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# Friesen earns third term

By Lorne Stelmach

It is always exciting for Cameron Friesen to win an election, even now that the provincial election last Tuesday saw him win for a third time.

And even though he again won handily with 6,096 votes or 81 per cent of the ballots cast, the Morden-Winkler MLA maintained it is never taken for granted.

"What I do is ensure every time I run that I'm making a sincere and honest effort," Friesen said as he joined around 100 supporters at the Terrapoint Business Centre in watching results come in election night.

"I always say that a person should never assume anything in this business of politics," said Friesen. "I think it's important for people in the community to see that I'm engaged as a candidate, that I'm listening, that I'm available, that I'm around, and we've tried to do that ... so people would know that we're taking nothing for granted."

First elected in 2011 and then re-elected in 2016 with over 85 per cent of the vote, Friesen has served as Manitoba's finance and health minister in his first two terms.

His closest competition this time, just as it was last time, came from Green Party candidate and Winkler resident Mike Urichuk, who garnered 769 votes.

Also in the running were the NDP's Robin Dalloo (365 votes) and Liberal David Mintz (277 votes). The turnout was just under 52 per cent of eligible voters.

"I couldn't be more proud to be the Member of the Legislative Assembly who represents this fine community of Morden-Winkler and the RM of Stanley," said Friesen as news of his victory broke.

He celebrated the achievements of the Progressive Conservative govern-

ment while also pledging that they are going to finish what they started.

"We really do this job because we believe we have to something to offer as a PC party," said Friesen.

"We inherited a mess three years ago. We made incredible progress fixing the finances, repairing health care, focusing on a better education system and making good infrastructure investments ... but there's much more to do.

"We'll be engaged and we'll be ready to go," said Friesen, who touched briefly on some of their key priorities. "We are midway through a big cleanup job. That means that we've got more to do in health care. The changes we have made to our system are working.

"We have committed in this campaign to make excellent investments in schools, including a school identified for the City of Morden," Friesen added.

He cited as well the investment of \$50 million more each year to infrastructure.

"When I think about this region, this growing region of Morden-Winkler, we know that roads, schools, day care, and housing will continue to be very, very important. As a local MLA, this will continue to be my focus.

"We're making progress ... but that progress does also come with resistance," he concluded. "This party has a lot of gas in the tank ... we have, as a party, worked very, very hard, and we believe that we have kept our promises to Manitobans. We've done the things in power that we said we would do."

The provincial election saw the Progressive Conservatives elected to form another majority government, though with their seat count reduced by four to 36.

The NDP increased their seats by four to 18, while the Liberal Party only



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Cameron Friesen (far left) watches the results come in with supporters on election night. The Morden-Winkler MLA earned his third term in office with 81 per cent of the vote.

elected three candidates.

The Conservative caucus will be sworn in as MLAs on Sept. 25. The

next sitting of the Legislature could begin as early as Sept. 30.

## Guenter wins Borderland

By Lorne Stelmach

Whatever potential concern there may have been about the Conservative vote being split in the Borderland riding didn't materialize in the provincial election last week.

First-time candidate Josh Guenter claimed the seat for the Progressive Conservatives with 4,885 votes, or about 66 per cent of the ballots.

Liberal candidate Loren Braul was runner-up with 1,226 votes, while Conservative turned independent candidate Cliff Graydon, who had held the former Emerson riding, only managed third

"There's a straight-up learning curve ahead ... I'm definitely looking forward to it all," he said.

"We had an exciting race locally. We had five candidates running. So there was a lot of energy going into it ... a lot of different perspectives offered, and what it tells you when you get a result like this is people mulled over their

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Conservative candidate Josh Guenter won his first term in office in Borderland with 66 per cent of the vote.

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# City announces a Morenet update is coming soon



By Lorne Stelmach

Morden residents were offered assurances last week that the long awaited and much delayed announcement on the future of Morenet is close at hand.

A statement from the City of Morden indicated an announcement about Morenet within a few weeks will finally outline how the high speed internet service will be moving forward.

Mayor Brandon Burley did not return requests for an interview, but he did offer some further information and comments to the public on the matter via social media.

"We have been working on the same solution since May, and as a city council we have imposed a September 30 deadline for a firm resolution. I believe that date will be met," Burley said in the Facebook post.

"Let me assure you that my priority is to ensure that our city has viable high-speed internet access. Trying to

Morden city council is planning to have a solution to the Morenet rollout by month's end.

grow a community or economy without it is like trying to grow a city without paved streets," he said. "Council has spent hundreds of hours trying to ensure that the best possible outcome for Morenet is achieved. I believe we are close to that solution."

First announced in April 2018 and touted as the first of its kind, community-owned high speed internet service, Morenet has since then continued to be held up by technical issues as well as concerns around significantly higher than projected capital and operational costs.

In the meantime, the service has been operating in parts of the community, while other residents have been left to wait and see as council assesses how to move forward with its rollout.

"City council has studied Morenet (broadly categorized) under four headings: viability, risk, cost, and regulation," Burley said in his social media post. "Each of these factors must be completely understood before undertaking the operation of a major

utility. We did this because Morenet is a big expense, and the majority of council were not around the table when the decision to implement was made.

"As a council, we undertook to understand the answers to the following questions relative to these categories: Can it be done? What risks do we

encounter legally by operating the service? Can we insure against risk? What does it cost to implement and operate? Is it cost competitive? Is the funding model fair? What regulations are imposed to operate the service and have we considered and met them? What regulations are imposed on an ISP by the CRTC and by statute?

"This is the depth to which we have delved in trying to deliver a solution to Morenet," the mayor wrote. "At this point, I believe we have done our diligence and have expert opinion to back our answers to these questions. I am proud of the diligence and commitment of council to engage in this exercise."

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Co-op's new car wash offers four automatic wash options as well as eight wash bays.

"We are excited to move our car wash services into a new home, continuing to offer great car wash options to our members," said Matthew Almey, petroleum division manager.

"Our members have been getting their vehicles washed at Co-op for many years," noted Winkler Co-op general manager Evan Toews. "Your Co-op is committed to continuing to offer this service, as well as expanding it to include a manual wand wash option."

Automatic wash vouchers and gift cards are available at the Winkler Gas Bar, Co-op Truckstop, and directly at the car wash office.

Co-op is hosting a grand opening with free car washes on Tuesday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Boil water advisory issued for some areas

A boil water advisory was issued for the Morris Regional Water System Monday evening.

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ing Water, Manitoba Sustainable Development.

A boil water advisory was issued for the Town of Roland, RM of Roland (including Myrtle), Winkler Bible Camp, Village of Lowe Farm, RM of Morris (not including Sperling), RM of Thompson (east boundary with the RM of Roland up to but not including

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# People's Party announces Portage-Lisgar candidate

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Aaron Archer was announced as the People Party's of Canada candidate for Portage-Lisgar last week.

The Okotoks, Alberta resident made the trip to Morden-Winkler over the weekend to introduce himself to voters.

"The number one question usually is how do you represent the PPC in this riding if you're not from here?" Archer said as he met with supporters at the PPC Association headquarters in downtown Winkler Saturday afternoon.

"To be honest, about six to eight months ago I was in a lot of Canadians' position, wondering who I was going to vote for and who represented me as a Canadian with my values. The outlook wasn't looking very good as to what my options were."

Around the same time, former Conservative cabinet minister and leadership candidate Maxime Bernier started his own political party.

After getting the chance to meet with Bernier, Archer said he came away impressed and wanted to be part of leading the charge on behalf of the PPC.

"A lot of topics he's willing to talk about aren't being talked about in any party, in any form," Archer said. "That's what really inspired me first, was Maxime Bernier, his presence

and his promises."

The PPC already had a full slate of candidates in Alberta, so Archer looked outside the province to see where he might best serve the party, including in Manitoba where he grew up.

The Portage-Lisgar riding, which was actively looking for a candidate, was a good fit.

"I have family there. I was stationed in Shilo, Manitoba, which is just outside the region but still very much the same kind of problems and good things happening in these areas," Archer said.

As a veteran with the Canadian Armed Forces, the PPC's commitment to veteran's benefits and supports is one issue that certainly resonates with Archer.

He's also excited to share the party's vision for the protection of Canadian values and culture, restructuring the nation's immigration policies to limit the overall number of people accepted and ensure a higher number of skilled immigrants, and stopping the flow of illegal migrants at the border.

"It really just come down to our slogan: it's about keeping our country strong and free," Archer said. "Whatever we can do as a party to bring the spotlight back onto Canada and start fixing our problems so that when we look to the rest of the world to solve theirs, we don't look like hypocrites ...

I've taken that to heart."

The nomination period for candidates for the Oct. 21 federal election closes Sept. 30.

Thus far, joining Archer on the ballot will be Conservative incumbent Candice Bergen, Jerome Dondo for the Christian Heritage Party, Beverley Eert for the Green Party, and Ken

Werbiski for the Liberal Party.

The Voice will be profiling all of the candidates in an upcoming edition.

You can meet the candidates yourself at the all-candidates forum hosted by the Winkler and Morden chambers of commerce at the Morden Activity Centre on Thursday, Oct. 10.

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People's Party of Canada candidate Aaron Archer (second from left) met with supporters in Winkler on Saturday.

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## Smile, you'll live longer

might be experiencing a mid-life crisis.

This would be great because it means I will make it to 102 years old.

Honestly, I think I lean toward the hope for a longer life than a shorter one. Sometimes I waffle on this. There are days when shorter seems better, but those come less often now than they used to.

A recent, decades-long Harvard University study that involved more than 70,000 people says folks who are measurably optimistic have a 50 to 70 per cent chance of living past 85 years old and live between 11 to 17 per cent longer than pessimists.

According to the study, optimism refers "to a general expectation that good things will happen or believing that the future will be favorable because we can control important outcomes."

Now all the pessimists reading this just said "GOOD. I don't want to be

on this planet longer than I have to be." Meanwhile, all the optimists simply said "Neat!" and went on with their cheery lives.

I have always been an optimist.

I am not sure why. As a child, things were less than optimal (to put it mildly) and one would expect such an outset would create pessimism. But perhaps not. Perhaps the dark start to life created in me a general feeling that things must get better because they could not possibly get worse.

