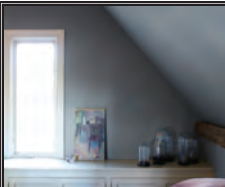


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A handful of participants got into the Halloween spirit Saturday morning as they joined Shari Friesen for pumpkin carving at the Pembina Hills Gallery in downtown Morden. The arts council continues with the theme with this Friday's Halloween art bar painting party.

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November is Cheer Board Month in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board campaign kicked off last week with the declaration of November as Cheer Board Month.

Mayor Martin Harder stopped by the organizing committee's meeting Oct. 18 to sign the proclamation, launching what will be a crazy busy few weeks for volunteers.

"It's a big month for us," said president Francis Fehr. "We do everything from purchasing to placing orders for groceries to getting our hamper numbers out there and putting out applications. It's where the majority of the work happens, in November."

As always, the campaign looks to the community for support, be it from businesses willing to provide monetary or in-kind sponsorships, schools organizing food drives, or individuals making personal donations.

You can help take a bite out of the Cheer Board's grocery bill by making a financial donation at the Winkler Co-op cash registers all month long, or drop off donations of non-perishable food items at bins at Co-op, City Hall, or the MCC Thrift Store.

The date has also been set for the agency's hugely popular Holly Jolly Pancake Breakfast. Last year's event,

"IF THERE'S A NEED, WE ASK AND [THE COMMUNITY] COMES THROUGH. WE'RE VERY BLESSED."

run with sponsorship from Scotiabank, raised over \$10,000. This year's breakfast takes place at the Southland Mall on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Fehr expects the need for hampers to grow this Christmas.

"We anticipate the hampers are going to go up slightly again," he said. "I think last year we did about 330, 335 hampers—it was up from 319 the year before. We expect that to continue to grow a little bit as the community gets bigger."

The hampers, which are filled with food, household necessities, and children's gifts, go a very long way toward making the holidays a little brighter for families in need.

"[They have a] huge impact. Especially when you look at having children ... being able to get them gifts for Christmas and looking forward to



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Mayor Martin Harder joined the Winkler and District Christmas Cheer Board last week to proclaim November as Cheer Board Month.

having food on the table, this is huge," Fehr said.

The Cheer Board campaign, which has been running in Winkler for decades, regularly sees this generosity come full circle.

"What we've found in the past is that we have volunteers coming back from years past who had hampers come and help us," Fehr said. "It's just extremely, extremely great to see."

The care hampers will be put together Dec. 4-6 and delivered the evening of Dec. 6.

"We'll be calling upon the community to come out and help us deliver them," Fehr said, noting they're hoping for nicer weather than last year, when a winter storm necessitated putting out an urgent call for four-

wheel drive trucks—a call the community answered in droves, delivering the hampers, despite the poor road conditions, in just hours. "It was amazing ... if there's a need, we ask and [the community] comes through. We're very blessed in this area."

"Even at the end of the year we had businesses phoning just to make sure we were okay [financially]. That doesn't happen everywhere."

If you can't deliver a hamper but do have some time to help pack them, volunteers will most certainly be needed for that task, as well.

For information on volunteering, donating, or applying for a hamper, call the Cheer Board line at 204-362-3946.

Lake Minnewasta public meeting next Thursday

The City of Morden wants to hear from users of Lake Minnewasta.

A public consultation meeting is scheduled to take place at the Morden Civic Centre on Nov. 2 from 4-7 p.m. to solicit suggestions from the community about what can be done to improve the lake and beach area.

"The consultation is a public event, a come-and-go evening where the public can give suggestions on what activities or amenities to add to the lake and/or the beach," said Morden communications coordinator Thomas Guenther.

"However, we also want to hear what people think isn't working or should be changed at Lake Minnewasta and Colert Beach," he added. "All ideas are welcome."

The suggestions will be taken under consideration as the city narrows down the next steps to be taken.

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Stanley residents speak out against gravel pit plans

By Lorne Stelmach

Rural residents living next to the proposed site for an expansion of gravel pit operations south of Morden voiced their opposition before RM of Stanley council last week.

They have a range of specific concerns from dust and noise to traffic safety and the impact on land values that they say will be even more significant with having three operations close to an area where there are about a dozen houses to the south on the Stanley Park road and another cluster to the north.

Speaking to a conditional use hearing to allow the gravel pit, residents suggested there is also a bigger overriding concern about the municipality needing to find a better balance between commercial or industrial needs and those of the growing residential community.

"There's a lot more to consider ... with a significantly growing community," said Kevin Gerbrandt, who suggested it would be beneficial if this provoked a greater discussion around managing the growth of the municipality.

"Our hope was that if we are able to have this discussion here today ... letting them know that they are intruding on the taxpayers' properties ... we want our interests to be considered ... they need to know that they need to put more thought into the application process than just immediately approving," he said.

"If you have so many more people that are moving into the RM ... you now have much more conflict that is potentially going to happen ... where you have the mixing of residents and

industry."

"I am feeling really good about the fact that this might start a larger discussion ... about land use and industry ... community planning," agreed his wife Dena. "We think that there are significant issues, and people should feel like their concerns are heard."

The Gerbrandts also echoed other residents in questioning the potential impact on the groundwater wells which many of them rely on in the area.

"I'd like to know what kind of guarantee that we have," said Kevin, who raised additional concerns about the poor road conditions in the area due to the amount of heavy traffic that is already happening and taking a toll, especially on PR 432.

"That road gets patched up every year ... people have damaged their vehicles on that road," added Pete Harder.

Another family told the hearing they would consider selling their property because they would be closely surrounded by the three gravel pits.

Levi Wiens of Elite Crushing addressed the hearing to share the steps he would take to address the concerns of local residents.

Some of those measures include strictly abiding by a buffer zone with neighbouring properties and dealing with such issues as noise and weeds. He also spoke on limiting access to the site to just one point of entry to restrict truck traffic.

Dena Gerbrandt agreed that would be an important measure, but she suggested a number of others such as restricting the hours and not operating on Saturdays.

Residents were also told that the



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Dr. John Jackson addresses Stanley council last Thursday as other residents listen at a conditional use hearing where they spoke in opposition to allowing a gravel pit expansion south of Morden.

aim would be to rehabilitate the site as soon as possible, with the landowner telling council that his plan is to be able to farm the land again in the future.

In the end, residents like the Gerbrandts came away hopeful that council may be giving more thought to the greater issue of their relationships with residents.

"We hope to be able to work together

as a group to be able to ensure that we all have the quality of life ... the right to be able to spend time at our homes and in our yards without the excessive disruption from the mining and industry activity in the neighbourhood," said Kevin.

"I feel like it's good, that the council is taking it seriously and wants to further discuss the issue," said Dena.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Morden is hosting a come-and-go public consultation on **Nov. 2, 2017**
Open from 4 to 7 p.m.
at the Morden Civic Centre.

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Students lend a hand cleaning up Winkler's new nature sanctuary

By Lorne Stelmach

Local teens got their hands dirty at the Discovery Nature Sanctuary in Winkler last week.

A group of students from Northlands Parkway Collegiate were out at the site last Thursday afternoon for a fall cleanup.

"It's exciting to already get the schools involved and taking a little bit of ownership for the area and the project," said Jamie Fox, director of the A Rocha Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre and a sanctuary committee member.

He helped oversee the effort as students worked on cleaning up garbage in around the sanctuary site in the northeast corner of Winkler.

"We'll also be doing some sort of habitat management, so we're going to pull some non-native plants, specifically sweet clover, and take down some non-native trees," explained Fox.

"The idea behind that is that we can make room for native plant species in

the future so we can showcase those when people come to visit."

Fox saw the effort as very much tying in with the aim not only of the sanctuary but that of A Rocha, as well.

"We really want to get involved in helping people to use this space and in connecting with teachers and encouraging them to use it as well," he said.

An important element of it is the role the nature sanctuary can play in education.

"Part of our mission is to help people enjoy, understand and explore creation and kind of understand our place in it," Fox said. "So if we can take part in something like this, it's a really exciting way to do that, to help people kind of experience nature and learn to love it."

Student Eric Abrams said it was exciting to be involved in the project.

"I've never been to the nature sanctuary before, so it's a new experience ... it should be fun," said Abrams, who is looking forward to having a space like this.

"S o m e - times you just get caught up in Winkler, you don't really get to see much nature ... now you can come here and see some nature and get out of the city."

"It's really interesting because it



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Students from Northlands Parkway Collegiate came out last Thursday to help with an afternoon fall cleanup at the site of the Discovery Nature Sanctuary in Winkler. In addition to picking up trash, they also assisted in removing some non-native plant species from the site under the direction of sanctuary committee volunteer members.

teaches ... you're going to learn about what's going on in the sanctuary here, which not a lot of people know about," added fellow student Nathan Penner. "It sort of teaches you how to keep your area clean and how to keep Winkler clean."

The cleanup is an important step in the development of the site, where some preliminary work has already been done on developing walkways.

Plans for the sanctuary also include a pollinator garden area, an aeration system for the water to help support a fish population, and possibly a walking bridge.

The committee continues looking for further sources of grants to help develop and support the sanctuary. Donations are being accepted at City Hall.

Volunteers are also working on the development of a website and are having discussions about involving students as well in preparing signage.

With some momentum building behind the project, Fox is feeling encouraged about its future.

"It's really exciting to see the community of Winkler take this on so enthusiastically."

"IT'S REALLY EXCITING TO SEE THE COMMUNITY OF WINKLER TAKE THIS ON SO ENTHUSIASTICALLY."



Chamber tours provide a glimpse behind the scenes

By Lorne Stelmach

Tours of four local businesses to mark Small Business Week in Morden proved to be an eye-opener for many of the people who participated.

The free tours of Decor Cabinets, Huron Window, Pure Anada, and Deasil Custom Sewing attracted fellow business people as well as members of the general public.

"I think people are really genuinely curious and interested," said Candace Olafson, executive director of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce, which organized the event.

"We just wanted to kind of get a little sneak peek behind the scenes of some of our manufacturing businesses ... and the businesses were more than happy to open their doors and take some time."

Leading people on a tour of the Huron Window plant, purchasing manager Dusty Fehr highlighted how the technology has come a long way.

He also noted how they work with a line of manufacturing equipment that is made in Canada and highlighted other initiatives like how they are able to recycle a vast majority of their discard PVC material.

A big key for them is the level of automation saves them a significant amount of time and labour expense.

"We can do a lot more with a lot less," said Fehr, who also noted a majority of what they do is custom work,

though they also do a range of standard sizes.

Deasil Custom Sewing, meanwhile, started with the purchase of the Mountain St. building over a year ago, though there was a sewing factory in operation at the time.

"That wasn't really the driving factor, it was more of a building investment ... then we thought we could make a go of it," explained Ron Funk. "The first year then was spent basically refurbishing the building, learning the business, streamlining the process, and just getting to know what it took to make it work better."

"THEY'VE STEPPED UP AS THEY'VE GROWN ... I CALL IT A HIDDEN GEM."

Funk explained that custom sewing basically means they are "primarily doing work for others rather than having our own line of products."

Working right now primarily with product for a well-known Canadian garment company, Deasil employs about 40 people, with lots of potential to expand in the future.

"I think it's come a long way more efficient, and I would say the culture change has been one of the biggest things," Funk said.

Having himself taken the tour of Pure Anada, Funk reflected on the idea of showing how much Morden has to offer for business.

"They've kind of stepped up as they've grown ... I call it a hidden gem. I think it's pretty amazing," he said of Pure Anada.

"I think Morden is a great place to do business ... we've been very sup-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Ron Funk led a tour of the Deasil Custom Sewing plant in Morden Friday as the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce marked Small Business Week with four tours of local companies, including Pure Anada, Decor Cabinets, and Huron Window, where the tour was led by purchasing manager Dusty Fehr, seen below with chamber executive director Candace Olafson.

ported here," he said. "I like to show people ... I think we should be proud of what we have here ... as far as Deasil and as far as what all Morden has ... and we should promote it more."

