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Rockin' at the Corn & Apple

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Prism's Al Harlow didn't let a little thing like rotten weather keep him from getting the crowd pumped up as the Saturday night headliners for the Morden Corn and Apple Festival. For more festival photos, check out pages 14-15.

Second merger vote for Access CU members

By Lorne Stelmach

Members across the region will for a second time vote on creating the largest credit union in Manitoba.

The Access Credit Union and the Assiniboine Credit Union are asking their members to vote again in September on the joint proposal to merge after an earlier ballot was defeated by a slim margin by Access members last spring.

If the proposed merger is successful, the new entity would be the largest credit union in Manitoba and the sixth largest in Canada in terms of assets, branches, and members. Assiniboine brings 112,806 members to the table, while Access Credit Union has 42,050.

The previous vote on the issue saw Assiniboine members vote 95 per cent in favour, while Access members voted 63 per cent in favour, falling just short of the 66.67 per cent required for the motion to pass.

Within a few short days of the failed vote, Access received a petition from members asking for a second opportunity to vote on the merger, said board chairperson Darryl Loewen.

"We're doing this because Access mem-

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Central Station welcomes new executive director

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There's a new leader at the helm of Winkler's Central Station Community Center.

Lavonne Kroeker came on board earlier this month as the centre's first full-time executive director, taking over for outgoing part-time director Ramona Nash, who has moved abroad.

Kroeker has spent the last few weeks settling into the role and says she's looking forward to being a part of Central Station's continued growth moving forward.

"The organization is growing and is in a somewhat new phase and it's just really exciting to be a part of that," she says, noting that there's a "vision for what the centre could become" and a need for someone to be working full-time to help Central Station reach that vision.

Kroeker is certainly no stranger to the centre, having been involved from the get-go as a volunteer.

"I've always had a connection with Central Station," she says. "Whether it was scraping paint off the floor to help get the building ready ... and I've just always believed in what they're doing and, having worked in the area, saw

there was definitely a need for a place like this."

Central Station is all about building connections, Kroeker says, be it through recreational classes, weekly community meals, or programming to help newcomers or families in need.

"I think the biggest thing is just connection, giving people an avenue—and sometimes it's through food, sometimes it's through learning different things about parenting, and sometimes it's a shared struggle that they might have—to come together and help them to know that Winkler is a place where there are people who care."

Also joining Kroeker on staff is Kim Driedger in the role of volunteer coordinator, a sponsored position.

"The programming has continued to grow and our volunteer base is growing as well," Kroeker says, urging anyone who wants to find a place on the centre's volunteer roster to contact Driedger. "We would love to have some more volunteers involved."

As the summer winds down, the community centre is gearing up for the resumption of many of its core programs.

The Shine & Share Community



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Lavonne Kroeker has come on board as the Central Station Community Center's new full-time executive director.

Storehouse opens for its regular hours the second Wednesday of the month starting in September, providing struggling families with a place to pick up basic necessities.

"It gives people an opportunity to stock up on supplies they need at very reasonable prices," Kroeker says, noting they accept donations of items to the store. Call 204-325-0257 to find out what the needs are.

Also starting up next month are several programs for pre-schoolers organized by the Winkler Family Resource Centre, the Celebrate Recovery program, and Community Cooking Classes.

And, as always, the public is invited to drop by the centre anytime Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or pop in for the weekly community meal, Café 545, which takes place Mondays at 5 p.m.

"It's really exciting to see such a wide variety of people enjoying a scrumptious meal together," Kroeker says, noting they've had as many as 170 people come out for the free food and fellowship.

Central Station is located at 545 Industrial Drive, sharing the building with The Bunker. For more information on what's going, check them out online at winklercentralstation.com.

> MERGER VOTE, FROM PG. 1

bers asked us to give them another opportunity to support a merger," he said, noting the petition comes from a large group of members. "When they saw how close we were to getting a merger we knew was important to our future ... many said they assumed the merger proposal would pass and didn't make the time to get out to vote and now regret that."

Loewen said members will be voting on "a new amalgamation agreement, however it's in very large measure the same merger proposal that was presented in the spring ... with a couple of tweaks."

One revision is that, if passed, the merger will now take effect January 1, 2016, rather than this fall.

"The second change in the agreement is stronger language about

community input into grant, gift and sponsorship contributions by the credit union," he said. "That was always in the intent of the joint partnership ... we just strengthened that language on support that represents the communities."

Loewen stressed that they want all members to know that "we want to support all our communities. The new credit union will, as we have until now, seek to support the communities that we are in and that includes all members."

If there is any sense among some members who rejected the merger the first go-around of differing values between the two credit union communities, Loewen stressed that "there's a really wide range of interests and opinions or values ... in every community ... and we want to be supportive of the entire community."

"All the reasons that the board of directors of both credit unions recommended the merger in the first place are still true today," he added. "We're working in a rapidly changing and very competitive financial sector.

But we know we will remain financially viable and competitive if we are working together."

Assiniboine Credit Union chairperson Vera Goussaert said in a statement that her board knows the Access community shares the same values and community commitment that Assiniboine has.

"In fact, we know that together we will be able to broaden our impact on the community-building work—as the largest credit union in Manitoba."

Both boards say the merger will bring access to more branches as well as enhanced technologies, more innovative products, and greater efficiencies. And with no geographic overlap in the combined network, no branches will be closed as a result of the merger.

Access CU members head to the polls on Wednesday, Sept. 16 in various locations (another change from the first vote, which was held only in Winkler), while Assiniboine members vote on Sept. 21 in Winnipeg.

For local voting locations, log on to www.accesscu.ca.



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Need a smoke detector? Your local fire dept. has got you covered

By Lorne Stelmach

Local firefighters may be coming to your door this fall armed with smoke detectors for those households currently without.

Regional fire departments are participating in a province-wide program spearheaded through the Manitoba Burn Fund and supported by the Office of the Fire Commissioner and Red River Mutual that aims to ensure more Manitoba homes are properly protected.

"One of the things that kept coming up was that even though people have smoke alarms in their house, some of them have had the batteries removed or the detector itself has been taken off," said Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen.

"So there's been some issues with early warning systems ... a lot of the deaths in the province have been where smoke alarms were not working or were not present at all," he said. "So we kind of want to eliminate that issue. And one of the ways of doing it was providing a smoke detector for homes that were in need of one."

The initiative will see firefighters going out into their communities door-to-door to distribute and install new smoke detectors where they are needed.

Thiessen anticipated they will be doing it in Morden the first week of October with an initial shipment of 100 units to be handed out.

"They are a detector that has a 10-year lithium battery, so you don't need to check your batteries to see if they are out or need replacing. We still want you to test them to make sure they are still operational, but you won't need to replace the battery."

Thiessen said for this year they will start in the 100 block of Morden then go further into the community in the

"[WE'RE] PROVIDING A SMOKE DETECTOR FOR HOMES THAT ARE IN NEED OF ONE."

future as the program continues.

"Because we are only given a limited amount per time, we'll see how far we go with what we are given ... and then possibly next year we can continue," he said.

"We are thinking that the older homes are the ones that we want to concentrate on. The newer ones are all, by building code, required to have electrically backed up detectors, so we're targeting the older homes this time around to make sure have at least one detector."

With the department's ongoing efforts to encourage and promote fire prevention and safety, Thiessen said an initiative like this is a welcome one.

"It's an awesome gift that the province has given to communities."

Winkler's fire department could not be reached for comment as to their plans for smoke detector distribution as of press time.



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Morden Fire Chief Andy Thiessen with the shipment of smoke detectors that will be distributed to local homeowners for free this fall.



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A 'blending of cultures'

African Children's Choir to perform traditional gospel, African songs and dances

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The members of the 43rd African Children's Choir have been on a non-stop adventure travelling across North America this summer, and their journey brings them to our area next month.

The 18-voice choir made up of pre-teens from the African nation of Uganda bring their high-energy show to Winkler and Plum Coulee for three performances Sept. 6 and Sept. 11.

The kids are excited to be touring the world sharing songs and dances from their home country, and that excitement certainly comes across in their performances, says tour chaperrone Emily Gronow.

"People can expect to see a lot of energy on stage," she says, adding, with a laugh, "maybe a bit too much energy."

"Also huge amounts of colour. Not only with their costumes but also with their personalities. They're just so naturally charactered."

"We sing a number of traditional gospel songs . . . and a lot of African songs, as well, and a lot of African drumming," Gronow says. "So it's a mixture of songs and dances . . . a blending of cultures."

The concerts are completely free to attend, with the proceeds from a free-will offering going to support African Children's Choir's education, relief, and development pro-



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY LYNNE DOBSON

The African Children's Choir brings their high-energy benefit show to Winkler and Plum Coulee next month. Admission is free, with donations going to help families in Africa send their children to school.

grams.

The choir's parent organization, Music for Life, covers education costs for the choir's members when they return home, allowing families who could not otherwise afford tuition see their children succeed all the way through university.

As a result, the choir program, which is celebrating 30 years this year, has had an impact on thousands of children and, by extension, their communities.

A few of those success stories will be shared at next month's concerts, Gronow says.

"There's the opportunity to see how previous choir members have succeeded in the last 30 years, where they are now," she says, noting many have returned to their communities as doctors, lawyers, and teachers.

"The whole mission of this project is to lift children of families in poverty out by giving them an education," Gronow says. "Education gives them that future to be able to be self-sufficient, but also to go back and help their families and communities."

The choir's young members are also seeing a much more immediate benefit to their involvement: this year-long tour is their first chance to experience life abroad, and every day brings with it a new discovery.

"They absolutely love it. I do not know where they get the energy from," says Gronow. "They're so inquisitive about what we have here. They've got a passion for everything . . . they want to know how everything works."