Somehow, I think that hope wove itself into me.

I try to see the best in everyone and everything. I try to see the best because I do not like the alternatives. I freely admit I look at the world and people through rose-coloured glasses and sometimes it bites me, but that is my responsibility. I choose to see things the way I do. The consequences are my responsibility.

It occurs to me that the critical streak that runs through me is likely related to my optimism.

Hear me out ... people often think pessimists are the critics, but I think it's the optimists. When a thing goes wrong the pessimist simply sees what they expected. The optimist, however, sees a deviation from what could

have been and becomes frustrated. They see what they believe is a better world/person/relationship and push hard (sometimes too hard or inappropriately hard) to try and see that world/person/relationship achieved.

Back to the midlife crisis. Why or how is this possibly related to optimism? Well, I cannot say for sure. I have been increasingly in a place of anticipation and restlessness. A place that sees me wanting to achieve more things and new things, more so than ever before.

Perhaps it is simply the new espresso machine and all the cappuccinos I have been drinking, but maybe it is that optimistic yearning to strive. That optimism that is whispering more and more in my ear like the annoying buzz of a mosquito at night: "You can be better than you have been. Time is running out. Do more, be more."

I can say it is an annoying state to be in and sometimes exhausting, not just for me but for those around me. In the end I believe it will level off again to that gentle upward climb to whatever the future holds.

Whatever it holds, you know I will strive to do the best I can with it. I must if I'm in it for the long haul.



**By Peter Cantelon**

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## > BORDERLAND, FROM PG. 2

choices carefully ... and I intend to deliver on it, and I just want to serve them to the best of my abilities."

The Altona-area resident, who has worked for both Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen and attended the University of Ottawa to study economics and political science, said he was "incredibly humbled, honoured and grateful for the strong result."

"I'm just excited to be given an opportunity to serve," he said. "I think what it tells us both in Borderland and across the province is that Manitobans and people in our area are focused on the issues."

"They're concerned about afford-

ability, about the high level of taxes they pay and they're just trying to get ahead," Guenter continued. "They want good health care, they want better roads, better infrastructure, and they want a government and a representative who will go to bat for them, who will focus on the issues and focus on their concerns and try to address them."

He believes the strong numbers reflect support for what he said was a strong agenda put forward by the Progressive Conservative party.

"People are paying attention, and they're taking this seriously. Obviously they thought things through very carefully."

Guenter said he now looks forward

to helping the government deliver on its commitments such as phasing out the education tax on properties, rolling back taxes, investing in health care, and addressing the infrastructure deficit.

"Being from a rural riding, we absolutely need infrastructure ... and I think our platform of affordability definitely resonates," he said.

"Throughout the campaign I had the privilege of visiting senior's homes and going to places like Blue Sky in Altona and visiting people with disabilities, and I would love to be able to help them," he concluded. "Our government needs to be there for those who can't help themselves."



# Diversitas speaker welcomes the chance to share her story

By Lorne Stelmach

Every little connection she can make matters when Cynthia Fortlage is doing public speaking on being transgender.

It is especially encouraging to Fortlage when there are those connections like the ones at the Diversitas presentation in Morden last Wednesday where local parents opened up about their experiences with their children.

"It's one of the reasons that I do put myself out there ... I didn't have that in my own life. I have to fight to hold back crying when I find parents like that who are working really hard in order to achieve that," Fortlage said following the two and a half hour presentation that was part of the ongoing speaker series on diversity.

"There were lots of parts of the conversation tonight that would be very uncomfortable for many, many transgender people, and so I don't want them to have the uncomfortable conversation because I'm prepared to, and that's why I do this," she said.

"It was something I believed even before the day that I began my physical transition. I've always been in a leadership role, I've always been in business, and I knew that I didn't have a choice. I needed to go out, but I needed to lead while going out because I have some knowledge and skills that prepared me to actually do that."

Fortlage was the founder of her own start-up technology firm, but since 2017 she has been president of Rainbow Resource Centre, which is not only Manitoba's only dedicated LGBT+ resource centre but also the longest continually running centre of its kind in Canada.

At the session in Morden, Fortlage's presentation and the discussion it generated ranged widely from her

**"WE JUST NEED TO START TREATING EACH OTHER LIKE HUMAN BEINGS FIRST AND THEN LEARNING ABOUT EACH OTHER AFTER THAT."**

own journey to the dangers and discrimination that the trans community faces to the surgical procedures that are involved in making this kind of transition.

"It was a really good session in terms of covering the wide gamut," said Fortlage.

She stressed that the bottom line for her is that "it's not about people learning to accept me—it is about people accepting me and then learning."

"My main message is the acceptance without understanding. We just need to start treating each other like human beings first and then learning about each other after that."

"I find that, as a society, we judge too fast, too quick, and too easy, and that's because I don't understand you, therefore I don't accept," Fortlage said. "It's not just related to LGBT, it is any other marginalized group based upon skin colour, country of origin, religious belief, you name it."

As part of the evening, Grayson L'Hirondelle also addressed the crowd with a perspective of not just being transgender but also being from this region.

L'Hirondelle noted he and Fortlage come from different backgrounds. When he came out, society had progressed to a greater degree, but it has still been very challenging for him.

"You had to tread very carefully. You had to be careful who you socialized with and who you came out to because it is a very religious-based community, and it's definitely not something that's very openly accepted," he

said.

Fortlage must have had a more difficult experience, he added, and he very much admires her.

"Just to see the person that Cynthia has become and what she went through is a real inspiration for me."

With that thought, L'Hirondelle has started up a support group through Facebook to help bring the message out to more people and help make this area more accepting.

"I wanted to create an overall group where everybody can be a part of it," L'Hirondelle stressed, "and everybody gets to learn a little bit ... I want there to be an open line of communication between everybody."

"This area is a big challenge. I want to be part of the change," he said. "I want to see safe places created definitely ... people who go through a hard time at school, at home with families ... they need a sanctuary; they need to be with people who can understand them and will support and guide them."

"I want to make a positive impact ... I am hopeful," added L'Hirondelle, citing the example of Morden having held its first Pride parade this year. "When I heard that Morden was having its first Pride, I jumped out of my chair. I was ecstatic."



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE**  
The Diversitas speaker series' latest guest, Cynthia Fortlage, shared her journey of transformation and the challenges that came with it.

Fortlage recognized there is much more to be done yet, but she is encouraged by the response to evenings like the one in Morden.

"Nights like tonight kind of soften that and make it easy, but now there's 30, 40 people who didn't know," she said, "who now know that and can move forward in a whole new way that allows them to accept because they've gotten it from a very personal perspective, and it's not just some interpretation ... it's very real; we're real people and we're right here."

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# Winkler FD gets new gas monitor thanks to Enbridge



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Enbridge's Gerry Book (far left) and Gary Radtke (far right) last week presented the Winkler Fire Department's Capt. Garry Reimer and Chief Richard Paetzold with \$6,500 for a MultiRae Gas Monitor.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A donation from Enbridge has allowed the Winkler Fire Department to purchase a vital new piece of equipment.

Winkler firefighters welcomed Enbridge representatives to the fire hall last Thursday to show off the MultiRae Gas Monitor they've added to their arsenal thanks to the \$6,500 they received from the company's Safe Communities program.

The device, which specializes in the detection of ammonia and chlorine gas, will allow Winkler's HazMat team to more safely assess scenes with potential chemical spills, says Fire Chief Richard Paetzold.

"There's always potential for those types of incidents," he said, noting there are many communities in the department's mutual aid district that have these chemicals in their arenas, pools, water treatment facilities, and farms.

Incidents involving gases have occurred in our area in the past, Paetzold noted. Being able to more effectively monitor for them will make things safer for both the general public and first responders.

"It gives us that instantaneous detection that we need," he said. "This monitoring is part of that first key to making timely and critical decisions to keep the public safe."

Enbridge, whose pipeline south of Winkler is shipping 2.8 million barrels of oil through the region every day, was happy to be able to provide funding for something that's going to do a lot of good in the community, said Gary Radtke, regional emergency response coordinator for the company.

"That's what our goal is, because we work through these communities but we also live in these communities too," he said. "If we can help then it helps everybody."

# Winkler Bible Camp hosting Global Leadership Summit

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A telecast of the Global Leadership Summit 2019 will be hosted by the Winkler Bible Camp Oct. 17-18.

Camp director Dale Wiebe said they're excited to be able to provide access to this world-class leadership seminar for a second year.

"We know that many leaders from southern Manitoba businesses and communities are already attending the Summit in Winnipeg, and this brings it closer to home," he said. "We look forward to seeing what impact the Summit and God will have on those who attend."

The event features leadership training from a diverse group of speakers that this year includes television host and adventurer Bear Grylls, Life Church co-founder Craig Groeschel, Franklin Entertainment CEO DeVon Franklin, and former FBI hostage negotiator Chris Voss, to name just a few.

Their presentations aim to get listeners thinking about the kind of influence they have on the world around them and what kind of leaders they want to be.

It's training that is transferable to whatever leadership position one might find oneself in—be it business, a non-profit organization, or church or community group.

"Leadership's important. It's some-

thing that's fundamental to every single organization, regardless of whether you have two staff or you have 500," noted Sherry Janzen, Salem Home CEO and a member of the local organizing committee.

Janzen and her team at Salem have taken part in the Global Leadership Summit for years.

"This is the one event my staff won't give up," she said. "It would be fabulous if every organization could grow and change as much as we have because of it."

"It is a time to learn how to become a better leader, and to rejuvenate the soul."

Registration fees (\$229 per person, but less for students, non-profit organizations, and large groups) all go to cover the costs of putting on the event.

"You can't get anything like this at this kind of affordability," said Wiebe. "You would have to pay 10 times the money to send your staff away somewhere to do something like this, to get this level of good leadership training."

"This for us is not a money-maker,"

he added. "We're just trying to make it happen, and we're going to be putting money into this."

"Eventually I hope this becomes self-sustaining," said Janzen, "but if we don't start someplace ... if we believe in leadership we have to put our money where our mouth is."