After having been part of the Decor tour, Fehr agreed the tours were a great way to showcase Morden's strengths.

"Decor's been around for years, too, and I went on a tour there ... I've never been in their plant ... and I'm born and raised here," he said.

"It's good to have local business

people know what other businesses are in town," he said. "We support local businesses, and we hope other businesses support us."

"I think it thrives here ... I think it's a small town feeling, though we're a city now ... but I think that everybody supports everybody else."

"It was neat for businesses that are manufacturing to see what others are doing," agreed Olafson.

"What I'm hearing people say is

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Seasonal flu clinics coming up

By Lorne Stelmach

Seasonal flu clinics are taking place now across the Southern Health-Santé Sud region.

With only between 20 and 25 per cent of Manitobans getting vaccinated overall, health officials are encouraging more people to do it.

They are stressing not only the effectiveness of the vaccine but also the importance of limiting the opportunities for spreading the virus.

"The key message really for people is that we have a lot of experience with the influenza vaccine now. It's very safe, it does work well," said Dr. Michael Routledge, medical officer of health for Southern Health. "It prevents a good number of people from getting sick ... your chances of having any kind of adverse effects are extremely low."

The influenza vaccine gives you better odds of fighting the circulating flu viruses, said Routledge, protecting not only your own health but that of your friends and family.

"We would love to have more people getting vaccinated ... we need to continue to work with people and make sure that they have the information that they need so they can make those choices for themselves," he said.

The RHA's focus in recent years has largely been on those who are most vulnerable, such as the elderly, which is a demographic that sees around 60 per cent get vaccinated.

"So we certainly do better in that age group in particular," he said. "More and more, we're looking at other at risk groups though ... it's a work in progress."

How hard the influenza will hit from

year to year is hard to predict.

"We never really know ... but we do sometimes get some indicators," Routledge explained. "Often times, for example, other places in the world will have their flu season before we do, and so we get a bit of a sense that way."

"What I have heard so far is that the virus that we are expecting, most likely, is going to be an H3N2 kind of influenza ... which tends to be a little more impactful because it tends to affect the elderly versus some of the other types of influenza virus which maybe focus more on younger people."

"When that happens, we tend to see the health care system get less cases because that's a group that's not as at risk for having complications."

Southern Health began holding seasonal flu clinics throughout the region this week and will continue until Nov. 18.

Both Winkler and Morden held clinics at the start of the week. The two cities will host additional clinics on Oct. 30 in Morden at the Westside Community Church from noon to 6 p.m. and in Winkler on Nov. 6 at Central Station from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Clinic are also scheduled for Nov. 1 in Manitou from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the United Church CE building and in Miami at the community centre hall from 2-6 p.m.

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The flu is a viral illness caused by the influenza virus that affects many people every year. The virus spreads easily from person to person by direct contact, coughing, and sneezing.

It is different from a common cold virus infection because of its ability to cause serious complications.

The most common symptoms of the flu include a high fever, sore throat, muscle aches, coughing, and feeling tired. These typically begin two days after exposure to the virus and most last less than a week. The cough, however, may last longer. In children, there can often be nausea and vomiting, which are less common in adults.

An annual flu vaccine is especially important for those at increased risk of serious illness from the flu, their caregivers, and close contacts.

This includes seniors age 65 or older, residents of personal care homes or long-term facilities, children age six months to five years, people with chronic illness, pregnant women, health care workers and first responders, individuals of aboriginal ancestry, people who are severely overweight or obese, or as determined by primary health care providers.

Adults over the age of 65 who have not previously received a pneumococcal vaccine can get one at the same time as the seasonal flu vaccine.

Both the flu and pneumococcal vaccine are offered at no charge for people aged 65 and older. The pneumococcal vaccine helps protect against pneumococcal disease, including a serious type of pneumonia, blood infections and meningitis. Most adults only need one pneumococcal vaccine in their lifetime.

To find out where you can get your seasonal flu shot, head online to southernhealth.ca or call toll-free 1-888-315-9257.

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"I do hope that the fact that they are delaying the decision means that they are taking our concerns seriously and will look at either denying the pit or putting some of these stipulations and conditions that the landowners in the area have asked for."

"I did buy a house in an agricultural area. We know that meant some heavy traffic and some noise," added Kevin. "I feel like we did have a good discussion. I felt like council sounded very genuine in their willingness to take our concerns into consideration."

Stanley council initially delayed a decision on this matter, but a statement released Tuesday re-

ported they had approved the conditional use application with a number of conditions regarding access, traffic, and other impacts on neighboring properties.

"The neighbors posed many concerns regarding the application ... many of the concerns were addressed by the applicant," council noted, adding that they gave "careful consid-

eration to the application and the impacts on the adjacent landowners and consideration of the well being of the municipality as a whole.

"With so many different land uses," the statement added, "it is impressive that with a population as large as ours how everyone is willing to work together cooperatively."

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they realize these businesses are here but didn't really realize what goes on behind the doors," she said. "I think it really showcases the workmanship and the technology as well that these

businesses have ... and it promotes the businesses a little more as businesses you want to support and as important employers."

Margaret Trudeau to speak at Eden's 50th anniversary gala

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Eden Health Care Services marks its 50th anniversary next month with a gala evening featuring a special guest speaker.

The banquet at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church on Nov. 9 will feature Margaret Trudeau, wife to the late Pierre Trudeau and mother to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Trudeau's presentation goes beyond sharing stories of her life in politics, says Eden CEO Anlyn Einarson.

"Not everybody knows that she is also a mental health advocate," she said, noting Trudeau detailed her struggles with bipolar disorder and depression in her memoir *Changing My Mind*.

"We thought she would be that perfect person to be the guest speaker for the Eden 50th anniversary," said Einarson. "She talks about the stigma of mental illness and she will talk about how you can't fix yourself out of a mental health issue ... it's a process to get well, but there is recovery. So she can give hope to people in speaking about her own experiences."

Eden will also take time at the gala to shine the light on some local Mental Health Heroes. The award will be presented to four individuals, whose names have not yet been made public.

"These are mental health advocates," said Einarson. "They are the ones that have helped others find hope, that have walked with them in their journey of recovery."

"These are people that understand that we need to eliminate the stigma [that surrounds mental illness] so that we

can ensure that people that need help are getting help."

Eden very much wanted to take time as an agency to recognize the work of these Mental Health Heroes, Einarson said.

"It's bigger than just Eden as an organization," she said. "It's recognizing that as a community we need to work together to ensure that people are not feeling lost ... that they know they are not alone."

Rounding out the evening will be performances from Phillip Ens Jr., Meagan Larios, and Lau-

ra Friesen.

All three musicians have deep roots in the community and Einarson said they're thrilled to be able to bring musicians of such calibre to the gala.

"We are so excited that they're going to be a part of this," she said. "Their presentations will be songs which they have found to be personally inspiring and encouraging."

Tickets are available for \$150 each or a table of eight for \$1,000. Contact Eden or head online to edenhealthcare.ca to book a seat.

Activity Centre hosting Arthritis symposium

The Morden Activity Centre hosts the Arthritis Society's 2017 Southern Manitoba Arthritis Symposium and Resource Fair next month.

This free public forum will run Monday, Nov. 6 from noon to 4 p.m. and feature presentations from and discussions with several practising healthcare professionals.

Lined up to speak at the event is Kathryn Penner, a registered dietician at the Agassiz Medical Centre; Brent Gouthro, nurse practitioner at Agassiz; and Dennis Wong, chief clinical consultant pharmacist with the Cinden Group of Pharmacies.

One in six people in Manitoba suffers from one or more types of arthritis, the prevalence of which is predicted to increase to one in five in less than 20 years.

"People can do something about their arthritis. By attending arthritis forums such as this, people can learn to self-manage by adopting lifestyle changes and pain management techniques," says Allison Kirkland, education and services coordinator for the society's Manitoba division. "This free event is a critical education piece for people living with arthritis and their families."

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Olympian Hayley Wickenheiser to speak at chamber gala

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce is bringing an Olympian to town next spring.

The chamber announced last week that four-time Olympic gold medalist Hayley Wickenheiser will be the guest speaker at the 2018 P.W. Enns Business Awards Gala.

Wickenheiser is regarded as one of the best female hockey players in the world, helping Canada win gold in the 2002, 2006, 2010, and 2015 Olympics and silver in the 1998 Games. She has also participated as part of Team Canada's softball team at the 2000 Summer Olympics.

As part of the Canadian Women's National Team since age 15, Wickenheiser has also won countless regional, national, and world championships. She was named to the Order of Canada in 2011.

Chamber president Kori da Costa is eager to hear about Wickenheiser's accomplishments both on the ice and off.

"We wanted to change it up out of the *Dragon's Den* a little bit, get something a little different," she said of this year's choice of speaker, referring to the fact that the gala has in recent years hosted several former stars of the popular CBC television show.

"[Wickenheiser] has a huge story to tell. She's a great role model for kids, boys, girls, athletes, non-athletes," said da Costa. "I think she has a lot of motivational stories about overcoming obstacles that business people may have, but especially women with stereotypes, being a female hockey player.

"I think she just represents what great things you can do if you just keep at it."

The Winkler chamber unveiled four-time Olympic gold medalist Hayley Wickenheiser as the 2018 business awards gala speaker.

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The gala takes place April 19. Nominations are now open for the business awards, including Business Excellence, Business Builder Over 10 Employees, Business Builder Under 10 Employees, the Customer Service Award, and the Not for Profit Award.

Nomination and gala ticket details are available online at winklerchamber.com.

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The gala speaker announcement was made at the chamber's annual Small Business Week Luncheon Oct. 19.

Taking a moment to recognize the value of small businesses in our community and to give them the opportunity to share their success stories is what the luncheon is all about, da Costa said.

Jeremy Matuszewski of Thunderstruck Sales & Marketing shared the secret of his company's success with chamber members last week.

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"One of the biggest things small business people do is struggle," she said. "Am I doing things wrong? Am I not making the right decisions to grow my business?" So to see that other people have obstacles that they're overcoming and that they're holding strong against, I think, is important."

As is tradition, the luncheon included speakers from two businesses and a non-profit agency.

First up, Adele Dyck of Star 7 International Inc. shared her company's story—from filling out their first round of immigration applications at her family's kitchen table to lobbying for changes in immigration policy to help more families find a new home in southern Manitoba.

Dyck recalled appealing to a government official in the late '90s who stood as a roadblock in allowing German immigrants to move to Winkler.

"I tried to tell him that in order for our area to grow we needed more families to move to our area," she said, stressing that as much as the potential immigrants wanted to come to Canada, the communities of southern Manitoba very much needed them to fill jobs.

Every newcomer comes with their own story, Dyck noted.

"Why do you want to move to Canada? Believe me, those answers could fill books and there are some amazing stories."

As attractive as Canada is to immigrants, we can never become complacent when it comes to recruiting future Canadians, Dyck stressed.

"Canada is not the only country of choice on the map. We can not be smug when it comes to immigration," she said. "We need immigrant workers and families in order to build our

communities and our country."

Next up, Winkler Arts and Culture executive director Wendy Klassen went over some of the highlights of the arts centre's first year of operation.

They've had over 150 kids take part in art classes, hosted 25 monthly exhibitions featuring work from over 70 different artists, 95 per cent of whom are local.

"Organizations like this are essential components to our communities," Klassen said. "When you support the arts, you are supporting the child who feels self-worth when they express themselves creatively. You are supporting the stay-at-home mom who creates to survive. You're supporting the businessman who goes home at the end of the day and practices photography to wash the stress off the day. You're supporting an entire community of creatives who come here just to be whomever they want to be."

That said, WAC has seen financial support for the agency drop since the building went up, though operational expense remain.

To that end, board chair Tom Penner urged the business leaders before him to consider supporting creativity in our community.

"My clear goal with Winkler Arts and Culture is to help people realize their ability, raising world class creatives in our own backyard," he said, stressing they need both funds and public awareness to make that happen.

