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An unusually mild fall day greeted participants for the ninth annual Thanks for Giving Run in Winkler on Saturday. Over 200 people took part to support the Winkler and District Food Cupboard, Runners tackled either the half marathon, 10K, 5K, or the 1.5K kid's fun run. The event raised \$6,645 for the food cupboard this year—a huge chunk of the non-profit's annual budget.

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Chamber honours best in business

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce honoured some of the area's outstanding businesses at its annual gala

Four awards were handed out, but each recipient also made it clear that for them it was also the community of Morden itself that should be honoured.

"We are in such a blessed area. There's so many here who could be recognized," noted Dr. Rick Wiens, who was part of the Morden Vet Clinic team receiving the

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2015 Golf Fore the Cure

Serving Cancer Care

By Phyllis Rempel

Golf Fore the Cure is a cancer care services tournament serving all types of cancers. It raising funds for cancer sufferers in south central Manitoba. Now having completed its 11th annual tournament, \$8000 was raised on Sunday, September 27 at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club. This brings the total raised in 11 years to \$115,000 for cancer care services; all funds stay in and work in South Central Manitoba.

Golfers teed off on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. The tournament features an attitude of awareness, education, compassion for sufferers and their families and an appreciation to everyone who joins this fundraising cause in helping cancer sufferers in our communities. All funds are donated to South Central Cancer Resource, whose office is located in Morden and provides financial assistance and services to cancer sufferers in South Central Manitoba.

We Thank everyone involved in this tournament, this includes our sponsors, prize, meal and cash contributors, golfers, the many volunteers and the Minnewasta Golf & Country Club & the Timber's Restaurant. Anyone wanting information on sponsorship or how to be become involved with this worthy fundraiser call Phyllis Rempel at 204-362-4657. Thank You again.

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GVSD enrolment growth close to predictions

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With the first month of the school year gone and done, Garden Valley School Division now has a better idea of the enrolment situation in its Winkler area schools.

The student population numbers at the end of September show an increase of 15 students from last fall, bringing the total to 4,365 students.

"We're basically within a handful of students of what we had predicted and staffed the schools for," said superintendent Vern Reimer, who notes they had pegged their enrolment predictions for the 2015-2016 school year at 4,376 kids.

Reimer said the Southwood and Prairiedale schools in Schanzenfeld and Northlands Parkway Collegiate in Winkler each saw enrolment increases of about a dozen students.

Meanwhile, Border Valley, Plum Coulee, Emerado Centennial, and Winkler Elementary schools all saw their student populations drop by about the same amount.

Since the increases are sprinkled across several schools and several grades, there's no need to redistribute staff, Reimer said.

"Although we always look at student need ... when a school is under and they've got fewer students than we've projected, we never take staff away," he noted. "We always wait until the next year and then, through the staffing process and the allocations and the projected enrolments, we make the adjustments."

Though student enrolment is by no means growing in the leaps and bounds of a few years ago, it is clear the division will need help if it's to meet the provincial government's 20K3 goal.

The province wants school divisions to drop student numbers in K-3 classrooms to 20 or fewer by 2017.

Right now, GVSD is about 67 per cent compliant with that goal, Reimer said.

"We have 69 early years classrooms and of those 46 currently have 20 or fewer children in them," he explained.

Some schools are in better shape than others, with J.R. Walkof and Winkler Elementary so short on space that only 57 per cent and 50 per cent of their K-3 classrooms, respec-

Winkler Fire adds new rescue device to arsenal

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Fire & Rescue unveiled the newest addition to its rescue arsenal during its Fire Prevention Week Open House Oct. 7.

The department recently purchased a Rescue Alive platform, which will allow them to more easily execute rescue operations in open water or out on the ice.

"Anywhere where you might have ice, there's always opportunity for somebody possibly venturing out on unsafe ice," says Fire Chief Richard Paetzold. "If they break through often they can't climb back up or get out, and then hypothermia can set in very quickly."

It's important that firefighters get to victims as quickly and safely as possible, and the Rescue Alive provides another method of doing that above and beyond other rescue devices such as the inflatable Zodiac boat the Morden fire department uses, Paetzold explained.

The Rescue Alive enables rescuers to run over very thin ice by distributing their weight over the device's two large pontoons.

"This device is meant to be very quick to deploy," Paetzold said. "It's actually for when the ice is just forming or just breaking up ... with this, you can run on the ice and the softer the ice the more pressure you actually put down on the pontoons. And if you get into open water you can use the paddle."

The device allows a rescuer to stay out of the water, working from a stable platform when they reach the victim, who, upon retrieval, is suspended above the ice between the pontoons on the way back to shore.

Paetzold notes they can also use the equipment in the summer months to reach victims in open water, paddling out quickly to get to them without creating waves that might swamp them.

"THIS DEVICE IS MEANT TO BE VERY QUICK TO DEPLOY."

Chipping into the \$4,000 cost of the Rescue Alive was Dustin Braun, a 12-year-old Winkler boy who last year donated the \$50 proceeds from a cookie sale he organized to the fire department.

Braun was on hand last week to check out the device, and though he was reticent to share his thoughts on the purchase, he was certainly excited for the chance to climb atop it for a few photos.

Chief Paetzold says it's always heartening when kids take an interest in



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH **VIVEIROS/VOICE**

Dustin Braun, 12, chipped in \$50 towards the purchase of this Rescue Alive device.

what the fire department does. "It's great to see," he said.

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tively, currently meet the goal.

"2017 is a couple of years away and we don't have room to split some

of these larger grades in some of our larger schools into more classes," Reimer said.

The only way Garden Valley is going to make its 20K3 targets is if the province green lights a new school in Winkler.

The division does own land in the Pine Ridge de-

velopment, and a K-8 school there would significantly ease overcrowding at both W.E.S. and J.R. Walkof, Reimer said.

GVSD has been lobbying for that school for several years now and is at the point where all they can really

do is to continue to stress the need and hope the province comes through, he said.

"We've done all that we can do. We've made all the appropriate presentations and we're assured by the Public Schools Finance Board that they un-

derstand our needs," Reimer said. "Now it's a matter of ... the people who control the purse strings deciding where the money will go."

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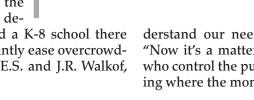
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award for Business of the Year with over seven employees. Also nominated in that category were Coffee Culture and Pharmasave.

Pure Anada received the award for Business of the Year with less than seven employees. Also nominated were Checker Signs and Variety Advertising.

As well, the Morden Area Foundation was named Not-For-Profit of the Year, while Reg Braun of Gallery Wealth Management received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

BIZ OF THE YEAR: PURE ANADA

Pure Anada was honoured as a tremendous local success story.

Candace Grenier began the company by producing organic cosmetics in her home. It is now sold in over 200 locations across Canada, including its storefront in downtown Morden.

Grenier said she was proud and honoured to receive the recognition.

"Some really exciting things happened this past year," she noted. "One of them was that we secured a business relationship with a contract manufacturing account ... a dream client. And it involves having our little facility certified organic."

She thanked the people who work "behind the curtain" at Pure Anada.

"It seems like a simple product ... but it's actually hundreds of different ingredients sourced from around the world combined together."

And she also celebrated a full year in their new boutique location.

"I honestly went into that venture with no expectation ... kind of had doubts it would work. But it's been a phenomenal experience," she said.

BIZ OF THE YEAR: MORDEN VET CLINIC

The clinic has been serving the area

since the 1950s and is now part of a network of clinics that also includes clinics in Winkler, Pilot Mound, Glenboro, and Killarney.

It was cited for its broad range of services, including emergency care around the clock and its agricultural animal care.

"I guess we kind of go about our days, doing our work, and don't really think about it that much ... but certainly appreciate the recognition," said the clinic's David Hamilton. "We have a large staff who are very supportive, and we certainly couldn't do it without them."

"We also have to thank our clients ... both large and small," Hamilton continued. "Pets these days are almost members of the family ... so we do value that."

TOP ENTREPRENEUR: REG BRAUN

Braun said there was much for him to be thankful for, starting with Morden itself.

"I love Morden. It is, I think, the best place in the world to do business. I think it is the best place in the world to raise our families," he said.

Braun, who was the 2011 Volunteer of the Year, began his career in the financial services industry in 1987 and has worked as an independent advisor since 1994.

He has been firmly committed to community service, including volunteering with the Morden Corn & Apple Festival, the Morden Community Development Corporation and Morden Marketing Team, and the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

"I am thankful for the opportunity of having served Morden as a volunteer. I don't think that any of the things that I have done have been as rewarding as my work in different volunteer positions."



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At its gala last week, the Morden chamber handed out Business of the Year awards to the Morden Vet Clinic (above, left) and Pure Anada (above), the Entrepreneur of the Year Award to Reg Braun (right), and the Not-For-Profit of the Year honour to the Morden Area Foundation (below)





NON-PROFIT: MAF

Executive director Lynda MacLean paid tribute to those who formed the organization in 1993, saying they were "some amazing people with passion and vision for Morden's future."

The foundation has grown tremendously ever since, today having almost \$1.5 million in endowment funds and having granted back \$800,000 to the community.

MacLean said now is an exciting time for the foundation, with new board members and new energy to help them move forward

"This award is a huge thank you ... in recognition of all the board members who have come before us ... for their work, their foresight, their contributions," she said.

She also added a challenge to "every one of you here tonight to join me and my new board ... get your money working harder for your community through investing in the Morden Area Foundation."

Norris urges Morden to continue building on "strong foundation"

By Lorne Stelmach

She was named by Marketing Magazine as one of the Top 30 under 30 brightest young minds in

Yet Lindy Norris doesn't forget her rural roots in Manitoba, and in fact she credits that upbringing for playing a big role in her success.

In the same way, individuals and businesses in a growing community like Morden can achieve much with vision and determination, Norris said in her address to the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce awards gala Oct. 8.

"As Manitobans, we sometimes downplay our strengths and our capabilities and our global reach," she said. "There is nothing Manitoba can't give you to stand out in this world."

Norris is a marketer, entrepreneur, speaker and writer focused on growing business and helping leaders realize their potential. She offers her expertise in areas including brand leadership, strategy development, marketing and communications experience.

Hailing from farm country near Cooks Creek, Norris said she believes anyone who grew up in the country has an advantage because they grow up to be stronger and more resourceful.

