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From left: Damien Tokedum, Denise Thiessen, Carolyn Wiebe, and Courtney Yeo-Thiessen at Morden's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ceremonies. For the full story, see Pg. 2.
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Morden marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

By Lorne Stelmach

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Morden offered area residents both a powerful personal story as well as a challenge.

As part of a flag-raising ceremony Friday at the Access Event Centre, speaker Rachelle Dean-Fehr offered a very heartfelt message.

"People talk so much about wanting reconciliation and making amends and reparations, but they want to skip over the truth part," she said. "Before we can get to the reconciliation piece, we have to be willing to sit with and to acknowledge the really uncomfortable and difficult and hard things."

It is hard to know where to begin in trying to grasp what truth and reconciliation means, Dean-Fehr acknowledged, but for her the journey goes back to the summer of 1954.

She recounted how Elsie Gerbrandt was working in her garden in Crystal City when she was approached by a man who introduced himself as the local Indian agent, and he asked her if she would take an Indian child into her home.

"Elsie loved children, and she had

a huge heart, and she said yes," said Dean-Fehr, noting there was an assumption the child had no other home. "No screening, background checks ... the only requirement was that [Elsie] was white."

That girl was Dean-Fehr's mother. "This girl already had a home. She also had three siblings. All four of those children were taken away from their parents," said Dean-Fehr.

She then reflected on what it came to mean to her to grow up with a Sixties Scoop survivor.

"I spent most of my life feeling like I didn't fit in ... wishing that my skin was white so I looked like the people around me," she said. "I wasn't going to fit in because something was different, something was wrong, something was missing ... I heard things that were said about Indigenous people ... I spent most of my life scared to admit who I was."

Dean-Fehr noted people need to understand this is not just about our past but our present here and now, and the impact of it still somehow needs to be made real to everyone.

"Those stolen children are real, as real as my mother ... as real as the



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Morden raised a flag at the Access Event Centre Friday in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Above: Speaker Rachelle Dean-Fehr shared the impact the Sixties Scoop had on her family.

people you pass in the grocery stores, as real as your neighbours, as real as the person in downtown Winnipeg that you're desperately trying to ignore," she said.

"Every single Indigenous person you meet is tied to residential schools, day schools, or the Sixties Scoop in one way or another ... these are our lives, our lived and real experiences." Dean-Fehr emphasized that true reconciliation depends on being in relationship with each other based on mutual respect, honesty, and trust.

"Today is a really good place to start ... listening to hard truths, opening up



our hearts and minds to truly understand is a really good place to start," she concluded. "If you're seeking reconciliation, you have to go beyond your orange shirt today ... what are you really doing to move towards repairing the relationship between Canada and First Nations?"

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Winkler FD hosting birthday bash, open house

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A couple of years ago, at the height of the pandemic, Winkler Fire Chief Richard Paetzold promised the kids of the community a big party at the fire hall to make up for all the special events COVID-19 threw a wrench into.

Next week he's making good on that promise.

The Winkler Fire Department hosts a Fire Prevention Week Open House / Birthday Party on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pembina Ave. fire hall.

"Back in 2020, some fire departments were doing door-to-door birthday drive-bys for kids," Paetzold recalls. "We found we were going to have so many that we decided to tell everybody that instead we would have one big birthday party once restrictions were lifted."

The resulting celebration next week will include a chance to tour the fire hall, meet local firefighters, and explore the various fire trucks. There will also be cupcakes and cookies, a bouncy castle, rescue demonstrations, and giveaways.

This year's rescue demo will be a



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Families have the chance to explore the Winkler Fire Hall next week at the fire department's annual open house. Firefighters will once again be doing a rescue demonstration as part of the festivities. This year it'll be a grain rescue demo.

grain bin rescue, Paetzold says.

"Meridian's bringing a grain bin here and we'll be demonstrating inserting a rescuer into the top of the bin using our ladder truck as a high point anchor and rope system."

The chief hopes to see lots of people come out for the evening; they've missed having the general public at the fire hall the past few years and have been working to make up for lost time.

"All this year we've been hosting lots of tours, so we've been busy already," Paetzold says. "This one is an annual event for us, and we're coming through on the promise that we made."

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WORK & WESTERN WEARHOUSE

Shoppers Drug Mart collecting donations for Genesis House

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Shoppers Drug Marts' "Love You" campaign is up and running in the area, and there's still time to donate.

Winkler store owner Zahid Zehri explains they've opted once again to support the Genesis House women's shelter.

"Every year Shoppers Drug Mart collects money for local charities—it's happening coast to coast," he said,

explaining each store gets to pick a cause connected to women's health and wellness to support.

Genesis House has long been the local focus of the campaign, which aims to not only collect donations for their programming but also raise awareness about the work they do with the victims of domestic violence.

Being able to choose a local charity to benefit from this fundraising drive—which began a few weeks ago and

wraps up this weekend—is a huge boon for the community, Zehri said.

"We want to make sure that we reinvest the money into the same community where we are serving people already," he said. "And we want to make sure people know that these kinds of services are available here."

You can give any amount at the till at Shoppers Drug Mart.

"They can give a loonie, a toonie, a hundred dollars," Zehri said. "People are always very generous."

Initiatives like this are a blessing to Genesis House, which is always looking for ways to get out and connect with people and drum up support.

"Any time there's extra funds com-

ing in they're welcome," said executive director Ang Braun, noting the rising cost of groceries has put a real strain on the shelter of late.

"We're full, and we've been full for the past year. It's just been so incredibly busy and the needs are so very high ... so even just our grocery bill every month is unbelievable at this point."

Braun thanks the Shoppers Drug Mart staff for their dedication to spreading the word about the campaign every fall.

"We don't have a storefront, so this becomes our storefront. The staff here become our ambassadors. It's just amazing."



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Shoppers Drug Mart Winkler staff with Genesis House executive director Ang Braun (centre). The store is collecting monetary donations for the women's shelter.

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Local mother creates memorial book program

By Lorne Stelmach

The loss of her own infant daughter was the inspiration for a project that Amanda Nickel now hopes will help other families going through similar experiences.

Raelyn Nickel's Memorial Book Program simply aims to provide families with books that can be used to create meaningful conversations around grieving a loved one who has died and to help assure children that all are connected by love.

"I think it's a small project, but I think it has a huge impact on the families," Nickel said after the initiative was highlighted at the recent annual meeting of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation.

The idea had enough merit that it caught the attention of Sharon Carstairs; her Caring Community Award provided \$1,500 to support the project.

It came to be after Nickel's daughter Raelyn was diagnosed with a terminal genetic condition that awakened her mother's heart to the advocacy of exceptional palliative care and the essential grieving support needed.

"After birth, we found out that something's not quite right," Nickel recalled, noting her daughter then was sent to Winnipeg, where they found out her condition was terminal. "Once we found that out, the process began to start planning the palliative journey, and that's when we transitioned back home ... we were blessed

with three months.

"There were some fundraisers held while she was still in care," she continued. "We didn't end up needing the funds because of the terminal illness, so that's when I approached the foundation and I asked if we could do something in [Raelyn's] memory."

The idea for a book program came about, in part, from the memories of sitting at Raelyn's bedside and reading to her daily, Nickel recalled.

As well, during the discharge process into palliative care at home, the Nickel family were gifted several books for the children in their family that explained the life cycle, death, and dying.

In conversations with the nurses on the regional palliative care team, it came to Nickel's attention that a resource like this was not available locally.

"I realized those books didn't come from here and that there was a need here in our area for grieving support," she said. "Even some of the nurses had said that they used these books as tools to talk about what's going to happen."

Nickel found a strong connection with foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett, and the board agreed to hold funds to allow them to create this project.

"We bonded over a shared experience of losing a child ... and have since developed a partnership as well as a friendship," Samatte-Folkett said by email.



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Amanda Nickel (left) with Shannon Samatte-Folkett of the BTHC Foundation, which is helping facilitate Raelyn Nickel's Memorial Book Program. The program supplies books on death and dying to local families to help them through the grieving process.

"She thoughtfully researched books that she felt would be great tools for families, especially young children experience loss and grief."

Nickel explained the book program

is facilitated through the foundation, which purchases the books. Her time is willingly given then to package each bundle of books together, coor-

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Everything is ridiculous

And lo I heard a great commotion rising up out of the basements and bedrooms of the nation, as if a thousand, thousand keyboards were furiously clacked upon with most grievous outrage."

If it weren't so hurtful and sad the absolute snowflake fragility of certain folks freaking out over people of colour being cast in roles that have been, or are imagined to be, for white folks would be hilarious.

Unfortunately, it is not hilarious it is a sign of a weird, ego-driven, rot that lies just beneath the surface of our culture these days.

Far be it for me to over-inflate these things given that the internet tends to make small, loud and whiny voices seem like an infinite multitude. It should also be noted that the vast majority of apathetic and generally content people tend to be silent about these things, making the outrage sound that much louder.

Still, it is a concerning trend that there are people out there more than capable of accepting the existence of dragons and (irony alert) trolls in a fantasy television series like the new *Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power* but cast one black elf and they lose their minds.



By Peter Cantelon

I mean, the entire thing is made up, for crying out loud. WHY does this make some people so angry?

This is where my mum would lean over and tell me in a somewhat self-satisfied whisper, "This is why I only read and watch TV shows about 'real' things, Peter."

By "real" she meant non-fiction, true-life stuff. Mum had no patience for fiction of any sort, calling it "made up" ... which I suppose is true but, hey, some of us need an escape from time to time.

Back to the ruckus at hand: I'm not wrong, am I? The whole thing is absolutely ridiculous, isn't it?

Who cares if Disney casts a black Ariel in the *Little Mermaid*? For that matter, who cares if she were Asian or Brazilian or a Martian? Why would anyone invest even an iota of emotion into such a weird thing as casting in fantasy entertainment?

"Peter, you don't understand, it's not really about fantasy casting it's about 'woke' culture running rampant!!!! Before you know we'll have a black Prime Minister, an Asian Oscar the Grouch, a Burger Queen, a Dairy King, or a gay Ronald McDonald! WHEN WILL IT STOP!!!!!" (Runs

screaming from the room having just frightened themselves).

The outrage was appropriately mocked recently when someone posted a meme that read, "I can't believe they just crowned a man Queen—will woke culture ever end?"

I repeat in all caps: WHO CARES?

Why, in the 21st century, are we still remotely triggered by weird things like skin colour or sexual orientation or gender in people and the things they do? It makes absolutely no sense at all and serves only to inflict pain and stoke division.

It's almost like people are so bored they have stooped to manufacturing outrage for entertainment purposes. As though anger is the air they breathe and without it they would suffocate and die.

As an avid fantasy fan, I can tell you they could cast the entire *Lord of the Rings* with cats and dogs and I would not care as long as they stuck to the story.

Obviously if this were to occur the dogs would be the evil hordes and the cats would clearly be the heroes (queue the furious clacking of a thousand, thousand keyboards...)

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Winkler open to taking responsibility for Main St., two frontage roads

Council passes resolution—with some conditions—to send to the Province

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler has let the Province of Manitoba know it's keen to take on responsibility for several roads in town currently under provincial jurisdiction.

City council last week unanimously passed a resolution calling for the Boundary Trails service road along PTH. 14 (the one that runs in front of New Leaf and Valley Fiber), the service road on the north side of PTH. 14 between Diamond Dr. and Road 23W/Dickens Road (running in front of Zara's Garden), and Main Street (which is, technically, Provincial Road 673) to come under the community's purview.

"If they're under our control, we can better maintain them," Mayor Martin Harder said in explaining the decision, pointing to the potholes that plagued parts of Main St. this spring and how long it took Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure to fix them.

But the City has a few conditions that must be met before it assumes responsibility for these streets.

"The Province has been trying to do this across Manitoba; some of the interior streets in communities, they're trying to unload them. But we're saying, no, we're not going to take them as they are—they need to make sure they're up to standards," Harder said.

To that end, council's resolution calls for the aging Main St.—which was twinned two decades ago—to be renewed in 2023 before the Province of Manitoba hands the reins over to the City. They're also requesting that the service road off Diamond Dr. be paved.

The hand-off is also contingent on a transfer grant the provincial government provides to facilitate "near to medium term maintenance" that might be required on the roads.

Finally, the City is asking that the

Province continue to provide "support for operations and maintenance of traffic signals located at Mountain Ave. and Roblin Blvd."

Harder points out all of Winkler's stop lights at present are under provincial jurisdiction and the City does not have the capacity or expertise to maintain them, should it take official responsibility for Main St.

Assuming the Province is on board with these conditions, Harder feels the change will be a benefit to the community long-term.

The two frontage roads, for example, "we wouldn't mind taking them on because it gives us a little bit better control in the development on the north side without having to deal with a frontage road that doesn't actually belong to the city."

And having Main St. under their wing means the City can address issues with the busy downtown stretch on its own and far more quickly than currently.

There's no firm timeline on how long it may take for the Province to consider the City's request and get the ball rolling on the change.

"It depends on how badly they want to do it," observed Harder. "This may well be resolved before next spring."

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Also at last week's council meeting, councillors heard a presentation from Winkler Arts and Culture about its dreams for its Park St. gallery.

Vice-president Nathan Klassen shared the importance of art in our society, including its capacity for enhancing critical thinking skills and empathy.

He stressed Winkler Arts and Culture strives to be so much more than simply a building to display art.

"Winkler Arts and Culture strives to be seen and used as a place for all community to gather, share, and

learn," he said, stressing that their focus goes beyond art to encompass culture as a whole. "And as our city is growing and we have multiple cultures, multiple nations coming here ... we see that the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre is a place that can be a hot spot for building these connections, building relationships with each other."

