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Rainy weather didn't deter the volunteers in the second annual Dr. Bob's Bed Push. The group raised over \$18,000 in Dr. Menzies' memory Saturday. For the full story, see Pg. 3.



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Gateway marks Valley Rehab Centre's 50th

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Gateway Resources celebrated the foundation upon which it was built last week.

On Sept. 18, the Winkler agency marked the 50th anniversary of the Valley Rehab Centre with a barbecue lunch, music from the Gateway Resources Choir, and facility tours.

Gateway was created in 2002 when Valley Rehab merged with the Associations for Community Living Winkler/Morden.

Today they provide services and programs for over 180 adults living with an intellectual disability in the Winkler-Morden area.

Helping people with disabilities live more meaningful lives was the goal of Valley Rehab as well, noted Gateway executive director Kim Nelson.

"Dr. C. W. Wiebe and a few parents, I believe, really wanted to have a meaningful work placement for individuals to go to, so that started the process of [creating] Valley Rehab," she said.

For decades the centre's participants

undertook a variety of tasks for local businesses (building rubber mats, sewing, assembling bolts and washers) in addition to being taught basic life skills and enjoying social programs.

Gateway continues today to offer participants life enrichment programs, residential supports, and employment both at the facility itself in its recycling and wood room programs and through work placements in the community at large.

"It's interesting to see ... that original vision or plan for the organization and how it's expanded," said Gateway board chair Brian Derken. "But at the same time it's still that focus on being part of the community and how can we empower and build into these people's lives, help them lead fulfilling lives."

At the celebration last week, guests heard from a few Gateway staff members who have been with the agency for decades.

Among them was Verna Towarnicki, who retired earlier this year after 34



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The Gateway Resources Choir sang at a celebration honouring the 50th anniversary of The Valley Rehab Centre, Gateway's forebear, last week. Right: Long-time staffer Verna Towarnicki shared memories of the agency's growth over the years.

years with the agency.

She started as a summer fill-in in the Valley Rehab kitchen, eventually working her way up to a role in the administration office.

Towarnicki recalled that Dr. Wiebe was very hands-on with the organization.

"He would make regular visits and calls to check on things" she said. "He always wanted to see the financial statement. He was in his nineties at the time and he still was concerned about Valley Rehab. Amazing."

She also lauded the now defunct ladies auxiliary for their role in not only fundraising but also organizing events like birthday parties to make participants feel special.

"These women were very dedicated to the cause," she said, adding so, too,



were the small team of staff members, who "were kind of like family at the time."

"In my time here it has been my privilege to walk alongside men and women of faith striving to develop this organization," Towarnicki said, recounting the many renovations, building additions, and programs introduced over the years. "There have been many dedicated and caring board members working for the well-being of Gateway Resources. It has been very rewarding."



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Our mistake

All-candidates forum is on Wed., Oct. 9

A story in the Sept. 19 edition of the Voice incorrectly stated the local all-candidates forum for Portage-Lisgar takes place on Oct. 10.

In fact, the event, hosted jointly by

the Winkler and Morden chambers of commerce, is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Morden Activity Centre.

We regret the error.

Dr. Bob's Bed Push raises over \$18,000 for SCCR

By Lorne Stelmach

Cool, rainy weather didn't dissuade the team of volunteers who turned out Saturday morning for Dr. Bob's Bed Push.

The second annual event in memory of Dr. Bob Menzies had reached a tally of \$17,330 by the time the group was pushing an old hospital bed down the highway from Morden to Boundary Trails Health Centre. By Monday that total exceeded \$18,000.

Organizers had been uncertain about reaching a \$16,000 goal, but the campaign got a major boost with an anonymous \$10,000 donation online. Donations will continue to be accepted at the Agassiz Medical Centre through to the end of this week.

Organizer Brent Gouthro, a nurse practitioner at the Morden clinic, expressed his appreciation for all who supported the effort and were involved in the push itself. It was a crew of volunteers that included daughters and grandchildren of Dr. Menzies.

The funds will go to support the programs and services of South Central Cancer Resource.

SCCR representatives on hand when the entourage arrived at BTHC expressed their appreciation.

"It was really emotional for me to drive by and see all of the support that we have," said board member Myrna Wiebe. "For you to choose us to receive these funds to support them ... we are so grateful that you have chosen us as a partner."



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South Central Cancer Resource's Myrna Wiebe accepts a bed pan filled with donations from Dr. Bob's Bed Push organizer Brent Gouthro Saturday after volunteers made the trek from the Agassiz Medical Centre to the BTHC.

Winkler Library plans to reopen early next month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Library patrons will have to wait a few more weeks to have full access to the facility once again.

The library has been undergoing renovations for months in the wake of a burst water pipe. Since mid-June, only a small portion at the rear of the building housing a makeshift children's library has been accessible to the public while repairs were made.

Last Tuesday that section was closed as well after carpet installation generated a strong odor throughout the building, said Cathy Ching, South Central Regional Library (SCRL) director of library services.

She noted they were going to have to shut down anyway to dismantle the children's library, but the smell forced their hand by a couple of days.

"When they tore up the old carpet to put the glue down everybody got an instant headache," Ching said, adding that while the smell posed no real danger to staff or patrons, it was unpleasant enough to warrant clear-

ing the building.

"We just decided that rather than being open and then closed, open and closed, we would just close," she said. "We're hoping to be open for good the first week of October."

In addition to the new carpeting, the library also has a new coat of paint.

Work is also being done on the water-damaged circulation desk.

"We won't be totally perfect [upon reopening] because that all still needs to be completed," Ching said. "We'll have a temporary circulation desk set up, but people will be able to come through the front doors once again."

"We're looking forward to having the whole collection available again," she said. "People have been very gracious about just having the children's library this summer, but

having the whole collection so that adults can come in and get books again, movies, audio books; the internet will be available. It will be good."

The long renovations—nearly four months—were mostly a matter of

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Morden Activity Centre hosts night of memories

Centre celebrating 25 years in North Railway St. building

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Activity Centre and Services for Seniors celebrated 25 years in its building on North Railway Ave. Friday with a well-attended wine and cheese gala.

Sharing memories was the name of the game that night, as board members past and present stepped up to recall how the popular community gathering space came to be.

Current board president Evelyn Currie explained that Morden Services for Seniors was formed in 1988 to provide programs and supports for the community's elder population.

"In 1990, Services for Seniors provided 8,662 units of services," she said, noting that last year the program offered 18,000 meals in its congregate

meal program. "I think that's pretty amazing."

The board decided in 1992 that the time was right to buy a building. The very next year the Morden Friendship Centre and Services for Seniors joined forces to purchase the old TomBoy grocery store.

The purchase and renovation of the 10,000 sq. ft. space was made possible through government grants, community donations, fundraising events, and a mortgage the centre was able to pay off just 10 years later.

"We do not owe anything on this building except our day-to-day costs," Currie said, thanking the community for the support they've shown the non-profit organization over the years.

Singled out for their unwavering

dedication to the centre were longtime members Basil Agnew and Marion Dudgeon, who received certificates of appreciation from Currie in thanks.

Agnew was involved with the new building committee in the '90s and has remained an active member ever since.

"He continues to take part in various activities and volunteers from time to time," said centre manager Neha Kohli, noting his past service also includes having served as board chair.

Dudgeon, meanwhile, was the board's first female chair. She has been a "continuous long-term member and volunteer," Kohli said. "She continues to volunteer for the congregate male program and other activities."

Agnew took the mic, then, to share a few memories, including the initial negotiations for the current building.

"When we were considering buying the building ... we thought maybe it was just too big for us," he said, recalling they nonetheless made an offer of \$140,000 that was immediately turned down. "They were wanting \$250,000 and that was a pretty firm price."

It turned out to be somewhat less than firm. With a little persistence, the board got the building for \$160,000.

A few months later, they called a meeting to discuss the future, including how they were going to pay for much-needed renovations.

"Jim [Menzie] had a plan as to how he was going to go about this fundraising, because we had very little money and needed it badly," Agnew said.

Menzie called for \$100,000 in private donations, encouraging those in attendance that night to commit to

donations of \$1,000 each to help make the senior centre a reality.

"That night it was 17 people, I think it was, that made a \$1,000 donation, and the fundraising program was underway," said Agnew.

When the stage was opened up to stories from the crowd, Menzie's granddaughter Heather Menzie shared one about the time her father, Bob, offered to pay for lunch at the centre in celebration of Jim's 85th birthday.

"We thought it would be the usual 15, 20 people that came every day, but somehow word got out that my dad was paying for lunch and the place was full," Menzie said, laughing. "My grandpa didn't expect it. He was overwhelmed by the support and the love and everyone showing up."

"As much as he may have given to the centre in the beginning, the people here really gave back to him throughout his life."

Creating community is what the centre is all about, noted Deputy Mayor Nancy Penner in her remarks on behalf of the City of Morden.