There's space for 200-250 people to register. Early bird registration was nearing half that as of last week.

Registration information is available online at [globalleadershipnetwork.ca/summit2019/winkler](http://globalleadershipnetwork.ca/summit2019/winkler).

# Sirens for Life draws blood donors

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Fire Department got the edge over the Winkler Police Service in the Sirens for Life campaign this summer.

The campaign saw Manitoba emergency services help raise awareness about the importance of blood donation by rolling up their sleeves and encouraging others to do the same.

"The campaign brought in over 70 emergency service workers throughout July and August," said Steve Raizen, territory manager for Canadian Blood Services, noting the Steinbach Fire Department was Manitoba's

leader in donations. "It helped that they have a large department and had four donation events throughout the summer, as we are there every two weeks."

"That said, thanks to the generosity of our donors, patients were the big winners this summer."

Based on voluntary sign-ins at the donation events held in Winkler over the past few months, the Winkler Fire Department beat out the police, though Raizen noted it appears not every donor remembered to declare which department they were donating on behalf of.

"Overall, the campaign was a suc-

cess," he said, adding that though the summer is over the need for blood most certainly remains. "Donors are encouraged to support emergency service workers and patients throughout the year, as the need for blood is constant."

Winkler hosts its next blood clinic Thursday, Oct. 3 at the Winkler Menonite Brethren Church. Morden's next clinic is at the Access Event Centre Oct. 28.

Download the GiveBlood app, call 1-888-2-DONATE, or visit [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) to book your appointment



# Winkler Family Resource Centre finds a new home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre has found a new home.

The agency, which offers free early childhood education programs to Winkler area residents, has moved from its old location at Central Station to the Emmanuel Mennonite Church on 15th St.

"This is a great move for us," said coordinator Cathy Savage, noting it gives them about three times the space of their old location.

"We've been looking for something like this for about two years now," she said. "We've had a couple of opportunities but due to the costs they all fell through."

"That's why this space is fantastic, because we're actually partners now with the church," Savage said, noting they're paying a modest rental fee that provides the non-profit with the most bang for their buck.

Emmanuel, meanwhile, is happy to have them, said church council chair Willie Enns.

"In the past eight months the church has been on a process of visioning what should Emmanuel look like," he explained. "What direction should we be going in? What priorities should we be working on?"

"One of the priorities that was very strong that came out was community involvement."

When they learned that WFRC was looking for a larger space for its programming, it seemed the perfect fit, as the church has a spacious gathering hall and classroom area that goes mostly unused during the week.

"And so we contacted them and started talking and, long story short, we've worked out a partnership where they can use the space here Monday through Friday," Enns said.

The resource centre will certainly be making the most of the space.

A play area will be open there five mornings a week from 9 a.m. to noon for families with pre-school age children to drop by and enjoy.

"It's a place for families to come and gather, come together and play," Savage said, noting Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. there will be storytime and a craft for the kids.

WFRC's various literacy and numeracy programs for pre-schoolers will run Tuesdays and Thursdays at the church, though some programs also run mornings in Plum Coulee and Schanzenfeld and evenings at J.R. Walkof School. Pre-registration is required for these programs.

Finally, on Wednesday mornings from 10-11 a.m., the centre hosts their new Parent and Child Stay & Play program in partnership with Regional Connections.

That program will include child-minders so that parents can socialize and hear from local guest speakers on topics like family health and safety while their kids play.

Savage has big plans for more programming moving forward.

"We're going to be able to do more and provide for families," she said. "For example, we have access to a kitchen, so we hope to do a lot of cooking with the moms. Maybe start a how to cook on a tight budget program, something like that."

## THUMBS UP FROM FAMILIES

The move got a big thumbs up from the parents who stopped in for some play time with their kids last Thursday morning.

Margaret Wiebe, who has been attending WFRC's drop-in days with her children for months now, says she loves the new location.

"The other one could get a little crowded sometimes ... this is huge compared to that space," she said.



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The Winkler Family Resource Centre's Tina Fehr-Kehler (left) and Cathy Savage with Emmanuel Mennonite Church council chair Willie Enns last week. The church is providing the WFRC with space for its programming five days a week.

"I plan on coming here as much as I can with the kids. It's fun for them ... and it is nice for me to be able to talk to other moms and not just be at home."

WFRC is hosting a ribbon cutting celebration at the church next week Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Enter through the first door on the north side of the church.

Details on the centre's upcoming programs are available online at win-

klerfamilyresourcecentre.com.

## SAVE THE DATE

Winkler Family Resource Centre has set a date for its sixth annual Quiz Night fundraiser this fall.

The Hawaiian themed evening will take place on Friday, Oct. 25.

Sign up your team of four or eight for \$25 per person by contacting Savage at winklerfrfc@gmail.com or 204-332-9418.

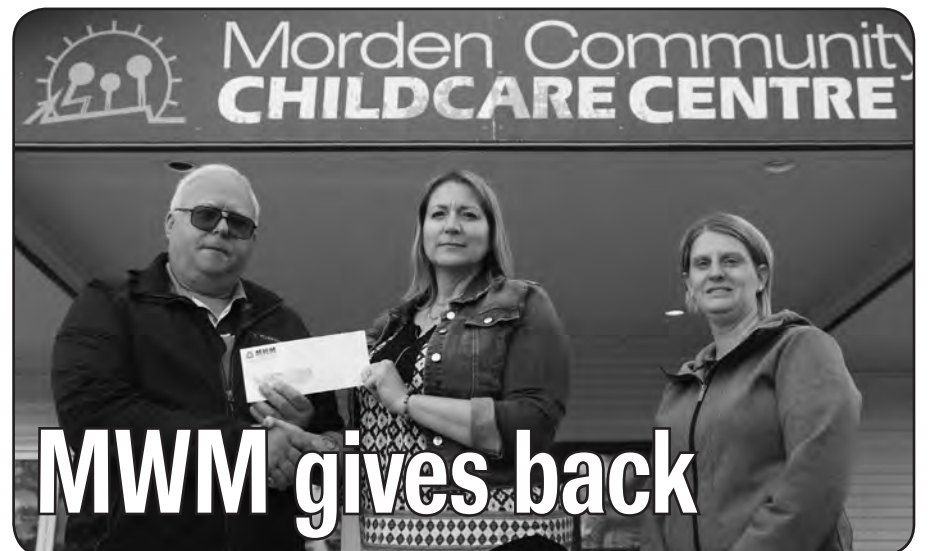


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Pembina Valley Child Care Centre got a financial boost recently with a donation from MWM Environmental. Larry Klein presented a cheque for \$1,468.15, which is based on a donation of five cents per carts tipped in Morden annually—a total that came to 29,363 this past year. "It's just our way of giving back to the community ... child care is a very much needed service," said Klein, who made the presentation to centre executive director Shuana Richards and board chair Candace Brunn. "This really goes a long way to help us with our financial situation," said Richards, who noted they greatly rely on this kind of additional funding for projects like their current need for a new roof on their Morden facility.



# Mollie Wheeler puts name forward as council's youth rep

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden Collegiate student is looking to take on another council role in addition to her duties this year as student council president.

Mollie Wheeler has put her name forward to be a youth member on Morden city council. It's anticipated her appointment will be approved at council's Sept. 23 meeting.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Mollie Wheeler is expected to be accepted as Morden city council's youth member on Monday.

Wheeler became excited about the opportunity after having had a chance to meet with Mayor Brandon Burley.

"I realized that it was definitely something that I could see myself doing," she said. "I feel that's a valuable connection to have between the school and the youth and council. A youth point of view is always really valuable."

Wheeler comes to the role with a range of experience including having been among the top young debaters in the country.

She has participated in and won awards at a national public speaking championship and a national student debate seminar, which is being hosted by the City of Morden next week.

"I feel with my organizational and public speaking skills and my general interest in the well-being of our community and the development of our community, it makes me a good candidate for this role," Wheeler said.

"I love our community ... and being in a position where I might have a say makes it very interesting to me," she continued.

She also looks forward to making connections with other youth in the area in order to be able to reflect their views and concerns.

"I guess my next big job is to really kind of dig around and talk to students and talk to the young people ... that's something that really excites me about this role ... being able to find out is exciting to me and being able to bring that to those meetings, I think I can make a difference.

"I think I'm approachable if other young people have ideas that they want me to share ... I think I can be a good liaison between council and the youth of Morden," said Wheeler.

Mayor Burley is excited to have that youth perspective on council.

"I am overjoyed to have a nominee of Mollie's calibre for the City of Mor-

**"A YOUTH POINT OF VIEW IS ALWAYS REALLY VALUABLE."**

den youth council position," Burley said by e-mail.

"Mollie works hard to ensure she betters herself and those around her. As a 2018 national student debate champion and current Morden Collegiate student council president, she would bring valuable skills and experiences to this role.

"City council believes we need to do work to understand and connect meaningfully with our cities young people," he added. "Mollie would be a strong, committed voice for youth in Morden."

## Heritage Soc. asks city for help in finding new home

By Lorne Stelmach

City council heard an update last week on the activities and initiatives of the Winkler Heritage Society as well as an appeal for some ideas on where the organization could go if it finds itself looking for a new home for its museum.

Addressing council at its meeting Sept. 10, representative Randy Rietze noted that the society is giving a great

deal of thought to finding another location for the museum.

It is currently located in the Southland Mall, but Rietze suggested they are uncertain about whether it will fit into the new mall owner's plans for the building.

Regardless, Rietze said they want to consider alternatives and wondered if council could help them "hash out what the future holds for the Winkler Heritage Society. We are just asking if

council has any ideas for us."

Mayor Martin Harder encouraged the society to explore its options and come back to council down the road.

Meanwhile, Rietze also noted how the museum is an important part of the society's mission to promote and encourage public interest in the community's heritage as well as to preserve historic records and artifacts. The museum in total has around 4,400 individual artifacts.

# Laurie Dyck acclaimed as GVSD board chair

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Laurie Dyck is back as the chair of the Garden Valley School Division board of trustees.

Dyck was acclaimed to her sixth year in the role at the board's reorganization meeting Sept. 10.

"It's an honour," she said of having earned the trust of her fellow board members. "It is a great opportunity and I don't take it for granted."