The trip has allowed the children—who six months ago didn't speak

any English—to hone their language skills, not to mention all the other life skills that come with long-term travel.

"It's just setting them up to be really independent and really confident to go forward and actually believe that what they want to do in life is achievable," says Gronow.

The choir performs at the Grace Mennonite Church at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 6 and then in Plum Coulee that same day at the Bergthaler Mennonite Church at 7 p.m.

Then, after a stop in Winnipeg, they return for one final Winkler performance at the Winkler Mennonite Church on Friday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

For more information on the African Children's Choir and the programs it supports, go to www.africanchildrenschoir.com.

"THE WHOLE MISSION OF THIS PROJECT IS TO LIFT CHILDREN OF FAMILIES IN POVERTY OUT BY GIVING THEM AN EDUCATION."

Got unwanted stuff? Put it out for Giveaway Weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Got a bunch of stuff you don't use anymore but know still has some life left in it for somebody else? Haul it to the curb for Winkler's fourth Giveaway Weekend.

Giveaway Weekend 2015 takes place Friday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 12, with city officials encouraging residents to put unwanted items at the curb and then go hunting around town for new curbed treasures to replace them.

"If you have stuff you haven't used in years maybe it's time to find a new home for it," Mayor Martin Harder says. "This is a way of allowing one person's junk to be another person's treasure . . . I believe that it's a part of

a responsible recycling program.

"It's totally open. You can put out whatever you feel you want to give away for free," he adds. "[Everything] from a rocking chair to pictures to a tablecloth to a table to cupboards to whatever you have—put it at the end of the lane and find out who needs it."

This will be the fourth year that the city has held a Giveaway Weekend, though it has never quite reached the success it had in its first year, the mayor noted. They're hoping more awareness this go around will change that.

"We're trying to do a better job this year in making sure the community is aware of it, that people are engaged," Harder said. "We're working to make sure it's a little more visible and that more people will know about it before

the weekend."

When taking part, Harder encourages people to clearly mark Giveaway Weekend items with a "free" sign, and to remember to put anything you don't want mistakenly picked up well away from the end of your property.

"Just make sure the things you don't want to give away aren't at the end of the road," he says, "or you might end up losing something you didn't mean to give away."

The weekend initiative officially runs until the end of the day Saturday, when items must be cleaned up.

"Saturday at five o'clock we ask that you clean up the end of your driveway, because we don't want to have things flying around all over the place and making a mess," Harder says.

Chambers give back

The Winkler and Plum Coulee chambers of commerce teamed up for a seventh year in a row on their annual golf tournament, held June 15 in Winkler, and each community has benefitted from the partnership. Donations of \$400 were presented on Monday to the Winkler Community Foundation and the Plum Coulee Foundation. On hand for the presentation were (from left) Heather Unger of the Plum Coulee Foundation, Moira Porte of the Plum Coulee Chamber of Commerce, Myra Peters of the Winkler Community Foundation, and the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce's Tanya Chateauf.

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MCC FallFest to launch in Winkler Sept. 12

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Mennonite Central Committee is starting up a brand new fall fundraiser to replace the long-running Morris Relief Sale.

The relief sale wrapped up its 35-year tenure last fall, leaving the organization with a hole to fill in its fundraising campaign, says MCC spokesman Brad Reimer.

"We wanted to recreate an event for fall—not necessarily a relief sale, but some sort of an event," he says.

And so, FallFest was born.

FallFest will take over the Winkler fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering a packed-full day of entertainment.

The day will include live music from local musicians Quinton Blair, Warren Friesen, and Ed Penner and the North Border Band.

There will also be plenty of kid's activities (face painting, bouncy castles,

and games), performances from storyteller Ken Sensenig of Pennsylvania, food trucks, displays outlining MCC's work around the world, and a Ten Thousand Villages portable store offering hand-crafted goods.

FallFest will also feature an auction, though it will be one that offers a different line-up of items than MCC has had in the past.

"People were telling us they didn't need more stuff," Reimer says. "That they wanted things that were more experiential and that build community and reflect the work of MCC."

In response, the FallFest auction will be offering up experienc-

es such as a two-night stay at the A Rocha Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre guest house, airfare for an international learning tour with MCC, and tickets to a Winnipeg Blue Bombers game, to name just a few of the packages up for grabs.

"We're trying to think outside the normal box," Reimer says, noting they hope that between the auction

and the day's donations the event will raise somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$25,000 for MCC.

"This is our first attempt at this," he says, adding that they don't really know what to expect from the fundraiser, but are optimistic MCC supporters will come out to enjoy the day.

"Winkler and Morden are huge supporters of MCC and so we felt it

would be a place where we would have a lot of support" to try out a new event like this, Reimer says.

If FallFest proves a success, MCC hopes to add a second, similar event to the line-up in Steinbach in future years.

For more information on FallFest, check out MCC's event page online at mcccanada.ca.

"WE'RE TRYING TO THINK OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL BOX."

Staff changes afoot at MSTW Planning District

By Lorne Stelmach

The main planning authority in the region that guides development and construction is going through a period of transition.

The MSTW (Morden Stanley Thompson and Winkler) Planning

District became short-staffed with the recent departure of a building inspector as well as its manager.

MSTW board chairperson Henry Siemens, a board representative for Winkler city council, could not com-

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From molehills to mountains

I find it interesting (funny) reading about the things that people expend a great deal of their energy on when it comes to anger and outrage.

It seems like when it comes to emotions, anger, outrage and other like emotions, they come in endless supply compared to the more constructive emotions like love, compassion, and happiness.

People are always getting themselves worked into a knot over the most mundane and banal things, turning every molehill into a mountain.

In some ways I am a terrible troll when it comes to these things. I will often bait people into conversations just to see how far their righteous indignation will go (I am a jerk that way . . . there are stronger words for the type of person I can be, but this is a family paper).

The internet is a great place to find these things, but before you get all self-righteous about how you don't frequent such places remember the internet is merely a reflection of the world. One merely has to listen carefully in a coffee shop, hair salon, church lobby or other such places to hear the same angry conversations.

Most recently I was enjoying an article about Target's decision to become more gender neutral in terms of shelving things like kid's toys and clothes and the absolutely ridiculous outrage that has been spewing forth from a small but loud group.

I applaud the decision and wonder at the passion invested in the issue. I mean, are we suddenly not going to be able to figure out what toy to buy our daughter? Are people concerned that they will suddenly become incapable of choosing clothes for their son? We don't go into Canadian Tire and see aisles labelled Men's Tools and Women's Tools . . . it really is not that hard

and doesn't seem worth the venom.

But some folks seem to need things to be angry about the way sharks need to eat fish to survive. It is a constant hunt from one victim to the next that we might keep the forge fired.

Celebrities are also a target of the "angry-about-everything" crowd.

"That Kim Kardashian is naked again!"

"Miley Cyrus . . . oh myyyy, what she has become?!"

Don't get me wrong, I am guilty of this too. I have found myself bent out of shape by people I know nothing about (usually politicians).

Honestly, I get angry all the time,

but it's usually about the stupidest little things like misplacing my keys or my one eyebrow hair that wants to stick straight out and seems to be a foot long . . . things a person gets over fast and laughs about later. Things that are almost always my fault.

Essentially what I'm saying is I do enough idiotic stuff of my own on a nearly constant basis to frankly not have the time to worry much about other people's stuff, although sometimes it can take work to look away.

Maybe that's the trick: a little more self-reflection and a little less panic over that dress Nicki Minaj wore to the Grammys.

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ment on the staff departures, citing the confidentiality of personnel matters. However, steps are being taken to address the staffing issues, he said.

"Any organization goes through these kinds of changes," said Siemens. "It's a difficult position to fill

. . . but we were able to find somebody to step in on an interim basis while we search for a new manager."

Robert Jones has come on as interim manager while the search for a new manager is underway. The job posting has been advertised and closes early in September.

Jones comes to the temporary position with extensive experience at the management level, including as a former credit union manager, and he said the MSTW office is able to keep functioning as well as possible.

"I am thankful that we have a

good staff here that are well experienced," he said.

As far as building inspections, Jones said they have "established time frames for the approval of building permits and we are approving them within those time frames established by the board."

While the planning district has been short a building inspector, Siemens agreed that they have been able to carry on with business as well as could be expected. "We did have earlier this summer some periods where it was tough to do," he noted.

"We are trying to find ways to make certain that we support the building

industry so they can get timely inspections," Siemens added. "We do the absolute best we can. Our staff are working very hard to make that happen. And our contractors are working with us as well as we work through this."

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CFDC welcomes new adjunct curator to staff

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre will benefit from a new scientific partnership that resulted from one of the shark fossils in its collection.

The museum announced last week that Dr. Michael Newbrey will serve as its new adjunct curator.

Newbrey's role with the centre came about after he had been asked to take a look at one of the fossils in the collection here about a year and a half ago.

"When you do find a shark fossil ... it is extremely rare and extremely important. They felt it would be important for me to come have a look at this," said Newbrey, who will continue his work as part of the biology faculty at Columbus State University in Georgia while collaborating with the CFDC on its research program.

"I got pretty excited about it ... I was hooked. I decided that was something I would need to pursue research-wise," he said. "And as I got to know the collection a little better ... I thought it would be great if we could build collaboration ... and away we go."

Newbrey is highly regarded as a paleoichthyologist (the study of fish fos-



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Dr. Michael Newbrey joins the CFDC as its new adjunct curator specializing in fish fossils.

sils) and he will collaborate with the CFDC paleontologist Victoria Markstrom in working on the museum's extensive fossil collection, said executive director Peter Cantelon, who suggested the CFDC will benefit greatly from his knowledge of sharks and bony fishes.

"It's pretty awesome. We're known for our marine reptiles, but we have an enormous collection of fish that we

really haven't had a great opportunity to dig into yet," he said.