WAC is working to host all kinds of different cultural and artistic gatherings and hopes to expand its space to include a kitchen and a second gallery large room in the years ahead.

Mayor Harder thanked WAC for sharing their plans for the future.

He noted after the meeting that they will certainly need to work hard at fundraising to make those dreams a reality. He feels the City has done its part to help get them started.

"I think we as a City of Winkler has provided them with all the basic bones that they need in order to do something," he said, referring to the gallery's location in the old Winkler water treatment plant and the financial support council has provided WAC over the years.

Our mistake

Our article last week on the Thanks for Giving Run included an incorrect number regarding how many families the Winkler and District Food Cupboard assists each week. We regret the error.

The food cupboard usage numbers have been on the rise over the past year, averaging 123 families a week. In fact, board members share that in recent weeks they've seen as many as

130 families come in for aid.

Thanks to ever-increasing need coupled with rising grocery costs, the food cupboard can use all the help it can get from the community at large. You can bring a tin for the bin at the Thanks for Giving Run taking place at the Winkler Centennial Arena the morning of Saturday, Oct. 8 or donate directly by mail to Box 488, Winkler, MB, R6W 4A7.

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dinate, and deliver them to the appropriate social workers. The social workers and nurses then deliver the books anonymously.

In 2021, 20 book packages were delivered to grieving families. So far this year, 14 have been delivered.

Thanks to the grant, they anticipate being able to fund 38 packages for 2023.

"The intent is to provide families with books to talk about death, dying and particularly their loved ones; just

open up the conversation, allow them to revisit these books and talk more openly about it and walk through it together as a family," said Nickel.

Nickel said the hope is to grow this program to not just include small children ages 2-8 but also to reach older age groups experiencing loss.

"The goal is to add more options for different age groups. And with winning this [Caring Community] award, it will help," agreed Samatte-Folkett.

Meet the candidates

Winkler voters have 13 candidates vying for six seats on council. Here's a glimpse at who they are:

MARK BENNETT

Mark Bennett is certainly no stranger to community involvement, having served on countless volunteer boards since moving to Winkler 15 years ago.

Now he's hoping to take his community service to the next level with a seat on council.

"Ever since I was first out of high school I've always maintained a service-orientated mindset," he says. "I've been involved in a lot of non-profits, from Big Brothers to Winkler Arts and Culture, Southern Emergency Response Committee, you name it.

"I believe that everybody, if they have the ability, should run for public office. If you're interested in serving the community, I think that's the ultimate service."

One of the top challenges facing Winkler today, Bennett says, is how we're going to attract people to fill the hundreds of available jobs across all sectors.

"I think we really have to come together with some unique ideas and work with great organizations like the chamber of commerce, like Pembina Valley

Local Immigration Partnership, like Regional Connections, to tap into folks that are looking to come to the area and work, to fill those holes. I think that has to be priority one."

Bringing more people to town comes with a host of other issues that need to be addressed, Bennett says, including making sure we have the infrastructure in place to accommodate that growth.

"I think the previous and current councils have done a really great job with stepping up our infrastructure and I think we have to continue that," he says. "If we're going to be looking at introducing a thousand people into the area to fill those jobs, we have to be looking at housing, water treatment facilities, we have to be taking a look at waste and garbage services. They're not the most attractive things to talk about, but they're going to be necessary ... it's the nuts and bolts and brass tacks of making the city a great place to be."

Why vote for Bennett?

"I think what I bring to the table is dedication, honesty, and integrity," he says. "I won't promise anything that just sounds good."

Bennett grew up in Winnipeg and moved to Winkler to raise his family in a more rural setting.

He's worked in finance and information technology and is currently the human resources manager with the Precision Land Solutions group of companies.

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Mark Bennett

DUSTIN BROWN

A lifelong Winklerite, Dustin Brown feels he has what it takes to represent the community effectively on city council.

"I was born and raised here, got married here, worked here right after high school," he says by way of introduction, noting he's worked in the purchasing department at Lode King for the past 18 years. "I've also been involved in a few not-for-profit organizations, and now I'm looking forward to possibly joining city council and helping move the city forward."

Those volunteer involvements include heading up the Winkler Citizens on Patrol Program and serving on the Winkler Flyers board of directors.

His love for this community is what prompted Brown to take the plunge into politics.

"It's something that's interested me for a long time; I've followed municipal politics for years," he says. "I always feel like I'm living here, I'm paying my taxes here, I want to know what's going on. Now I thought would be a good time to try and join city council and be part of serving the community that way."

There are a lot of major infrastructure projects in the works he's eager to have a hand in bringing to fruition.

"Right now we have the wastewater treatment plant and also the water treatment plant [expansion] coming up," Brown says, stressing how important those projects will be to the continued growth of the community. "The funding was announced for the Centennial Arena upgrades, which I think also is a big thing that needs to happen in the next term."

Brown has been hitting the pavement to talk with voters and hear what other issues they want to see the next council address. They're suggestions he'll keep in mind should he be elected.

"Things like upgrades to our walking paths, more of them," he says. "And thinking more long-term planning, like land acquisition or asset management ... things like that that I think could save the city some money once they are put in place."

Brown feels his background makes him well-suited to the councillor's position.

"I think having some leadership experience in terms of being on volunteer boards, knowing how things are run ... will be beneficial," he says. "I'm familiar with some of the processes of how things go, how you have to look at all the different options and put together a plan to see which one would be best both fiscally responsible and also the best outcome for the people that we're serving."

DON CRUICKSHANK

Don Cruickshank's campaign for this, his second crack at running for city council, has three pillars he cares deeply about: serving, trust, and hope.

"After the last few years, I think the most import-



Dustin Brown

ant election issue this time around is going to be trust," he says. "Who can you trust? The topics and the platforms and the policies, that's all great, but who can you trust? Who has the integrity of character?"

It's a quality he feels he brings to the table, along with a wealth of leadership experience and the dedication needed to do the job well.

Cruickshank has called Winkler home for over 16 years. In that time, he's gotten involved in a myriad of ways, including as a school parent advisory council chair, chair of his church board, athletic coach, Impactus (Promise Keepers) provincial leader, and a volunteer for both provincial and federal elected officials.

"We've firmly planted our roots here and look forward to being here for a long time," he says of he and his family. "We want Winkler to be a place that other families can enjoy and call home, just like we have."

"I think serving is a very important quality for anybody running for council," he adds, noting he sees winning the election as earning "the opportunity to serve" Winkler in an exciting new capacity.

"It's about serving others" he stresses.

His council run in 2018 didn't end the way he had hoped, but he was buoyed by the support he did receive.

"I had a lot of great response from residents four years ago," Cruickshank says. "But the biggest motivation really is we [his family] believe in giving back. We believe that we should give more than we should take. That's how I want to be remembered: as someone who's given more than they've taken."

When it comes to issues facing Winkler, one that quickly comes to mind is the need for more affordable housing, Cruickshank says.

He notes his voice will be just one of seven on council, but he intends to use it to speak to the betterment of the community on all the issues that may arise over the next four years.

Cruickshank has a Masters degree in leadership and management and runs his own leadership consulting business.

DON FEHR

Don Fehr has very much enjoyed his last eight years in office, and he hopes Winkler voters will see fit to give him the honour to serve them for another four years.

Fehr says his decision to run for re-election owes a great deal to the desire to finish what he's started when it comes to a myriad of in-the-works civic improvement projects.

"Winkler has had a lot of important major projects that have come up: the wastewater treatment plant, affordable housing, and also the water treatment plant expansion."

Some continuity on council will go a long way to getting these undertakings across the finish line in



Don Cruickshank

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a timely manner, Fehr says. The water and wastewater projects are especially key to the continued growth of the community.

"There's a lot of request for more affordable housing, but in order to procure that we have to get these [water/wastewater] projects through to fruition as soon as possible."

Beyond these projects, there's also work to be done on ensuring Winkler continues to be a welcoming and supportive place for all its residents.

"Winkler has become a quilt where there's patchwork done to integrate the whole community into a very beautiful piece," Fehr says. "So we have immigration, we have seniors, we have all the non-profits that are helping people in need. That is all part of what makes this community great, what makes that beautiful quilt."



Don Fehr

It's council's role, he maintains, to support initiatives that will help the city continue to grow and thrive, acting as a voice to other levels of government and helping champion causes that better the quality of life here.

"We have set the bar already," Fehr says, adding, however, that the City of Winkler needs to continue setting new standards of service "so that others will want to come into the community and continue with the growth and prosperity that we currently have."

"I've lived in Winkler for over 50 years, I've witnessed and been involved in the vision of our previous and current leadership that has made Winkler the prosperous community it is today, my wife and I have raised our family here, my parents have been part of this community for many, many years, so I have a vested interest for all the children and grandchildren and parents in Winkler to share in the blessings that our community has been given."

"I'm connected to this community. I'm committed to this community."

Fehr has been involved in the local business community for decades. He is currently the owner of Eco Plus Sanitation and Cleaning Supplies.

DON FRIESEN

Don Friesen served two terms on Winkler city council before opting not to run for re-election in 2018, wanting at that time to pursue other interests.

Now he's back and hoping to reclaim a seat at Winkler's leadership table.

"I do enjoy it, though it's not for everyone," he says. "But I thought after the last four years off maybe it was time to get back into it."

Friesen has called Winkler home for nearly 40 years, raising his family here and building up a successful real estate company, which he sold a few years ago. He then spent four years in a management position with Decor Cabinets.

He's spent the last few years enjoying his family and giving back, including volunteering at an orphanage in Mexico.

He'd like to spend his time, now, giving back to the community by serving on council once again.

"I've got the time and I've got the energy to serve."

Friesen feels his experience in business—both running his own small company and as a staff member of a larger operation—will serve him well as a councillor.

"I've gained some experiences that can definitely translate into what gets done here [at City Hall]," he says. "I always feel helping run the city is really like running a big business—you have staff, you have budgets to work with. I feel I have the skills needed to set policies and direction."

"I'm passionate about the community. I've got a new granddaughter, our first one, and it has me thinking to the future," Friesen says. "This is my community. And it is a great community."

Friesen pegs the wastewater treatment capacity of the community as one of the top challenges facing it today, along with the need for affordable housing. A discussion also needs to be had, he says, on public transportation as the city continues to grow.

Retention of health care workers is another looming issue, especially after the last few years of stress and controversy.

"We have great doctors and nurses, and we need more of them," Friesen says. "There needs to be some more work done there ... to fix some of the bridges that I think were broken but hopefully not burnt."

In the end, his promise to voters is simple:

"I'll serve the community, I'll listen to the people, and do what hopefully can get done ... to keep this great community going."

ANDREW FROESE

Andrew Froese has served two terms on city council and is looking for a third.

"I was born and raised here in Winkler, been here my whole life," he says, noting he and his wife and kids are proud to call the community home.

His volunteer involvements of late have been tied to his kids' sports teams, serving as a coach, but he's passionate about lending a hand in the community wherever he can.

An engineer by trade, Froese currently works as the operations manager with Lode King Industries. His experience there has served him very well during his time on council in recent years.

"Recreation and civil engineering infrastructure are my two favourite parts about being on council," he notes. "And with three major capital projects in the works relating to those subjects—and I've been



Andrew Froese

part of those projects as they've been unfolding—I just felt it was right for me to stay another term rather than pass these on to someone new who has no background on them. So I felt a strong pull to stay."

Those projects include the new wastewater treatment facility, the water treatment plant expansion, and the

Centennial Arena renovations.

Looking back on the issues brought up during the last election in 2018, Froese is pleased to be able to say they got an awful lot done these past four years.

"I had said that I wanted to complete 1st. St., the reconstruction, complete the aquifer study, start the wastewater treatment expansion project, long-term asset management planning, and recreation planning.

"I'm extremely proud that each one of those items was addressed," Froese says, acknowledging that while the wastewater treatment plant was recently put on hold due to skyrocketing costs, all the groundwork to get it done has been completed—it's simply a matter now of retooling things to meet both the community's needs and the available budget.

Continuing to better Winkler's infrastructure will be a priority for the next city council, Froese says. Water, wastewater treatment, walking paths, public transportation, and expanding community services are all on his radar.

"It's very easy for the public to just expect their taps to work and their toilets to flush, but there's so much that goes on behind the scenes," Froese says. "I feel my background, my education, and my understanding of civic operations and in civil engineering makes me a valuable candidate."

"And I also care deeply about the city, the staff ... I strive to ensure our staff have the support and tools they need to ensure they can be their best."

PETER FROESE

Peter Froese is no stranger to City Hall, though this is his first time running for council.

Froese retired last year after a 39-year career with the City of Winkler in "different capacities. I was an equipment operator, foreman, and the director of works and operations."

"I just want to give back to the community," Froese explains on what prompted him to throw his hat in the ring for a council seat. "I've been given so much by the citizens of Winkler; I think it's time I give back."

Froese says his interest in the job has less to do with a passion for politics than it does a passion for Winkler and the promise of what it can become.

"I really enjoy the community and the people—I've made so many great connections, relationships—and I love to be part of it," he says. "I've been a part of it for so long. You don't just walk away from it easily."

His time as a civic employee gives Froese a unique perspective behind-the-scenes.

"I come with some experience and some insight already. I already know how the clock works, so to speak, once you get into the fine gears of it."

Froese says he's enjoyed his retirement this past year—filling his time being involved with his church, serving on the Salem Home board, and taking on the role of cutting grass at the local cemetery alongside his wife—but now he's eager for a new challenge.