Dyck is also quick to point out that it's the hard work of all the trustees as well as GVSD's senior administration and school staff that make things happen in local schools.

The board's reorganization saw Garry Bueckert step into the role of vice chair. Bueckert also heads up the education committee, which includes trustees John Klassen and Tena Lane.

Other committees include the operations committee (made up of Leah Klassen as chair, Jake Fehr, and Dyck) and the policy committee (chaired by Deana Wilson and also including Barb Heide and Tash Olfert).

The 2019-2020 school year has started off pretty smoothly, Dyck said, including the opening of the new K-8 Pine Ridge Elementary School in Winkler.

Adding a new school to the mix always has a ripple effect throughout the division.

"Everyone is adjusting to something new, whether it's an entirely new building or fewer students or staff at the other schools," said Dyck, adding that these kinds of changes also bring with them a great deal of excitement for everyone. "They bring opportunities for programming and opportuni-

ties for developing school cultures. It's always an exciting time."

Pine Ridge was ready for students at the start of the school year, but work on the site is continuing for the foreseeable future.

The building's daycare isn't expected to be able to open until next month, Dyck said, and workers are still putting the finishing touches on other parts of the building.

That said, "the project is much further along than any of our last buildings were when classes began there," she noted.

A grand opening for the school is being planned for October.

Elsewhere in the division, enrolment projections seem to be pretty much on track, though the board did have to approve the hiring of an additional half-time Gr. 5-6 teacher

at Parkland Elementary School due to an unexpected jump in that age group there.

"We are seeing growth, but it's mostly sprinkled throughout the division," Dyck said, adding senior administration receive enrolment numbers from the schools on a regular basis so the board can immediately address any staffing shortages that may come up.

Heading up GVSD's senior admin team this fall will be assistant superintendent of programs and curriculum Janice Krahn, who has been appointed the interim superintendent in light of superintendent Todd Monster's medical leave.

Dyck said they're confident Krahn and her team will be able to hold down the fort until Monster returns in the new year.



# Art raffle raises \$2K for Alzheimer Society

By Lorne Stelmach

Ashley Ehnes' passion for mosaic art is also paying off for the Alzheimer Society.

A piece of her work recently raffled raised \$2,000 in support of the society's programs and services.

Helping make the draw Monday, Ehnes said she loves having the opportunity "to do something that I love to do to somehow give back to a cause that's important to me."

"I'm very happy with that, to give back and help them find a cure and some treatments for this."

Ehnes took the project on in memory of her late grandfather, who suffered from dementia.

"I raffle off one of my mosaics that I've made, so everything is through me to kind of give back and help out this cause," she said, noting this year her work offered a view of downtown Winnipeg.

"I did my first fundraiser like this three years ago, where I raised just

**"EVERYBODY KNOWS SOMEBODY, WHETHER IT'S RELATIVE, WHETHER IT'S A FAMILY FRIEND."**

over \$3,000 for the society," noted Ehnes.

She added that Alzheimer's and other dementia impact so many people that this is something that resonates with everyone.

"Everybody knows somebody, whether it's a relative, whether it's a family friend," she said, recalling having just recently met someone whose mother was diagnosed at the age 52. "It's a hard thing, if it's onset very young as well ... it's a big battle, and it's hard for people to deal with."

Alzheimer Society of Manitoba regional coordinator Kathy Fehr appre-



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From left: Kathy Fehr, south central regional co-ordinator for the Alzheimer Society, showing off the mosaic artwork of Ashley Ehnes, who donated the piece to be raffled off as a fundraiser. The lucky winner was Ashleigh Koper.

ciates Ehnes' dedication to the cause.


"To put so much time and effort into this ... she obviously has put many, many hours into this, and I'm sure that as she's working through this process that she probably would think about her grandpa or think about the disease itself or other people that she's aware of that are struggling with this,"

said Fehr.

"It's fantastic to have the support from communities and from younger people as well ... it's great to have people on board and people who want to help us out."

The raffle's winner was Ashleigh Koper.

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# Winkler Dog Park has big plans for the future

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In its first two years of operation, the Winkler Dog Park has quickly become the go-to place for dog-lovers and their furry friends.

"I remember one evening when

there was nearly 20 dogs here. That was a busy one," said Linda Neufeld, who heads up the Winkler Dog Park Facebook page and has taken the lead in planning for the site located just behind the city's water treatment plant north of Hwy. 14.



Linda Neufeld and her dog Charlie are regulars at the Winkler Dog Park, which installed a few new benches and a pergola this summer.

The Facebook page has postings almost every day from members letting each other know when they're heading to the park and inviting others to join them.

It's become a big drawing card for the community, said Neufeld.

"Say you're moving to this area and you have an apartment that's allowing you to take your dog into, but you've got no running space for your pup. Where are you going to go to exercise?" she said. "Sure, you can grab your leash and go for a walk, but that's not giving the dog running space."

Under responsible owner supervision, the off-leash park also serves as the perfect place for dogs of all sizes to interact and socialize.

"For a dog to behave properly they need to be around other dogs every once in awhile," said Neufeld, noting people have been connecting via social media to set up play dates with dogs of similar temperaments. "And then you can come here and have a seat, watch your dog, pick up after your dog, and the dogs are having fun being socialized."

Neufeld has been working closely with the City of Winkler on improve-

ments to the park. This summer that included the addition of a pergola and few more benches, as well as wood chips to shore up a muddy corner of the site (with more planned for other high-traffic areas in the future)

Now she has her sights set on adding signage.

"I'm hoping that we can either get a big sign here [at the park itself] that can be seen from the highway or maybe a sign off the highway pointing to it," she said, noting that, tucked in as it is behind several buildings off the highway, it's an easy spot to miss.

Clearer signage is just the first step of what should be a year of transformation for the park.

Next summer will see the addition of several new major features, including trees and bushes for shade and beautification and a number of large boulders and giant tires for the pooches to climb and play on.

One regular park user has also expressed an interest in keeping his agility course set up there for everyone to use.

Neufeld also hopes to raise funds to install a playground structure just

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## Fall car care: protecting your paint from falling leaves

Come autumn, the days start to get cooler and the leaves begin to fall. Though the colourful foliage may look pretty, it's best to keep it away from your car.

Unfortunately, deciduous leaves contain acidic substances like sap and pollen that can penetrate your car's clear coat and stain the paint. Fallen leaves can also clog your vehicle's drains and air filters, which can result in the rusting of components and the arrival of unpleasant odours.

### KEEP LEAVES AT BAY

Here are a few ways to protect your car by steering clear of fallen leaves.

- Don't park under trees. This is the most obvious solution, but it isn't always possible. If you can't avoid parking near trees, try to position your car near one that's already lost most of its leaves.
- Remove debris right away. The best way to get rid of leaves is to remove them by hand. Using a brush or

broom can cause the leaves to scratch your paint.

- Invest in a car cover. If you want to eliminate the possibility that leaves might damage the paint on your car, be sure to cover it when it's parked. This will also protect your vehicle from heavy rain, dust, snow and ice.

### REMOVE LEAF STAINS

If your car's exterior is already stained by leaves, you should first remove any sap that's stuck to the surface with a liquid car wash solution and a clean microfibre cloth. Polish it dry with a second one.

Afterwards, use denatured alcohol, distilled white vinegar or a product specifically designed for gentle stain removal. Once the marks are gone, wash your vehicle once more with the car wash solution.

### CONDUCT A PRE-WINTER WASH

Once all the leaves have fallen for the season, wash your

car a final time to remove all traces of pollen and sap from the paint. Afterwards, apply a good quality wax. It will help protect your car from the upcoming winter weather.



## Professional detailing: a car maintenance must

Maintaining your car involves a number of tasks. These include filling the gas tank, changing the oil and replacing the tires when they're worn. However, what you may not realize is that professional detailing is a key part of your vehicle's upkeep.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

More than just a car wash, detailing involves thoroughly cleaning your car both inside and out. The outside gets washed with a mild detergent and then dried, polished and sealed to keep it clean for as long as possible. Cleaning the inside includes vacuuming the seats, shampooing the upholstery and carpets and thoroughly washing the dash, doors and windows.

### BENEFITS OF REGULAR DETAILING

There are two main benefits that come from detailing your car on a regular basis: it protects your paint and it removes contaminants from the cabin. Here's why these two things are important.

### Protecting your paint

The paint on your car does more than just make it look good. In fact, it plays an important role in protecting it from corrosion. Stains left behind by tree sap, leaves and even bird droppings can

eventually damage auto paint. If there are places on your car where the paint has flaked off, it will leave the body exposed to contaminants like road salt and mud which can cause metal components to rust.

### Getting rid of contaminants

Dust, germs and other allergens will accumulate inside your car cabin no matter how tidy you keep it. If not cleaned thoroughly once in a while, these particles can start to make you and your passengers feel sick.

### DIY VS. PRO DETAILING

Some people prefer to detail their cars at home, but most lack the proper equipment. Unfortunately, using the wrong sponge or soap can scratch the paint of your car. But even with the right tools on hand, detailing a car is an involved and time-consuming task that's best left to the pros.

### RECOMMENDED FREQUENCY

How often you should get your car detailed will depend on how often and where you use it. Generally speaking, however, getting your car detailed two or three times a year is a good idea. Your car will look great, your paint will be protected and you'll be healthier to boot.



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## SuperWalk raises over \$55,000

The Pembina Valley Parkinson Superwalk more than lived up to its name Saturday morning in Morden. The annual fundraiser had well over 100 people involved and brought in over \$55,000, which is up substantially from the 2018 tally of over \$37,000. Since 1990, walks across Canada have raised more than \$38 million for Parkinson Canada research and programming.

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# Western SD expecting record enrolment

By Lorne Stelmach

Dealing with record growth will continue to be the big challenge facing Western School Division trustees this school year.

The growing enrolment and shortage of space in the division is clearly

the biggest issue for the board, which held its reorganization meeting last Monday.

"We are looking at the growth that we have and how to best respond to it," Brian Fransen said after being elected to continue as board chair. Robyn Wiebe remains as vice chair.

