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New BLSD board chair highlights communication and unity

By Lori Penner

Border Land School Division (BLSD) has launched the 2024/25 school year with a new board chair at the helm.

Steven Wiebe was elected at their September meeting, and says they plan to continue the good work already established as a board.

“Over the years we’ve developed into quite a high-functioning board, with good communication skills. Everyone around the table had a chance to have their views made known, and to explain various positions, and we’ll work diligently to keep that good consensus as a group.”

Wiebe has worked with a variety of issues and board members during his 14 years at the table and is looking forward to working with vice-chair Mark Krahn and second vice-chair Albert Klasen.

“Both of them have at least one term under their belt, and I think the three of us can form a strong leadership team. We come from slightly different backgrounds and perspectives, but we’ve always been able to work together to come to an agreement. They also have great leadership potential. If I have something up or can’t make it to a meeting, I would be perfectly comfortable with one of them stepping up and taking charge in the meantime.”

Wiebe says their biggest hurdles this year will involve financial decisions.

“We’ve been in limbo as a board for years. It’s laughable how long we’ve wondered about the

future of our financial situation. Under the provincial PC government, we were told we could not raise taxes locally. So we were at their whim of offering us some small budgetary increases every year, which didn’t match with inflationary pressure we were faced with. And now under the NDP government, there’s been some interesting developments as far as financing, such as a new, provincewide funding agreement formula. We’re still wondering when that’s coming out and have no idea what that’s going to entail for us.”

The board is concerned that rural divisions in general may not get a fair shake.

“I don’t know if there’s a clear understanding of the high pupil costs in our division. We have a lot of small schools—colony schools and small community schools—that are very important to us. What happens when you have very few students in those satellite schools is your overall operating costs are higher and of course, on top of all that is a very hefty transportation bill. We’re putting hundreds of thousands of kilometres every year on our bus fleet, and there’s no way to do that inexpensively.”

Right now, in terms of enrollment, Wiebe says things are stable.

“It looks more like the status quo. We’d love to see more enrollment, but at least we’re not going down.”

For now, they’re prepared for the new mandated salary increases for teaching staff.

“But going forward, we’re going to need bud-

getary increases to absorb that. All those things create enormous pressure, and we don’t want to have to dig deep in local taxes. Even in the last budget, when we were allowed to tax locally, we kept it very conservative, and we did our best to manage without a huge increase. But we did have to anticipate some costs that we knew were coming with the new collective agreement. And again, we need the province to come to the table and send more money our way in the upcoming years. That will be the big challenge.”

In spite of nickel and diming themselves, Wiebe says the division has always done everything it can to keep the level of education high for the students.

“I think we managed to do that. I think we can always use more support staff, but we’ve done the best we can to try to keep the student/teacher ratio reasonable and manage class sizes. There are infrastructure issues, boilers at school, and surprise breakdowns and expenses. We don’t have the cushion we once had to absorb that stuff. But we’re working on it.”

Meanwhile, Wiebe says he’s excited to work with the group they have.

“We’re still really happy with our

leadership in the division. It’s exciting. I can’t give enough credit to Patty Wiebe for her two years of leadership. She set a great example of how to lead with passion and enthusiasm. She’s a hard act to follow.”

Meanwhile, succession planning is always a consideration.

“We’ve tried to plan ahead, with committee placements and leadership positions within the board. In the event that a couple of longer serving members decide not to run again in two years, we’ve got some who are more than likely to continue that have already built some experience. That kind of succession planning is important. It would be easy to let the best leader keep leading, but much to her credit, we had to shuffle things so there’s a bit of rotation. We’re doing something a little different but it’s also a little positive. Patty has been great as an ear for what’s happening politically. To have her continuing with us is going to be great.”

Wiebe adds, “Putting a highlight on communication seems like such a simple thing. I’m not planning on breaking new ground; we’ve already got a great model. We’ll continue to work on our goals making sure we refer back to them regularly.”



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Steven Wiebe is Border Land School Division’s new board chair.

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Winkler MCC Thrift Shop celebrating 50 years of service

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's MCC Thrift Shop celebrates 50 years of community service this month.

Over those five decades, countless people have kept the store running as staff, volunteers, donors, and, of course, customers.

The MCC Thrift Shop's roots actually go back a few years earlier than its official 1974 opening.

In 1970, public health nurses voiced the need for a thrift shop to aid the community's less fortunate.

"Erna Elias, Eileen Kroeker, and Sue Derksen took up the challenge and they started advertising for people to bring in used clothing and stuff like that," recalls Jake Hildebrandt, who got involved himself a few years later, eventually serving as a board member. Today, at 95, he still volunteers in the back repairing donated sewing machines several times a week.

The Goodwill Store, as it was then called, began storing donations in space provided by the Bible school that used to operate on Eighth St. across from Winkler Elementary School.

Run by volunteers, they were open initially one day a week, selling items at reasonable prices to families who needed them.

"It wasn't a giveaway," stresses Hildebrandt, "but it was something they could buy cheaply, and the money was used to keep on operating."

"We've been recycling long before

it was popular," observes Doreen Warms, who is heading up the store's 50th anniversary celebrations. "Reducing waste by reusing, recycling everything."

Over the next four years, any excess funds raised were donated to a variety of local organizations and projects—United Way, Salem Home, the fire department, etc.—and extra clothes were sent to Mennonite Central Committee and various other missions.

Eventually the hours expanded to three days a week, with 10 local churches teaming up to find volunteers to man the store.

It was such a success and demand was growing so fast that it was decided it was time to tackle the whole project more formally.

On Sept. 25, 1974, 15 women gathered to plan for the future, voting to rename the shop the MCC Store (following the lead of the very first MCC thrift shop that had opened in Altona two years earlier) and send the bulk of the annual proceeds to the global relief agency.

"MCC had a good reputation dating back to the 1920s, 1930s when they were involved internationally in helping people," recalls Hildebrandt. "And through the churches, there was a connection with MCC already."

The thrift shop moved several times in the years that followed, eventually building and opening its current location on 4th St. in downtown Winkler in the early '80s. Since then, they have renovated and expanded within that building multiple times to get their current sprawling space. **Jake Hildebrandt, 95, has been volunteering at MCC for decades. He comes in several times a week to prepare donated sewing machines for sale.**



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

MCC Thrift Shop volunteers Doreen Warms (left) and Margaret Reimer have taken the lead on planning the store's 50th anniversary celebrations this month.

space.

None of the people in the early years could have imagined the success the store would go on to have, Hildebrandt says, but "they always worked in hope that it would be a blessing to everyone, and that it would continue to grow."

PAYING IT FORWARD

For Hildebrandt, volunteering at the thrift shop has been a chance to give back to the agency that aided his family when he was a boy.

It was MCC that gave them food and other supplies when they were living as refugees in Europe during and after the Second World War. MCC later helped them move to Canada.

"We were the recipients of the help that was handed out, and we were so glad for it, because we had practically nothing," he recalls. "When you are a refugee, you are a man without a country, and to realize there's an organization that stands behind you and where you know you can go and find help—not just for today, but for the future—it's a no small thing."

"From that time forward, we were part of MCC, kind of part of the family."

Hildebrandt's time spent working

behind-the-scenes at the store is a small way he can pay that support forward, he says.

"He's given back a hundred thousand times over," says board chair Dave Penner, noting that Hildebrandt has been a steadfast volunteer—one of many that form the backbone of the organization.

"It's a community there in the back," Hildebrandt says on what's kept him returning well into his golden years. "There's friendship and the satisfaction that you're doing something worthwhile."

Volunteers like Hildebrandt have always been the lifeblood of the MCC Thrift Shop, says general manager Peter Kornelson, and that's not likely to ever change. The store currently has about 300 volunteers of all ages and backgrounds.

"If we didn't have them, we wouldn't have a store," Kornelson says. "And if we had to pay them all, we wouldn't be able to send any money out."

In its budget this year, the store anticipates being able to send \$500,000 to MCC for its aid efforts around the world. Board member Dr. Don Klassen estimates the shop has sent upwards of \$13 million to MCC over the past 50 years.

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MCC gets creative with its display mannequins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A series of special displays went up at the MCC Thrift Shop in Winkler last week to help the store mark its 50th anniversary.

Seven mannequins have been uniquely deco-

rated by the shop's various departmental volunteers.

There are dresses made out of paper from the book department, quilt squares from the fabric area, floral dress creations, and even one dress made up of items from the housewares department.

Assistant manager Eduard Richter explains he was inspired by the floral mannequins on display at The Leaf in Winnipeg earlier this year.

"I was talking with our floral ladies about it and I said, 'Let's do something fun, something different.' And then everyone went away [saying], 'Yes, we will.'"

Richter tracked down some extra mannequins and handed them over to the volunteers to decorate.

The finished creations were set up last week and already had people scouring the store to find them all.

"I'm so surprised that people have been taking pictures of them," Richter says. "It's become part of the celebration [of the 50th]."

"We're a big team here, a big family," he says, noting the volunteers embraced the idea wholeheartedly and he even heard from a few other departments that wished they could have gotten in on the fun, had more mannequins been available. "The clock area, the bike area—they maybe would have come up with something quite different."

The mannequins will be on display for the foreseeable future.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
Creative mannequins on display at the MCC Thrift Shop in Winkler.

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"And every year we also do local donations," he notes. This past year that totalled over \$36,000 to seven Winkler area non-profits.

Whether half a world away or right here at home, the store's purpose has always been and always will be to do some good in the world, says Klassen.

"Mennonites come in so many different stripes, even in a community

like Winkler. But MCC to me was always an organization that brought us all together."