"You provide such a valuable service," she said. "Not only a venue for people to meet but to learn and just to have fun."

RM of Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson recalled how his father was a fixture at the centre for many years, coming daily to play cards.

"To have a place like this and to have a meaningful life and to enjoy yourself every day—it wasn't a job, it was an occasion," he said. "[It was] every day I'm going down here and I'm going to have some fun and I'm going to visit with my friends."

"Not many places have a place like this," Olafson said. "We've got to be thankful for what we have and the people who are around to make it all work."



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Longtime members and leaders Marion Dudgeon and Basil Agnew cut the cake last Friday as the Morden Activity Centre celebrated 25 years in its building on North Railway Ave.



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having to wait for materials, Ching said.

"To order that much carpet to replace all of it in a building this size, you can't just get that off the store shelves," she said in example, adding it's also no small task to move and then restore the 60,000+ book collection to its proper place.

One silver lining is it is giving staff the chance to restructure the layout of the shelves once the new carpet is

in.

"We're going to make the distance between the stacks wider," Ching said. "Some of them were just at the minimum and it was pretty tight. So we're going to have a little more room there for people to navigate."

"And most of them will run in the same direction ... you should be able to walk straight through into all the adult sections, and then the children's area will be its own little cub-

by and the young adults will have their own section too.

"People with wheelchairs and strollers should be able to navigate much easier."

The library plans to hold a grand reopening in a few weeks.

In the meantime, SCRL members have access to the library's other branches in Morden, Altona, Miami, and Manitou. The Winkler branch's book drop remains open for returns.

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Bergen supporters gather to open Winkler campaign office

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Candice Bergen gathered supporters in Winkler last week to officially open her main campaign office.

The Portage-Lisgar Conservative candidate said she's feeling good about her party's chances to form the next federal government.

"It's only been a few days in but I think in Manitoba people are very frustrated with Trudeau," she said of the campaign thus far. "They're really looking at who can they trust to help them to get ahead."

Bergen believes Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau hasn't demonstrated an awareness of the hardship rising taxes have on the average Canadian family.

"So they want to see what our message is, and we've been delivering a positive message," she said. "[Conservative Leader] Andrew Scheer has been announcing some substantial commonsense policies that will help parents, help families get ahead."

In talking with voters, Bergen said a lot of issues have been coming up again and again.



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Candice Bergen (second from left) was joined by supporters to cut the ribbon on her campaign office at 270 1st St. in Winkler last week. The Conservative candidate is seeking her fourth term in office.

Among them are the prime minister's violation of ethic laws surrounding the SNC Lavalin case, she said, as well as concerns about what the government is going to do about China closing its doors on Canadian canola.

"[Voters] want to know that there's a chance that there's going to be a change in government. That's really what I'm hearing," Bergen said. "What do you think, Candice? Do we

have a chance? Do we have a chance? People want to hear yes, we have a chance. We can win government and we can get Canada back on track."

As she asks Portage-Lisgar voters to elect her for a fourth term in office, Bergen says she's not taking anything for granted.

"I'm working hard to earn every single vote here in Portage-Lisgar," she said, noting she's also committed to

helping Conservative candidates in other ridings, especially in Winnipeg, spread the party's message.

Bergen is up against Aaron Archer (People Party's of Canada), Jerome Dondo (Christian Heritage Party), Beverley Eert (Green Party), Cindy Friesen (NDP), and Ken Werbiski (Liberal Party) for the Portage-Lisgar seat.

Canadians head to the polls Oct. 21.

Minds in Motion program hosts open house

By Lorne Stelmach

A program that is engaging people living with dementia as well as their caregivers can also play an important educational role.

Learning about an initiative like Minds in Motion can help remove the stigma around conditions like Alzheimer's disease, which can be important in helping people continue to feel part of their community.

"Programs need to be out there for them so that they feel safe and welcome," said Kathy Diehl-Cyr, manager of Minds in Motion for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, at a program open house held last Thursday at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

"If I have dementia, I have to be able to proudly walk through these doors like anybody else and attend a program that's made for me and suits my needs. I don't have to be isolated and go

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The next Minds in Motion program for people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias starts up in Morden Oct. 15.

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Tales from the bedroom

We bought a new mattress (sorry to disappoint/relieve you after that headline).

Is it lame that I am #VERYEXCITED about this?

Of course, but such is life as an adult where you get excited about things like new mattresses, the opportunity to do literally nothing but sleep, and a day without back pain.

Oh to be young again and playing in flooded ditches during a thunderstorm or exploring kilometers of storm drains under the city with friends, sweetly oblivious to things like tetanus and death.

But that's the past and now I am excited about the new mattress.

Why? Well, sleeping has become more challenging of late and waking up with a sore back more common for both myself and my wife. Frankly, one of the primary keys to a successful

and long-term relationship is being able to get a good night's sleep. Trust me on this.

Honestly, my wife has been casually mentioning that there have been issues with the mattress for a while now and I have been very "yes dear" about it until one day when I brought up the idea to her that maybe there is something up with our mattress, to which she simply smiled and said that I might be on to something.

Being a research nerd, I dove head-first into the world of bed science and mattresses and, man, have things changed. There are layers of foam, colours, smart options to interact with your phone, air conditioning, heating.

Heck, I didn't know that the Better Sleep Council (it's a real thing) recommends a new mattress every 7-10 years.

What?

Wow. I cannot even remember the last time I bought a new mattress. Seriously. Before I married my wife, I walked into a condo I was going to rent and found a mattress and boxspring in the master bedroom. The realtor was very embarrassed it had been left by the previous tenant and offered to have it removed.

"Are you kidding me? FREE BED!" was my response.

So, unfumigated and uncleaned, I

set it up and it became mine because, yep, I'm that kind of guy. The kind for whom there is no such thing as a five second rule for dropped food. The kind who believes that if a piece of clothing can be turned inside out and around it gets four days of wear. The kind who believes cleanliness can be determined with the sniff test. You get the idea.

That mattress was basically one step up from sleeping on cardboard, but it worked (in the sense that I could lay myself prostrate upon it and close my eyes).

Marriage brought a much better mattress into my life because I married a very responsible person who is far more aware of such things has "health" and "cleanliness" than I.

Still, that mattress is well over ten years old by now and is not really a prize winner in terms of the latest research. It dips and creaks and protests in ways it should not and, as I said before, it was time to retire it.

So now we have selected and are eagerly awaiting our new mattress and can hardly wait to break it in, if you know what I mean.

And by "if you know what I mean" I mean get a decent night's sleep.

Now I bid you all a good night.



By Peter Cantelon

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somewhere else, and we shouldn't be doing that, we should be in the heart of the community," said Diehl-Cyr.

"Let's get them living well with dementia ... in its early to moderate stages ... so they're still able to enjoy their independence and be a valued member of society."

The Minds in Motion program combines physical activity, socialization, and mental stimulation for people living with early to mid-stage Alzheimer's disease or other dementias to enjoy with a family member or friend.

The program continues to expand

throughout Manitoba because people are noticing how beneficial it is in helping participants feel empowered in their daily lives.

"It's so important for people living with dementia to stay active in their communities, and Minds in Motion is a program that encourages just that," Diehl-Cyr said. "We're just trying to reach as many people as we can to help them understand the program because the Minds in Motion program is something you almost have to experience rather than just sign up for."

"We know there's a need for this program in this area. We know peo-

ple are living with early to moderate signs of dementia. It's just getting them out to the program and making them understand this is a safe place," Diehl-Cyr said, adding it is just as important for the caregivers as well. "They're going to meet people walking the same path as them, and they're going to make those connections."

The next local Minds in Motion eight week session starts Oct. 15 in Morden. The cost is \$65 per pair.

You can register at the Access Event Centre or online at alzheimer.mb.ca/mindsinmotion.

National Student Debate Seminar comes to Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is playing host this week to over 100 delegates for the 53rd Annual National Student Debate Seminar.

Students and coaches from across Canada will be in town Sept. 25-30 to take in workshops on debate techniques, speakers exploring the theme of the rural/urban divide, and a debate tournament at Morden Collegiate.

The event will serve as a showcase of the region, suggested Michael Macaraeg, debate teacher at Morden Collegiate.

"They'll really be seeing what our city has to offer," he said, noting one activity will be a photo scavenger hunt involving local landmarks.

"We're excited to have the opportunity to have these student delegates visit the Pembina Valley and explore what our community has to offer, and it's going to be a fun and educational experience," Macaraeg said.

"We're really appreciative the generosity of the community, and the City of Morden has been great for supporting this ... Morden and south-

ern Manitoba are typically known as a sports area, but this is a nice sort of niche activity that students can take part in as well."

The event kicked off this Thursday with a morning opening ceremony that included a keynote address by Manitoba NDP leader Wab Kinew on his experiences growing up as a son of a residential school survivor. The day was also slated to include a couple workshops and a tour of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

Friday takes the delegates to Winnipeg to see the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and participate in a model youth parliament at the Manitoba Legislative Building.

