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## Harv Schroeder acclaimed as Altona's new mayor

### Eight candidates running for six council seats

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Harv Schroeder's second term in office will be in the mayor's chair.

The first-term Altona town councillor has been acclaimed as the community's new mayor after no one stepped up to run against him at the close of nominations last week.

Schroeder will succeed current mayor Al Friesen, who has opted not to run for re-election.

"It's definitely an honour and I'm grateful to the community that they're allowing me to take on this role," Schroeder said. "And I'm humbled by the fact that I get to step into a role that many before me have done a lot for the town in."

Schroeder said he's most looking forward to being able to continue

work on a number of community projects that are already on the go.

"The ongoing projects that have either just started or that we're in the middle of, we definitely want to see those through," he stressed, referring to things like downtown drainage improvements and Main St. revitalization.

"There's a lot of housing and multi-family units being put up in Altona, which is very positive," he continued, pointing as well to work being done on improving other aging community streets, increasing the available child-care spaces, and continuing to grow the industrial park.

Altona town council will most certainly include a few new faces at the table after the Oct. 26 election.

Only Donna Rosling-Walters and

Jordan Siemens have opted to run for re-election. Also in the running for the six available seats are newcomers Perry Batchelor, Tammy Braun, Cheryl Dueck, Lyle Dunsmore, Danny Kehler, and Craig Smiley.

New councillors will bring a welcome fresh perspective, Schroeder noted, though it does mean there will be some catching up to be done to ensure everyone's up to speed.

"That will be part of the challenge as mayor to see where the strengths are of everybody around that table and work as a team to get the job done in town."

The *Voice* will be profiling all the candidates in the weeks ahead.

You can also hear why they think they deserve your vote by attending the All-Candidates Forum organized



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Harv Schroeder, who is currently wrapping up his first term as an Altona town councillor, will start his second term in office as mayor.

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# Brandon Burley acclaimed for second term as Morden mayor

By Lorne Stelmach

Brandon Burley will remain on as mayor of Morden and head up a city council that will have at least two new voices.

Morden voters will only be selecting council candidates when they go to the polls Oct. 26, as Burley has been re-elected by acclamation with no one to challenge him on the ballot.

The mayor has mixed feelings about not needing to campaign.

"A campaign takes you away from five weeks of being able to serve as well as you would want to," he reflected last week after nominations had closed. "We do have important infrastructure projects right now that are just kind of coming to fruition.

"But the democratic process is important. My goal, when we have acclamation happening, is to pay attention to the council race and try to identify community concerns through that race.

"I think with acclamations sometimes you can become detached from the reality that there are priorities in the community, and you have to make sure that what you're trying to do matches those priorities."

The race for the six council seats has four incumbents seeking re-election. Hoping to serve another term are Doug Frost, Garry Hiebert, Gord Maddock, and Nancy Penner. Hank Hildebrand and Jim Hunt chose not to seek another term.

There are six new candidates in the race, with Chris Abrams, Ken Friesen, Sheldon Friesen, Florian Lassnig, Sheldon Smith, and Madison Wentz all putting their names on the ballot.

"So there is a minimum of two new voices" set to be elected to council, noted Burley. "I think the concerns of the public will be voiced through

those candidates at the table ... I wish them all well. They are all in the race for the right reason, and that is to make the city a better place."

Burley cited a number of factors in making the decision to seek a second term, including having confidence in where the city as an organization is now at and a belief in the city and that it will be able to continue to grow in the right ways as well as a belief in the people of Morden.

"We're at a very critical spot in our history as a city, and what we do over these next four years is probably going to be defining for our future in terms of the way that we compete and the way that we grow," he suggested.

A key first step for the new council will be a strategic planning session in November.

"I have four priorities that have been kind of heavily guiding me," Burley said. "Wastewater is priority number one and it absolutely has to be achieved."

Progress has already been made as well on another priority to have capital expenditures being guided by asset management and planning.

"I also would like to see the city make enhanced investments in year-round recreational programming," Burley said.

"I would also like to see our city smartly move toward becoming a green city where we can prove cost reductions by looking at green or more efficient technologies," he continued. "I would like to see us start that in any and every area where we can justify the cost benefit to our community."

So he feels good about what has been accomplished but sees that there is more that still needs to be done.

"It's going to be a building term for sure. We've got a very stable organization," Burley said. "In terms of community growth and economic growth, we've seen strong increases in those sectors, and we expect those to continue to grow, and we will continue to invest in economic growth and affordability.

"I believe strongly that investment is largely guided by confidence in the market ... so we're creating a good

organization that understands how business works and how their own business works, and we hope that translates into confidence for investment."

The Voice will be profiling the candidates for Morden city council in the weeks ahead.

In the meantime, voters can grill council hopefuls themselves at the All-Candidates Forum being hosted by the Morden chamber on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Morden Friendship Centre.



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Brandon Burley is back as Morden's mayor for another four-year term.

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# Regional library board meeting draws a crowd

## Some parents upset to see sex ed. books on the shelves of the children's section

By Lorne Stelmach

Directors of the South Central Regional Library (SCRL) are considering their response after a large delegation appeared before the board recently with concerns about books with material they see as being pornographic yet readily accessible in local library

branches.

A group of residents submitted a formal complaint to the library board citing examples of books including *It's Perfectly Normal* in particular but also *Sex is a Funny Word* and *What Makes a Baby*.

The group takes issue with the fact that the books are located in the chil-

dren's non-fiction section despite containing what they say is sexually explicit content, including some in-depth detail and illustrations.

The books are not marked with any warnings, speakers noted, so children visiting the library can easily access them without an awareness of what they contain.

The group maintains these books do not belong in the local public libraries and should be removed immediately.

"These books are available for all children no matter their age ... all of these graphic images are evidence of child pornography," said Karin Banman, who was reading a presentation on behalf of the concerned group of area residents at the library board meeting in Winkler last Thursday. SCRL has branches in Winkler, Morden, Altona, Miami, and Manitou.

"What possible impact could viewing these images have on a child?" she continued. "It normalizes sexualized concepts that are physically not within the average child's knowledge base. The result is confusion ... they cannot comprehend the images and concepts properly and may naturally seek out more pornographic images or sexual experiences in order to understand.

"For any child not familiar with these acts of sexual touching, the images and highly detailed instructions in these quotes are counselling children to perform these acts," the presentation continued. "I understand sexuality and yet it makes me very uncomfortable ... not only because of the sexually explicit content of this passage but because it's predatory."

Regardless of the intention of the author, the group maintained there

is even a concern when one considers definitions that are laid out in Canadian Criminal Code, especially around sexual contact with an under-age child.

"What guarantee can be made by this board that a child is not excited by reading this literature to commit a sexual offence with another child under 16 years of age?" they asked.

"We have taught children for decades that the public library is a safe place to go, to read and to learn ... kids trust that books on these shelves are for them," Banman said. "These kids are being sexually counselled without understanding the boundaries of the law.

"We value our libraries ... we want what is best for our children and our communities."

Concerns have swirled particularly around the book *It's Perfectly Normal* by Robie H. Harris in many jurisdictions, and it has frequently earned a place on the American Library Association's list of most challenged books.

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

When asked for comment, a representative of the SCRL board indicated they were still weighing their response to the complaint, but a statement released Monday noted the books in question have been made at least temporarily unavailable while the book review process is underway.

"SCRL supports the principles laid

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A large contingent of community members filled the meeting room at the Winkler branch of the South Central Regional Library last week to voice concerns to the library board over children's sexual education books being on the shelves of SCRL branches across the region.



# On the catwalk

PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Katie Cares celebrated the return of its annual Celebration of Life Fashion Show Saturday. The sold-out event saw 379 people come out for an evening of food, music, and fashion. Organizers, who were still crunching the numbers at press time on Monday, estimate the evening raised over \$40,000 for the charity's respite home, Katie's Cottage, and related programming. That is down a bit from past years—there were less seats than usual this year to avoid overcrowding the Northlands Parkway Collegiate gymnasium—but it's still a huge blessing for the charity, said organizer Ruth Reimer, who thanks everyone who came out to support the effort. The evening included the fashion show, of course, as well as a silent auction and performances from the Bare Yogis, aerial gymnasts Momentum (left), and Fun & Fire.



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

"SCRL has a comprehensive collections development policy which has

been reviewed by [the] Public Library Services Branch—the rural library governing body," it continued. "They have found the policy is well above the standard policy criteria

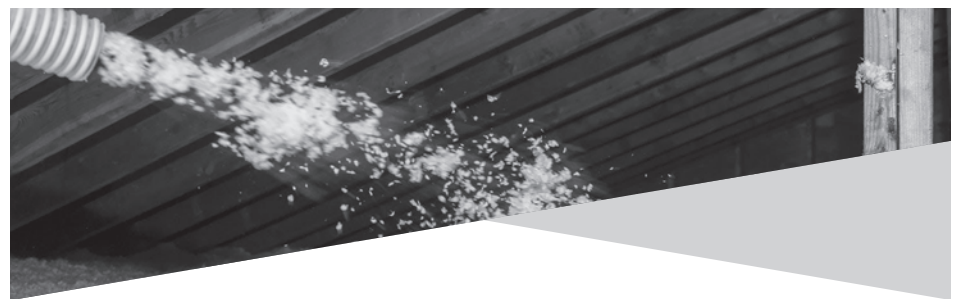
"As well, there is a process where books are reviewed when a patron challenges the suitability of a book. SCRL has received book complaint forms, and these books will be reviewed by a number of persons and resources at their disposal."

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## All the things she kept

It's just a plain little shoe box. The label suggests it once held a pair of new moccasin bedroom slippers, in her size.

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But her generation believed that every container, just like every soul, has a second life waiting for it.

I found it tucked away in her closet, shortly after she was gone. It was nestled between other boxes of yarn, old magazines, and sweaters she only wore for special occasions. Set apart like this, I knew whatever this box contained must have been pretty special to her.

Perched on the edge of her bed, I opened it, delighted to find hundreds and hundreds of news clippings neatly stacked inside.

They were mostly stories I had written through the years. Features stories, news stories, social columns, personal columns—she had clipped them all with her shiny little kitchen scissors and placed them in here.

My mother had kept almost everything I had written.

The things that had touched her heart. The things that she found amusing. The things that made her proud of me.

She had neatly labelled the date they were published on the corner of each

scrap.

A big chunk of my life flashed before my eyes, as the titles and headlines brought back hours of late-night writing, when inspiration seemed impossible after a long day of dealing with kids, housework and the million stresses and duties of just being alive.

Intermittently, I'd find a little joke she had clipped from somewhere, or a little piece of trivia she had found interesting.

It was almost like she knew that one day, I'd be sitting here alone, in a room so achingly quiet and empty, finding solace in who I used to be, and finding comfort in the fact that she loved who I was.

The mom I knew kept everything, so this shouldn't have surprised me. Every one of our school drawings, every report card, every greeting card from anyone. She referred to her keepsakes as her mess and told me she pitied anyone who had to deal with them after she was gone.

But right then, I didn't feel like someone who needed or even deserved pity. I felt so honoured to be

able to see and touch all the things she had held dear.

Maybe she knew that all this sorting would heal a daughter's broken heart for many years to come. Reading all the messages from people who have come and gone takes me back to other times, other places, and gives me a sense that there is a soothing continuity about life. So many losses, so many gains, so many joys, so many sorrows ... and yet here we are, still saying Happy Easter, Merry Christmas, and Happy Birthday...

That box now sits in my closet, and in her honour, I've continued to throw clippings of my work into it.

It's tucked between containers of photos and her journals. One day, when life allows me some time, I'll sit down and write her story. She always said there was nothing exciting or significant about her life, but that all depends on what you find important. Little scribbles on school notebook paper can become treasures, depending on who wrote them and when you find them.

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**By Lori Penner**

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# Kids serve up lemonade in support of BTHC Fdn.

Morden, Carman girls raise \$1,500 for cancer care

By Lorne Stelmach

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation gets a lot of support from all over the region, but it is always especially meaningful when youth get involved to lend a hand.

Two pairs of kids in Carman and Morden recently did streetside stands to raise money which was donated to the foundation for its community cancer care program.

Sari Burnett, 10, and Emily Bickford, 11, held their 'cool stand' in Carman Aug. 20. The girls raised \$400 for Katie Cares last year, and they tripled that this time around with over \$1,300.

"We wanted to help people that have cancer," said Burnett, who together with Bickford were inspired to help because of a friend who recently had a great grandmother die from cancer.

So, to do their part, the girls sold

vegetables they grew in their gardens as well as drinks, freezies, and things they sewed, painted, and made.

"It feels very good. It feels awesome," said Bickford.

Willow Winslow and Rylee Harms did something similar in Morden Aug. 12-13. Their lemonade stand raised \$205 for the cancer care program.

The Morden middle schoolers shared a similar inspiration for the efforts.

"We both knew people who went through or are going through it [cancer], and we decided we wanted to sort of help out any way we could," Winslow said. "It feels good to help out."

"I've never done a lemonade stand or anything like it before, so to do it with Willow was so much fun," said Harms. "One of my family members went through cancer, and we just wanted to let people know you can fundraise for them and help them out."

"We had lots of neighbours and people stop by and lots of donations,"



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Willow Winslow and Rylee Harms organized a beverage and bracelet stand in Morden this summer to raise funds for the community cancer care program.

said Winslow, who thought they would both like to do it again and maybe raise even more money.