"MCC had a motto of serving in the name of Christ, and that covered all the different churches," agrees Hildebrandt.

"As a result, people from various churches have donated to MCC over the years, and to major projects, when we've had them," adds Penner.

"Whatever little bit we can do, we do here."

To mark the 50th anniversary of the date of the store's official formation as a fundraising arm of MCC, the board has some fun planned for Sept. 25-27.

On those three days, customers will get to randomly pull out discount vouchers at the till, ranging from 10 to 50 per cent off purchases up to \$100.

Then, on Sept. 27 at 3 p.m., they will

draw the winner for the grand prize 50th anniversary quilt made by local volunteers, the second-place prize of a barbecue donated by Parkside Home Hardware Building Centre, a Sunny Day gift basket, and \$50 gift cards from Janzen's Paint, Chicken Chef, and Southern Meats.

The raffle has gone "phenomenally well," says Warms, noting they're well on their way to a sell-out—only about two dozen of the 2,000 tickets made available this summer are still up for grabs. You can get yours at the store for \$5 each, five for \$20, or a book of 15 for \$50.

Last week, the early bird prize winner, Chris Loewen, got the chance to take in a Winnipeg Goldeyes game as part of his prize. He and 20 of his family and friends filled a VIP box donated by Golden West Broadcasting at the team's game against the Lincoln Saltdogs.

"I actually wasn't going for the early bird prize," Loewen shares. "It was more the cause ... the money was going to a great cause."

Penner sends thanks out to every single person who has ever had a hand, big or small, in the store's success over the years.

"A big thank you to donors, volunteers, staff, and the community for supporting this thrift store for 50 years, and thus supporting the work of MCC."



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“There is a history to the land that people don’t know”

By Lorne Stelmach

A book that delves into a little-known piece of history was the subject of a book launch Saturday in Morden.

The Secret Treaty speaks to the handshake treaty that is part of Indigenous tradition but not something widely known by others, and in this case the Mennonite community specifically.

It revolves around Ojibwe stories from the land that Mennonites came to call the West Reserve and stories of those early encounters between European newcomers and Indigenous peoples, and the event included a tour to a couple significant locations on the escarpment and near the Dead Horse Creek which are connected to this history.

“I think it was a very good group. They were very responsive to it all,” said Swan Lake First Nation knowledge keeper David Scott, who teamed up with artist-illustrator Johnathan Dyck, who is originally from Winkler, in creating the graphic novel. “I hope that they will look at the land differently; it’s not just something to exploit ... there is a history to the land that people don’t know.”

“It was kind of a missing piece for me. I’ve spent a lot of time researching Mennonite history, and this is something that gets left out,” said Dyck. “The project is kind of a merging of past and present ... and Dave loves the comic book format because it’s really engaging.”

The project came about through discussions that happened some time ago when Scott and Dyck were brought together with Will Braun,

a member of the Truth and Action Working Group.

“This is exactly the kind of work that I want to be doing, so I’m very excited about it,” said Dyck.

“I’ve been kind of working alongside different organizations for a number of years as a designer and illustrator, and I’ve been attracted to work that tries to put more focus on Indigenous rights and settler-Indigenous relations,” he noted. “But I’m also very interested in the history that we tell ourselves about our country, about how we got here, about what the land was like and how it’s changed over time.

“It was exhilarating. It was a lot of fun. Dave’s a really friendly and fun guy,” Dyck continued. “We enjoyed ourselves, but it was also very eye-opening. I have a particular relationship to this land, this place, very much based on my experiences growing up here and my family stories.

“Dave’s perspective as an Indigenous person from here with oral histories about this land, it revealed a lot to me that I wasn’t aware of ... and I think deepened my understanding and appreciation of this place.

“Dave’s accounts, which are oral histories that he’s verified, they touch on the Mennonite history in this area, but the land’s history before Mennonites arrived and early relations ... it’s just a re-orientation.”

The project fit in well with Scott’s ongoing work with groups like Truth and Action as well as many speaking engagements in schools and communities across southern Manitoba.



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The *Secret Treaty* author David Scott (right) with illustrator Johnathan Dyck at a book launch in Morden last Saturday.

“I’ve always tried to look for ways to bring out these stories that are not being told, about the relationships that we once had and the relationships we’d hoped to have had back then,” said Scott, who also likes the comic book style this book takes. “It’s an easier, gentler way to tell these stories and the importance of these stories. It got to be an important part of it ... it’s very engaging.”

He also sees this book as the first of more similar projects to come.

“This is the opening salvo of many, many more secret treaty stories. This one here, the Mennonite treaty we had with them, is not finished. There is still more that has to be told,” he suggested. “It doesn’t surprise me that there’s really no record of it in the Mennonite society.

“The way that we have learned this western history, it wasn’t really told. There’s still the Indigenous part, and that is what I am trying to do,” he continued.

“I want people to take action. Truth is one thing, let’s learn that together, but let’s take steps forward together,”

Scott concluded.

“I think the message is that our story, the stories we tell about our histories here, they’re incomplete if they leave out Indigenous people, and they are incomplete if these stories aren’t being told together,” said Dyck.

“Hopefully, it invites people into an ongoing conversation and possibly future relationships that kind of cross these boundaries we’ve created ... all of our stories need to be told ... and we need to find better ways of living together.”

The book launch was the first of a trio of events organized by The Truth and Action Working Group as a lead-up to Truth and Reconciliation Day.

The next event is Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul’s United Church in Morden. It will feature Sandra Hayes Gardener presenting on her book *Crossing the River*.

The month then concludes with a Truth and Reconciliation Day ceremony and healing walk Monday, Sept. 30 that will start at 10 a.m. at the Access Event Centre.

Morden mayor addresses tap water smell, taste concerns

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden sought to assure residents this past week that it was doing all it can to address concerns around the odour and taste of its water.

Mayor Nancy Penner said they were well aware of the concerns being raised on social media outlets, and they are taking all of the necessary steps to address the issue.

“The city is working hard ... and we’re meeting our standards in terms of producing safe water for the community,” said Penner. “I am confident that the city produces safe water be-

cause we do have to test regularly and meet the drinking water quality standards. That is a given.

“It is a time of the year where we have rainfall ... and we have high temperatures,” she noted. “Heat and lack of fresh water coming in to the lake is a perfect combination for algae growth ... that does create some challenges for the water treatment plant to get rid of that musty smell.”

In a news release, the City of Morden likewise explained the current odour and unpleasant taste in the water are due to seasonal changes in temperature and algae blooms in Lake Minnewasta.

This can cause the water to have an earthy or musty smell and taste, but that does not make it unsafe to drink, the city said.

“Our water treatment plant is equipped to handle a wide range of water quality issues, and our team is working diligently to address the problem,” the release noted. “We have already implemented additional treatment processes to mitigate the odour and taste. Residents should start noticing an improvement in water taste and odour over time as these efforts take effect.”

The city with the assistance of the Manitoba Water Services Board has

issued tenders for the construction of a new standpipe which will include an air stripping system to reduce THM levels in the water and also help reduce odours.

As well, the city has awarded the work for an ultrasonic algae control system at the lake. That system will be installed early next spring.

“We’ve been having some struggles with getting our regulatory ducks in a row and we’ve had some issues,” explained Penner of why it isn’t happening sooner. “We just didn’t get everything in place in time to bring it into this year.”

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Ground control to Major Tom

Early in the morning or late in the day as you drive along a certain lonely Manitoba highway you will inevitably see his dark silhouette rise in the distance and wonder at what keeps the strange creature coming back.

What is it that keeps this mysterious wanderer returning to the same spot, day after day, month after month? As you approach his location and a certain anxiety kicks in, you cannot help but accelerate and try to get past as quickly as possible.

It was earlier this year, in the spring of 2024 to be precise, when I first noticed the enigmatic, drifter. It was hard not to notice because back in those days he had with him a literal harem following him around.

Background: for the past several years now, I have been driving to Winnipeg several times a week for my job. Generally I take Hwy. 3 through Carman. Anyone who drives the same route regularly notices even the tiniest differences or changes along the way.

So I was pleasantly surprised to have seen our main character for the first time earlier this year on one such trip as he casually sauntered with his disciples along the highway east of Carman adjacent to a farmstead.

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For the purpose of this column, we will call him Major Tom.

If you have seen the same lonely figure I have seen, you will know that Major Tom is a decently sized black male turkey.

Being an urbanite for most of my life, the sight of something like a turkey along the highway never fails to astound me. I grew up in a city where the wildest form of life I would see was typically a sparrow, the odd overweight raccoon, and, once, a huge furry black rat trapped in our garbage can.

You can imagine my pleasure at seeing Major Tom and his harem not just once but literally every day that week on the way into Winnipeg and on the way back, always in or near the same spot. What a treat.

Eventually days turned to weeks and weeks to months and still Major Tom continued to be spotted along the highway. Eventually his harem deserted him and he was left to maintain his vigil alone, a striking, solitary figure against the rising sun in the morning.

By now I expect that Major Tom is the closest thing to a celebrity Carman

has had since Ed Balfour and Faouzia. Perhaps the keys to the city are in order?

Look, I get that at the end of the day it's just a turkey and Manitoba has lots of turkeys, but I have never seen a wild turkey hanging about in one spot over the course of nearly an entire year.

I have now come to look forward to seeing Major Tom as I drive to and from Winnipeg. I realize this is reckless of me given the nature of Tom's favorite hangout—he's bound to wander into traffic one day and then BOOM, no more turkey.

But for the time being, Major Tom has become something of a milestone along the route to the city, not unlike Jordan Corner, Carman, the giant grain depot further east along Hwy. 3, and Brunkild, etc.