"It's a beautiful space for them to have fun and act like politicians, or maybe be a little more well behaved than politicians," joked Macaraeg.

Saturday features more workshops as well as a presentation by Will Bergmann, who was named Manitoba's Outstanding Young Farmer this year.

The seminar concludes Sunday with a debating tournament at the high school.

"We carefully curated a selection



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From left: Western School Division superintendent Stephen Ross, Morden Collegiate principal Marianne Fenn, debate teacher Michael Macaraeg, and Mayor Brandon Burley with a banner for the National Student Debate Seminar being held this week in Morden.

of workshops and presentations for the delegates," said Macaraeg. "The primary thing is it's a learning experience for learning how to debate ... but we also have workshops or presentations that introduce them to the Pembina Valley community."

The founder of the national student debate seminar, Tom Lawson, is also in Morden for the occasion.

"He is so passionate about having students learn about public speaking and having young people involved

with politics," Macaraeg said of the 93-year-old.

Two local students who have been involved in debate and participated at past national seminars are also involved with the event, with Mollie Wheeler and Vanessa Wiebe serving on the organizing committee.

"It's nice to have these former debaters who have gone through our high school club and are giving back to something they have taken part in," said Macaraeg.

Plum Coulee's The Centre on Main expanding

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Just a year and a half after opening its doors, Plum Coulee's The Centre on Main is ready to expand.

The downtown community centre is adding on a small storage room and an outside cement pad for barbecuing at the rear of the building.

"We don't have any room to store our tables and chairs right now," says board chair June Letkeman. "When

we built, we just didn't build big enough."

Luckily, the community's support for the building—over \$400,000 was raised in just a couple of years—means the \$44,000 addition is already paid for.

Work will get underway immediately, Letkeman says, so that the space will be usable for the winter.

If the past year is any indication, it's going to be another busy one for The

Centre on Main.

The facility—which was built on the site of the town's old senior centre and includes a kitchen, billiards room, and a spacious activity area with seating for 75—has more than lived up to expectations.

It was built, Letkeman says, as a multi-generational gathering place the entire community could enjoy.

"We're so pleased with it," she says. "It's getting used a lot, like for meetings and exercise classes, game nights, and the Kit and Kaboodle program from the Winkler Family Resource Centre. Things like that are keeping the building busy."

"The rentals have been amazing," she adds. "The centre has certainly been holding its own and more. We've not had any problems keeping up with maintenance or anything like that. It's all going very well."

The board hopes to expand the program offerings in the year ahead, including potentially introducing floor curling and shuffleboard leagues.

Fundraising continues year-round to help cover the costs of running the building, and people remain eager to

lend their support—a soup and pie supper held in advance of the board's annual meeting last week filled the house.

The evening also included a surprise performance from homegrown musician Rosemary Siemens, who was in town visiting family.

"That was really special," Letkeman says. "It was very exciting."

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Providing safe haven to victims of domestic violence

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Fifty-nine women, 44 children, and one man made use of the services offered by the Genesis House shelter for the victims of domestic violence this past year.

The agency, which services the entirety of south central Manitoba, reported on the needs of the families it serves as its annual meeting in Altona last week.

"Occupancy was about normal for us," said executive director Angela Braun.

"The one thing that was unusual was the number of kids was down quite a bit," she said, noting they have seen an uptick in the number of mothers whose children are, at the time they're seeking help from the shelter, in the care of Child & Family Services. "We normally would see closer to 72 kids in a year ... in my history I can't remember ever seeing less kids than women, actually."

In 2018-19, the shelter provided a total of 734 bednights to 48 women and 406 overnight stays for 36 children. One male victim of abuse also received a safe place to stay for 38 nights.

An additional 11 woman and eight children made use of the agency's non-residential services, which include counselling.

Over the past year and moving into the year ahead, Genesis House is trying to navigate through some major changes that have come down from the Province of Manitoba.

Among them is an increase of the maximum shelter stay.

"Historically our stays are about 30 days. The Province was actually fairly rigid with that, it wasn't just a guideline," Braun explained.

However, in advance of changes coming up to the funding model for Manitoba's women's shelters,

the government has loosened those guidelines somewhat.

While giving women more time in shelter might sound like a good idea, the real problem is that many struggle to find somewhere, anywhere to go after they leave their abusive partners, causing a backlog throughout the system.

"Once we're full, and once other shelters are full, there's no movement because there's no housing," Braun said. "So new women at risk can't find a safe place to go, and that should never be the case."

More affordable housing is needed not just for families in need but also single woman trying to get by on their own.

"There is really no affordable single person housing available anywhere," Braun said. "It's really hard, and so that's why people are sitting in our shelters for much longer, and that doesn't help anybody."

Politicians at various levels of government have been made well aware of this issue, Braun noted, but the wheels of bureaucracy continue to move slowly.

"They are aware of it, but the idea of social housing just doesn't seem to resonate with this government."

Changes to the shelter's provincial funding formula are also weighing heavily on Braun's mind these days.

The old funding model was a per diem one for women staying at the shelter, but the government, in its restructuring of the funding of various social programs, is moving to quarterly block funding for shelters next spring.

"My concern is our years don't look the same," Braun said, noting the agency might have to rely more on local donors to fill financial shortfalls during times when the shelter is providing aid to more women than usual.

Transportation costs are another

Genesis House executive director Angela Braun says the women's shelter is preparing to navigate some big funding changes in the year ahead.

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thorny issue under the new system. When they're out of beds, shelters send women in crisis via taxi to another community shelter that has room.

"There's no public transportation to get people from point A to point B," Braun said, noting a volunteer driver program isn't feasible given both the sensitive nature of the circumstances these women find themselves in as well as the potential liability that comes with putting volunteers in the middle of volatile situations.

Under the old funding formula, the cost of those taxi rides would be billed to the Province under the woman's case file. Braun isn't sure how it will work with block funding if the shelter is nearing its cap for the quarter.

"Those types of decisions really do put women and children at risk, because what happens if we're out of money? What if we can't afford to do this?" she said, stressing her concern is they might have to turn people away.

"We are lucky in that we do have

a bit of a cushion, our agency has a bit of a surplus," Braun said. "It's not sustainable for everyday service but we do have that to fall back on in an emergency."

"I do not want to put women and kids at risk, that's foremost in my mind," she added. "It seems like making so many changes at once without seeing the full impact of any of them—moving to block funding, getting rid of the 30 day stay—these are significant issues."

The answers to these questions remain to be seen. In the meantime, Genesis House is doing what it can to shore up its fundraising efforts.

Donations in 2018-19 were at \$99,697—over \$8,000 less than the year before.

Earlier this year, Genesis House hired a community and resource development manager to focus on turning those numbers around.

"We're trying that for two years to see if we can generate revenue that

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Co-op Fuel Good Day raises \$5K



Guest pumpers helped Winkler Co-op raise \$5,136 last Tuesday in support of school meal programs in the Garden Valley and Western school divisions and at Lowe Farm School. Co-op donated five cents per litre of fuel purchased that day as part of the annual Fuel Good Day. "This is just fantastic," said Carl Pedersen, coordinator of the Healthy Minds breakfast program in Morden. "All of the money raised here is going to go towards food and supplies for feeding the kids," he said. "It also really raises our profile and helps the community understand what we're doing with Healthy Minds." Above: Morden Mayor Brandon Burley and Pedersen take a breather from window washing and gas pumping. Right: Winkler Police Chief Ryan Hunt (above) and Matty Harrold of the Winkler Flyers provide service with a smile.



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Local businesses discuss the impact of climate change

By Lorne Stelmach

Small and medium-sized businesses face challenges in coming to grips with the impact of climate change, but there are also opportunities.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Daniella Echeverria from the International Institute for Sustainable Development presented some facts and figures on climate change to local business leaders last week.

That was part of the message at a climate action forum hosted Sept. 17 by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce, Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, and the International Institute for Sustainable Development.

The Winnipeg-based organization is partnering with the chambers to raise awareness on what climate change might mean to businesses.

It's an opportunity to engage in a dialogue on how climate change is impacting businesses in Manitoba and to understand the barriers to climate action as well as the supports needed, but the forums are also showing the progress that is already being made.

"We've heard businesses and towns, municipal governments, that have already taken climate action in various ways," said Darren Swanson, associate with the International Institute for Sustainable Development.

"Every town has had examples of climate action, and it's really encouraging because it can be quite an intimidating process," he said. "There's a lot of programs and policies that not everyone agrees with, but when it comes down to the ground, everybody is looking at different ways to do things to become more efficient and to change practices."

Swanson said they've been holding forums like this across the province. He noted it is important to reach all

parts of Manitoba because every region has a different set of issues that are driven by climate change.

In the southern region, for example, some of the big impacts will be in agriculture such as changes in the growing season. There are different challenges up north, ranging from forest fires to the impact of melting in the permafrost.