"I was super proud of the girls," noted Willow's mom Candy. "They worked hard. They made the lemonade and the ice tea and the pina coladas by themselves ... the bracelets

they also made by themselves.

"They stuck it out ... even though the wasps were bad and the wind was bad, but they were real troopers," she said. "I'm very proud of the girls, and the same goes for the Harms family too."

—with files from Becca Myskiw

# Elections to be held in GVSD, WSD; BLSD trustees all acclaimed

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Urban voters in Morden and Winkler will head to the polls to select their school board trustees next month.

In Garden Valley School Division, there are eight people running for six seats in Ward 1 (City of Winkler): incumbents Tena Lane, Deana Wilson, Leah Klassen, and John P. Klassen and newcomers Pamela Hiebert, Philip Unruh, James Johnston, and Karin Banman.

In Ward 2 (Rural), newcomers Michael Rempel of Plum Coulee and Heather Di Francesco and Mandy Thiessen of Schanzenfeld were acclaimed to their seats.

In Western School Division, six people are running for four seats: incumbents David Guenther, Barb Petkau,

and Darcy Wolfe and newcomers Lisa Burley, Susana Hawryshko, and Liz Reimer. In WSD Ward 2, incumbent Brian Fransen retained his seat by acclamation.

Meanwhile, in Border Land School Division, acclamations were the name of the game.

Jolene Bunn retains her seat in Ward 1, as does Gail Sutherland in Ward 3, Albert Klassen in Ward 4, Mark Krahn in Ward 5, Jake Fehr in Ward 6, and Patricia Wiebe and Steven Wiebe in Ward 7.

Left vacant are seats in Ward 2 and Ward 7, as Robert Pitura and Craig Smiley have opted not to run for re-election.

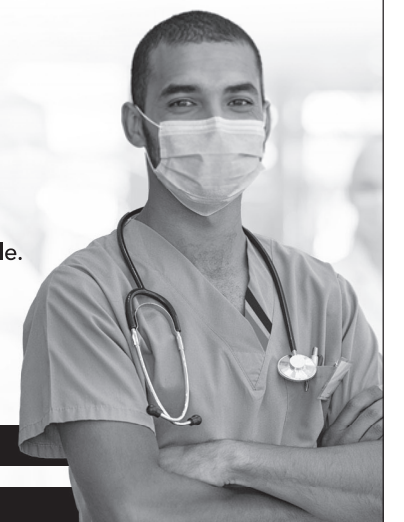
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It's hard to believe I'm going into another year without her physical presence. But all these things she

kept, whether she thought about it at the time or not, have become little places where we visit again.

# Ike Friesen moves from councillor to reeve

## RM of Stanley sees two acclamations, voters in Ward 1 will elect four councillors

By Lorne Stelmach

Only voters from the eastern half of the Rural Municipality of Stanley will be casting their votes for council in the Oct. 26 election.

Current council member Ike Friesen will move into the role of reeve after being elected by acclamation, while Ward 2 in the western half will still need an appointment with only one candidate declaring for the two seats.

Ward 2 incumbent Alfred Loewen is also re-elected by acclamation, while Ward 1 has five candidates for the four seats. Incumbents Pete Froese, Bob Giesbrecht, and Ray Unrau are seeking re-election alongside newcomers Robert Fehr and John Goertzen.

There are different ways to look at landing a role as important as reeve without having to campaign for election, observed Friesen last week.

"It would have been nice to have had someone to campaign against ... I would have been elected with the confidence of the people," he said. "At the same time, I feel that people must feel that I will be doing a good job, and no one else was prepared to run at this time.

"I've only served one term, so I feel like I'm still fairly new and fresh there," Friesen continued. "I was deputy reeve for the last year and a half though ... I've had the opportunity to lead in a way already, so I do think I will feel confidence."

Friesen looks forward to delving into his new role and taking on the additional responsibilities.

"It will add some more things to my agenda now; more meetings to attend and things like that," he said. "As we move forward, I look forward to working with the new council ... we

will decide who will be the new deputy ... and the new council will decide how we want to move forward in appointing in Ward 2.

He thinks there are a couple key traits he will bring to serving as reeve.

"I feel like I've been a good listener to the concerns of the constituents. I follow through on things that people do ask me to look into or do have questions about," he suggested. "As far as different projects, we will have to see what the priorities will be for the new council.

"There's a few key things that we have to continue with," Friesen said. "Water and of course sewer have been a big deal for us ... we need to those projects finished.

"I maybe like to see some areas developing, and some areas we probably shouldn't be looking at developing ... where and how is something that the new council will have to decide; where will our priorities be?"

Voters have the chance to hear from the candidates running in Stanley at



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Councillor Ike Friesen will step into the role of reeve for the RM of Stanley later this fall.

a round table discussion being organized by the Winkler and Morden chambers of commerce. The event takes place at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 6-8 p.m.

# Voters around the region will head to the polls Oct. 26

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There will be a lot of familiar faces on councils around the region this fall.

When nominations for the Oct. 26 municipal election closed last week, candidates in many communities were revealed to be running unopposed.

The entire RM of Roland council was acclaimed, with Jodi Gaultier as reeve and John Fox, Carrie Hennan, Robynn Linde, and Jason Mcintosh as councillors.

Scott Crick returns as the mayor of the Town of Morris. Voters will need to decide on six councillors from incumbents Mel Baxter, Chris Hamblin, Tim Lewis, and Trevor Thiessen and challengers Yvette Habes, David Funk, Pro Lagos, Reba Krahn, and

Taylor Braun.

In the RM of Morris, Scott Siemens has been acclaimed for his first term as reeve. Also acclaimed as councillors were incumbents Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Shane Kroeker, and Al Rowe, leaving two vacant seats.

In the LUD of Rosenort, Karissa Sawatzky was acclaimed, leaving one vacant seat.

In the RM of Thompson, Richard Leroux, Royce Burnett (current councillor), Heather Imrie (current councillor), Scott Mayert, and incumbent Brian Callum are all running for reeve.

Incumbent Judy Knox is going up against newcomer Barb Murray for the LUD of Miami seat.

In Ward 1, incumbent Travis Reichert is running against Cody Faux, Leann Friesen, and Ron Rothwell for

two seats.

In Ward 2, Donna Cox, Martin Moody, and Robert Penner are running for one seat.

Ward 3 sees newcomer Grant Dueck vying for one of two seats alongside incumbents Wayne Gall and Walter McTavish.

In the RM of Lorne, Darcy Ketzman and Aurel Pantel are both running for reeve. Roger Lesage, Daniel Hacault, Lindsay Ketsman, Gilbert Vigier, Gilbert Mabon, and Denis Bibault were all acclaimed in Wards 1-6.

In the LUD of Notre Dame des Lourdes, Bev Collet and Gilbert Collette were acclaimed, with one seat vacant.

The LUD of Somerset saw Jeffrey Desrochers, Vicki Labossiere, and Aime Pantel acclaimed.

Also acclaimed in the LUD of St.

Leon were Adrien Caillier, Normand Grenier, and Phillippe Grenier.

In the LUD of Swan Lake, only Edward Goderis was acclaimed, leaving two empty seats.

In the LUD of Mariapolis, three councillors will be selected from Dan DeBacker, Briand Desrochers, Rene Hacault, and Garnet Pouteau.

In the LUD of Altamont, Daniel Crampton, Donna Fortier, and George Friesen are running for two seats.


The entirety of the RM of Montcalm council was acclaimed. Council includes Paul Gilmore as reeve, Paul Sabourin, Harold Janzen, and Louis Duval as Ward 1 councillors, Jean Barnabe in Ward 2, and Wayne Klassen and Gilbert Lavallee representing the LUD of St. Jean Baptiste.

In the RM of Emerson-Franklin, David Carlson returns as reeve for his second term. Also acclaimed was Orest Kuryk in Ward 3, Tony Dujlovic in Ward 4, Dennis Weiss in Ward 5, and Jay Ihme for the LUD of Emerson (leaving two seats there empty).

Voters will elect one candidates in Wards 1, 2, and 6. Their choices in Ward 1 are Kim French and incumbent Todd Nichols, running in Ward 2 is incumbent Brian Grier and Ron Mihaychuk, and in Ward 6 it's between

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# Rhineland's Don Wiebe re-elected by acclamation

By Lorne Stelmach

Don Wiebe will return for another term as reeve of the RM of Rhineland with his re-election by acclamation.

He will be heading up what will largely be an experienced council, although there will be elections in two of the three wards.

It is now the fourth time around for Wiebe, who was first elected to complete a partial term before being re-elected twice more, including by acclamation in 2018.

"I've been in this for a while, and I think I've met a lot of people and we've managed to get quite a few things done. So I'm pleased about that," Wiebe said. "It's also a fair bit of work though, and you have to learn the business, so I guess maybe that scares people off; it takes a fair bit of commitment, so maybe that's why it's hard to get people to run."

Serving as reeve has been rewarding enough for Wiebe that he wanted to carry on with it, and he sees the municipality as having made great prog-

ress while also still facing challenges that come with growth.

"I'm looking forward to working again at the municipal agenda and try to improve things for Rhineland ... I take it very seriously, and it includes a lot of projects," he said.

Some of the most pressing issues revolve around economic development and issues around infrastructure.

For example, Wiebe noted there are specific concerns around such issues as municipal and provincial drains as well as greater issues such as water supply.

Joining Wiebe at the council table representing Ward 1 will be incumbent Brad Braun and newcomer Brad Wiebe.

Seeking election for two seats in Ward 2 will be incumbents Archie Heinrichs and June Letkeman as well as new candidate Hank Froese.

In Ward 3, newcomer Debra Enns will compete for one of the two seats against incumbents John Dueck and Jake Heppner.

There are also three seats on each of

three local urban district committees, with two that will require appointments. On the list for Gretna are incumbents Danny Dyck and Delores Smith, while Justina Hamm and Kyle Wiebe remain in place for Plum Coulee. In Rosenfeld, the positions are filled by incumbents Trevor Janz and Cathryn Pokrant along with newcomer Lenda Letkeman.

Wiebe noted he will welcome having a good experienced base on council while noting even the potential new councillors would also bring a lot to the table.

"They know the area well ... both new candidates are really invested in the area," he said.

"We will possibly have a couple new faces, but the majority of council will have lots of experience," he concluded. "There's a lot of critical things ... and we can move quicker when people are comfortable with the issues and understand the municipality ... it takes a bit of time to get into all of it, but no matter what, we will have an experienced council."



SUPPLIED PHOTO

Don Wiebe retains his seat as RM of Rhineland reeve this fall.

Rhineland candidates will appear at the All-Candidates Forum hosted by the Altona and District Chamber of Commerce Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre.

## "This community has been very supportive"

### Winkler Family Resource Centre reports on a year of challenges and change

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre reported on another busy year of programming at its annual general meeting last week.

"We had to tweak things depending on what the restrictions were, but we were still able to provide many of our programs in other ways, either online or having them outside during spring and fall," noted executive director Sarah Peters.

The centre offers free programming for pre-school age kids and their families centred around education/literacy, social development, physical health, and connectiveness.

It offers sessions in both Winkler and Plum Coulee and has also teamed up with the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre to host sessions there.

The demand for early childhood education programming continues to grow, Peters said, and its value in preparing kids to enter school is significant.

Socialization has certainly been a challenge for young children in recent years, she noted.

"The social aspects through these last few years might not even be there," said Peters, pointing out their programs are also a great way for parents to get out of the house and connect with others.

The 2021-2022 fiscal year came with some big changes for the agency, who bid farewell to longtime executive director Cathy Savage this spring.

"It was sad to see Cathy leave because she was very dynamic and had done this for awhile and had really

built it up in visibility in the community," said board chair Debra Fehr

But Peters really hit the ground running, and the board is excited to see her lead the agency into the future.

"Sarah boldly stepped into the position of executive director," said Fehr, "and it's gone really well."

Financially, the centre ends the fiscal year in pretty good shape, showing surplus of just over \$13,000. Much of that surplus is thanks to government assistance tied to the pandemic.

Not being able to host some of their usual fundraisers this past year was certainly a challenge, Fehr noted, but they're hoping for more normal operations in the year ahead.

"We've done pretty well the last couple of years" in spite of those hurdles, she reflected. "This community has been very supportive, as has the government ... that's why we could offer all of the online programming that we did during COVID and it sets us up now to do in-person stuff again. We're very excited about that continuing.

"We've had a lot of shuffling to do in the last bit," Fehr said. "But I think now we are back to being a bit more stable in terms of staff and programming, and so we can start to think more long-term and creative in things we want to do moving forward."

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incumbent Brenda Lange and Doug Johnston and Jeff Rodewald.

In the RM of Pembina, Glen Shiskowski was unopposed for the reeve's role.

Running for the six councillor seats is Devin Boulton, Harry Brendle, Eric Ching, Chad Collins, Cynthia Hunter, Don McLean, and Shawn Williment.

Elected by acclamation in the LUD of Darlingford is Jennifer Ching-

Faux, Melissa Derksen, and Justin Giesbrecht.

In the LUD of La Riviere, Debbie Booker, Charlene Currie, Maurice Deamel, Lisa Keam, Kim Wiklund, and Joshua Wood are vying for three seats.