Other committee assignments include Wiebe and Darcy Wolfe on the liaison committee, Barb Petkau and Fransen on negotiations, David Guenther and Petkau on the RRTVA committee, Fransen and Wiebe on governance, and Wolfe and Guenther on communications.

Fransen welcomed the opportunity to continue on in the role of board chair.

"I am honoured. It's humbling actually because we've got a lot of good work happening. We've got a new board priorities plan in place ... we are doing some good work, and being asked to be the chair again is a great honour."

As for priorities for the 2019-20 school year, Fransen said they are anticipating the official enrolment numbers that will be finalized at the end of September will confirm a significant increase for the division.

"Obviously, we are dealing with a lot of growth, as we have been over the last number of years," he said, estimating WSD will be at well over 2,000 students.

"We're looking at around an eight and a half per cent increase over last September's numbers. So that's about 170 students more this year than last year," he said. "That is pretty significant. We haven't seen growth numbers like that before in Western School Division, at least in recent history."

He noted the pressure for space exists across the division.

"We are very full everywhere ... I don't think there are any particular areas that are worse or better off than

any others," he suggested. "We've been working really hard over the years to try to balance things out and keep ahead of what we could see coming, as much as possible."

There is some minor relief with the addition of two more portable classrooms this fall—one each at Maple Leaf and Minnewasta—but the board also recognize the challenge that awaits as those early years students advance in the school system.

"We've had the growth in the early years for several years ... and when you have constant growth in one section of your school division, the overall numbers maybe don't look terrible," said Fransen.

"Now that bubble is hitting the middle school, and our middle school has over 600 kids in it right now, and that is going to be getting into the high school at some point," he said. "That bubble just keeps on getting bigger and bigger."

An additional issue is that a lot of programs like industrial arts, home economics, and band are sharing space and resources between the middle and high school.

"So how do you schedule all of that in there and share it between both schools?"

While facing these questions, of course, the board will also be looking to the newly elected provincial government to come through with a new school for Morden.

"There was an election promise made about a new school being built, so we'll see how that all comes out," said Fransen.



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# Mark Humphries Orchestra coming to Manitou

The Manitou Opera House will swing back in time when the Opera House Foundation hosts the Mark Humphries Orchestra on Sept. 29.

Billed as one of the few touring swing music bands, the orchestra's repertoire ranges from the music of Frank Sinatra and Glen Miller to big band legends Guy Lombardo and Quincy Jones.

"It's a big sort of cross-section of tunes," Humphries says. "We're trying to touch a fair few arrangements and a few different bands."

The Mark Humphries Orchestra was formed in 1987 and toured the United Kingdom until 2008 when Humphries moved his family to Manitoba.

After settling in here, Humphries felt the call of the big band and reentered the music scene with the Brandon-based Scotty McIntosh Big Band.

Taking over as leader after McIntosh's retirement, Humphries reinvented the band, bringing in players from Brandon University, Winnipeg,



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The Mark Humphries Orchestra performs at the Manitou Opera House on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Shilo, Melita, Swan River, and Saskatchewan.

The 16-member swing orchestra, which performs across Manitoba and Saskatchewan, now consists of five saxophones, three trumpets, three

trombones, a rhythm section (piano, bass, drums, and guitar), as well as vocalists.

Proceeds for the show will support the ongoing work of the Manitou Opera House Foundation as they contin-

ue to upgrade and restore the historic building.

Admission is \$30 (\$20 for under 18). Reserved seating tickets are available by calling or texting 204-242-4287.

The show starts at 2 p.m.

## Get a little culture in your life September 27-28

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden will again be part of a nationwide celebration of arts and culture next weekend.

Two events organized by the Pembina Hills Arts Council will offer up some classic rock and a unique digital-based exhibition that serves as a critique of our surveillance state.

"We hope our community will come out and support our two big events," administrative co-ordinator Laurie Wiebe said of their contributions to Culture Days next Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28.

Started in 2010, Culture Days are held annually in fall and involve and support a Canada-wide network of arts, culture, and heritage event organizers.

Wiebe said they value the opportunity to be part of any initiative to engage people in all forms of art and culture.

"We do want to be a cultural hub for the region and jump on board with programming for the Culture Days," she said. "Any kind of events that increase awareness of culture and art are good, and it is a way to get involved in your community in a greater way."

Friday evening will see the Morden gallery host a listening party starting at 7 p.m. The Society of Music Lovers will put the spotlight on the history

and music of the band Queen.

"They have been popular," program and outreach co-ordinator Tricia Dyck said of the listening parties, which in the past have focused on albums by such groups as Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd.

"They just wanted to go with a really popular band that everybody would love and get behind," she suggested, noting Queen is riding a wave of popularity after the success of the movie *Bohemian Rhapsody*. "So they just wanted to take a deep dive into it, as they always do, and basically just have a lot of fun."

Saturday evening will then feature the opening reception for the James Malzahn exhibition *How to Clear Your Browser History*.

The Winnipeg resident is a multidisciplinary artist who combines tech with traditional mediums to discuss human-computer relationships and the surveillance state.

This exhibition utilizes technology, data forensics, UV paint, and black-light.

"I think it's going to be quite spectacular," said Wiebe. "It could almost be a bit of performance too really because there's going to be voices in the background ... it's kind of a whole experience rather than just visual art, and it will be very digital focused."

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### FOSSIL INVENTORY: SURPRISES FOR SOME from Creation Moments Radio Program

**Genesis 1:24: "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so."**



Everyone will remember those school textbook diagrams showing the ever-upward progression of living organisms, including man. We recall the horse series, found in textbooks and the museum displays showing the evolution of the horse – the first stage as a small mammal and, after several transitions, the modern horse. The claim that fossils in the rock layers show a progression from simple life in the lowest layers to the most complex life at the top accompanies these diagrams.

Recently, the journal *Science*, reported that paleobiologists who study these fossils reevaluated all the fossil-bearing rocks that have been found in the last 180 years. What was their reaction to the meaning of the fossil record after their new inventory? "We may have been misled for twenty years," said one scientist. Another commented, "For the first time, a large group

of people is saying paleobiology has been making a mistake." Why are they reacting this way? They have had to conclude, on the basis of the fossil evidence, that there never was an ever-upward progression of complexity of life forms as they had expected. The species that are represented in the fossil record show no evidence of the classic evolutionary development traditionally found in school textbooks.

In short, the fossil record supports the biblical claim that all the kinds of animals appeared about the same time. p.a.b.

Prayer: I thank You, Lord, for the great diversity and beauty You have created in the living world. Amen.

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## Fifty years of community service

Their commitment to service through 50 years of operating D&D Electronics has only been matched by Dale and Dianne Lambert's dedication to Morden.

With a long record of community service with organizations ranging from the chamber of commerce to the Corn and Apple Festival, the Lamberts have been an integral part of the community.

Ever since opening their business during the 1969 Corn and Apple Festival weekend, the Lamberts have worked hard to adapt and keep up with the times.

"You have to keep up to date with everything that is going on," Dale said. "When you're up to date with one make of a TV you're up to date with the rest of them because it doesn't matter who builds them, they've got to do the same thing ... if you know the one, you can pretty well fix any make."

"Other than that, you've got to just work on the new stuff. You've got to get it apart and look at it," he said. "The whole theory is there, but how they do it is altogether different."

After just two months in business, D&D was so busy with repairs that Lambert was able to say goodbye to his job at MTS for good. Dianne came on board a few years later full-time as bookkeeper.

They started out selling televisions, stereos, eight tracks, cassette tapes, and even craft supplies, and were one of the first solid state dealers in Manitoba. Over the years they would add everything from model kits to music and art supplies, along with all the latest electronics.

The business moved shop many times over the decades, sometimes to larger locations during boom years and other years to smaller spots when sales slowed.

In the '70s they bought out the Radio Shack in Pilot Mound and Manitou and had drop off points in Crystal City and Pilot Mound for service and repairs at the main shop in Morden.



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Dale and Dianne Lambert have operated D&D Electronics in Morden for 50 years.

Some years later they operated a store in Carman for a time and took on a contract with Carman Co-op to repair their products. If items could not be repaired in Carman, Lambert would hop on his motorcycle to drive out to bring it back to Morden for service.

In 1997, the couple shut down their Morden store and moved the repair side of the business to Rosebank Road.

After trying out retirement for a few short months, Lambert reopened the current D&D Electronics repair shop in the carport of the couple's home in 2003.

Even with five decades of work under his belt, Lambert isn't planning on calling it quits anytime soon.

"I was the only service department in southern Manitoba, still am, that will go any place at all," he said. "If you pay me to go, I'll go. I'm still covering the whole area."



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# Winkler Co-op supports Agassiz reno project

By Lorne Stelmach

The renovation and expansion of the Agassiz Medical Centre in Morden got another big financial boost last Friday with a \$25,000 donation from the Winkler Co-op.

General manager Evan Toews said it is important for them to support projects that are as important as this is to the communities they serve.

"As a community-owned organization and definitely supportive of the community, we recognize that the medical centre here is going to be a huge benefit to the community that we serve," he said.

"We feel not only obligated but absolutely blessed that we have the opportunity to support this project," Toews added. "It's great to see the involvement of the community in health care, and it's also fantastic to be a part of that moving forward."

"It's the local community giving back," said Bob Wahl, chairperson of the fundraising committee of the Agassiz Medical Centre community board.

He estimated the campaign has raised about \$150,000 of its \$500,000 goal. The total cost of the clinic renovation project is \$1.3 million.

"We're expecting it's going to be a good fall," said Wahl, suggesting donations are going to pick up heading into winter. "We're expecting things will start ramping up soon ... once we start construction ... people will be coming down here and seeing that we are trying to make a difference in the community as far as providing more health care providers."

As part of the campaign, the community board is holding a hot dog lunch this Friday at the Morden Sun-catch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Winkler Co-op's Evan Toews (right) presented Agassiz Medical Centre community board fundraising chair Bob Wahl with a donation of \$25,000 last Friday.

## • SIX SIMPLE STEPS OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

### Step 3: Should you consolidate or claim bankruptcy?

**T**o consolidate your debts, you actually have to qualify to do it. It sounds crazy because "why wouldn't a financial institution not want to help you?"