Wrapping up the luncheon was Jeremy Matuszewski of Thunderstruck Sales and Marketing.

Matuszewski attributes his compa-

Bending our MLA's ear

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen held a pre-budget town hall meeting in Winkler last week to give constituents the chance to share their thoughts on the province's future.

The meeting came as Friesen, Manitoba's finance minister, has been touring the province for a series of pre-budget consultation meetings focused on the topics of sustaining health care, controlling marijuana use, and balancing the budget—three issues that were very much in discussion locally, as well.

Friesen said these meetings serve to ensure Manitobans' voices are heard on these matters.

"We have through this exercise heard recognition from Manitobans. Recognition that there really are significant challenges that we face as a province at this time," he said.

Health care reform is top of mind for many, and Friesen acknowledged that while major changes aren't always easy to make, they are necessary.

"We have one of the most expensive systems per person for health care in all of Canada. The second highest per person cost of delivering the system," he said.

"We're undertaking some of the most significant system changes in Manitoba in modern memory. It's not small, it's not easy, and it involves change," Friesen said. "Change is hard, and we acknowledge that."

That said, Friesen stressed that the health care reform is being done based on evidence as to what will make a better, more efficient system

and is designed to improve the overall patient experience.

As to balancing the budget, Friesen said he's heard from people who worry the government is moving too fast, and others who want them to speed up the time table.

Manitoba is paying hundreds of millions of dollars in interest to finance its debt each year.

"Some people say, on the basis of this information, you've got to move faster because this interest cost ... is eating everything in its path," Friesen said.

"And then the next person would say, though, 'Listen, we need good local investment,'" he added. "Regardless of what our predecessors in government did, we need that investment now. So it's a balancing act."

"What we are describing to Manitobans is a balanced and moderate approach ... if we moved too quickly towards the elimination of the deficit we risk a greater shock to our system's resources," Friesen said.

"By moving more moderately we get to both show the correct direction, as we've done," he said, pointing to the fact the government originally projected a \$911 million deficit this year but came in at \$764 million instead. "But then, at the same time, we can't stop, acknowledging the needs, especially in our community ... we are a growing community ... we need ser-



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Locals gathered at the Winkler library last week for a pre-budget town hall meeting hosted by Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen.

vices and a level of investment over time here that will reflect the growth that we've experienced."

On the matter of marijuana legalization, Friesen said the Conservative provincial government firmly believes the Liberal federal government is moving too fast on this issue and, based on the feedback he's received, many Manitobans agree.

"Regardless of a person's beliefs and thoughts and what they understand about this complex issue, we are getting an acknowledgement wherever we go that this is rushed."

But though they have far less time

then they would like to research the implications of legal marijuana, the province is doing what it can to come up with a plan for its roll-out that will keep people safe, Friesen said.

"We see this issue through the lens of our responsibility to Manitobans on safety. That means how we decide age of use for cannabis products, how we approach issues pertaining to road safety, the justice issues that will clearly arise, the health and mental health issues that we will face, and our duty to educate the public ... the campaign around education is huge," he said.

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ny's success to three things: a dedicated and skilled staff, a willingness to take chances, and perseverance and persistence in working towards the betterment of the company and its clients.

Thanks to those foundations of success, the company has grown from doing \$150,000 in sales its first year four years ago to \$1.7 million last year. They're already \$3 million on the way to their \$4 million goal for 2017.

"Perseverance, persistence, chasing your dreams. I firmly believe in that," said Matuszewski. "And I firmly believe that if you have those things and you have an awesome team, literally you can accomplish anything."

Salem fundraising for cabinets in 60 resident washrooms

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home is wrapping up work on one project and turning its attention to the next.

The Winkler personal care home's dream to transform its five bathing rooms into safer and more welcoming spaces has been realized, says Salem Foundation board chair Arlen Hildebrand.

"We've talked about the bathing rooms for almost a year now, maybe a little longer. So it's great to say ... we're nearing the conclusion of this project," he said, noting that new anti-slip flooring has been installed in the two rooms that needed it most (the Maple North and Evergreen bathing rooms previously had 30-year-old, patched-up flooring) as have storage cabinets in all the bath spaces.

"It's so much safer," said Marilyn Nelson, Salem resident care manager. "The area is calm ... all the clutter is gone, it's all behind closed doors."

All that's left now are a few finishing touches, including towel warming racks, colourful towels, plants, and LED screens to show a rotation of restful photographs.

The project was completed thanks to the proceeds of two fasma fundraisers over the past year, as well as donations from local businesses and community members.

"Now we look at the list that we have in front of us and choose the next thing that we need to focus on," said Hildebrand.

That project is another bathroom-related one, this time installing wall cabinets in all 60 of the Cottonwood residence private washrooms.

When the Cottonwood wing was built in 1972 it was state of the art, but today the unit's washrooms no longer meet the needs of residents.

"We're always striving to improve residents' actual lived experience, and this includes making their living environment more homelike, as close to that of a private home as possible while at the same time making it as safe as possible," said Hildebrand, noting that modern safety standards call for a litany of products—everything from hair care items to denture tablets—to be kept behind closed doors.

The need for storage space goes beyond safety, though, noted Cottonwood resident care manager Katharina Bruhn. Privacy and a sense of control over items in their space are two things residents very much appreciate, she said.

"One resident told me that's the most impor-

Salem Home's five bathing rooms underwent a major overhaul in the past year, replacing aging flooring and installing storage cabinets for residents to use.

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tant part: "Then I can sit there and then I can do whatever I want and I can use whatever I want, to put it back, and it's handy and it's all there." She can spend time in there," she said, adding that these washrooms currently have no closed-door storage space at all.

Salem needs to raise \$38,500 to cover the cost of the new cabinets. They hope to get a good start on it with their Oct. 29 Fasma, Fellowship, & Song fundraiser at the Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church.

The afternoon, which begins at 3:30 p.m., features music from the Blue Collar Harmony Boys and the string ensemble JAM'N. Fasma will be served from 4:30-5:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Admission is by donation, with all proceeds going to the cabinetry proj-

ect.

"This fasma's got a new project, so we really need your support and help in going forward," said Hildebrand.

And while Christmas may be a few months away, the foundation urges people wondering what to get their loved one who lives in Salem to consider making a donation toward this project in their name. Each unit costs roughly \$650.

"Any donation towards it helps us achieve that," said the foundation's Nancy Wiebe. "This community has been so wonderful. If they've seen the needs they step forward with their generosity, and the living environment here for the residents is a testimony to that.

"With the community's help we'll get this one done too."



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Genesis House family dance Nov. 3

By Lorne Stelmach

Genesis House is hosting its 10th annual family dance as part of marking Domestic Violence Awareness Month in November.

It takes place at Central Station in Winkler next Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. The evening, says executive director Angela Braun, is all about having a little fun.

"The kind of work that we do, often fun isn't associated with it ... so we have used this event as an avenue to support healthy family activities," she said.

And although the event can perhaps raise up to \$1,000, Braun said the fundraising aspect of

the event is secondary.

"It really has just sort of taken a back seat to our plan of just having fun with it," she said. "For us, it is something a little different to do ... it's a happier way to bring some recognition to awareness month."

The theme for this year's dance is superheroes, so families are encouraged to come dressed in as their favourite caped hero.

Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Meanwhile, Braun said they are using this year's awareness month to highlight recent

Full speed ahead for Valley Fiber

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Valley Fiber has broken ground on its central office in north Winkler.

Located on Boundary Trail near the city's water treatment plant, the facility will house Valley Fiber's data centre as well as its main offices.

"This is where all the fibers throughout the whole entire area are coming back to congregate into," said CEO Hank Wall, going on to explain that the data centre part of the facility will provide a secure storage area for customers. "The whole way how the design is laid out is the whole front portion could burn away and the back portion would never be affected."

"It is a solid bunker," he added, gesturing to the towering walls of concrete already up. "[There will be] many different levels of security inside there. It is going to be fully backed up with multiple different sources of power ... this will be the first building of its kind anywhere [in Manitoba] outside of Winnipeg.

"This will be a huge opportunity for the local economy ... to be able to use a facility that's never yet existed," Wall said. "We will be leveraging what we're building today for years and years to come ... this is going to be here for 50 to 100 years from now."

In addition to moving forward on work on its headquarters, Valley Fiber has also been busy installing its underground, high-speed fibre optic network in Winkler.

"We're close to completion of the City build," general manager Conley Kehler said, explaining that the company's agreement with the City of Winkler—which has invested \$500,000 in this project—was that hooking up the civic buildings would be the company's first priority.

"As we're doing that we're also hooking up residents in the community," he added. "So we started in Rosebrook ... they are already lit up and using our service."

"And they're getting the service that they're paying for ... some of them testing at the 1,000 [mb/s] mark ... it's real and it's here, so we're excited about that."

Over the past few months, the com-

pany has made its way south from Rosebrook through Winkler's northernmost neighbourhoods.

"We're focusing on final installs now and having customers using the service in Navigator Apartments and Redhawk [Trail] and Orion [Lane]. That's all north of Wal-Mart," Kehler noted. "Our hope is to complete that within the next three to four weeks."

From there, residential and commercial installation will continue to roll out south of Hwy. 14 throughout the rest of the city.

"South of Hwy. 14 and north of the railway tracks, that part of the build continues on a daily basis," Kehler said. "For many users in the northern part of the city, we'd like to install the fibre into the home and hook up their router even before we're ready to light it up.

"It's kind of like putting this awesome new car in your garage but not giving you the keys for the next six to 10 weeks," he admitted. "What it will allow us to do, though, is when we're ready to light up from [the central office] is those customers will be lit up right away. We don't have to then do the final install before that."

Work on the network will continue through the winter.

"WE'RE BUSTING THE DOORS WIDE OPEN. WE'RE BRINGING THAT NEXT GENERATION TODAY."



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From left: Valley Fiber's Conley Kehler, Hank Wall, and Doug Rempel in front of the company's central office and data centre currently under construction just off Hwy. 14 in Winkler.

"We have no reason to slow down our build into the homes in the city as the snow flies. It won't stop us," Kehler said. "In spring 2018 we'll continue into the south part of the city ... and we'll hopefully light that up in summer of 2018 into the fall and then be done with the city of Winkler."

"We're hoping, soft numbers, to target at least 600 homes to be live by Christmas," Wall added.

Since launching earlier this year, hundreds of households have signed up for Valley Fiber's network.

"We're thrilled with the response," said Kehler.

"We would really love if people would contact us, let us know if they

want our service," he added, noting early sign-up will help guide which neighbourhoods the company heads to next. You can learn more about Valley Fiber online at valleyfiber.ca.

The response outside the community to this project has also been overwhelming, Wall said.

"The feedback that we've received from the technology community is absolutely astounding," he said. "We have many ISPs, many cities, many towns and villages and even states that are approaching us and saying, 'Can you come and do this for us?'"

"We're busting the doors wide open," Wall said. "We're bringing that next generation today."

> GENESIS HOUSE, FROM PG. 10

changes to employment standards that now include paid leave for victims of domestic violence.

Genesis House will also be working with local chambers and their membership to provide more information about domestic violence and additional training for managers on how they can be a support to victims through the Workplace Initiative to Support Employees (WISE) program.

It is a training program and tool kit developed by the Manitoba government to help employers recognize and respond to the signs of family violence in the workplace.

"It's about being aware of the new legislation around paid leave for domestic violence ... and how they

can be supportive in the workplace," said Braun. "That WISE program has been around for quite a while ... we've never been able to roll it out before."

Any employer interested in learning more about this program is invited to contact Genesis House.

Braun said it is important for them to engage the community and increase awareness about domestic violence and the supports Genesis House provides to help end family violence.

"The issue of family violence is a community safety concern," she said. "We know that in order to break the cycle of violence there needs to be support in the community for men, women and children.

All community members can be part of the solution by speaking up and supporting victims and calling out behaviors that are inappropriate or abusive."