And in the RM of Louise, Reeve Murray McIntyre was acclaimed to his seat, as was Ward 1 councillor Liana Vanwynberghe, Michael McLarin in Ward 2, and Kyle McCannell in

Ward 3. Voters will need to decide between Bill McKittrick and Jeremy Wall in Ward 4 and pick two winners between Brenda Aitken, Clint Cavers, John Darracott, and Travis Saban in Ward 5.

Terry Edkins and Jo-Lene Gardiner were acclaimed in the LUD of Clearwater, as was Lee Moir in the LUD of Crystal City (one vacant seat there), and Carol Simpson in Pilot MOUNT (leaving one seat still vacant).

# get informed

## Ducks Unlimited fundraising dinner returns Oct. 29

Lizard Lake among the projects supported by national conservation agency

By Lorne Stelmach

The regional chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada is gearing up again post-pandemic, and that includes bringing back its annual fundraising dinner.

Set for Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Access Event Centre in Morden, the event can also serve to promote and raise awareness of what has been and is being done in the region, which is well suited for the Ducks Unlimited projects.

"We have lots of natural water catchments in our area because of the escarpment and because of the valley," said board member Monique Gauthier, who especially highlighted the Lizard Lake project.

"The development of Lizard Lake was quite substantial," she said. "We've actually done something lo-

cally that has really helped the environment."

Located between Miami and Manitou, Lizard Lake is one of Ducks Unlimited Canada's largest wetland conservation areas in Manitoba with a 580-acre lake and an additional 1,500-acre backflood area.

For more than 30 years, that backflood area has offered early-season habitat for waterfowl, hay for landowners and local cattle producers and environmental benefits such as carbon storage and filtration of excess nutrients.

The organization has had a presence in wetland conservation at Lizard Lake since 1985, and the wetland enhancement also offers greater wetland education opportunities—Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre brings in educators and students from the region, while the Project Webfoot program takes elementary school kids outside.

The Lizard Lake project is a conservation partnership between Ducks Unlimited Canada, the rural municipalities of Thompson and Pembina and the Pembina Valley Conservation District among others.

Project upgrades have been supported in recent years through a \$100,000 donation by Enbridge - a long-standing sponsor of educational initiatives like Project Webfoot.



FILE PHOTO

Ducks Unlimited has been a partner in the Lizard Lake wetland conservation project for nearly 40 years.

"It's a pretty cool place ... if you're a duck watcher or a bird watcher of any kind, now is the time of year to go ... see everything that's flying through and all of the wildlife that is going through Manitoba and stopping in the Pembina Valley," said Gauthier, who lives nearby and so visits often.

"A lot of people don't even realize it's there and that it was a Ducks Unlimited wetlands conservation project," she said. "It's been actually quite successful, and it's sort of the benchmark now; lots of other programs talk about it.

"When we have dry years, we still have water storage, but when we have wet years, there's places for that water to go ... it's not flooding farmlands," Gauthier continued. "You have a boggy area to begin with, so trying to farm it, you're not going to get really good production off of it. With the storage of water ... you pre-

vent the overland flooding in other areas, so it's got a place to go, and it even has an ecological benefit for pollinators because of the natural grasslands that grow.

"The carbon catching and storage that happens in wetlands is vital," she said. "We're trying to bring them back to sort of equalize things on the land.

It is estimated parts of the province have lost up to 70 per cent of their wetlands. That drainage continues, so Ducks Unlimited Canada and its partners work to slow this loss and restore drained wetlands.

Since 1938, Ducks Unlimited Canada has conserved 6.4 million acres of habitat and 177.2 million acres influenced across the country. In Manitoba, there has been 668,000 acres conserved and another 177,533 acres influenced in the boreal regions across the province.

It is estimated that for every dollar invested in Ducks Unlimited Canada conservation efforts, society receives \$22 worth of economic, ecological, and societal benefits. The 6.4 million acres of conserved wetlands and habitat provide \$4.9 billion worth of ecosystem services.

There are sponsorship opportunities available for the Pembina Triangle Ducks Unlimited event in Morden. Other donations are also welcome.

For more information, contact Sheila Rex by email at [rexfarm1@yahoo.ca](mailto:rexfarm1@yahoo.ca) or by calling 204-823-1804. Tickets will also be available online at [ducks.ca](http://ducks.ca).

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# Winkler Day Care cuts ribbon on new shed, outdoor classroom

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Day Care's grounds on Pembina Ave. was a hopping place last Friday night as the community came together to not only celebrate the completion of several long-awaited improvement projects but also enjoy the first family carnival held there in years.

The daycare cut the ribbon on a new storage shed and a new outdoor classroom at the event and also got the chance to showcase the extra 450 feet they added to their existing backyard bike path.

In operation since 1976, generations of Winklerites have passed through the daycare's doors, either as parents, children, or staff members.

"With each group of people, we have new visions and new ideas, and dreams are born," said executive director Ang Nickel.

The daycare had been making due with tiny storage sheds that had been in use for decades.

"I started working here in 1988. We

had two little old sheds and they've been there since then," Nickel said.

The new storage building is large enough to fit all the outdoor equipment the daycare has and is also much better laid out for kids to find the toys they want to play with.

"This is a wonderful new addition," Nickel said. "It has made cleanup time and taking out toys so much easier now. Everything has its place."

Across the grounds sits the outdoor classroom—another dream that had been in the works for quite some time.

"Our previous director [Lenora Fassett] really wanted an outdoor classroom. That was something that would give us added space," Nickel said, noting they're limited as to how much they can expand the main daycare building itself.

The classroom is a fully enclosed building that also had electrical power so it can be used after dark. Work on it wrapped up just a couple of weeks ago.

"It's a place for colouring and com-

**"WE'RE SO GRATEFUL TO BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY."**



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Day Care kids cut the ribbon on the spacious new storage shed now on the grounds. The daycare also added an outdoor classroom this summer and expanded its bike path.

ing in out of the rain without having to go inside," Nickel said. "It's a shelter from the elements and just extra space to play in."

The extended bike path also gives kids a little more space on which to "feel the wind in their hair and go with the flow," Nickel said. "Our children have loved this extra space to cruise."

These projects were made possible thanks to donations from the community at large and several generous grants.

"We are very grateful to all our donors for making this a reality for

us," noted daycare board vice-chair Amanda Klassen.

"We're so grateful to be part of the community," Nickel added.

The Winkler Day Care currently provides care for 53 children (pre-schoolers and infants). Klassen said their dream is to one day have space for school-age children once again as well.

"That's definitely always something we're thinking of because I think the community really needs that after-school, school-age program."



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Left: The new outdoor classroom that gives the daycare a little bit more room to play in. In front of it runs the newly expanded bike path. Above: The daycare celebrated all these improvements with a backyard carnival Friday night.

# All adults now eligible for bivalent COVID-19 vaccine

By Ashleigh Viveiros

All Manitoba adults are now eligible to receive the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine.

Public health officials announced the widening of eligibility—which

had previously been limited to older adults and those with health conditions—last Wednesday and urged people to get their booster shots.

"Our immunity to COVID-19 does wane over time," said chief provincial public health officer Dr. Brent Rous-

sin. "So if you've had your previous doses or even become infected in the past, your immunity does wane over time and this booster is a great way to recharge that immunity."

People can get their bivalent booster vaccine three months after their

last shot, though a six-month wait between doses is recommended for a stronger immune response.

A three-month wait between getting the booster and your last COVID-19

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# Pembina Valley Kidney Walk is in Morden Sunday

By Lorne Stelmach

The motivation to get involved as one of the organizers of next week's Pembina Valley Kidney Walk in Morden is very much personal for Jackie Plett.

She has been on dialysis for nearly four years, so that means three days a week and four hours at a time for Plett.

"It is challenging. There's days where you just feel like it is never going to end," Plett said last week in advance of the fund-raising walk set for Sunday, Oct. 2 in the Morden Park.

"It does make life a challenge ... it's hard, but knowing you want to stay alive, and this machine is the only way to keep you alive, that gives you the motivation to keep going and knowing one day I will get my kidney, eventually."

This will be the sixth walk held in Morden but the first one in person since the pandemic began. Organizers have set a goal to raise \$5,000.

Participants include dialysis patients from Morden, Winkler and surrounding areas as well as medical staff, family, friends and supporters.

All dollars raised at the walk will be invested in the short-term financial assistance program, which offers relief to patients to help with basic needs, including medications, transportation to and from dialysis, and groceries.

The Kidney Foundation has already seen an 82 per cent increase in applications since the start of 2022, indicating a growing need for more support, officials noted.

"With kidney disease comes many unexpected, out of pocket costs. Thanks to the generosity of Manitobans, we can provide support for kidney patients, both financially and emotionally, so that they know they are not alone," said Greg Unger, executive director at the Kidney Foundation of Canada Manitoba Branch.

## "IT'S NOT A FUN WAY TO LIVE"

Now 35, Plett had her troubles start when she was just 10 months old.

"I apparently was a very colicky baby with an extremely swollen abdo-

men. My parents took me to the doctor, and eventually I was diagnosed with Wilm's tumor-kidney cancer in children," she explained.

"My case was slightly abnormal, as this cancer usually only appears in children five and older," she said. "I was given chemotherapy treatments and had a surgery. They made a large incision down my chest and stomach, opened me up and removed the tumor—it filled up an entire ice cream pail—and they removed one of my kidneys and a third of my other kidney."

Plett noted that kidney failure runs in her family; her father also suffered with it.

"He got his new kidney but very sadly passed away 36 hours after transplant due to surgery complications," said Plett.

She was then herself diagnosed with kidney failure in 2013 with only 50 per cent function.

"Not great news for someone with just part of one kidney," she said. "It just slowly progressed and got worse ... and in 2018 I had to start dialysis."

"It was inevitable ... but it's not a fun way to live," said Plett, who noted how much it restricts her from travelling and even doing regular work.

"Unless if you want to pay thousands of dollars to do dialysis in the States or wherever ... you can't really travel anywhere; you can go short little trips on the weekends," she said.

**"THIS YEAR WE'RE ABLE TO HAVE THE FULL WALK WITH EVERYBODY COMING OUT ..."**

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infection is also advised; at the least, you must be fully recovered and not showing symptoms when arriving to get your next dose.

"The bivalent vaccine is the vaccine that we are recommending strongly," Roussin said, explaining this newer vaccine has been developed to provide protection against both the original strain of COVID-19 as well as the omicron variant. "We know from the evidence that this provides the broadest protection available at this point."

Adults can also choose to receive the monovalent (original) vaccine as their fall booster dose if they do



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Pembina Valley Kidney Walk returns this weekend, setting out from Morden Park on Sunday at 2 p.m.

"Even work, like a normal nine to five job, how do you do that? You can't; it's tough."

"I am lucky enough I am able to work. I do night shifts, so for me it actually does work out that I can have a job, but it doesn't for everybody," said Plett, who works for Gateway Resources in a home setting so she is able to get some rest. "But a lot of times I get off at seven in the morning and go straight to dialysis."

Plett meanwhile does all that she can to maintain her health with one of her biggest struggles being the need to stick to strict fluid intake limits as well as eating right and healthy.

"I want my new kidney. I want my new lease on life," said Plett, who sees a transplant in her future with her husband classified as a universal donor, but they need to ensure she is an optimal health state including losing

some weight.

"I've succeeded and failed so many times. I start doing great, but then I feel awful from dialysis, my heart races, my blood pressure drops, and I cease to continue exercising," she said.

Having been involved in the walk for three years now, Plett is anxious to see people gather this weekend in support of the cause.

"This year we're able to have the full walk with everybody coming out, so I am actually very excited about it," she said. "It's a show of support, and it raises awareness as well as funds."

The event begins with registration starting at 1 p.m. and the walk following at 2 p.m.

For more information about the Kidney Foundation and its work, visit [www.kidney.ca/manitoba](http://www.kidney.ca/manitoba).



## 'Standing united'

A Standing United in Winkler rally was held Sunday just south of the city. It follows last year's Stand Up Winkler rallies, which drew people together around issues such as opposition to vaccination mandates and public health restrictions through the pandemic. Organizers last weekend aimed to offer a unified message that "we are stronger together" and to encourage people to stand firm on their beliefs. Speakers included Winkler mayoral candidate Karl Krebs and Patrick Allard (right), a Winnipeg resident who has been a vocal opponent of pandemic restrictions. Food was provided by Camp Hope as a fundraiser and the New Covenant Gospel Quartet performed (left).



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# Altona daycare hosting 'Capes and Crowns' gala

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Kiddie Sunshine Centre invites local families to come kick up their heels next month in support of a great cause.

The Altona daycare is hosting a Capes and Crowns Fundraising Gala on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 2-5 p.m. at the Millennium Exhibition Centre.

"We're kicking off our fall fundraising campaign for our new daycare build and we wanted to host something that was, since daycare is for young families, we wanted to have

an event that the whole family could enjoy," said board chair Laura Wiebe.

The centre is working to raise upwards of \$6.5 million to build a new facility that will nearly double the childcare spaces available in the Altona and Rhineland area.

Just last week the Town of Altona announced it is committing \$1 million towards the project, bringing fundraising to \$2.2 million to date (you can track their progress and learn how to make a donation online at [kiddiesunshinecentre.com/expansion-plan](http://kiddiesunshinecentre.com/expansion-plan)).