Peter Froese

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He's certainly aware of the growing pains the community is facing these days, though he's hesitant to make any projects-based campaign promises, recognizing he would be one voice among many on council.

"I think very often agendas can be misleading, or platforms disappointing," he says. "I just want to make sure that the community keeps growing and ensure it's a safe place for families to grow up and people to live."

Asked to sum up why he feels he's the right man for the job, Froese points to his experience and integrity

"I come with experience and common sense," he says. "And I think we need to, even as councillors, we need to think as taxpayers and not just as the guys spending the money, holding the bag ... I think we need to be transparent and use common sense and move forward as responsibly as possible."

MICHAEL GRENIER

Michael Grenier is hoping to be re-elected for a third term on city council.

"My kids endorsed me," he joked when asked why he wanted to sign up for another four years in office. "That first election, my daughter was two days old and my son was three years old, so they've just always known me as being on city council."

More seriously, though, Grenier says he's loved representing this community as a councillor, and he'd like to stay on, if voters will have him.

He feels he brings experience, certainly, to the role, and also a much-needed continuity when it comes to the major projects council has been working on the past few years.

"I think we need that experience and stability around the table."

There are a lot of highlights over the past eight years, Grenier reflects, including seeing the Meridian Exhibition Centre through to completion.

Less glamorous, perhaps, but still quite important is "the work the City has put into its assets management program," he says, citing the countless hours the planning department put into that undertaking, which "allows city council to improve our efficiency and maximize the use of our assets."

It helps council better plan for the future, having an awareness of the lifespan of things like sewer systems and roads and fire trucks.

Looking to the future, there's still a lot Grenier would like to see accomplished.

"To keep the city attractive, to draw families here, to keep the city thriving, to me that includes healthy employment options, opportunities for everybody to succeed."

Part of addressing the quality of life offered here, Grenier explains, is supporting community-building programs and services and looking at where the gaps are—in affordable housing, for example.

"I've always been service-orientated, so wanting to be part of that solution to help the city thrive" is a big reason why he enjoys the job of councillor

so much, Grenier says, pledging to "continue to stay committed to my role and to the city itself."

Grenier works as a realtor and has kept busy in recent years earning a bachelor of management degree, coaching his kids' various sports teams, and volunteering with such local non-profits as Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley.

"Anywhere I feel like I can make a positive impact on the city and the people that call it home," he says of his volunteer work.

DARRYL HARDER

Darryl Harder feels he would bring a wealth of experience to the council table if elected for a first term in office.

He grew up in Winkler, has raised his family here, and forged a successful business career in the community.

"I was an owner of Delmar Commodities for 25 years, so my business experience is fairly lengthy," he says. "I'm also very familiar with housing because I'm a landlord; I own some rentals here in town."

"I have experience in immigration because of family members that have required it and I've helped with all of that," Harder continues. "So I've got a lot of experience in lots of different areas."

The skills learned through his current role in human resources with Ironmen Industries will also serve him in good stead, he adds.

"I have a lot of experience in dealing with many different types of personalities and characteristics."

Harder says his interest in politics has grown in recent years, and he decided the time was right to step up.

"I just felt it was time to do my part and to become involved," he says. "As somebody told me the other day, 'If you don't vote, you can't complain.' Likewise, if you're not willing to help out, then you shouldn't complain too much there either."

There are a few issues close to Harder's heart that he's eager to dive into should he be elected.

"I think the current council has done a really good job in getting a lot of these projects accomplished that people have been asking for for years," he says, pointing to the exhibition centre and the twinning of Hwy. 32.

"Going forward, there's still issues with affordable housing, there's still issues with how immigration and settlement works for newcomers to the community," says Harder, adding that public transportation is another matter the Morden-Winkler area needs to figure out sooner rather than later if it's going to continue to grow.

"Those are all areas that I'm familiar with and find interesting and would like to get involved in," he says, going on to sum up the values he feels he would bring as a councillor:

"I'm a genuine person—I'm easy to talk to. I'm motivated—I like to get things done. And I'm committed—when I want to get something done I will keep going until it is finished."

MARVIN PLETT

Marvin Plett is the elder statesman on council, having served six terms (24 years) in office and eager for a seventh.

"Giving back to my fellow citizens has always been integral to my decision-making process," he shares. "Before moving to Winkler I volunteered with MCC's Rossbrook House, a youth drop-in centre. And when I chose a career I chose teaching because I wanted to make an impact with kids."

"When I moved to Winkler, the first week I was here I joined the Winkler Fire Department and voluntary ambulance service," Plett says, noting he recently received his 35-year service award as a firefighter.

"I ran for a council seat in order to participate in the decision-making processes that would help to bring positive changes to our citizens and to our city," he says. "It's my goal to actively collaborate with fellow councillors to bring about positive changes in all the discussions that we have."

He's very much enjoyed his time as a councillor and feels his breadth of experience would continue to serve the community well.

"I believe that my experience and my demonstrated commitment and caring brings a valuable contribution to council."

Plett has been around for every major community improvement project stretching back a generation.

"It's been an honour to be part of a council that has made many positive changes in our city," he says, pointing to recreation projects such as the walkway system, the nature sanctuary, and the skate park; emergency services facilities such as the new police station and fire hall; and other major undertakings such as the new library, the Meridian Exhibition Centre, continued growth of the local medical clinic, the twinning of Hwy. 32, and countless regional partnerships with other local municipalities.

"I'm very pleased that we've been able to keep our taxes one of the lowest in the province even doing all these things," Plett notes.

Looking to the future, there's still plenty of work to be done.

"I'm actively involved in a lot of things that council has been working on and I'd like to continue," Plett says, pointing in example to the discussions happening to bring more medical services to our area so people won't have to travel to Winnipeg as often.

Public transportation is certainly another item that needs to be dealt with, he says, noting many discussions have been had over the years but it feels like headway is finally about to be made.

"Maybe this will be the council that makes that happen. I'm hoping that we can do that, because it's another part to making the city accessible to everybody."

THOMAS REMPEL

Thomas Rempel's love for Winkler is what



Marvin Plett



Michael Grenier



Darryl Harder

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prompted him to put his name on the ballot.

"This might sound cheesy, but I absolutely love Winkler. I think it's probably one of if not the best cities in the country to live in and I want to serve the community as best I can," he says. "I think the best way to do that, at this point, would be to try to provide [community members] with the resources they need to thrive, help create a culture that keeps our community vibrant, and basically just by protecting the way of life that we have that makes so many people want to call Winkler home."

Rempel's campaign materials cite three main platform items: Biblically-informed policies, sustainable economic growth, and traditional family values.

The first reflects his strong Christian faith.

"I understand this may be a bit of a controversial topic for some people because separation of church and state immediately comes up," he says, stressing he supports that separation—the church shouldn't be involved in judicial matters and vice versa.

"What it does look like is that I believe the Bible when it says that it's sufficient for all of life and godliness," Rempel continues, explaining it is his compass in life and he believes it can be used as such when it comes to making decisions in governance as well, providing a starting point for ethical decision-making. "I believe the Bible is applicable to every area of life."

Sustainable economic growth is another passion for Rempel

"The role of government is to make sure businesses operate legally, and then get out of the way and let them thrive," he says. "We have a lot of amazing entrepreneurs in town ... I think they're really the lifeblood of our community and it's our job as political parties to ensure they have what they need to stay open and succeed."



Thomas Rempel

Finally, when it comes traditional family values, Rempel feels stable families are the key to Winkler's continued success.

"Stable families mean lower crime, better grades, a more robust economy, lower risks of mental illness—the benefits just go on and on," he says. "So as a councillor, I'd recognize that is a priority and in order to accomplish this I want to place a priority on affordable living, community resources that help feed struggling families, and really keeping the cost of living as low as possible ... so that if somebody decides they want to place a priority on staying home and raising their children instead of becoming a two-income family, they should have the ability to do that."

Rempel works as a property manager in Winkler. He's called the community home for most of his life

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and is now raising his young family here.

He has been a volunteer with The Bunker, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, and Café 545 at Central Station. He's also done some mission work in Puerto Rico and is a deacon at his church.

RANDY RIETZE

The Rietze family very much had a hand in helping to build Winkler into the community it is today, and now Randy Rietze hopes to aid in guiding it into the future.

The lifelong Winklerite and downtown businessman wants to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather to earn a seat on city council.

"I think it's time for me to give back to the community," he says. "I've been born and raised here. I've lived here my whole life, so I've seen Winkler grow into the community that you see now.

"I've made my living in this city," he reiterates, "and I think it's time to give back."

That's not to say Rietze hasn't been involved in the past—he's currently the president of the Winkler Heritage Society (historical preservation being a passion of his), chairman of his church board, and has, over the years, played an active role with both the Winkler Royals and the Winkler Flyers hockey teams, helping to found the latter as one of its original owners.

"I have a passion for this city and all the accomplishments that it has had over the years, and I would like to try to keep that going moving forward," Rietze says.

He's had his name on the ballot a couple times before and is hoping third time will be the charm.

"I figure I'll give it another shot," he says. "I think the time's right and I think the community needs some leadership right now."

He's been getting out into the community as much as he can through this campaign to hear directly from voters what they want to see council accomplish in this next term.

"I'm getting a lot of feedback there, and by the time we have our forum I'll have a better platform in place," he says, referring to the Oct. 17 All-Candidates Forum at the concert hall.

The issues being raised are "as varied as there are opinions," Rietze notes, but they include a desire to keep taxes reasonable, grow the local health care system (attracting both new doctors and also home care staff), and remain a safe and affordable place to raise a family.

"I always look at Winkler as the up and coming community in Manitoba and I want to see that continue," Rietze says. "I want people to come here to raise their families, to shop here, to work here, and also retire when the time is right."

Rietze for years ran a video rental store downtown on Main St. and today operates a card and collectibles shop from the same location.



Randy Rietze

GREG UNRAU

Greg Unrau is the first to admit politics has never been a passion of his, but the last few years have got him thinking it's time to get more actively involved.

"I would classify myself as a very unorthodox politician. You won't get the cookie cutter from me, as my signs have indicated," he says with a chuckle, referring to his large, cartoony campaign signs that were among the first to go up this summer.

Why he's running boils down to one simple fact: "I want to find a way to give back to the community," Unrau says. "I feel I have a lot to bring now, especially given my history in running a lot of things in the retail sector. I wouldn't have felt qualified prior to this election, but a lot of that has changed."

In addition to his many years of retail experience, Unrau feels the people skills he's honed as a corporate account manager with SolutionsIT in recent years will hold him in good stead as a councillor. He has also served on the chamber of commerce board, building connections throughout the community.

He also knows Winkler well, having grown up here. He left it for a few years but found himself back in town when it came time to raise his own family.

"This community has a way of doing that," he reflects. "This has always been a very family-orientated community, and I love the fact that it has stayed that and I'd love to see it continue to be that—a safer place to raise your kids.

As with any city, there are challenges Winkler needs to face if it's going to continue to grow, says Unrau, who notes his focus is firmly on the future.

"One of the things that I think I'd like to see and I'd like to be a part of is its growth. Too much right now is being made of the past. Too many people are focused on the last few years being very, very difficult. I'd like to shift that focus to how do we move forward?"

Additional supports for newcomers, staying on top of needed infrastructure improvements, growing child-care capacity, and finding ways to attract new businesses are just a few of the things council needs to tackle in the years ahead, Unrau says.

And the community most certainly needs a public transportation system, he stresses.

"There are other communities that are already doing it, even the size of Winkler. There's no reason we can't replicate that ... it's just a matter of us going out and getting the funding, because the funding is out there.

"Winkler has huge potential. It always has. And it's done extremely well, but I think we're ready to take it to the next level and I'd love to be a part of that."



Greg Unrau

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BTHC Foundation is looking to the future

By Lorne Stelmach

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation continued to make an impact in the past year even while still emerging from the fallout of pandemic restrictions.

The foundation now especially needs to keep moving forward as the region works towards the estimated \$64-million expansion of the regional hospital, chairperson Ben Friesen suggested following the organization's annual meeting last week.

"There's so many services coming to

this facility. It's not only an expansion of the hospital as we see it ... Manitoba Health has assured us they want this to be the number three hub in Manitoba," he said.

"They want to expand this to be a facility that obviously will save tons of trips out for people going into Winnipeg ... there's many, many significant things that will make this particular hospital the envy of a lot of communities ... and we do serve a large community."

Foundation representatives noted 2021 posed significant challenges due

to the pandemic, including again not being able to hold major fundraisers such as its annual gala.

"2021 was a fairly huge challenge. We had to change directions on our whole fundraising," Friesen said, noting the the gala and the annual golf tournament have long formed the cornerstones of their fundraising efforts each year.

The pandemic certainly also left a mark on local health care staff, Friesen reflected.

"We had a lot of hesitancy in different areas, and of course health care in general; although we appreciated the health care very, very much and the workers very much, they didn't all get the best response from some of the other areas in the community," he noted. "But I think the community has really come together now and things are really, really going very well at this time



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The BTHC Foundation's Shannon Samatte-Folkett and Ben Friesen reported on the challenges and successes of the past fiscal year at the board's AGM last week.

with the hospital and of course with the foundation."

"I think it was a pretty successful year, even though we did have to change directions with a few things, but it made us create new initiatives and reach out and connect with new people," agreed executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett.

"The staff has been a lot more involved with the foundation, a lot more supportive of the foundation," she further noted, citing the example of the What Matters to You social media promotion where health care staff nominated each other to receive gift cards.

"We want the community to also celebrate these people, and I've seen a boost of that morale ... that morale and the support back to the foundation."