"There's so many things about this relationship that are really convenient for both of us," added Cantelon, noting the association with Newbrey will also help get the CFDC's name out there in the world. "His affiliation with us is really going to help significantly with that. Everything he publishes from this point on, as long as he is affiliated with us, will reference the CFDC."

For his part, Newbrey said he welcomes the opportunity to help put Manitoba's fossil deposits into an international spotlight.

The CFDC collection includes many interesting fish fossils that he said have been just waiting to be studied more and showcased.

"The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre has a few skeletons on site that represent important things to science," said Newbrey. "I could spend years describing material that has been housed in the CFDC collections. And Manitoba's fossil fish resources are virtually untouched with regard to their study."

Newbrey sees himself spending at least a few weeks each year on-site in the centre or in the field. He was in

Morden in early August and will be back in September. Next summer he will also be doing field work in Australia on sharks, which will be another chance for Morden to make a new connection globally.

"We'll be looking at deposits ... and Manitoba boasts deposits of about the same age. I'll be doing work in Manitoba as well to piggyback on that project that I have ongoing," said Newbrey.

"It's a very adaptive process. We haven't ground-tested it ... but both parties are really interested in making it work."

Prior to joining the CFDC, Newbrey spent six years at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology where he held the post of Betsy Nicholls Post-doctoral Fellow.

He has authored and co-authored numerous scholarly articles and was interviewed by the well-respected CBC science program Quirks and Quarks.

Newbrey will be the keynote speaker at the CFDC's biennial Manitoba Paleontology Symposium in late September, talking about 100-million-year-old sharks from Poland and why folks in Manitoba should be interested in them.

New online presence for tourism association

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley and Central Plains make up a vast region, so a website that promotes what the area has to offer needs to equally cover a lot of ground.

That was the challenge facing the Pembina Valley Central Plains Tourism Association as it recently launched a new redesigned website.

They were aiming for something that would be easy to read and use, feature a fresh look, and be able to contain a lot of content for its users.

"With one click, it can give you everything that is happening in the region," said general manager Colleen Kyle, who notes tourists visit the site from near and far. "I even have people from the States in North Dakota who are utilizing it."

The new website, which can be found at www.pembinavalleycentralplains.com, was made using Wordpress, which Kyle suggested is more user-friendly than other similar programs.

"It's really easy to administer. And

we can get more information out to the public," she said.

"I wanted something simple, clean, and that a young person would gravitate to. However we also have the older generation that need to be able to use it easily as well."

The website features a main page with a top banner that cycles through upcoming events in the region.

From there, you can go to a calendar of events or pages with more information on particular events as well as view some photos of events and destinations and other information, including a list of the communities that make up the association.

"We have to get the awareness out there," said Kyle, commenting that their region has expanded tremendously in recent years.

"It is a massive region right now, especially with having Austin and MacGregor in there now. We have the Manitoba Agricultural Museum ... it's huge with what they are putting on. So all those events are constantly being updated and put into our website and social media.

"What we want to do is emphasize to the max what they have to offer and to utilize the social media as much as possible."

Kyle said they ultimately would like the association and particularly the website to be the destination of choice for people interested in what is going on in the region, so they are trying to give it widespread promotion.

With that aim in mind, they are working to make good use of the vari-

ous social media platforms.

"That is how people are connecting. It's constant interaction that is quick. The world is at the fingertips of whoever is holding that smart phone. And we want to be a part of that world, and we want to connect them to our association."

You can contact the association at 1-877-324-6645 or by email to pvta@mymts.net.

Our mistake

Last week's story on the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's Aug. 28-29 Reunion Days included an incorrect time for the ribbon cutting of the newly-added grain elevator this weekend.

The towering structure will officially be welcomed to the Hwy. 3 heritage village's grounds at 1 p.m. this Saturday, *not* at 11 a.m. We apologize for the mix-up.

In addition to that ceremony, the

weekend also includes old-time meals, antique tractor parades, a tractor pull, kid's activities galore, and a plethora of demonstrations of pioneer life such as blacksmithing, corn grinding, rope making, flour milling, and steam threshing.

The fun starts at 9 a.m. both days and wraps up in the evening with musical entertainment running from 7-9 p.m. For more information, go to threshermensmuseum.com.



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Winkler's 6th St. park is undergoing a major upgrade, with many of the old play structures having been removed to make space for brand new playground equipment.

Major upgrade for Sixth St. playground

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

One of Winkler's oldest parks is getting a new look this week as part of a larger plan to upgrade or expand existing recreational facilities in the city.

Workers have already pulled out the aging play structures at the park at the intersection of 6th St. and Peters Ave. in preparation for installing several brand new pieces of equipment for kids to enjoy.

Winkler parks and recreation director Rick Denison explains that last year the Winkler Park playground got a major overhaul as part of the city's park upgrade plans. This year they

turned their attention to the city's many other parks.

"We were looking at which ones needed refreshing and the 6th St. playground had been determined to be the next in line," said Denison.

The \$30,000 project will include a new structure with slides and climbing walls, a swing set, and an open green space area.

"We want to have a good balance between equipment and green space," Denison said. "Because it is a small lot we want to limit what we put in there so we can have green space for the parents and grandparents to watch the children play."

MORDEN CITY COUNCIL

New development sparks parking woes debate

By Lorne Stelmach

A proposal for a new mixed use development in downtown Morden ignited a debate at Morden city council about parking last week.

It was the shortage of parking that already exists and how much it may be further worsened that became the focus of a hearing at council Aug. 17.

Councillors were considering both a conditional use and a variation order for the construction of a mixed use building that would include a main coffee shop restaurant and a second floor apartment at 505 North Railway.

The mixed use is a conditional use in an area zoned for central commercial, but more contentious was a number of site variations that would be needed including reducing the overall site area, site width, rear and side yard as well as reducing the required parking spaces down from 13 to five.

Vadym Bebykh spoke briefly on his plans for a new building of about 900 sq. ft. on the property he owns at the corner of North Railway and 10th St., including a café which he estimated would seat 20 to 30 people, a two bedroom apartment on the second level, and five parking spaces to the rear of the building.

Sheldon Friesen, who owns and operates Variety Advertising directly north of the property, questioned the sense in allowing the requirement for parking "to get cut by over 50 per cent in an area that is already short on parking ... there would be an additional strain on parking, as five spots could be quickly filled."

Friesen commented on how "new and existing businesses have been impacted by a limited amount of parking space in the downtown area." When they looked to find a new location in downtown Morden in 2009, they settled on the building at 500 Stephen St. because they felt it offered sufficient space and parking for their current and future needs. And they have needed that space, he said, as their staff have increased from five to eight.

Friesen also argued that a mixed use building such as this does not fit in the area of 10th and 11th St. because it is predominantly single family residential.

Morden Physiotherapy echoed his concerns, adding that parking and access is a concern for them particularly because much of their clientele are not as physically able and need direct and easy access.

Counc. Brian Minaker said that he welcomed new business but was conflicted because he

also didn't want to hurt existing ones. Similarly, Counc. Doug Frost agreed he didn't want to turn away new business but acknowledged that parking was a concern.

"I would say we dropped the ball on parking," he said.

"We need a creative solution. Let's look for a solution to parking rather saying no," said Counc. Heather Francis, who stressed she, too, wants the city to be open to new business.

"I would have trouble approving this knowing that we have an issue with parking," said Counc. Hank Hildebrand, who suggested council either consider it further before giving its approval or agree to open up the side street boulevard for parking to address the concern.

Francis, though, wondered if that would potentially have further implications for the city if other businesses strapped for extra parking will then want further consideration where parking is restricted.

"I think we have said no to a lot of people who've wanted to do that," she said, though other councillors suggested similar situations elsewhere in the downtown would be limited.

In the end, council was swayed by Hildebrand's recommendation that the concern could be addressed in this instance by allowing the boulevard parking on the side street.

Friesen asked that council "consider very carefully what their vision is for this area of the downtown" and in the end suggested that council's decision was short-sighted.

"This will have an impact," he stressed.

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Flatlands Theatre Co. kicks off 10th season

Season starts with a free showing of *Pith!* at Bethel Heritage Park Sept. 11-13

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Flatlands Theatre Company celebrates its 10th anniversary season this fall.

Or, as they've coined it, their "Anneiversary."

The Winkler theatre troupe honours its past by tackling one of the very first plays it ever performed at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall: *Anne of Green Gables*.

FTC's 2015 version of the beloved L.M. Montgomery tale runs Nov. 5-7, featuring a few returning actors from the original show taking on new roles.

Director and company co-founder Jeanette Hoeppner said they felt it was fitting to return to the play that helped launch FTC as Winkler's very own theatre group.

"We wanted something that felt homey and familiar, and *Anne of Green Gables* is definitely that," she says.

Technically, Flatlands' very first show was the *The Importance of Being Earnest*. But with *The Diary of Anne Frank* serving as the 2015-2016 season's spring show, sticking with the "Anneiversary" theme and revisiting a show much-loved by FTC crew and fans alike just made sense, Hoeppner says.

"At the same time that we desire to create something that's family entertainment, we also want to face

the truths about ourselves and bring productions that will allow us to be challenged, encouraged, and to learn a little bit more about ourselves," she adds. "And that's the second half of our 'Anneiversary' season with doing the *Diary of Anne Frank*."

The season also includes two additional shows: *The Wizard of Oz* in April, put on by FTC's drama class students, and a special free outdoor performance of *Pith!* taking place at the stage in Bethel Heritage Park Sept. 11-13.

"We've looked at that stage in Bethel park for a long time wanting to do something," Hoeppner says. "We looked at it as a great opportunity to kick off our 10th season with something a little different."