"That could change things dramatically for the northern supply chain of Manitoba," Swanson said.

There are some recurring themes that have emerged in all of the discussions, and Swanson summed it up as businesses "looking for access to resources to help with that transition."


"In just about every forum, we do have conversations about the importance of energy efficiency," he said. "I think that's where there's a lot of sort of leverage for cost savings that businesses are seeing ... with some new programs coming online federally to help small businesses out, those are starting to become accessible."

He said there are a range of ways that businesses can start to manage their transition, such as "the importance of doing energy audits and having someone who can come in and help your business see where the real gains are is important."

"It just seems like where do we even start as a small business ... to see

cost savings and impacts on reducing greenhouse gas emissions," said Swanson. "A lot of business owners will say start slow, take a look at where the big gains are that you can realize in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving energy efficiency, and set priorities and take changes over time."

"A lot of times it makes business sense," he concluded. "It's not just about I need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions because it's the right thing to do, it's because this is going to save my businesses a lot of money, and it's going to make me more competitive."

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A grand time at the Grand Ole Opry

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Winkler man got the chance to play on the Grand Ole Opry stage in Nashville, Tennessee last week.

Guitarist Raymond Klassen joined High Valley on stage there on Sept. 18.

Klassen, who splits his time between Winkler and Kentucky these days, has been playing dobro for the Canadian country duo for years. But while the group has played the Opry many times before, this was his first time performing at the famous stage.

"It was very surreal," Klassen says. "I didn't even know until a week or two ago that I was going."

High Valley recently put out a bluegrass version of their song "Single Man" and so joined artists Jeannie Seely, Dailey & Vincent, Michael Ray, Mickey Guyton, Bobby Bones, and Chris Janson for a bluegrass jam at the Opry.

"I've known about the Opry my whole life, but I never really imagined playing there," Klassen says.

The experience was made all the more sweet by the fact he got the

chance to perform alongside some of his musical role models.

"I grew up listening to bluegrass, playing bluegrass, and so playing with Dailey & Vincent's band on stage was really cool," Klassen says. "And Dan Tyminski joined them as well. He's one of my biggest heroes."

"I only found out he was going to join us on stage during rehearsal an hour before the show," he says, admitting he was a little starstruck.

Klassen is no stranger to hobnobbing with musical stars. He's toured all over North America with High Valley since making music his career full-time five years ago.

"I've played music all my life, though not always professionally, so it's cool to be able to do this," he says. "I also really like the travelling ... being able to see all these cool places and getting to meet musicians, like last night, that I've looked up to for as long as I can remember."

When he's not playing in High Valley's band, Klassen makes time to create his own music. This summer he released the five-track album *Out-*



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Winkler's Raymond Klassen played dobro for High Valley as the Canadian country duo took the stage at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee last week.

sider.

"To me, I think the most exciting thing is the creation part of it," Klassen says of what's kept him playing all these years. "I like to express myself through the music."



CFDC executive director stepping down

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre is searching for a new executive director with the announcement of Peter Cantelon's departure.

Oct. 4 will be Cantelon's last day heading up the Manitoba star attraction and signature museum. It wasn't a decision that came easily, he said.

"The transitioning out of an organization is never an easy thing ... for me, it was a challenging decision to make because this has been a very amazing place for me," said Cantelon, who is

moving on to become the director of sales and marketing for the Hive Development Group in Morden.

"What I brought to the CFDC was experience in business development, sales, and marketing. Those have been my skill sets ... what I have the greatest passion for," he said, suggesting Hive offered him "an opportunity to take all those skills and push them to a new level."

"I have family that are part of Hive, so to be able to work closely with family was something else that was a factor," he added. "It also keeps me in the

region, it keeps me in Morden, and I'm super excited ... I've been a big cheerleader for this area, so to be able to stay and doing what I love and continue to contribute to the community just made it irresistible."

Cantelon said he takes pride in a number of achievements from his time with the CFDC.

"It's been almost eight years and it has just flown by ... when I look back, I think, wow, it's really shocking to me how long it has been."

Cantelon cited such achievements as attaining the provincial fossil em-

blem, earning Guinness World Record status for Bruce the mosasaur, and helping erect the various prehistoric monuments throughout Morden.

"I've been very happy with the results, with the growth in the museum," he added. "In 2013, we had less than 7,000 visitors. In 2018, we had more than 15,000."

"Those kinds of things are really cool milestones," he said, adding, though, that the biggest gains have been establishing that lasting legacy and the increased awareness of the CFDC throughout the province as well as nationally and internationally.

"We had visitors from 42 countries last year, 38 U.S. states, and every Canadian province ... so that kind of exposure, it's an exponential kind of effect on the organization. We get more people coming on digs, more people investigating who we are."

"Those kinds of things are really gratifying because it is a lasting impact. It's nice to see increased visitation, but these are things that I think are going to be here long after I'm gone."

The CFDC board is launching its hunt for a new executive director immediately.



After eight years in the role, Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre executive director Peter Cantelon is moving on.

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Habitat for Humanity gets started on Winkler house

By Lorne Stelmach

The first home of the Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity is taking shape.

Work is underway on the organization's first build in Winkler in decades, with the basement already in place and the main floor going in last week.

"It's exciting to see," said Christina Falk, chapter secretary and public relations chair.

"The roof will be going on about a week later, so hopefully within the next two weeks the roof will be up.

"We are super excited. We really want to have this family in there as soon as possible ... and we need the roof on and everything closed in before it gets cold."

The property on Main Street South will be home to John and Margaret Wiebe and their kids Latisha, Alia, and infant twins Owen and Emma. The family have been renting a house trailer that they've long since outgrown.

There are a few factors influencing the pace of construction, including not only the weather but also the

number of volunteers available.

"We're always looking for people, especially during weekdays," said Falk. "Because we may only have one contractor working, if they're unskilled volunteers we generally only have about four or five people at a time.

"When we have perhaps a business group going out, sometimes we have more, but we need to have another skilled worker," she added, noting the Winkler Co-op earlier had provided a crew for a day.

Falk said the need for volunteers can vary from day to day, so she encourages people to follow the project on social media for the latest information.

"It's great if people can pay attention to our Facebook page because

on there we'll be posting when we need people to come help out."

The fundraising for the build, meanwhile, is nearing their target of about \$180,000.

"We need to have over 80 per cent of the funds in before we can start the build, but we're just about there for Winkler," Falk said. "As far as the fundraising goes, we're just about at the

"WE REALLY WANT THIS FAMILY IN THERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."



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Volunteers were hard at work at the Habitat for Humanity build in Winkler last week.

full amount for this Winkler house ... we need a little bit more, and we are actively fundraising for Morden right now as well.

"We would still love to be able to build that one next year if we can, but we need to again raise the full funds for that," she said. "Probably in January we'll start taking applications

again for families who are interested in living in that one."

People can e-mail wmhabitat@outlook.com or message them through Facebook for more information or to inquire about volunteering or even donating lunch for the volunteers on any given day, Falk said.

CFDC adds Cree to audio guide

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre has launched a first for the museum, adding the Cree language to its digital audio guide.

Cree joins French and English as options for the museum's downloadable audio guide app.

"It is an honour to be able to offer Cree as part of our digital audio guide," said CFDC executive director Peter Cantelon. "We wanted to do our part to help in the preservation and use of Indigenous language given our role as a heritage museum.

"To our knowledge we are the first museum to offer Cree as part of a digital audio guide."

Used by more than 117,000 people, Cree is the most widely spoken Indigenous language in Canada and Manitoba.

The CFDC worked closely with Winnipeg-based Indigenous Languages of Manitoba to ensure an accurate translation, Cantelon noted.

"We cannot thank Indigenous Languages of Manitoba enough for the effort they put into this translation for us," he said. "Not only can people come to the museum and receive a tour in Cree, but teachers and students throughout Canada can download the app and learn about marine reptiles, mosasaurs, dinosaurs, and ancient Manitoba in the language. It's a great and fun way to learn and listen to Cree."

Funding for the initiative was made available by the Province of Manitoba's Signature Museum grant.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PHOTOS

Work was underway on the home's basement and main floor in recent weeks. Volunteers hope to have the walls and roof up before it gets too cold out.

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is our own, not just government money, to figure out if we can find ways to be sustainable," Braun said. "So you will see us doing more."

To that end, Genesis House hosts its first annual Domestic Violence Masquerade Gala on Saturday, Nov. 23 in Morden. The evening

includes a meal, silent auction, and music and dancing. Tickets are \$100 and are available by calling 204-362-0082.

If you need emergency help, the shelter's 24-hour crisis line can be reached at 1-877-977-0007.

Mordenite's short film to premiere in Toronto

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden native is making inroads into the film industry with a short film he not only co-wrote, produced, and directed, but also acted in.

Abdalla Mardli stars in the short film *Lost And Found* alongside Julie Vu. The film will premiere at the Buffer International Film Festival in Toronto next month.