All are markers that unconsciously measure time along the way...and so too now is Major Tom.

Sights like Tom are one of the many reasons I am happy I moved to Manitoba.

The abundance of wildlife active

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STARS thanks Morden thrift shop for its support

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Community Thrift Store's support for the province's air ambulance service received special recognition last week.

The Sept. 5 event at the STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service) provincial headquarters in Winnipeg was to honour the thrift store for its \$250,000 in donations to STARS, which put the store's logo on the tail section of the helicopter.

The thrift store also received a photo of the C-FMBQ STARS helicopter with a larger version of their logo.

"STARS was built by the community for the community, and this generous donation from the Morden Community Thrift Store is another great example of what that means," said Natalie Hofstetter, regional communications team lead for STARS. "With the unveiling of this logo on our helicopter, we are proud to recognize this cumulative donation of \$250,000 in support of STARS. Their support will truly ride along with us on every mission."

The occasion saw the thrift store charter a bus to bring 30 volunteers and two other guests to the STARS headquarters to take part in the celebration.

They had the opportunity to visit with pilots, directors, paramedics and other staff and were shown the equipment used in the helicopter.

Volunteer Bev Murray shared her story of how she had introduced the STARS fundraising co-ordinator to the thrift store's donation program. The store has given funding to STARS annually from 2019 to 2022 and then again in 2024.

Another guest was Irene Krahn, whose family donated the money in memory of her husband Ed to build the helipad at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

The guests heard how there are about 38 STARS staff members including pilots, flight paramedics, flight nurses



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The Morden Community Thrift Shop brought a group of volunteers into Winnipeg last week to the STARS air ambulance headquarters. STARS thanked the store for its \$250,000 in donations by putting their logo on the tail section of the emergency response helicopter. Below: Checking out the helicopter.

and transport physicians, and it was explained that it takes about 10 minutes to get various equipment into the helicopter and haul it out to the take-off zone. Then it is a 20 to 25 minute flight to the helipad at BTHC.

There is only the one air ambulance in the province, but there are a few fixed wing airplanes that help out if needed.

"All in all, it was a day to remember. It was a very interesting tour, and we truly saw the need of a STARS air ambulance and trained staff in our province," said thrift store representative Linda Thiessen.

"It's not our intention to get the recognition like we did, but it was special. For everybody who attended, including myself, it was a blessing," added board president Kent Noel. "Just to know that our money is doing something so worthwhile and helping save lives is enough."

"It's a necessary need for health care in our area," he added. "It comes down to Boundary Trails Health Centre quite a bit, and we always feel if it saves even one life, it is worth it."



Parkinson's SuperWalk raises over \$20K



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Family members came together this weekend for the annual Parkinson's SuperWalk in Morden. Among them Saturday morning were Team Champs (left), which had raised \$1,212 online, as well as the HP Walkers (right) who had collected \$2,168 online but with more possibly collected in person. At the conclusion of the walk, it was announced that \$21,240 had been collected in addition to some more donations that were coming in online. The top team online was Helen Back Again with a tally of \$4,803 online, while the top individual donor online was Henry Friesen at \$5,264.

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along the roadsides is truly remarkable. I have seen red tail hawks actively hunting, bald eagles winging their way to and from distant locations, great blue herons, countless deer, big white owls on the tops of hydro poles, and even a badger stomping across a gravel road at sunset recently. The list goes on.

Here's to Major Tom. Hopefully he will haunt the highway east of Carman for many days to come.

get informed

Three facing charges after pulling out an air gun in Winkler restaurant

By Voice staff

Three men are facing firearms charges after an incident in Winkler last week.

Just before 3 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 2, Winkler Police were called to a restaurant on Norquay Drive in response to a report of a customer drawing a handgun, appearing to load it, and then pointing it at an employee before leaving the area.

Witnesses gave police a description of the suspect's vehicle. Members of the Winkler and Morden police services patrolled the area looking for it, but were unsuccessful.

Later in the day, just before 6 p.m., Winkler officers located the vehicle and pulled it over on Mountain Ave. at 15th St.

Three men were taken into custody. Police found two

handguns in the vehicle that were determined to be CO2 pistols.

An 18-year-old Altona man and an 18-year-old man from Hochfeld are both facing charges of possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

An 18-year-old man from the RM of Stanley will be charged with assault with a weapon, pointing a firearm, and possessing a weapon for a dangerous purposes.

All three were released and will appear in court in November.

Winkler Police found two CO2 handguns in a vehicle they pulled over last week after reports of a customer brandishing a pistol in a local restaurant.

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Alzheimer Soc. marks World Alzheimer's Month with events

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's World Alzheimer's Month and the regional chapter of the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba has a packed-full schedule of programs and events to mark the occasion.

South Central regional coordinator Rebecca Atkinson shares that the fall Minds in Motions sessions get underway in both Altona and Carman this week.

The eight-week program is for patients with early to moderate signs of dementia to attend with a friend or loved one.

"It creates a space that you can go out and maybe try to forget all the challenges of living with dementia," Atkinson says, explaining each session includes accessible physical and mental stimulation activities and games. "It's meant to be a bit of fun ... it's fun, fitness, and friendship."

While care partners are certainly welcome to join their loved ones at Minds in Motion, Atkinson notes it can also be an opportunity for others in a patient's life to get involved.

"If the person living with dementia can attend with a friend rather than, say, the spouse or the child that's doing all the care, then that's respite for those main care partners," she says. "And it's a chance to build relation-

ships and keep those friendships going."

Also coming up is a showing of the documentary *Alive Inside* at the Carman Active Living Centre on Sept. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

The film explores music's ability to combat memory loss and restore a sense of self for those suffering from it.

An earlier showing of this film in Morden had a great response, Atkinson says.

"The first person I spoke with after it was someone living with dementia, and they just said, 'Thank you for showing that,'" she recalls, sharing the hope the film imparts. "I think the key takeaway there is to gain insight into the power of music ... go home and make a playlist for your loved one."

Atkinson is also excited about two other major events this fall. The first is a free livestream presentation at the Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler called *Spotlight on Local Research: Connecting the Dots*.

The session, taking place 6-7:30 p.m. on Sept. 19, will touch on how cardiovascular disease, the vestibular system, and virtual reality are linked to dementia and brain health research.

"The biggest thing about that one

that I want to get out is that if you have questions for the researchers, this is where you can have direct access to them," Atkinson says, explaining the livestream will allow for some back and forth with the presenters. "So it's not just a 'come and listen' ... we are going to be able to put your questions to them."

You also have the chance to meet with researchers and experts in person at the Care4U Family Conference coming up in Winnipeg Oct. 19. This year's theme is "building confidence for day-to-day care."

The event takes place at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a ticket cost of \$50 (which includes lunch and a resource package).

"You get to choose the topics of the lectures you attend," Atkinson says. "There are a lot of speakers throughout the day, so there's a variety of education to be had based on your interests."

"There's wonderful conversation that happens around the tables," she adds. "It's almost like one giant support group. It's pretty amazing."

"And there's like an expo with all sorts of resources for people living with dementia," she adds, noting there will be booths from assisted liv-

ing facilities, respite services, mobility devices, and many other service care providers. "You get to really look further at all the community resources available in the space of just one day."

In addition to the above activities and events, the in-person support groups for care partners are also up and running, with monthly meetings in Morden, Altona, and Carman.

"Those are ongoing, so they've been running and doing well," Atkinson says. "Everyone is always welcome."

If you'd like to connect with a local support group, or learn more about any of the above events, reach out to Atkinson at 204-325-5634 or ratkinson@alzheimer.mb.ca.

The Alzheimer Society also has several online support groups for others affected by the disease—family and friends and also patients. To learn more, head online to alzheimer.mb.ca/we-can-help/support-groups/.

As always, Atkinson urges anyone touched in some way by dementia to not be afraid to reach out to her for more information about the supports that are available.

"I'm just a phone call away. Please don't hesitate to call us—there's no wrong questions, no wrong time to share your feelings and your stories and get the resources you need."

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WAC hosting Farm to Table fundraiser

By Ashleigh Viveiros

September is a busy month at Winkler Arts and Culture.

Tickets are on sale now for their Farm to Table fundraising dinner, sponsored by Gardenland Co-op and Bloom.

The Sept. 19 event will feature a four-course meal by chef Kevin Funk from Hidden Haven Homestead made from locally-sourced ingredients. The evening will also include an acoustic performance by Lakes and Pines.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to support our arts initiatives while enjoying an evening of amazing food music," says executive director Jered Hildebrand.

Tickets are \$80 and can be booked at the gallery, by calling 204-312-7991, or sending an email to assistant@winklerarts.com. Or head to winklerarts.com for a link to the Eventbrite page.

That website is also the place to learn more about the resumption of the gallery's After School Art programming.

This fall's lineup includes a cartooning and comic art class for ages 11-14 starting Sept. 17, the Creative Builders Lego building class for ages 9-12 starting Sept. 18, and an introduction to painting for ages 5-8 starting Sept. 19.

Finally, on display this month at Winkler Arts and Culture is the Bell Exhibition 2.0, featuring the work of father-daughter artists Scott and Grace Bell.

Check out next week's Voice for our interview with the duo, along with information about the gallery's upcoming Culture Days festivities.



Farm Fest raises \$17K

PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Farm Fest music festival just outside Winkler Saturday proved to be a huge success, drawing big crowds and raising funds for charity. The afternoon saw performances from Jon & Julie, D'Friesens, the Glorybound Quartet, and David Toews & Friends (above, right) along with a Paraguayan supper, 50/50 draw, and a live auction. Organizers were still crunching the numbers at press time, but estimated over \$17,000 was raised in support of the David Toews Ministry. The Low German Christian ministry reaches out to people across North and South America.