"You connect hard work to the fruits of your labour. You understand your place in this world,"

And, more importantly, you learn that everybody knows everybody, she added, and that imparts two important values: accountability for your actions and the power of collaboration.

Norris said there are great opportunities for Manitoba in today's global environment, stressing that it is a limitless place for commerce.

Your vision, strategy, and dreams can set the

tone for your success, she stressed.

"Planning is the catalyst behind most success stories," said Norris. "I'm a huge proponent of goal setting and vision. Goals drive action, action drives results and results drive change and impact."

She talked about planning and how it needs to involve strategy and execution, which are the key factors where many people and businesses may fall short.

Norris recalled seeing one statistic that estimated 87 per cent of businesses fail to execute their strategy and another that 70 per cent of strategic failures are due to poor execution.

She went on to touch on what she called the disciplines of execution: setting goals (no more than one to three major objectives), having a single clear measure of success, and keeping the goal visible to measure progress and to celebrate when a goal is achieved.

Norris also offered praise for Morden and the potential it shows for building on its strong foundation.

She cited the city's goal of reaching a population of 15,000 by the year 2020 as one that is "so simple and powerful ... and one that everyone can unite around. I really commend the city's progressive, innovative and bold vision for growth."

Norris noted a key for her has always been getting involved in her community, and she stressed that as vital for all Mordenites to help their community continue to grow.

"You gain a pulse on what's happening around you each day," she said. "By giving back, I've been constantly enlightened by different perspectives, opportunities for collaboration across boundaries and also across industries, cultures

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"As Manitobans, we sometimes downplay our strengths and our capabilities and our global reach," said Lindy Norris in her address to the 2015 Morden chamber awards gala last week.

and organizations.

"It's become ingrained in me that in order to get, you must give. You are all advocates for the City of Morden and the surrounding area. Every day, you're contributing to the brand and reputation that is Morden. As you do this, I encourage you to think even bigger ... promote yourselves and your city wherever possible."

SCRL to mark 50 years with celebrations in all branches

"WE ARE GETTING SOME FANTASTIC MEMORIES FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE USED THE LIBRARY ... AND WHAT IT'S MEANT TO THEM."

By Lorne Stelmach

Fifty years of library service represents much more than just a lot of books having been read.

The libraries in Winkler, Morden, Miami and Altona have been integral parts of their communities, so the South Central Regional Library is looking to honour that as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations.

In addition to celebrations on Oct. 20, the library has been collecting personal stories of what the library has meant to people over all those years.

"We are getting some fantastic memories from people who have used the library ... in some cases for 50 years ... and what it's meant to them," said director of library services Mary Toma, noting you can share your story on the SCRL website or pick up a form at any of the branches."We want to put this all together into a binder ... we'll continue to accept these to the end of the year."

Many people have stories to tell, Toma said, recalling one elderly Winkler lady recently commenting she could "remember when it first

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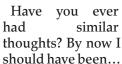
Finding contentment in one's faith

'm turning forty years old in a few months. Yikes! I'm not going to lie, it's not something I'm looking forward to.

For example, I'm starting to wrestle with that nagging thought, "By now I should have been..." and then just fill in the blank.

By now I should have been farther

ahead in life, by now I should have made a bigger impact for God's kingdom, by now I should have been on the pro golf circuit!





By Terry Dueck

So, the other night I'm watching a documentary called *Tiny* (did you know there are thousands of people living in tiny homes around 100 sq. ft across North America?) when a comment catches my attention, probably because in the back of my mind I'm thinking about the implications of turning 40.

It was, "Maybe who you are is all you're ever going to be." That one comment just seemed to stop me in my tracks; it seemed so counter-cultural for someone to say that.

For our society, "normal" is bigger, better, faster, stronger; it's always upward and onward, that constant ascent.

The "American Dream" is always just around the corner, and so we tend to never be quite content with what we have or who we are.

You might even hear this seep into our church services: do more, get better, try harder, step up and be a leader.

Maybe who you are is all you'll ever be. Are you okay with that? Are you happy with you? Would that bring discontentment or frustration in your life? Don't get me wrong, ambition is great, but what happens when life isn't working out the way you planned?

The apostle Paul, who wrote much of the New Testament of the Bible, tells us that he has found the secret of contentment, whether in need or plenty, well-fed or hungry: "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

In other words, Paul's sense of significance or value was not located in his situation or circumstances, to the fulfillment of his dreams or anything outside of his relationship with Jesus.

Paul had tapped into a divine power that was beyond him, that had transformed his life, and he found that transformation in Jesus. His identity and contentment was no longer connected to having more comfort, more prosperity, to life always being "better".

I think often at the heart of discontentment is this comparison to others that produces the idea that I deserve better. In fact, we quite easily begin to root our sense of gratitude towards God in comparing ourselves with those that are worse off than us.

Paul, though, teaches us that the secret of his contentment is not having more than the next guy, but rather it is in the Gospel, it is Jesus.

Thomas Watson once wrote, "If you have not what you desire, you have more than you deserve." Meaning that no matter what state we find ourselves in—humble or mighty, in want or in plenty—we live infinitely above what we deserve. It is in our brokenness, in our selfishness, in our shamefulness, in our arrogance, God sent his son, Jesus, to save us and give us a new life.

In him we find forgiveness and hope—true contentment; nothing or no one can steal my Gospel-centered joy, for it is the secret to my contentment

I encourage you to find the better life that is found in Jesus.

- Terry Dueck is an associate pastor at the Winkler MB Church

Cake and refreshments Oct. 20

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opened up. So I quickly gave her a form and asked her would you please write your memories of when it started and what it's meant to you ... it's so uplifting and such a feeling of 'this is why we do this' that we're getting from people's memories ... how much it's meant to them."

For the anniversary celebration itself, they had hoped to recreate the opening ceremony from Oct. 20,

1965 when a motorcade travelled from Winkler to Morden.

The motorcade parade was to gather at the Altona library at 1 p.m. and then continue to the Winkler, Morden, and Miami branches.

Toma, however, was uncertain if that plan would come together, as she was told a lot of vintage vehicle owners may already have their vehicles in storage for the winter. A few are waiting to see how the weather will be that week before committing to taking part. "So we don't know if it's going to fly. But, regardless, there will be cake and refreshments" at each branch on Oct. 20, she said.

In addition, Gary Moir will be reading in each branch from his book *On the Air: The Golden Age of Manitoba Radio* hourly starting in Altona at 1:30 p.m. and then in Winkler, Morden, and Miami throughout the afternoon

For more information about the anniversary celebrations, contact your local SCRL branch.

Buhler centre on track for spring opening

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Work is moving full speed ahead on the Buhler Active Living Centre in downtown Winkler.

Centre board chair Walter Siemens says construction of the eight storey senior's housing complex on 6th St. is on schedule for a spring opening.

"Our goal still is to finish this in the early part of 2016," he says, noting the Winkler Senior Centre is slated to move into its new home on the building's main floor in April, with tenants settling in a month or so later. "We've been in construction for over a year, and, thankfully, [challenges] have been next to nothing."

A good part of the building's exterior is already completed, and workers are already turning their attention to the interior. The hope is to have a finished show room ready for viewing within the next few months, Siemens says.

That should help wrap up the leasing of the facility's independent and affordable housing units, which currently sit at about 50 per cent occupancy.

"We're pretty well on schedule there," Siemens says. "Our goal is to have it completely leased out by the time we open the doors."

The facility will have 96 units in all, including 48 affordable housing units, 24 supportive care units, and 24 leased independent living apartments.

The project has generated a lot of buzz not just locally but across the province and beyond. Siemens says they've fielded serious inquiries from all over, and he has no doubt the facility will be a full and bustling place within months of its opening.

"Some of the apartment floor plans aren't available anymore, so that's nice to be able to say that, that the interest is there," he says.

The next few months will be spent fleshing out the details of the building's main floor, which includes everything from food services to a hair salon to a pharmacy.

"We want to make sure that all the services are geared to a senior population," Siemens says, noting the facility will also include a games room, an exercise space, a woodworking shop, a large dining room, and more.

"When it's all finished, it will be something the community can be proud of."

If you'd like to check out the building's floor plans and leasing agreements, call 204-362-3980.

Bergen hosting town hall meeting in Carman

Conservative candidate and Portage-Lisgar incumbent Candice Bergen is hosting a Town Hall meeting tonight.

Bergen, who was absent from the all-candidates forum held in Morden earlier this month, invites the public to the Carman Active Living Centre on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. to discuss election issues.

"I love to debate, and I would have loved to attend the all-candidates forums," Bergen said in a released statement. "I want to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and discuss their issues with me. That is why I'm hosting this Town Hall."

The Buhler **Active Living** Centre on Sixth St. has been rapidly taking shape in recent months. Construction is expected to be completed early in 2016.



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Winkler Vet Clinic celebrates

By Lorne Stelmach

The continuing evolvement of veterinary medicine is very much reflected at the Winkler Veterinary Clinic.

Not only is there much emphasis on prevention, but alternative medicine has also become a bigger part of what they do as the clinic marks its 10th anniversary in Winkler.

"That's one thing that's expanding for both Morden and Winkler is alternative medicine," agreed Dr. Jacqueline Enns as the clinic welcomed clients for an open house on Oct. 6, which coincided with National Animal Health Week.

"Definitely there has been huge interest," she said. "We have for years been sending clients to referral practices in the city which only do eastern medicine or alternative medicine, so that need's been there for a while. But people here don't have to travel for that anymore."

Today, the clinics in Winkler and Morden have vets versed in both animal acupuncture and chiropractic

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PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Dr. jacqueline Enns (far left) and staff of the Winkler veterinary Clinic were joined by their everpresent 'mascot' Wally at the Oct. 6 open house marking the 10th anniversary of the clinic. Right: The open house gave visitors the chance to see behind-the-scenes at the clinic.

care.

While the specialized care brings something new to the practice, it doesn't overshadow traditional preventative measures.

"That is actually a big part of veterinary medicine," Enns stressed. "When I think about wanting to speak with my own physician ... we talk about that quite often ... how for human doctors it seems a lot of time is spent on treating disease. In veterinary medicine, a lot of time is spent on preventative medicine."

A DECADE OF GROWTH

Working out of Winkler along with Dr. Gina Bowen and Dr. Jenesa Banman, Enns said it has been rewarding to see how the practice here has grown in the last decade.



"I was here from inception," she noted, "from planning the clinic with three partners until now. It's been a huge privilege to be in the community for 10 years. Things have gone very, very well."