Mardli sees this as being a good stepping stone for his career.

"Hopefully it kind of gets my foot in the door a little bit more and helps me get a little bit of recognition," he said.

Born and raised in Morden, Mardli moved to Vancouver a year ago to attend the acting for film and television program at the Vancouver Film School.

He has long felt drawn to film, acting, and television.

"I was kind of raised amongst people who loved theatre ... like, my brother is very good at it and was always talking about plays, and the same with my sister ... and my parents loved it as

well," Mardli noted.

He considered a number of film schools across the country but finally settled on Vancouver.

"I had interviews with them and I visited the campus and it just seemed like a really good place to be," noted Mardli, who has started his second year of studies there.

Lost And Found is an extracurricular project for Mardli, who became friends with Vu, a transgender woman who chronicled her male-to-female transition on social media, earning more than 500,000 subscribers. Vu also briefly starred on the Canadian television show *The Switch*, which was billed as the first transgender sitcom.

Mardli and Vu worked together to create *Lost And Found*, which details this pivotal moment in Vu's life.

After successfully pitching it to the Buffer International Film Festival, the real work began for Mardli.

"It was really a lot of work for a short film, but it was really eye-opening to take on all these roles and learn so many different aspects of film work



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Julie Vu with Abdalla Mardli in a scene from the short film *Lost And Found*, which premieres at a film festival in Toronto next month.

other than just acting," he said.

"There was lots of learning involved ... for a short film, I think it definitely took over 80 hours to create in terms of writing then scouting locations and hiring people and all of that.

"It's high school age, and it follows Julie Vu back when her name was John," Mardli explained, describing how it details the negative reaction from her friends as she discovered her identity. "It just shows the struggle for acceptance. It's kind of like a coming of age story about Julie Vu."

"I hope it sheds a little bit of light on the topic," Mardli said, adding

he hopes when people view it that they "realize that situations like this and gender issues are something to take seriously and something to expand your knowledge upon because a lot of the struggles these people go through are things that I think we can never really imagine ... looking in the mirror and not ever genuinely liking anything you see.

"This whole journey of befriending Julie and then also writing the story about her with her has been very eye-opening for me."



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The expansion and renovation of the Agassiz Medical Centre saw its fundraising drive jump past the \$300,000 mark with the presentation of a \$150,000 contribution from the Morden Community Thrift Shop. "Over the years you have supported us when we have needed money for equipment and now with the renovation," Agassiz community board member Myrna Mayor said in thanking the Thrift Shop Monday for the previously announced funding. "With this gracious donation, it is such a big help." With the campaign now closing in on its target to raise \$500,000 towards an estimated \$1.3 million renovation, fundraising chair Bob Wahl suggested some work could possibly begin within a month.

Country Blend performs in Manitou Oct. 10

It is fitting that Country Blend will find themselves in Manitou again as the group hits the road one last time.

Band member Evelyn Ramage recalls that the Manitou Opera House was the site years ago of their second concert together as a band, and it will serve now as the first stop for their final tour.

Their musical journey together has "been a super great time ... just totally great," Ramage said in advance of the Manitou show taking place Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

"They're practically my family now," she added, noting also that it has been a tremendous opportunity over the past 15+ years to tour the nation, which she described as a "real eye-opener."

The group offers up a blend of classic country and easy listening with a bit of country gospel thrown into the mix.

Joining Ramage on stage as Coun-

try Blend are fellow vocalist Dianne Lodge, pianist Gordy "Crazy Fingers" Lundquist, drummer Cyn Lodge and bass guitar player and singer Henry Martens.

Reserved seating tickets for the Manitou show are \$25 each and are available by calling 204-242-4287.



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Flyers drop two versus Pistons

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers kicked off their 40th season of junior hockey with two close losses to the Steinbach Pistons last weekend.

Game one of the 2019-2020 season for the Flyers took place in Steinbach Friday night, and, despite their best efforts, the Orange and Black headed home with a 3-2 defeat on their record.

The strong Steinbach team drew first blood five minutes in and then doubled their lead two minutes later.

In period two, minutes after having a power-play goal waved off, rookie forward Alex Cattani followed through on a run on the Pistons' net to cut Steinbach's lead to 2-1.

A little over a minute later, Kyle Lamoureux fired home a pass from Drake Burgin to tie things up.

The two teams traded powerplay opportunities in the third period, but it was the Pistons who successfully got the game winner in the 13th minute.

Dorin Luding made 43 saves in net for Winkler as the Pistons outshot the Flyers 46-29. Both teams were 0-for-5 on the power-play.

The boys were looking for revenge the next night when they welcomed the Pistons to Winkler for their home opener.

But it wasn't to be.

After a scoreless opening frame, Steinbach's Kyle Bettens broke the deadlock two minutes into the second period with a breakaway goal and then scored another off the ensuing faceoff.

The Pistons made it a 3-0 game five minutes into the final frame. It wasn't until the clock was counting down the final six minutes that Winkler managed to respond in kind with a goal from Burgin.

Despite outshooting their opponents 20-9 that period, Winkler



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Winkler Flyers captain Brody Moffatt collides with Steinbach goaltender Matt Lenz in Saturday's home opener, which went to the Pistons 3-1. Right: Winkler Hall of Famer Wade Sambrook dropped the ceremonial puck.



couldn't manage another goal. The Pistons took the game 3-1.

Luding took the loss in net, making 32 saves as the Flyers outshot the Pistons 38-34. Winkler went 0-for-4

on the power-play and 3-for-3 on the penalty-kill.

Coming up this week, Winkler heads into Winnipeg to play the Blues Friday night and then hosts OCN on

Saturday. They then host the Portage Terriers on Monday and kick off October with an away game against Neepawa Tuesday night.

Longtime soccer teammates stick together at Brandon U

By Lorne Stelmach

Soccer continues to be a bond for a trio of Mordenites even now that they are in university.

Aidan Driedger, Zac Wood, and Jeremy Bassett are all studying at Brandon University this year, and it was the chance to continue playing soccer together there that really sealed the deal.

"It was making the soccer team that really made the decision for us," said Bassett.

"It's kind of a dream come true," added Driedger, while Wood noted it was "such a great opportunity, I wasn't going to say no to it."

It's been so far, so good for the Morden trio this fall, as their home opener Sept. 14 saw all three take the field and both Wood and Driedger score in helping lead Brandon to a 4-2 victory over St. Boniface.

Prior to playing university-level soccer, Driedger, Wood, and Bassett played soccer locally for many years

with the Winkler Wild and Morden Collegiate teams.

This past summer, Driedger played on the Winkler Storm, while Wood and Bassett were part of the SC Riot.

All three wanted to keep the momentum going and continue playing together if possible.

"We all got a letter from Brandon saying we could come try out, so we said why not keep up the chemistry," said Bassett. "We all planned to come here, and we all made the team, so it all worked out great. Through everything in life, we've always been friends."

"We always hung out as kids, and then we all just kind of grew up playing soccer," said Driedger, who is enjoying having his friends alongside him as he ventures out into the world.

"It's almost like having a sense of home in a different community," he said, adding it is also a benefit when playing because they know each other so well. "I feel like we already had some chemistry ... you can definitely



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From left: Mordenites Aidan Driedger, Zac Wood, and Jeremy Bassett have played on local teams together for years. Now the trio are suiting up for Brandon University.

see it on the field, how we pass together and work together."

"It makes me feel a lot more comfortable on the field ... knowing I've got guys I can trust with me, and we really push each other. We're competitive guys," added Bassett.

"My first goal that I scored was right from Aidan passing me the ball ... a

give and go play ... we've been working on that since the middle school," noted Wood.

"We do already have chemistry on the field," he said. "The transition here was hard, but it would have been a lot harder without those guys and those programs."

Female Hawks starting to gel in pre-season

By Lorne Stelmach

There were encouraging signs through a busy weekend of pre-season action for the female AAA Pembina Valley Hawks.

The results were mixed on the score sheets with a win, a draw, and two losses, but the Hawks' coaching staff say the team is clearly starting to gel.

"It's good to finally actually have our team all together ... this is kind of the first weekend for us to see the full team in action," said coach Shanley Siemens following the tournament in Portage.

"It's nice to start seeing what we're capable of, and overall I felt it was a good weekend. We definitely had some ups and downs, but there's lots of opportunity," she said.

"The girls have a ton of talent, and it's trying to bring those things together and working on some of the little things. We have a lot of girls who have moved up from bantam, so we're helping them kind of understand our systems and what we're after."

The Hawks kicked off the weekend by edging the Yellowhead Chiefs 2-1 on Friday. Anika Braun had a goal and assisted on the other marker by

Jolyne LeClair, while Tria Enns made 33 saves.

On Saturday, Pembina Valley was blanked 3-0 by the Rink Hockey Academy of Winnipeg. Caitlyn Pike stopped 21 of the 24 shots she faced in net.