That said, the show may be familiar to some theatre buffs: FTC performed it last spring at the ACT Manitoba Drama Festival and had previously performed it during season three, back in 2009.

Set in 1931, *Pith!* is "an economical tale of travel and adventure, told in the most economical means," Hoeppner says, noting the streamlined sets, props, and even cast—just four actors in all—makes the play well-suited to being FTC's very first outdoor production.

With any luck, though, it won't be their last.



FTC revisits *Anne of Green Gables*—its very first spring performance, shown here—this fall.

FLATLANDS
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Flatlands Theatre Company co-founder Jeanette Hoeppner says their 10th season pays homage to their first by featuring *Anne of Green Gables*, one of the first plays the company ever put on.

"We'll have to see how it goes... but I'd definitely be interested to look at doing more in the future."

Pith! runs at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11 and at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13.

Admission is totally free—just bring along a lawn chair or picnic blanket to sit on.

"I love the fact we can give something free to the public who have supported us," Hoeppner says, urging long-time FTC fans and theatre newcomers alike to come enjoy the show.

A DECADE OF THEATRE

Hoeppner says it's hard to believe how fast the last 10 seasons have gone—and how much the Flatlands Theatre Company has grown in that time.

FTC got its start right around the time Winkler's very first concert hall was preparing to open its doors.

The creation of a dedicated public stage in town provided an opportunity that was too good to pass up.

"We finally had a place to do performances, and that was a huge thing," Hoeppner says. "Before that, there was no place for a community theatre group to perform other than a church hall, which presents multiple challenges because there's no church hall that really has a stage set up."

After receiving a start-up grant to cover the initial expenses of getting the company going, Flatlands got to work on a busy first season.

"We really jumped right in. Our first season was as full as we could get it,"

Hoeppner recalls, noting that in addition to productions of *Anne of Green Gables* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*, FTC kept busy with several sessions of drama classes for both adults and children.

In the years since, the company has generally kept up its tradition of having fall and spring shows, in addition to a spring student production and fall and winter drama classes.

As a result, they've put on over 20 shows, sold nearly 10,000 tickets, and had over 300 people from all over the Pembina Valley get involved as cast or crew.

The last decade has truly created a Flatlands family, and it's heartening to see so many people discover and develop their theatrical talents both on stage and behind-the-scenes, Hoeppner says.

"We still have people that will come to auditions that will talk about, 'Oh, I did this when I was a kid and I always wanted to do it again... now I have time, space in my life to do some more theatre,'" she says. "That, to me, is exciting... we're seeing more and more people that have a love for [the arts] and are willing to seek out any way possible to do them."

"You can love this as a hobby and, when it's a good fit in your life, come on down and join us... we're always excited to have more people join us."

If you'd like to get involved with Flatlands or would like information on the upcoming season, check them out online at flatlandstheatre.com.

arts&culture

Studio tour takes you behind-the-scenes

By Lorne Stelmach

It's as much about the connections made as it is about the art.

That's what keeps both the artists and the customers coming back each year for the Pembina Valley Studio Tour.

"You get those people coming out who are interested in what you are doing. It's the ones who want to see what you are doing," says Jennifer Hildebrand, one of the 28 artists participating in the 2015 studio tour Sept. 12-13.

"I'm a little off the beaten path. I usually get the people who really want to see my work," she said, estimating she gets around 200 people out at her rural locale between Kane and Myrtle. "And I normally get a lot of repeats, people who wait for the tour to come and see what I'm working on."

"Some people come back every year ... some split up and go west one year and east another year," said Pamela Yorke-Hardy, one of the lead organizers who has been involved with the tour since its start 11 years ago. "We try to encourage people to stay in the area and do two days because it's very seldom that they can get through the whole thing."

The Pembina Valley Studio Tour is a self-guided tour that lets visitors meet some of the region's many talented artists right in their own creative spaces.

The artists involved are located in 22 studio or gallery spaces throughout the region that are open for viewing each day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

It was first organized by some area artists, now a committee of eight to ten people, who were inspired by a similar event that had been taking

place in the Interlake area.

"The thought was because there are so many artists in this area that it would be a cool idea to have one down here. And the first year went so well ... we've continued on," said Yorke-Hardy, who also takes part in the tour through her Beneath The Oaks studio and gallery in Thornhill.

She said the aim is simply to encourage and promote the region's artists.

"There are very few places for people to sell their art or even to show where they do it, how they do it and to talk about why they do it."

"If you just have the pieces for sale in an art gallery, you very seldom meet the public. So, this way, you meet the people. And it's a fun day, a fun weekend."

And she agreed it is great for the artists to have a chance to engage with people who are interested in what they do.

"You don't want to just go in, roam around and look real fast and leave. That's not how it's done. We want people to enjoy, stay around a bit and look and talk to us," she said.

"It's a learning experience. Meeting people is always a new experience," Yorke-Hardy added. "You get something from everybody, something different from everybody. And

it's fun. I've always found it fun, and I think everybody that participates find it fun."

Yorke-Hardy said the tour does change a bit each year, with some new artists coming on board and some perhaps taking a break from it.

The lineup of artists is divided between two areas: those east and west of Winkler. This year, there are six new artists out of 19 to the west, and three newcomers among the eight to the east of the city.

They represent a broad range of ar-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Pamela Yorke-Hardy looks over some of the work that will be on display at her Beneath The Oaks gallery in Thornhill as part of the Pembina Valley Studio Tour. It will include works from the Common Threads exhibit, which challenges artists to make an original piece in any style or media but from the same materials.

tistic styles and mediums.

"Everything from photographs, stained glass and pottery to jewelry, silk painting, watercolour, drawings ... all types of art and subjects," said Yorke-Hardy.

And while it isn't necessarily a priority for the tour, the weekend is also an opportunity for the artists to sell some of their work, during the tour itself or in the future.

"There's always the potential to sell some afterwards because they know where to come now," Yorke-Hardy said.

Hildebrand agreed that the tour is a great way for artists to grow and develop from the chance to engage with people—particularly those who share your passion.

"It's a great way to get your art work out there ... let southern Manitoba know what you are doing," she said. "There's a lot of art out here in this area that is really high quality, and not many people know we're around."

"And thank goodness ... because of the studio tour we have to clean up our studios once a year," joked Hildebrand. "It is a workspace ... but we go through a lot of effort to give them a good experience of what we do ...

and how much we care about our work and how much we like people to view it and appreciate it."

While Hildebrand has mostly been dedicated to pottery for about 13 years, she has now branched out into working with fabric arts and fibre including nuno felting, a fabric felting technique developed by an artist from Australia. The technique bonds loose fibre, usually wool, into a sheer fabric such as silk gauze, creating a lightweight felt.

"I've got two spinning wheels on the go," Hildebrand said.

At the end of it all, she said the weekend is a busy one, but she is glad to have been a part of it each year.

"You're exhausted, but in a good way. You reflect on all of the comments you got from the people, all the positive words. It helps you keep going. It helps you realize you are doing something good, and there is a reason to keep doing what you are doing."

For more information about the studio tour, contact Yorke-Hardy at 204-822-3380 or by e-mail to beneaththeoaks@live.com or check out the tour brochure at www.pembinavalleystudiotour.com.



Budding artists

The summer art program at the Central Station Community Center offered a variety of styles for kids to try out last week. The theme for the program for the youth in Grades 5 to 8 was 'Quilling, Picasso and Van Gogh'. "We try do a variety of artists each time throughout the week," said instructor Allison Froese. On average, there were a dozen youth taking part each day, leading up to the final day art show on Friday for parents to see what their children had accomplished.

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Summer's last races

Rainy weather scuttled day one of the ALH Motor Speedway's Corn and Apple Special last weekend, but Sunday was a go for the track's final races of the summer.

Winners included:

- Pure Stock: Pat Smith claimed first place, Kevin Smith took second, and Derek Pollock came in third.
- Midwest Mod: Austin Hunter took first, Brodie Dobson came in second, and Channing Sproule got third.
- Super Trucks: Jerome Guyot in first, Tyson Hiebert in second, and Rene Poluyko in third.
- A-Mod: Scott Greer in first, Ward Imrie in second, and Jeromy Guyot in third.
- Four-Cylinder: First place went to Brandon Rehill, second to Dean Miljure, and third to Mark Syvert.
- Street Stock: Shawn Teunis, Billy Maruca, and Jessen Teunis.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Drivers Rick Delaine and Ward Imrie do battle in a Modified race during the ALH Motor Speedway's final races of the season last weekend.

Homestead South supports senior centre

Betty Froese represented Homestead South recently in presenting a \$1,000 donation to Yvonne Kroeker of the Morden 55 Plus Friendship Centre. The donation will assist the centre with some kitchen renovations, including the installation of a new countertop.



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Breaking ground

Leaders of the Christian Faith Church broke ground on their brand new church building last Sunday morning. The church, which has been renting space on Cargill Road for the last several years, is building a much larger, 9,600 square foot church building on Pembina Avenue East on the way to Reinfeld. Deacon Cornie Fehr says the 120-member strong congregation is eager to get into the new building, which will include a sanctuary, Sunday School classrooms, and office space. The lot also has space for a future expansion, when necessary. The church hopes to wrap up construction next April.

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Only a test

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a sound that Morden residents had not heard for a little while, so they could be forgiven for the calls that almost immediately came in to the fire hall.

Fire Chief Andy Thiessen said he received a number of calls from curious Mordenites when the city's emergency siren went off last week Tuesday.

But it was just a test of the newly reinstalled emergency siren, which now sits atop the fire hall tower (shown below).

The siren had been out of action for some time after it had to be removed from its former location on a tower behind what is now the Morden Chamber of Commerce and Morden Corn and Apple Festival building downtown.