Back when they made the decision to build the clinic in Winkler, Enns said it simply "was based on community growth. At that time, with Morden, we certainly had a lot of people travelling from the east to Morden. That's really encouraged the growth of the clinic here.

"And it's kind of mirrored what's happened in the community," she added, noting they started here with "not enough work for one full time vet and now two and a half full time."

The clinic now has nine staff including two vets, three receptionists, two nurses, and a groomer.

Enns said their clients continue to come from a pretty wide area.

"We work together with a group of five clinics in southern Manitoba ... ourselves, Morden, Pilot Mound, Glenboro and Killarney," she said. "So the way our clinic structure works ... we have different areas of expertise amongst the veterinarians who work with us. And there's certain things we do here ... so we see clients from all over southern Manitoba."

The Winkler clinic tends to be the one where more of the orthopedics are done.

"There's certainly referral that's need to happen as well but basically orthopedic procedures are done at this clinic," Enns explained, noting that the Morden clinic, meanwhile, handles a lot more of the farm animals and equine clients.

On an average day, the Winkler clinic sees about 40 clients, which keeps them pretty busy.

"And we're glad we built a clinic bigger than what we were looking for when we built it," Enns said. "We built the clinic big enough for growth, so there's still room. We're not at capacity."

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Locals weigh-in on Manitoba's budget

By Lorne Stelmach

A sparse crowd of no more than a dozen people took advantage of the opportunity to have their say on the next provincial budget last week.

Nevertheless, Manitoba Finance Minister Greg Dewar said the series of public consultation meetings which included the Oct. 5 stop in Morden have been a worthwhile

With opportunities to participate online as well, Dewar said the province gets good feedback they will take into account when preparing the next budget.

"Towards the end of the month we'll have what's called a telephone town hall," he noted. "Last year, about 10,000 participatpeople

ed, which is quite unique."

The public budget meetings began Sept. 25 in The Pas and then made stops in Winnipeg, Gimli, Brandon and Iles des Chenes before hitting Morden. After two more meetings in Winnipeg, the province will hold two telephone town halls, one for urban residents Oct. 22 and one for rural residents Oct. 23.

"WE'RE HEARING THAT MANITOBANS WANT US TO CONTINUE TO **INVEST IN HEALTH** CARE ... EDUCATION ... INFRASTRUCTURE."

Dewar suggested one of the main messages he was hearing from Manitobans was to key in on the core services.

"We're hearing that Manitobans want us to continue to invest in health care, continue to invest in education, continue to invest in infrastructure," he said.

Of course, issues do vary from one region to the next, Dewar added.

"When we're up north, we hear issues about their unique challenges," he said, while noting the Brandon meeting heard concerns about the impact of falling prices on the



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Finance Minister Greg Dewar chatted with taxpayers in Morden Oct. 5 during his province-wide prebudget consultation meeting tour.

oil industry in the southwest. Up north, representatives of First Nations focused on such areas as economic development.

"Everybody has their own unique challenges ... but we've found everyone still would like us to continue to invest in education, health care and to support our infrastructure plan," said Dewar. "And we know that this area is an area that is growing. We know this area is, we understand, looking at perhaps needing a new

Robyn Wiebe, chairperson of the Western School Division board of trustees, stressed that concern at the meeting, saying the division is pressed for space as enrolment continues to climb.

"We're bracing our community for a few years of being over-full,"Wiebe told Dewar.

The minister also heard from a government employee who urged the province "to get back to the table with a fair and competitive wage of-

Another resident urged Dewar to press the government to join the New West Partnership,

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

Four of the five Portage-Lisgar candidates took some time out of their campaign schedules this month to speak to students at Garden Valley Collegiate.

Liberal nominee Ken Werbiski, NDP candidate Dean Harder, and Green Party candidate Beverly Eert stopped by the Winkler high school on Oct. 7, while Christian Heritage Party nominee Jerome Dondo spoke a few days earlier on Oct. 2.

Organizers say Conservative incumbent Candice Bergen was also invited to speak, but she declined, citing scheduling issues.

Each candidate spent about 20 minutes going over their party's platform and then fielded questions from the students that ranged from queries on Canada's role as peacekeepers to the legalization of marijuana to the prevalence of boil water advisories in First Nations communities.

Social studies teacher Amy Warms stresses that it's incredibly important to get students engaged in the election process.

"For some, this is their first opportunity to vote. Some are ready to vote, but there's lots of students who really haven't given any thought to politics ... our goal as a social studies department and as a school is to provide information and to allow students to make choices based on the options that are there," she said.

Even if kids aren't old enough to vote this time around, getting them talking about election issues hopefully plants a seed of interest in them for future elections, Warms added.

"It allows students to feel that this



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Four of the five Portage-Lisgar candidates stopped by Garden Valley Collegiate earlier this month to speak with students about their platforms and field some tough questions from the teens. NDP candidate Dean Harder (above) and Liberal nominee Ken Werbiski (below) spoke the morning of Oct. 7, while Green Party candidate Beverly Eert spoke that afternoon and the CHP's Jerome Dondo presented on Oct. 2.

is a process I need to get involved in, this is a process I need to know all about so that I can participate once I'm allowed to," she said.

That's certainly the way student Jordan Rae Myerion feels.

The 17-year-old won't be able to vote in this election, but that isn't stopping him from getting informed on the issues and trying to figure out which political party aligns with his values.

"I've been taking an interest in politics since I was 13, 14," he said. "I love being able to actually have the ability to speak and have my voice be heard. It's an amazing fact that you can sit down with a political party and talk with them and actually have them hear you ... in this situation they came to us, we didn't have to go looking to talk to someone."

Myerion said he's always identified

with the Liberal Party's platform, but getting the chance to hear from three of the other parties gave him plenty of food for thought.

"I have always agreed with the ideas that the Liberals have put up, but now that I'm hearing from the NDP, my political point of view actually has been questioned," he said. "I'm not mad about it, either—I'm glad that I've been given the opportunity to listen and look at it."

Whatever party he ends up supporting as a young adult, Myerion is clear on two things: he will vote, and so should all his peers.

"Personally I think it's important because we are the next generation," he said. "There's new generations and there's new ideas that come with them. If you stay with the same generations that stay with the same way they've voted over and over again, nothing ever changes."

GVC also hosted representatives from Elections Canada last week to help first-time student voters learn how they can cast their vote this elec-

Canadians head to the polls on Monday, Oct. 19.

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a trade agreement between British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan that creates Canada's largest, barrier-free, interprovincial market.

Finally, a local home care worker called for more staffing and funding, as the demand is growing but the support is not keeping pace.

"We're doing the best we can with the resources we have," the minister was told.

As for taxes, Dewar suggested the key for Manitobans is the question of affordability.

"We want to make sure Manitoba is an affordable place," he said. "That's why we've lowered taxes ... we've lowered taxes for businesses. Upcoming in 2016, there will be additional tax relief for small business, which we think is important.

"We've increased this year the

property tax credit for seniors so seniors will now be able to see a reduction in the education portion of their property tax with the goal of eliminating that.

"So we're taking measures both to make Manitoba affordable but as well to make a business environment that is competitive as well."

Manitobans can still provide their input on the budget by e-mail to minfin@leg.gov.mb.ca or in writing to Budget Consultations, Room 103, Legislative Building, 450 Broadway, Winnipeg, Mb., R3C 0V8.

Registration deadlines for the telephone town halls are Oct. 19 for the urban session and Oct. 20 for the rural session.

Learn more online at www.gov. mb.ca/finance/consult/intro.html.



RHA hands out service awards at annual meeting

By Angela Lovell

Four employees of Southern Health-Santé Sud received Quality Service Awards at its Annual Public Meeting on Oct. 7 in Portage la Prairie.

Among them was Kim Dyck, Regional Director Staff, Development Infection Prevention & Control, based out of Morden.

Staff nominate their colleagues for Quality Service Awards, who are chosen because they exemplify the organization's core values of integ-

rity, compassion, excellence and respect in their daily work.

Dyck received the award due to her leadership role in preparing the region for threats from major infectious diseases, such as Ebola, over the past year.

It was a huge undertaking which included the development of education

and training programs for all 5,600 staff of the region on procedures and equipment in the event of an outbreak.

Other Quality Service Award recipients were Larry Hirst, chaplain at Bethesda Place Personal Care Home in Steinbach, Shirley Gabe, a health care aide at Boyne Lodge and Car-

man Memorial Hospital, and Brenda McCamis, a health care aide in the dialysis unit at Portage District General Hospital.

Registered nurse Roberta Konrad also received a special award recognizing her 50 years of service at Lorne Memorial Hospital in Swan Lake.

A FOCUS ON THE PATIENT **EXPERIENCE**

Fittingly, the theme of this year's conference, attended by around 100

people, was "Every day, every moment."

The theme illustrates the region's commitment to patient and person centredness, which has resulted in the establishment of a Patient Experience Group.

The group includes members of the Southern Health-Santé Sud board and senior leadership, as well as residents who

have had their own personal or family patient experiences.

A panel discussion with members of the group outlined the work they have done to date and what they hope to achieve in the future.

Marie Ferguson became involved in the Patient Experience Group after a critical incident involving her daugh-



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Kim Dyck (centre), Regional Director, Staff Development, Infection Prevention and Control, who is based out of Morden, received a Quality Service Award for her role in helping the region's staff prepare for a potential Ebola outbreak. CEO Kathy McPhail (far left) and board chair Guy Levesque presented the award at this year's Annual Public Meeting for Southern Health-Sante Sud held in Portage la Prairie on Oct. 7.

"The majority of us on this committee have chosen to engage with our health care system because something went wrong," she said. "It is our goal as a committee to come together with a clear vision of how to enable our system to be better."

As part of the process, a new Patient Experience Charter was unveiled at the meeting that provides a direction for staff and patients to work together to ensure a positive patient experi-

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

In their address, CEO Kathy McPhail and board chair Guy Levesque shared some of the past year's accomplishments.

The region achieved accreditation status this past year from Accreditation Canada, and was recognized for a LEAN project that has reduced wait

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Watch out for deer ticks

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterial infection that people can get from the bite of an infected blacklegged (deer) tick.



Manitobans can reduce contact with deer ticks by avoiding wooded or

forested habitat, wearing long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, tucking in clothing, using an appropriate repellent (it should state 'for use against ticks' on the product label), looking for and removing ticks as soon as possible.