Next came a 2-2 draw Saturday eve-

ning with the Pilot Mound Hockey Academy. Quinn McLaren and Erica Pouteau scored for the Hawks, while Enns had a strong outing with 41 saves.

Sunday saw things go astray against Winnipeg as the Ice scored six unanswered second period goals on their

way to a 9-1 romp. Mikaylie Bibault had the lone goal for the Hawks. Enns allowed six goals on 25 shots while Pike allowed three on 18.

After a home and home exhibition doubleheader Sept. 28-29 with Balmoral Hall, the Hawks open the season Oct. 5 at home against the Avros.

Hawks best Capitals, Selects

By Lorne Stelmach

The male AAA Pembina Valley Hawks head into the 2019-20 regular season this weekend after having gone unbeaten in the pre-season.

They followed up an earlier 5-2 win over the Eastman Selects with two more wins on home ice this past weekend.

After a 7-4 win Saturday over the Central Plains Capitals came a 2-1 overtime victory over Eastman Sunday.

Co-coach Jeff Andrews is feeling pretty good about their roster as the team prepares to start the season this weekend with a pair of home games against the Norman Northstars Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

"I feel like our team is in a really good place," he said. "We had some kids who showed really well who didn't make our team, and you have to make some tough decisions ... it's hard, but that's a good thing because it means you've got lots of depth."

The roster not only has a good core

of experienced returning players but they are also "adding in some real high level first year talent ... to add in that extra talent, and that extra talent being older kids I think helps too," said Andrews.

"The older you get, the easier it is to deal with the adversity because you've kind of been through it before."

After hosting the Northstars this weekend the Hawks welcome Central Plains back to Morden next week Wednesday.

Check out the Winkler Morden Voice online at www.winklermordenvoice.ca

13th annual Thanks for Giving Run is Oct. 12

Winkler's 13th annual Thanks for Giving Run takes place on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The event, which raises funds for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard, sets out from the Winkler arena that morning at 8:30 a.m. with a 1.2k kids' run (for children 10 and under) and 9 a.m. for the 5k, 10k, and half-marathon events.

"[This] is an event deep to my heart," says organizer and avid long distance runner Dwight Suderman, who has been involved with the race since its early years.

"I've been on the committee all of those years because I want to see a high quality running event in our area, and over the years, the support aspect of the event in favour of the Winkler Food Cupboard has also become of paramount importance," he says, noting that element of the weekend gives organizers and runners a way of "supporting those who have less means of supporting them-

selves."

The food cupboard is something that's "vital and necessary in our community," says Suderman. "It's a wonderful charity to support."

This year's race course has been adjusted to account for the construction of the Meridian Exhibition Centre, but Suderman notes it's still a wonderfully varied route.

"It's nicely divided into open sections along the dike which gives one the feeling of running in the open country, and sections running along quiet residential streets," he said, noting volunteers will be set up all along the route to direct traffic and help runners stay on course.

Suderman encourages people to check out the new map online at thanksgivingrun.ca and come cheer on the runners that morning.

Runners can register in advance online at Runningroom.ca under "Thanks For Giving Run—2019." Day-of registration is also accepted,



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though the fee is \$10 higher. Fees for each event are available on the website.

Runners of the adult events receive a free T-shirt. All race finishers will receive cookie medals prepared by

Northlands Parkway Collegiate students.

The kids' run is free, but participants are asked to bring a tin or other dry food stuff to donate to the food bank.

Twisters set to kick off season Sat. vs Knights

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters kick off the Manitoba Major Junior regular season this weekend after going unbeaten in the pre-season.

They closed off their five game exhibition run last Wednesday with a 6-2 win over the Fort Garry Fort Rouge

Twins.

Their attack was led by Tyson Allison and Elijah Carels, who each had a pair of goals, putting Allison at five in the pre-season and Carels at four.

Travis Penner and Nico Vigier also each contributed one, while Martin Gagnon earned the win in net with a 40 save performance. The shots on goal were 45-42 in favour of Pembina

Valley.

The Twisters begin the regular season at home Saturday with the River East Royal Knights and then hit the road to St. James Sunday to take on the Canucks.

With a good core of returning veterans, the Twisters have high hopes that they will be able to follow-up on a successful 2018-19 campaign

where they ended up comfortably in first place with a 35-6-4 record for 74 points.

After a four game quarterfinal sweep of the Charleswood Hawks, the Twisters got to the final with a six game semi-final victory over the Stonewall Jets,, and they then took the championship in seven games over the Canucks.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUND-UP

- NPC's varsity boys soccer team tied Morris 3-3 last Thursday and then lost to Altona 5-1 Monday night. NPC's girls lost their matches 2-0 and 4-1.

- GVC's girls beat Morden 2-1 and Roseau Valley 7-0 last week. On Monday, they crushed Dufferin Christian 8-0. The male Zodiacs lost to the Stingers 2-1.

- Morden's girls beat the Stingers 6-0 last Thursday. The Thunder boys also won their game against Dufferin Christian 9-1 and then beat the Sabres 9-0.

- The NPC varsity volleyball teams kicked off their seasons in the SCAC with matches against the Olympiens Monday night. The boys won it in three (25-14, 25-21, 25-14) while the girls lost (14-25, 14-25, 12-25).

Flyers make trades, announce captains

The Winkler Flyers completed a pair of trades in the days leading up to the start of the 2019-2020 regular season.

The first trade involved the acquisition of forward Justin Svenson from the Winnipeg Blues, while the second brought defenseman Ryden Fedych to the Orange and Black from the Selkirk Steelers

Svenson (2001) is a right handed forward from Ile Des Chenes. In 15 games played with the Swan Valley Stampeders last season, he recorded 11 points (six goals, five assists) after starting the season with the Red Deer Rebels of the Western Hockey League.

As part of the trade with the Blues, the Flyers have sent the list rights to 16-year-old defenseman William Irvine ('03) as well as their fifth and sixth round picks in the 2020 MJHL

Bantam Draft to Winnipeg.

"You have to give up something good to get something good, and to be able to add a player of Justin's calibre is a very exciting thing for our club," said Flyers general manager Jeff Jeanson.

In a separate move, the Flyers acquired Fedych ('01) from Selkirk in exchange for a player development fee.

The leftie defenseman had five points (one goal and four assists) in 22 games played with the Steelers last season.

"Ryden is a strong, reliable defenseman who plays an aggressive, mean style," said Jeanson. "He will provide some good depth to our blueline."

Also last week, the Flyers also announced that Brody Moffatt will serve as captain for the 2019-2020 season.

The fourth year forward has proven over his time in Winkler to be an extremely valuable leader both on and off the ice.

"He's somebody that everyone follows," said head coach Kelvin Cech. "Brody's work ethic and attitude are exactly what we want out of our players, and it was the obvious choice not only to name him the captain but for the other guys who will be wearing a letter as well."

Joining Moffatt on the leadership team will be third year forward Griffin Leonard, second year defenseman Drake Burgin, and newcomers Riley Cusack and Jaden Townsend, who will split assistant captain duties at home and on the road.

Agriculture

Product trials help this farmer decide

By Harry Siemens

Jeff Elder of Wawanesa, MB tweeted recently about another Manipulator trial completed and preliminary results pointing to an actual statistical difference.

"I volunteered to have a trial on my field with a plant growth regulator applied in a replicated trial where I made the application," explained Elder. "Tone Ag, on behalf of the Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers, came out and flagged it all, recorded the information about how the crop was growing, plant heights, and a few other things. Then they flew it with a drone to get some images to stitch together and to compare the plots. We did a full header width on each trial with a weigh wagon in the field to compare treated and untreated, to see if there was any yield response to plant growth regulator."

The farmer who likes to see things for himself and compare how they work or not, described how he got into this trial and what he expects to learn from it:

"I think it's just word of mouth. I talked to different people at events like Ag Days and stuff like that, and sometimes see requests on Twitter looking for people that want to have this kind of a trial," he said. "I've done trials with Manitoba Pulse Growers in the past as well as the Wheat and Barley Growers. It's not a whole bunch of work on my part, but I do

get to see some of these practices or products on my land, and just see for myself how these things work, and what works, and what doesn't work for me."

Elder farms with his wife and son who helps out during the summer while on break from university. His dad is also a regular fixture at the farm.

"We crop up to a little over 1600 acres here with wheat, barley, soybean, and flax rotation, although the flax is slowly getting pushed out," he said. "We've got a few acres of canola again this year."

The farm's 2019 harvest is half done. It was a solid, average crop, Elder said.

"Genetics and agronomy have really, really, really made huge differences in some of these crops we grow now," he said. "A storm in July impacted both cereal crops negatively. We had a hard inch of rain with wind, and it just absolutely flattened it. Quite a few acres never got back up."

As to the trial, Elder hopes to see if this is a practice that he wants to use in the future.