Wiebe is optimistic that, with the

help of local businesses and support from the community at large, they'll get the rest of the way there by year's end so work can begin next spring.

"At this point we're feeling really encouraged," she said, noting they've thus far focused their efforts on securing corporate sponsors but are now reaching out to the entire community for support. "There's lots of momentum, which is really exciting."

At the Capes and Crowns party next month, the afternoon will include special guest appearances from a variety of princesses and superheroes,

arts and crafts, face painting, a dance party, snacks, and more.

"There are still tickets available," Wiebe said last week, noting there is a cap on the number of guests, so book your tickets sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are \$25 each for guests age 1-100 until the end of September. After that, they're \$35. Children under the age of one get in for free.

You can book yours by contacting Sandina at 204-999-8649 or [sandinamace@gmail.com](mailto:sandinamace@gmail.com).



## Tidying up around the lake

PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Florian Lassnig and Michelle and Ken Friesen were among those who turned out Friday evening for the Love Your Lake cleanup at Lake Minnewasta in Morden. It is encouraging to beach and campground manager Brian Thiessen that less trash has been collected each time this volunteer cleanup has been held. "It has been better, and that is a good thing," he said. "People take more care and take ownership of it." Right: Winklerites Jonathan and Rhonda Funk keeping an eye out for trash.



# Schedule released for 30th annual Roland Pumpkin Fair

## Pancake breakfast kicks off historical fair Saturday, Oct. 1

By Becca Myskiw

The 30th annual Roland Pumpkin Fair is just a few days away, and there's non-stop fun planned for the entire day.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, the historical fair in honour of the orange fruit will be back. After spending a few years on hiatus due to COVID-19, organizer Lisa Pinkerton is excited to see the celebrations return.

Starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the Roland Curling Club will host a pancake breakfast until 10 a.m. Then, at 9 a.m., the craft sale full of local vendors will start in the arena and go until 2 p.m. Also, beginning at 9 a.m. is the agricultural and educational displays in the arena which will go on until 3 p.m.

Lunch, sandwiches, soup, and pie will be offered in the memorial hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food vendors will go all day, and the Pumpkin Patch tearoom and dessert specialties will be open from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. at the Roland United Church. Face painting and children's activities will go from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., the bouncy house and choo choo train will provide entertainment for the children from 1 to 4 p.m., and continuous family entertain-

ment will go on at the mainstage from 1 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. The beer gardens at the fair start at 2 p.m., and the full course harvest supper will be at the arena at 5 p.m.

There will be three performers providing entertainment on the stage. Al Simmons will hit the stage at 1 p.m. for an hour set, followed by Brady Kenneth, an up-and-coming country singer, and then Brandi Vezina, a country, rock, and blues singer.

The main fair event — the Giant Pumpkin and Vegetable Commonwealth Weigh-Off — will be at 10:30 a.m. on the mainstage. Roland is one of the only great pumpkin commonwealth sites in western Canada, so it attracts growers from all over Canada and the USA.

"It's been a pretty good growing season," said Pinkerton. "One of our growers from the states has a squash around 1,500 lbs."

Because this year's fair is the 30th annual and the first one in a few years, the committee has added a new event — the giant pumpkin drop. At 2:30, above the tennis courts, a crane will lift a giant pumpkin (not the winning one) and let it drop for all to see. The giant pumpkin drop is a fun, new thing, but also a fundraiser for the town's park revitalization project. There will be 50/50 with raffle tickets available for purchase all day.



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The Roland Pumpkin Fair is set for Saturday, Oct. 1.

"It's something that no one around here does," said Pinkerton. "We thought, 'if we can get a crane, why not?'"

# Manitoba Beef Producers announce schedule for fall meetings

By Becca Myskiw

Manitoba Beef Producers is gearing up for their fall meetings, with the local district having an election year.

This year, all odd numbered districts will be holding elections for their directors just as the even districts had last year. Andre Stepler is the District 3 director, and he said he will be running again.

"I stepped onto the board to give back to a community that's been very great to us," he said. "And to learn more about the industry and all the sectors you're not exposed to unless you're on a board like that. And of course, I love networking with people and working for a membership-based organization. I also have a bit of politics in me, but I don't want to be a politician, so it works perfectly."

The odd district meetings will start at 4 p.m. with presentations, followed by a break around 5:15 p.m., followed a free beef meal and fellowship. At 6:15 p.m. presentations will resume, and director elections will be held. Producers from even-numbered districts are welcome to join odd-numbered district meetings but cannot vote in their elections.

For those who can't attend a physical meeting, one virtual meeting will be held on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. Go to [www.mbbeef.ca](http://www.mbbeef.ca) to register.

The annual district meetings are a



Manitoba Beef Producers are starting their fall meetings in October.

way for members to sit down and talk with each other, bring concerns to the board, ask questions, discuss projects, and talk about anything else producers may see fit.

Issues and projects Manitoba Beef Producers may discuss at meetings this year are securing assistance for producers affected by the spring storms and flooding, the Livestock Predation Prevention Pilot Project, ongoing engagement with the provincial government about the Agricultural Crown Lands Leasing Program, providing feedback to governments as the Next Policy Framework, which will replace the Canadian Agricultural Partnership is being developed, advocating for the province to fund more training seats for Manitoba veterinary medicine students, work on



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The local district's meeting is on Nov. 1 at the Carman Legion Auxiliary Hall.

issues under federal jurisdiction such as proposed front-of package labeling on ground beef, trade challenges, and livestock transportation requirements, and outreach to help inform the public and policy makers about the beef industry and its value from both economic and environmental perspectives.

Stepler encourages producers to attend their local meetings. The in-person meeting schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 19: District 9 at the South Interlake Rockwood Ag Society in

Stonewall.

- Oct. 20: District 11 at the Ashern Legion.

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# arts & culture

## La Riviere artist completes moon gate project

By Lorne Stelmach

A unique large-scale art project had an unveiling recently in conjunction with the Pembina Valley Studio Tour.

Susan Pharaoh introduced visitors to her moon gate on her La Riviere property. The collaborative project has been a labour of love for Pharaoh with the help of her husband and other artists.

"It feels like an accomplishment for sure," said Pharaoh. "The basic concept was there, and in the end, the actual execution of it became much bigger. The inspiration was there ... and we wanted to enhance our yard.

"The structure itself, it feels very good to have that part of it done ... but we're adding to it by doing plantings around it. There's a grape vine that's going to grow up and around it," she said. "It's going to evolve. It's going to be one of those things where it's never quite finished."

A moon gate is a circular opening in a garden that acts as a passageway and is a traditional architectural element in Chinese gardens.

Pharaoh and her husband Nick be-

gan to envision what a moon gate might look like on their property a number of years ago.

"Essentially, a moon gate it is a landscape design element to tease the viewers' attention toward the other side of the frame and give a glimpse of what lies just beyond," explained Pharaoh.

She thought it might be an artistic endeavour worthy of support, so she applied to the Manitoba Arts Council for funding. The reviewing panel accepted the proposal and awarded them a modest grant.

They got to work on it in earnest last summer and it quickly became a much larger undertaking than they had first envisioned.

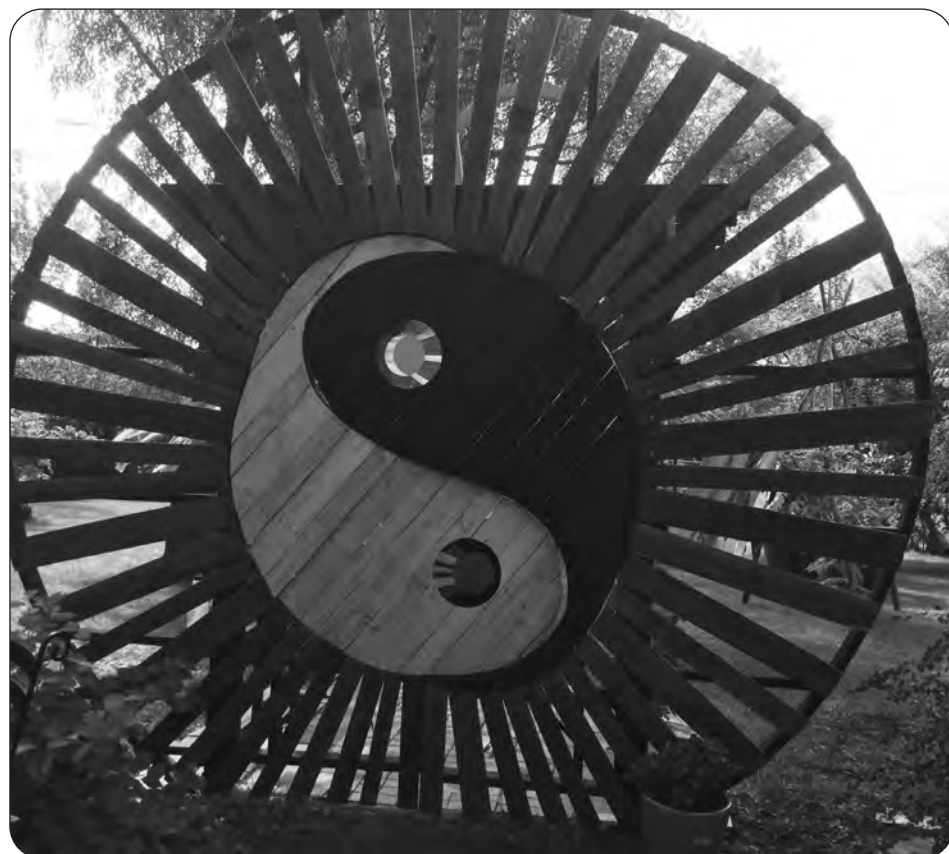
They aimed to use repurposed materials as much as possible, including pallet wood and odds and ends of ceramic floor tiles.

The project came to involve a lot of learning and teaching and collaboration, shared Pharaoh, who worked in collaboration with other artists and learned some tricks of the trade from a red seal millwright, a glass artist, and a luthier.



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Artist Susan Pharaoh unveiled her moon gate during the Pembina Valley Studio Tour earlier this month. Above: Pharaoh while the piece was in progress. Below: The finished moon gate.



"We made some good progress on the main bones of the gate during the summer of 2021," she said "The cold and snow put a stop to the outdoor work, and wintertime indoors allowed for creating the finishing touches with the glass artist and luthier.

"I found a glass fusing artist in our village. She was a wonderful, patient instructor who inspired me to make two circular glass 'windows' which we fired in her glass kiln. We fitted these into the doors of the moon gate."

The final piece—an Aeolian Harp—was created in collaboration with Pharaoh's harp teacher. The idea is that the stringed instrument is played by the wind as it moves through the strings, providing an auditory element intended to enhance the calming experience of the gateway.

"We got most of it done by last year's studio tour," Pharaoh noted. "Now the embellishments have been happening."

The finished structure is about 14 feet high and 12 feet wide. It features a variety of different elements and inspirations.

"We incorporated the taoist princi-

pals of balance—yin and yang—and added extra visual and aural elements into the gateway," explained Pharaoh. "We have a large yard ... and I thought of having some reason to go further ... so that's what I think a moon gate is intended to do is to give you a glimpse of what's behind and what's next, what's happening around the corner.

"Together, we imagined a 'new normal' as one of the catchphrases of the past couple of years, so the moon gate got a title—Gateway to Balance—and we added a subtitle: A Vision of the New Normal.

"The gate is meant to give the viewer

pause; take some time to reflect and enjoy what is before them and glimpsing possibilities beyond immediate circumstances. This was our vision of a new normal ... calming, collaborative and creative co-operation.

"So, a gateway to a new normal could be collaboration. It could be spending time in and around things that make you happy and things that

**"THE GATE IS MEANT TO GIVE THE VIEWER PAUSE; TAKE SOME TIME TO REFLECT ..."**

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# Retirement PLANNING

## What to do with your portfolio after 50

A fiftieth birthday is often characterized as a milestone moment. Despite that reputation, upon crossing the half-century threshold, individuals typically don't feel that much different than they did when they were still a fun-loving 49-year-old. Though there might not be much to distinguish a 49-year-old from a 50-year-old, a fiftieth birthday is a good time reassess certain parts of life, including finances.

Conventional financial wisdom has long suggested reducing risk as retirement age draws closer. But a 2021 survey from American Advisors Group found that 18 percent of respondents indicated their intention to work past the age of 70, while another 12 percent indicated they have no plans to ever stop working full-time. Conventional financial wisdom rooted in retiring around the age of 65 may not apply to individuals who intend to work well past that age. That means recently minted fiftysomethings could benefit from adopting a new perspective on managing their money after they reach 50.

- Work with a fiduciary. Fiduciaries differ from other financial advisors in a significant way. According to Investopedia,

fiduciaries are legally bound to put their client's best interests ahead of their own. Working with a fiduciary can provide peace of mind for individuals who want to know the person they're trusting to guide their financial decisions is working on their behalf. That peace of mind can be especially valuable for individuals over 50 who don't have as much time to make up for financial losses as younger people. Investopedia notes that some brokerage firms do not want or allow their brokers to be fiduciaries, so investors should make sure they're aware of the legal responsibilities of anyone they trust to manage their money.