For more information about Lyme disease, its symptoms and how to prevent it, visit our website at www.manitoba.ca/ health/lyme/

You can help

You can help in the study of Lyme disease in Manitoba by collecting and submitting deer ticks for surveillance purposes.

- To Deer ticks are smaller than the more common wood tick. Unlike wood ticks, they do not have white markings on their bodies.
- If you find a deer tick, remove it slowly from skin or clothing using tweezers and steady pressure; avoid twisting. Cleanse area with soap and water or a disinfectant.
- The Place the tick in a small, crush-proof container (for example, a pill bottle) with a piece of slightly damp paper towel (to help keep the tick alive).
- Firmly tape the lid shut.
- Check the pictures and additional information on the website to determine if your tick might be a deer tick.
- Hand-deliver or mail the sample to the address below. If mailing, place the container in a sealed plastic bag then in a cardboard box labeled: RESEARCH SPECIMENS -FRAGILE – HANDLE WITH CARE
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Gateway cuts ribbon on new recycling facility

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After 18 months of making do without, Gateway Resources proudly unveiled its new recycling addition on Oct. 9.

The facility's former recycling building and all the equipment inside was lost in a fire last year.

Now, Gateway has replaced the old with something bigger and better: a 14,000 square foot recycling processing facility that will allow them to plan and grow for the future.

"We wanted to plan for future growth and also to be able to take on extra recycling from the community," said Gateway board chair Brian Derksen.

State-of-the-art equipment such as a new baler system will help with that goal.

"The capacity of our new baler is about eight times what our old baler was," Derksen said. "As far as speed and capacity, that should greatly improve the quantity of recycling we can take in."

Derksen also noted that with the approximately 6,000 square feet of additional space to work in, Gateway is going to be able to be a much better neighbour in the community.

"It accomplishes something else, too, just for our community neighbourhood: we shouldn't have as



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Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen (left) and Winkler Mayor Martin Harder joined Gateway Resources CEO Kim Nelson (centre) and several Gateway clients in cutting the ribbon on the facility's new recycling processing space, which replaces the building Gateway lost in a fire last year.

much recycling blowing around," he said. "Even being able to store the cardboard or paper inside so we don't have to deal with the elements ... there's a number of different benefits of having the size that we do."

CEO Kim Nelson says staff and clients are excited to start this new era at Gateway.

"The anticipation for opening this building has been huge," she said. "We are very excited to see what this does for Gateway and for the community."

Currently, between six to eight peo-

ple work in the new recycling processing area, though Gateway hopes to grow that number in the future, says Ron Gerbrandt, director of operations.

"We may someday have a sorting station in this building, and then that would change [the numbers] quite a bit," he said. "So that's something that we're anticipating, maybe not in the next year or two, but eventually."

Gateway Resources, which process all of the City of Winkler's recyclables, currently processes about 2,000 metric tonnes of recycling a year, Gerbrandt said.

"This will hopefully open up the opportunity for us to service some [commercial] customers that we were restricted from doing before because our mandate is residential [first]," he said. "And now we may be able to expand that capacity once we're fully operational and have assessed how much we can handle."

Manitou writer receives award

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitou's own Angela Lovell was honoured for her agricultural writ-

ing by the Canadian Farm Writers' Federation last month.

Lovell, a freelance writer who has covered events for the *Voice* over the years, received the Jack Cram Award for Monthly Press Reporting for her *Country Guide* piece "The wide view".

This marks Lovell's first major writing

award, and she's honoured to have received it.

"It's the first time that I've ever

won, so it feels pretty great," she says. "I've been at this for over 20 years, so it's kind of nice to be recognized by your peers."

The CFWF represents almost 350 English-speaking agricultural journalists, broadcasters and communicators from across Canada. Twenty-five judges from across North America selected the winning entries.

Lovell's winning article featured Alberta ranger Cherie Copithorne-Barnes and her struggle to navigate the

changing tides of modern agricul-



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The new recycling processing building—complete with a new baler—gives Gateway more room than ever to handle the thousands of metric tonnes of recycling that passes through its doors each year.



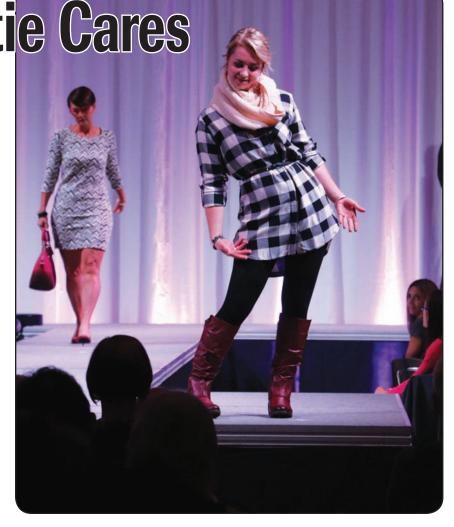
Angela Lovell

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Striking a pose for Katie Cares



Katie Cares held yet another sold-out Katie Cares Fashion Show on Oct. 8. The fourth annual evening of fashion raised a whopping \$40,000 for the Katie's Cottage respite home. Organizer Ruth Reimer says they're thrilled with how well the evening went, sending out thanks to the many models, sponsors, and audience members who made it all possible. The evening included models showcasing clothes from several local stores, an array of desserts, a Celtic dance performance. dozens of silent auction packages donated by generous businesses, and presentations from Katie Cares' board as to the work they do, as well as from several children who have been on the receiving end of the charity's hospital care packages.



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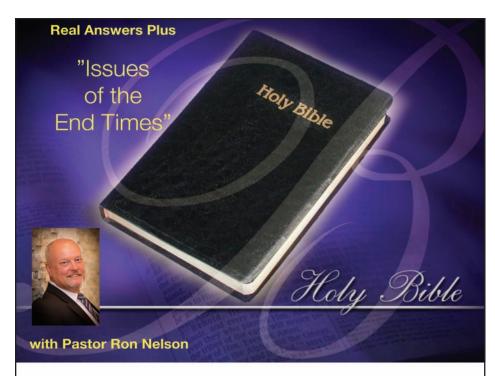






SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Manitoba World War One Museum's life-sized trench system played host to a film crew last month. Owner Bruce Tascoma says the crew stopped by the Pilot Mound-area museum to film several scenes in the trenches for their documentary on Camp Hughes, which was a major training camp in Manitoba in the First World War. "For many it was the last stop before going overseas to fight in the trenches," he says. "IThe film's focus is on how the youth today interprets that war." Last Stop to Armageddon is supported by Heritage Canada and will be released in December. To learn more, check out the production company at www.refuge31.com. The museum's trenches are closed for the season, but the museum itself remains open by appointment by calling 1-204-825-2961.



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"It's a story I'm actually pretty proud of, but it was a great subject, so that always helps," she says.

"Cherie Copithorne-Barnes is a very large ranger in Alberta ... she was actually chosen as one of the farms by Jamie Oliver to check out

before he agreed to go with the big Sobey's promotion on sustainable beef. So it was a really interesting story and I think a very topical one."

You can find more of Lovell's writing online at alovell.ca.



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Road trips can make for great weekend getaways or even more lengthy vacations for those who can't get enough of the open road. But before embarking on any road trips, motorists should replenish their automotive emergency kits with the following items so they are fully prepared in the event of an accident or an injury.

First-aid kit: A first-aid kit can treat cuts and abrasions suffered while you are out of the car and even some minor injuries that may result if you are in a car accident. Include essential items like adhesive tape, antibiotic ointment, antiseptic wipes, aspirin, bandages, a cold compress, gauze, and scissors. Visit www.redcross.org for a more extensive list of items to include in your first-aid kit, which should be kept in your car at all times.

Tools: It's important to include tools in your automotive emergency kit. While a full toolbox might be unnecessary, bring along an adjustable wrench, a flat head and Phillips screwdriver, a pair of pliers, a tire jack and crow bar, an ice scraper, and a flashlight. Extra roadside flares and reflectors also should be packed should you need to pull over and address an automotive problem, such as a flat tire. Keep a tire pressure gauge in your glove compartment or with your other tools so you can check tire pressure if you feel your car is not operating as smoothly as it normally does.

· Fluids: While it's best to check all of your vehicle's fluids before beginning a road trip, it does not hurt to bring along some extra fluids just in case you start to run low while out on the road. Fluids to pack include motor oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, and windshield washer fluid. Include a funnel with these items so you can easily pour them in should you be running low. Pack an empty spray bottle as well so you have something to spray washer fluid from if a problem arises with your wiper blades.

Wiper blades: Include an extra set of wiper blades in your automotive emergency kit. Maintaining wiper blades is an oft-overlooked component of vehicle maintenance, so bring along an extra set of blades

should your existing blades suc-cumb to wear and tear while you're on the road.

· Miscellaneous items: Some items that may not seem synonymous with road trips can come in handy should you find yourself in an emergency. Pack a blanket so you and your passengers can stay warm should your car break down at night. In addition, pack some energy bars and bottled water so no one gets too hungry or thirsty while waiting for help to arrive. It's also good to keep a pair of work gloves in your car so you can still use your tools or change a tire when the temperatures dip or your hands get sweaty on hot days.



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New name, same quality service at OK Tire

OK Tire Auto Service is officially One more benefit is right there in the open for business in Winkler.

It's a new name for the 255 Kimberly Funk says they've been special order-Road automotive repair shop, but the ing tires for customers for years, but same quality service you've always as part of OK Tire they're now able to received from owner Walter Funk and offer far more brands and price points, his experienced staff.

Funk's garage has been known by a on site. few names since it opened nearly 25 "With the change we now do sell the years ago, but this fall was time for Toyo tires, Bridgestone, General tire, another change with an eye on the fu- Continentals ... everything from highture of the business.

"This was just a very good fit for what we were already doing and for where erything we did before by adding the we see the company going in the fu-tires. And because of the large nationture," Funk says.

"OK Tire is the largest tire franchise tive with the tire pricing as well." in Canada," he adds, stressing that Winkler's new OK Tire isn't moving means greater options for customers too far away from its roots, though both in terms of products and ser- The shop's crew still have extensive vices. "Now they can get serviced at experience in working with all kinds one store and if they move or travel of exhaust systems. and they need a warranty job, any OK "We do focus on exhaust, still. Cusmore.

Being part of a larger, well-established company also gives the local shop Funk says. into better pricing for customers.