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Local author releases first book

By Lorne Stelmach

Publishing a book has been a longtime goal for Scott Sitompul, and now that it has become a reality, the Morden resident also realizes writing it was rewarding in a number of ways.

"I've dealt with mental health most of my life, so when you have that kind of weighing on you, it's not always easy to find the time or the motivation to write, but it's also been a great help to get my mind off of the anxiety or depression and on to something creative," Sitompul said in reflecting on the release of *London Calling* this summer.

"It's been a long time coming, but it's been well worth the wait," he continued. "Whatever happens with it is wonderful to see ... it's a lifelong dream that I'm so glad I've been able to achieve now."

Growing up, Sitompul remembers writing and language arts always being one of his better subjects in school.

"From there it just kind of took off after I graduated," he said. "For the past 11 or so years, I've been trying my best to write as much as possible and hope that maybe one day I could be published."

Over that time, he wrote everything from poetry to short stories and even a blog and an attempt at a song.

"A little bit of everything so I could see what I may be best at," said Sitompul.

He first wrote the story that would become *London*

Calling for National Novel Writing Month, where participants are challenged to write 50,000 words in November.

The story was then put aside, but he came back to it a few months ago and sent it to a publisher. They were interested, but Sitompul couldn't afford some of the costs that would be involved in getting it printed. That was when another local writer, Peter Cantelon, mentioned Kindle direct publishing.

It was a route that worked for Sitompul, and *London Calling* is now available online through Amazon. The Pembina Hills Gallery also has copies in stock.

The story centres on the character of Constance, who finds letters written by her great uncle: the notorious serial killer Jack the Ripper. In these letters, she learns of a blood feud going back centuries and how her uncle had been caught up in it, and now she must finish what he started.

"I've always been one of those people kind of fascinated with serial killers," admits Sitompul, noting it is a more complex character with so much history attached to him.

Sitompul is already starting on a second book and is hoping to hold a local book launch at the Morden library in October.

"I'll just see where this goes and see what the reception is like," he said.

In the meantime, he gave credit to his family and friends who have supported him and helped him get to this day.

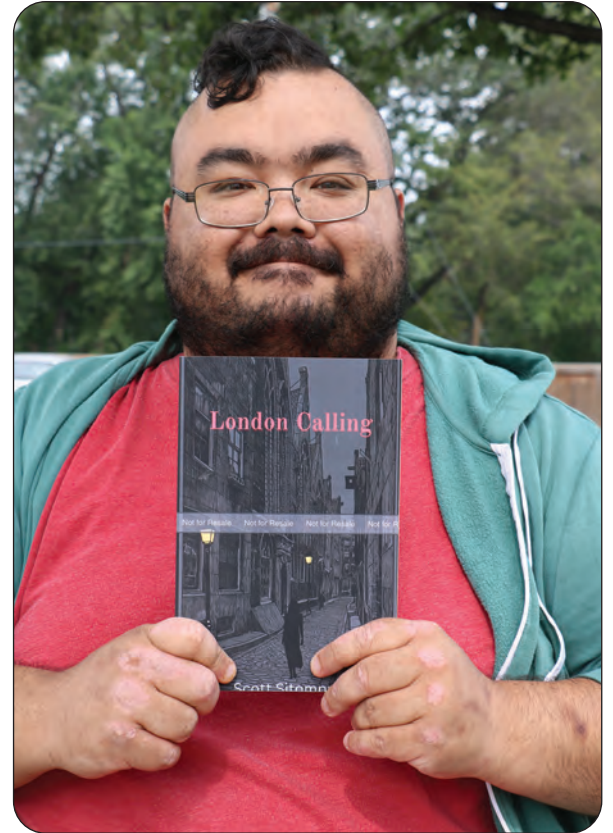


PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Scott Sitompul with his new book: *London Calling*.

"The big one would be my mom. She was always there to motivate me and make sure I was on the right path ... always asking me about my writing."

Grand National Fibre Art and Quilt Show on now in Pilot Mound

By Voice staff

One of the highlights of this weekend's Pembina Valley Studio Tour will be an exhibition of fibre art in Pilot Mound.

United Community Arts has been hosting the Grand National Fibre Art and Quilt Show throughout August and now through September.

This juried exhibition, which is typically held every two years in locations across Canada, features 37 fibre pieces created by professional Canadian artists.

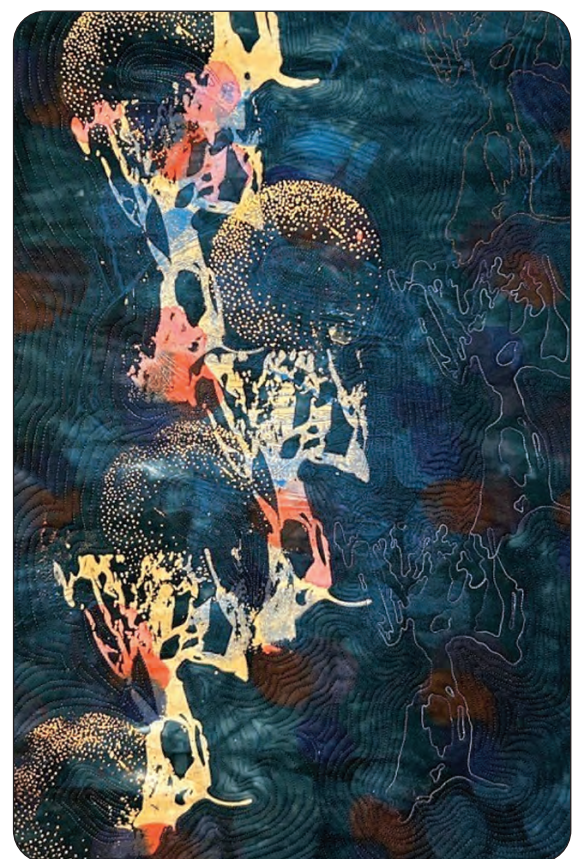
The show asked artists to share what delights and brings them joy in life. The result is stunning pieces of art using a diverse range of materials, techniques, ideas, concepts and cheerful thoughts.

The fibre art pieces all contain either natural or synthetic fiber, which could be spun into yarn or pieced together as a fabric.

Fibre art is unique because of its focus on appearance rather than practicality and function, share the show's organizers, noting that quilting is a popular fibre art form many are familiar with.

This show will be held in the great hall of the old sanctuary of the United Community Arts Centre. Pilot Mound is the only prairie province community that has ever been selected to host this exhibit.

For more information, head to www.grandnationalfibreartexhibition.com or louisemb.com/m/unit-ed-community-arts.



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A logo for 'RURAL BUDS CANNABIS SHOP'. It features a red border and three stylized cannabis leaves in red and white. Below the leaves, the text 'RURAL BUDS' is written in large, bold, red letters, with 'CANNABIS SHOP' in smaller red letters underneath. At the bottom, it lists 'MORRIS • CARMAN' and 'ST. PIERRE • ST. ADOLPHE' in red. There are also icons for Instagram and Facebook.

A logo for 'The Voice' with the tagline 'What's *your* story?'. The word 'Voice' is in a large, red, serif font. Below it, the tagline is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the phone number 'Call 204-325-6888' is displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The entire logo is enclosed in a red rectangular border.

Living her dreams at 95

By Lori Penner

It's never too late to try something new, and Jean Tarnick is living proof.

At 95 years old, the Altona resident fulfilled one of her lifelong dreams last week by attending her very first football game.

A passionate Winnipeg Blue Bombers fan for years, Tarnick has always admired linebacker Adam Bighill and defensive end Willie Jefferson.

"They're a big part of being a Manitoban," Tarnick says. "You've got to cheer for your team."

She was already thrilled when her granddaughter Stephanie Doerksen arranged for Jefferson to send Tarnick a video for her 94th birthday.

"He thanked me for being a fan, and there I was, crying my eyes out," Tarnick recalls. "But I never imagined I'd get to go to an actual game."

So when her children surprised her with tickets to see her beloved Bombers at the Winnipeg stadium, she was ready.

"In the video, Jefferson said, 'You have to get to a game, Jean, we'll make it worth your while.' So this year, we made it our goal to get her there," explains daughter Michelle Doerksen. Doerksen planned the outing around a trip to the city for a doctor's appointment, canceling her mom's evening homecare visit to keep the surprise intact. When she revealed the real reason for the trip, Tarnick was ecstatic.

The stadium's wheelchair-accessible seating made it comfortable for her to enjoy the event, and they even taped a sign on the rails announcing it was her first Bombers game.

"The cameramen focused on her during the second half, and she appeared on the Jumbotron several times. Buzz and Boomer took pictures with her, and a CFL blogger inter-

viewed her. She became a bit of a celebrity that night," Doerksen recalls.

"I couldn't believe how many people came up to me, even before the game started. They all wanted pictures with me! It was amazing. I'm no celebrity, but I sure felt like one," Tarnick says, laughing.

"I rang a cowbell and got thrown up on the screen. One man came up to congratulate me and later returned to check how I was doing. I told him, 'I'm loving the game!'"

Watching the game was thrilling, especially during the final moments.

"We were down by a point, and I wasn't just chewing my fingernails, I was chewing my fingers!" Tarnick recalls. "With 40 seconds left, we wondered what would happen. Then, in three plays, they scored a touchdown. We won! Oh, the racket—and I was waving my cowbell. It was amazing."

This isn't Tarnick's only recent adventure. At Altona's summer kickoff two years ago, her daughter convinced her to ride the Ferris wheel for the first time in over 50 years.