That tower was found to no longer be structurally sound, Thiessen said, and the new location also offers a number of advantages including being higher up and centrally located—both of which will help it be heard better across the city.

The siren will be used to alert residents to a variety of emergency situations such as a possible tornado or hazardous material spill.

Thiessen said it will also complement the city's Co-deRed emergency alert system, which allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email, and social media.

Thiessen said the siren will next be tested on Remembrance Day and again in the spring for Emergency Preparedness Week.



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Rain can't dampen Corn and Apple

Dedicated festival-goers didn't let a little rain keep them away from the Morden Corn and Apple Festival last weekend. Though crowds were down a bit due to the weather, those that did come out made the most out of the celebration's many events. Clockwise from left: As always, the Wonder Shows midway provided games, food, and rides; getting into the line dance at the Cottonwood Stage; the Mud Racing was probably the only festival event that didn't mind the rain—they actually added a bit more water to keep things sufficiently muddy; a youngster tries his hand at woodworking at one of the Art Walk stations; volunteers hard at work preparing the thousands of free corn on the cob that were handed out all three days of the festival.



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Clockwise from left: The Manitoba Northern Light Drum band added colour to the Saturday parade; Captain Bubbles delighted kids at the Children's

Tent; Cold Hard Cash performed to a huge crowd of fans Friday night; Prairie Exotics gave kids the chance to get up close with some creepy crawlies; the Show & Shine in the park featured dozens of classic cars and motorcycles; fun on the midway.



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'Cudas bring home 10th title in a row

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Barracudas swam their way to their 10th championship title in a row last weekend.

Nearly 130 swimmers from across Manitoba were at the Winkler Aquatic Centre on Sunday for the Swim Manitoba Summer Swim championship meet.

Local swimmers kept up their summer-long trend of domination in the water, clinching 42 first-place finishes, breaking six more records, and taking home several top overall swimming honours.

Coach Kyle Berg says the team this summer was a unique mix of veteran swimmers and rookies.

"It was a special type of year because we had some very strong swimmers who had been with the program for a number of years and had put in a lot of work and saw massive payoffs this year," he says. "And we also had about a third of the team who were brand new to the sport... so it was an interesting dynamic."

All the kids gave it their all, though, and the result was another winning season.

At the championship meet, Winkler earned the top cumulative points for the season to come in first in the Large Team division, beating out Neepawa and Treherne.

Nine swimmers took to the winner's podium in their age categories for most points earned over the course of the summer, including: Finnley Soltis, who got third place in the Boys 11-12 category; Aidan Dridger, Robert Blignaut, and Nathanu Botha, who took first, second, and third place, respectively, in the Boys 13-14 division; Reinhart Blignaut and Sven Schefer, in first and third place in the Boys 15 & Over; Hallie Loutchan, third in Girls 8 and Under; Kaylea Peters, first in Girls 11-12; and Denika Corrigan, first in Girls 15 & Over.

On the record-setting side of things, Nathanu Botha broke four records at



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The Winkler Barracudas swim team earned yet another championship title at the final meet of the season in Winkler last weekend. In addition to clinching the "Large Team" first-place finish as a group, numerous swimmers earned top honours and set new records in their age categories this summer.

the meet (most of them his own from earlier in the summer) in the 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, and 50m butterfly (in this last race, teammate Aidan Driedger also broke the earlier record, but lost out in setting a new record to Botha by just one second); Sven Schefer broke the 50m breaststroke; and Reinhart Blignaut set a new time for the 200m individual medley (breaking a record he set earlier this summer).

Botha also won a bell heat for his 100m freestyle, as did Finley Folkett in her 25m freestyle.

In addition to the race honours, the Barracudas also handed out their team awards on Sunday.

Aidan Driedger and Kaylea Peters



were named the Top Male and Female Athletes, Dawson Penner and Ethne Gerbrandt received the Most Improved Awards, the Coach's Award went to Joseph Wolf, Reinhart Blignaut received the Leadership Award, and Hannah Driedger took home the

Team Spirit Award.

Berg sends out thanks on behalf of the team to all the parents who came out to cheer them on and to the City of Winkler and the Winkler Aquatic Centre for their support this summer.

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A silver Chevrolet Cruze sedan is shown from a front-three-quarter view. The car is a four-door model with a modern design, featuring a prominent Chevrolet bowtie logo on the front grille. It has alloy wheels and a sleek, aerodynamic profile. The background is plain white.



A black Chevrolet Equinox SUV is shown from a front three-quarter view. The vehicle is positioned on a white background. It features a prominent Chevrolet bowtie logo on the front grille, headlights, and alloy wheels. The SUV has a boxy design characteristic of the late 2000s.

A white Chevrolet Volt sedan is shown from a front-three-quarter view. The car is a plug-in hybrid vehicle, featuring a sleek, aerodynamic design. The Chevrolet bowtie logo is visible on the front grille. The car is parked on a light-colored surface.

A red 2015 Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck is shown from a front three-quarter view. The truck is parked on a light-colored surface. The year "2015" is printed in large black numbers in the top right corner of the image.

A blue Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck is shown from a front-three-quarter view. The truck is a crew cab model with a short bed. It features chrome accents on the grille and bumper. The year '2015' is printed in large black text in the upper right corner of the image.

A red Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck is shown from a front-three-quarter view. The truck is a crew cab model with a short bed. It features a chrome grille with the Chevrolet bowtie logo in the center, chrome bumpers, and chrome wheel covers. The word "SILVERADO" is visible on the side of the cab. The truck is parked on a white background.

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You might think you're treating your child by driving him or her to school every day, maybe because doing so spares him or her the discomfort of getting up a bit earlier in the morning. But the School Bus Information Council reports that school buses are a far safer form of transportation for children than private vehicles. Each day, about 169 children are involved in fatal accidents with an adult driver on the way to or from school in a privately owned vehicle; of children who are bused to and from school each day, only five are fatally injured.

It goes without saying that five fatal injuries per day are too many. School Bus Safety Week, from October 21-25 this year, is all about brushing up on safety for drivers and for children. Adults on the road should be familiar with the law about stopping for school buses. Know how far back to stop, and be prepared for bus drivers to stop before crossing train tracks, as they are required to do in most jurisdictions.

Parents and children should refresh their memories about basic school bus safety. Children should stand at least 10 feet back from where the school bus stops. Don't crowd the door; climb the bus's steps in an orderly fashion, in single file. Children who have to cross the

road after getting off the bus should learn to look both ways before crossing, even if cars are supposed to stop behind the bus. And don't forget to tell your children to return home right away if the bus doesn't show up at the expected time.



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Youth hone their soccer skills

By Lorne Stelmach

It's known as the beautiful game, and it is gaining popularity across North American and right here in the Pembina Valley.

The skill level of North American players is rising, and one of the coaches in Morden for a soccer camp last week said he could certainly see that at the local level.

"Canada is getting better than the States," joked Christopher Lambe, who was heading up the Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp Aug. 17-21. "Morden is the final camp I'm doing in Canada, and the skill level is very high ... the skill level is actually quite good."

The program grew out of a summer soccer camp in the United States in 1985. In 1997 it evolved into Challenger Sports and now runs over 3,500 British Soccer Camps for 120,000 children and also coaches a further 50,000 players through year-round club trainer programs.

Coaching staff lead a variety of camps for different age and skill levels to teach foot skills, technical drills, and tactical practices, in addition to including a range of freestyle soccer, games, coached scrimmages, and a mini-tournament play.

There is also an emphasis on learning about values such as respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship and leadership.

The Morden camp included an hour and a half mini-soccer camp for children aged four to six each morning before going into a three hour camp for ages seven to 18, with the opportunity for the additional two hour 'Golden Goal' afternoon session.

"And we have a coaches clinic ... we're going to try to teach the coaches here to try to develop their players even further," said Lambe.

This was the first year for the camp in Morden, but Lambe liked what he saw here and thought the response was good enough to bring it back again.

"We're hoping to get this here again next year and extend the camp to an even bigger camp," he said.

They want to players to have fun and fellowship while learning about and working on all of the fundamen-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Players enjoy a good scrimmage as part of their week at the Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp in Morden August 17-21. Coach Christopher Lambe said they ultimately hope it could enable the kids to advance their games to a higher level and keep them involved.

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Ultimately, the hope is that it could enable the kids to advance their games to a higher level and keep them involved in the sport.

"The younger ones, we're just trying to help them develop ... but there are a lot of older ones here, 13 or 14-year-olds, who are quite developed," Lambe said. "The skill level is actually fair-

ly good. A lot of them are on teams."

Lambe noted he had been in the U.S. for camps there earlier this spring and summer, and he was pleased to see the growth of the game here in North America overall.

"It was surprising ... soccer isn't as big as it is back home, but it seems it has gained in popularity," he said.

"It's starting to grow, and the kids

are starting to improve in quality," he concluded. "In Canada, there's a lot more interest in the older kids ... the 10 to 14 group ... some 15 to 16 as well ... so it's good to see.

"It's getting bigger. I don't think it's as big as it could be yet because there's a lot of quality players that are developing."

Goalie camp

Hockey goaltenders from all over the region were in Morden August 17-21 to learn from experienced netminder and teacher Tim Morison. Morison is a former student of the Rick St. Croix School of Goaltending and now a staff member of the Rick St. Croix School of Goaltending for the past five years. He has also attended the University of Winnipeg to study kinesiology and education. He has been regularly serving as a goalie coach through camps for a communities that also include Carman, Starbuck, Sperling, Oak Bluff, and Sanford, with this year being the fourth in Morden. His sessions cover everything from on ice and dry land training to cardio, fitness, and nutrition.



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Central Energy teams celebrate strong seasons

By Lorne Stelmach

This region was well represented at the national softball championships held in Calgary the week of August 5-9.