She also heralded the success of the Donation Conversation campaign as it "really helped spread who we are in the community and amp up our presence."

"I think we have a lot more people involved who have never been involved with the foundation before, in donating or just in talking about it," agreed Friesen.

The Donation Conversation initiative brought in \$199,000 for the foundation. The golf tournament added another \$39,000 to the pot, which was also bolstered by year-end donations of \$125,000 and a 50/50 raffle that raised \$58,380.

The foundation's fiscal year ended March 31 with revenue of \$874,590 and expenses of \$600,662 for an overall surplus of \$273,928. That allowed the foundation to provide \$154,490

for palliative care services, \$69,860 for the BTHC spiritual care program, \$66,820 for equipment purchases, and \$3,200 for other miscellaneous support.

Both Friesen and Samatte-Folkett reflected on the important role that the foundation plays, especially with palliative and spiritual care.

"A lot of donations from our community are specified for those two places, and without it, we wouldn't have it to this degree," she said.

"The vision was the palliative care and the spiritual care were very near

and dear to their hearts. They really wanted those programs," Friesen added of the foundation's founders.

"The palliative care was here, as there is in every hospital, but they wanted the enhanced program ... with the extra people that we have there ... they have the time to sit down with these people

and give them the extra care."

Friesen reflected on how it is the commitment and dedication of the entire region that continues to help make things possible, as he recalled how that even played a central role in bringing the MRI centre here.

"Before that, it wasn't thought of ... the government is like it's not going to happen; you'll never get one in rural Manitoba ... but when they found out the people in this community were willing to support and work with the program, their minds were changed."

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Meet the candidates

Morden voters have 10 candidates competing for six seats on council. We chatted with each of them:

CHRIS ABRAMS

Chris Abrams feels his varied background and experience could make him a valuable asset as part of Morden city council.

"I want to serve all Mordenites and make a difference ... I also hope to bring a voice to underserved residents," he said. "My passion for the community leads me to donate my time and money to organizations that help children or underprivileged families."

Abrams was born in Winnipeg but his family moved to Carman when he was young. It was there that he started a family with his high school sweetheart.



Chris Abrams

Sometime after having moved to Winnipeg for work, they decided the big city was not the right place to raise a family, so they packed up and moved to Morden.

"I have been a part of the Morden community for 28 years," said Abrams. "During this time, we have raised three kids, ran a business with 20 plus employees, and spent the last 13 years employed by PVC, then Penner Waste."

"As a former medium-sized business owner, I understand that it is important to bring in young families, but at the same time we need to also support our aged demographic."

Abrams also feels he has another trait that could serve him well at the council table.

"As a creative person, I tend to view things different than most," he suggested. "My life and work experience gives me a different perspective which I feel would be beneficial to council."

Abrams cited a number of key priorities for council including issues ranging from traffic control to crumbling infrastructure.

In addition, he sees a need for more opportunities for youth and young adult engagement in the community.

Abrams also touched on a couple other key concerns for himself.

"It is important to me to reduce the impact that waste has on our environment," he said. "I would hope that I could convince the city to be more green and reduce their carbon footprint."

Finally, he suggested there is a need to find out more about the status of previously discussed projects that are no longer talked about. The results need to be disclosed or perhaps even revisited to see if they are still viable, he said.

"I find that many issues are acknowledged but not all are followed through upon or have a reported outcome," Abrams suggested. "There seems to be a lack of communication and consultation with residents who were affected by projects."

KEN FRIESEN

Ken Friesen is running for city council simply to play a role in ensuring Morden continues to be the choice for others, just as it was for him and his wife.

"Morden has been a warm and welcoming community for my wife and I. I want to help build on

this legacy of diversity, inclusivity and the strong sense of camaraderie," said Friesen.

"What has been made clear is that Morden is community of caring, loving people. This is why Morden is home for so many people," he continued. "The opportunity to build on this, and to build for the future, is what has driven me to run for city council. I want to be part of something great, and I want to give back to a community of people who give so much of themselves."

Born and raised in the Winkler area, Friesen graduated from Providence College and then from the University of Manitoba with a BA in political science. He lived in Winnipeg for many years and South Korea for four years before moving back to Winnipeg, where he met his wife.

They decided to leave the city and chose Morden, where he currently works for a business-to-business IT company and serves as a member of the Pembina Hills Arts Council board.

Friesen went on to highlight a few areas which he sees as key priorities.

"As a city councillor, my primary objective would be to help improve the livability of our city and to help prepare the city and the people for the future," he said. "Improved wastewater treatment and investing in green technologies will help achieve both of those goals."

"I would like to see the walkability and pedestrian viability and safety improved on Stephen Street and other main streets," Friesen added. "And year-round options for recreational activities would help residents stay active but also bring in people from outside Morden."

"I would like to see the city work with higher education institutions to provide more options for learning for those who may not be able to uproot their lives to move to Winnipeg for schooling," he added.

Friesen noted he and his wife are expecting their first child in early 2023, so that means he has "a vested interest in helping maintain our warm and welcoming community. I want to help create one where our children choose to stay and put down roots."

"I am committed to this city and our community. I want us all to thrive and for us all to live our best lives."

SHELDON FRIESEN

Sheldon Friesen would bring a wide range of business and professional experience to the table as a member of Morden city council.

Friesen has been part of the community of Morden since 1967, and he sees himself as being well positioned now to serve as a councillor.

"In that time, I have been blessed to experience many different opportunities in my family life, work life, education and recreation," he said, "and I feel I have the time that I can invest in the position of councillor for the City of Morden as your representative."

His roots in the community have extended into involvement in both his church as well as with the senior hockey team in various capacities, including multiple years as president of both boards. In addition, he has been involved in coaching and managing his children's hockey teams throughout the years.

Currently serving on the Morden Community Development Corporation retail sub-committee, Friesen also takes pride in choosing to invest in and locate his business, Variety Advertising, in the community of Morden.

"In my professional life, leading up to the purchase of Variety, I was involved in sales and management of several companies," he noted. "Industries I have been involved in included the automotive, recreational vehicle, medical and advertising and promotion."

Friesen is currently semi-retired, working a part-time position in customer after sales service with Sawatzky's Furniture and Appliances.

He emphasized what he sees as key traits that he would bring to serving as a member of city council. "I pledge to bring honesty, integrity and accountability to the position," said Friesen.

"My primary goal is to participate in the development of a strong long term plan for the city that is well thought out, transparent and communicated to the residents of Morden," he continued.

"This of course would be in addition to day to day tasks of governing the city through being informed, asking the right questions and developing project specific strategies that make sound ecological and financial sense both now and into the future."



Sheldon Friesen



Ken Friesen

DOUG FROST

He has served three terms on city council now, and Doug Frost continues to maintain a common vow as he seeks re-election:

"I would be only one voice on a council of seven, but what I can promise, if re-elected, is I will be a strong voice for all the citizens of Morden, not just a select few."

Frost spent the first 23 years of his life in Miami and then seven years in Thompson, travelling to all the remote areas of northern Manitoba and learning to work with a very diverse group of people.

In 1984, he and his wife and two daughters moved to Morden. He has now been retired for three years after spending 47 years working for Bell/MTS, which he suggested is a testament to his commitment.

"Working with MTS through its transition from government to private to Bell has taught me much about prioritizing and adapting to ongoing change," said Frost.

Frost spent 21 years managing the local senior hockey team and four years coaching minor ringette.

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"Through this experience, I observed the social benefit of recreational activities for all ages and got to learn the needs of the young family segment of our community," he said.

"I have sat on council for the past 12 years and in that time have been part of many positive changes and economic developments for our city," Frost continued, noting he has served on a variety of boards such as the MSTW Planning District, Pembina Valley Water Co-op, Pembina Valley Conservation District and Morden



Doug Frost

day care while also chairing public works and airport commission and am chair of the Menzies Medical Centre board as well as currently serving as deputy mayor.

He sees the key priorities for the city as being wastewater and drinking water.

"The current council is finally making some headway on these two issues,"

he suggested.

"With the new school will come more day care which is badly needed in this area, but the need will keep growing," he continued. "I will also keep lobbying for more doctors.

"There are many issues going forward for the city, but to me, these are at the top of the list, for without them, Morden cannot continue to grow," Frost concluded. "This, along with all the issues, is what I will continue to fight for if re-elected."

GARRY HIEBERT

Garry Hiebert believes he will bring a lot of experience to council if he is re-elected for a second term in office.

A Morden resident for 36 years, he retired in 2016 with 25 years of municipal experience in Morden in finance, working the last 18 years as director of finance and administration.

"I am very familiar with municipal affairs and the process of how a council operates," said Hiebert, who was first elected in 2018. "I have gained a great deal of knowledge and would like to continue to serve the community that has been a big part of my life.

"I want to continue to provide good leadership along with the other elected members and plan and build for the future for Morden," he said. "We have made considerable progress in the past four years, however there is still work to be completed."

Hiebert identified addressing wastewater and water supply solutions will be essential for further growth, but he also sees a number of other priorities such as "pathways that are connected to encourage active living such as walking, running and biking.

"We also need to work on getting more affordable housing options in Morden. With the current price of housing in Morden, it is difficult for our younger population and young families to purchase their own homes. We need more options."

He also emphasized the



Garry Hiebert

importance of further industrial and commercial development.

"With the recent purchase of approximately 140 acres of land, it has opened up opportunities for this type of development," said Hiebert. "In order to increase our tax revenue, we need to increase that base of industrial and commercial assessments ... with more commercial and industrial assessment, the lesser the burden on residences."

Hiebert also wants to see the city build on the amenities that we already enjoy. He explained what his overall approach would be in serving on council:

"Accountability and transparency were always and still are very important to me," he said. "I also firmly believe that residents who pay taxes in Morden should also have a say in how their hard-earned money gets spent. Therefore, I would suggest community input should always be encouraged and considered in the decision-making process.

"I am looking forward to representing everyone in Morden fairly. I will display integrity, honesty and fiscal responsibility. We live in a great community! Let's all work together and make it an even better place to work, live and play."

FLORIAN LASSNIG

Florian Lassnig has been getting himself ready for the possibility of becoming a member of Morden city council.

The native of Austria who moved with his family to Morden in 2013 has been studying and learning about the workings of council.

"I have been attending city council meetings in Morden since October 2021 because I wanted to be well prepared in knowing our challenges and opportunities for the near future," said Lassnig. "I am well aware of our challenges ahead, and I think that, with a strong team on council, the next four years can be pivotal in shaping our city's future for decades to come."

As a newcomer to Morden, Lassnig said he was immediately welcomed and felt supported and integrated in the community.

While already a volunteer with several organizations, he feels serving on city council is the best way for him to give back time and effort to help the community.

"I am still volunteering for Many Hands at our community centre on 500 Stephen Street every Thursday," he noted.

Lassnig studied communication science in Vienna but ended up with a career in the health care field. In his daily work as a manual osteopath, he works on people with health issues who have not found relief from other health care providers, and he runs a small but busy clinic in the downtown core of Morden.

He is currently the president of the Manual Osteopathy Association of Manitoba and also has board experience with the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

"As a councillor, it will be my job to keep newcomers and oldcomers in Morden by creating a city that is appealing, attractive and accepting," said Lassnig.

He cited a number of key beliefs and ideas:

"I am a big fan of open public spaces like our library, community centres and the Access Event Centre," he said. "I would like Morden to be a city that focuses on community health, endorsing an ac-

tive lifestyle all year round while taking care of and respecting its elders.

"I also think communication between council and citizens is something that can be improved on," he suggested. "I hope to bring a younger voice to council, a voice that can look at issues from different angles and enrich the leadership team with a different perspective.

"I am lucky enough to have a supportive family and successful career that allows me to put a good part of my work week into city council work. With your support I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work."



Florian Lassnig

GORD MADDOCK

Gord Maddock would love to continue his efforts to help the city for which he worked for over a 28-year period.

"I have a love for my community, I really do," said Maddock, who is seeking re-election to another term on council.

"I was saddened when we were kind of stagnant, and I wanted to see us grow, and I see us growing right now," he said. "There's a lot of good things happening, and we've got a good team in the civic centre and throughout the other offices in Morden.

"I want to be a part of helping to bring things to the community, whether it be events, industry, people ... I want to be part of it all," he said. "The first four years, we worked hard on getting things in order, and now it's time to start working on projects that are in the works but haven't been finished."

Top priority then is water supply and wastewater treatment.

"We need more water than we have now; we need to find more water, and we also have to learn how to use it wisely."



Gord Maddock

Maddock feels he has gained good experience over the past four years including a stint as deputy mayor as well as serving on Central Manitoba Tourism, Explore Morden Winkler and the police board as well as previously with Heartland Community Futures and the regional landfill.

"You learn a lot from them, and it's been a great experience for me to understand how these organizations work and how we can make them work better with a team of good individuals."

He sees the city being well positioned now to really move forward.

"We've hired some great people ... we've got a great organization in place," he said. "Now let's start working on things like more affordable housing, more recreation opportunities.

"We've also got the new land in the industrial park, and it's my understanding some of that land may already be sold, so we've got to get the infrastructure in and support it," he added. "There's

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other things coming down the road that are exciting ... and I would like to be part of it in the next four years."

Maddock also saw becoming more environmentally conscious as another priority.

"I would like to see us go more green ... let's become more green; let's not be dependent on hydro and gas ... let's drop the costs because the costs are rising."

He finally also noted what he believes are key traits he can bring to the role of councillor.

"I listen, and I listen diligently," he concluded. "I'm trying to make my decisions based on the facts, and I put a lot of trust into our employees."

NANCY PENNER

Nancy Penner would love to serve another term on city council because she sees great potential ahead for Morden in the next four years.