Here's the thing, let's say you have five credit cards that you have mis-handled and now you are paying 25.99% interest on \$30,000. At this point, your bank is not on the hook for any of that if you are unable to pay. Most people think they can just walk in and get a five year loan, with much lower interest rates. I mean, it totally makes sense: you can pay off the credit cards, get your interest lowered a ton, and you will have more money left each month to live on. To these people it's a "no brainer." But to the bank, the bank now has to lend you \$30k and



Chris MacPherson, CHS

hope you don't go out and rack up your credit cards again. Plus, there is no asset to back it up. I mean, if there was a house or car they could repossess if you don't pay, that helps. Then there is your credit rating and your income that comes in to play. So if you qualify for a consolidation, then by all means do that. It's definitely about paying less interest and consolidating can help you do that—just make sure you won't have to do it again!

If you have a home and enough equity to wrap your debts into, that is a strategy as well. Just remember, although you may be getting a low interest rate, you are extending the payments out for 25 years (assuming you take out a new 25 year mortgage.) My fear is people will do this, not learn their lesson, and then need to do it again in five years. This may or may not be possible depending on the value of the home and really makes it

tough to ever pay off the home mortgage.

The only way to get out of this is to follow step one: LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS. Don't get me wrong—people make mistakes, and that is okay as long as they learn from it.

If you have to consolidate once, just make sure it is the last time. I have seen people consolidate and then not five years later have to claim bankruptcy anyways.

Also, use an expert, a mortgage broker. You don't have to walk into your bank and take whatever they offer you. A mortgage broker does not cost you anything and they will get you your best interest rate—saving 0.5% on your \$200k mortgage saves you \$5k over 5 years.

I won't say much on the subject of bankruptcy and consumer proposals but this: If you think this is for you, go and speak with a credit counsellor.

They are very knowledgeable on all the options available to you and what would make the most sense in your case. One thing I would recommend is take action sooner than later.

In the next article we will move to Step 4: Emergency Fund.

If you would like a free copy of the complete book, need help, or have any questions please reach out to me at [chris.macpherson@manulifesecurities.ca](mailto:chris.macpherson@manulifesecurities.ca)

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## > CULTURE DAYS, FROM PG. 17

"We're always trying to bring in something new and something fresh to the Morden area just to give people a bit of a different perspective. Art doesn't always have to be a painting on a wall. There's a huge

variety of different media possible."

Also taking part in Culture Days are the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre (which is offering free admission that Saturday), the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, and Bel-

la's Castle, which is offering tours of its 116-year-old stone mansion on the Saturday at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information, head to [culturedays.ca/mb](http://culturedays.ca/mb) or [pembinahill-sarts.com](http://pembinahill-sarts.com).



# sports & recreation

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## Storm win big to end season

The Winkler Storm ended the regular season on a high note.

The senior mens soccer team crushed Granite United 10-0 in front of a hometown crowd Sunday afternoon.

Emil Rode, Antoine Dubois, and Erik Buchsmann all scored two goals each, while Tobias Morash, Philipp Unruh, Timo August, and Roberto contributed a goal apiece. Keeper Alwin Rode turned away all comers.

The win followed on the heels of a 1-0 loss to Scotia United Friday night.

With that, Winkler ends the season with a record of 6-11-1, putting them in sixth place out of the 10 teams that make up the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 1st Division. That means they'll remain in the division next summer.

Meanwhile, the SC Riot lost to Sinjar FC 4-2 Monday night in the first round of the league's 5th Division playoffs. Scoring the team's final goals of the year were Humayun Khan and Zach Wood.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Granite United's goalkeeper Ronald Iraheta gets a shoulder on Winkler's Antoine David-Dubois scoring attempt in Sunday's 10-0 Storm victory. It was the team's final game of the regular season.

## Hawks earn exhibition win over Eastman Selects

By Lorne Stelmach

One can't put too much stock in a pre-season win, but an opening victory was nice nevertheless for the male AAA Pembina Valley Hawks.

They opened their exhibition schedule with a 5-2 win Sept. 10 over the Eastman Selects.

Derek Wiebe led the way with two goals for the Hawks, who took period leads of 3-1 and 4-2. Nate Ens had a goal and an assist. Other markers came in from Justin Keck and Brendan Cook.

More important than the result, though, was evaluating the players in game action, stressed co-coach Jeff Andrews.

"It's early, and there's lots of little things that we need to clean up, but any time you walk away with a win and your guys look good doing it, you're happy," he said.

"We're in exhibition though, so

we're giving guys opportunities to show the coaches what they can do ... and probably that lineup will look a whole bunch different than our opening day lineup."

Given that, Andrews said the players given a chance to play against Eastman generally did a good job of showcasing their skills, but there are more players they need to evaluate

yet.

"It wasn't one of the most polished games for either team. Eastman dressed a rookie lineup too," he noted. "We still have lots of guys that we're evaluating and lots of guys that we haven't got into the lineup yet, so our lineup is going to look a lot different by the time we get started."

The Hawks had the rest of this past

week free for more practice and scrimmage. They see more pre-season action this weekend with a pair of home games in Morden against the Central Plains Capitals Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and then the Selects Sunday at 1 p.m.

Pembina Valley kicks off their regular season schedule Sept. 28 by hosting the Norman Northstars.

## Twisters get pre-season streak going

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters went unbeaten through four Manitoba Major Junior exhibition games last week.

They began their streak Sept. 9 by edging the St. Boniface Riels 4-3 and then needed overtime to beat the Stonewall Jets by the same score Friday night.

A run of three games in three nights continued with a 3-1 win over the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins Saturday and an 8-1 romp over the Transcona Railer Express Sunday.

Spencer Kaminsky scored what proved to be the winning goal 44 seconds into the third period against the Riels.

Colby Hildebrandt, Tyson Allison,

and Nico Vigier also scored for Pembina Valley, which outshot St. Boniface 34 to 24. Riley Plett tended net for the first two periods, stopping 15 of 17 shots. Declan Klall stopped six of seven shots in the third.

Tristan Day scored 2:38 into extra time Friday to get the win in Stonewall.

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# Pistons hand Flyers pair of pre-season losses

Regular season slated to start Friday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers wrapped up pre-season action with a pair of losses over the weekend.

The Steinbach Pistons proved tough competition for Winkler in a home and away exhibition series Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, Steinbach was up 4-0 before the Flyers got on the board 13 minutes into the second period. Mitch Thiessen did the honours, only to have the Pistons return the favour 23 seconds later to make it 5-1.

At 17:19, Brody Moffatt started chipping away at that gap, helped a minute later by a goal from Bryce Krauter.

Matty Harrold brought Winkler within one of tying with a goal 6:42 into period three. The Flyers yanked

their goalie for an extra man in the final minutes, only to have the Pistons cement their win with a goal at 19:09. The final score was 6-4 for the visitors.

Dylan Meilun made 18 saves off of 23 shots in his 40 minutes in net. Malachi Klassen stopped 12/12 in the final frame.

Home ice advantage made for a more lopsided score the next night in Steinbach.

Jaden Townsend's goal 55 seconds in was the last time Winkler found the back of the net, while the Pistons scored four for the win. Dorrin Ludwig made 43 saves in net for Winkler.

Earlier in the week, on Sept. 11, the boys turned the tables on Virden, who were leading 3-2 after 40 minutes. Drake Burgin and Jayden McCarthy added to goals scored in the second



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler United Way president Kim Nelson dropped the puck at the Winkler Flyers' second-last game of the pre-season against Steinbach on Friday. The home team lost 6-4 and then lost again in Steinbach the next night 4-1.

period by Bryce Krauter and Griffin Leonard to take the game 4-3. Ludwig had a 34 save night in net off of 37 shots.

With that, Winkler's exhibition record is 3-3 heading into this week-

end's pair of games against the Steinbach Pistons, which kick off the regular season.

Game one is Friday in Steinbach. Game two is in Winkler Saturday. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

# Female hockey continues to grow in the Pembina Valley

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The development of the female hockey program in southern Manitoba continues as the 2019-2020 season prepares to get underway.

Over the past several years, the Female Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association (PVMHA) has worked hard to expand programming to more age groups and in more communities across the region.

This season is no exception, says spokesperson Amanda Wall.

"We're most excited about just getting girls out to play, finding girls across the whole entire region a place to play hockey," she said, noting a few years ago female hockey only started at the bantam (under 15) level.

Today, the PVMHA has worked with minor hockey associations to create more teams at the younger levels and give them more opportunities to play closer to home.

Interest has grown to the point where this season the PVMHA is creating a unique new league that interlocks both single and double rostered female novice, atom, and peewee teams.

The double rostered teams will take part in what's known as Black-Out Fridays, which were created a couple seasons ago to provide female players

with a dedicated day to play against other female teams every other week.

"We have a lot of girls that want to play still on double rosters so then they can also play with their boys teams as well," Wall explained.

The single rostered teams, meanwhile, provide a place for girls who only want to play with other female players. These teams will compete in Black-Out Fridays against the double rostered teams in addition to playing weekly against each other.

"We've gotten a lot of positive feedback about it," said Wall. "It's exciting for the Pembina Valley to finally have single rostered female teams at the younger ages."

Players on both types of teams will also get to compete in various jamborees, skills nights, year-end tournaments, and the Future Hawks program.

That last program has proven to be a huge hit with the girls, Wall said.

Future Hawks allows younger play-

ers to tag along with AAA Hawks players for a game to see what it's like behind-the-scenes at that level of hockey.

"A lot of those little girls, they look up to the bantams and the midgets," Wall said. "This is a chance for them to see where they could play one day."

"And the older girls are totally awesome with the kids," she added. "They take them under their wing, take them out there and just make it a hugely fun experience for them."

## NEW LEAGUE FOR BANTAM/U18

The PVMHA also has some big changes in the works for its older players this season.

They're introducing a new pilot program for bantam and U18 players that will combine the two age groups, allowing for more teams and, thus, more games right here in the Pembina Valley.

Wall said they're hoping to have five teams in this new league.

"Teams are still forming," she said, explaining decisions on which towns will have teams will be made once the final registration numbers come in. "We're trying to have that done by the end of the month."