South Central Committee on Family Violence Inc. (Genesis House) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a confidential service, which includes a shelter for abused women and their children, supportive residential and non-residential programs, and prevention through public education to empower women and their children to make informed choices.

In the 2016-17 fiscal year, it provided shelter to 54 women and 72 children.

Owner has big plans for Altamont Hotel

By Lorne Stelmach

It's pure happenstance that now finds Gilles Cop owning and running the Altamont Hotel.

A man with a varied background including everything from working in French theatre to owning a farm in Saskatchewan, Cop recalls having had a conversation with his physician about needing to keep busy in retirement.

"So I'm following my doctor's advice," said Cop, now about to turn 70 as he takes on the challenge of fixing up and managing the historic little hotel in the small town up the escarpment west of Miami.

"I happened to know the people who owned it, and one day in a conversation the fellow mentioned that they were selling the hotel ... and I said, 'Well, I might be interested.' I came and looked at it, spent a little time here ... and signed the papers. I bought the place, I guess, as a retirement project.

"Some people think I'm crazy. Others think that I'm a little bit eccentric," Cop said of the varied reactions this turn of events elicits. "And other people closer to my age think that I'm pretty gutsy to be doing this ... this takes a bit of gumption to do something like this.

"You have to have faith in yourself," he said.

Cop's life has been quite a journey,

having gone to university in Winnipeg and then working in television and radio for a time.

In addition to having bought the farm land in Saskatchewan, Cop at another time also got into a business involving the buying and selling of tractors.

"I'll say at the end of the run I'll be rich in experience if I'm not necessarily rich with money," he said one afternoon last week while a few regulars filtered in and out of the quaint and funky little pub.

"I really thought this would be an interesting retirement project. I could see the potential in the place," Cox said of the building, which has been on the main drag of Altamont for 90 years.

"My objective is to make this a little happening place," he added, noting it can be a central draw for people from all over the region. "It's in the middle of nowhere ... there's barely 40 people in this town ... but it's not just the people in this town that support this place, it's people from elsewhere.

"I have clientele from Carman, from Winkler and Morden, Manitou, Somerset, Swan Lake and Notre Dame ... they're not here every day, but they come here."

Cop has already tackled a few improvements to the building, including a new exterior paint job. He's also developing the back yard, including putting in a foundation for a back pa-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Cathy Lafreniere tends the bar while Altamont Hotel owner Gilles Cop visits with some of his customers. Cop sees a lot of potential in the small town hotel he purchased as a retirement project of sorts.

tio area to open next spring.

He sees the place as having loads of character and personality.

"The atmosphere is pretty cool ... it's pretty interesting. It's not a big tavern ... it's a pub. We have people who like it, who find it quaint," he said, noting also he has a familiar face working with him in Cathy Lafreniere, who not only owned the hotel over 30 years ago but later worked for the people who bought the hotel from her.

"Another draw for people is the food is good. We make a really good homemade pizza, and Saturday night is steak night," said Cop.

He wants to build on it by doing regular special events such as a Halloween party this Saturday night that will

include music from Hot Rod Deville and a costume contest with prizes for the cutest, ugliest, and most original outfits

"We're closed Mondays and Tuesdays, but we would be open to people if they want to come and have a private party ... we'll look after them," he said, adding he can also offer a designated driver service for a small fee.

"Hopefully, in the summertime, young people will be able to come here and play beach volleyball," said Cop. "We're just going at it one step at a time ... things don't always happen as fast as I would like them to, but it is coming together.

"I have no doubt about the potential of this place."

Access CU gives back

Access Credit Union marked International Credit Union Day by giving back last week.

On Oct. 20, the financial institution presented 25 local organizations with the proceeds from ACU's Jeans for Charity program, totalling \$53,170.

The program, which has raised over \$250,000 since it started, is an Access initiative where staff who choose to participate donate a minimum of \$2 every Friday to wear jeans. The proceeds are matched by the credit union and donated to worthwhile community organizations.

Each Access branch decides on which charities they want their funds to support.

The lengthy list this year included: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden, Winkler, Boundary Trails Palliative Care, Cancer Care Candlelighters

Childhood Support Program, Carman Health Auxiliary, Emerson Canada Day, Franklin Craft Club, Genesis House, Grunthal Centennial Park, Grunthal Loft Community Outreach, Grunthal New Horizon Community Centre, Katie Cares, Lowe Farm Fire Department, Manitou 4 Sport, Miami Christmas Cheer Board, Oak Bluff Recreation Centre, Pembina Valley Humane Society, Plum Coulee Fire Department, Red River Valley Lodge, RM Rhineland, South Central Cancer Resource, Sprague Fire Department, Vita Breakfast for Learning, Vita Friendship Centre, and the Winkler Daycare Centre

"The Jeans for Charity Program continues to be very successful within



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Access Credit Union branches gave back over \$53,000 through its Jeans for Charity program to 25 local charities and community projects this year, including, at the Winkler branch (above), \$5,212 to the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Group.

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Students plan for the future at career symposium

By Lorne Stelmach

The wide array of opportunities available to Winkler area students were on display last week.

A variety of potential employers and other career opportunities as well as post secondary institutions were part of the annual Garden Valley School Division career symposium held at Garden Valley Collegiate Oct. 18.

There were well over 1,000 students going through the symposium, which made it a great opportunity for all of the participants, suggested guidance counsellor Ross Derksen.

"This is probably the biggest symposium in southern Manitoba outside of Winnipeg, and we're very fortunate that all of these institutions and businesses come out to Winkler ... our students are quite lucky," said Derksen.

The displays ran the gamut from post-secondary institutions from across Manitoba and Saskatchewan, local employers seeking to showcase what they have to offer future grads, and career paths such as law enforcement or cosmetology.

"We have to be out here to give them the options that are available," said Andrew Malazdrewicz, director of admissions for Herzing College in Winnipeg.

The college takes part in many similar symposiums in the city, he said, but it's equally important for them to come out to rural Manitoba.

Malazdrewicz was impressed with what he saw here, noting he felt a real sense of community.

"The students are coming by with good questions," he said. "I think this is a great event."

"It gets such a great turnout ... and you get to talk to kids who are going to be entering the workforce in just a few short years and find out what they're interested in," said Emily Suderman, community co-ordinator for Access Credit Union. "If kids are interested in coming into the financial world, it's great to have that conversation with them and let them know what options are available for them."

"We've had lots of students stopping by and asking about what would be required if they wanted to work in the financial industry ... what kind of classes in high school could help them achieve those goals," she added.

"So it's nice to be able to give them a few pointers and tips."

Gr. 11 student Josiah Hildebrand came to the symposium with a specific career idea in mind.

"I was looking for information on becoming a pilot, so I was seeing what classes I would need to take ... how to do that and which schools offer it," he said.

Hildebrand found it to be quite worthwhile, noting he learned there were a number of possibilities available to him beyond just being a commercial pilot.

"There's a lot of information here ... so it's a big help," he said.

Classmate Trevor Klassen is looking to build on his experiences as part of the Red River Technical Vocational Area high school program.

"I'm planning to do electrical or drafting after high school," he said.

"WE HAVE TO BE OUT HERE TO GIVE THEM THE OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE."



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The Winkler Police Service (above) was one of the more popular stops at the annual career symposium last Wednesday at Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler. Other displays offered some hands-on features, such as massage therapy (below).

"I looked at the Red River College Institute of Trades and Technology. They all look very helpful. I found out about some colleges and univer-

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Kevin Mills takes the stage Nov. 4 in support of Pembina Counselling

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Christian Programs Committee in Morden is hosting a concert next week in support of the Pembina Counselling Centre.

The show takes place at the Morden EMM Church on 1st St. on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation, with all the funds raised going to the non-profit counselling centre.

Opening the evening will be local musicians Orlando and Grace, two singer/songwriters whose music is inspired by their journey in life and their faith in God.

This past year the duo have been travelling and performing with violinist Rosemary Siemens and the Sweet Sound Revival in between creating lots of new music they're eager to share.

Headlining the concert is Canadian gospel artist Kevin Mills, who is returning home to Manitoba to plug his latest album, *God, Family & Country*.

"Out of the four albums that I've done, this one has probably the best continuity through it," Mills said when reached at his home in Rochester, Washington, where, in between making music, he keeps busy running a family diner and a beekeeping business.

"I think really all of the songs are just quality songs," he said. "They're story-telling songs, and I just worked with just the best of the best on this."

The album includes covers of such hits as Kenny Rogers' "My Petition" and George Strait's "Three Nails and A Cross."

"All of the songs on the album have been written by some of the best writers in Nashville, the best writers in country and also gospel music," said Mills, who has been pleased with the response this solo effort has received since it came out last month.

"We wanted the album to just be an uplifting, encouraging work for

"ALL OF THE SONGS ON THIS ALBUM HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY SOME OF THE BEST WRITERS IN NASHVILLE ..."



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Canadian gospel music artist Kevin Mills is in Morden Nov. 4 to perform a show benefiting the Pembina Counselling Centre.

anybody in any stage of their life to enjoy," he said. "And that's the feedback that's been coming back. It's just been awesome to see the project doing what we wanted."

Mills, who is perhaps best known for his time with the Keepers of the Faith quartet, has been performing gospel music since he was a child, but he's especially proud of the spiritual underpinnings of this latest record.

"What I'm proudest about with this album is these are songs that are very spiritual but they're very respectful of the sacredness of the person's personal spiritual walk," he said. "What I mean by that is that we wanted a project that wasn't denominational-specific. That didn't exclude people simply because of the title or name ... we wanted a project that encouraged

people on a spiritual level wherever they may be coming from."

Mill said next week's show will provide an authentic concert experience.

"I like to try and set an environment where people feel like they're just among family just having a great evening of hearing some great music and great stories," he said.

He's also excited to be performing in support of Pembina Counselling Centre, as he knows first-hand the good counselling can do in a person's life. Mills sought help after his mother passed away in the early days of his marriage.

"I was dealing with a lot of transitions," he said. "I went for professional counselling for 10 or 12 weeks myself and it helped transform my life. It was an incredible resource."

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sities that I didn't know about."

That is what the symposium is all about, said Derksen.

"We try to get not only different careers represented but also different schools," he stressed. "It's a great way for the students to try to investigate and explore and talk to people who are in that business. There's lots of options, and they can talk to someone who's done it.

There's lots of apprenticeship and trades for students as well.

"Our teachers really buy in and they really push the students to participate," said Derksen.

"For a lot of these businesses, it might not necessarily lead directly to employees, but it builds their brand," he added. "People can understand what they're doing and what it takes to be in that career."

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Free hearing aids change the lives of Winkler-Morden recipients

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For Mary Neufeld, it was the songs of the birds in her backyard.

For Olusola Omoleye, it was his youngest daughter's voice.

Being able to hear those sweet sounds for the first time in years were watershed moments in the lives of these two Morden-Winkler residents, who each received free hearing aids through The National Campaign for Better Hearing.

Nominated by audiologists Anne Bateman and Valerica Dubois of HearingLife in Winkler, Neufeld and Omoleye were among the dozens of Canadians in 2017 who benefitted from the program, which is funded by participating hearing clinics across the country.

Those clinics, including the Winkler Hearing Life, donate \$4 to the campaign's fund for every free hearing test they conduct.

Last year, when clinics were donating just \$2 per test, over \$100,000 was raised to provide 42 hearing aids to 22 recipients across the country.

Today the campaign hopes to raise over \$250,000 by year's end.

It's an amazing program that has the potential to change lives, said Bateman.

"The more we get in this fund the more we can help people," she said, noting participating clinics are able to nominate a few local people each year for assistance. "People are going without hearing aids because they can't afford them ... which isn't a solution."

With the cost of a set of hearing aids ranging anywhere from \$2,000 all the way up to \$8,000, Neufeld certainly would not have been able to get the two she needed if not for the fund, which purchased one of the units.

"Hearing aids are expensive, but this way it was something I could afford," she said.

"The very first thing, when I put them in at home, I remember I was sitting in the sun room and suddenly I could hear the birds again," said Neufeld, beaming at the memory. "I mean, everybody can hear the birds singing, right? Not me. Not before."