"As we transition forward, let's look at opportunities," said Penner, who sees the city as having really having gotten its house in order over the last term. "There's some exciting things happening in Morden."

A resident of the area for about 40 years, Penner has now been in Morden for the last 22 years after having previously farmed just to the north of town.

"We have strong roots in the rural landscape, and Morden has been our go-to community," said Penner, who has a degree in agriculture but eventually switched careers and joined her husband Henry in the wealth management field in Morden; she became a certified financial planner.

She has a wealth of experience with council now including having served a stint as deputy mayor.

"Over the last four years, I've really gained a lot of experience," said Penner, citing the examples of being a city rep on the police board, regional landfill and Pembina Valley Water Co-op.

"That's been a really big learning curve, especially with experiencing our drought last year," she said. "It gave us some tools to go forward and to identify our needs going forward and setting some policy."



Nancy Penner

"I strongly believe in reaching beyond our city borders," added Penner, who was elected as a regional representative on the board of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

"That's been an important resource for me in serving on council," she said, noting the AMM plays a vital

role in providing one united voice in lobbying the provincial government. "Networking beyond our community is important to me, and I've learned so much from others because of my involvement with the AMM."

She identified a few key developments including having more land in the industrial park to help both existing firms to expand and to bring new industry to Morden as well. Another is the development of the parks and urban forestry plan to help take the community forward into the future.

The top priority though is wastewater and water in order to ensure the city has the capacity to support not only residential but industrial needs while also continuing to promote water conservation.

"We need to ensure that we have the capacity to grow going forward. Wastewater is a huge one, and it's one of the biggest ticket items council has seen in its history," she said. "We have to work with both our provincial and federal counterparts to see that infrastructure go forward ... we're not going to be able to see the development we need without our wastewater being addressed."

SHELDON SMITH

Sheldon Smith may have not necessarily seen himself entering politics, but the Morden resident was led to throw his hat in the ring for council.

Smith recalled reading comments from another area politician lamenting the shortage of people getting involved at the local level.

"He mentioned there was a lack of people interested in getting into municipal politics, particularly the younger generation ... so that was one of the things that kind of got me interested in it," said Smith.

"I do have a background in business ... and I think I'm good at decision making under pressure ... certainly looking outside the box as well," he added.

Smith was raised in Arborg and moved to Morden about five years ago. He worked as a manager at Rocks Bar & Grill for a period of time before becoming a retail manager with High Tide Inc, which operates Canna Cabana.

He has some experience with community involvement in having served on the board of directors for the Arborg Curling Club.

"It was probably one of the bigger projects that I've been involved in ... we renovated a lot of the building," he noted.

Smith sees great potential here to have a younger generation represented on council.

"It sort of gives you a different set of eyes on things, I think, with things coming from the younger generation," he said. "I don't think there's any need for huge drastic changes ... I just think I could be a voice for the younger generation that may or may not be too interested in politics, particularly at the municipal level."

He agreed the city clearly needs to address wastewater treatment and noted how every Morden resident by now is well aware of this issue from the smell of the lagoon alone.

"It's definitely just under-sized for the size of community we are in here; we're a growing community," he said. "To grow the city properly, the sewage issue is the biggest thing the city is facing right now ... we can't keep throwing up new developments and not have any way for the sewer and water to be dealt with properly."

"I think we just need to continue on with the great work that our previous council has started," contin-



Sheldon Smith

ued Smith. "I also just want to see us carry on with existing projects such as the park on the south side of the lake along with the new cemetery."

There needs to be continued emphasis on all of the services and infrastructure that is needed to keep the growth going in Morden.

"We can't stop the progress. We want to keep growing as steady as we can," he concluded.

MADISON WENTZ

Madison Wentz would most definitely bring a different perspective to the table if he was elected to serve on city council in Morden.

The 28-year-old lifelong resident of Morden has spent all of it in a wheelchair, so that not only gives him a different point of view but has also provided him with a campaign theme of sorts.

"I've been saying let's get things on a roll," said Wentz with a chuckle.

Running for a council seat is not necessarily something he would have planned to do previously, but he had been encouraged by some people around him to give it a shot.

"People have kind of mentioned it to me once in a while ... so I finally just decided maybe I will; it's something I could do, and I could give a different perspective on things that come up," Wentz said. "Hopefully, the different perspective I would bring would be a benefit. I've been in a wheelchair my whole life, so I've kind of experienced Morden from that different side of things."

"Getting around quite often in my chair, there are a few things that I've noticed that could be improved on ... for the most part though, it's not terrible; there's just some things that could be modified and some things that have maybe been overlooked."

"I think a more accessible park could be a good thing for Morden. I know some younger people who could definitely benefit from that," Wentz continued. "Also the beach and the lake could be looked at a little bit as well."

Wentz also touched on a couple other things he sees as key for the City of Morden, and he agreed that wastewater and water projects need to be a top priority.

"I think definitely the lagoon issues need to be looked at," he said, suggesting as well that more needs to be done with the roads and sidewalks and other local infrastructure.

Considering the diverse range of candidates running for election, Wentz observed that there was great potential here for Morden to have quite a diverse council.

"I believe there should be more diversity ... it would be good to see," said Wentz. "I believe that would be a good thing for Morden. There's definitely a good group running for council."



Madison Wentz

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Roland Pumpkin Fair a smashing success

By Becca Myskiw

The 30th annual Roland Pumpkin Fair brought crowds to the little town once again last Saturday.

The community was filled with pumpkins of every shape, size, and colour for eating, painting, weighing, and celebrating.

"It's been really good," said organizer Lisa Pinkerton. "We've got the crowds back, so we've been really happy with that."

The fair had a pancake breakfast, craft sale, agricultural and educational displays, lunch, pie, food vendors, tearoom, children's activities, bouncy houses, a choo choo train, entertainment, beer gardens, dinner, the pumpkin weigh-off, and a giant pumpkin drop for the first time ever.

The pumpkin drop brought a massive crowd to the town's tennis courts. A crane lifted it hundreds of feet into the air, then let it go over the cement where it crashed down. After the ex-


plosion, children ran to pick up their own pieces of the smashed pumpkin to take home as a memento.

The pumpkin weigh-off also proved to be successful, with giant pumpkins all around. Carman's Jason Terwin brought

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Jason Terwin won the weigh-off with his pumpkin weighing 1,360.5 lbs.



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"Into the Wilderness"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Gateway Resources took over the gallery at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre last week.

The non-profit, which works with adults with intellectual disabilities, hosted its annual art show at the art

gallery Sept. 27-30.

The exhibition, dubbed Into the Wilderness, filled the main gallery space with art from dozens of Gateway's participants.

Normally their art show is on display at Gateways' facility on Pembina Ave., but this year they wanted to reach out more to the community at large, explains Mike Klassen, commu-

nity learning manager.

"It's a good central location for people to come," he said of the gallery, noting they always get a few participant families and friends out to see the show but were hoping this year to open it up to a broader audience.

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Left: Gateway Resource participants Robby Thiessen, Michael Redekop, Rudi Sawadski, and Cody Enns (front) with community learning manager Mike Klassen (far right) at their annual art show last week. Above: Redekop with his art.

The participants enjoy the chance to showcase their artwork and interests.

"They take a lot of pride in the work that they do," Klassen said. "They're very creative and this gives them a chance to show everybody what they're capable of. It gives them a chance to talk about their passions."

Michael Redekop's contribution to the show was a painting of a dinosaur and a wilderness diorama complete with a tiny homemade bear figure.

He said he spent a lot of time on these pieces and he was pleased to be able to show them off.

Robby Thiessen is equally proud of his rainbow painting.

"It's for Denise, my friend from Gateway," he explained. He added lots of glitter for sparkle, as well, though it did make a bit of a mess.

"I like it," Thiessen said, looking at the piece. It reminds him of thunderstorms, he added.



Morden Activity Centre hosting volunteer fair

By Lorne Stelmach

The need for volunteers is there for most local organizations, so the Morden Activity Centre is taking their own search a bit further and providing a means for everyone to come together and learn about the many different ways they can get involved.

The centre is hosting its first community volunteer fair with the theme "Do the Right Thing, Volunteer" on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 2-6 p.m.

Potential volunteers will be able to browse booths in a low-key environment while local organizations have the opportunity to raise public aware-

ness of their missions.

"I think it's a win-win for everybody ... it's sort of an outlet mall for volunteers," said Rhonda Plett, resource co-ordinator for Morden Services for Seniors.

"We are always in need of volunteers to make our programs happen ... but everybody is looking for volunteers, so why can't we be community volunteer recruiters together and have this under one roof?" she said. "Have one spot for everybody to come to."

Plett suggested a volunteer fair can be a good way for individuals who are considering donating time to

more easily explore the options available in the area.

It might be especially valuable for newcomers, she suggested, but added that "existing members of the community might not know about volunteer opportunities ... you can get information online, but it's always better to talk to someone in-person."

Plett also touted some of the many benefits to volunteering your time from providing a sense of purpose, a sense of community and even potential job prospects as well as gaining valuable skills and experience while making connections.

She stressed the fair is open to all ages and abilities and is a free community event. They've reached out to a variety of organizations in the area with the hope to have about 30 booths.

"I think with COVID, a lot of places maybe did lose some volunteers ... and maybe people want to try something new," Plett suggested.

"The idea for this has been in the works for quite a while," she noted. "We're kind of following the example of the City of Morden with its sport and leisure expo."



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Blended Crunchy Mushroom Wraps

heat olive oil. Cook onions 1-2 minutes until translucent. Add mushrooms and ground beef. Cook about 5 minutes, or until beef is no longer pink. Stir in taco seasoning. Cook 2-3 minutes. Set aside.

Lay one large flour tortilla on flat surface. Spread 2 tablespoons mushroom-meat mixture on center of tortilla.

Drizzle dollop of nacho cheese over mushroom-meat mixture. Top meat with one tostada shell then spread thin layer of sour cream over tostada shell.

Top with shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes and shredded Mexican cheese then one small tortilla. Make sure not to overstuff so wrap doesn't break apart while cooking.

Fold edges of large tortilla toward center until completely covered.

In hot skillet, generously spray with nonstick cooking spray. Carefully place wrap seam side down on skillet. Cook 2-3 minutes until golden brown.

Flip and cook other side until golden brown. Repeat with remaining mushroom-meat mixture, tortillas and toppings.

Cut wraps half and serve.

Recipe courtesy of the Mushroom Council

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 6

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 cup finely chopped yellow onion

8 ounces mushrooms, such as white button, crimini or portabella, finely chopped

1/2 pound lean ground beef

1 tablespoon taco seasoning

6 burrito-size flour tortillas (about 10 inches each)

1/3 cup nacho cheese sauce

6 tostada shells

sour cream

6 mini soft taco-size flour tortillas (about 4 1/2 inches each)

shredded lettuce

diced tomatoes

shredded Mexican cheese blend

nonstick cooking spray

In large skillet over medium-high heat,



Plant-Based Meatloaf Sandwiches

mixing. Shape mixture into loaf on baking sheet. Spread barbecue sauce over meatloaf.

Bake 1 hour, or until internal temperature reaches 160 F.

Slice meatloaf into six pieces and place each piece on bread. Top each meatloaf slice with vegan cheddar cheese and sauteed onions then close sandwiches with top bread slices. Using panini press, griddle or frying pan, cook sandwiches until golden brown and cheese is melted.

Tip: Pairs well with potato salad.

Recipe courtesy of Aramark

Servings: 6

Nonstick cooking spray

1 1/2 pounds plant-based ground burger, thawed

1 1/2 cups cooked wild rice, chilled

1 cup diced onion

1 cup diced red bell pepper

2 teaspoons paprika

1 teaspoon granulated garlic

1 teaspoon rubbed sage

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper

2/3 cup barbecue sauce

bread

vegan cheddar cheese

sauteed onions

Heat oven to 375 F. Spray rimmed baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray.

In bowl, thoroughly mix ground burger, cooked rice, onion, bell pepper, paprika, garlic, sage, thyme, salt and white pepper until well blended without over-

Chicken Souse



The mother-in-law question

Submitted

Mothers in law are often maligned. Most of these women are genuinely concerned about their children and are really well-meaning. When children marry, it can be an awkward time for parents as they try to re-define their role in their children's lives. They often get mixed messages: children may, on the one hand project that they want help (e.g., financial, or with babysitting or fixing things), but other times be offended by help freely given (i.e., advice). Parents may often feel like they are walking on eggshells, wanting to be seen as neither as intrusive, nor neglectful.

No matter how you look at it though, a mother who as spent 18+ years raising a child, wants to be important in his/her life. But the child has his/her own home now and doesn't need parents in the same way. The young couple want to create their own lives, to make their own decisions, and may have two mothers and two fathers (or more if parents have remarried) coaching from the sidelines, all with different advice.

If parents are critical of a child's spouse, the spouse will pick up on that energy, and it may trigger memories of battles with parents during the teenage years. This in turn may bring out the rebellious side of the young person, setting the stage for more disharmony.

The key to healthy relationships with in-laws is to understand that once children are married, they don't need mothering. A mother

can be a friend, a coach, a bringer of support, but adult children do not want to be treated like children.

Recognize, in most cases, the good intent of the mother-in-law. You can let her advice float by if you don't need it. If she continues to push it, or to criticize, tell her gently that you want her friendship, but these behaviors may spoil that.

If you are the mother-in-law, ask the children to tell you honestly what kind of role they would like you to play in their adult lives. Do not expect to be treated in any certain way, for that would be getting into co-dependency and using guilt on them. If you expect that they will be with you every Christmas, or always take you to dinner on Mother's Day, and act hurt if they don't, you make them feel like it's a duty. This serves only to take the fun out of celebrations. Prepare to be flexible and not compete with your child's in-laws.