The U16A Central Energy softball squad finished with a 4-4 record and captured the silver medal in the their division at the tournament.

It capped off what was a good year for the development of softball and fastpitch in south central Manitoba, with good showings as well from the U12, U14, and U18 teams.

The U16 Central Energy advanced to the nationals after having finished with a record of 10 wins, seven losses, and one tie in the Manitoba Ladies Super Softball League.

At the nationals, they opened with a 12-7 loss to Lumsden, Saskatchewan and then won 5-1 win over the Edmonton Warriors. That was followed by a 2-1 loss to Ridge Meadow Pride 99, B.C. in an extra inning, but they again rebounded with a 5-1 win against the Quebec Rebelles 99.

The Energy ended with a 2-3 record then after falling 4-2 to Guelph, Ontario in an 11 inning final game.

After the round robin, Energy was placed into the Plate division, and the playoffs started with a 5-1 win against PEI, followed by a 7-5 win against Manitoba Angels, and a 6-4 extra inning loss to the eventual Plate champion Saskatoon Lasers.

The U16 Central Energy roster included Caitlyn Haney and Iliana Dyck from Winkler and Telsa Meleck, Jamie Odum, Sage McElroy-Scott, and Téa Wiebe from Morden. The Central Energy team includes girls from Winkler, Morden, Altona, Portage la Prairie, Gladstone, and Manitou.

Meanwhile, the Central Energy U12 fast pitch team capped off the season



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The U16 Central Energy team: (front, from left) Ashley Emerson, Jamie Odum, Natanish Wall, Sage McElroy Scott, Kennedy Linklater, Telsa Meleck, (back row) coach Ian Cunningham, Noelle Cunningham, Hayley Hunter, Caitlyn Haney, Ashton Dueck, Kassidy Cunningham, Téa Wiebe, (upper right) Iliana Dyck, and Ruth Loney.

with a strong showing at the provincials, as well, where they finished second in Pool A with a 2-1 record, eventually dropping a heart-breaking 7-6 decision to the Thunder in extra innings in the bronze medal game.

The Central Energy U14 fast pitch squad, despite most of its players hav-

ing never played "A" division ball before and forming the team late in the year, came through their season with a 16-16-1 record.

And the youngest team in the U18 division playing out of the Manitoba Ladies Super Softball League with four under-age players, the U18 Cen-

tral Energy finished fourth at the provincials, earning a spot to represent Manitoba at the Western Canadian Championships in Lloydminster, Alberta, where they finished with a record of 4 wins and 4 losses.

This was the first year that the central region had representation at the "A" ball level in four of the age categories—U12, U14, U16, and U18—with the teams playing out of the Manitoba Ladies Super Softball League comprised of four teams from Winnipeg and four regional teams.

The teams have now been turning their attention to next year with tryouts underway for the Central Energy 2016 season.

The U12 tryouts started August 23 and continue Sunday, August 30 at 6 p.m. in Carman. Pre-register with Allan Couling at 204-825-7335 or via email to ajc@mymts.net or Graham Shindle at 204-871-5410 and gshindle@plpsd.mb.ca

The U14 tryouts also began August 23 and continue Sunday at 3 p.m., also in Carman. Pre-register with Greg Petrie by e-mail at carmansports@hotmail.com

Tryouts for the U16 and U18 teams wrapped up last weekend.

Regional Soccer Festival Sept. 4-6

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There's going to be some high-level soccer going on in Carman next weekend.

The second annual Manitoba Soccer Association Regional Festival will see about 400 pre-teen players from all over the province come out to test

their mettle Sept. 4-6 at the Carman Soccer Complex.

Organizer William Hoogerdijk says the event is a way for rural athletes to showcase their skills.

"This is an event that ignores Winnipeg. Winnipeg has a lot of opportunities for tournaments and those kinds of things," he says. "So this is an

opportunity for the other regions of Manitoba... to send in teams."

"They want to develop this, eventually, into multi-age group with two competitions per year cycling around Manitoba," Hoogerdijk added of the MSA's plans for the competition.

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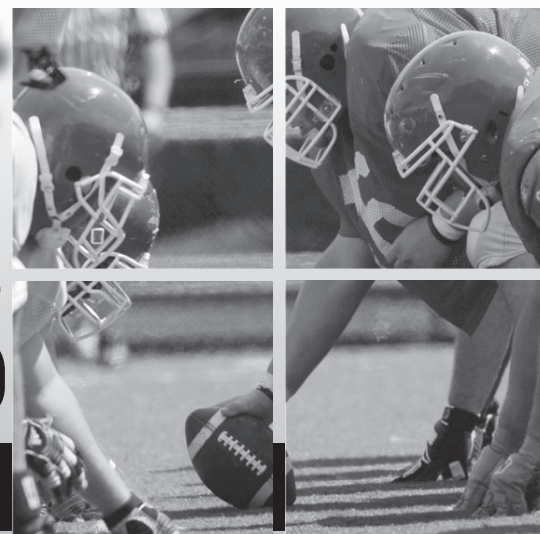
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Harvesting for Hope

By Harry Siemens

It's still almost a year away, but the Manitoba Agricultural Threshermen's Museum is already hard at work planning its record-setting attempt to raise funds to battle global hunger.

On July 31, 2016, Harvesting Hope will host over 500 volunteers from 100 communities across Canada as they operate 112 vintage threshing machines to harvest a crop of wheat in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. When in operation, the equipment will require over four football fields of space.

Ayn Wilcox, a volunteer spokesperson with the Austin museum, says there are a number of criteria that must be met to set a new global record.

"The machines need to operate continuously for at least 15 minutes powered by steam engines, tractors, and stationary engines built between 1890 and 1950," she said. "We are confident this will happen."

She says when they first raised the idea it came from a world record set in Saskatchewan in a similar partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank operating 41 threshing machines.

They felt they could smash that record given the extensive collection at the museum (25-30 units), as well as all the collectors and other museums they could partner with.

"We also have a number of private collectors looking all across Canada and into the U.S., even people from Minneapolis to bring theirs in also," Wilcox says.

On August 15, the game changed slightly at a similar event where 111 antique threshing machines lined up in a field at the St. Albert Curd Festival in Ontario to set the current world record.

"We need to step it up just a little bit, but our goal was already set at just over 100 machines and so we need to get out there and get a few more operating and we will be good to go," said Wilcox.

All of the money raised from the event will go to preserving their local heritage and the Canadian FoodGrains Bank and the important

work they do to help feed the hungry and support farmers around the world.

One example of a CFGB-supported project is in Zimbabwe, where 17,000 children from traditionally hunter-gatherer communities between the ages of five and 12 are receiving a nutritious school meal five days a week.

This cause really resonates with people, Wilcox says.

"The outpouring of support for this event is overwhelming," she said. "Even though it's almost a year before our record attempt, volunteers, contributors and threshing equipment owners are already registering from as far away as Edmonton and Southern Ontario to be part of this special event."

John Longhurst, who directs communications and marketing for the Foodgrains Bank says it's exciting to partner with the museum on this event.

"As an organization with deep roots in rural Canada, we are pleased to be



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Lisa Roy and Erron Leafloor doing a demonstration promoting the 2016 world record setting event of 112 threshing machines harvesting a field of wheat for at least 15 minutes all at the same time.

part of an event that celebrates farming history and generosity," he said.

Harvesting Hope will be held in conjunction with the 62nd Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stam-

pede, one of Manitoba's premier summer festivals and Canada's largest pioneer heritage festival.

For more details or to make a donation, visit www.harvestinghope.ca.



> HARRY SIEMENS

Today's column is one of the columns that takes a life of its own because of so many things going on around us like rain and hailstorms, tremendous response to my columns regarding our trip to Paraguay, and getting ready for a special event involving the Elias grain elevator and the Pembina Threshermen's Museum.

Rain doesn't do much to hamper harvest

I have many pictures from Paraguay, many positive stories to tell, impressions to give, and almost every person in the Chaco has relatives in Manitoba. We are expecting visitors from there soon, and are looking forward to that.

On Saturday, as we left Winkler around 10:30 a.m., the skies turned dark, the winds blew, and the rains fell.

On Monday morning, Geoff Currier of 680 CJOB called asking if I could give him an update on what the storm in Winnipeg (taking for granted it was the same all over) would mean for food prices. I'm not making fun of Geoff, because he is a good friend and often has me on talking farming and food production to their urban listeners.

This time I told him that on average the rain is most likely more helpful for the later crops than the heavy rains in some areas causing damage

to crops.

Oh, don't get me wrong, those localized hail storms are devastating to those people who bear the brunt of the damage.

When I received the call from Geoff, I went to Twitter asking for help from farmers across Manitoba.

From Rivers to Wawanessa to Winkler and Altona, Sandford and Carman, Niverville and St. Anne in the southeast, farmers responded.

Ben Heide of Boissevain says the harvest there is 12 per cent complete. The rain will help mature straw, fill late canola and soybeans.

"Could have actually taken another inch-plus—got 16mm. Very dry before," says Ben.

Simon Ellis at Wawanessa received an inch. That will help fill soybeans, but may have reduced the quality of wheat, he said.

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Positive signs for hog farmers in Canada

By Harry Siemens

While the weaker Canadian dollar gives farmers less purchasing power, the stronger U.S. dollar puts more money into the farmer's pockets when he sells his commodities—whether grain, special crops or livestock—into the U.S. market and/or based off the Chicago markets.

Steve Meyer, the vice president for pork analysis with EMI Analytics, expects the strength of the U.S. dollar to result in extremely strong live hog prices in Canada heading into 2016.

Despite higher U.S. slaughter numbers because the losses from Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea were much less than expected, U.S. pork producers will remain profitable.

Meyer predicts Canadian prices are going to be extremely strong, given the strength of the U.S. dollar going into next year.