Another change for the older players this year, Wall added, is that the bantam AAA program is able to be single rostered and will play in the Winnipeg league.

All these new programs and tweaks to popular existing programs are designed to give female players more opportunities to hone their skills.

"We are excited for the growth of female hockey in our region," the PVMHA said in a statement, "and we hope with the continued growth we will ensure that all girls in the region will have a place to learn the game, work on development, be team players, build lasting friendships, and play the game of hockey we all love."

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# Thunder prevail

Garden Valley Collegiate hosted an invitational varsity soccer tournament Saturday. The Morden Thunder teams won the day. Left: The Morden girls down Steinbach 1-0 to start off the day. Right: Morden beat GVC 1-0 to advance to the final.

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The Morden Thunder's boys and girls varsity teams won the day at the Garden Valley Collegiate invitational soccer tournament Saturday.

On the girls side, Morden made short work of Steinbach and Minnedosa (1-0 games both) and then did the same to Northlands Parkway Collegiate in the championship match.

NPC's girls had previously bested

Lorette 1-0 and GVC 4-3 to make it to the final round. GVC, meanwhile, won the third place game over Minnedosa 3-0.

In the boys tournament, Morden beat NPC 2-0 and GVC 1-0 before outscoring Niverville 3-1 in the final.

The Zodiacs went on to fall to Steinbach 4-0 in the third place match, while the Nighthawks beat Minnedo-

sa 5-2 and then fell to MacGregor 2-0 in the consolation round.

NPC's girls varsity volleyball team hosted an invitational tournament on Saturday as well.

The home team were 5-1 in the round robin but then fell to Jeanne-Sauve in two sets. The Olympians went on to lose the championship to the Transcona Titans.

Other local teams at the event included the Zodiacs and the Thunder. Morden was 1-5 in their pool, got knocked out of the playoff bracket by Léo-Rémillard CSLR in three sets, and then beat West Kildonan in three in the seventh place match.

GVC were 0-6 in their pool and then lost to West Kildonan in three in the consolation bracket.

## Pembina Valley Kidney Walk raises \$10K



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Participants raised over \$10,000 in support of the Kidney Foundation through the Pembina Valley Kidney Walk in Morden on Sunday. The tally was down a little from last year, but the event has now raised over \$40,000 since its inception five years ago. "We need to appreciate the Kidney Foundation and all it does," said co-organizer Marilyn Sandercock. "I want to give a big thank you to everyone who's donated funds and has come out here to walk ... it is a super important thing that you have done."

## > PEMBINA VALLEY TWISTERS, FROM PG. 20

wall. Dylan Dacquay scored twice with the other goal coming from Travis Penner, and Sean Penner made 17 saves with the shots on goal 30 to 20 in favour of the Twisters.

On Saturday, Martin Gagnon stopped all but one of the 22 shots he faced against the Twins, while Tyson Allison had a pair and Nathan Ayotte scored one for Pembina Valley, which fired 41 shots on goal.

The Twisters fired eight unanswered goals Sunday against Transcona, which only got on the board with 22 seconds left in the game.

Caleb Unrau, TJ Matuszewski and Elijah Carels each had a pair for Pembina Valley, which also got goals from Ethan Carels and Nick Hatley. Shots were 54-19 for the Twisters, who had Gagnon and Penner split goaltending duties. Gagnon stopped all 11 shots through 25 minutes before Penner went on to stop seven of eight.

Pembina Valley closed out their pre-season schedule Wednesday at Fort Garry Fort Rouge. Results were not available at press time.

They start the regular season Sept. 28 at home against River East.



# Agriculture

## Despite a cold spring and dry summer, crops still average

By Harry Siemens

The entrepreneurial spirit of farmers doing business to serve their neighbours and expand their business base is alive and well.

Just ask Wes Martens of Altona's Wesmar Seeds Inc., an independent seed retail business specializing in soybean, corn, sunflower, and forage seeds.

Martens, who calls himself a seedsman and agriculturalist, is the owner of both Wesmar Seeds and Wesmar Farms. He talked recently about his businesses, this year's crop, and his thoughts on the future of farming.

"It's been a tough summer in terms of the drought, again. Very short of rain," he said. "We did receive a bit more rain than last year, which was only 3.8 inches. I think this year we're just over six in the growing season. However, there's nothing in the subsoil. So the crops we've harvested so far, like cereals and canola, have been average to good. That's what I hear in the area as well. And we're about to start navy bean harvest, maybe even today. And soybeans will be probably happening within a week to 10 days."

Reports on edible bean yields haven't been encouraging.

"But not very much has been done," Martens said. "They needed the rains in August that we hardly got at all."

"As far as soybeans go, I was looking at the growth, looking at the pod set. They do look better than last year for certain, and we're hoping that we can get an average to slightly above-average crop. But it'll depend a lot on seed size. So that answer is yet to come, and that'll probably happen in a week or two."

Data from the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation indicates that soybean acres are around 1.39 million in 2019—down from the 1.89 million acres planted last year.

Martens said soybeans and edible beans would continue to be part of his rotation going forward

"Those are crops that do very well in this area, and we're just going to need some more rain to get back to the bigger yields that we're used to in soybeans and edible beans," he said.

Through Wesmar Seeds, Martens sells seed for four different companies. Wesmar Seeds treats soybean seed so it is ready for planting, while corn and canola seed comes treated from the respective companies. Martens delivers that seed to the customers' yards, while the farmer picks up the soybeans directly from the seed treater.

Corn and corn silage acres are up around 550,000 in Manitoba with 15 per cent harvested, which is corn silage. Cattle farmers are short of feed, and some of the so-called grain corn didn't even develop cobs because of dry weather and cold spring.

"Corn is consistently performing well, so growers keep adding acres, and even the occasional new grower gets into the business," Martens noted. "But corn keeps performing well and producers go with what works for them."

Back in 1997, Manitoba soybean farmers had only a few suitable varieties to choose from while today farmers have a hundred.



PHOTO BY HARRY SIEMENS/VOICE

Wesmar Seeds Inc. owner Wes Martens says it's been a difficult season in terms of drought.

"But when it comes down to what are the more popular and best varieties, there would still be probably 10 or 20," said Martens, noting new varieties come onboard regularly.

"I'm optimistic about the future. I think these crops have proven to do very well in this area. And I think anyone farming for any amount of

years knows that when we have dry weather, wet weather will follow," said Martens. "So, the certainty is that things will not stay the same, and things will change in terms of the weather. So, we've now had three significantly dry years. And guess what? That will change."



By Harry Siemens

## New pathotype of clubroot found in MB

There was a time when new weeds appeared in your crop, you went to the Ag Rep at the Manitoba Agriculture office and asked him or her to identify it and what spray to use.

Yes, I know that is simplistic, and sometimes farmers would take the plant to the local coffee shop or elevator agent to help identify the new weed on the block.

With diseases in livestock, calf scours, mastitis in milk cows, PED virus, and African Swine Fever breaking out all over the world, the word biosecurity comes up regularly.

While not a livestock disease per se, biosecurity is a word that fits this new weed discovered in a canola field in south-central Manitoba.

Manitoba Agriculture has identi-

fied a new strain of clubroot of canola (*Plasmodiophora brassicae*) in the Rural Municipality of Pembina.

"Clubroot is a disease of canola and other brassica species that inhibits the function of plant roots to take up water and nutrients from the soil. Infected plants suffer premature ripening, significantly reduced yield and early plant death under moderate to severe levels of infestation," said the release. "Clubroot is a soil-borne disease and can be transferred from field to field on soil particles. Soil movement can be on footwear, vehicle tires, farm machinery, custom equipment, or via wind or water movement across a landscape. The new strain of clubroot is identified as pathotype 3A, using the combined designation of the Canadian Clubroot Differential Set (2018) and

the Williams set (1966). Pathotype 3A can overcome some first-generation sources of genetic resistance in commercial canola cultivars. Traditionally rated "resistant" or "R" canola varieties will not be effective in preventing clubroot infection against this pathotype strain."

Long-term sustainability of canola production requires active crop rotation and rotation of sources of genetic resistance, together with good farm biosecurity to suppress clubroot infection.

Dan Orchard, the agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada, said outside of Alberta, very few fields have the novel pathotypes like this one. This find is the first finding in Manitoba.

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• HEALTH CORNER

## High hopes for medical cannabis

**M**edical cannabis (also known as marijuana) is touted as the next miracle drug.

It is purported to treat almost any condition, including: glaucoma, anxiety, depression, nausea, obesity, excessive weight loss, cancer, attention deficit disorder, asthma, high blood pressure ... and the list goes on, with pain being the most common reason people try medical cannabis.

Yet cannabis is not living up to all the hype. Now that it is being better studied, researchers are finding that only one person for every 11-14 who use the product could find a small, 30 per cent reduction in pain. Compare that to other more common drugs used for chronic pain, such as amitriptyline, which sees as many as 1 in 4 people achieve a 30 per cent im-

provement in pain.

A recent study that took a practical approach to treating pain (without using opioid medications and many people using anti-inflammatories) found that 1 in 2 people had that same 30 per cent reduction in pain. Because there are so many conditions this has been studied for, it cannot be reviewed here but you can ask your primary care provider for additional information if you are interested.

Cannabis is part of a larger group of drugs called cannabinoids. Cannabinoids includes dried cannabis plant, oils, lotions/ointments, sprays, and even pills. It also includes human-made cannabis that acts the same way in the body as cannabis does but is made in a laboratory. One example of the laboratory made cannabinoid is called nabilone (Cesamet



By Kevin Hamilton

™) which is available as a pill and is covered under Pharmacare and many other drug plans. It doesn't work any better or worse than cannabis and has all the same side effects but is more standardized and has been thoroughly studied, so Health Canada has approved it for sale. Cannabis, on the other hand, has still not gone through the same rigorous approval process so is not technically approved, but people can still access it through approved distributors.

Side effects are common, with one in every three people experiencing some type of unpleasant effect. The most common side effects are low blood pressure, dizziness, memory problems, feeling sleepy or "high", muscle twitching, feeling unhappy or disconnected from reality, trouble speaking, and numbness.