Neufeld's hearing had been deteriorating for years before she finally realized the time had come to do something about it.

"It came slowly and it just pro-

gressed worse and worse," she said. "If people would talk to me I would always have to say, 'What?' I couldn't hear them. It was frustrating and very embarrassing."

"I felt so inadequate in many different ways because you're always meeting with people but if you can't

communicate with them then you have a tendency to stay at home, you don't want to meet people. That's all changed now."

The cost of getting help was a major factor for Omoleye, as well. He

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"I COULD HEAR THE BIRDS AGAIN ..."



Winkler audiologist Anne Bateman (left) with Mary Neufeld, who, along with Olusola Omoleye, received a free hearing aid through The National Campaign for Better Hearing.

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Symptoms of neck pain can include tingling in the neck, upper back, shoul-

ders, arms or hands; pain and stiffness in the jaw, or upper back; decreased range of motion in the neck; headaches; inflammation; as well as numbness in the neck, upper back, shoulders, arms or hands.

Molloy says there is a great deal of research in this area showing how massage therapy can effectively deal with neck pain, headaches and migraines. Depending on the cause and severity of a patient’s specific symptoms, treatments can include remedial exercise,

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credits the program for helping him “overcome what I considered to be the biggest problem in my personal life, which is my hearing loss ... I am

wholeheartedly grateful.”

Without the aids Omoleye is almost totally deaf, which meant he’d never before been able to hear his youngest

daughter’s voice clearly.

“The hardest thing about hearing loss is that it makes you miss out on something that is related to your joy

and happiness in life,” he said.

That’s all changed now.

“I never knew how sweet and beautiful her voice was,” Omoleye said. “This really made me cry [but] it made my day as well because this had eluded me since she started talking.

“Today I can say that I am so happy that this problem is behind me now.”

Bateman urges people to consider getting a free hearing test not just to support this fund but also for their own health.

“People don’t even think about their hearing. They think about going for regular eye tests but they don’t think about going for hearing tests,” she said.

But some forms of hearing loss can be corrected if caught early, Bateman stressed, and the non-corrective kinds can often at least be managed for a better quality of life.

Hearing Life offers free assessments for anyone over 18. People over the age of 60 especially should consider going for regular testing.

Neufeld hopes others won’t let embarrassment or shame stop them from getting help sooner rather than later.

“People are like, ‘I don’t wear hearing aids. I’m not that old.’ But why do that to yourself? It’s really no different than going to a dental clinic or going for surgery that you need,” she said. “You’ve got to go and get it. You are actually cutting yourself short by not doing that. That’s what it was for me.”

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than younger male adults. A person with a family history of prostate cancer (a brother or father who had the disease, for example) is also at greater risk.

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- Frequent urination, especially at night
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- Pain or burning while urinating
- Blood in the urine or sperm
- Erectile dysfunction
- Pain or stiffness in the hips, back or chest

SCREENING

Men with a higher risk of developing prostate cancer should get regular health check-ups that include a test for early detection of the disease. The digital rectal examination (DRE) and the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) tests enable doctors to detect the disease in its early stages, thus improving the chance of successful treatment.

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Prostate cancer: the importance of early screening

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, approximately 21,300 men will have received a positive diagnosis for prostate cancer by the end of 2017. In addition to being the most common form of cancer among males in Canada, it's the third leading cause of cancer-related death in men nationwide.

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Battle on the court

ABOVE PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Left: Morden's Jayden Neufeld spikes the ball past the Ace's block last Thursday. The Thunder boys varsity squad lost the match in three straight sets. Above: Madison Wood dives to play the ball in the varsity girls match against Altona, in which they fell 3-0 as well.

Garden Valley Collegiate hosted junior varsity boys and girls volleyball tournaments Oct. 21.

The Zodiacs boys won the trophy on their side of things, beating the Linden Christian Wings in the final game 2-0 (25-22, 25-22).

GVC's Gr. 9 team made it to the tournament quarter-finals but then fell to the eventual champion Warren Wildcats in two sets. NPC's girls team fell to Warren in two sets in the semi-final match.

In other high school sports this past week:

- Northlands Parkway Collegiate's boys varsity team came in second in their home tournament over the weekend.

After finishing first in the round robin with a flawless record, NPC bested Neelin in the semi-finals but then bowed to Steinbach in the finals in two straight sets.

- In Zone 4 varsity basketball action, GVC's boys opened their season with a 3-0 loss to Altona and then beat the Raiders 3-0. The female Zodiacs beat the Aces 3-1 and then fell to Sanford 3-0.

The Morden Thunder teams both lost to the Aces in three straight sets. The girls also fell to the Sabres 3-0.

- In the SCAC, the NPC Nighthawks boys beat the Olympiens 3-1 last Wednesday and beat the Broncos 3-0 on Monday.

The girls beat the Olympiens 3-0 and then lost to the Broncos 3-1.

- Zone 4 hockey got underway on a high note for the Zodiacs, who bested the Trojans 4-3 last Thursday night.

Morden also posted a win, beating Altona 5-2 on Friday. The Thunder went on to beat the Zodiacs 7-2 on Saturday.

NPC, meanwhile, won their first match of the season against Morris 5-2.



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The GVC junior varsity boys team won the trophy at their home tournament Saturday. Front Row, from left: Sam Harder, Michael Froese, Thomas Fehr, Zack Rempel. Back row, from left: Coach Tim Wiebe, Josh Banman, Jessie Ryman, Tom Friesen, Darius Peters, statistician Taylor Wall. Missing: Peter Enns, Arlen Peter, and assistant coach Jerry Fehr.

Winkler Storm 2017 season comes to an end

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm wrapped up their season with a respectable middle-of-the-pack finish in the Manitoba Major Soccer League standings earlier this month.

It wasn't the end coach Reinaldo Oliveira had envisioned for the 1st Division team at the season's start, but he's pleased overall with how they handled themselves this summer.

"As a coach you want to be in the top, right, at least top three. We did have a chance to be in the top three at the end of the season but unfortunately we couldn't win those last two games," he said.

The standings officially put the team in sixth place out of 10 teams with a 9-8 record, one point behind the fifth place Britannia Rovers, but Oliveira notes that doesn't include a win and three points the Storm should have received after a game against Britannia was declared forfeit when the Rovers arrived late.

"It looks like everything's done now," he said when asked if he'll be pushing for the league to recognize those three points. "But we know, at least, that we finished in fifth."

With 10 rookies on the team this season, it took a while for the Storm to find their footing.

"The beginning is always a challenge," Oliveira reflected. "The time to get outside and build the chemistry is a little bit difficult before the start of the season."

"So the beginning was a little tough but it wasn't that bad. We were very competitive from the start."

The Storm were at their strongest in June and July, he noted, which saw four wins in seven games, but they lost momentum in August, which saw them take to the field only once—beating Pescara 5-3 Aug. 12—due to forfeits.

"It's a little difficult to practice and practice and then have no games," said Oliveira.

Winkler struggled, then, to get back in the game in September and October, losing three out of four games and scuttling their chances at a top three finish.

But the season most certainly wasn't a wash, stressed Oliveira, as it helped them continue to build a foundation for a stronger team next summer.

"We found out in the middle of the season, in practice, that we had to change our formations a little bit," he said. "We became a team with good passes, good decisions ... we created a good formation in the month of July to the end of the season. Of course not all the formations work on all the teams, but we are getting there. We're doing very well."

They took those skills with them into the league's Bison Cup, which pits teams from different divisions against one another.

Winkler beat Forza WSP 4-2 in the quarterfinals Oct. 10.

Their season came to an end, though, in the semi-final match two nights later against Premier team World Soccer Academy, who eked out a 1-0 victory.

"The team played very well. The goalie played very well," said Oliveira. "We had our chances, but unfortunately it wasn't our day."

WSA went on to win the champion-

The Winkler Storm finished the season with a 9-8 record and high hopes for next summer.

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ship over the Rovers.

NEW TEAM FOR WINKLER NEXT SEASON

With so many young players eager to join the Storm every year, Oliveira said they're looking at starting up a second team in 2018.

"There's lots of guys ... we have to find the space for these new players that are coming up from high school. Soccer's growing around here," he said. "Our big dream as a team is to have two teams in the Manitoba Major Soccer League."

The plan is for the Storm to continue playing in 1st Division, while the new team will start out at one of the lower divisions, giving younger players a place to hone their skills before potentially moving up to play for the Storm.

"So if you're playing a low division you can still connect with the Storm," Oliveira explained. "And for us it would be easy for us to have a guest player from around here, too, when we need to."

The team will spend the off-season looking for sponsorships to help field this new team.

Hawks lose three in a row in rough weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks had a rough weekend.

Dropping three games in a row saw the Hawks tumble to a .500 record and in a tie for third place.

After suffering a 2-0 shutout loss Friday in Morden to the Eastman Selects, Pembina Valley fared no better on the road in Hartney, as the Westman Wildcats followed their 2-1 win Saturday by doubling up on the

Hawks 6-3 Sunday.

It put Pembina Valley at 3-3-0-1 for seven points, which puts them tied with Eastman, one back of Yellowhead Chiefs, and five points behind the first place Westman.

The Hawks were stymied Friday by Selects netminder Meagan Relf, who stopped all 31 Pembina Valley shots on goal. On the other side of the rink, Kadynce Romijn took the loss in stopping 28 of the 30 Eastman shots on net.

The Hawks couldn't get their scoring going Saturday, with Breanna Millions scoring the lone goal for Pembina Valley in the second period, while Paige Hubbard scored in the first and final periods to get Westman the victory. Halle Oswald made 25 saves with the shots on goal 31-27 in favour of Pembina Valley.

On Sunday, the Hawks trailed 1-0 and 3-1 and couldn't muster a comeback as they were then outscored 3-2 in the third period.

Maiya Aschberg, Sage McElroy-Scott, and Karsty Nicolajsen all scored for the Hawks while Hannah Petrie contributed a couple assists. Shots were 32-29 in favour of the Hawks, with Oswald making 24 saves in net.

The ladies will aim to break out of the slide on the road this weekend in Shoal Lake with a pair of games Friday and Saturday against the Yellowhead Chiefs, whose only loss through their first five games was a 2-1 defeat at the hands of the Hawks Oct. 15.

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McElroy-Scott signs with University of N.B.

Pembina Valley Hawks forward Sage McElroy-Scott has big plans for life after high school.

The 17-year-old Mordenite has signed a letter of intent with the University of New Brunswick to play for the Varsity Reds in 2018-19.

"I want to stay in Canada and play hockey at the highest level," said McElroy-Scott. "I like that the school isn't too big. Coming from a smaller town, it's a perfect fit for me."

McElroy-Scott is the second-leading scorer with the Hawks, who play in the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League.

She's captain of the Hawks this season and thus far she's scored 13 goals

and recorded 10 assists in 18 games. Last season she was the team's top scorer.