"The dollar, the strength of the U.S. dollar, is certainly hurting us in export markets right now," he says of the U.S. "We've made everybody more competitive with the strength of the U.S. dollar. It's strong relative to the euro, it's strong relative to the Canadian dollar, it's extremely strong relative to the Brazilian real, it's even strong relative to the yuan given the devaluation of the yuan last week by China, and so that makes our products more expensive and that's shown up."

Meyer says the U.S. pork exports are down about 5 per cent on so far this year and he thinks that number is going to get smaller as the year progresses because of really poor exports last year and this year's numbers could be about even with last year.

"That's different than we were for about a 10 or 12 year period in the 2000s when we saw very rapid growth of exports," he says. "I think that's encouraging for Canada. Canada is going to be in a position to sell product to our customers and into the United States at a very competitive price because of this strong dollar and I don't see that ending anytime soon."

Meyer says there's some talk about possible higher interest rates but doubts that will happen anytime soon. Higher interest rates will further strengthen the U.S. dollar, and that's one of the reasons the fed will probably not be making much of a move on interest rates, at least in the foreseeable future.

Another positive scenario for hog producers is that of China's hog losses, according to hog commentator

Jim Long.

Media reports show a new Rabobank report estimates the culling of nearly 100 million head of hogs in the Chinese herd and another 10 million breeding sows over the last 18 months is the equivalent of the entire North American hog industry disappearing altogether.

The agricultural bank and research firm examined the implications of China's moves on the global hog and pork industries and believes that the effects will linger throughout 2015 and 2016.

Long says with those kind of big moves, Chinese pork production could drop to 6.5 per cent in 2015 to 53 million metric tons, with U.S., Ca-

nadian and European pork processors ultimately benefitting from the increase in demand.

Long has projected all year China's weekly marketings would drop two million head per week.

Long says if his farmer arithmetic is correct that is the market mover for Europe and America—meaning 300,000 head out of the European Union per week and 200,000 head per week from America—it is huge. Not only will it cut domestic supply pushing prices higher but be the psychological boost the market needs.

He says English pig producers are at about break even on a profit and loss basis with about 400,000 sows in production.

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 21

One person texted me separately saying Sperling, Brunkild, and Sandford areas received two to three inches and hail—not good.

For the most part, local damage from hail slows down the harvest a bit, but, with hot weather coming this week, it's just a hiccup and things will move forward once again.

Richard Heide south of Winkler tweeted they had one inch of rain, but it was very welcome for the corn, soybeans, and spuds.

"Wheat is cleaned off. Little bit of hail south of Winkler has left canola swaths white," he says.

Kelvin Heppner near Altona also says the water was good for beans and corn. Not so much for wheat, though.

Cameron Hildebrand, an agronomist with Melvin Penner Farms says, "the rain not good for our lying swaths of oats, canola and beans. Plus hail in areas, too, doing some damage."

The last tweet came from Ken Foster in the Interlake, saying they had just over an inch of rain, so delayed for a few days. No big deal there.

My average assessment, then, after reading those comments: for the most part, except the localized hail storms, it ranges from not quite enough rain

"Almost half of production is outdoors pig rearing. You see the huts, and sows in fields. It's a flashback to Henry County Illinois thirty years ago," says Long. "There is premium on pork from outdoor rearing but it seems higher cost of production takes away most of the premium advantage. Significant amount of pork is being imported from other EU countries which have a lower cost of production of about \$25-\$30 US per head."

Long recently visited a major packing plant. Over the last few months pork exports to China have increased significantly. A real pork cut-out enhancement as many pieces China wants has little demand in the English market.

in the west to just right in the middle and too much in the east.

At the time of this writing on Monday, forecasts of 26 to 29 degrees for the following seven days will have most everybody back in the saddle harvesting by the time you read this.

The yields and quality are coming off good to average to above average in some areas. We have much to be thankful for.

I hope to see you at the Reunion Days at the PTM this Friday and Saturday. I'm thinking there's a grain elevator at the pioneer village that may see some activity.

> SOCCER FESTIVAL, FROM PG. 20

The event is being hosted by the Pembina Valley Panthers, a new regional team made of up 12-year-old players from the Winkler, Morden, Altona, and Carman areas.

An older Panthers team wrapped up a successful several-year run last season at the U17 level; Hoogerdijk, the Panthers' coach, hopes to take this younger team up through the divisions in the years ahead.

So far this summer the Panthers have had a successful season, getting a feel for their level of competition by playing in a number of tournaments. They brought home gold from the WYSA Player's Cup and also had a respectable 1-1-1 showing at a tournament in Steinbach, while having a bit of a rougher go of it at the East St. Paul tournament.

Hoogerdijk says they'll use the team's performance this summer to determine where they'll play next

year.

"It wasn't bad to get another of growth and some practices and then have an opportunity to test where we are with the tournaments," he said. "The plan is to join the league next summer, most likely Winnipeg Youth Soccer."

As to the Regional Soccer Festival, Hoogerdijk says that in addition to three days of matches, the weekend also includes skills competitions and Players of Distinction games Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. featuring the all-stars chosen from each team.

The general public is also invited to come check out a free exhibition match on the Saturday at noon between MSA/Whitecaps FC Residency Prospects players and the High Performance Saskatchewan Team.

"That exhibition game is going to be just an amazing event," Hoog-

erdijk says. "These are the cream of the crop players."

WINTER SOCCER ACADEMY

As the summer soccer season winds down, Hoogerdijk is preparing to host his annual Soccer Academy in both Carman and Schanzenfeld this winter.

The program runs weekly from October for 17 weeks, offering players age seven to 15 a place to hone their skills with intensive training.

"We work a lot on ball control skills... so the kids are comfortable to have the ball at their feet" Hoogerdijk says. "And then from there we start to teach them game situations and that kind of understanding of the game."

For registration information, contact Hoogerdijk at 204-745-6973 or wubthe@gmail.com. Registration deadline is Sept. 18.



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Hillside Community Church hosted "Artisans, Crafts, and More" last Friday and Saturday, with partial proceeds going to Donate Love. Organizer Kim Klassen said the sale was a big success, as they brought in over \$700, with a few more funds expected to come in later this week. There's interest in doing it again next year, she said.

Supporting Donate Love

take a break > GAMES

SUDOKU

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						4		
							7	5
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			5	9			4	
	6			1				
6					8			1
			7	2				
7	9				1			8

Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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

Sudoku Answer

S	V	A	V		S	M	R		R	E	R	E
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F	V	C		T	V	H						
A	V	T										
M	U											

Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Actor Damon
5. Resort
8. Low continuous tones
11. Cape Verde capital
13. Abbreviation for clean
14. Shoe retailer
15. Dashery
16. Head covering
17. Canadian flyers
18. A plant fiber used for making rope
20. Prime Minister ___ Hirobumi
21. Hani
22. Nonexistences
25. Mexican victory holiday
30. Avowed
31. Ref
32. 2013 Philip. volcano eruption
33. Beard lichen genus
38. Tennis player organization
41. More saline
43. New York City
45. A ship's cheapest fare
47. A winglike part
49. At the stern
50. Oral polio vaccine
55. Tatouhou
56. In addition
57. Baltic flat-bottomed boat (alt. sp.)
59. Search for
60. Gray sea eagle
61. Music timings
62. Make a mistake
63. Root mean square (abbr.)
64. Sleeveless Arab garments

CLUES DOWN

1. Speedometer rate
2. Turkish/Iranian river
3. Japanese socks

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10
11				12		13			14		
15						16			17		
	18				19	20			21		
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32									33	34	35
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47	48										
55						56			57		58
59						60			61		
62						63			64		

4. Drawstrings
5. Formal separation over doctrine
6. Tableland
7. Word with opposite meaning
8. Cabs
9. 45th state
10. Matakam
12. Macaws
14. Scottish hillside
19. Load for shipment
23. Sleeping place
24. Linking verb
25. Br. University punting river
26. Marsh elder
27. Horse noise
28. Contract research organization (abbr.)
29. Excessively ornamented
34. Engine additive

35. Small bite
36. Snakelike fish
37. They ___
39. Performance arena
40. Enact before an audience
41. Special interest group
42. Grows old
44. Conductor's implements
45. A heavy cavalry sword
46. Tropical ship's wood
47. A domed or vaulted recess
48. Lascivious look
51. Mentally quick and resourceful
52. La ___ Tar Pits, Hollywood
53. Unstressed-stressed
54. Celery cabbage
58. Wrong prefix

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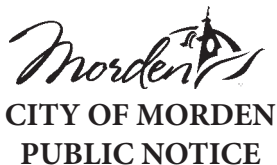
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John Scarce, City Manager
City of Morden

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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204-822-1088
info@cameronfriesen.ca
Morden—Winkler
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NOTICES

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON PUBLIC NOTICE – BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2016 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Thompson will be delivered to the Municipal Office at 531 Norton Avenue, Miami, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

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

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) An application for revision must:
 - be made in writing;
 - set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
 - set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42 (1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
 - be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41 (2), or
 - submitting it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board.

The Board of Revision will sit on October 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Thompson to hear applications.

Applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before **September 22, 2015**

Jody Oakes, Secretary
Board of Revision
The Rural Municipality of Thompson
531 Norton Avenue, P.O. Box 190, Miami, MB R0G 1H0

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Qualifications

- Must have or be able to obtain a Class 3 drivers license with air endorsement
- Experience in operating light equipment and trucks with ability to learn heavy equipment operation
- Basic welding, plumbing, piping and mechanical skills are desirable
- Possess or be able to gain through studies - water and wastewater certification
- Physically capable of heavy lifting
- Grade 12 education

Forward resumes by September 4, 2015 to:

City of Winkler
185 Main Street
Winkler, MB R6W 1B4
breimer@cityofwinkler.ca
Attention: Bill Reimer, Utilities Foreman

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Accountabilities for this position are Leadership, Management and Administration of the MSTW Planning District office functions and Implementation of MSTW Planning District Development Plan and Municipal Zoning By-Laws.