"As a young girl, I worked at the Red River Exhibition, where I ran the ticket booth and rode all the midway rides for free. They knew I wasn't scared of the rides," she says with a grin.

While life hasn't been without challenges—her husband's dementia and passing, moving to an assisted living facility—Tarnick remains resilient.

"Moving to the Gardens on Tenth was the best decision. There's great care, activities, entertainment, and good food. Never a dull moment," she shares.

Meanwhile, her family has been a constant support.

"I feel very cherished by my family. They're all so good to me. I never know what they're going to do next."

Since her stroke last March and the

months of recovery that followed, they've learned to make the most of every moment.

"Keep making memories. That's the key," Tarnick advises.

"I'm slowing down, but I'm not going to stop. I'm doing okay. I avoid falls as much as I can. In the meantime, I can still have fun."

At her granddaughter's wed-



PHOTO BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

Avid Winnipeg Blue Bombers fan Jean Tarnick with a signed jersey from linebacker Adam Bighill. Tarnick attended her first Bombers game last week.

ding a few weeks ago, Jean was even asked to be a flower girl.

"I didn't want to take my walker, so my daughter walked me down. I cried four or five times that day," she says, recalling the emotional moment when, instead of tossing the bouquet, the bride handed it to her.

Now the family is planning another special trip to Tarnick's hometown of Belmont, MB.

"I know she'd love to go back and see the place where she grew up," says Doerksen. "We just want to make

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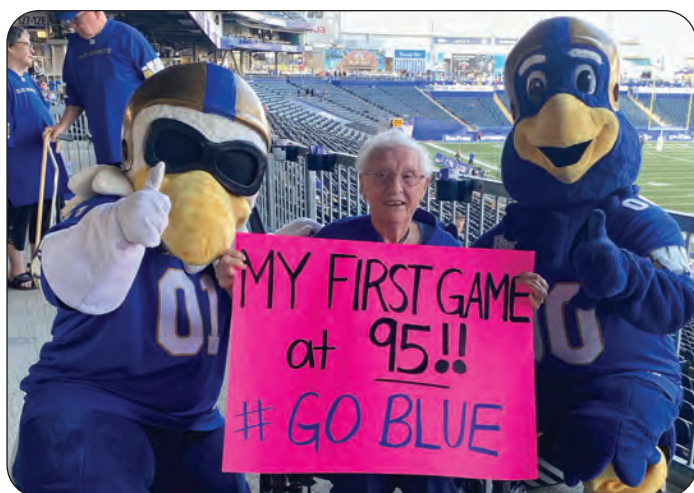
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An excited Jean Tarnick in the stands at her first Blue Bomber game, flanked by the team's mascots.

“You can feel the love”

By Siobhan Maas

There was standing room only in the court yard of the Red River Valley Lodge (RRVL) Sunday afternoon during the facility’s 50th anniversary celebrations.

Several current and former staff members, a resident, family with loved ones in the personal care home, and Southern Health-Santé representatives shared what the Lodge means to them.

Marielle Dyck, event organizer, retired recreation program coordinator, and now casual rec worker, spoke to the gift the Lodge gives local seniors of “aging in place; the RRVL is an important facility that makes Morris a community and not just a town.”

The Lodge hired and trained 19 staff members in November 1973. By the grand opening in March 1974, all 40 beds were full.

The Lodge was one of the first of its

kind in the province, pioneering the way to provide quality care. Over the years the facility has evacuated for three floods, started the Valley Volunteer Auxiliary to raise funds to enrich the lives of the residents, been gifted a Handi-transit bus, installed an elevator and new security system, landscaped the outer courtyard, updated the dining, kitchen and recreation areas, and is currently experiencing a major renovation project to increase safety for staff and residents.

“I was one of the first to walk into the building,” shared Denise Knutt, a former health care aid and recreation assistant, one of the first staff members hired in 1973. “I didn’t get a job, but a family.”

Knutt worked at the facility for 30 years and shared stories of seasonal activities partaken in by staff and residents.

“At Halloween, the staff would dress up and the residents would judge.”

She also recalled the time a resident caught a fish during a trip to St. Malo beach.

“The excitement the fish caused among the residents as the story was retold ... that fish grew!”

Julie Blouin, re-



PHOTOS BY SIOBHAN MAAS/VOICE

Above: At the Red River Valley Lodge’s 50th anniversary celebration Sunday, Julie Neufeld shared about the difficulty transitioning parents to 24-hour care. “The sympathy from the staff is incredible.” Right: Claudia Schmidt and Murielle Haight cut the cake. Both women are 50-year volunteers with the Valley Volunteers Auxiliary, which raises funds to enrich the lives of residents.



tired director of care for RRVL and Morris General Hospital, and Clara Wiebe, former client service manager and registered nurse, both separately acknowledged the continued compassion that exists for the residents, even when all 40 residents were evacuated to Portage la Prairie for a month in 1997.

There is respect for all, with the

residents and staff feeling like family, they said.

“[The staff] continue to make the world a better place, providing excellent care no matter where,” shared Blouin.

Manager of health services Tanya McGregor expressed emotion when speaking of “our little hidden gem, where you can feel the love in the walls. Over fifty years...that’s a lot of love.”

She commended the dedication of the staff, their past and present commitments to the residents, and acknowledged the volunteers, family members, Lodge staff and the residents in their part of a bigger family.

“The residents have given their trust to us. [As staff], it is special and significant to be a part of their life. We welcome people into their new home. It is also a place to say goodbye.”

McGregor also celebrated the grand changes that exist over 50 years in a personal care home: policies and procedures, additions and renovations, changes in recreational activities, the dietary preparation of nutritious food, improvements and changes to needed equipment.

“This has been my second home for many years,” shared Peggy Lenton, who has been a nurse since 1984. “I’ve had the privilege of caring for so many people, each touching my heart in ways that I could not imagine. Their stories are a testament to a life well lived.”

Lenton also spoke of the staff-res-

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Morris School wraps up summer renos

By Sean Conway

Morris School students headed back to the classroom last week.

With the staff and students away for the summer, the divisional maintenance staff made a number of building upgrades and changes ahead of welcoming back the 475 K-12 students, shared principal Mike Watson as the new school year began.

They transformed the old kindergarten room space into a sensory room that includes equipment to help students regulate or burn off excess energy. The space also provides a quiet area for kids who need it.

In the same area, they developed additional office space that will accommodate temporary staff that are experts in communication, like the speech pathologist, as well as per-

manent staff from division and the on-site speech and language therapy person.

The facility's preschool room upgrade lowered the ceiling to make the room less intimidating and added new flooring. They made the room suitable for multi-use. It will be the home for the student council as well as an ideal meeting room as needed.

The Senior Years' canteen is closed and will reopen at the end of September. The canteen is being expanded and upgraded. They removed a wall to open up the space and accommodate a stove and industrial dishwasher.

Donations from local businesses funded an industrial wall size fridge and wall-to-wall easy access storage cabinetry. The space renovations im-

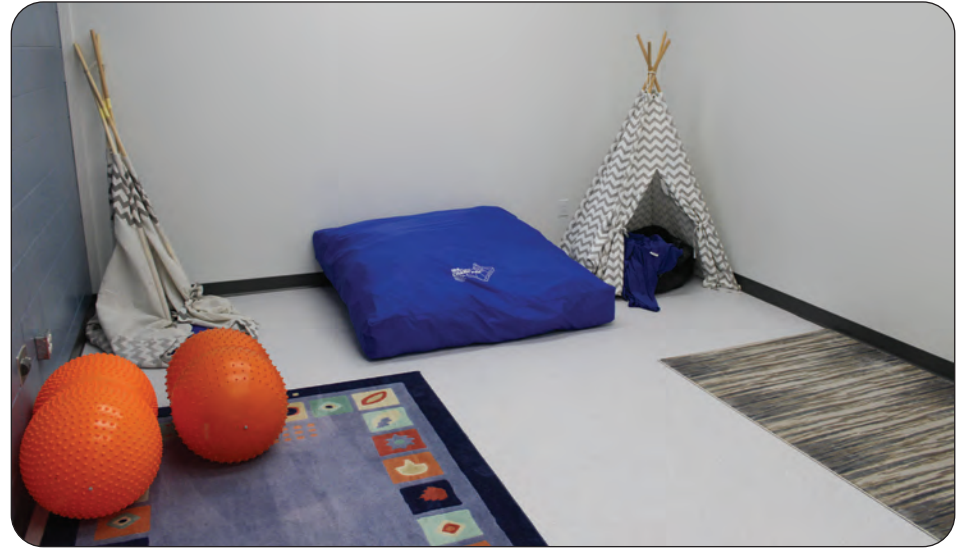


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Morris School has a new sensory room for kids who need some time away from the regular classrooms.

prove accessibility for those with disabilities.

The multipurpose room also received a welcome face lift with a new industrial grade flooring installation.

The school purchased a new mat system to cover the gymnasium floor when it's been used for non sporting events. The covering should extend the life of the floor surface, reducing the requirement from annual floor maintenance out to every third year.

A need to add a grade 7/8 classroom gave reason to move from the three-tiered lecture theatre-style classroom to a flat classroom in the room next to the computer lab.

And the Morris School Robotics club was an impelling force for the school to offer a robotic course starting this year. The course will help middle and high school students develop problem-solving and computational thinking skills, Watson said.

Man arrested for human smuggling at Canada/U.S. border near Gretna

By Voice staff

A Winnipeg man has been arrested and charged with human smuggling across the U.S.-Canada border at Gretna.