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end tires to more economical options," Funk says. "It only complements eval franchise, we can be very competi-

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with the benefit of easier access to ongoing better buying power when it comes The shop also provides the full range training so that the shop's mechanics can always ny's history. to parts, Funk notes, which translates of automotive services, everything stay on top of the latest and greatest in automo-

"With this franchise, they have such a large toolbox for us to get into," says Funk. "It's good to have those opportunities.

Funk says his family—he runs the shop with alongside wife Alvera and their children—are looking forward to this new era in the compa-

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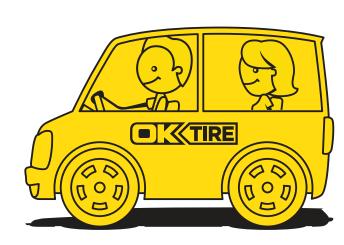
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Maintain tire balance and alignment for a smooth ride

It is easy for motorists to take their tires for granted when everything is working correctly. Wheels and suspension systems bear the weight of cars and trucks and must bear the brunt of rough roads, pot holes and any additional obstacles, so some wear and tear is to be expected.

Many drivers know to monitor their tire pressure, but it's also important to check for worn treads and inspect tires for punctures or damage. Proper tire alignment and balance also is essential for a comfortable and smooth ride.

Balance

Balancing tires involves equalizing the weight of the combined tire

and wheel assembly so that each tire spins smoothly on the road. Tires are mounted on the wheel assembly, and the chances of this assembly having precise weight distribution is nearly impossible without a little help. According to Discount Tire, the slightest imbalance in the tires, even as little as half an ounce, can be felt by drivers. Unequal mass can make tires wobble, causing noticeable vibrations.

Mechanics will test tire balance by putting it on a balancing machine. The machine will spin the tire and determine the tire's heaviest point. Counteracting weights will be placed on the tire hubs to create a more uniform balance of weight. Lead weights are often used, but some are being

phased out for other metals, such as zinc, because of the medical and environmental implications of lead.

Tires that are not balanced will not only cause vibration, they also can lead to uneven wear.

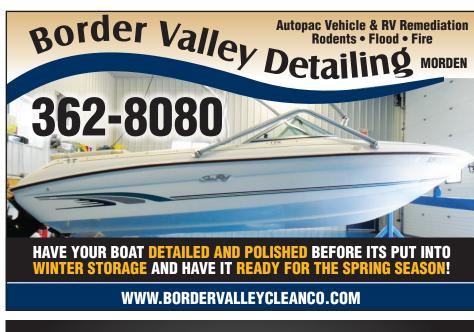
Alignment

Tire alignment is another way to reduce wear on tires and help avoid steering and "pulling" problems. Bridgestone Tires defines tire alignment as an adjustment of the vehicle's suspension, or the system that connects a vehicle to its wheels.

When tires are not properly aligned, drivers may notice uneven tread wear. Misaligned tires also may cause the vehicle to pull to the left or right. Drivers who notice their steering wheel is off-center or vibrating when they are driving may need to adjust their tires' alignment.

Camber, or the inward or outward angle of the tire when viewed from the front of the vehicle, will be adjusted. In addition, "toe," or the extent to which the tires turn inward or outward when viewed from above, will be adjusted. Caster angle also helps balance steering, stability and cornering. Caster is the angle of your steering axis when viewed from the side of your vehicle.

When tires are balanced correctly and aligned, vehicles will offer a smooth ride with little to no vibrations. Having tires serviced can maximize their performance and lifespan.







Practice makes perfect









PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE The Winkler fire department celebrated Fire Prevention Week with its annual Open House on Oct. 7. Clockwise from above: The evening included a dem-

onstration of a high-rise rescue; firefighters also used the Jaws of Life to show how they rip vehicles apart to rescue victims inside; a firefighter tackles a windshield with the Jaws; visitors, including four-year-old Arlin Olson, got the chance to play firefighter, touring the entire fire hall and checking out the trucks. The evening also included a hot dog supper and the unveiling of the Rescue Alive device (see Pg. 3).



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New First Nations Bible aims to reach out

By Lorne Stelmach

An ambitious project is aiming to put a Bible designed for First Nations people into every one of their communities across the country.

It's a challenge being taken on through the Canadian Lifelight Ministries, and the man spearheading the effort passed through southern Manitoba recently to drum up interest in the project.

The First Nations New Testament Bible could help bridge the gap between Christianity and the First Nations communities of Canada, suggested Ken McGee.

"It's for them, it's about them, and it has them in mind,"

he told the *Voice* last week. "It's a wonderful study Bible ... an encouraging Bible for new people ... it's easy to engage ... to comprehend."

While larger cities and towns across Canada are blessed with many outreach organizations and churches, this is not a reality for most First Nations communities, especially those in more remote and northern locations.

McGee noted there are some 640 such communities across Canada, including 64 in Manitoba alone, so it is a big void to be filled.

Christians often look overseas for their missions when "right here in Canada we have a people ... who are often very misunderstood and have had a very challenging time," he said. "It compels us as Christian people to reach out to the First Nations groups in our midst across our country with the good news gospel and the fact that there's hope and help."

CLLM has been reaching out to these communities with the Bible for nearly 15 years.

Volunteers have driven and flown into all over northern Manitoba to develop relationships with some of the chiefs and get the Bible into people's hands.

Tens of thousands of Bibles have been distributed already in homes, schools, recreation centres, and nursing stations throughout the Manitoba north.

The goal is to distribute scriptures in every First Nations community in Canada within two years, McGee said.

There are about 30,000 copies of the LifeLight Shines with scripture similar to the LifeLight in that it features an easy-to-read NIrV translation.

What sets it apart, though, is it features personal testimonies by seven First Nations people.

"There was a need we had seen for a very relevant First Nations Bible," said McGee. "Unless people can really relate in some way to something, they don't really connect to it. And the seven testimonies are all of First Nations people who have found hope and help with God. So it's not "UNLESS PEOPLE CAN REALLY RELATE IN SOME WAY TO SOMETHING, THEY DON'T REALLY CONNECT TO IT."

written off a white man's religion. It's more relevant."

McGee said they are working to partner with interested groups, organizations, and churches to help achieve their aims for the project.

A large part of that has simply involved hitting the road across the country to promote it and get support for it.

"It's a big job ... so we sure need to get word out about it to encourage people to consider how they might be involved to support us in prayer and sponsoring and distributing this First Nation's Bible across Canada," he said. "We're trying to engage other ministries because it is a big job. It takes a lot of seed planting ... a lot of promotion."

McGee recently passed through Altona, Carman, Morden, and Winkler, stopping at many of the churches in the area, and he felt it got a positive response.

"I think they see the need ... and we're getting some great feedback," he said. "We need to, as Christian people, ensure that we're sharing God's word and His light."

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Back 40 Festival looking for help

By Lorne Stelmach

The Back 40 Festival is looking to add some new faces to its board.

The music festival's directors say the need to get some more people involved in organizing the annual music festival is critical in order for the event to happen at all next year.

"I have no doubt that once people know the position we're in ... that we are going to have community support and that we are going to be able to continue," said outgoing chairperson Jocelyn Unrau."But, to be honest, we're in a very critical position where if we

don't have people step forward, we're not quite sure what will happen."

In order to help the festival move forward, its organizing board is holding an open forum on Monday, Oct. 19 at the Pembina Hills Gallery in downtown Morden starting at 6 p.m.

Unrau said they want to bring together people who have an interest in the Back 40 to learn more about

what is needed, how they could get involved, and to get their feedback.

She stressed, though, the most urgent need is for some new board members, including key director roles such as the chairperson, the artistic director, and board secretary.

Every organization goes through

these kinds of changes periodically, Unrau said, noting it's good to have some turnover.

She feels the festival does have a lot of community support so "we need a few people to step forward and help with the organizing throughout the year. We're just to a point where we really need some new people to

step forward and take on a role.

"The remaining members are excited," Unrau added. "I think the organization itself is open to new ideas and changes. Over the past couple of years, we've been able to grow the organization. And we're at a point right now where we really have to think big picture as well."

Unrau reiterated that the need is



The Back 40 Festival is holding a public open forum on Oct. 19 at the Pembina Hills art gallery to hear from people as to what they'd like to see at the annual June music festival and to encourage people to get involved with the planning committee.

pretty urgent in order to start planning for the 2016 festival, which runs in June.

"I'm not sure how we're going to have a festival next year if we don't have people step forward. It's pretty crucial," she said.

Unrau stressed that getting involved on the festival board would not be an onerous task. New board members will be mentored and assisted by the several senior members still on board, including an experienced treasurer as well as public relations co-ordinator.

As well, she noted every aspect of the festival organization is now spelled out in writing.

"If I give you that binder, you could run the festival. We just need people to do it," she said. "We know there's a lot of people who are maybe interested but maybe not sure what kind of skills or expertise they could offer. This forum is really about finding people who have any kind of interest in seeing the festival continue.

"We don't want people to be overwhelmed. I think that's often a big thing when you step into a volunteer role ... that you're reluctant about the time commitment ... but we're not looking to overburden people."

If you are interested in finding out more, stop by the forum next week or check out the festival's website at back40folkfest.com/volunteers.

Big shows coming to Winkler concert hall

Tickets on sale now for illusionist Darcy Oake, family-friendly The Great Big Show

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Hall announced last week that a pair of big shows are coming to Winkler this winter.

First up, Canadian illusionist extraordinaire Darcy Oake has added the city to his cross-Canada Edge of Reality Tour.

Oakes wowed audiences as a contestant on Britain's Got Talent, and he

The P.W. Enns Centennial Concert continues to do so as he shares deathdefying escapades, slight of hand, and nail-biting feats of illusion.

Tickets for the Nov. 23 performance went on sale last Friday for \$49.

Catering to an entirely different audience, the concert hall has also been named as one of the 38 western Canadian stops in Koba Entertainment's brand new The Great Big Show.

The family-friendly stage show is the company's first-ever live family theatrical tour that features characters from four of the top-rated preschool shows on television today, including Franklin the Turtle, The Backyardigans, Max & Ruby, and Mike the Knight performing original, interactive songs.

"My challenge is to design each quadrant of The Great Big Show as a different unique adventure, whether it's travelling the south seas with The Backyardigans, partying with Max & Ruby, guessing riddles with Franklin

the Turtle or discovering chivalrous talents with Mike the Knight," says Patti Caplette, Koba Entertainment's artistic director. "My passion is to bring families, young and old, to the theatre-the world's greatest of all art forms."