- Monitor the progress of your retirement accounts. Tracking the performance of retirement accounts like a 401(k) and IRA takes on more significance after 50, even for individuals who don't see themselves retiring anytime soon. Monitor how particular investments are performing and reallocate funds if certain ones have not performed well in some time. Most investments will go up and down, but people over 50 can monitor performance more closely than they used to so they get an idea of which ones are working for



them and which could be compromising their ability to enjoy financial flexibility in the decades to come.

- Resist the temptation to avoid stocks entirely. A recent study published in the medical journal *The Lancet* found that life expectancy, which has increased dramatically across the globe since 1900, is expected to continue increasing in developed countries in the decades to come. That means people won't only be working longer, but living longer as well. Investors 50 and over can prepare

for that longer life expectancy by utilizing the growth potential of stocks even after they hit the half century mark. Limiting exposure to risk after 50 is still important, but avoiding investment risks entirely could lead to a financial shortfall down the road.

Managing a portfolio after 50 requires careful consideration of various factors. Deft management of an investment portfolio after 50 can ensure investors don't outlive their money.



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# Local artist hosts first show

By Lorne Stelmach

The exhibit on display for this past month at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden is extra special for the artist.

The display was the first exhibition of Dani Johnson's work, so it is something the Johnson, who also works as the gallery attendant for the Pembina Hills Arts Council, will always remember.

"I'm very excited. It's always going to be dear to my heart because it's my very first," she said ahead of the show winding down this week. "It actually didn't take as much planning as people may think because I've always had the image in my head of what I would want to do."

And the title of the exhibit, Where I Want to Be, is very fitting, given what inspires her to create her mixed media paintings and work.

"I've always loved nature and trees and vines, anything nature inspired," Johnson said.

"When it came to setting it up, there was actually just a lot of freelance pieces where it was this would look good there," she said. "You can plan as much as you want but it will always just kind of go where it wants to go."

She had fun setting up some of the extras such as the entrance to the

exhibit space with hanging vine as well as stones collected from pasture land and miscellaneous branches that she had cleaned up and sanded and painted.

"It's just very natural for me to have this kind of decor," Johnson said. "I had fun hanging up my art work, but I actually had more fun setting up the installation with all the decor ... it's probably not surprising because I have this kind of decor all over my house; so much so that you probably can't even see my walls."

Johnson grew up in Altona but has since lived in both Winkler and Morden. Art has always been a part of her life, as has been the draw to the natural world.

"I've been drawing and painting all my life, since I could pick up a pencil ... it's definitely a great outlet for me," she said.

"I grew up in town but always wanted to live in the country," Johnson continued. "So I would just draw it. That's where my inspiration comes from is settings and places and pieces of artwork that I would love to just jump into myself and just live there instead of living in town ... country life is always better in my opinion."

Johnson works in a number of mediums but she does have a few that she



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Dani Johnson's exhibition Where I Want to Be has been on display at the Morden gallery this month.

leans towards.

"My favorite is acrylic paints. I definitely use that in most of my paintings. The other media I use are oil and watercolour. I also do airbrushing as well with some of my pieces.

"Other mediums mixed in there would be ink and some charcoal pencil blended in there as well ... I just love any medium I can use that will give me the effect and the look that I want," she continued. "Oil has its advantages as it stays wet longer and I can blend it and make it very smooth. Watercolour as other advantages such

as you can make it very transparent and you can add so many layers to it ... acrylic is a happy medium, and it's so wonderful to work with," she said.

Something that she would also like to branch off into some day was evident in her exhibit, which featured a few of her pieces hanging in front of large tapestries.

"I would love to do that some day ... but those tapestries were simply pieces I had purchased just for decor ... but I thought they would work with

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# Winkler's Thanks for Giving Run is back October 8

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Mother Nature has conspired the last three years to scuttle plans for the Thanks for Giving Run in Winkler, but organizers are optimistic she'll cooperate this time around.

The annual run was forced to cancel in 2019 thanks to an early fall blizzard and then again in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

That means it's been four full years since runners have headed out from the Winkler Centennial Arena Thanksgiving weekend in support of the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

"We're 0 for 3, but we're quite confident we're going to have our first one for real, in person, in four years this year," said race director Dwight Suderman.

"We can't possibly have another blizzard that early, right?" he added with a nervous chuckle. "What are the odds?"

Assuming those odds remain in organizers' favour, the 2022 run will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The day includes a 21.1 kilometre half-marathon as well as 10k and 5k routes, all of which start at 9:30 a.m. There's also a kids fun run of 1.2k that sets out at 9 a.m. That one is for youth age 10 and under.

Runners will once again be winding their way through the streets of Winkler. Suderman encourages people to



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The last Thanks for Giving Run was back in 2018. The race returns to Winkler with four different events on Saturday, Oct. 8.

line the road to cheer them on (head to [thanksgivingrun.ca](http://thanksgivingrun.ca) for the route).

"We'd love to see people on the race route cheering," he said. "It won't be endless runners like in a big city marathon but it's still a good number, it's a nice community event. We get runners from all over southern Manitoba."

The costs of running the race each year are covered by corporate sponsors, allowing all registration fees to go to the cause (the 5k and 10k events

are \$40 while the half-marathon is \$50; the kids run is free), along with any other donations that come in.

In the past, the run has raised well over \$10,000 a year for the food bank.

"It's a wonderful organization here in Winkler," said Suderman, noting they provide an average of 30 families a week with food.

The food cupboard has been on the receiving end of the Thanks for Giving Run's generosity since the race began in 2006.

"It's a good cause," Suderman said. "People who need it can come there and meet very friendly volunteers that provide them with foodstuffs ... they're not judgemental or intimidating at all. It's a good place for people to get the food they need and that in turn means it's a great place for us to support."

If you can't make the in-person run this year you can register to complete virtually. Head to the race website above for details.

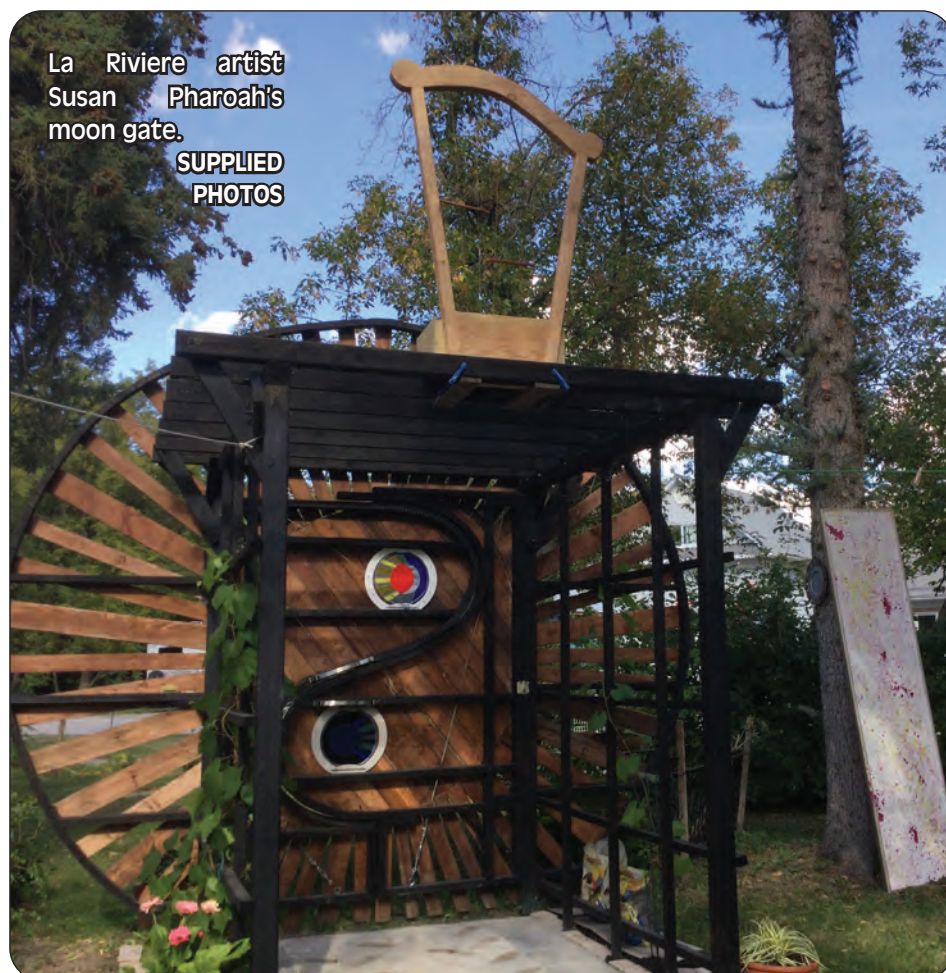
Non-runners can also support the cause by stopping by the arena on race day to drop off donations of non-perishable food items.

"We'll have a bin there for that," Suderman said. "And we especially encourage participants of the children's run, all the 10 and unders, to bring a tin for the bin. That's a way that they can pay an entry fee, because their race is free."

People looking to get involved as volunteers are also most welcome.

"We have a very dedicated core of volunteer committee members who are committed to making this a good event. It's just wonderful to be a part of it," said Suderman. "We could always use a few more."

You can get in touch with Suderman at [thanksgivingrun@gmail.com](mailto:thanksgivingrun@gmail.com) for further details or head to [thanksgivingrun.ca](http://thanksgivingrun.ca) to register.



La Riviere artist Susan Pharoah's moon gate.

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## > MOON GATE, FROM PG. 11

create a sense of calm and balance in your life," Pharaoh continued. "Sometimes, you need a point of reference, so having a moon gate as a focal point is also hopefully giving a focus to move on and do something creative."

"I want people to take away the

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the environment and the mood of my artwork.

"And I love in-depth landscapes that I can look into and not just a flat 2D image or a flat colour on my walls," added Johnson.

She looks forward now to going further with her artwork, including having an exhibition in May with the Golden Prairie Arts Council based in Carman.

"My goal would be to try to get my name out there and try to become an independent artist. My ideal future would be having a beautiful studio and basically just doing my art for a living."

sense that we really have come through a horrendous time ... we need to be coming together," Pharaoh concluded. "I think that's what art is supposed to do; it's supposed to take you outside of your initial thoughts and give you a focus for what can be."

When people see her work, she simply hopes they may come away from it either feeling inspired or just happy.

"I hope they take away a little bit of inspiration if they're an artist themselves ... or if somebody comes in who isn't an artist but they love the big and bold colours that I use, maybe they will take that with them and maybe change their home decor a bit.

"Maybe they will just take something home with them that would maybe change their view on traditional landscapes ... and I would hope maybe people come away from the exhibition maybe feeling a little happier."



## Heritage Day at Fort Dufferin

The Fort Dufferin National Historical Site near Emerson hosted its annual Heritage Day festivities on Sunday. The day included a church service, activities for the kids, a performance by the Scottish Highland Dancers (above, left), a Powwow Showcase from the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation (above, right), music by George and Denise Perron, and self-guided tours of the 150-year-old fort site.



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# Gretna woman arrested after weekend crime spree

By Voice staff

A 25-year-old Gretna woman is facing charges in connection to a string of crimes that took place in the Altona area a couple weekends ago.

On Friday, Sept. 16, Altona Police received a complaint of a 2018 Ford F150 truck stolen from the industrial park area.

Pembina Valley RCMP then received several complaints, including a break and enter, associated with this vehicle, which police report the suspects had spray painted black.

The truck was found early the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 18 on a road near a rural residence just outside Altona where RCMP had received a complaint of a stolen quad.

A witness reported seeing one person on the quad headed towards town.

Altona Police were notified and an off-duty officer observed the quad op-

erating in town

After the suspect parked the vehicle, the off-duty officer engaged in a short foot pursuit of the suspect, who was apprehended.

The woman was arrested on numerous charges and turned over to RCMP.

Then, on Sept. 19, Altona police received a report of stolen patio furniture and a water fountain from a local business. The value of the goods was estimated at \$2,000.

After reviewing security video, it was determined that the suspect vehicle involved in the theft was the same vehicle involved in all of the other complaints received during the weekend.

The Altona Police Service applied for and received a search warrant for a residence in Gretna and, with the assistance of Pembina Valley RCMP, conducted a search of the residence where all of the stolen yard furniture was recovered.



**ALTONA POLICE PHOTOS**  
Police have arrested one suspect and expect to arrest more in connection to the theft of a F150 truck, quad, and patio furniture over the weekend of Sept. 16-18.

Altona Police are continuing the investigation and anticipate further arrests and charges will be laid.





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# Cooking up community

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A new tradition got its start in Altona last weekend.

The Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church, in partnership with Seeds Church and The Community Exchange, hosted a free community meal Saturday night.

It's the first of what organizers plan to be a monthly gathering (taking place the last Saturday of every month), and it went off without a hitch.

"I would call it a tremendous success for a first-time event," said pastor Mark Tiessen-Dyck. "It went as smoothly as we could have hoped."

About 125 people sat down to enjoy supper together—a couple dozen more than organizers had prepared for.

"We had planned for 100 but fortunately there was enough food that everyone who came did get to eat," Tiessen-Dyck said, noting the menu included lemon dill chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, veggies, and chocolate cake for dessert.

"It was definitely a more diverse gathering than what one might often see at, say, a fall supper or fish fry or fundraising event," he said.

Bringing people together is what this community meal is all about.

Organizers were inspired by a similar initiative run by the Central Sta-

tion Community Centre in Winkler. Dubbed Café 545, the now-weekly community meal has proven to be a big success.