On the evening of Aug. 22, officers from the RCMP Federal Policing Northwest Region's Integrated Border Enforcement Team (IBET) in Manitoba, working with the United States Border Patrol, became aware of a border incursion happening west of the Gretna Canada Border Services Agency Port of Entry.

Officers responded immediately and located the subjects walking northbound from the U.S. into Canada where they were picked up by a lone male driving a rental vehicle.

Police pulled over the vehicle. Eight people were arrested under the Customs Act. The driver was also arrested.

Of the people arrested under the Customs Act, four males and one female were from the Republic of Chad,

two males were from the Republic of Sudan, and one female was from the Republic of Guinea. The subjects are all adults ranging in age from 19 to 48 years old.

The driver, a 35-year-old Somali national living in Winnipeg, has been charged with human smuggling. He will appear in Emerson court in October.

"We were able to interview all eight subjects with the assistance of RCMP officers who speak French and Arabic," said Sgt. Lance Goldau, head of the IBET in Manitoba. "After our processes were completed, all of the migrants were turned over to Canada Border Services Agency for their processing, and we continue with the smuggling investigation against the suspect."

"This investigation speaks to the value of our partnership with the United States Border Patrol and we remain committed to working closely together in the interest of border security."

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the most of the time we still have with her. Most people don't live to be 95, and we don't take a minute with her for granted."

When asked what's next on her bucket list, Tarnick simply replies,

"I'm 95, so let's just do it!"

Her advice for others?

"Keep dreaming. You can do it. Nothing is impossible. It's good to become like children and just enjoy what you have now."



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Honk Challenge celebrates National Trucking Week

By Siobhan Maas

Honks and horn blasts from semi trailers and vehicles alike filled the air along Main St. in Morris last Thursday for Rempel Insurance's hour-long Honk Challenge.

Now in its fourth year, the initiative honoured National Trucking Week Sept. 1-7, recognizing the contributions made by the men and women who keep our economy running smoothly.

"In the past, Rempel Insurance employees paired into teams and went out onto Main St. to encourage the most honks from passing truckers," said owner Janice Graydon. "It is the first year that we've included the community in this event."

Over 200 students from Morris School, residents and employees of the Red River Valley Lodge, children and staff from Busy Nest daycare, and Rempel Insurance employees gathered outside the business along Highway 75, the main thoroughfare between Winnipeg and the US border, to encourage honks from passing vehicles.

Employees waved large signs from

the median and children gave the universal honk fist pump, cheered, and waved flags. Safety measures were in place, with the Morris Fire Department aiding with pedestrian safety.

In the first year of the Honk Challenge in 2021, the Rempel employees' goal was 60 honks in 60 minutes. They received 73. The numbers have increased exponentially since then, with 146, 493, and 1,139 heard in subsequent years.

"At Rempel Insurance, we are community minded," said Graydon. "This year we focused on collaborating and making the Honk Challenge a community event. We want to teach children about the industry because truckers drive our business. The look on a truckers face [when they see the thank-you signs] is incredibly warming. They are getting recognized for what they do for the economy."

Rempel Insurance was excited to unveil their brand new, custom-made truck inflatable bouncy structure during the event.

For the first time this year, several local businesses, including Access Credit Union, Morris Tim Hortons, Valley Super Thrifty Pharmacy, Mor-



PHOTOS BY SIOBHAN MAAS/VOICE

Above: Rempel Insurance employees celebrated truckers during National Trucking Week. Right, below: Students from Morris School encouraged passing semi trailers to honk.



ris Build All Centre, Fehr's Cabinet Warehouse & Showroom, Morris Bigway, and Big Rig Truck Wash, came together to create Truck Appreciation Packs to hand out to truckers during the challenge. Truckers

were encouraged to pick up a pack handed out by Bigway employees in a parking lot on the south side of town. "It was our first time [handing them out]," said Pat Schmitke, owner of Bigway. "We had a hard time convincing truckers to pull over and pick up their packs, so changes will have to be

made for next time."

The packs included a notepad and pen, a package of tissues, healthy snacks, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, and a nail clipper.

Thirteen packs were accepted by truckers.



Trucker Alex P. receives trucker appreciation pack from Morris Bigway employees Melissa Berg (front) and Sam Milne.



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ident relationship as one of family, carrying blood family's love forward, sharing in triumphs and challenges while maintaining commitment, kindness, and dignity.

To end the ceremony, Claudia Schmidt and Murielle Haight cut a

cake similar to that which celebrated the opening of the facility a half century ago: an exact replica of the Lodge. The cake was created by Legends Bakery in Morden, detailing the Lodge down to the flower beds under the bedroom windows.

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If you want to eat out, book a table at a local restaurant that serves local meats, cheeses and spirits. Bon appetit!

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Ordering clothes and accessories online at ridiculously low prices from fast-fashion giants contributes to air pollution and

worker exploitation. Instead, buy a few high-quality pieces made locally to reduce your carbon footprint and honour your ethical values. They may cost more, but their higher quality makes them more durable.

Entertainment

Watch local films as often as possible, both at the movie theatre and on online viewing platforms: there's something for everyone! Do you love reading? Search the shelves of your local bookstores for talented local authors.

Find out more about local performers like musicians and comics. You support them when you buy their albums, show tickets or merch. Who knows, you may find your next favourite entertainer.

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In short, the term locavore applies to people who consciously and consistently seek out food from businesses as close as possible to where they live.

What are the benefits?

Choosing to eat locally, especially when it comes to fruits and vegetables, results in less pollution from transportation and maximizes taste, freshness and nutritional value. It's important to remember that the longer food travels or is stored, the more likely it is to lose quality.

Additionally, knowing exactly where your food comes from and familiarizing yourself with producers at farmers' markets is an excellent way to develop a sense of community and pride.

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Andrews returns as coach of PV Hawks men's team

By Lorne Stelmach

Jeff Andrews comes back into the role of head coach for the U18 male Pembina Valley Hawks with both optimism and high hopes.

This is his second stint with the U18 Hawks, as he coached them from 2018 until the pandemic shut them down during a deep playoff run in 2020, and his thought is you should always go into a season with championship aspirations.

"I think by the end of the year, we're going to be looking at a successful season," he said last week while preparing for tryouts over the weekend. "Any time I coach at this level, I'm always big on the team goal of winning a championship ... you create that positive karma with your approach day in, day out ... you prepare and you work to get better."

Over the past 17 seasons, Andrews has coached at all levels of minor hockey from U7 to U18, including coaching in the Zone 4 high school hockey league with the Morden Thunder and W.C. Miller Aces.

He was also the head coach of the U18 female Hawks from 2011 to 2015 and guided them to three provincial league championships and the ESSO Cup national championship in 2012.

He takes back the reins of a male Hawks team that finished in seventh place last season but then took down the number two Southwest Cougars with a dramatic 2-1 overtime victory in game five that gave the Hawks a 3-2 series victory.

Their season then came to an end at the hands of the top-ranked Brandon Wheat Kings.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Hawks held their tryouts in Morden last weekend.

"They had some tough luck there at times, but I think as the year progressed and after Christmas, they kind of found their legs and their footing," said Andrews. "I think that made the season feel more successful."

He was really excited about having the opportunity to lead the Hawks again.

"I've put together a really experienced coaching staff, and I'm just really excited to get the year going," he said. "We had lots of kids register ... by all indications, on paper, the year's rounding into shape and looking really good."

He saw there being good prospects as the team held its tryouts over the

weekend.

"There are a few returning guys up front, and there's a returning goaltender and a returning defenseman, but other than that, it's pretty much wide open," he said. "We're really excited to kind of see how these kids push for spots and opportunities to make our hockey team."

Andrews said his thought was he wants a player to basically let them know they would be making a mistake to not put them on the team.

"I think a big thing for me is just work ethic and being able to kind of push the pace and play fast," he said. "We'll be looking for the players' ability to be skilled but also work hard and show their understanding of the

position they're playing and how to be effective."

He noted the fact the Hawks almost always ice a competitive team says something about the level of talent in the area.

"We're a big region ... and there's lots of really good minor hockey programs within our region," he said. "Based on that, the fact is that we're getting lots of good kids ... you see a really good on ice product."

"We also want to put as many of these kids from the Pembina Valley into junior hockey," he added. "We want to help these kids develop the skills they need so that they can move forward and continue their hockey journey."

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Victor has high hopes for lady Hawks as season gets underway

By Lorne Stelmach

Head coach Matt Victor comes into the new season with much optimism for the female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks.

There is a good core of players who learned from last season, which saw the Hawks win their first three games but then struggle the rest of the way although with many close losses.

"There's always a lot of learning with that," said Victor, who noted they were a very young team, including a few underage players. "Having early success sometimes gives you a little bit of false confidence as teams keep getting better and better through the season.

"These girls want to learn. You don't have to teach compete with them," he said. "They're very open to learn."

The Hawks finished at 6-18-4 for 16 points, which was just four points ahead of last-place Central Plains and six behind Interlake

Pembina Valley then gave Westman a good battle in the opening playoff round but fell in three straight to the second-place Wildcats.

Victor sees good prospects for this season.

"We have a really good base of returning players who came back from last year ... a lot of talent. It's looking really promising this year," he sug-

gested. "I feel like this year were going to have a lot of opportunities to grow this group and also down road have a lot of success.

"And there's a nice influx of young Grade 10s who came from our U15 program who I coached ... so being the same coach for them as well, I feel very confident that they're going to get on board really quickly and really meld with our returning group as well.

"It's a very good mix. We're still a young team overall, but the talent pool and the character that we have, I'm quite excited about it," said Victor.

The Hawks changed things up this year with a spring tryout followed by

a second camp in August where they selected the final roster.