Tickets to Koba's The Great Big Show go on sale on Friday, Oct. 16.

To get tickets for any of the concert hall's shows, head online to winklerconcerthall.ca, call 204-325-5600, or stop by the ticket office in Winkler's City Hall.

Armin Wiebe brings his collection of short stories to Morden Oct. 22

By Lorne Stelmach

Delving back into his past proved to be a worthwhile exercise for Winnipeg writer Armin Wiebe.

Digging into some of his earliest writings eventually led to a new collection of short stories.

"It was interesting going back and reading my early stories and seeing whether they would still stand up to reading," Wiebe commented recently in advance of the launch of his latest effort, *Armin's Shorts*.

"I didn't do much revising. I didn't rewrite any of the stories," he said. "I cleaned some of them up a little but I thought, well, that's the way I wrote 30 years ago, so I'll leave it at that. I hope that the readers see some growth in my writing through the book."

Wiebe is the recipient of the Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction and the McNally Robinson Book of

Armin's
Shorts

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the Year Award. He has four published novels and one play, and his short stories have appeared in numerous anthologies.

Showcasing a selection of 25 stories from his three decades of writing, *Armin's Shorts* will have a debut in Morden with a reading Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Pembina Hills Art Gallery. The evening will also include guest reader and poet Luann Hiebert.

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Armin's Shorts features the familiar fictitious Mennonite community of Gutenthal as well as re-imagined origin stories from the subarctic and flights of pure fantasy set in modern-day Winnipeg.

Some short stories have been published over the years in various journals and publications or surfaced at public readings and events, and Wiebe said he would often get requests from readers wondering if they were in a book that could be purchased.

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"So I thought it would be a good idea to see if I have enough shorter stories to make a book," he said.

Some of the stories are among the first stories he ever wrote, while others were written a year ago for this collection.

They are not autobiographical but may often be somewhat connected to life experiences.

"I write things that are triggered by events that have happened to me and around me then they work their way into stories," said Wiebe. "But, ultimately ... it's not writing about my life directly but more indirectly."

He said those who are familiar with his writing, particularly those based in Mennonite country, will find some familiar things in the book

"The world that I write about ... a southern Manitoba Mennonite world of the past ... I haven't lived there since I was 18 years old ... so that's a long time ago," Wiebe acknowledged. "But I still keep finding interesting characters coming out of this world that I've re-imagined ... and the dilemmas they face. And sometimes I can also bring that into a contemporary setting that, even though many of the stories are in the past, the problems they are dealing with are still relevant today."

The short stories in this collection also cover a much more broad spectrum than just the Mennonite experience.

"I lived in the Northwest Territories for six years, and so some of



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Armin Wiebe debuts "Armin's Shorts" at the Pembina Hills Art Gallery on Oct. 22

the stories have come out of that experience," Wiebe said. "And I've finally, in my old age, starting to write a little bit about city life, which I haven't done very much of until recently.

"Even though I've lived in Winnipeg for more years than I've lived elsewhere, I've always felt a little bit like I didn't quite belong here yet ... but I'm starting to get there."

As for any common themes or undercurrents that connect the stories, one thing did come to mind for Wiebe as he put it all together.

"One of the things I notice when I'm picking ones to read at events ... there's men figuring out how to live with women or without them. That seems to run through a lot of the stories," he said. "The relationship between men and women figures in a lot of the stories in one way or another. Some of them are love stories and some of them are funny stories, and some of them are sad stories."

'LIKE HAVING A LOVE AFFAIR'

As for the process of writing short stories as opposed to novels, Wiebe said they require a more narrow focus.

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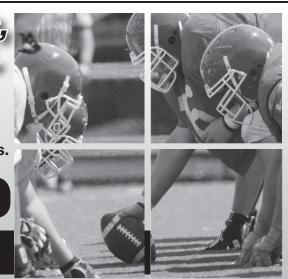
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By Candace Hamm

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times for colonoscopy in the region from months to 28 days at the Health Innovation Conference.

Challenges included the huge effort to prepare in case of an Ebola outbreak in the area.

After the release of the 2014 Community Health Assessment, which gave an overall picture of the health of the region, a new strategic plan setting the direction for the next five years was developed.

McPhail said that whilst the health of people in the region is generally good, there are still many who don't share the same health status.

The patient experience is part of the specific focus of the new strategic plan to help all residents achieve health equity, and for the first time the document includes feedback from patients about the plan's goals and objectives.

"We know that we can't be responsible for everyone's health all by ourselves. We know that we need to have some meaningful and often times very difficult conversations if we want to improve the services we offer," said McPhail. "We know the quality of health care is about three things: the patient experience, patient safety, and best clinical practices, and how we engage in all of those. I am hoping that we can transform the patient experience through meaningful engagement with patients, residents, and clients in this region."



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Members of the newly formed Patient Experience Group participated in a panel discussion about discussed their work and unveiled a new Patient Experience Charter for the region this year's Annual Public Meeting for Southern Health-Sante Sud held at Portage la Prairie on Oct. 7. Back row, from left: Cheryl McKitrick, Robert Rintoul, CEO Kathy McPhail. Front row, from left: Marie Ferguson and Donna Penner.

> ARMIN'S SHORTS, FROM PG. 22

"It's shorter so it takes less time," he chuckled."Though almost all of my novels have started off as stories that didn't want to stay small.

"A short story is a little bit like having a love affair but then it's over," he continued, "whereas a novel is like getting married, and you have to stick with it for a long stretch in order to make it work.

"You do have to be more efficient. You can't take on too much ... you have to be tighter than when you have two or three hundred pages to work with and you've got room to go all over the place."

Looking ahead to his appearance in Morden, Wiebe said he always enjoys book launches and read-

"Much of my writing has an oral quality to it that lends itself to reading aloud," he said. "And audiences generally respond to that. It also helps when you can make people laugh ... which sometimes happens.

"What I really enjoy about it is meeting the people and talking with them ... hearing what they have to say and just connecting with the people who are reading my books. That has always been a very enjoyable part of this busi-

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The Winnipeg Blues' Geordie Keane tries a wide wrap around on Flyer goaltender Ryan Larochelle in last Friday night's game. Larochelle stood firm through two periods, not allowing the Blues to get on the board until the final frame. The game went to Winkler

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Flyers fall to Pistons, bounce back with two wins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers bounced back from a disheartening 4-3 overtime loss to the Steinbach Pistons Oct. 6 to go on to down both the Winnipeg Blues and the OCN Blizzard over the holiday weekend.

The Flyers had a firm hand on Friday night's game in Winkler in the first two periods, with Cam Whyte getting the team on the board five minutes in and Zac Hicks making it 2-0 at the tail end of the second.

Winnipeg finally cracked Winkler netminder Ryan Larochelle's wall in the third, scoring a minute in to get on the board.

Thomas Mansbridge widened the Flyers' lead to 3-1 with a goal less than a minute later, and Winnipeg managed just one more before the final whistle, giving the victory to Winkler 3-2.

Sunday night's game against the visiting OCN Blizzard was a much more decisive win for the Orange and Black.

OCN drew first blood, sneaking one past goalie Clarke Flegal in the final minutes of the opening period.

That was all they managed, though, while Winkler fought back with two

goals in the second (scored by Jordan Wall and Kayden Jarvis) and no less than four in the final frame, two of which came unassisted from Tristan Keck. Cam Whyte and Scott Gale contributed singles.

The victory puts Winkler in second place in the MJHL with a 5-1-1 record and 11 points. They trail the first-

place Portage Terriers by three points and lead the third-place Pistons by one.

OCN got another crack at Winkler on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up this weekend, the Flyers travel to play Steinbach Friday and then host Waywayseecappo Saturday.

Hawks fall to Lightning, Selects

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks dropped a pair of games on the weekend to make it three losses in a row.

A 5-2 loss Saturday to the Interlake Lightning was followed by a 6-2 loss to the Eastman Selects on Sunday.

The Hawks gave up a power play goal to the Lightning as they fell behind 3-0 after one period.

Daniel Nychuk and Devante Hunter closed the gap in the second, but two more Interlake power play markers finished off the Hawks in the third period. Aaron Brunn made 26 saves as Pembina Valley outshot the Lightning 45-31.

On Sunday, the Hawks couldn't generate much pressure as they were outshot 44-19 in falling behind 2-0 and 6-0 in the first two periods.

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Grant pays for new **sports** equipment

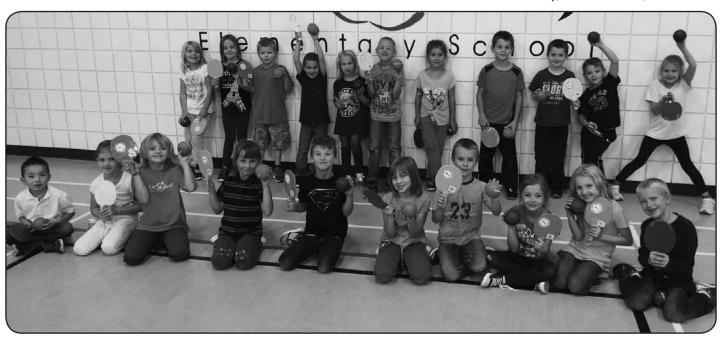
Three Winkler schools received some new equipment this month courtesy of the Winkler parks and recreation department.

J.R. Walkof, Parkland, and Winkler Elementary schools all received a variety of sports gear purchased with some of the funds the city received last year from the True Sport and Winkler Community Foundation Smart and Caring Sport Fund.

"This is a win-win for everyone," said Jordan Driedger, Winkler recreation programmer. "Not only do the schools receive new equipment for their physical education classes, but we can use this equipment for programs that we run in the schools."

In addition to new equipment, the parks and rec. department also used the grant to administer the Run, Jump, Play after school program at the three schools, as well as to host free Community Gym Nights every two weeks from January to March.

Even though the Smart and Caring Sport Fund was a one-time grant, Driedger hopes to run the after school



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Right: Winkler Elementary School teachers Nathan Friesen and Sherri Wimble with some of the equipment purchased for the school by the City of Winkler. Above: J.R. Walkof School is also reaping the benefits of the city's generosity, as did Parkland.

program again this winter.

The program averaged approximately 25 students per day, while the Gym Nights were attended by a number of families with young children.