Count your blessings (they've left home!), let them know they have your love and support, be pleasant to be around, and don't take things too seriously or personally. If you are the child, try to see your in-laws through compassionate eyes, and treat them the way you will surely, one day, want to be treated. What goes around does, persistently, come around.

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Recipe courtesy of Aramark

Servings: 6

8 ounces boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch pieces

1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided

1/8 teaspoon garlic powder

1/8 teaspoon onion powder

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1/4 cup diced onion

1/4 cup diced celery

2 teaspoons minced garlic

2 cups chicken broth

1 cup peeled potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

2/3 cup canned diced tomatoes, undrained

1/4 cup tomato paste

3 tablespoons cider vinegar

2 tablespoons minced, seeded jalapeno pepper

1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 1/2 teaspoons minced, peeled ginger root

1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided

2 pinches dried thyme leaves

1 small bay leaf

1 1/2 cups thawed mixed vegetables, drained

Season chicken with 1/8 teaspoon black pepper, garlic powder and onion powder. Cover and chill 2 hours, or overnight.

In saucepan over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add onion and celery; saute 2 minutes, or until tender-crisp. Add garlic and saute 30 seconds.

Add chicken and saute until browned.

Stir in broth, potatoes, tomatoes, tomato paste, vinegar, jalapeno pepper, lemon juice, ginger, 1 teaspoon salt, thyme and bay leaf; heat to boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer 1 hour, or until potatoes are tender.

Stir in mixed vegetables and simmer 10 minutes. Remove and discard bay leaf. Season with additional salt and pepper, to taste.

Tips: Serve souse with griddled corn cakes and saltine crackers. Make vegetarian by replacing chicken with canned drained and rinsed black-eyed peas or red or white beans.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 9-15

Fire won't wait—plan your escape

By Ashleigh Viveiros

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is a simple but powerful piece of advice that could save you and your family's lives one day.

Fire departments across Canada are marking Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15 by reminding people about the importance of not only having but also practising a household escape plan.

"Fire won't wait—plan your escape," sums up Winkler Fire Chief Richard Paetzold, explaining that today's homes burn faster than ever before, making pre-planning even more important.

"You need to make an escape plan for your home, having two ways out of your house," he explains. "And practising it is a key thing."

The last thing you want when a fire breaks out is to panic, Paetzold stresses. Running through your plan helps ensure everyone knows what to do and where to go—which windows or doors are the easiest to get out by? Are there children or people with disabilities who will need someone to help them? Where should everyone gather once they get outside?

Another important factor to consider: make sure you have working smoke alarms.

"You want to test them regularly to make sure that they will do their job when required," Paetzold says, noting you should have smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level, including the basement.

And keep in mind that they don't last forever—you need to replacement smoke alarms every 10 years.

Those extra minutes an alarm might buy you can be the difference between making it out alive or not.

"Lots of people are under the impression it's fire that kills, but it's actually the smoke that kills," Paetzold says. "In the smoke there's carbon monoxide ... it puts you to sleep. So you might already be asleep and if you don't have a smoke detector to wake you up the carbon monoxide can put you into a deeper sleep. If you get too much for too long, it doesn't bode well. You need something to wake you up."

The chief also shared some day-to-day fire safety tips.

"The number one cause of home fires is unattended cooking. It's very important that when you're cooking you're attentive and looking after things.

"It's not that people intentionally become inattentive with their cooking," he adds, noting a parent might find themselves called away to deal with a crying child or perhaps the doorbell rings and you run to answer it, thinking you'll only be gone a second. "If you do have to go away to do something, then turn the heat off on your stove."

If a stovetop fire does start, the key, again, is not to panic.

"Never throw water on it," Paetzold advises. "That will make it 10 times worse."



Instead, a small pan fire can often be nipped in the bud by simply turning off the heat and covering the pot with a lid to smother the flames.

"You don't even have to remove the pot," Paetzold says. "Or if you do, just move it to a different element. Don't try to carry it away. People do that and then they might spill it and get oil [and fire] on themselves or somebody else."

A kitchen fire extinguisher is also a vital piece of equipment to have just in case a fire threatens to get out of control—you might be able to limit the damage to the kitchen before it spreads any further.

For more fire safety tips, head to www.nfpa.org.



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Proving their mettle



Twenty-five candidates were put through their paces at the Winkler Fire Hall last weekend. The department is holding its first recruitment drive in years, and one of the first steps in the process is ensuring the firefighter hopefuls have a certain level of physical fitness. On Saturday, the applicants were sent all over the fire hall to complete various tests, including lifting heavy objects, running up and down stairs, and tackling a simulated forcible entry. They were also sent up 101 feet in the ladder truck and into a confined tunnel space in the dark to test for fear of heights and claustrophobia. The candidates who passed now move onto to the other testing and interview rounds. There are eight available spots up for grabs.



Sex-ed. books to remain on SCRL shelves

By Lorne Stelmach

Three books that led to a delegation aiming to have them removed from local libraries will remain on the shelves, although one will be reclassified.

A week after the presentation was made to the South Central Regional Library (SCRL) board of directors, a review of the books in question has resulted in a decision to keep them in place.

“The books were reviewed according to the criteria in SCRL’s collection development policy by selected teams of qualified librarians as well as some outside resources. The books were evaluated based on the robust collection development policy already in place,” the library said in a statement Monday. “The board position is to support the recommendations of the review committee for each title reviewed.”

It means all three books will remain on the shelves, although one (*It’s Per-*

fectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, Gender and Sexual Health by Robie Harris) has been moved from the juvenile section to the young adult section.

Sex is a Funny Word: A Book About Bodies, Feelings and You as well as *What Makes A Baby*, which are both by Cory Silverberg, will remain in the juvenile non-fiction section.

A delegation appeared before the SCRL board Sept. 22 with a formal complaint about these books, which they asserted included graphic and pornographic material not suitable for children.

Concerns have swirled particularly around *It’s Perfectly Normal* in many

other jurisdictions; it has frequently earned a place on lists of most challenged books.

The book has received many accolades, though some controversy revolves around its depiction of such things as nudity, non-heterosexual sex, and inclusivity of gender as well as frankness about AIDS/HIV, consent, abortion, and other like topics.

Various experts have cited that evidence suggests access to such comprehensive, scientifically accurate sex-ed material helps reduce the risk of a child being sexually abused.

An earlier statement from the library board had stressed that it “supports the principles laid down by the Cana-

dian Library Association’s statement on intellectual freedom, which states in part that ‘it is the responsibility of libraries to guarantee and facilitate access to all expressions of knowledge ... including those which some elements of society may consider to be unconventional, unpopular or unacceptable.’

“SCRL has a comprehensive collections development policy which has been reviewed by Public Library Services Branch—the rural library governing body. They have found the policy is well above the standard policy criteria.”

> PUMPKIN FAIR, FROM PG. 16

home the title for the largest, with an entry weighing in at 1,360.5 lbs. Terwin also recently won the same title with a different pumpkin at the Teulon Pumpkinfest with a weight of 1,017 lbs.

It’s the second year in a row for Terwin, who also claimed the biggest pumpkin title in Roland in 2021 with one weighing 1,377.5 lbs.

He said this growing season wasn’t an ideal one with the cold, wet spring

and cool July nights. He believes it stunted the growth of his pumpkins, making for less exciting weigh-offs.

Winning, however, still feels good for Terwin. He said it’s a nice payoff and recognition for all his hard work.

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"We really wanted students to understand what the day meant"

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden high school students took part in a special event last Thursday in advance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Friday.

Morden Collegiate staff and students, many wearing orange, walked to Morden Park for a short assembly and then walked back together to the school grounds to assemble a display to share some of their understanding as to why we have a national day of reconciliation.

It followed a series of discussions in the school setting to help the students get a better grasp of the importance of the day.

"We really wanted students to understand what the day meant and what it was for," said vice-principal Michael Ward. "It's not just a day off school. It's a day that has purpose and meaning, and we wanted to really give that breadth and understanding that it deserves."

Speaking to about 500 students gathered at the park, Ward noted it is something he connects with personally with his family and specifically his mother and grandfather.

"I wanted to make sure that I'm acknowledging them because for me, my personal story, is that I lost a piece of my culture," he noted.

"I think it's an important day to acknowledge and to recognize," he said. "The reality is that having these kinds of discussions, having a day of truth and reconciliation, is an important thing ... it means that every year we're going to continue to have these discussions and we're going to continue to work towards reconciliation."

Ward later noted these can be difficult and heavy conversations for the students.

"We wanted to have some lead-up to it, some conversations happening in the classrooms, so we organized a number of different conversations with some resources that teachers could access," he explained, "So basically just to engage in subjects such as colonialism, residential schooling and talk about the unmarked graves."

"It was then a walk to reflect, to think about what you learned this week and what you brought to those conversations."

Keelyn L'Heureux, who serves as student council secretary, agreed it was a great opportunity to really learn a lot about truth and reconciliation.

"I was part of the national debate seminar, and we talked a lot about these Indigenous issues," she recalled. "I think it's really good that we are continuing to educate the student body on these really important



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Collegiate students tie notes to the school fence outlining their understanding of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Below: The high school hosted a march to and assembly in Morden Park last Thursday.

matters.

"And we don't really get to see each other a whole lot," L'Heureux added. "So being all together, walking down the street after this week of acknowl-

edgement and understanding was really impactful to me.

"I think I just have more understanding now about what's been happening and how we can move forward."



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Starting the season with a bang



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Above: Interlake's Kylee Emms-Finnsson and Pembina Valley's Marissa Fehr race for puck possession in the Hawks' home opener Saturday in Morden. Left: Zenith Vanstone celebrates her shootout goal with her teammates. It gave the home team the win 1-0.

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks were on both ends of shutouts on their opening weekend of regular season action.

They won their opener Saturday with a 1-0 shootout win over the Interlake Lightning but then dropped a 3-0 decision to the Central Plains Capitals Saturday.

Miami's Zenith Vanstone scored the shootout winner Friday in Morden as the Hawks and Lightning went scoreless through three periods and overtime. Kaylee Franz earned the shutout victory with 25 saves.

It was a different story Saturday where the Hawks were blanked despite outshooting Central Plains, which took a 2-0 lead in the second period and then added an insurance marker in the final frame. Pembina Valley goaltender Kasia Rakowski made 14 saves.

The Hawks are now scheduled to have a busy weekend starting with a road trip Friday to take on the Avros in Winnipeg. They then return home to Morden to welcome the Winnipeg Ice Saturday and the Westman Wildcats Sunday afternoon.

Weekly sledge hockey program starts Oct. 15

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A local group will be making the most of the Meridian Exhibition Centre's accessible ice surface this fall and winter.

Sledge hockey is back for a second season in Winkler, kicking things off on Oct. 15 and running weekly on Saturdays from 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Sledge hockey, also called para ice hockey, allows players with physical disabilities to play Canada's favourite sport. It utilizes sleds instead of skates and also features special hockey sticks that help players navigate the ice and pass the puck.

"When I was younger, I felt isolated when I couldn't join in with a lot of the stuff that a lot of my friends could do," said organizer Nic Klassen, who played sledge hockey himself as a youth and now acts as a coach for this program alongside fellow organizer Silas Penner.

"When you can join something—such as a sport—no matter what it brings a sense of community," Klassen said. "And when you're around people who have some of the same life experiences you have, it's a much different feeling than when you're around people who don't have those experiences."

Penner, who also played sledge hockey as a teen, said last season was a blast for all the families involved.

"It's a great sense of community," he said, echoing Klassen. "And it's a lot of fun."

"We ended up having four kids on the ice from three families," Klassen noted. "We filled out some of the rest of the sleds with family members so we could have some good games."



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Winkler's sledge hockey league starts up its weekly Saturday morning sessions Oct. 15 at the Meridian Exhibition Centre.



Players get the chance to run drills and play scrimmages. It's meant to be just a fun hour of recreational sledge hockey, though perhaps one day this area could form its own team, if there was enough interest.

"That would be the dream," Penner said.

The program got a big thumbs-up from the participating families, many of whom Klassen expects will return this season.

"As a parent of a child with disabilities, I'm so thankful for the opportunity for Austin to be able to participate in sledge hockey," shared Yvette Mitchell. "Watching his excitement week after week when he gets on the ice, and the self confidence Austin has attained is amazing. His first question when we leave the arena is when are we going back?"

Fellow sledge hockey mom Connie Hesom said the program helped her son Evan make new friends and build confidence both on the ice and off.

"Sledge hockey has been a great way for kids, youth, and adults to be able to be a part of a team," she said.

"We really appreciate sledge hockey venturing out to rural communities. More sports/activities for folks with various disabilities is greatly needed in our communities."

Most of the kids from last season were in high school, though Klassen noted they're open to having younger kids involved as well.

"We're not really singling any age out and saying you can't come," he said.

Elementary and middle school-age kids are most welcome, as are adults, stressed Penner, noting it's a non-contact league.

"If you want to come check it out, come give it a try."

Lack of experience in sledge hockey is not a barrier either. They have sleds and sticks for people to use every week and also some gloves and helmets for those who want to try it out before buying their own.

"I would say it's an easy sport to pick up," Penner said. "We're there to teach you and help you and there's lots of people on the ice willing to help out."

To register, email Jaylene Irwin at jirwin@manitobapossible.ca or call 204-918-0145.