Having now spent some time with the team, Victor is clear on what he is looking for and wants to accomplish.

"The environment I want to create is very much I'm looking for character players. I'm looking for players who come out, compete and just want to drive that change ... and obviously show a lot of hockey sense in how to play without that puck," he said.

"Obviously skill is part of it, being part of a triple A program, but we're also looking at some of those other intangibles to select our group."

And the organization had the players submit their ideas for both individual and team goals.

"The goals are high. The girls want to compete this year. They want to aim to win the league, and they want to be a competitive team," he said. "As a coaching staff, we're excited to hear that because that's our expectation. We want to compete this year.

"You're not winning the league in October. It's following that process, trusting that process ... and we'll worry about trying to hit those year end goals in February and March," he concluded. "Everyone's on the same page, so that is exciting."

Last weekend the team lost an exhibition game to the Westman Wildcats 5-4 in Souris. This weekend they play the Buffalos in Pilot Mound on Saturday.

Flyers launch pre-season with a win

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers hosted the Steinbach Pistons Friday night in the first of two pre-season exhibition games ahead of the MJHL regular season.

It was a back-and-forth affair that saw Winkler take the lead at the end of the first period thanks to a goal from Brendan Vincent.

Steinbach got the tying goal early in the second and then took a 2-1 lead

with a little over two minutes to go in the third.

Vincent came through for Winkler once again, though, to tie the game at 2-2 just 12 seconds later and force overtime.

There, Kam Thomas fired home the winning goal five minutes in to give Winkler the win 3-2.

Rylan Benner and Bryson Yaschyshen split netminding duties, with Benner making 12 saves off the 13 shots

he faced and Yaschyshyn stopping 16 out of 17. The Flyers outshot the Pistons 32-30 overall.

Winkler faces off against the Pistons once more in the pre-season with another home game this Friday. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

The regular season then starts Friday, Sept. 20 with another home game against Steinbach followed by an away game on the Pistons' home turf the next night.

Winkler Storm clinch first place in Division 1

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm 1 team are in first place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Division 1.

Lucania United FC2 forfeited Sunday's scheduled game, which brings the Storm's record to 12-2-2 and 38 points.

That has them one point ahead of Galacticos FC in second place and three up on the third-place Winnipeg FC.

Storm 1's final home game of the regular season takes place this Sunday at the 15th St. field in Winkler at 6 p.m.

The team has a bye in the first round

of playoffs. They'll play in the semi-finals Sept. 24 and then potentially the championship match on Sept. 28. All games take place in Winnipeg.

Winkler Storm 2, meanwhile, have had a more challenging season in Division 2.

They're currently in second-last place in the eight-team league with

three wins, 12 losses, and two ties under their belts.

They lost their final game of the regular season to Scorpions FC 6-1 last week Wednesday. Alex Halevych scored Winkler's lone goal.

The team will square off in Winnipeg against the second-place UDM next Monday night in the playoffs.

Curling club puts call out for volunteers for Asham U18 championships

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Another major curling championship is coming to Morden-Winkler, and organizers have put a call out for volunteers to make it happen.

The Morden Curling Club is hosting the Asham U18 Men's and Women's Provincial Curling Championship Jan. 1-5, 2025.

"It's an opportunity for our area, for sure ... it's going to bring in quite a lot of people," says event head Ron Sugden. "Just looking at the curlers, we're expecting somewhere around

20 rinks. That's 80 curlers, including their coaches and family members coming to support them and watch their curling."

It's a chance to see the best young curlers from across Manitoba—tomorrow's curling stars—compete.

"We've certainly had some big names come out of the U18s in Manitoba," Sugden says, pointing in example to Team Hayward from Carman, which competed at this year's Scotties and went on to win U18 Canadian gold. "It certainly opens up an opportunity to see youth competing at a

high level of curling."

The week will take a small army of volunteers to pull off, which is why the curling club is hosting a volunteer sign-up night this Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

They're looking for people for all positions, Sugden says.

"First of all, we need several of the subcommittees: secretary, finance, sponsorship, accommodations, admission, timing, hospitality, ceremonies, and media/website."

These leadership roles will require attendance at a one or two meetings

a month leading up to January and then some time spent at the curling club the week of the championship overseeing things.

If heading up a subcommittee isn't for you, each of those areas will also need volunteers to keep things running smoothly through the championship week.

If you can't make it Thursday, you can still get involved by connecting with Sugden at 431-774-8045 (call or text) or email at regsugden@gmail.com.

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REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PROPOSAL NO. 47 - BY-LAW NO. 2325-24 FOR THE PROVISION OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, STREET LIGHTING AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 24th day of September 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to present the following special service proposal:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL SERVICES PLAN NO. 47
Council is proposing to replace Special Service By-Law No. 2220-18, dated February 12, 2019, to provide for highway maintenance services, street lighting services, and snow removal services. The proposed special service levy will not be a new tax, but will be a separate levy to transparently reflect the costs of highway maintenance, street lighting, and snow removal, and will be levied on all rateable property including otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler limits, at estimated costs as follows:

2025	Up to \$1,704,921	2028	Up to \$2,000,338
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A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the Special Services Plan No. 47 are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at www.cityofwinkler.ca.

Dated at the City of Winkler this 16th day of August, 2024, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of *The Municipal Act*.



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The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 24th day of September 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to present the following special service proposal:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL SERVICES PLAN NO. 48
Council is proposing to replace Special Service By-Law No. 2221-18, dated February 12, 2019, to modify the properties that are subject to the special service tax for police and fire protection services to more equitably reflect those properties receiving and paying for the services. The proposed special service levy will not be a new tax, but will be a separate levy to transparently reflect the costs for police and fire protection services, and will be levied on all rateable property including otherwise exempt properties within the City of Winkler limits, at estimated costs as follows:

2025	Up to \$5,317,263	2028	Up to \$6,155,397
2026	Up to \$5,583,126	2029	Up to \$6,463,166
2027	Up to \$5,862,282	2030	Up to \$6,786,325


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A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the special service proposal.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the Special Services Plan No. 48 are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at www.cityofwinkler.ca.

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APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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The Board of Revision will sit on **Monday, October 21st, 2024, 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 **Monday, October 7th, 2024 by 4:30 P.M.** local time.

Dated at Morden, in Manitoba, this 30th day of August, A.D. 2024.

Ruziel Relatores, Secretary
Board of Revision
City of Morden
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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of **Jean Rose Sanford**, late of Morris, Manitoba, Deceased.

All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be sent to the attention of: Amanda Adam, Estate Officer, at 155 Carlton St. Suite 500, Winnipeg, MB R3C 5R9 on or before the 11th day of November, 2024.

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 6th day of September, 2024.

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Second Notice of Tax Sale Auction Municipality of Rhineland

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Date and Time: October 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Where: Municipality of Rhineland
109 3rd Street NE
Altona MB

Registered Owner: **JOSEPH WIEBE**

Roll #	Civic Address	2022 Arrears	Costs	Total
373045	12 J.J. NICKEL CRES, ROSENFELD	\$1,041.99	\$6,280.00	\$7,321.99

Legal Description:
LOT 1 BLOCK 2 PLAN 51772 MLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS RESERVED IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN IN SW 1/4 9-3-1 WPM

- The tax arrears amount shown above includes penalties calculated to the day of the sale.
- Costs will continue** to be incurred to the tax sale date and added to the amount required to redeem.
- The property may be sold at the auction for less than the amount of the tax arrears and if this is the case, the balance of the arrears and costs owing is deemed to be cancelled.
- Contact the number below for verification of costs. Any overpayment will be applied to payment of subsequent tax arrears. Payment must be made by **cash, certified cheque, debit card (where available)** or any other form of guaranteed payment.
- For any inquiries regarding the tax sale process or auction, contact TAXervice at 204-734-6381.
- IF THE PROPERTY IS SOLD, THE SALE IS FINAL AND ANY INTEREST YOU HAD IN THE PROPERTY BEFORE THE SALE WILL BE EXTINGUISHED.**
- There will **not** be an opportunity to redeem this property from tax sale and a property transfer application will proceed immediately after the auction.

Dated: September 3, 2024

Roxie P.
Account Manager
(204) 614-8539



This Notice is published for the purpose of effecting substitutional service thereof upon JOSEPH WIEBE, as set out in the Notice pursuant to Order of the District Registrar dated May 14, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES CITY OF WINKLER

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 **10th day of October, 2024**, at the hour of **2:00 PM**, at City of Winkler, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, 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
87800	LOT 23 BLOCK 3 SS PLAN 716 MLTO EXC THE WLY 50 FEET IN SW 1/4 4-3-4 WPM - 1131 PEMBINA AVE	L -\$58,500 B -\$169,300	\$11,268.07

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

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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.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the CITY OF WINKLER as follows:
 - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - 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; AND
 - A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- 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.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2024.

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CITY OF WINKLER
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It is time to celebrate with family and friends, To reminisce and laugh about the good old days, Share with the young a lifetime of wisdom, To count your blessings and hold them dear. We pray that in the days ahead you will receive more than all the joy, wisdom, hope and love you have always given away so freely.

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The Morden Police Board, according to By-law 14-2012 states that the board will consist of at least five members:

- 3 - Council members or employees of the City of Morden
- 1 - At Large person appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council
- 3 - Citizens appointed by Council

Eligibility for Membership:

1. At least 18 years of age,
2. A Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident, and
3. Resides in, is employed in or has a business interest in the municipality or another area in which the police service provides policing services.

How to apply:

Please provide a short letter describing your interest in serving on the police board and why you feel you would be a good representative on the board. All applications need to be originals with a signature so please do not send them by email. Submit your letter in person or by mail to the **Morden Civic Centre: 100 – 195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1V3.**

Applications are due by September 23, 2024.