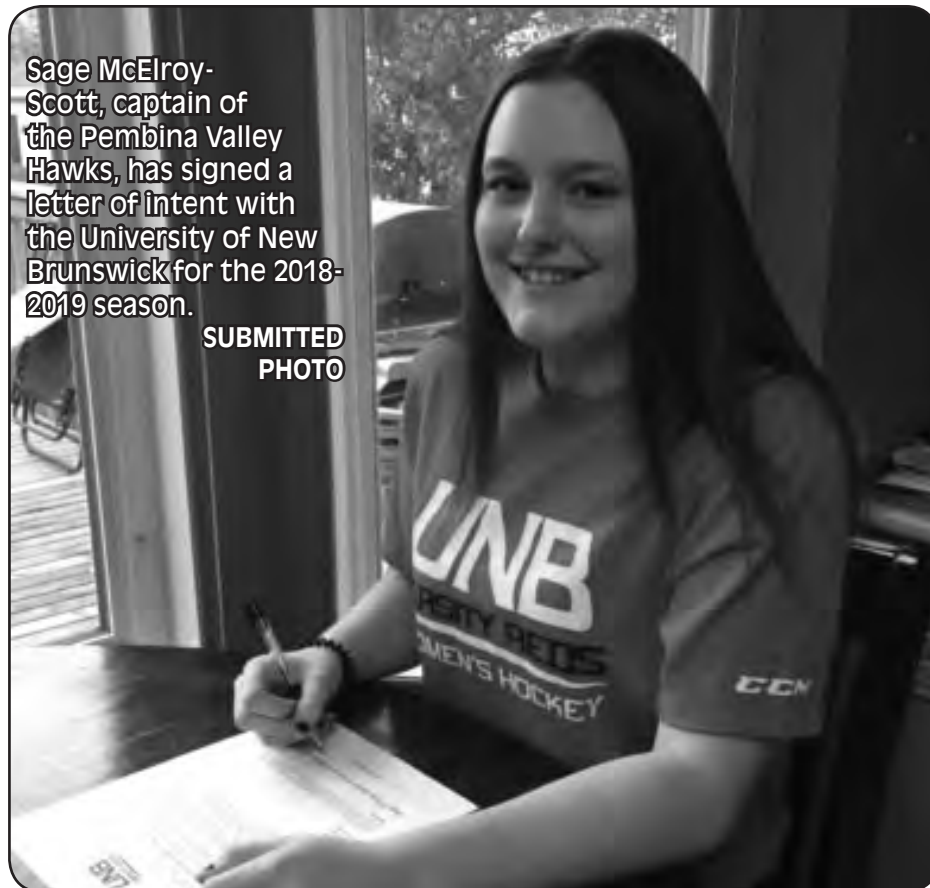
McElroy-Scott's hockey resume includes a trip to last year's Esso Cup national women's midget championship, where her Hawks lost in the bronze medal game, and a Manitoba women's midget championship.

"We're very excited to bring Sage on board for next year," said Sarah Hillworth, head coach of the Varsity Reds. "She possesses a natural instinct for the net and has an intelligence that will allow her to be successful at the Atlantic University Sport level."

McElroy-Scott plans on studying kinesiology and education at UNB.

Sage McElroy-Scott, captain of the Pembina Valley Hawks, has signed a letter of intent with the University of New Brunswick for the 2018-2019 season.

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Flyers win streak ends at hands of Steelers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers saw their seven game winning streak come to an unceremonious end at the hands of the Selkirk Steelers last week.

The Oct. 17 home game swung the visitors' way 4-1, with Matt Christian getting Winkler's lone goal midway through the opening period.

Selkirk, meanwhile, were up 2-1 after the first frame and then improved that to 4-1 after two. That score held through to the end, despite the fact Winkler outshot the Steelers 13-5 in the final period.

Troy Martyniuk took the loss in net. Both teams finished the game with 33 shots.

Winkler bounced back in fine form on their northern road trip over the weekend, where they played Neepawa Friday, Dauphin Saturday, and Virden on Sunday, posting wins each night.

The Flyers fought back from an early two goal deficit in a 5-3 win over the Natives. Christian once again led the way, this time with two goals and an assist. The other three goals were scored by Weiland Parrish in the first and Brett Opperman and Nolan McGuire in the second. Christian, who had scored his first goal of the night in the second period, sealed the deal with an empty-netter in the final two seconds of the game.

In Saturday's game against the Kings, rookie goaltender Aaron Brunn stopped all but one of the 36

shots he faced en route to a 2-1 Flyers victory.

Scoring honours that match went to Opperman and Jacob Lacasse in the first 10 minutes of the game. Brunn and the Flyers' defensive line managed to keep the Kings at bay until the final few minutes, when Dauphin got their one and only goal on the scoreboard.

Winkler wrapped up the weekend with a 5-4 win over Virden Sunday night.

Leading the way that game was a three goal effort from McGuire, who opened scoring just over a minute

into the game.

Down 3-1 heading into the second period, Winkler rebounded with goals from Garrett Kuklica and McGuire, the latter tying things up and then pulling Winkler ahead 4-3 as he completed his hat trick. Christian rounded things out with his seventh goal of the season with 7:31 left in regulation.

Martyniuk manned the Flyers' net this game, making 40 saves as the Oil Capitals outshot Winkler 44-27 overall.

With that, Winkler finds itself in a tie for first place with the Steinbach

Pistons and the OCN Blizzard. Both Winkler and Steinbach are 10-3 so far this season for 20 points. OCN is also at 20 points but with a 9-3-2 record.

This weekend, the Flyers host Waywayseecappo on Friday and Selkirk on Sunday. They also host Winnipeg next Tuesday.

FLYERS ADD SIZE

The Flyers have added even more size to their blueline with the acquisition of defenseman Brady Pupp ('98)

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Twisters down St. James Canucks 6-3

By Lorne Stelmach

A hat trick by Brendan Keck paced the Pembina Valley attack Friday as the Twisters doubled up the St. James Canucks 6-3 in their lone MMJHL action of the week.

Keck doubled his season's output to six goals starting with a pair of back to back goals in the second period that sparked the comeback as the Twisters erased a 3-1 deficit to lead 4-3 after two.

Keck added an empty net goal for insurance with 1:39 remaining after Keane Boucher had earlier expanded Pembina Valley's lead to 5-3.

Also scoring were Michael Wirth

and Fraser Mirrlees both on powerplays for the Twisters, who have two of their last three after having dropped four in a row. Wirth also contributed a pair of assists for a three point night.

Griffin Dyck earned the win with 31 saves as the Twisters outshot the Canucks 39 to 34.

The win improved Pembina Valley to 4-6 for eight points, though they remain in eighth place in the ten team league just one point back of the Canucks.

The Twisters closed out a four game homestand when they welcomed the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins to Morris Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

They are in Winnipeg Friday to take on the River East Royal Knights and then back home to face the Transcona Railer Express Sunday.

CORRECTION

The MMJHL game summaries incorrectly reported who played in goal for the Twisters Oct. 10 in a 5-4 Oct. win over the Charleswood Hawks.

Rather than Griffin Dyck having come on in relief of Corban Clunis, it was in fact Martin Gagnon who had been on loan from the Pembina Valley Hawks for this game and earned the win.

Muscle Hut raises \$5K for Adult & Teen Challenge

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Muscle Hut in Winkler hosted a bench press challenge Saturday in support of Adult and Teen Challenge of Central Canada.

Organizers were still crunching the numbers at press time, but they expected the day—which saw a steady stream of participants hit the gym's bench presses, making a donation for every rep. they did—raised upwards of \$5,500.

"This is our third bench press challenge," explained The Muscle Hut's Kurtis Fox. "We always do one in the fall and then we do sled-push challenge in the spring.

"What we do is we sit down as a team and we ask what should we support?" Fox said. "Adult and Team Challenge came up, being relatively new to the area and what they do as far as the positive impact they have on people, that lines right up with our overall outlook on community, making it a better place."

The agency opened its full-time office in Winkler at the start of 2017 and

since then have helped upwards of 100 people battle their addictions.

"It's going incredibly well," said regional manager Chris Derksen. "We are seeing more and more demand for what we do. So that's a bad thing, but it's a good thing that we're here.

"We're seeing people set free, we're seeing families restored, we're seeing reconciliation between former addicts and their loved ones," he added. "And we're also able to refer people to our residential and discipleship program in Winnipeg, so that's awesome.

"The biggest obstacle is people letting go of their pride," Derksen said. "There's a lot of shame and a lot of embarrassment, whether you are the addict or whether you have a loved one who is dealing with an addiction. But once they can get past that and reach out for help ... there is hope.

"Our mission this year and in years to come is to put hope within reach of every addict and every family that has got a loved one who is struggling with addiction."

In the immediate future, Derksen said they hope to expand their sup-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Adult and Teen Challenge's Chris Derksen pumps iron with the help of the agency's Terry Thiessen at The Muscle Hut's bench press challenge Saturday. The fundraiser brought in over \$5,500 for the charity.

port groups, including adding one focused on the challenges female addicts face.

"Women struggle with addictions just as much as men. Some of it the same, some of it different," he said.

Derksen said the agency is thrilled The Muscle Hut selected them as the

cause to support with this fall's fundraiser.

"We're just so grateful that they reached out to us," he said.

Since it began holding fundraising events like this a few years ago, The Muscle Hut has raised over \$15,000 for local charities.

Hawks split MMHL showcase weekend games

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks split their two games as part of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League showcase weekend in Portage.

They rebounded from a 4-1 loss Saturday to the Eastman Selects with a 5-3 victory Sunday over the Yellowhead Chiefs.

Coach Rylan Price liked a lot of what he saw in both games.

"We had a strong effort against Eastman but came up short in the third period," he said.

"On Sunday, we came out strong against the Chiefs, and the puck bounces went our way for two periods," Price said. "In the third period, Yellowhead put the pressure on, but Martin Gagnon was able to keep our lead."

Two goals a minute and a half apart early in the third period did in the Hawks Saturday as it broke open a tight tie game, and an empty net marker then put this one away for the Selects, who also benefitted from a pair of powerplay goals.

Tyson Allison got the lone Hawks goal late in the second period, while Martin Gagnon made 27 saves with the shots 31-29 in favour of Eastman.

Pembina Valley took advantage of their opportunities early Sunday,

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from the Bonnyville Pontiacs (AJHL) for future considerations.

"Brady is a big, physical, stay at home defenseman and will definitely help us out in our own end," said head coach and general manager Ken

scoring three first period goals on 12 shots as they then expanded their 3-0 lead to 5-1 after two periods.

Riley Goertzen scored a pair in the first period with other goals coming from Sven Schefer, Svan Bazin and Jayden McCarthy. Gagnon earned another win in net, stopping 31 of 34 shots, while the Hawks fired 30 shots on goal.

Pembina Valley remains in a battle in the middle of the 13-team standings, sitting in eighth place at 4-3-0-

Pearson.

The Flyers already sport one of the best goals against average in the MJHL, allowing 27 goals in 13 games played.

Pupp is a 6'2", 190 lbs defenseman

0-1 for nine points - tied with Kenora and just one back of Central Plains and Yellowhead.

The Hawks were in Winnipeg Wednesday for their first meeting with the expansion Winnipeg Bruins. Results were not available at press time.

They are on the road again Saturday afternoon to face the Winnipeg Wild before returning home to welcome the Southwest Cougars to Morden Sunday afternoon.

from Calgary. The 19-year-old has recorded seven points (one goal, six assists) and 104 penalty minutes in 63 total games played in the Alberta Junior Hockey League.

Agriculture

Break in NAFTA negotiations could be beneficial

By Harry Siemens

The Canadian Global Affairs Institute's Colin Robertson said a planned one month break in negotiations aimed at modernizing NAFTA would allow interests in the United States that favour maintaining the agreement time to make their point.

After negotiations aimed at re-vamping the North American Free Trade Agreement hit an impasse, negotiators have decided to delay the start of round five and extend the timeline for completing the talks.

Robertson said from a Canadian and Mexican perspective, the feeling is that unless U.S. President Donald Trump's administration is prepared to show some flexibility, they will not likely reach an agreement. Canada and Mexico on their own will not be able to sway the government.

"What swayed the administration on day 100 was particularly pushback from the farm community who said, no, this NAFTA is working for them," Robertson said. "In fact, I think the time is probably useful ... this will give time for those who favour a renegotiated but not arbitrary North American Free Trade Agreement time to make their voices heard in the United States.

"Our sense now is that the business community, through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Business Roundtable, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Automakers, the Farm Bureau, and others are now going to push back and start to explain why the NAFTA has worked for the United States."

Robertson said there's a sense that the Trump administration is not interested in having an agreement and will at some point rescind NAFTA.

However, if the broader community who favors freer trade makes their voices heard, that may persuade the administration to temper its demands and work things out.

In looking back, Robertson said the four rounds included 28 working groups looking at everything from transparency and anti-corruption to competition policy to dispute settlement.