Winkler Flyers drop three

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Waywayseecappo Wolverines proved to be too tough a nut for the Winkler Flyers to crack last week in MJHL action.

Playing up north Friday night, Winkler's Brody Beauchemin and Trent Penner opened and closed scoring, Beauchemin getting the first period's lone goal at 18:54 and Penner scoring the final goal of the game 12:26 into the third.

In between, the Wolverines scored twice in the second and once in the third to take the match 3-2.

Waywayseecappo has a slight edge

in shots—28-27. Malachi Klassen got the loss in net, making 25 saves.

The rematch two nights later in Winkler was another close affair but also ultimately went the Wolverines' way 2-1.

The visitors were up 2-0 by the end of the second when Jayce Legaarden got the Flyers on the board with a goal with just 30 seconds left on the clock. Neither team managed to find the back of the net in the third.

Aidan Comeau was between the posts for the Flyers this time around, making 29 saves as Winkler outshot

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Morden to host 2024 Scotties Championship

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden will be hosting the best women in curling from across the province early in 2024.

Curl Manitoba has announced that the 2024 Manitoba Scotties Championship will take to the ice in late January 2024 at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

The bonspiel will determine who earns that season's invitation to the national Scotties, and it is pretty much

a guarantee it will be a very strong field of competitors.

"I think we probably have the strongest field of any provincial championships, mens or womens, so we're going to have very competitive curling," said Morden Curling Club president Scott Bissett.

"I think we will have the strongest provincial field of anyone ... the womens is probably even more competitive than the mens; there's probably at least three or four teams that could

be considered favorites."

Morden last hosted the top women's curling teams in 2003. Prior to that, the first major championship hosted by the community was the 1988 Labatt Tankard followed by the Safeway Select in 1997.

"We haven't hosted one now for 20 years ... so we are really looking forward to doing it," said Bissett, who noted they expect to announce the event's chairperson shortly.

"We're super excited to be hosting it

again ... and if Morden does it's best, it will do a spectacular job," he said. "I think we are going to have a spectacular event.

"There will be a lot of work to do ... but Morden has always been very good about supporting the curling club whenever we've taken on a project like this, and I don't see anything being different with the next one."

Meanwhile, the 2024 Viterra Championship, the mens event, will take place in Stonewall in February 2024.

Jets, Canucks best Pembina Valley Twisters

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters dropped a pair of games this past weekend as they kicked off their MMJHL season.

The Twisters lost 5-3 to the Jets in Stonewall Friday then fell 7-4 to the St. James Canucks in their home opener in Morris Sunday.

Stonewall turned things around against the Twisters after Pembina

Valley had beaten the Jets three times in exhibition games.

Jacob Carels, Caelen Russell and Derek Wiebe scored for Pembina Valley, which held a 40-31 edge in shots on goal. Logan Enns took the loss in net with 26 saves.

The Twisters jumped out to a 4-2 first period lead Sunday against the defending champion Canucks, but they were blanked the rest of the way and gave up four goals in the third period

and four power play goals overall.

Zander Carels led the way for the Twisters with a pair of goals, while singles came from Joel Vigier and Derek Wiebe. Enns made 32 saves with St. James holding a 39-32 edge in

shots on goal.

Pembina Valley is looking to get in the win column this week in Winnipeg against the St. Vital Victorias Thursday in their only game of the week.

Male Hawks fall to Winnipeg Wild in season opener

By Lorne Stelmach

They gave one of the always tough Winnipeg teams a good battle, but the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks dropped a 4-3 overtime decision to the Wild in their season opener Friday.

Aaron Krestanowich scored his second of the game just 26 seconds into extra time to get Winnipeg the victory on their home ice.

The Hawks had held period leads of 2-1 and 3-2 before giving up the equalizer in the third period to take the game to overtime.

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their opponents 35-31.

The losses to the Wolverines came on the heels of a 2-1 defeat to the Portage Terriers Sept. 28.

That one went all the way to a shootout for a decision, Zach Nicholas having gotten the tying goal midway through the third period. The Terriers scored their goal in the final seconds

of the first and then got the winning shootout point for a 2-1 victory.

Klassen was in net and made 26 saves as Winkler outshot Portage 36-27.

This week the team has a home-and-away against the Steelers, hosting them on Wednesday and then playing in Selkirk Saturday night.



Morden Minor Soccer wraps up season

Morden Minor Soccer wrapped up a successful season last Thursday evening. The 3M fields saw a lot of action with the final championship games being held. The players were awarded gifts, with championship T-shirts presented to the Gr. 7-10 winners. There was also a hot dog barbecue for all to enjoy.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Prairie Rose School Division RECRUITMENT FOR WARD 2 AND WARD 8 TRUSTEES

Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) invites interested community members to submit their name for consideration by the newly elected Board of Trustees to fill the vacant Ward 2 and Ward 8 trustee positions. Ward 2 encompasses the Roland/Homewood/Sperling area and Ward 8 encompasses the St. Laurent/St. Ambrose area.

In order to qualify as a candidate for the school board, a person must be:

- A Canadian citizen,
- At least 18 years of age,
- A resident of the Division for at least 6 months,
- Not subject to disqualification under The Public Schools Act (Sec. 22(1) PSA)

Trustee candidates must be a resident of the Prairie Rose School Division but not necessarily of Ward 2 or Ward 8.

Recommended qualifications for a school trustee includes:

- Experience as a school trustee, community board member, PAC member,
- Participation as a volunteer in the school or community,
- Experience in the areas such as governance, finance, and strategic planning

Trustees attend scheduled Monday meetings twice a month from 5 PM to 8:30 PM at the PRSD Administration Office. Trustees are also expected to attend additional meetings or events such as budget meetings, ad-hoc committee meetings, and upon invitation, PAC meetings, graduation ceremonies, and special school and/or divisional events.

Visit the PRSD website, www.prsdmb.ca, for more information including:

- Ward Map
- Board Meeting Schedule
- Decision Making Matrix
- Policy #3 - Role of the School Board
- Policy #8 - Board and Superintendent/CEO Relationship

Please submit your name, contact information, and a letter identifying your reason for applying to the following by 12:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2022 to:

Prairie Rose School Division
 Terry M.J. Osiowy, Superintendent/CEO
 Box 1510, 45 Main Street South, Carman, MB R0G 0J0
 Fax: 204-745-3699, email: prsd@prsdmb.ca

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Title #	Legal Description	Total Acres
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When submitting an offer, please note:

1. The highest, or any, offer will not necessarily be accepted.
2. Title Nos. 1189432/1 & 1237327/1 will be sold together.
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4. Offers may be for either or both sets of parcels.
5. The date of closing and possession will be November 1, 2022.
6. The date of adjustments will be January 1, 2023.
7. You must provide a certified check or bank draft in the amount of \$10,000.00 payable to Cole & Mace Law Office. The cheques accompanying unsuccessful tenders will be returned.
8. You must rely on your own research of the property.
9. Tenders are binding upon acceptance and not subject to any conditions precedent.
10. Tenders may only be submitted in the form provided by Cole & Mace Law Office; a form of tender may be requested from Cole & Mace Law Office in person at the address below, or by emailing: adam@colemacelaw.com.
11. The Vendor will be responsible for the taxes on the property up to the date of adjustments.
12. The Purchaser will be required to pay GST unless the Purchaser is registered for GST and agrees to self-assess.
13. Title to the land will be transferred free and clear of all encumbrances and liens, excepting for Caveat No. 2754301/1.

Signed and sealed Tenders will be received up to 12:00 noon on October 11, 2022 at:

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PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE IN RESPECT OF AN AMALGAMATION TO MEMBERS OF ACCESS CREDIT UNION LIMITED (the "Credit Union")

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Directors of the Credit Union have, in accordance with the Act, resolved at its September 28, 2022 meeting to approve the Amalgamation Agreement and unchanged Articles and Bylaws for a proposed amalgamation of the Credit Union with Amaranth Credit Union Limited ("**Amaranth**"). Amaranth's members will have the opportunity to vote on this proposed amalgamation at a Special Meeting called by its Board of Directors. Access' members will not have the opportunity to vote on this proposed amalgamation because the assets of Access, as valued at the end of its most recent fiscal year, represent 90% or more of the total assets of the proposed amalgamated credit union.

Questions from members regarding the amalgamation resolution can be submitted to Myrna Wiebe, Corporate Secretary at myrna.wiebe@accesscu.ca.

BOARD-APPROVED SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The following Special Resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of Access on September 28, 2022:

*"WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Credit Union has recommended that the Credit Union amalgamate with Amaranth Credit Union Limited ("**Amaranth**") in accordance with the provisions of the Amalgamation Agreement made between the Credit Union and Amaranth, dated September 28, 2022 (the "**Amalgamation Agreement**");*

***AND WHEREAS** it is in the Credit Union's best interests to enter into the Amalgamation Agreement and to amalgamate with Amaranth on the terms and conditions set out therein;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE CREDIT UNION THAT:

1. The execution of the Amalgamation Agreement by the Credit Union be and it is hereby ratified and confirmed;
2. The amalgamation of the Credit Union with Amaranth on the terms and conditions set out in the Amalgamation Agreement be and it is hereby approved."

SUMMARY OF THE AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT

An Amalgamation Agreement, dated September 28, 2022, has been approved by the Boards of Directors of the Credit Union and Amaranth. The agreement provides for the amalgamation of the Credit Union and Amaranth into one credit union, to be effective on January 1, 2023. The credit union resulting from the amalgamation will be called Access Credit Union Limited and will have its registered office in the Rural Municipality of Stanley, Manitoba.

Following amalgamation, all members of the Credit Union and Amaranth will be members of the amalgamated credit union and all deposits and shares of or loans owing to either of the predecessor credit unions will be deposits or shares of or loans owing to the amalgamated credit union. The common shares and surplus shares of each of the Credit Union and Amaranth will become the common shares and surplus shares of the amalgamated credit union on a one for one basis.

RIGHT OF DISSENT

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, under the provisions of Section 127 of *The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act*, members have the right to dissent to the proposed amalgamation. To dissent, a written objection to the amalgamation must be submitted to the Registrar (Financial Institutions Regulation Branch) within 15 days following this notice.

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NOTICE OF ELECTIONS



NOTICE OF ELECTION MUNICIPALITY OF RHINELAND

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the Electors in Ward Two and Ward 3 in The Municipality of Rhineland will be taken to elect Councillors from the following duly nominated candidates:

Ward 2 - 2 (Two to be elected)
 FROESE, HANK
 LETKEMAN, JUNE
 HEINRICHS, ARCHIE

Ward 3 - 2 (Two to be elected)
 DUECK, JOHN
 ENNS, DEBRA
 HEPPNER, JAKE

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on **Wednesday the 26th day of October, 2022** between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at:

- Ward 2 - Centre on Main, 265 Main Street, Plum Coulee, MB**
Gnadenhal Community Centre, Gnadenhal, MB
- Ward 3 - Rhineland Pioneer Centre, 227 - 10th Ave. NW, Altona, MB**
Rosenfeld Good Neighbor Centre, Rosenfeld, MB

IDENTIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE. A person will be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification (for example - driver's license) or at least two other documents that provide proof of identity.

ADVANCE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at:

- Ward 2 - Centre on Main, 265 Main Street, Plum Coulee, MB**
 - Ward 3 - Rhineland Pioneer Centre, 227 - 10th Ave. NW, Altona, MB**
- and will be open on **Friday, October 21st, 2022** between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by fax to the senior election official at Box 270, Altona, MB R0G 0B0 or Fax 324-1516. If applying in person, a voter may apply between September 28th, 2022 and October 23rd 2022. A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application. If applying by mail or fax, a voter may apply between September 28th, 2022 and October 15th, 2022. A voter applying by mail or fax will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post, or by making alternative arrangements with the senior election official.

Jake Bergen
 Senior Election Official
 Municipality of Rhineland
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The E ½ of SE ¼ 15-1-3 WPM

Title No. 1621927/4 Roll No. 134200

A cheque for \$10,000.00 must accompany the tender as a down payment. Written tenders must be received by 2:00 p.m. on October 21, 2022. Down payment will be returned if tender not accepted.

Closing date for the sale shall be November 15, 2022, by cash or approved loan proceeds. Any loan advances paid after closing date are subject to payment of interest at loan rate during reasonable delay for registration of security. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all 2023 property taxes and GST or shall self-assess for GST.

The highest or any Tender may not necessarily be accepted.

ADDRESS: DOELL LAW OFFICE
P.O. Box 1150
1-655 Main Street
Winkler, MB R6W 4B2
Ph. (204) 325-8807
To the attention of Scott C. Doell
For more information on the tender
email info@wiensdoell.com

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Altogether Altona **NOTICE OF ELECTION
TOWN OF ALTONA**

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the Electors of the Town of Altona will be taken to elect Councillors from the following duly nominated candidates:

COUNCILLOR- 6 (Six to be elected)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| SMILEY, CRAIG | DUECK, CHERYL |
| SIEMENS, JORDAN | DUNSMORE, LYLE |
| BRAUN, TAMMY | ROSLING-WOLTERS, DONNA |
| BATCHELOR, PERRY | KEHLER, DANNY |

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on **Wednesday the 26th day of October, 2022** between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at:
Rhineland Pioneer Centre 227-10th Ave. NW, Altona, MB

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A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by fax to the senior election official at Box 1630, Altona, MB R0G 0B0 or Fax 324-1550. If applying in person, a voter may apply between September 28th, 2022 and October 23rd, 2022. A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application. If applying by mail or fax, a voter may apply between September 28th, 2022 and October, 15th, 2022. A voter applying by mail or fax will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post, or by making alternative arrangements with the senior election official.