"My parents-in-law go there often and so we went with them one day and I just thought it was a really good experience to see all kinds of people eating together," said Tiessen-Dyck. "I thought, 'What would it be like to try this in Altona?'"

He put the idea to his church and quickly found there was a number of volunteers eager to get involved.

The plan had been to host the first meal back in March of 2020. The date was set and the food was all ready to go, but then the pandemic hit.

"At first we were like, oh, we'll delay for a month," Tiessen-Dyck recalled. "Two and a half years later, here we are."

Despite the delayed start, Tiessen-Dyck is as optimistic about this event as ever.

"I hope it brings people together who wouldn't naturally be together," he said, stressing the meal is open to everyone, regardless of background, faith, or socioeconomic status. It is simply a chance to enjoy a hearty meal and get to know other community members.

"There's no barriers to participation and to making connections," Tiessen-Dyck said, noting a donation is not



## SUPPLIED PHOTOS

About 125 people came out to the first free community meal in Altona Saturday. The event will run at The Exchange the last Saturday of the month going forward. Upcoming meals are planned for Oct. 29 and Nov. 26.



required to attend.

The next community meal will take

place at The Exchange (116 Main St.) on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 5-6:30 p.m.

# Altona Rec. serves up a packed fall/winter program guide

By Ashleigh Viveiros

There's no excuse for cabin fever if you live in the Altona area this winter.

The community's recreation department has released its fall/winter activity guide and there's certainly no shortage of programs, ranging from sports to arts to life skills.

"Recreation isn't just sports ... and not everyone does sports," notes recreation programmer Brittany Winkler, explaining she tries to include as many different kinds of activities as she can to appeal to lots of different age groups and interests.

One of the newer programs on the roster this year is the Red Cross Stay Safe course.

"It's like the babysitting course but it's for younger kiddos to learn how to be at home alone," Winkler explains.

The one-day session, taking place at the Millennium Exhibition Centre on Saturday, Nov. 26, will walk kids through how to call for help if they need it, how to use a first aid kit, and

how to be safe and responsible when home alone.

"It's a really great course and one I wish I had been able to do when I was younger," says Winkler, adding that they did do a session for the first time in the spring of 2021 but pandemic restrictions kept the numbers low. They're hoping to see it fill up this time around.

Other newer programs for kids include an Autumn Watercolour Workshop running Oct. 15 and a Wood Burning workshop closer to the holidays where participants will get to make their own Christmas ornaments.

Meanwhile, returning programs for youth include ballet, co-ed basketball, yoga, curling, minor hockey, figure skating, multiple sessions of acrylic painting workshops, Altona and Area Family Resource Centre programs for pre-schoolers and families, taekwondo, pre-school skating sessions, and recreational hockey.

Winkler is also pleased to offer a couple new programs for the 18+ crowd, including a Create and Style Your Own Felt Hat Workshop in December and a weekly Stroller Strength class from Oct. 17 to Nov. 23, led by Outland Fitness.

"Half of it is at the Millennium Exhibition Centre track and the other is at the gym at Outland Fitness," she explains of the stroller workout. "It's for moms who are either expecting or postpartum with kids nine to 18 months old. That's kind of a fun new thing, and it gets moms out in the winter seeing other new moms."

Returning adult programs include co-ed basketball, a virtual "Jenercise" conditioning boot camp, multiple paint nights, badminton, yoga, line dancing, ladies and men's curling, and emergency/first aid courses.

There are also several programs geared specifically at older adults (50+), including mens volleyball, senior skating sessions, ladies floor

curling, pickleball, stick curling, and a senior chair exercise class.

A few programs have already gotten underway, but many begin next month. Some of those that have already started are still open for registrations, space allowing.

The complete program guide detailing program dates, times, and fees is available online at [altona.ca](http://altona.ca), though you will need to register by phone (204-324-9005) or in person at rec. office in the Millennium Exhibition Centre.

Winkler says they are working on a new program for online registration, which they hope to have up and running in time for the spring/summer programs.

She urges people to follow the Town of Altona Recreation Department on social media to stay up to date on any new programs not in the guide that might be launched in the weeks ahead.

# Your FARM



## The world of fast fashion not sustainable

Pembina Fibreshed advocates for awareness around the textile system

By Autumn Fehr

Flocking to retail therapy is a short-term solution to many problems, but have you ever thought of the long-term effects of the fibre in the textiles you purchase?

People working in harsh conditions, being paid low wages and a lasting effect on the environment are just some problems that come along with this urge for fast fashion.

Pembina Fibreshed, a non-profit advocacy organization, works to promote fibre, textiles, and producers in the region and educate others on fibre's importance and its impact.

"We are consuming it at such a rapid rate and discarding it at such a rapid rate that we really need to think about the long-term and short-term impacts of fibre," said Anna Hunter, a sheep farmer, and co-director of Pembina Fibreshed alongside Margaret Brook.

Fibre is in just about everything we consume. From clothing items to the furniture in our homes, we consume fibre daily.

"We want to highlight the challenges and issues with our existing clothing and textile system. This fast fashion, textile system where we are very

disconnected from the sources of our textiles and our natural dyes and the labour to do that work," said Hunter.

She said that textiles and clothing are agricultural products, and we are disconnected from that.

Pembina Fibreshed is an affiliate chapter of a larger organization that started in northern California in 2010.

Hunter and Brooks run the show in Pembina Fibreshed, 200 miles from the Pembina River Valley in southern Manitoba, in any direction. They work closely with people across the country and California.

"At the base of our organization, we are looking to promote fibre, textiles, and producers in the region. We work to promote them and their products in whatever way we can," said Hunter.

Fibreshed comes from the geological concept of a watershed, which refers to an area of land where water falls and drains into a common outlet.

When decompacting the word fibreshed, it can be better understood when comparing it to the watershed concept, as both refer to how a natural ecosystem's actions in one area resonate within the whole space.

Fibreshed focuses on elements in the region that contribute to how fabric for clothing and other household



VOICE PHOTOS BY ANNA HUNTER

Pembina Fibreshed's goal is to support local farmers, dyers, spinners, and designers to produce more local textiles.

items is created. Pembina Fibreshed works with producers, processors, artisans, and consumers to manage resources appropriately and improve the environment.

Within southern Manitoba, fibreshed includes sheep and alpaca farmers, fibre mills and dyer processors, tool makers and designers, and artisans like spinners, weavers, knitters and felters. Locally grown flax and hemp can also be used in making cloth.

There are two types of fibres: protein-based fibre from animals and cellulose-based fibres from plants – each is processed differently.

These fibres are used for an array of products we use daily – clothing, shoes, hats, outerwear, furniture, and rugs are just a few of them.

Hunter said it's essential when consuming fibre to ask the question:

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## Kroeker Farms an organic growing giant



Kroeker Farms started organic farming 20 years ago.

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By Becca Myskiw

Local organic growers Kroeker Farms' products are eaten across the continent.

Wayne Rempel, CEO of Kroeker Farms, said they grew their first organic potato crop in the Pembina Valley region in 2002. That crop turned out better than they anticipated, so they then tried organic onions, and just kept going with it.

"We felt that the world was changing and there was a demand for organic production," he said.

Twenty years later now and Kroeker Farms grows 140 acres of organic onions and around 1,400 acres of organic potatoes every three years. They use a rotation system for their crops, so in the first year, they grow the onions and potatoes. The next year, they grow hemp, beans, wheat, barley, or

oats, and in the third year, Kroeker Farms grows a "green manure crop."

For the green manure crop, they seed peas in late April, then shred the crop at the end of June when its waist high with lots of foliage. The pea crop produces a lot of nitrogen for the soil and after Kroeker Farms shreds it, they roll the peas into the soil. After that, they add compost from cow manure to the crop.

Organic, Rempel said, is a "rigid regime of production", meaning they can't use synthetic pesticides or fertilizers on their crops — only natural products. He explained it like this: when you have a headache,

**"WE FELT THAT THE WORLD WAS CHANGING AND THERE WAS A DEMAND FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION."**

you know taking Tylenol will get rid of it and fix the problem, but you can also try a natural method of fixing the pain, which is only half as effective as the Tylenol.

"The only way to fix the problem is to be so healthy that you don't get headaches, so you don't have to use drugs," he said.

Though Kroeker Farms does use a few natural pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers, Rempel said they found that if they take really good care of the soil and treat it in a very healthy way, they don't have as many problems and therefore have less need for the natural products.

Weeds, however, are always a problem, especially in onion crops because the plants are so small and close together. Kroeker Farms has really invested in mechanization, though, and has the right equipment to take care of their biggest nemesis, the weeds.

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Wayne Rempel, CEO of Kroeker Farms.

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what carbon pool are we drawing our fibres from? And what impact does that have?

Since the organization started in January 2018, they have run various projects to spread awareness and educate the community on fibre, such as the Community Indigo Project where they look at the reality of natural dyes vs. synthetic dyes, and the One Year, One Outfit Project. The One Year, One Outfit Project is a community-based challenge where people are encouraged to make three items of clothing or other accessories from completely

> KROEKERS, FROM PG. 24

Even with more obstacles for their organic crops than they have in their regular ones, Rempel said the yields of the organic crops are similar to that of the others, given the organic crop is

within their Fibreshed in one year.

There are various other locations in Canada that all work towards the same goal: to promote and support the local farmers, dyers, spinners, and designers in the community to produce more local textiles and to get these in the hands of local textile producers.

We need to recognize the work and the labour that go into our textiles. Looking at the challenges faced in off-shore globalized supply chains for textiles, often the work is being done in countries without labour standards

produced correctly.

Kroeker Farms' potatoes go all across North America and Rempel said they're the biggest onion supplier in Canada.

as we do in Canada who are paid low wages, work in harsh conditions, and turn to contribute to impacting the environment in an unsustainable way, said Hunter

In the future, the organization hopes to see a community in Manitoba where locally grown and manufactured clothing is as easily obtained as local organic food, said Hunter.

For more information on the work that Pembina Fibreshed does in the community or to learn more about fibre and its impact, visit their website at [www.pembinafibreshed.com](http://www.pembinafibreshed.com).

"We love the challenge, but we've also had some great success," he said. "We love the wins. It's surprised us how well it works."

## Manitoba RCMP warn against tampering with election signs

By Jennifer McFee

If you tamper with election signs, you could face serious repercussions.

That's the message from RCMP as the municipal election approaches

and more signs start to show up in communities.

"It is very serious to tamper with election signs. Election advertising is protected under the Canada Election Act. Any tampering with or theft of

election signs would be offences as per the Criminal Code of Canada under mischief or theft. The punishment can see a jail term of up to two years or significant fines," said Tara Seel, media relations officer with the Man-

itoba RCMP.

"It is important to note that any interference with election signs is taken very seriously to ensure those running for election have equal opportunity to put forward their position."

• A LOOK BACK

## My first real holiday

I was born in the forties and grew up in the fifties. I looked forward to our summer holidays just as children today do. We knew we would have to help with the garden and with housework but we also knew we would have lots of free time for play.

In the days before air conditioning, children were always outside, where a shady spot to read comic books or a neighbour's sprinkler to run through could always be found.

After the peas or beans were picked early in the morning, Jeanne, Jim and I



By Florence Dyck

were allowed to walk up to the beach, at least three miles out of town. We lived on First Street and so had to walk to Mountain Avenue before we had a hope of catching a ride. Acquaintances or strangers, we weren't particular! Parents did not seem to worry about their children being abducted in those years.

Mom insisted we register for the Red Cross Swimming lessons. No matter how early we were scheduled or how cold the mornings were, up we went.

The first day back to school usually involved either writing about or talking about "What I Did on My Summer Holiday." So I heard about summer camps and road trips taken to different provinces and to the States by my classmates. The only trip our family ever took was a once yearly visit to my aunt's and uncle's in Fort Garry at the end of August.

The summer I was 13, though, went on my first real holiday.

John Wiebe, his wife Irene, and their daughter Bonnie attended the same church we did. John owned a successful Chev/ Olds car dealership in

Morden. They were planning to visit friends in Calgary and invited me as a companion for their daughter.

I stayed up late to keep Mom company as she sewed shorts, tops and a sun dress for me. The day we left, I was picked up in a new 1956 turquoise and white Oldsmobile.

We drove through Montana as the highways in the United States were in better condition than our highways. I remember driving through Glacier National Park. What an adventure to be up so high and drive through clouds. John stopped at the side of the road so Bonnie and I could throw snowballs at each other in July.

Then in the park we watched Old Faithful, North America's best-known geyser.

When we arrived at our destination in Calgary, I was impressed with their friends' (to my eyes) luxurious home. I had to be shown how to use the shower. One evening, we went to the chuck wagon races at the Calgary Stampede. Even at that time, I worried about injuries to horses and riders when several wagons got tan-

gled together and rolled over. What I remember most, though, was the fireworks that ended our day. The last display featured the head of Queen Elizabeth. To this day, I have never seen fireworks as impressive!

Another day we drove into Banff. I had never seen the majestic Rocky Mountains and was mesmerized.

Wiebe's friends owned a cabin and a boat outside of Calgary by Chestermere Lake. We spent a few relaxing days there; swimming, going on boat rides, being pulled on large tubes and learning how to waterski.