"The teams from Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. have made progress in I guess what we would say the easier

areas, particularly those areas in the Trans-Pacific Partnership," he said. "Many of the same individuals representing their countries had already negotiated an agreement—an agreement that the Trump administration on taking office decided not to participate in.

"It meant that when they sat down, at least for the working negotiators, they were familiar with one another and they were familiar with the subject matter."

However, the Trump administration went into this negotiation at their request, renegotiation of the NAFTA with the objective of reducing the trade deficit that the U.S. has with Mexico and with Canada.

On further examination of the figures with Canada, it proved pretty

much of a wash.

"Regarding actual services, the U.S. enjoys a slight surplus, and in manufacturing, regarding exports to Canada. And Commerce Secretary, Wilbur Ross has said that Canada's not a problem," said Robertson. "That said, the U.S.' objective in this round when you looked at what they want to achieve, it would fundamentally change how the NAFTA has worked. They want to rescind the dispute settlement chapters so that there would not be a final resolution. You would have to rely upon the trade remedy or the trade laws in the country in which they filed the dispute."

He said a good example would be the current Bombardier-Boeing dispute, where Boeing has filed suit against Bombardier arguing that Bombardier,

because of subsidies from Canadian governments, can produce a product which they then sell at below its actual cost in addition to the subsidies they receive.

"From a Canadian perspective that when you get into these kinds of disputes you want to have something which you feel is a fair mechanism to determine whether the allegations are correct and whether the process in each country is a fair process," said Robertson. "And that's why from a Canadian perspective, going back to the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, we sought a dispute settlement mechanism that would review the legal challenge and be sure that there was fairness throughout the process. We've employed it on various occasions, as has the United States."



Changes are coming

By Harry Siemens

When I met Premier Brian Pallister at the recent opening the brand new Tabor Home in Morden, we talked about some of the things his Conservative government had accomplished and continues to work on.

As I write this column, the government was holding the hearings on Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act.

In March, the government introduced proposed legislation that would reduce outdated, contradictory, complicated or ineffective regulatory requirements imposed on businesses, industry and local governments.

Finance Minister Cameron Friesen said they're committed to eliminating the barriers that prevent business and local governments from thriving and expanding.

"The red tape reduction and government efficiency act would amend or repeal 15 pieces of legislation to reduce the red tape that is creating burdens on business, non-profits, municipalities, private citizens and government officials."

One that caught my attention and one that had stymied and shut down in part the expansion of the hog industry in Manitoba is this one: remove general prohibitions from The Environment Act for the development of hog barns and manure storage facilities.

"Our government recognizes the status quo has created unnecessary challenges for both industry and government," said Friesen. "The proposed changes were identified as priority actions by both industry leaders and the civil service. Once implemented, these changes would improve efficiency and effectiveness, making it easier for all Manitobans to prosper and focus on their priorities."

Now hopefully the government comes through with its enthusiastic agenda.

Manitoba Pork chair George Matheson said going into those hearings the province's pork industry remains committed to adhering to the strictest environmental standards anywhere.

Matheson said that despite suggestions to the contrary, changes

proposed under Bill 24 are designed to reduce the level of paperwork and bureaucracy in the system and in no way will compromise farm safety or protections for the environment or Lake Winnipeg.

"Lake Winnipeg's problem is no doubt something to be taken very seriously, but all citizens have to do their fair share. The watershed that drains into Lake Winnipeg is one of the largest in the world," he said. "It runs right from the Rocky Mountains, it goes down into Minnesota and North Dakota, off into Northwest Ontario, so there's a lot of people who have to act responsibly, as does the hog industry to keep the phosphate level at a safe level in Lake Winnipeg."

"We will continue to operate responsibly. If anyone in our industry decides to go outside of the regulations, we will have no sympathy for them what so ever and we will expect them to be stricken by the full extent of the law, as we would any other citizen."

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Alberta's Farm Voice makes a difference

By Harry Siemens

"Our mission is to deliver accurate and reliable information about Alberta's agricultural industry," reads the motto for the Alberta's Farm Voice Facebook page.

Recently Travis Olson, rancher, a vast United Conservative supporter from Athabasca, Alberta, and part of olefarms.com, talked about how he helped start Alberta's Farm Voice.

"Alberta's Farm Voice was a creation of necessity. The NDP government in Alberta brought in Bill 6, which was the Farm Worker's Enhancement and Protection Act," said Olson. "It set a whole bunch of rule changes within the Province of Alberta without doing hardly any consultation."

He looked at some detail of what going into the legislation and couldn't believe what he had just read. Then, once the NDP government passed the law, they saw the contents.

"I was just mortified. So we got a few farmers together, and we established Alberta Farm Voice, and the whole idea of it was to provide a balance to show up the inaccurate information with accurate info. People were out there saying kids won't be allowed in 4H anymore and it was going to be this and it was going to be that," said

Olson. "So our whole mission was to get the ear of the media because it hadn't been happening at that point. How could you be against something that was supposed to protect farm workers? Protecting farm workers has to be a good idea. Right?"

He said the legislation had so much detail that would be extremely painful for agriculture producers in Alberta, and that's why they started the Facebook page, and it's been quite successful.

"We're still active meeting by a conference call to discuss our plans, and from there it's all based on social media," said Olson. "When Bill 6 had come out, everybody was just terrified of what was going to be in it, even before we knew what the legislation contained. I guess there was a lot of mistrust with the NDP. And to be perfectly frank, the mistrust was pretty

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 24

Matheson encouraged anyone interested in telling the hearings their story of pork production and expressing support for the passage of Bill 24 to contact Manitoba Pork directly for assistance in doing so.

So you can see, the industry will continue to adhere to the those strictest

accurate because there was a lot of things in the legislation that I don't think the NDP intended that would have been very damaging if they would have passed it."

Initially, when the AFV started talking about the legislation, the government became very defensive.

"We put out a statement to the media and the Minister would get on and she said, 'That's just not true,'" recalled Olson. "Then we would put back through social media her specific legislation about the code, and then all of a sudden their tone changed. So day by day it was apparent that the new Alberta government was ill-prepared to deal with this legislation."

Olson thinks the government took their direction from labour groups and with no consultation with farmers.

"If we wouldn't have gotten to them

and put a lot of pressure and organized 2,000 people to the legislature, I genuinely think the government would have passed some of these pieces of legislation," he said.

That wasn't the end of it, because the government was intent on passing Bill 6 and leaving some of the legislation for the committee to pass so it wouldn't need a vote in the legislature.

"They were going to do a consultation process, and our concern was they would reach out to labour organizations, not the farmers," Olson said. "One of the things that our group did is get hold of every single name that they were consulting, and only 29 per cent were actual farmers or had any background in farming whatsoever."

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Stephenfield water treatment plant completed

By Lorne Stelmach

The completion of the Stephenfield regional water treatment plant expansion will be of the most benefit to municipalities in the area, but the benefits will also extend to the rest of the Pembina Valley Water Co-op region.

Following a Friday ceremony marking the project's completion ahead of the year-end schedule, officials noted up-to-date water systems are critical to the entire region and economy in helping ensure local residents and businesses continue to receive clean water.

Pembina Valley Water Co-op CEO Greg Archibald said this project will support continued population growth and provide backup capability for disaster response for the municipalities in southern Manitoba.

The water co-op generally only provides 35 per cent of Winkler's water and just five per cent of Morden's supply, but "there may be times

when they have problems," Archibald noted. "So it's quite strategic for us to have another water source that's on that side of our region. It's helpful for the future."

"Because we have a large reservoir at Roland, about a million litres under the ground there, we can push water over there, store it and bring it down to Winkler and Morden or go the other direction," he explained, citing the example of the dry spell last spring which restricted the output from the Letellier water plant.

"We were actually bringing Morris water over to Roland and then using Roland to drop it down into Winkler," said Archibald. "When we had that disaster in Carman when their water treatment plant was flooded, we were bringing water from Stephenfield down to Carman, bringing water from Morris across to Carman."

"So these are important strategic places for us," he stressed.

The Stephenfield project involved building a new water treatment facil-

ity complete with a larger reservoir and membrane-filtration equipment. The upgrades have doubled the plant's treatment capacity to ensure the RMs of Dufferin, Grey, Thompson

and surrounding region have access to a reliable supply of high-quality

water. Like I said, here is hoping the government listens and follows through with this final plan.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

From left: Pembina Valley Water Co-op co-chair Denis Robert, PVWC CEO Greg Archibald, Carman MLA Blaine Pedersen, PVWC co-chair Paul Peters, and Dufferin Reeve George Grey cut the ribbon on the new Stephenfield water treatment plant last Friday.

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and surrounding region have access to a reliable supply of high-quality



A gift for the future

SUBMITTED PHOTO

As work got underway on the new Plum Coulee active living centre earlier this month, the Plum Coulee Senior Centre's Allen Funk and Aron Rempel presented project committee member June Letkeman with a donation of \$27,000. The age-friendly facility is being built on the former site of the town's old senior centre on Main Ave. They hope to have it up and running early in the new year.

> WATER PLANT, FROM PG. 25

drinking water.

The governments of Canada and Manitoba each contributed up to \$1 million to this project through the Small Communities Fund, representing 30 per cent of the estimated \$6.4 million total project cost.

The plant supplies water to four municipalities and four towns with

a population base of more than 9,000 people, and the Pembina Valley Water Co-op, which is owned by 14 municipal governments in southern Manitoba and operates three water treatment facilities, supplies water to a population base of about 50,000 people over a 9,000 square kilometre region.

> ALBERTA VOICE, FROM PG. 25

Lots of people from nurses unions and teachers unions."

He said while stacked against farmers the committee through pressure from their group the government listened to many of their concerns.

"Our group didn't agree on every single issue but ended up with a

good consensus that we could give recommendations to both the Progressive Conservative Party and the Wildrose Party in Alberta, and they accepted them with open arms," he said. "Many things we had proposed were taken out of the legislation, the awful pieces."

take a break

> GAMES

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. River herrings
 - 6. Body art (slang)
 - 9. Taxis
 - 13. Covered with asphalt
 - 14. Mineral found in granite
 - 15. Assist
 - 16. Handled
 - 17. Not drunk
 - 18. Home to a famous tower
 - 19. Songs
 - 21. A way to designate
 - 22. More infrequent
 - 23. Medical man
 - 24. Tellurium
 - 25. Cycles/second
 - 28. Neither
 - 29. Home to a famous tower
 - 31. Former Ravens tight end Todd
 - 33. One who helps
 - 36. Tries to persuade
 - 38. Israeli city __ Aviv
 - 39. Political distance (abbr.)
 - 41. Emergency first aid worker
 - 44. Canadian law enforcers
 - 45. Fathers
 - 46. Drain of resources
 - 48. An awkward stupid person
 - 49. Home of the Wolverines
 - 51. Chinese
 - 52. Gives a hoot
 - 54. Emaciation
 - 56. "Sam Malone"
 - 60. Horses do this
 - 61. Hillsides
 - 62. River in Florence
 - 63. Republic of Ireland
 - 64. Lapse
 - 65. Blemished
 - 66. Backside
 - 67. Woman (French)
 - 68. An edict of the Russian tsar
- ### CLUES DOWN
- 1. The Bird of Paradise
 - 2. Emit coherent radiation

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- 3. Above
- 4. Passover feast and ceremony
- 5. Commercial
- 6. Rome is on its banks
- 7. Kershaw and King Felix are two
- 8. Seaman
- 9. Stores an electronic charge
- 10. Teething babies need __
- 11. Threaten persistently
- 12. Not fresh
- 14. Presides over
- 17. Astronomical period
- 20. Harding's self-proclaimed mistress Britton
- 21. Nocturnal primate
- 23. Patriotic American women
- 25. Vietnamese river
- 26. Suspect
- 27. Heroic tales
- 29. Fences of wooden stakes
- 30. Venzetti's partner
- 32. Outermost parts of an area
- 34. Type of student
- 35. Noncoding RNA gene
- 37. Frocks
- 40. Sunscreen rating
- 42. Opposite of women
- 43. Needed to play games
- 47. A partner to carrots
- 49. Absolute
- 50. Disgraced French aristocrat Antoinette
- 52. End
- 53. Food eaten between meals
- 55. Cold wind
- 56. Streetcar
- 57. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 58. Singles
- 59. Intersecting point
- 61. Beats per minute
- 65. Gold

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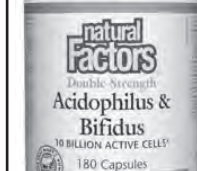
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APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- be filed by:
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the Public Notice given under subsection 41(2), or
 - servicing it upon the Secretary,

at least fifteen (15) days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board of indicated in the Public Notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of the City of Morden to hear applications. The final date on which the Secretary of the Board must receive applications is **November 8, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. local time.**

Dated at Morden, in Manitoba, this 3rd day of October, A.D. 2017.