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Traits we are seeking:

- Common Sense approach to problem solving
- Financial/Accounting knowledge & Awareness
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to work independently but with a consultative, teamwork approach.
- Quick Learner – someone that can easily grasp the concepts related to municipal accounting and budgeting
- Easy going personality that can get along well with others while still ensuring that the work gets done. Someone that can lead an administrative team in a positive manner.

Traits which would be considered assets:

- Experience with various accounting functions such as A/P, A/R, Payroll, and Budgeting
- Studying toward accounting certification or designation
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Larry Driedger, CMMA
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FARMLAND TENDER

FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed tenders in writing for the purchase of the property described below will be received by:

McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby Law Office
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PROPERTY FOR SALE

Parcel I: S ½ of NW ¼ 31-8-4 WPM (approximately 77.88 acres)

Parcel II: SW ¼ 31-8-4 WPM (approximately 155.86 acres)

(Approximately 1 mile North of Elm Creek, Manitoba)

CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be delivered to **McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby (Carman Office), 14 Main Street S., Box 1670, Carman, Manitoba by 2:30 p.m., October 20, 2022.**

Please mark on front of envelope "Tender 31-8-4 WPM".

- Tenders must be accompanied by a **\$20,000.00** deposit cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
- Tenders may be for either or both parcels.
- Any questions pertaining to the property should be directed to Tom Mooney at (204) 745-2546 or email at tom@mmjslaw.com

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

- The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an Agreement covering the terms and conditions of the sale.
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Parcel 2:
N ½ 16-4-10 WPM (in and adjacent to the Pembina River Valley including 1,360 sq ft residence and 624 sq ft attached garage) (320 acres)

Terms and Conditions of Tender and Sale:

- Offer shall be submitted with a cheque payable to "Treble Gie LLP Trust" in the amount of \$10,000.00 as a deposit. Deposit cheques with unaccepted offers will be returned.
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- If an offer is accepted, the deposit will be held in trust and credited to the Vendor on the Possession Date as part of the purchase price.
- Possession Date: December 1, 2022.
- Property taxes adjusted as of January 1, 2023.
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- If part of the purchase price is to be paid from the proceeds of a new mortgage, payment of that amount may be delayed by the time required for registration of the mortgage to be completed by the Land Titles Office and reported to the mortgagee and, if so, that amount shall bear interest payable to the Vendor at the same rate as the new mortgage until paid.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the GST on the Purchase Price or shall self-assess the GST.
- The Purchaser relies entirely upon its own personal inspection and knowledge of the property independent of any representation made by or on behalf of the Vendor.
- Offers for more than one parcel must show a separate price for each parcel.
- Highest or any offer not necessarily accepted.

Please submit tenders

(placed in a sealed envelope marked "TENDER - October 20, 2022") to **TREBLE GIE LLP**, 115 Broadway St. S., P.O. Box 10, Crystal City, Manitoba R0K 0N0 before **3:00 p.m. October 20, 2022.**

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				6		2		
	3		5					
9						8	7	
		7		4			3	9
			8	3			6	
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		5		1	3			
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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

Sudoku Answer

I	S	V	I	E	E	N	R	H	S	V	H
B	T	B	T	S	T	S	O	O	H	C	O
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R	H	R	E	T	E	M	E	T	E	R	T
T	D	D	T	D	G	M	S	I	S	I	S
S	L	G	V	C	E	E	B	V	O	M	E
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L	N	A	V	E	T	R	O	P	E	O	D
A	D	A	E	D	H	C	A	C	A	N	E

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Bay Area humorist
5. Hurt
10. Icelandic poems
14. A taro corm
15. Metaphorical use of a word
16. It fears the hammer
17. Excessively quaint (British)
18. Laid-back California county
19. Cook in a microwave oven
20. Not late
22. Go from one place to another
23. Peoples living in the Congo
24. Popular pasta
27. Available engine power (abbr.)
30. Popular musician Charles
31. Angry
32. Spelling is one type
35. One who makes a living
37. Indicates location
38. Imperial Chinese dynasty
39. Small water buffaloes
40. Hungarian city
41. Fabric
42. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
43. Precursor to the EU
44. Philly footballers
45. Female sibling
46. "When Harry Met Sally" actress
47. Magnetic tape of high quality
48. Insecticide
49. Apparatus to record and transmit
52. Some is considered "dog"
55. Israeli city __ Aviv
56. Fencing sword
60. Ottoman military title
61. Wise people
63. Cold wind
64. Popular type of shoe
65. Administrative district
66. A way to reveal
67. Cooked meat cut into small pieces
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

1. Small town in Portugal
2. Site of famed Ethiopian battle

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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17					18						19			
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3. German river
4. Christmas carols
5. Cash machine
6. Rough and uneven
7. Rumanian round dance
8. Widespread occurrence of disease
9. A place to relax
10. Feeling of listlessness
11. Coat or smear a substance
12. Wild mango
13. Brews
21. Belgian city
23. Confined condition (abbr.)
25. Swiss river
26. Small amount
27. Part of buildings
28. Vietnamese capital
29. Sailboats
32. Shelter
33. Terminated
34. Discharge

36. Snag
37. Partner to cheese
38. A container for coffee
40. Spend time dully
41. Satisfies
43. Snakelike fish
44. Consume
46. Type of student
47. Erase
49. Instruct
50. Girl's given name
51. Jewish spiritual leader
52. "To __ his own"
53. North-central Indian city
54. Greek alphabet characters
57. Weapon
58. Amounts of time
59. American Nobel physicist vital to MRIs
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness

PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF WINKLER
PUBLIC NOTICE – BOARD OF REVISION**

Public notice is hereby given that the 2023 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 15th, 2022 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 31st, 2022.**

Dated this 13th day of September 2022.

Jody Penner, Secretary
Board of Revision
City of Winkler
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OCT. 28 - Closing shop and some Farm eq, for Pat Roth - 2 miles east of Graysville, MB and 1 north Case 2394 tractor 5 hopper grain bins, etc.

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LOOKING TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS FALL?

Morden Activity Centre is pleased to announce our 1st Community

VOLUNTEER FAIR

- A community volunteer fair can be a great recruitment tool.
- Potential volunteers can browse the booths in a low-key environment, while, at the same time, local organizations have the opportunity to raise public awareness of their missions.

This is especially important for our new community members in the area.

- A volunteer fair also allows individuals who are considering donating time a chance to explore the options available in their area.
- Additionally, held in the fall, a volunteer fair is a way to recruit high school and college students seeking a chance to fulfill service hour requirements for classes. All of this under one roof!

- Some reasons to volunteer:**
- Provides you with a sense of purpose*
 - Provides a sense of community.*
 - Helps you meet new friends.*
 - Increases your social skills.*
 - Improves self-esteem.*

“Do the Right Thing, Volunteer!”

Date:
Tuesday,
October 18, 2022

Location:
The Morden Activity Centre
306 North Railway Street,
Morden

Time: 2 – 6 PM

DOOR PRIZES

Visit with a Variety of Local Not-For-Profit Organizations.



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The *Winkler Morden* Voice

OBITUARY



Elizabeth (Liz) Kuhl (nee Voth) 1946 – 2022

Liz passed away on Thursday, September 29, 2022. She will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her devoted husband, Don; three daughters, Tammy (Kevin), Terri (Bob) and Patti (Ryan); her grandchildren, Logan, Kaden, Lauren, Brenna, Rhett, Danika (Joey), Seth and Natalie as well as her siblings and friends. A celebration of life was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at Westside Community Church in Morden. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Liz's memory to South Central Cancer Resource or the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Palliative Care.

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OBITUARY



Velda Viola Currie (nee Doty)

We are saddened to announce that on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, a true angel left this world, our mother, Velda Currie. Left to cherish her memory are her four daughters, Robin Miazga (Mark); Iva Mae and her children Ian (Ashley) Last and Glenna Last; Wanda Currie Steeghs (Les) and their children Rory and Graham; and Allyson (Bernie Weiss). Mom was predeceased by our Dad, J. Lindsay Currie on October 2nd, 2021. She was also predeceased by her parents, Elmer and Iva Mae (Cameron) Doty; her in-laws, Ralph and Mary (Fargey) Currie; her three sisters-in-law, Margaret (Currie) Sawatzky, Jean (Currie) Morden Harvey and Carolyn Doty; and her three brothers-in-law, Jake Sawatzky, Frank Morden and Al Harvey and her son-in-law Roy Mistelbacher.

Mom is also survived by her three great-grandchildren, Victoria, Kelsey and Eric Last. Velda was born on her family farm south of Carlyle, SK on April 3, 1927, the eldest of four children. She is survived by her three younger brothers, Daryle Doty and Jack (John) Doty (Irene) of Carlyle, SK., and her youngest brother Jim Doty (Joy) of Simcoe, ON. She is also survived by her many nieces, nephews, beloved cousins and extended family members.

Mom started school on her 7th birthday at Moose Creek School, riding her pony each day. In the Dust Bowl 30's the family moved to Kelwood, MB for three years, where Mom and her family enjoyed the company of their extended family living in the community, the Stewarts, Innes and Wilsons. The family moved back to the farm in 1940, and Velda resumed school in the district. She graduated from Carlyle Collegiate and in 1947 began her nursing training as an RN at the original Grace Hospital in Winnipeg, MB graduating in 1950. Mom remained in contact with many of her nurse classmates throughout her life.

It was fortunate that one of Mom's nursing school friends, Margaret Currie, had a brother named Lin. Three years after this introduction Mom and Dad were married at Carlyle United Church on November 1st, 1952. Between January 1956 and December 1961, four daughters were born of this union. Mom lived and worked alongside Lin at 13-3-7, Silver Spring farm for over 50 years. Here they raised their family and welcomed many visitors, including their daughters' many friends.

In the community Velda was heavily involved in her children's activities, including 4-H, Sunday School and CGIT, making costumes, etc. Her daughters all benefited from her skills as a seamstress. She was Treasurer of Knightcot Cemetery for over 40 years, and loved to participate in UCW, horticultural shows and square dancing jamborees. Mom kept a very large garden and orchard, and she started and ran a Saskatoon U-Pick for many years.

As a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mom was sensitive, kind, thoughtful, sweet and giving. She loved her family and extended family deeply. She had many lifelong friends and many more benefited from her generous nature as through the years they hosted Up With People, Canada World Youth and Agricultural Exchange students. Velda maintained a connection with her pen pal in London, England for over 74 years. Our parents enjoyed their travels around the world visiting extended family and friends.

Our heartfelt thank you to the staff of the Tabor Home as well as Homestead South in Morden for the care and compassion shown to both Velda and Lindsay.

In lieu of flowers donations in Velda's memory may be made to: Katie's Cottage, 255 - 13th Street Winkler, MB R6W 1S5 or Knightcot Cemetery, Box 204, RR 2, Thornhill, MB R0G 2T0.

A service for Velda will be held at St. Paul's United Church, Morden, MB at 11 a.m. on October 22nd, 2022. There will be a private family interment.

OBITUARY

Wilma Garlick

June 29, 1944 - September 14, 2022

Mum was born in Winnipeg and lived in a number of small Manitoba towns before completing her home economics degree, meeting Dad (Dennis), and settling down in Roland to raise a family. Mum was an accomplished cook and extremely talented seamstress. She made us beautiful clothes and cheerfully produced every complicated Halloween costume we requested. Mum loved gardening, dogs, and baseball. She was exceedingly capable and truly an equal partner with Dad in their successful seed cleaning business and farm. She was also kind and quick to laugh. Above all though, Mum was the rock of our family. She and Dad, happily married for 50 years at the time of his death, put their family first above all. She was always there to provide good advice, support, and loving encouragement to her daughters and delighted in her grandchildren with whom she shared a special bond.

She is predeceased by her husband Dennis and daughter Val and lovingly remembered by her daughter Nancy, son-in-law Rob, grandchildren, Cedar and Fergus, and many friends and extended family.

According to Mum's wishes, no service will be held.

Your memory will live forever Engraved within our hearts

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 12-2022
Being an AMENDMENT to the CITY OF MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 08-2017

HEARING LOCATION: Morden Civic Centre
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB

DATE & TIME: October 24, 2022
7:00 pm

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Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer to affect Canadian women. Research shows that 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Breast cancer tends to occur in women between the ages of 50 and 69, but it can also occur in men (though less common).

Fortunately, as a result of research and advancements in technology, the outcome of the disease has substantially improved. Since the 1980s the breast cancer mortality rate has been decreasing,³ with 85% of women and 75% of men surviving more than 5 years after their breast cancer diagnosis.

What is Breast Cancer?

Abnormal growth and behaviour of cells in the breast can cause non-cancerous conditions such as hyperplasia, cysts and tumors. However, these cellular changes can also cause breast cancer.

Signs and Symptoms of Breast Cancer

In the early stages of the disease, women may experience no obvious signs or symptoms. However, if they do, then typically these are the symptoms they will experience:

- a lump in the armpit
- changes in the shape or size of the breast
- changes to the nipple, such as an inverted nipple
- discharge or blood that comes out of the nipple without squeezing it

In later stages of the disease, women may experience the following symptoms:

- bone pain

- weight loss
- nausea
- loss of appetite
- jaundice
- shortness of breath
- cough
- headache
- double vision
- muscle weakness

Regular breast cancer screenings

Breast cancer screenings occur when a woman shows no signs or symptoms of the disease. A mammograph is a low-dose x-ray used to see if cancer is developing in the body. Women should begin getting mammograms at age 40, unless otherwise specified by their physician. When breast cancer is discovered in a woman's body and treated early, treatment has a better chance of being successful.

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