"There are so many different things out there that people want to sell you on using to benefit your crop supposedly. But, what these products need to do, at the end of the day, is benefit the bottom line. I'm hoping to learn, is this product going to pay for itself to start with and provide a benefit somehow to my operation," he said. "I read a lot. I listen to presentations by researchers in the winters. I take those things that sound promising for my situation, and I try them on my farm, whether it's in a proper trial with a grower association or just on my own, try a test strip in a non-scientific way. But, still, it gives me information for how it fits in with my practices. Sometimes, I see a benefit, and, probably, most times, I don't. But, that's where I make advancements from, I guess."

Elder does consult with mostly farmers but pays for very little professional help.

"Most of it's on my own. I can bounce ideas off of fellow farmers and agronomists I know. About what they think of certain things. But, mostly, I take all that, and I distill it down and come up with my own opinion on it."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jeff Elder, shown here with dad Keith and friend Dale, farms 1,600 acres with his wife Sheila and son Andy at Wawanesa.

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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:

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the 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.

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OBITUARY



Eileen G. Millar

Eileen G. Millar, 90, of Walhalla, ND, passed away peacefully Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Pembiler Nursing Center, Walhalla, ND. Funeral service was held Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Park Center-Walhalla Presbyterian Church, Walhalla, ND. Visitation was held Tuesday, September 17th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the church in Walhalla. Burial was held in the Hillside Cemetery in Walhalla. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Pembiler Nursing Center.

Eileen Genevieve was born April 28, 1929 at Morden, Manitoba to Sam and Mathilda (Massey) Rosen. After high school she attended nursing training in Portage La Prairie and moved to British Columbia. She returned to Manitoba to care for her sister who contracted polio.

On November 7, 1956, she married Walter P. Millar. They lived on a farm west of Neche, ND. In December of 1960, she became a US Citizen.

She loved working in her garden, she canned, froze, and gave away its bounty. She was a wonderful cook and known for her hospitality and generosity. Eileen was a very active member of the Park Center and Walhalla Presbyterian Churches. She did good deeds big and small whether it was remembering a birthday or bringing bread or a hot dish for families dealing with an illness, new baby, or death. She was a loving and patient wife and mother and will be very missed.

Eileen is survived by her husband, Walter; children: Glen Millar, Walhalla, Allen Millar, Rogers, AR, Wayne (Dianne) Millar, Wahpeton, ND, and Carol Millar, St. Paul, MN; sisters: Jean Griffin, Diane Yaroshko, Barb Smith and their families.

Preceding her in death were her sister, Virginia; brother and sister-in-law, Burton and Shirley Millar.

Online guestbook at www.askewfuneralhome.com



George Klassen 1941 - 2019

George Klassen, 78 years of Morden, MB formerly of Darlingford and Chortitz, passed away on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

He is survived by his wife, Helen (nee Whitman); one son, one daughter and their families. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be truly missed.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Southside Cemetery, Morden.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in George's memory to Operation Smile.

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OBITUARY

Karen Anne Giesbrecht (nee Friesen) 1965 - 2019



On Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at St. Boniface Hospital, Karen Giesbrecht, 54 years of Winkler, MB passed away suddenly.

She is survived by her husband, Dan Giesbrecht; daughter, Jacqueline and son, Patrick; stepson, Danny (Vanessa) Giesbrecht and their children, Adan, Aria and Alexis, stepdaughter, Andrea (Steve) Coukell and their children, Matthew and Lauren; her parents, Henry Irwin and Margaret Friesen; her sister, Kathy (Fred) Unger and their sons, Josh and Ben and her sister, Carol (Stephen) Carney and their daughter, Sydney.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with a private family interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Karen's memory to the Central Manitoba Youth Choir or STARS Air Ambulance.

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Sudoku Answer

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- Helps little firms
- Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- Established by the Treaty of Rome
- Whale ship captain
- Thick
- When you hope to get there
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- Dry white wine drink
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- Alcohol drinks
- Synthetic resin
- Latin for "very early"
- Bill Clinton plays it
- One-time province of British-India
- Folic and amino are two
- Integrated data processing
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- Where school kids eat
- Small New Zealand tree
- Doctors' group
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- Swedish rock group
- Baby's dining accessory
- Succulent plants
- Dutch word for "language"
- Polynesian garland of flowers
- Spiritual leader
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- One looking for knowledge
- Calls it a career
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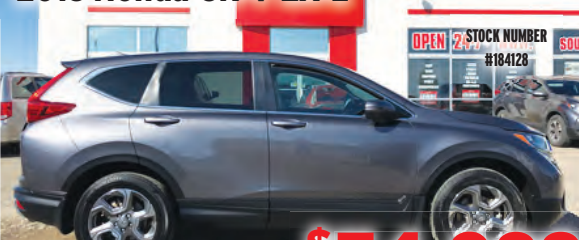
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How to protect wood floors from inclement weather

Wood floors are a worthwhile investment that can improve the beauty and function of just about any room in a home. Even though wood floors are durable, and new protective treatments help seal out many of the things that may have damaged floors in the past, homeowners still need to prioritize protecting their hardwood floors.

Certain seasons of the year can be more harsh on wood floors than others. For example, seasons characterized by moisture and precipitation, particularly the early spring, winter and fall, can be hard on wood floors. The experts at ServiceMaster Clean say that cold, snowy days can damage wood floors, and Lumber Liquidators agrees that winter weather can be harsh on flooring.

Homeowners need not give up on hardwood if they live in an area that sees all four seasons. They just need to take a few steps to keep floors looking beautiful.

- Clean up the salt. Salt that keeps sidewalks and streets clear of snow and ice inadvertently gets tracked inside a home. Hard chunks of salt can scratch wood floors, and, if left to sit, that salt can eventually cause white marks and other stains. Routinely vacuuming and sweeping up salt is necessary to protect wood floors.

- Invest in shoe storage. Wet or snowy boots can create puddles around the house. Have a special mat or tray by the front door where wet shoes can

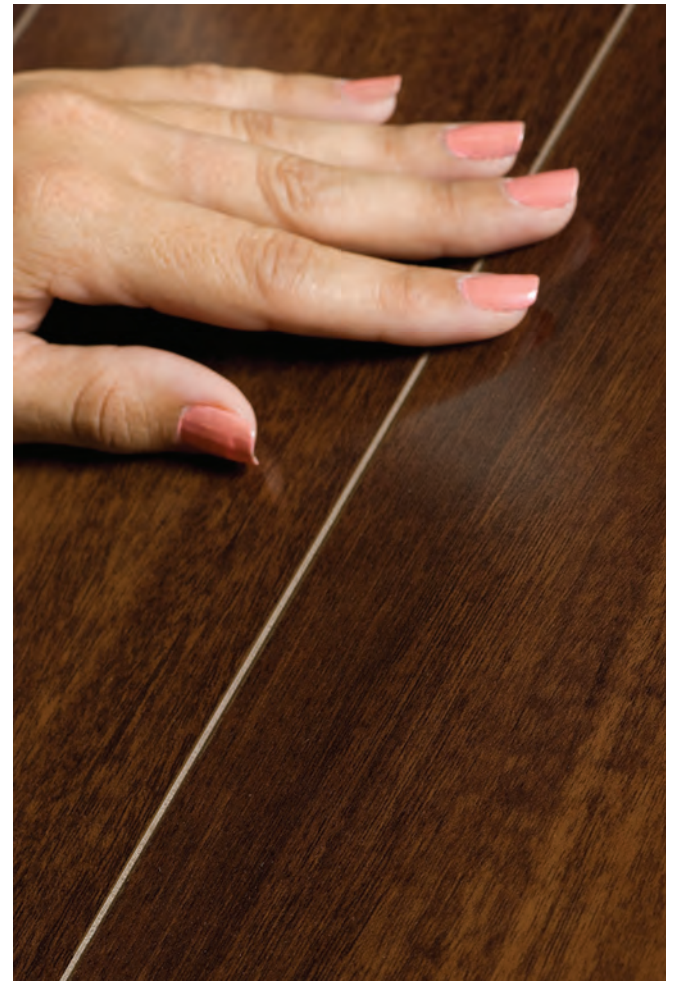
be kept. A nice bench in the entryway makes it easy for residents and guests to remove their shoes until it's time to go back outside.

- Use water-wicking mats. Homeowners will probably need a few extra mats around to tame errant drips and wipe shoes. Any entrance that might be used by people or pets should be protected. Try to avoid petroleum-based, rubber-backed mats, as they could discolor the wood floor.

- Control humidity indoors. Cold, dry air in a home can be problematic because the moisture in the wood can eventually evaporate into the air. The heat will suck that moisture from the flooring, causing it to shrink, creak and splinter and become more brittle. Think about investing in an in-line humidifier for the home's HVAC system that can keep a moderate amount of humidity in the home. Hardwood floorboards are installed to accommodate minor temperature and humidity fluctuations. This is typically a range of between 60 and 80 degrees F with a relative humidity range of 35 to 55 percent, advises ServiceMaster.