Other Winkler recreation programs starting up again this fall include:

• Adult Badminton, which begins this month. The league runs sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m. at Emerado Centennial School. Cost is \$20 per person. Anyone interested can contact Driedger at jdriedger@cityofwinkler.



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• Red Cross Babysitting Course takes place at the Winkler fire hall Oct. 23 and Oct. 30 from 6-10 p.m.

Children must be 11 years of age or older to take part. Cost is \$50. Call the number above to register.

Trio of Hawks named to U16, U18 Team Manitoba

By Lorne Stelmach

Three members of the Pembina Valley Hawks AAA squads will have the chance to represent the province this winter.

Hockey Manitoba last week announced the U16 and U18 Team Manitoba rosters as part of the Program of Excellence.

Jenai Buchanan and Megan Neduzak of the Pembina Valley Hawks will be part of the U18 roster, while Matthew Thiessen of the male Hawks team will be part of the U16 team.

"When I got the phone call I was just really excited," said Buchanan, a centre and team captain in her fourth season with the Hawks. "It's always been a goal of mine. It's such an opportunity to represent your province at a national event."

"And it's nice to have the Pembina Valley being represented," she added. Buchanan had a solid season last year for the Hawks, with 11 goals and 10 assists in regular season play.

Also in her fourth season with the Hawks, Neduzak is an assistant captain this year after having contributed eight goals and 14 points last winter.

She said even going through the

Team Manitoba selection process itself was a good learning experience.

"It was an awesome experience. And I'm really excited," said Nedu-

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Tve Turner scored short-handed in the third and then Spencer Kaminsky added a late goal to get on the board. Despite the loss, Matthew Thiessen put in a good effort, making 38 saves for the Hawks.

It could also have been much worse on Oct. 7 for the Hawks had it not been for the efforts of Thiessen.

The team were shutdown in managing a paltry seven shots in the entire game while Thiessen faced 47 in a 4-0 blanking at the hands of the Winnipeg Wild.

The Wild had period leads of 2-0 and 3-0 as Pembina Valley fired blanks on four power play opportunities. They also went 0 for 5 against Eastman and 0 for 9 against Interlake.

The Hawks are back in action this weekend for the showcase weekend in Portage. Pembina Valley will face the Winnipeg Thrashers Friday night and the Southwest Cougars late Saturday afternoon. They then begin a six game home stand next Wednesday when they host the Wild.

Hawks make a clean sweep at home tourney

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks ladies team made it a clean sweep in their

home tournament.

The Hawks opened the tournament Friday with a pair of wins, though one came much harder than the other.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Hawks ladies kicked off their home tournament in Morden last weekend with a 10-0 victory over the Interlake Lightning Friday afternoon.

In game one, they blasted some 30 shots in the first period alone, dominating the zone play as they rolled to a 10-0 rout of the Interlake Lightning.

They held period leads of 3-0 and 7-0 as Halle Oswald earned an easy shutout with 12 saves, while the Hawks were credited with over 90 shots on net in total.

Sage Scott-McElroy led the attack with a pair of goals and a four point night. Makenzie McCallum also had a pair of goals, while Megan Neduzak, Chelsey Dearlsey, Jenai Buchanan, and Alyssa Alderson had a goal each and three point nights. Other goals came from Ginny Grenier and Chloe Penner.

The Hawks then overcame a 2-1 first period deficit Friday evening with a pair in the third for a 3-2 victory over the Norman Wild.

Alderson scored in the first period for Pembina Valley while Buchanan got the tying goal in the final frame with 4:10 left, blasting a one timer through traffic. Scott-McElroy followed that up with a cut to the middle and a cross body shot with 1:50 left for the game winner.

In net, Taylor Reimer stopped 11 of 13 shots.

The Hawks were then backstopped Saturday by a solid performance in net from Oswald, who made 18 saves in a 3-0 shutout of the Central Plains Capitals.

Alderson, Heppner and Lindsey Michiels scored for the Hawks.

Heppner wired a wrist shot high blocker 2:12 into the game, and then Alderson snapped a low shot in the second. With the Capitals goalie pulled for the extra attacker late in the third, Michiels fought off two checks in the neutral zone and backhanded the puck into the empty net.

Finally, on Sunday, the team snagged win number four with a 3-1 victory over the Shaftesbury Titans.

Pembina Valley got goals from Alderson, Heppner, and Penner, while Reimer was solid in net with 25 saves.

The Hawks resume their Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League regular season Saturday with a visit to Shoal Lake to face the Yellowhead Chiefs. They then return to Morden to host the Eastman Selects Sunday at 3 p.m.

Zodiacs, Thunder bring home the banners

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was a banner week for the local high schools.

At the Zone cross country championship in Roseisle Oct. 7, the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs junior girls and varsity boys teams clinched banners, while the school as a whole won the aggregate banner.

At the same meet, Northland Parkway Collegiate's Seb Klassen won the championship for varsity boys cross country running.

Also last week, both GVC and Morden Collegiate fielded championship varsity soccer teams.

On Oct. 6, the GVC Zodiacs boys downed the Altona Aces 2-1 in the final to clinch the Zone 4 High School Soccer banner. The boys had previously knocked the Morden Thunder out of the running 5-2 in the Oct. 6 semi-finals.

On the girl's side, the Thunder bounced the Aces out of the play-

offs with a 2-0 semi-final win and then defeated the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks (who had themselves bested GVC 1-0 in the semi-finals two nights earlier) 1-0 on Oct. 8 for the championship.

That brings the high school soccer season to an end, barring provincials, but the varsity volleyball season still has a ways to go.

Last week's SCAC matches pitted the Nighthawks boys against the Lions and the Redhawks. Winkler fell to the Lions three matches to one and then downed the Redhawks 3-2

The NPC girls, meanwhile, fell to the Lions 3-2.

In Zone 4 AAA volleyball, the Zodiacs boys split two matches with the Aces, winning and losing one each 3-2.

The GVC girls won both their games versus Altona 3-0.

And the Morden Thunder boys and girls both defeated Sanford—the boys by 3-1 and the girls by 3-0.



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The Morden Thunder girls varsity soccer team downed the visiting NPC Nighthawks 1-0 on Oct. 8 to win the Zone 4 championship.

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Agriculture Chaco's Menno Colony in a snapshot

By Harry Siemens

Gustav Sawatzky is the current president of the Cooperativa Chortitzer of the Menno Colony in the Chaco, Paraguay, with over 6,000 members doing \$750 million in business in 2014, serving over 10,000 people in the Chaco.

"Is a group of people that stood together, right from the beginning when things were very difficult," says Sawatzky, who explains their forefathers left their homes in Manitoba in 1926-1927 to head south. In 1928, they formed the first cooperative. Eventually, the cooperative decided to process the flour for its members. Times were tough then, so they had to stand together to import the flour and sugar and basic cloth fabric to sew their clothes.

The cooperative has grown from those small beginnings dealing with the basic essentials of life to where they are today a very successful, much larger entity.

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Stay thankful

By Harry Siemens



Last week I tweeted a question as to how the corn harvest is going and what the yields are doing. Adam McKnight of Carman tweeted saying corn is yielding

between 130 and 180 bushels an acre. Wow, what a yield compared to only 10 years ago or less where those same fields yielded between 80 and 100 bushels an acre.

McKnight says varieties, management practices, and land use techniques are some of the reasons the yields have improved so very much. Choosing the right varieties for your soil type and climatic conditions is vital.

He says that for the top corn producers 130 to 140 bushels an acre isn't good enough any more—they expect

Morgan Cott with the Manitoba Corn Growers says acres for 2015 include grain corn at 225,197 and silage corn at 90,571.

McKnight says some of the moisture levels of corn for harvest was 17 to 18 per cent in the Roland area where the corn didn't get enough rain.

In other areas it was more like 25 to 26 per cent. Fifteen per cent is dry enough to store short term, but those who intend to store it longer term need to dry it down to maybe 12 or 13 per cent.

In Manitoba it is not a good idea to get into the corn business without a good grain dryer. That is why many who may want to plant corn don't because it is no easy task setting up a grain drying system. The increased regulations and the cost of equipment and propane needed for drying also drive up the costs.

responsible for taking what the land will produce and generating the wherewithal to sustain the members and their families.

The CC works with buying land, exchanging land between members, and processing what the farmers produce, including meat, milk, cotton, and sesame, to name only some.

The most important crops the CC processes locally. Then the next step is processing the products through industrialization including a meat processing, milk, cotton, and feed processing plant. The next step is marketing the finished product.

"The CC deals with those things the members produce where today annually does \$750 million of business, and that is a huge undertaking," Sawatzky says.

Much of it they sell nationally within Paraguay, but 20 to 25 countries around the world get some of their finished product, too.

The Cooperativa Chortitzer isn't there to make money, because the real owners are its members, Sawatzky says.

"The secret is to keep enough money to run and further invest in the CC," he says. "The rest goes back as dividends."

Looking forward, Sawatzky says the CC has a number things it hopes to do. Right now the key focus is to increase the production.

For example, they process 400,000 litres of milk a day, but have room to increase that to 550,000, production allowing.

They are building a \$14 million milk powder plant that, when finished next year, will encourage the producers to raise production so they can export more internationally.

There is also room to increase with the current producers, who own between 50 and 300 hectares of land. They must increase production and efficiencies so they can compete with the European milk producers.

The CC helps to introduce more technology and expertise so they can help the producers compete, Sawatzky says.

"Today as a Menno Colony society our goal is to not lose our values and standards, our Christian faith values, our work ethic ... and we need to integrate with the locals in such away we can learn from each other,"he says."Change and integration will happen much quicker in the next 10 to 15 years, and those with the thick skulls and hard heads that don't want to integrate will have the problems."

That means the CC needs to have leaders that can see all sides, and are willing to set things up to keep their standards while moving forward, he says.

Mennonites of Paraguay

Come and spend an evening with Harry and Judith Siemens as they share about their recent working trip to the Chaco, Paraguay. As guests of the Menno Colony, Harry and Judith presented on agriculture, health, and life. Come hear the reports and see the pictures of what they learned from the Mennonites within the Menno Colony.

> Thurs., Oct. 22, 2015 Winkler Library • 7:00 PM

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More kudos for Trans-Pacific agreement

By Harry Siemens

The accolades keep flowing in for the federal government inking a deal as part of Trans-Pacific Partnership as to how it will help Manitoba processors, exporters, and producers.