How often will meetings be held?

The Police Board must hold a meeting at least once every three months. These meetings would be open to the public.

Is there any remuneration for being on the board?

The Council may provide for reasonable remuneration to members of the police board who are not members of the Council.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF REVISION THE MUNICIPALITY OF RHINELAND

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the 2025 Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Rhineland has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 109 3rd Ave NE, ALTONA, MB and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revisions may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of the Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

Section 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, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- a. Liability to taxation;
- b. Amount of an assessed value;
- c. Classification of property; or
- d. A refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under Subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 43(1) An application for revision must:

- a. Be made in writing;
- b. Set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- c. State grounds on which the application is based; and
- d. Be filed by:
 - i. Delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under Subsection 41(2), or
 - ii. Serving it upon the secretary at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision for the Municipality of Rhineland will sit on Wednesday, the 6th day of November 2024 at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers of The Municipality of Rhineland to hear the applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board of Revision is October 22nd, 2024 by 4:30 pm.

Dated at ALTONA in the Province of Manitoba this 12th day of September 2024, A.D.

Michael Rempel, Secretary
Board of Revision, Municipality of Rhineland
Box 270, ALTONA, MB R0G 0B0



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OBITUARY



Wilhelm (Bill) Schroeder

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that we share the passing of Wilhelm (Bill) Schroeder, on September 6, 2024. Sadness, as he has left a hole in each of our hearts that may never be filled. Joy, in that he no longer suffers, and we know that he is in heaven together with Mom.

He is survived by his three daughters: Diane (Steve), Lori (Garry), Julie (Dale); grandchildren: Andrew (Janessa), Kari-Ann (Jamie), Kaylan (Nathan), Janelle (Graeme) and Alysha; great-grandchildren: Lincoln, Darcy, Everette, and Emmerly. He is also survived by his siblings: Dick (Marion), Trudy, sister-in-law Agnes, and brother-in-law Elmer (Ruth).

He was predeceased by his wife Elizabeth (Betty) Schroeder (nee Toews), and 11 siblings.

Bill was born on December 27, 1931 and raised in Halbstadt, where he developed life-long friends, farmed, and raised his family. Bill married the love of his life, Betty, on July 13, 1958. He farmed with his brothers Dick and Pete until his retirement in 1993 at which time Bill and Betty moved to Altona.

In his early years, Bill developed a passion for playing hockey. He played for Halbstadt and the Altona Maroons. Bill was an aggressive hockey player who was known for the use of his sharp elbows in the corner.

Bill's most beloved treasures were his wife, three daughters, and their families. He was a quiet, unassuming man who seemed to walk into situations that created wonderful stories and much laughter. Schroeder Bros. (Pete, Dick, Bill, and their families), his farm, and his community were very important to Bill. He was very involved in the Halbstadt community as well as in the Sommerfelder Church fellowship, where life-long friendships were developed. Bill and Betty were active in the community choir and Sommerfelder Mass Choir. Bill had a deep bass voice that was still in tune until his last days. He loved dessert, a good wiener roast with friends and family, as well as watching hockey, baseball, and football.

Bill excelled as a grandfather. His grandchildren loved the hours spent with them: playing, reading, building, and simply sitting with them.

Bill faithfully walked with Jesus. He was baptized, upon confession of his faith in 1956. His prayer list was long as he prayed over his family, friends that were ailing, and anyone who was struggling. Daily, and even in his dying hours, he recited the Lord's prayer and the 23rd Psalm.

He deeply mourned the loss of Betty in 2021, and we were encouraged by the grace, strength, and faith with which he carried on. Although Bill will be dearly missed by all who knew him, we are thankful that he is now rejoicing in heaven with Betty and Jesus, his Lord and Saviour.

It is with much gratitude that we thank Dr. Haq and the Altona Hospital nursing staff for lovingly caring for Dad during his last days. Special thanks to Marion, Glenda, and Dad's many friends and family who supported him with delicious home-cooked meals and timely visits/phone calls. Thanks also to Wiebe Funeral Home for their kind and thoughtful service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Altona Community Foundation.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Altona
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 10-2024

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

HEARING: Morden Civic Centre

LOCATION: 195 Stephen St., Morden, MB

DATE: September 23rd, 2024

TIME: 7: 00 pm

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As outlined in red lines on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A" and forming part of this by-law.

INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jose Yanez, Planning and

Development Officer

133 7th Street, Morden,

MB. R6M 1V3

Phone: (204) 822-4434 ext. 1106

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PVWD: A year in review

By Lorne Stelmach

The 2023-24 year was a busy one for the Pembina Valley Watershed District.

A total of just over \$2.2 million was distributed to help the region and its sub-districts accomplish some major projects that have been in works for a while along with many smaller projects.

General manager Ryan Sheffield was clear on how and why the watershed district is able to be so successful.

"We're able to accomplish so much because of our team and our partners," he said. "Our sub-district members communicate our capabilities to the residents of the district. Agricultural producers work with us to incorporate environmentally beneficial practices into their operations. And our team has the skills and experience to implement our programs."

The district took on a variety of projects including building water retention structures, planting shelterbelts, fencing cattle out of riparian areas and providing incentive payments for producers to conserve wetlands and

establish perennial vegetation cover on vulnerable land.

The majority of funds spent came from the GROW Trust, Prairie Watershed Climate Program (PWCP), municipality levies and the provincial government.

Multiple water retention projects including six small dams were completed, reducing the flood peak in the watershed and aiding producers in storing water during the dryer years. Maintenance was also done on an additional four existing water retention projects, while three erosion control structures were constructed to trap sediment and reduce erosion in waterways.

Shelterbelts abounded, with many trees planted. There were 40 shelterbelt projects consisting of 22,971 trees planted in the 2023-2024 year, and a partnership with Manitoba Forestry Department and municipalities resulted in an additional 65 larger potted trees being planted on public lands.

Sheffield sees the amount of trees being planted on the landscape as being a highlight of their work.

"Trees provide immense benefits to watershed health such as increasing water infiltration and diversifying habitat as well as mitigating drying conditions by reducing wind and providing cool shade.

"We want to help anyone interested in growing trees to plant as many as possible," he added.

Soil health is also a growing concern contributing to watershed health. The GROW Trust provided funding for establishing perennial forage vegetation for 14 projects on marginal soils and five projects to rehabilitate saline soils.

"We are pleased to help farmers increase soil health on their fields with programs such as sowing unproductive cultivated land to perennial forage



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

The Pembina Valley Watershed District had a busy year, including ongoing work at various water retention projects (above) and outreach programs such as the Binney Water Festival (left).



cover as well as implementing cover crops, rotational grazing and nitrogen management," said Sheffield.

Throughout the summer, there were also eight designated livestock and equipment crossings built to eliminate the impact of disturbance on riparian areas and in waterways. As well, the GROW Trust contributed to 14 riparian area fencing and alternate watering systems being installed to restrict livestock access, improving riparian areas and aquatic health.

August found the Peter Dyck dam come to completion. It was one of the largest projects in both size and cost that the district has completed, and it is visible from highway 3 looking south, about five miles east of highway 10 near Boissevain.

Sheffield also stressed the importance of protecting and improving the region's wetlands.

"Wetlands are a valuable asset to a healthy watershed," he said. "We offer incentives to maintain temporary wetlands on the landscape, which producers can still crop through when conditions permit."

Another popular annual program in June had all of the Pembina Valley and Redboine watershed district staff and many volunteers put on Binney Water Festival. The site west and north of Manitou offered a day of teaching about 200 grade 4 students from various schools all about water,

soil, animals and more.

Well water testing days also took place in June with about 100 wells tested for total coliform and E.coli. Also, a number of wells were tested for advanced drinking water quality, and abandoned well filling occurred during the spring and summer season with 18 wells sealed to help to prevent groundwater contamination.

In March, in conjunction with the annual meeting, outstanding farm families were honoured with The Dog's Run Farm and Fresh Roots Farm receiving the annual conservation awards in recognition of being great caretakers of their land.

Looking ahead, Sheffield noted GROW and PWCP funding continues to be available. Anyone with questions regarding the funds to offset beneficial project costs can check the website at pvwd.ca for guidelines. For more information, you can also contact GROW coordinators Samantha Leech (west) at 204-242-7449 or Dean Richards (east) at 431-349-0882, and PWCP coordinator Kelsey Hepner can be reached at 204-242-7030.

"Into the future, we hope to continue implementing our successful programs, but we are always interested in ideas for programs that people feel would be a valuable way of increasing watershed health," Sheffield concluded.

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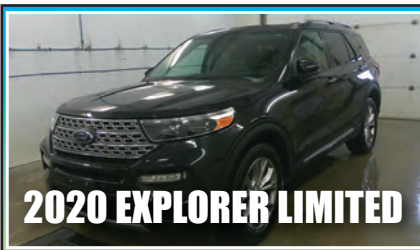
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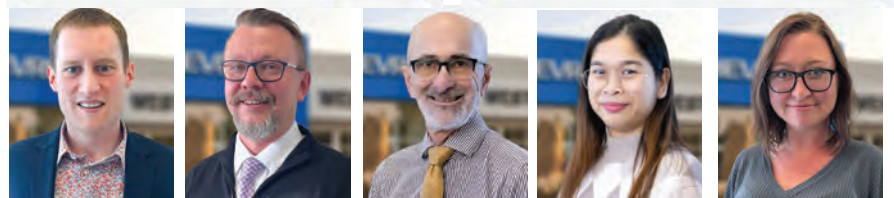


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