This was the year I finally had something to write about for my "What Did You Do on Your Summer Holiday?" essay. This was also the year I entered Gr. 9 so, probably, didn't get that assignment!

I am, also, not sure if I ever expressed proper thanks to our friends, so now I say, "Thank you, John, Irene and Bonnie" for a wonderful holiday from a former impoverished child!

# sports & recreation

## Hawks down Capitals to close out pre-season

### Home opener Sat. in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

A lopsided convincing win last week closed out the pre-season for the male U18 Pembina Valley Hawks.

The Hawks took period leads of 2-0 and 4-0 Thursday on their way to a 7-1 romp over the Central Plains Capitals in Morden.

Pembina Valley held a massive 60-10 edge in shots on goal, so goaltender Raiden LeGall had a relatively easy night in net with just nine saves.

Ty Love led the way on the score-sheet with a hat trick while Sebastian Hicks added a pair as well as two assists. Sam Delaquis also contributed a goal and an assist while Cedrik Robidoux had a goal and a three point night.

Pembina Valley now finalizes their roster this week as they prepare to kick off the regular season schedule against the defending champion Wild Friday in Winnipeg.

The Hawks then welcome back Central Plains for their home opener in Morden Saturday before heading to Portage for a rematch against the Capitals next week Wednesday.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Hawks wrapped up pre-season action with a 7-1 victory over the visiting Central Plains Capitals last Thursday night. The U18 team kicks off the regular season with a game in Winnipeg against the Wild Friday and their home opener against the Capitals Saturday in Morden.

## Female Hawks double up on Chiefs 4-2

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks ended their pre-season this past weekend on a winning note.

The Hawks hosted Yellowhead Sun-

day afternoon in Morden and doubled up the Chiefs 4-2.

Pembina Valley took control in the first period as they went to the intermission with a 3-1 lead. After giving up a second period goal, the Hawks

added an insurance marker in the third.

Scoring for the Hawks were Caitlin Anderson, Marissa Fehr, Haylee Grenier and Zenith Vanstone, while Kaylee Franz and Kasia Rakowski

made 26 and six saves, respectively.

Pembina Valley kick off the regular season with a pair of home games this weekend. The Hawks welcome the Interlake Lightning Oct. 1 and the Central Plains Capitals Oct. 2.

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## Flyers split two with Niverville

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers suffered a 5-1 at-home loss at the hands of the Niverville Nighthawks last Wednesday night, but they got their revenge two nights later on the road.

The Sept. 21 game at the Winkler Centennial Arena saw the Flyers struggle to gain momentum throughout.

Niverville had scored four unanswered goals before Jayce Legaarden got Winkler up on the board early in the second frame. The Nighthawks then added one more in the third.

Niverville had the edge in shots overall, 35-28. Winkler's net was manned by Malachi Klassen (26 saves off 31 shots) and Aidan Comeau (four saves off four shots in his 15 minutes on the ice in the third).

The two teams were more evenly matched in game two in Niverville Friday night, each firing 27 shots on net.

Winkler took a 1-0 lead thanks to a goal from Xyon Kiemenev midway through the first and then made it 2-1 late in the second on the strength of a goal from Mike Svenson.

Logan Fillion then widened the gap to 3-1 four minutes into the third. Niverville managed one more with



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler Flyers goalie and Player of the Game Aidan Comeau keeps a close eye on the puck Saturday night as the Flyers beat the OCN Blizzard 3-1. Comeau made 31 saves.

seconds left on the clock, but that was all she wrote and the Flyers got the win 3-2.

Klassen went the distance in net, making 25 saves.

The margin was even wider the next night against OCN, with Winkler getting the win in front of a hometown crowd 3-1.

Lucas Ens, Trent Sambrook, and Cole Mackenzie scored for the Flyers in the first, second, and third periods, respectively. The Blizzard managed their lone goal early in the second.

Comeau was in net this go around, making 31 saves as the Blizzard narrowly outshot the Flyers 32-28.

This week the Flyers head to Portage

to play the Terriers Wednesday and then to Waywayseecappo to face the Wolverines Friday.

The Wolverines are then in Winkler Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. The Flyers follow that up with a home-and-away against Selkirk Oct. 5 and 8th.

# Winkler Storm finish season in last place

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm finish their season in last place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League Premier Division, but they'll get another crack at it next summer.

With all the chaos that the pandemic has caused in recent years, the league has opted not to promote or demote teams based on the outcome of this summer, which was the first uninterrupted season teams have had in years. Usually the bottom two teams drop down a division.

That means the Storm, who closed out the year with a 5-0 loss to top-ranked Hellas SC last week, will keep their seat in Premier in 2023.

Winkler struggled greatly this summer and end the season with a 3-13-2 record, good for 11 points and last place out of seven teams.

It was a definitely rough summer for the Storm, said coach Reinaldo Oliveira last week.

“The league itself is the highest level, the best soccer that we can find around here.”

With the pandemic restrictions over the winter, it was a challenge to prepare the team for that level of play, Oliveira noted, which meant the Storm were playing catch-up through the early part of the summer.

“I think the team got stronger and stronger ... but then we fell behind a little bit,” he said, noting they often struggled with consistency, playing a good first half and then having things fall apart in the second.

“We had a lot of close games, which tells me if we put more training as a team and individuals the Storm can be a strong team for the next year,” Oliveira said. “The goal is to have players on the same skills level so [the] coach can spend more time working [on] tactical components, like formation, set plays.”

Despite the lopsided record, there were plenty of highlights as well, including welcoming a lot of new faces to the team.

“We had players from Morden, Winkler and Altona and we were open to have some guest youth players on our team as well,” Oliveira said. “We had a few young guys who are playing high-level soccer and they really enjoy it, so that was great motivation.”

The team also had the chance to play a match at IG Field as a sort of opening act for the FC Valour, Winnipeg's professional soccer team.

It was a great experience, Oliveira said, and very exciting.

Looking to next summer, he's optimistic the Storm can turn things around.

“I think we have a good chance next year,” said Oliveira, explaining they hope to be able to more consistently train through the winter.

Oliveira isn't sure if he'll be back as

head coach next summer, though he intends to remain involved with the team.

He would like to see the support system for high-level soccer in the Winkler area grow.

“We need to build up this community a little bit stronger for soccer,” he said, noting the Winnipeg teams they're playing against are able to practise year-round, both indoors and out, have many more people involved as coaches and support staff, and have proper facilities—dressing rooms and the like—to host games. Those are all things the Storm has struggled with for years and it handicaps them every season.

He'd also like to see the SC Riot, which had been playing a few divisions lower and served as a training ground for future Storm players, return. But here, once again, the lack of a coach forced the team to miss this season.

# Winkler Cricket Club has high hopes for next season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals were 3-7 this season in the Manitoba Cricket Association's Premier Division, but Winkler Cricket Club president Deepak Saini isn't letting that get him down.

"It wasn't the season we were hoping for," he acknowledged last week, a few days after the team's final match. "But we had a lot of new players this season so we knew that it was going to be tough this year."

Now that Winkler's first cricket pitch is finally in and ready for use, Saini has high hopes for the 2023 season and beyond.

"We're hoping, now that we have the pitch and ground ready, that our players will be able to practise together much more," he said, noting they did score enough points this summer to remain in the Premier Division, so there will be a high level of competition once again.

The field, located near Northlands Parkway Collegiate, will also allow the Royals to play home games for the



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The Winkler Royals competed in the Manitoba Cricket Association's Premier League this summer, finishing with a record of 3-7.

first time ever.

"We'll play our games here and we're also going to have a tournament

that we will organize," Saini said. "So going forward, next summer, our ground is going to be busy."

Saini is optimistic having a much more visible presence in the community will help the sport grow in the Pembina Valley.

They've already reached out to a few baseball teams to see what interest there is in ball players trying their hand at cricket, and Saini also hopes to reach out to the schools to give kids a chance to learn the sport.

"We have to go through the coaching program with Sport Manitoba and then we will get involved with the school divisions, that's the plan," he said. "I think that's where the growth going forward in future years will happen."

Longer-term, the hope is to create a second regional team that would play in a lower division and act as a training ground for future Royals players.

If you'd like to connect with the Winkler Cricket Club, you can find them on Facebook. That's also where they'll be posting details about next season's events at the local field.

# Altona to host Asham U18 provincial curling bonspiel in December

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Altona Curling Club will wrap up 2022 on a high note.

The club announced Monday it will host the Asham U18 Boys and Girls Provincial Championship Dec. 27-31.

Organizing committee co-chair Keith Stoesz says there could be upwards of two dozen teams from across Manitoba competing at the event.

It's a great way to break the five-year dry spell of hosting major bonspiels, he said. "The last event we hosted would have been December 2017 when we hosted the U21 Juniors, so it's been a few years."

It's never a tough decision to put Altona's name forward to host a championship like this, Stoesz said.

"We're proud of our curling club and we love to showcase our facility,"

he said. "And we have a great volunteer base that always answers the call when we need them."

"And we have some local teams that we want to give the chance to have provincials in their home club," Stoesz added, noting the bonspiel is expected to feature players from Altona, Carman, Morris, and Morden, all vying for the chance to represent Manitoba at the U18 Canadian Curl-

ing Championships in Timmins, ON in February.

The organizing committee will be reaching out to local businesses in the weeks ahead to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

Details about the volunteer positions that will be available will be released soon.

# Pembina Valley Twisters sweep Stonewall Jets in three

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters completed a three game sweep of the

Stonewall Jets in pre-season action last weekend.

The major junior team followed up an earlier 7-3 victory with 6-2 and 8-4

wins Friday and Sunday in Stonewall.

Pembina Valley took period leads of 2-1 and 3-1 Friday, as Riley Goertzen and Merik Degraeve each scored a

pair with the other goals from Nico Vigier and Cody Clark. Shots on goal were 30-26 for Stonewall, and Matt Grysiuk stopped 20 of 22 shots and Logan Enns stopping all eight shots he faced in limited duty.

Degraeve then led the way with a hat trick Sunday as the Twisters led 2-1 and 5-3 at the intermissions. Derek Wiebe scored a pair with singles from Brett Bergman, Brock Wood and Caelen Russell. Enns made 32 saves with the shots on goal 36-30 in favour of Stonewall.

The two teams will be quite familiar with each other now for the regular season opener Friday in Stonewall. The Twisters then have their home opener Sunday with the St. James Canucks.

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# Sultans lose Winnipeg Senior Baseball L final

By Ty Dilello

The Carillon Sultans recently fell in the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League (WSBL) best-of-five championship final series to the Stonewall Blue Jays.

Carillon won the opening game of the final, before Stonewall came roaring back to win the next three to take the series. To get to the final, the Sultans had a 13-8 regular season record and then won a couple of playoff games.

The Sultans are made up of players primarily from Southern Manitoba. One of their big hitters is Nathan Christiuk, who grew up and currently farms in Dufrost, while living in near-by Arnaud.

Christiuk has quite the baseball pedigree as he previously played at the University of Jamestown in North Dakota from 2010 to 2014.

"I had a great college experience," said Christiuk. "I graduated with a business degree and played on the varsity team all four years I was there. We had a very competitive team and won our conference all four years. I enjoyed getting to play ball all across the United States and have great friends with guys from all over."

Christiuk took seven years off from baseball off after he graduated from college to focus on his career. Last sea-



son, the Carillon Sultans got a team back in the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League and some of the guys that he used to play with convinced him to come out and play.

"I wasn't sold on the idea, but I hit a home run on my first at-bat back, so I was hooked."

Christiuk ended up winning the MVP in his first season back with Carillon, so it's safe to say it was a good decision to get back into baseball.

"We didn't have high expectations at first, but we quickly realized that we had potential on this team. This season we continued to build on what



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The Carillon Sultans recently fell in the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League best-of-five championship final series to the Stonewall Blue Jays.

we started last year. We have a tight group of guys who enjoy the game. Everyone was willing to play their role and do what was best for the team. And someone always stepped up when we needed it, which got us into the finals."

Unfortunately, it didn't work out for Carillon in the final. The team played well but didn't get the breaks that are

needed in a championship series.

