert in 2021; granddaughter, Michelle; great-granddaughter, Carley; his parents, Abram and Helena Hiebert; brothers, Peter and David; brothers-in-law, Art McGinnis and Bob Toews; sister, Mary

Toews and sister-in-law, at Patterson.

Private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Thank you to the caring staff and doctors at Tabor Home.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden  
In care of arrangements  
wiebefuneralhomes.com



**OBITUARY**



**Harold Dennis Bollenbach**  
1943 - 2023

The Bollenbach families are saddened to share the news that Harold left this world peacefully in his sleep, on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at the age of 79.

Harold was born at the Morden Freeman's Hospital to parents, Mathilda and Gustav and raised on the family farm, between Thornhill and Morden. He was the youngest of a large family of three brothers and four sisters. He started his schooling at Wellington School in Thornhill. In 1952 Harold and his parents moved to Morden where he continued his education at Maple Leaf Elementary School and Morden Collegiate. In 1963 he was awarded the school Citizen Award for his many contributions to student activities, a recognition of his engaging and social nature.

His first job after leaving school was at the McLeod's general store. A couple of years later, in 1966, Harold was hired by the Manitoba Telephone System (MTS). He started in Morden, where his first job was emptying the coins from the local pay-phones. A year later he was transferred to Winnipeg where he held various positions, many of which were in the Personnel and Payroll department. In 1991 Harold received the Long Service Award from MTS and retired in August 1995 after 29 years with the company. After his retirement he felt the pull of small town living and moved back to Morden. Above all else Harold was a "people person". He loved being around people, he was interested in their stories, and he went out of his way to make connections. He was well known in the local coffee shops and businesses. His ability to engage people served him well in his many volunteer activities once he returned to Morden. Harold was the perfect person to introduce Bruce at the Fossil Discovery Museum, to welcome visitors to Morden at the Tourist Information Booth, to emcee the tractor parades at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, to be a tour bus guide during the Corn and Apple Festival or to perform in The Grand Ole Opry productions. Over the years, Harold enjoyed writing and created various collections and pieces including "The Family Harold" (1989-1992), letters to the editor, "The Pumphandle" (2007-2013), a play, "Brown's Half-Way House" as well as the Homestead's newsletter "The Last Page". (Uncle) Harold loved his big and growing family and enjoyed keeping in touch with his many nieces, nephews and their families. Keeping up with modern technology as he did, made this possible over the years. After six years at Homestead South, he moved to Tabor Home in July 2022. Harold's family would like to thank all the caregivers and staff at Homestead, the Tabor Home and the Boundary Trails Health Centre for their care, compassion and friendship during his stays.

Harold's memory will be cherished by his sister, Marion Dudgeon; sisters-in-law, Lynn Bollenbach and Edith Penman along with the Andrew, Bollenbach, Borthwick, Dudgeon and Mudge families.

He was predeceased by his parents, Gustav and Mathilda; his brothers, Lawrence, Walter and Herman; his sisters, Lydia Andrew, Helen Borthwick and Ruth Mudge; his brothers-in-law, George Andrew, Jack Borthwick, Allan Dudgeon and Albert Mudge and his sister-in-law, Jean Bollenbach as well as his nephew, Bryan Mudge and nieces, Judy (Dudgeon) Hoes and Karen Borthwick Westfall.

Following Harold's wishes, he was cremated and will be interred with his brother, Lawrence and his parents at the Hillside Cemetery with a Celebration of Life at a later date (he actually referred to it as a "Toast and Roast").

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Harold's memory to Diabetes Canada and the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

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**OBITUARY**



**Anna Klassen (nee Thiessen)**  
1940 – 2023

On Sunday, February 19, 2023 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Anna Klassen, 82 years went to her eternal rest.

She leaves behind one daughter, Jenny (Ernie) Enns; two sons, Bob (Chrissi) Klassen, Terry Klassen; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters; two brothers and their families.

She was predeceased by her husband, Abe in 2008.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

Special thank you from the family to everyone for all your prayers and support. Thank you to the wonderful staff at Legion 1 & 2 and Boundary Trails Health Centre. Many thanks to Wiebe Funeral

Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Anna's memory to Legion House 1 & 2 265 North Railway St. Morden, MB R6M 1W4.

"The world changes from year to year;

Our lives from day to day.

But the love and memory of you shall never pass away." Unknown

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# MS Awareness Week: March 12-19



## MS Awareness — Whatever It Takes

Nationally and globally, there is growing awareness about multiple sclerosis, people living with the disease and the MS movement. Together, we are working to cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to live their best lives. There is always more that can be done to spread the word, to share knowledge about research and progress in treatments, and to support those affected by MS. We can all play an important role in continuing this work. Designated national and international MS awareness campaigns are a great way to get involved, but remember that you can make a difference every day!

## MS Awareness Week

Stories of life with MS are often portrayed through the everyday moments that people with MS experience. Sometimes these moments and feelings can be hard to explain in

words, so people with MS often share them in the abstract. They might describe their sense that time is standing still as they wait in their doctor's office to hear the words "you have MS." Or they might share the experience of waking up in the morning and feeling as though their legs are encased in cement. Bringing these moments to life and sharing them with the world allows the stories of living with MS to be seen and understood like never before.

The National MS Society amplifies the stories of people living with MS to raise awareness every day and during MS Awareness Week. We won't stop until the moment we've all been hoping for and working toward — when we cure MS for every person living with this disease. Mark your calendar and join the fight. Share your story or connect with a person affected by MS. Add your voice to help raise awareness.

Follow the Society's social media channels and share with your networks to help ensure that more people understand what life with MS can be like and engage with them to take action.

## Taking the first steps

If you or a loved one have recently been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, you may not even know where to begin. Chances are you've never heard of MS and don't know what this means for the rest of your life. You're probably feeling overwhelmed, and even a little scared. You might also be relieved to finally know what's causing all the strange symptoms you've been experiencing.

The good news is, no one has to face MS alone. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is here to provide the sup-

port, resources and information you need to move your life forward. Many people find it helpful to start by gathering the facts. Learning as much as you can about MS can help you feel confident and in control of your health.



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