Hylife vice-president Claude Vielfaure says Canada's participation will help maintain his company's competitiveness in Japan while also creating new export opportunities in the 12 other nations involved in the new free trade agreement.

Vielfaure says Canada exports over 80 per cent of the pork it producers and because this trade agreement is the biggest in the world, accounting for 40 per cent of the global economy, it is vitally important for Canada to be part of it.

Hylife already exports a lot of pork to Japan, one of the member countries, he notes.

"That is one of our biggest markets on fresh chilled pork, so it is a very, very important market that needs to stay open for us,"Vielfaure says."Because of the TPP, it is important to be part of the deal but also to have a level playing field."

"We don't have all the details of the deal but I think that has been accomplished and so, for us, that is exciting and hopefully be able to continue to sell to Japan and that opens other markets like Vietnam and Malaysia," he adds. "There will probably be other countries that will want to be part of it in the future and it opens up a base agreement that you can use for other negotiations with different countries."

Florian Possberg, the chair of Sask Pork, says Canada's participation as a founding member of the TPP puts Canada in an strong position to benefit when new members, such as China, come on board.

"We've shown that Canada can be a leading negotiator of free trade agreements worldwide, including this one, the one with Europe, and the North American Free Trade Agreement are all positive for our industry," he says. "It shows that we are serious about being a global player in terms of trade."

"Being a founding member means

that we're really part of the core group that sets the rules and regulations and how it operates," he said. "I think there has to be a lot of appreciation on the part of our industry for the hard work that went into making this happen. It just shows the dedication and the absolute commitment to being a global partner in terms of trade, and our industry particularly really appreciates that."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 27

As is always the case, not everyone gets 180 bushels all the time, and it seems not everyone will get 130 bushels all the time either because moisture conditions varied, some areas had frost early on, and some may not have chosen the exact right varieties for their area.

Changing gears, many of you keep asking and I'm pleased to share that a Night with Harry and Judith Siemens regarding their recent visit to the Mennonites in the Chaco will take place in the Winkler Library at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22. I'm looking forward to telling this unique story.

There will be other places we will tell the same story: in churches, senior centres, homes, and, who knows, we may come to a place near you.

Thanksgiving Day is upon us once again and most of us have no fewer things to be thankful for than we had one year ago.

For me, getting to that point in life where things don't matter near as much as they used to, being happy with what today brings, health, and to know that the God who created the universe also created me and sent his son Jesus to provide salvation and eternal life for me and all those peo-

ple who accept Him.

I'm a thankful person for those reasons, but also for the ability to continue to work at what I love doing.

Often people ask me how come I haven't retired yet. I tell them that it doesn't even figure in my books. To have value and meaning to get up each morning and tell the great story of farming isn't work, but a privilege.

Farmers feed us all year round. This Thanksgiving, I hope you took some time to say thanks. Whatever you ate on Thanksgiving, farmers made it happen.

Twisters down Stonewall, fall to Charleswood

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Twisters added one win and one loss to their MMJHL record after going up against the Stonewall Jets on the road Oct. 9 and the Charleswood Hawks at home Oct. 10.

Friday's game saw the Twisters up 2-0 after the opening frame thanks to a pair of goals from Alex Tetrault.

The Jets managed to even the score at the top of the second, but goals from Eric Lebrun and Fraser Mirrlees tipped things back in Pembina Valley's favour.

Mirrlees made it a 5-2 game at the start of the third, and while Stonewall got one more past Twister netminder Gavin Klassen, that was all and the win went to Pembina Valley 5-3.

It was another close game the next night back in Morris, but with a very different outcome.

Scott Owen opened up scoring for the Twisters this time around

in the opening period, followed by a pair of goals from Tetrault and Remi David in the second to match the two scored by the Hawks.

The Twisters were up 3-2, then, heading into the final period, and it

was there the Hawks poured on the heat, scoring the tying goal nearly three minutes in and then getting the game-winner past Klassen at the 9:08 mark.

Nonetheless, the Twisters remain in

first place in the league with a 5-1-2 record and 12 points—three points ahead of both the Jets and the Hawks.

Coming up, the Twisters host the Raiders Jr. Hockey Club this Saturday.

> TEAM MANITOBA, FROM PG. 26

zak, adding it was an honour "to be chosen ... one of only three from the Pembina Valley. It's exciting to represent Pembina Valley and to represent Manitoba."

Neduzak said it will be a great opportunity to experience the game at another level.

"To be able to play with the top players in Manitoba ... it's a totally different calibre of hockey. I'm excited to see what that's going to be like."

Thiessen is also excited at the opportunity to play at that level of hockey.

"It's pretty exciting," the Altona resident said. "It should be a really good experience ... a good chance to learn."

Thiessen is a goalie in his first sea-

son with the midget Hawks, having played at the AAA bantam level in previous seasons.

He posted a 3.25 goals against average last year through 16 games, earning one shutout with a record of six wins, seven losses, and three ties.

Hockey Manitoba finalized the provincial team rosters after a seven

month selection and development process.

The U16 Team Manitoba will compete at the 2015 Western Canada U16 Challenge Cup Oct. 27 to Nov. 1 in Calgary, while the U18 team heads to the U18 national championship in Huntsville, Ontario Nov. 4-8.



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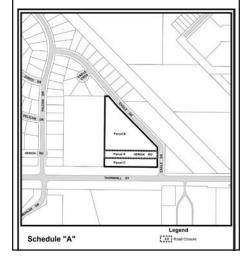
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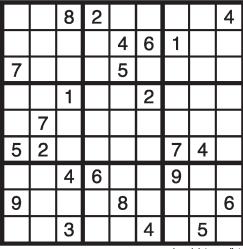
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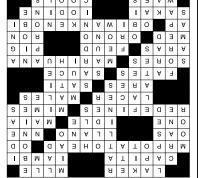
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Sudoku Answer



Crossword Answer

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- 1. LA team member
- 6. Young Fr. woman (abbr.)
- 10. Per ___, each
- 11. Foots
- 13. Veggie toy
- 17. Overdose
- 18. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- 19. So. Am. plain (Span.)
- 20. Point midway between N and NE
- 21. Single
- 22. Inactive
- 23. Mother of Hermes
- 24. Gives a new meaning
- 28. Silent players
- 29. One who adds Cluny trim
- 30. Men or boys
- 31. God of War
- 32. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 33. Inevitable events
- 35. Add piquancy
- 36. Skin lesions
- 37. Cannabis
- 41. River of NE Turkey
- 42. 2 family struggle
- 43. A young swine
- 44. __ student, learns healing
- 45. 55300 MN
- 46. Opie actor Howard
- 47. World's oldest news gathering organization (abbr.) 13. Secure a ship with ropes
- 48. Luke's Jedi mentor
- 52. Japan's knife & scissor city
- 54. Medical antiseptic & dye
- 55. Early female flyers
- 56. Loses heat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. No longer practicing
- 2. Military mailbox

- 18
- 3. Cowboy Carson
- 4. 7th Greek letter
- 5. Nautical ladder rungs
- 6. Hmong
- 7. Fellow
- 8. Maltese pound
- 9. Coal blacks
- 10. Japan Airlines bird
- 12. Different concepts
- 14. Elder
- 15. Belongs to famous computer
- 16. Point midway between NE and E
- 20. Moniker
- 23. Environment
- 25. Fills with joy
- 26. Transportation charges
- 27. Frosts

- 28. Counterpart
- 30. 2nd largest Hawaiian island
- 32. Grimly humorous
- 33. A dog's front foot
- 34. Mures River city 35. Steam bath
- **36. South African Music Awards**
- 37. Sound made by a cat
- 38. Clothing protectors
- 39. Wife of Amphion
- 40. God of fire (Hindu)
- 42. Favorite weekday (abbr.)
- 45. Japanese sashes
- 48. Klutz
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- 50. Tokyo
- 51. Hardly any
- 53. Cathode

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He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Agatha Harder (nee Dyck); three sons, Ian and Shelly, Mark and Myra, Russ and Judy as well as eight grandchildren and his mother, Helen Harder. He was predeceased by his father, John K Harder in 1999.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at Winkler EMMC with interment at Grossweide Cemetery. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Jack's memory to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler In care of arrangements, wiebefuneralhomes.com





Helen Letkemann 1923 - 2015

On Sunday, October 4, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Helen passed away peacefully with family by her side at the age of 92 years. She is survived by three sisters-in-law and one brotherin-law: Margaret Letkeman (Frank), Tina Letkemann (Jake), and Lyn (Abe) Voth (Henry Letkemann), as well as many nieces, nephews and their families. She was predeceased by her father, Franz (1986); mother, Katarina (Kroeker) (1993); sister, Tina Letkeman (2000); brothers, Henry (1968), Frank (2006), and Jake (2011)

Helen was born in Germany and moved to Manitoba with her family in August of 1923. The family settled in Greenland, MB, near St. Anne and later moved to Roseisle and then the Graysville area. In 1945, she moved to Kitchener, ON and worked at an

MCC Clothing Depot. In 1954, Helen moved to Waterloo, ON to work in an orphanage. In 1957, Helen came back to Manitoba and began classes which later led to her education degree and teaching career. Helen graduated from teacher's college in 1959 and began her teaching career at Blumenort School, near Steinbach, MB, In 1967, she began teaching at the Lowe Farm School and taught there until 1984, when she retired. In 1986 after her father's passing, she moved back to Winkler to live with her mother, After her retirement, she spent some time teaching adult English classes as well as substitute teaching in Winkler and Lowe Farm. She was a member of the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church for many years and served in countless ways, including years of Sunday School teaching and deaconess. She led a rich prayer life and many have benefited from her prayers. She volunteered many hours with the hospital auxillary and spent many hours visiting people in homes, hospitals, and personal care homes. Her passion in life was to live for Jesus and do whatever she could to ensure all she met and loved would one day live with Him in Paradise. She loved her family dearly and we'll miss her faithful prayers, caring, birthday and anniversary phone calls and so much more.

A special thanks to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Unit, Dr. Cornie Woelk and staff for their compassionate care. Special thanks to the many friends and family who faithfully visited, called, encouraged and uplifted Helen. Your visits were her music.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2015 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment at Winkler Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Helen's memory either to Mennonite Central Committee, 134 Plaza Dr. Winnipeg, MB, R3T 5K9 or Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Unit, Box 2000, Winkler, MB R6W 1H8.

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