Key responsibilities in this position are: reporting to a Board of Directors, effective communication with City, Municipal, Provincial and Federal authorities, auditing permit applications for accuracy, compliance with legislation, policies, procedures and restrictions, and ensuring all applications comply with development plans, zoning by-laws, Municipal Act, Planning Act and appropriate Regulations.

Applicants are asked to clearly state their qualifications in the following competencies:

- Manitoba Municipal Administrator certificate
- Compliance with the WSH Act, Municipal Act and Planning Act
- Organizational leadership of Inspectors and Office Administration
- Communicating with and reporting to a Board of Directors
- Auditing permit applications for accuracy – zoning by-laws, subdivisions
- Annual Budget preparation, monitoring and financial accountability
- Digital Technology skills in Microsoft Office and financial accounting software
- Valid Class 5 Manitoba Driver's License

Additional consideration will be given to those candidates who hold a Manitoba Municipal Administrator certificate, a Level 3 Building Inspector certificate and / or a background in Engineering, Planning or Red Seal trade.

For additional information and to apply, please e-mail by September 4, 2015 to:

Donna Cox, CHRP
PVHRMconsulting@mymts.net

CLIP & SAVE



Morden City Bus Schedule 2015-2016

(refer to [www.westernsd.mb.ca/divisionoffice/transportation/for schedule & map](http://www.westernsd.mb.ca/divisionoffice/transportation/for%20schedule%20and%20map))

BUS # 13 CITY BUS

A.M. PICKUP

		Grade 5-12 students ---Bus #13	Pickup#
Route A	Minnewasta School	8:05 A.M.	PU# 90
	Conner Hill at Mint St.	8:07	PU# 79
	Conner Hill Dr. at Hillcrest St.	8:09	PU# 88
	Pembina Dr. at Elks Park	8:11	PU# 89
	Maple Leaf School	8:15	PU# 91
	École Morden Middle School/MCI	8:17	PU# 92

Route B	Northwood at People Path (900)	8:22	PU# 94
	Wardrop at Westwood	8:23	PU# 96
	EMMS/Morden Collegiate Inst.	8:28	PU# 92

Kindergarten to Grade 4 students --Bus #13

Route C	Northwood at People Path	8:35	PU# 94
	Wardrop at Westwood	8:36	PU# 96
	Maple Leaf School	8:40	PU# 91
	Minnewasta	8:46	PU# 90

P.M. DROPOFF

All Students --Bus #13

Route A	Maple Leaf School	3:50 P.M.	PU# 91
	Northwood at People Path	3:53	PU# 94
	Wardrop at Westwood	3:55	PU# 96

Route B	EMMS / MCI	4:00	PU# 92
	Northwood at People Path	4:10	PU# 94
	Wardrop at Westwood	4:11	PU# 96

Route C	EMMS / MCI	4:14	PU# 92
	Pembina Dr. at Elks Park	4:21	PU# 89
	Conner Hill Dr. at Hillcrest St.	4:26	PU# 88
	Conner Hill Dr. at Mint St.	4:28	PU# 79
	Minnewasta School	4:29	PU# 90

Other City Stops:	Pickup	A.M	P.M.	DropOff
Colert @ Meadowbrook	PU# 80	8:27	Bus 8 4:10	Bus 8
Fairway @ Buhler Dr.	PU# 81	8:36	Bus 7 4:05	Bus 7
Falcon @ Eagle Dr.	PU# 82	8:30	Bus 8 4:05	Bus 8
Sunset Dr @ Sunray (Kgtm to Gr.4)	PU# 83	8:25	Bus 11 4:09	Bus 11 Maple Leaf & Minnewasta
Sunset Dr @ Sunray (Gr.5-12)	PU# 83	8:09	Bus 15 4:21	Bus 15 Emms, MCI only
Northwood @ People Path (Gr.5-12)	PU# 84	8:15	Bus 15 4:16	Bus 15 Emms, MCI (trailer court only)
Parkhill west of Mountain (Kgtm-4)	PU# 85	8:29	Bus 11 4:08	Bus 11 Maple Leaf & Minnewasta
Parkhill west of Mountain (Gr.5-12)	PU# 85	8:12	Bus 15 4:19	Bus 15 Emms, MCI only
Parkhill at Livingston Park	PU# 86	8:25	Bus 15 4:06	Bus 15
River Rd east of 12th Street	PU# 87	8:27	Bus 15 4:04	Bus 15
Pembina Dr. at Elk's Park	PU# 89	8:37	Bus 6 4:04	Bus 6 MLS only (French Imm.)
Minnewasta School to Maple Leaf	PU# 90	8:35	Bus 6 4:05	Bus 6 MLS only (French Imm.)
Minnewasta School to EMMS	PU# 90	8:35	Bus 6 4:05	Bus 6 Rose/Buttercup/Orchid area only
Elam at Rampton	PU# 93	8:33	Bus 1 4:03	Bus 1
Cochlan Dr @ Trailer Pk	PU# 95	8:35	Bus 2 4:07	Bus 2
Grant St. near Southpark	PU# 97	8:32	Bus 2 4:10	Bus 2
9th St. South near South Railway	PU# 98	8:33	Bus 2 4:08	Bus 2
EMMS to Maple Leaf & Minnewasta	PU# 92	8:36	Bus 1	
Maple Leaf to Minnewasta	PU# 91	8:38	Bus 1	
EMMS to Maple Leaf PM transfer	PU# 91	4:05	Bus 5	Emms, MCI
Minnewasta to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 90	3:55	Bus 3 - city & rural bus 1, 2, 3	
Minnewasta to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 90	3:55	Bus 5 - city & rural bus 5, 6	
Minnewasta to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 90	3:55	Bus 4 - rural buses 4, 8, 9 & 12	
Minnewasta to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 90	3:55	Bus 7 - rural buses 7, 10, 11 & 15	
Minnewasta to Northwood at People Path	PU# 94	3:50	Bus 5	
Minnewasta to Wardrop at Westwood	PU# 96	3:52	Bus 5	
Minnewasta to Cochlan Dr	PU# 95	3:48	Bus 3	
Minnewasta to Grant near Southpark	PU# 97	3:50	Bus 3	
Minnewasta to 9th St. South	PU# 98	3:52	Bus 3	
Maple Leaf to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 92	3:55	Bus 2 - city & rural buses 1 to 5 & 15	
Maple Leaf to EMMS PM transfer	PU# 92	3:55	Bus 6 - rural buses 6 to 12	

RRTVA - Red River Technical Vocational Area

AM: PU#102 Bus 5 MCI to Welding Shop 8:50-8:55, PU#103 Bus 5 MCI to Plum Coulee transfer (Altona) 8:50-9:15, PU#300 Bus 5 Plum Coulee to MCI 9:15 returns to MCI 9:45
PU#200 Bus 2670 Winkler to Morden - NPC 8:43, PU#201 GVC 8:38, return to Morden Welding shop 8:55.
PU#103 Bus 2670 MCI to Winkler 9:00, -NPC 9:13, GVCTec 9:20, GVC 9:25
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OBITUARY



Katharina (Tina) Harder (nee Fehr) 1950 – 2015

On Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at St. Boniface General Hospital, Tina Harder aged 64 years of Altona, MB went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Jake Harder; three daughters, Tina and Frank Penner, Susie and Helmut Froese, Barb and Frank Reimer; two sons, Jake and Anna Harder, Al and Eva Harder as well as 18 grandchildren; seven sisters; three brothers and their families. She was predeceased by her parents, Jacob and Katharina Fehr and three sisters.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday August 24, 2015 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Tina's memory to the Bergen Cardiac Care Centre C/O St. Boniface Hospital.

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Craig Arnold Wood 1949 - 2015

On Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Craig Wood aged 66 years passed away suddenly.

Craig was born March 1, 1949 to Earle and Dorothy (nee Hess) Wood. Craig married his wife, Doris (nee Kehler) in September of 1973. On October 12, 1978 they were blessed with their son, James (Jim) Wood. Craig lived in Manitou for a couple of years after he was married and worked at the school division there. Then Craig and Doris moved to Winkler where Craig worked at a few different places. Craig worked at Janzen's for ten years after that he worked at WBS and others. Craig was a well known bookkeeper and an accountant. After years Craig decided to work from home doing income tax for people with the help of his wife, Doris. Craig enjoyed many things like fishing, hunting, hockey and collecting things like movies and hockey stuff.

Craig is survived by his wife, Doris; one son James (Jim) Wood and Charline Mulholland (Damien, Eryn); his mother, Dorothy; sisters, Lynn Dueck, Cheryl and Malcolm Doney; brothers, Barry Wood, Wayne and Kim Wood; sister-in-law, Norma Wood and their families. Craig was predeceased by his father, Earle Wood in 1997 and his brother, Donald Wood in 2015.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2015 at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Craig's memory to Muscular Dystrophy Manitoba.

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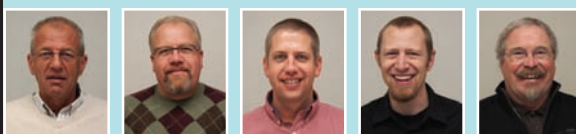
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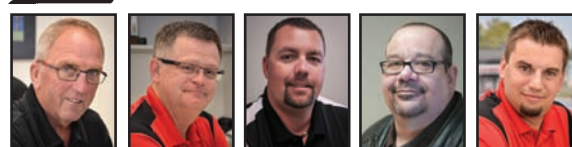
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