Cannabis is composed of many different chemicals that are suspected to have some activity. The best studied of these chemicals is THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) and CBD (cannabidiol). When purchasing from an approved

distributor, the concentrations of these two chemicals is labeled. In general, it is preferable to avoid high concentrations of THC as this appears to be the main culprit for leading to the "high" feeling and this feeling is not needed to obtain the medicinal properties of cannabis.

If you and your care provider decide that cannabis is right for you, it is not recommended to smoke it. Although it may not cause lung or throat cancer like tobacco does, it can still be damaging to your lungs. Edible oils are available that can provide the same effect while avoiding damage to the lungs. Owing to the high risk of side effects and the likelihood that cannabis is no better than the other available medications, it is usually reserved for cases that do not respond adequately to the usual medications.

*Kevin Hamilton is a clinical pharmacist at the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre in Winkler.*

### > SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 23

The discovery of pathotype 3A in the Rural Municipality of Pembina comes after the industry found multiple cases of clubroot DNA and plant symptoms throughout the province of Manitoba since 2013.

"This is yet another cue for the industry to continue to take this disease seriously and implement clubroot management plans," said Orchard. "We still have an opportunity to get ahead of this disease and limit the impact it has on canola producers and the industry."

All canola producers are encouraged to grow clubroot resistant varieties, limit the movement of soil, extend rotations to at least a two-year break between canola crops, control canola volunteers and other brassica hosts, and diligently scout.

Symptoms of the disease are

most noticeable late in the season and can be visible during and after harvest on plant roots. Producers are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with clubroot symptoms and start scouting this fall.

"The development of clubroot and discovery of a pathotype that is virulent to the source of clubroot resistance concerns Manitoba canola farmers," said Ron Krahn, Manitoba Canola Growers Association director and chair of the research com-

### > DOG PARK, FROM PG. 12

outside the dog run so families with small children can have a place for kids to safely play.

All these plans will be firmed up over the winter.

"If there's anything that needs putting together or designing, the winter is the time to do it," Neufeld said. "And then I want everything to be done by Harvest Festival so we can

mittee." Clubroot is one of the latest challenges in canola production. We know how important canola is for a profitable crop rotation, which is why we feel the research dollars that MCGA spends every year on current production challenges is money well spent."

Dan told me that because they found it early, they can get ahead of the game. However, if the weed gets away on the farmer it can spread to the point where growing canola on

that field is no longer an option.

In Alberta, that is the current status of fields so infested. As I said at the beginning, biosecurity is the key, meaning clean the farm implements before moving from one field to the next, don't transfer dirt around from field to field, and be careful—those boots may be made for walking, but clean them before walking from one field to the next.

have a grand reopening and invite people to come see all the new stuff."

Closer at hand, plans are in the works for the months ahead to create a maze or path system in the snow to give dogs a bit of a challenge as they play.

Neufeld noted they'll also be working to keep blowing snow away from the fences, as last winter there were

areas where ramps slowly built up.

Dog owners can support the park by licensing their dogs with the City of Winkler. The one-time fee of \$35 goes towards the park's maintenance and upgrades.

If you'd like to get in touch with the Winkler Dog Park community, check them out on Facebook.



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## Morden Police Board Meeting

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Morden Civic Centre  
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## NOTICES

### CITY OF WINKLER PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2020 assessment roll for the City of Winkler has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act.

### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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

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

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- (a) be made in writing;
- (b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- (c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- (d) be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler MB., or by serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, November 7th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the City of Winkler to hear applications. The **final date** on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019.**

Dated this 11th day of September 2019.

**Jody Penner, Secretary**  
**Board of Revision**  
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Sudoku Answer

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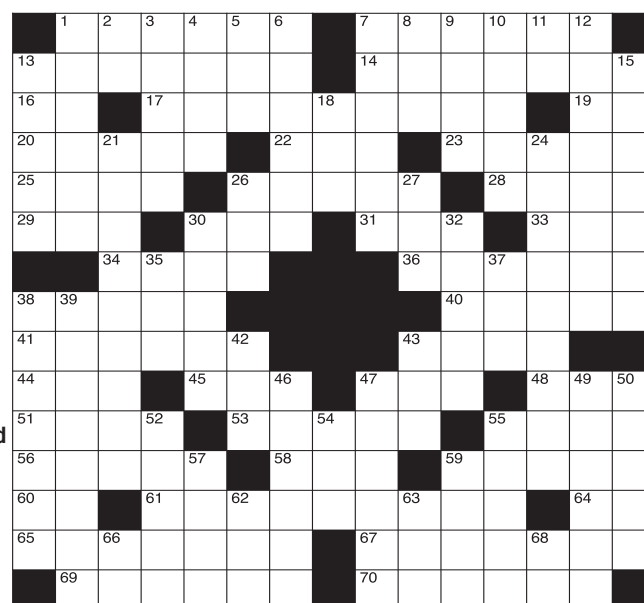
Crossword Answer

## X CROSSWORD

#### CLUES ACROSS

- Study of sight
- Becomes less intense
- Juicy, soft fruit
- A great ape
- All-time NY Giants great
- Big Apple native
- Home of the Flyers (abbr.)
- People stand in them
- Automotive legend Iacocca
- Influential linguist
- \_\_\_ and Andy, TV show
- Wives (law)
- Discriminating
- Star Wars hero Solo
- Married woman
- A digital tape recording of sound
- Chinese dialect
- Angolan monetary unit
- A type of sheen
- "Ash Wednesday" poet
- Nobel Prize-winning chemist
- Spoke angrily
- Separated with a tool
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Actors' group
- A type of ship (abbr.)
- Bar bill
- Romanian city
- Greek sorceress
- Small water bird
- Tropical Asian plants
- "Unforgettable" singer
- Belonging to a bottom layer
- Potato state
- A toy that spins
- "A-Team" character
- Ornamental molding
- Covers again
- Poets write them
- Appear

#### CLUES DOWN



- Popular mid-size Kia
- Image management (abbr.)
- Prongs
- Cools
- It produces milk
- Trends
- Concurred
- Chinese cabbage \_\_\_ choy
- Greek war god
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The family of Abe Petkau would like to express our thanks for helping us celebrate our Dad's life. All the flowers, cards, food, phone calls and donations were truly appreciated. Thank you to Wiebe's Funeral Home for their caring service. A very special thank you to Home Care staff for their many years of service. Thanks also to the hospital staff and Tabor Home staff and volunteers for their care of our Dad over the years. Your many acts of kindness and compassion did not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated by us.

-Art Petkau,  
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## OBITUARY

### Tina Giesbrecht (nee Penner) 1924 - 2019

On Friday, September 6, 2019 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB Tina Giesbrecht age 94 formerly of Winkler went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, John; three sons, Al (Maggie), Doug (Heather) and Ted Giesbrecht as well as five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three sisters, three brothers and their families.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with interment at Bloomfield-Rosewell Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Tina's memory to the Tabor Home.

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## OBITUARY

### Erdman (Ed) Sawatzky 1934 - 2019

On Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Ed Sawatzky age 85 years of Winkler, MB went to his eternal rest.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; three daughters, seven sons: Helen (John Hildebrand, Sara Sawatzky, Ben (Jori) Sawatzky, Phil (Judy) Sawatzky, Pete Sawatzky, Ernie Sawatzky, Ed (Rosella) Sawatzky, Betty (Ray) Dyck, Allen (Nicole) Sawatzky, Johnny Sawatzky as well as 31 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one daughter, Mary in Paraguay, South America; four brothers, Peter, Jacob, Herman and Neil and three sisters, Helena (Lena), Helen and Susan.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday September 13, 2019 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment

at the Rosenbach Cemetery.

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## OBITUARY

### Peter Reimer 1929 - 2019



Peter was born to Bernhard P. and Aganetha Reimer (Heinrichs), April 19, 1929 in Hamburg, Manitoba. He committed his life to Christ and joined the church when he was 19 years old. His father died two years later at the young age of 48 while his mother lived to be 92. In 1953 Peter moved to Rosenfeld and married Nettie Schapansky. Nettie died three years later from health complications at the age of 21. He was remarried a year later to Elda Klassen, on June 9, 1957 and they lived their entire married lives in Rosenfeld. They had been married for 53 years when Elda passed away January 17, 2011. Peter moved to Garden Park Estates in Winkler in the summer of 2014. Peter worked on the railroad for 20 years, beginning at the age of 18. He then transitioned into a carpentry

career, building homes over the next 26 years, retiring at age 65. He then transitioned into helping Elda with their home business of sewing draperies for Leisure Travel vans, until he was 71. Hard work was always a part of Peter's life and he enjoyed the outdoors, breathing the fresh air and working with his hands. His two yards and gardens were a good outlet for him. Peter was Elda's main support amidst her many health issues, including a difficult battle with cancer over the last two years of her life. He was totally committed to and succeeded at caring for her at home, respecting her desire to stay out of hospital. In this situation and throughout his life, Peter trusted God as his firm foundation. He loved God and wanted others to know God's love as well. Church involvement at the Rosenfeld EMC, Altona EMMC and Pembina Valley Baptist was very important to him. In addition, he prioritized reading his Bible and praying daily for the many family and friends he kept on a mental list. Many of these prayers were spoken during his daily early morning walks on the streets of Rosenfeld and later on inside his home at Garden Park in Winkler. Those who knew Peter well would often talk about his laughter, cheerful nature, perseverance and compassion, as well as his love of singing and food. He enjoyed skating well into his 80's and wouldn't miss a Jets game on TV. Family was central for Peter and his pride was evident as he would brag about them wherever and whenever he could. His support and love were evident in many ways.

He will be greatly missed and remembered with much love by his four sons and their families: Clarence and Bev and daughter, Samantha; Mel and Sherri and daughter, Madison; Vern and Sue; Marlin and Deniece and daughter, Megan. In addition, there were many other people in Peter's life who were dear to him and will miss him, including siblings, in-laws as well as extended family and many friends.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Pembina Valley Baptist Church with interment at the Rosenfeld Cemetery.

Our sincere thanks go to the various family, friends, church members and medical professionals who were there for Peter and cared about him and for him.

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