- Use the right cleaning products. Avoid excessive water to clean wood floors, and select soaps that are specially designed for wood flooring. Consult with the flooring manufacturer for a list of detergents that are safe to use.

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How to use metal ceiling tiles to make your home shine

Metallic accents are trending — are you looking for a new way to bring the look into your home? If so, metal ceiling tiles may be the way to go. Here are some ways to use them.

- On the ceiling. They'll provide a charming, traditional look anywhere you place them. The kitchen is a great place to start, but entranceways, bathrooms and dining rooms are also ideal.
- On a wall. Create an accent wall in your living or dining room. Or, use them to create a unique backsplash in your kitchen.

- As an accent. If you love metal ceiling tiles, but prefer a more subtle look, use them sparingly. They look great alongside a kitchen island or against the base of a home bar (where the stools go). Metal ceiling tiles can be used to bring either a vintage or modern touch to your home. And since they're available in a range of sizes, colours and styles, you're sure to find some that suit your taste.

Paint your white trim black to make a bold statement

Outside your home, painting the trim around your windows and doors black makes your house's facade look stylish and modern. Why not bring the concept indoors and paint your mouldings and baseboards black? This daring idea will undoubtedly energize the room(s) where it's applied.

Why do it

Your black trim will contrast whatever colour is on the walls and lend the space a unique look. Ordinarily plain rooms become defined, audacious and more exciting.

Additionally, black trim is great for making points of interest pop. Whether it's a stunning view, amazing wallpaper or high ceilings, black draws the eye to the things that you want people to notice.

Finally, unlike other bold colours, black will never go out of style. This means that even if dark trim is a dramatic choice, it won't feel dated in a few years.

How to do it

As with other types of painting jobs, preparing the space will take longer than applying the colour. Since dark tones tend to highlight imperfections, taking your time to get things ready before starting is especially important.

Begin with carefully sanding, filling holes and repairing damaged trim. Then, using painter's tape, carefully protect the walls and floors. Two or more coats of paint are needed to ensure even coverage.

5 benefits of using cork in your home

Cork is a stylish and sustainable material that can be used for a variety of home renovation projects. Here are five benefits that come from using it around your house.

1. It's renewable. Made from the bark of cork oaks, this material is harvested without harming trees in any way. The trees, which can live up to 250 years, are continually growing new bark, which can be harvested once every nine years.
2. It's sanitary. Cork is a great option for people who suffer from allergies. It's naturally mould and mildew resistant and has anti-microbial properties.
3. It's easy to maintain. The material is extremely water resistant, making it ideal for kitchen and bathroom applications. When used as flooring, it's easy to

clean. Wear isn't an issue, as it can be sanded and refinished.

4. It's supple. Cork is full of microscopic air pockets that allow it to easily compress and expand without causing damage, making it a comfortable surface to stand or sit on.

5. It's safe. Cork is fire-resistant. If it does catch fire, it generates less smoke and releases fewer toxins than other materials commonly found in homes.

The best part about cork is its versatility. It can be used in many different ways, from providing insulation and wall coverings to making furniture and flooring. If you're ready to bring cork into your home, the options for doing so are almost endless.

Top brass: the metal interior designers are falling for

An alloy of copper and zinc, brass is once again at the forefront of home decorating trends. Today's brass, however, is muted and offers a welcome respite from the flashier rose gold and copper that dominated the design world in years past.

Brass goes well with almost any colour, from sombre blues and burgundies to pale neutrals like cream and blush.

Increasingly, retailers are offering an assortment of brass items to their customers. From cabinet hardware and

faucets to floor lamps and chandeliers, there's no shortage of options if you want to bring brass into your home. If you're in the market for a new bed-frame, consider one made of this metal.

To prevent your brass from looking dated, choose angular, modern pieces that are brushed to a dull sheen instead of the overpowering shine that was once popular. Keep your pieces looking new by regularly cleaning them with ketchup, tomato juice or a simple solution of lemon and salt.



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5 renovations that are better to do in the fall



Thanks to its typically temperate weather, fall is the ideal time to complete a number of renovations. Here are some types of projects that are best to undertake in autumn.

1. Update the siding. Nothing boosts your home's curb appeal like a fresh coat of paint or brand new siding.
2. Repave the driveway. A freshly paved driveway will stand up to the harsh winter weather that's approaching.
3. Repair or replace the roof. Your roof protects your home against rain, snow and wind. If yours is due for a renovation, fall is the best season to complete the task.

4. Change the windows and doors. Much like your roof, your windows and doors play a big role in keeping your home comfortable and dry.
 5. Remodel the kitchen. If you schedule it right, you could complete your kitchen renovation in time to do your holiday baking in the updated space.
- Most of these projects will increase your home's value. They'll also protect your home from the elements and, in some cases, help to lower your monthly energy bills.

Fall cleaning checklist

Are you ready to winterize your home? Then here's a room-by-room checklist of the fall cleaning you'll want to do this season.

BEDROOMS

- Clean out all drawers
- Get rid of clothes that don't fit or you don't wear anymore
- Clean and put away summer clothes and prepare your winter wardrobe
- Wash duvets, comforters and pillows
- Vacuum and flip the mattress

KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

- Clean and organize all cabinets
- Wash the shower curtain and liner
- Check the caulking around the sink, tub and shower and reapply if necessary

- Scrub the grout between tiles
- Clean all appliances
- Seal and polish natural stone countertops

THE WHOLE HOUSE

- Hire a carpet cleaner or steam clean the rugs and carpets yourself
- Spot clean furniture upholstery
- Wash all windows and windowsills
- Clear cobwebs from ceilings and walls
- Clean baseboards
- Disinfect light switches and door-knobs

It may seem like a lot of work, but by tackling one room at a time over the course of a few weekends, your fall cleaning will feel manageable.

What to consider when shopping for a new washing machine

Are you thinking about updating your laundry room? Before you start shopping for a washing machine, it's best to evaluate your needs and options. Here are some considerations.

Your laundry habits

A large family will use their washer more often than someone who lives alone. If you do a lot of laundry every week, choose a machine with a big drum that can accommodate larger loads.

The features available

These days, washers often come with features like integrated sinks and Wi-Fi connectivity, among others. Do you prefer a simple top-loading model or a front-loading one with all the bells and whistles? Keep in mind that the more feature-laden models come with higher price tags.

The size you need

If you live in a home with a large laundry room, you may not have to worry about the size of your machine. However, apartment dwellers and those with just a small nook for their laundry area should carefully think about size.

No matter what washing machine you choose, opt for one with an Energy Star rating. This guarantees that your new washer will use less electricity and water than their non-certified counterparts.



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Unlike baseball and basketball uniforms, the gear worn by many professional bull riders has more practical applications, namely to protect riders as much as possible. The following is a rundown of the gear professional bull riders wear during competition.

* **Headgear:** While many professional bull riders are allowed to wear cowboy hats during competitions, the Professional Bull Riders, Inc., mandates that all new members who turned 18 years of age on or after October 15, 2012 wear helmets. Those born before that date do not have to wear helmets, but some choose to do so to protect their heads from potentially threatening blows. In addition, bull riders can wear face masks to shield their faces and jaws from injury.

* **Vest:** A protective vest is worn by bull riders to absorb shock and dissipate any blows to the body. The vest also was designed to protect riders' torsos from punctures caused by direct contact with the bulls' hooves and horns during competition.

* **Glove:** Bull riders only wear one glove, which is on the hand they use to grip the bull rope. This leather glove makes it easier to grip the rope and offers some measure of protection to riders' hands and fingers.

* **Chaps:** Riders wear chaps on their legs, and professionals often wear chaps emblazoned with logos of sponsors. Chaps offer extra protection for a rider's legs against the hooves and horns of the bull.

* **Bull rope:** The bull rope, which is equipped with a handle braided into the rope, is a rider's only anchor during a ride. The rope is flat and braided from nylon or grass and goes around the bull's girth area behind the animal's front legs.

* **Boots:** Bull riders' boots include a special spur ridge on the heel, and this helps

their spurs to remain in place. Some riders wear pull-on boots, while others prefer boots that lace up.

* **Spurs:** Spurs help bull riders stay in position once the ride begins. These spurs come equipped with dull rowels, which are the revolving disks at the end of spurs. The rowels are dull so they do not injure or cut the skin of the bull.



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Barry Dick is a precious metals buyer and President of Ursa Major Gold, Silver & Coin. Ursa Major hails from Richmond, BC but Dick has his roots in Winkler, Manitoba where his mother was born in the 1920's.

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"If you decide to sell after hearing the quote, great, but it is also about information" says Dick. "A lot of times people just need to know a ballpark of what things are worth; we don't pressure anyone into selling". Dick took out his first gold claim when he turned 16 in the 1970's and has been involved with precious metals ever since. An ardent gold panner, he was a regular at the world championship gold panning competition with a personal best of 3rd place in 1984.



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