Patrick Dueck, Secretary
Board of Revision
City of Morden
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NOTICES

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2018 ASSESSMENT ROLL

Public notice is hereby given that the 2018 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Roland has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 45 3rd Street, Roland, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. That any person, who believes that an assessment ought to be revised, may make application in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
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at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice."

The Board of Revision for the RM of Roland will sit on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 10:00 am** in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Roland to hear applications.

The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **October 30, 2017.**

Dated this 11th day of October, 2017.

Kristin Olson, Secretary
Board of Revision
Rural Municipality of Roland
45 3rd St., Box 119, Roland, MB R0G 1T0



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **24th day of November, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 AM**, at Rural Municipality of Thompson, 530 Norton Avenue, Miami, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
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- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
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 - If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.
- The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title in the land titles office, including the registration fees.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2017.



Managed by:
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Manitoba Finance, Accommodation Services Division (ASD)

Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Government of Manitoba, as represented by the Minister of Finance, Accommodation Services Division, seeks to select a qualified Contractor to provide building cleaning services (including all labour and equipment) within the:

**COURT HOUSE, 301 WARDROP STREET,
MORDEN, MANITOBA
RFQ #: 307-JA-17**

A Mandatory Site Walk-through is scheduled on November 2, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Bidders are to meet at the Main Floor lobby of the building.

INSTRUCTIONS

Bidders must submit one (1) hard copy of their Bid, addressed as follows and delivered to:

Manitoba Finance
Accommodation Services Division
**2nd Floor, 400 Ellice Avenue
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Attention: Contract Services

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The RFQ documents can be obtained from the offices of ASD in Winnipeg at the address shown above, downloaded from MERX or a request by email to Maria Manuel (information provided below).

Proposals must be received before 2:00 PM, local Winnipeg time, on November 9, 2017

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

**MANITOBA FINANCE, ACCOMMODATIONS SERVICE DIVISION
CONTRACT SERVICES**

**Maria Manuel, Contract Officer
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Email: Maria.Manuel@gov.mb.ca**

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WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
October 2, 2017



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Winnipeg, Manitoba

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**MORDEN HOUSE, 225 WARDROP STREET,
MORDEN, MANITOBA
RFQ #: 322-JA-17**

A Mandatory Site Walk-through is scheduled on November 2, 2017 at 11:30 AM. Bidders are to meet at the Main Floor lobby of the building.

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LAND TITLES OFFICE, 351 STEPHEN STREET, MORDEN, MANITOBA
RFQ #: 313-JA-17

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OBITUARY

Elizabeth Darlene Bergen (nee Penner)



Elizabeth Darlene Bergen (nee Penner) passed away peacefully at Boundary Trails Hospital on September 14, 2017. She would have been 61 on October 2nd.

She was pre-deceased by her parents Jack and Helen Penner and leaves behind five sisters and two brothers in B.C. Linda Wood, Christine Bergen, Clifford Penner, Florence Cordocedo, Barbara Altenhofen, Terry Penner and Sandra Penner and their families. She was survived by

her husband Walter and daughters Charla and Raileen and sons Terry and Dustin Bergen and her grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Owen, Carmine and Hunter. She was also survived by many aunts and uncles and cousins. Our cousin Cheryl Heide Kehler was like a sister to her and our Uncle John and Aunt Agatha Reimer were her surrogate parents. They were her support and we appreciate everything they did for her when we were not able to physically be there for her. She was "Mom" to Teresa, Summer, Sullivan, Katrina and Cheyenne. She fostered many other children during her short life and gave of herself unconditionally without expecting anything in return. She was a tribute to foster parents because she never gave up on her "kids". She was a strong individual who fought for what she believed in and never complained about her own circumstances.

Anyone who knows about dialysis can vouch for how important it is to be on a donors' list. We would like to thank the person's family who donated the kidney to Darlene after she was on dialysis for 18 years! It gave her a new lease on life which she didn't waste. She lived her life to the fullest. The Penner, Friesen and Heide families would like to thank all the Doctors, Nurses, friends, neighbors and family who helped keep her going through all her years of trials and illness.

Darlene leaves big shoes to fill and has been a great example of "live each day as if it's your last"

She was and is our hero! Always in our hearts and never forgotten. Rest in Peace...til we meet again!

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Abraham Richard Fehr 1949 - 2017

With great sadness we announce that Abe R. Fehr, age 68, passed away peacefully at his home in Morden, MB on Thursday, October 19, 2017 after a short battle with lung cancer.

He will be greatly missed by his wife of 46 years, Janie Fehr (nee Dueck) and his three children Scott and Marlene Fehr (Natalia, Megan, Madelyn), Lori and Brian Fransen (Alexandria, Jayda, Vaughn) and Darren and Kristina Fehr (Reese, Raina). He left behind seven granddaughters and one grandson to whom he was the best Papa ever. He is also survived by four brothers and three sisters.

He was born on March 13, 1949 in Morden, MB. to William and Elizabeth Fehr (nee Fehr). When he was a young man, Abe had a passion for digging holes and moving dirt which led him to running a small excavating company. Upon the passing of his father, he stepped up to help run Fehr Glass & Aluminum with his brothers, Victor and Robert and his friend, John Worms. Abe finally, reluctantly, agreed to retire at the age of 67.

Abe was involved with the church, being baptized in 1978, as well as the community by serving on the Credit Union board, serving as a leader in Boys Brigade as well as a coach for minor baseball. Abe had a very calm, quiet demeanor and rarely had anything negative to say. He was passionate about his grandchildren and spending time outdoors, whether it was working in the yard or hunting and fishing with the people he loved most.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at the Alliance Church in Morden with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Abe's memory to BTHC Foundation and designated to either the Cancer Care Program or Palliative Care Program.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden
In care of arrangements
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OBITUARY



Frank Isaac 1929 - 2017

As the sun was rising on a warm fall morning October 17, 2017 our dear dad passed away peacefully and entered into the presence of Jesus Christ his Savior and Lord.

Dad was born September 17, 1929 in Whitewater, Manitoba to Heinrich and Susanna (nee Fast) Isaac. He was the first of his siblings to be born in Canada. Dad married the love of his life Elsie Rempel May 4, 1958 in Plum Coulee, Manitoba. They settled in Morden where they raised their two children- Ruth and Donald. Dad spent most of his adult life working at Dack's Pharmacy where he was a store clerk. He loved retail and interacting with customers each day. He walked to work and hardly ever missed a day of work. He had a strong work ethic. He instilled the importance of

working hard to his family. He came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in his mid 30's and was baptized upon the confession of his faith and became a member of the Morden Mennonite Brethren Church - now Westside Community Church. He became active in the church serving as usher, singing the church choir and male choir and also helping mom and Ruth with preschool Sunday school. He was a man of few words but he demonstrated his love for others as he lived out his faith. He was always ready to help the less fortunate. He loved Morden his hometown. He regularly wound the town clock weekly for many years climbing the ladder right to the top. He was always happy to show it to news reporters and anyone interested in hearing his stories about the clock. What fun it was when he would take us kids up to the top and look over Main Street. Dad retired at age 65 when Dack's Pharmacy was sold and now another journey began for mom and dad. They had the opportunity to spend more time together and visiting family.

Mom passed away May 20, 2009. This was a difficult time for all of us but especially dad who lost his life partner. But he stepped up and together with Ruth life carried on. He enjoyed going out for meals especially Chicken Chef. He had friends and neighbors who picked him up for coffee to McDonald's. He still walked everyday too. November 2014 dad fell and broke his hip which changed his life and ours forever. He had surgery at HSC and then spent the next six months at BTHC. He never was able to walk on his own again. He was admitted to Tabor Home personal care home in Morden April 2015 where he'd reside until his passing. Dad adjusted well to Tabor enjoying the many activities provided there. He waited for Ruth's visit every evening. Ruth often took him out on Sundays for car rides which was a highlight for him. This spring he started talking about going home to heaven. He prepared us for the day when it would come. In summer he gradually stopped eating and eventually stopped drinking. He was finished with his life on this earth and longed for heaven. Dad passed away peacefully October 17, 2017 with Ruth and Don by his side at the age 88 years, one month and four days.

Dad will be sadly missed by daughter Ruth Isaac of Morden, son Don and daughter-in-law, Carmen Isaac of Bedford Texas. Also he will be missed by his brother James Isaac of Winnipeg and his sister Betty Hoepfner (Frank) of Morden and sister-in-law Helen Isaac of Chilliwack, B.C. Also many nieces and nephews and neighbors. He will also be remembered by mom's brothers and wives and their families. He was predeceased by his wife Elsie (nee Rempel) May, 2009. Also his parents Henry and Susan Isaac, two brothers, one sister, one sister-in-law and one brother-in-law. And also many of mom's family.

Dad will be remembered for his generous spirit and caring heart. He also believed in us and was proud of us. Dad was a prayer warrior and we will miss his prayers for us. We sorrow but not as those who have no hope. We look forward to the day when we will be reunited together as a family. What a day that will be! 'I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing'

Memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Westside Community Church with interment prior at Southside Cemetery.

If you so desire donations may be made to Tabor Home activities dept. where dad enjoyed games and entertainment, especially the singing groups. Many thanks to the many who cared for our dad over the years. Mary Benson and her home care team, Boundary Trails Health Center, Dr. Mansour his family doctor, and Doctors at Tabor especially Dr. Jackson. Sincere thanks to all the management and staff at Tabor Home. He prayed for you every night.

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OBITUARY



David Peters 1915 - 2017

David Peters, Dad, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Uncle and friend passed away on Tuesday October 17, 2017.

Dad is survived by daughter, Katy Dyck and her husband, Jake; son, Jake and his wife, Barb; son, Henry and his wife, Debbie; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Susanna in 2013; his parents and eight siblings.

Dad was born on October 3, 1915 in Reinland (Stanley Municipality), Manitoba, the youngest of nine children to Peter J. and Katharina (Reimer) Peters. David's parents were farmers living in the village of Reinland. They helped their sons to acquire small parcels of farmland close to the village. Dad, the youngest in the family, was also able to get his start in farming in this manner. Dad and Mom were married on November 21st, 1937 in Reinland where they resided till they moved to Winkler in 1966. Dad and Mom celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in 2012, a milestone that few people get to commemorate. Family and friends knew Dad as one who cared deeply about living life with integrity, seeking to reflect his concern for justice and equality. His faith in God was a constant source of strength.

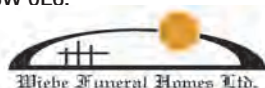
The family would like to thank the extended family and friends for their support and friendship to Dad. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Pastor James Peters for the spiritual support he has provided and to Dr. Brett and the staff at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, who provided such compassionate care.

Enjoy your eternal reward, Dad. We will miss you.

Memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2107 at the Winkler EMM Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of David Peters may be made to the Winkler Senior Center, 102 - 650 South Railway Ave. Winkler, MB R6W 0L6.

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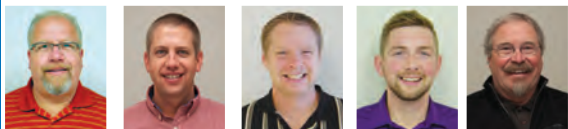
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