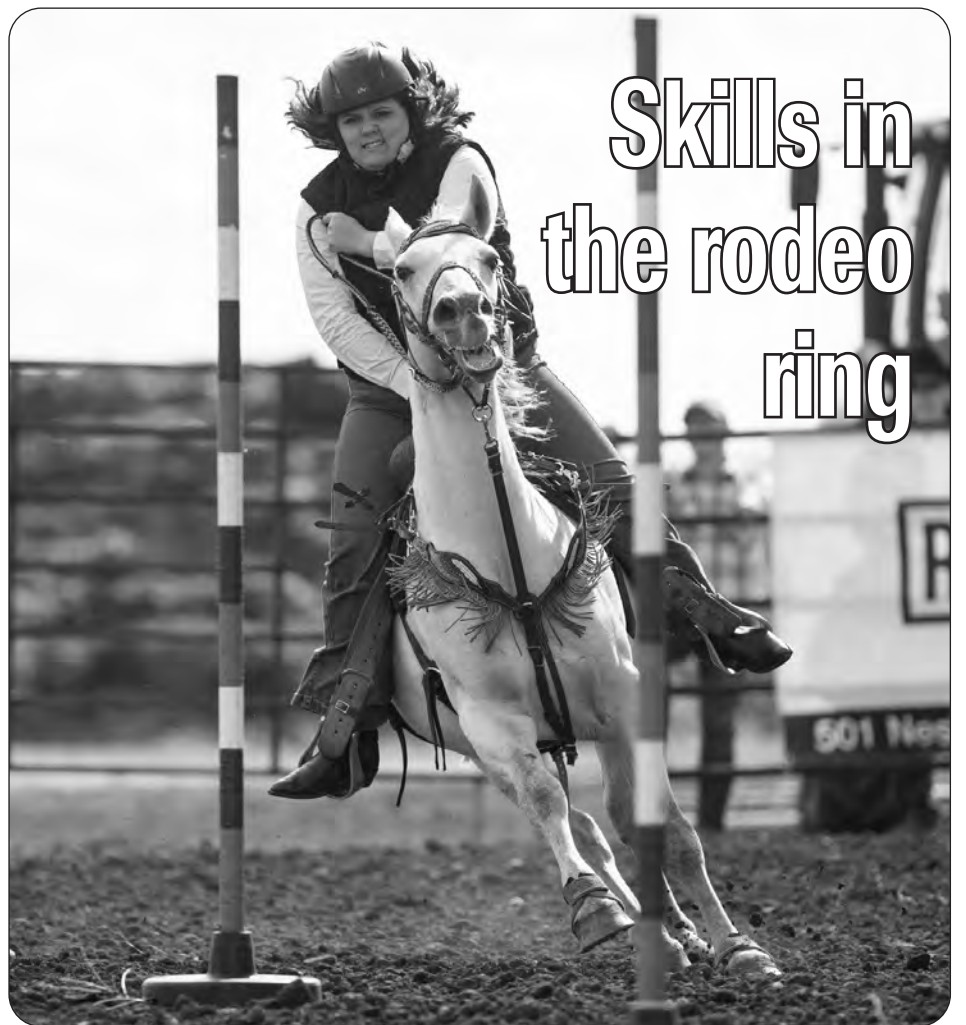
Christiuk is eager to return to the field next summer and hopefully continue succeeding with the Sultans.

"We feel like we've come a long way for a team that has only been in the league for two years. We feel like we have unfinished business and expect to compete for a championship next season."



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Morden's Rylee Olafson (above) and Reinfeld's Natalie Elias (right) were among the competitors of the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association rodeo in Miami last weekend. Olafson had an especially good weekend, finishing the fall season sitting in second place in Manitoba for breakaway roping, third overall in pole bending, fifth in barrel racing, and eighth in goat tying. The season continues next spring. Also representing the region at the event was Miami's Alana McCarthy and Morgan Turner and Jill Goff from Carman.



# get informed

## Miami man gets carving inspiration from God

By Becca Myskiw

With God as his inspiration, a Miami man makes wood carvings like no other.

Barry Dueck started Big Bear's Carvings a year ago but has been carving for four years. He bought a normal saw for maintenance on his acreage, and after trying his hand at carving a face into a fallen tree, he realized he had a knack for the craft.

With his family and friends' encouragement, Dueck carved an eagle into a tree using more appropriate tools. His third carving was an eagle on a bench, which he sold for a pretty penny.

"I was always good at drawing and things," he said. "It took me a short amount of time for getting my brain to think three-dimensionally."

He watched a few videos online about wood carving but is primarily self-taught. When Dueck gets an idea for his next carving, he finds a piece of his wood that would fit his vision rather than finding a vision to fit a piece of wood.

"I'm a Christian man," he said.

"That doesn't mean I'm perfect by any means, but I get inspiration from my God. I feel like we're partners."

Dueck has carved bears, eagles, wolves, and wildlife. He does a lot of commissions and sells a few personal projects. He said the most popular commission he does is a bench with carvings on either side.

He gets his wood from local businesses that cut down trees, people with bigger deadfall they don't want to deal with, and from a few other places here and there. His favourite wood to work on is maple because its plentiful in Manitoba and holds up better than others. Sometimes he gets cedar, a softer wood to work on, but it's not a Manitoba tree so that's rare.

When carving, Dueck first looks at the side and front profiles and bone structure of whatever animal he's making. He then squares off a round log, does drawings on either side so the scale is right, then goes for it. Ninety per cent of his work is done with a chainsaw. He has five different saws, the smallest being a dime tip which he uses for detailing.

"I like my carvings to look like real



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Barry Dueck is a self-taught wood carver. Benches are his most popular.

animals rather than cartoons," he said. "I do believe that God gives us all gifts of different abilities. This is absolute joyful. I love it." To get a carving done by Dueck, call him at 431-774-4471.

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## Peacemaking

In our culture today there is immense pressure to know what camp or tribe we are in, what side we are on, and equal pressure to know who or what we are against.

We feel the need to protect our side: our beliefs, our way of life, our people. The stakes seem to keep rising to the point where anger, hurtful words, and violence are justifiable if it means that our side doesn't lose any ground to those we consider our enemies.

But when we look at Jesus, we see a different way of responding to divides, differences, and enemies. In Mark 12, Jesus was



By Luke Hildebrand

asked to take a side in three hot-button issues of His day. He was asked whether He was a Roman sympathizer or a Jewish Zealot, and what camp He was in when it came to the contemporary debates on the issues of resurrection and the weightiest law in the Torah. In each example, Jesus chooses not to take a side. Instead, He says that the issue in question is complex, and a simple binary choice doesn't satisfy. Instead, His position lies outside the popular camps.

And when He was faced with false accusations, hatred, even threats to His life, He did not retaliate with anger or violence to protect His beliefs, or even Himself. Instead, He forgives His enemies, ultimately dying so that they might experience peace with their Creator and their neighbours.

The Apostle Paul picks up on this theme of peace when he wrote to the Ephesians. He argues that Jesus has brought peace between the different racial, social, class, or political divides that exist in our world. Not only has Jesus made peace, but He is spreading the message of peace and reconciliation through the world, welcoming all people to join Him in being peacemakers.

In our divided, moving-to-extremes culture, here are some practical ways to live as a peacemaker:

1. Being a peacemaker means not giving in to the temptation that to join a tribe or side means you make the other side your enemy.

2. It is resisting the temptation to shout louder and instead committing to listen and understand others in the hopes of bringing reconciliation.

3. It is speaking well of others and giving them the benefit of the doubt instead leading with suspicion or gossip. To be honest, much of this advice was already said thousands of years ago by James, the brother of Jesus, "Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry."

Let's be clear, this is not an easy thing to do. In a place of division, peacemakers are nuisances. In a time of extremes, moderates find themselves the enemies of both sides. It's especially difficult when the divides make their way into our friendships and families. But if we are followers of Jesus, and want to be like Him, we must choose to love like He loves, to move beyond the barriers of hostility, and bring peace.

Luke Hildebrand is the Community Life Pastor at the Winkler MB Church. He likes to laugh, good conversations, and being with his wife and daughter.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the 2023 assessment roll for the City of Morden has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba and is open to public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act:

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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:

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

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

##### 43(1) An application for revision must

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

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

The Board of Revision will sit on **Monday, October 24, 2022 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 may receive applications is **Tuesday, October 11, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. local time.**

Dated at Morden, in Manitoba, this 13th day of September, A.D. 2022.

**Michelle Braun, Secretary**  
Board of Revision  
City of Morden  
100 - 195 Stephen Street  
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1189280/1 & 1894035/1	S ½ of SW ¼ 21-1-1 EPM	80

When submitting an offer, please note:

- The highest, or any, offer will not necessarily be accepted.
- Title Nos. 1189432/1 & 1237327/1 will be sold together.
- Title Nos. 1189280/1 & 1894035/1 will be sold together.
- Offers may be for either or both sets of parcels.
- The date of closing and possession will be November 1, 2022.
- The date of adjustments will be January 1, 2023.
- You must provide a certified check or bank draft in the amount of \$10,000.00 payable to Cole & Mace Law Office. The cheques accompanying unsuccessful tenders will be returned.
- You must rely on your own research of the property.
- Tenders are binding upon acceptance and not subject to any conditions precedent.
- Tenders may only be submitted in the form provided by Cole & Mace Law Office; a form of tender may be requested from Cole & Mace Law Office in person at the address below, or by emailing: adam@colemacelaw.com.
- The Vendor will be responsible for the taxes on the property up to the date of adjustments.
- The Purchaser will be required to pay GST unless the Purchaser is registered for GST and agrees to self-assess.
- Title to the land will be transferred free and clear of all encumbrances and liens, excepting for Caveat No. 2754301/1.

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

**Cole & Mace Law Office**  
26 Centre Ave. East, Box 2039, Altona, Manitoba, R0G 0B0  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
GARDEN VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the voters of Garden Valley School Division (WARD 1 – CITY OF WINKLER ONLY) will be taken to elect six school trustees from the following duly nominated candidates:

1. Pamela Hiebert, Winkler
2. Tena Lane, Winkler
3. Deana Wilson, Winkler
4. Philipp Unruh, Winkler
5. James Johnston, Winkler
6. Leah Klassen, Winkler
7. Karin Banman, Winkler
8. John P. Klassen, Winkler



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been acclaimed as school trustees for the Garden Valley School Division (WARD 2 – RURAL).

1. Michael Rempel, Plum Coulee
2. Heather Di Francesco, Schanzenfeld
3. Mandy Thiessen, Stanley

**VOTING PLACES**

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

Voters living in the City of Winkler – Meridian Exhibition Centre 1045 Grandeur Avenue, Winkler.

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

**ADVANCE VOTING**

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at the Winkler City Hall 185 Main Street, Winkler and will be open during the following day: Wednesday, October 12, 2022, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**MOBILE VOTING**

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside at a health care facility, a mobile voting station will be set up at the following health care facilities on election day:

1. Salem Personal Care Home, 165 – 15th Street, Winkler, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2. Boundary Trails Health Centre, Jct. Hwy 3 & 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
3. Eden Mental Health Centre, 1500 Pembina Avenue West, Winkler from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE**

**If you cannot attend the election in person and wish to vote by sealed envelope, please mail or fax this request (fax will be the quickest method) to:**

Barb Neufeld, SEO  
Garden Valley School Division  
Box 1330, 750 Triple E Boulevard, Winkler MB R6W 4B3  
Tel: 204-325-8335; Fax: 204-325-4132

**THE REQUEST TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE S.E.O. ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 21, 2022.**

- A ballot package will be mailed to you with instructions. If your application is received less than 12 days before the election, you may make arrangements to have the ballot delivered to you.
- If you apply in person, a ballot package will be given to you at that time.
- Please mark your ballot and return it promptly to ensure the deadline is met.
- Ballots received after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day will not be accepted.

**To qualify to vote, you must be:**

1. A Canadian citizen
2. 18 years of age on Election Day
3. a resident or owner of land in the Garden Valley School Division for at least six months on Election Day.

**\*Important:** If applying in writing, you must enclose photocopies of ID (an official document issued by the federal, provincial or municipal government that contains your name, address and photograph).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY**

Notice is hereby given that the following candidates have been elected by acclamation as follows:

**For Councillor, Ward Two:** LOEWEN, Bitz  
**For the Office of Reeve:** FRIESEN, Ike

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the Rural Municipality of Stanley will be taken to elect 4 Councillors for Ward 1 from the following duly nominated candidates:

**For Councillor, Ward One:**  
FEHR, Robert S.  
FROESE, Peter H.  
GIESBRECHT, Bob  
GOERTZEN, Jon  
UNRAU, Ray

**VOTING PLACES**

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

Ward One – Meridian Exhibition Centre, 1045 Grandeur Ave, Winkler

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

**ADVANCE VOTING**

An advance voting station will be held to accommodate persons who are qualified to vote but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day. This voting station will be located at the RM of Stanley Office, 1-23111 PTH 14, Stanley, and will be open on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**MOBILE VOTING**

A mobile voting station will be held at Boundary Trails Health Centre, 12140 Road 24W, Stanley, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on October 26, 2022 to accommodate persons who are qualified to vote but reside at a health care facility on October 26, 2022.

**APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE**

A voter who is unable to attend a proper voting station in person on Election Day or unable to vote at the advance voting station on October 19 may apply in person for a sealed envelope ballot at the Rural Municipality of Stanley Office, or by mailing the application to the RM of Stanley, 1-23111 PTH 14 Stanley, MB R6P 0B1, or by emailing the Senior Election Official at seo@rmofstanley.ca.

If applying in person, a voter may apply between September 29 and October 23, between 28 and 3 days before the Election.

A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying in writing by mail or by email, a voter may apply between July 26 and October 23, 2022.

A voter applying in writing by mail or email will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post or by making alternative arrangements with the Senior Election Official.

The voter must ensure that the SEO receives the outer envelope by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. The ballot package will not be counted if the package arrives after 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Dan Giesbrecht, Senior Election Official  
Rural Municipality of Stanley  
Phone: 204-325-4101 Email: seo@rmofstanley.ca



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## NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF WINKLER

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the City of Winkler will be taken to elect Mayor and Councillors from the following duly nominated candidates:

**For the offices of Councillor:  
(Six to be elected)**

1. Thomas Rempel
2. Peter Froese
3. Randy Rietze
4. Andrew Froese
5. Darryl Harder
6. Don Cruickshank
7. Greg Unrau
8. Don Fehr
9. Michael Grenier
10. Don Friesen
11. Mark Bennett
12. Dustin Brown
13. Marvin Plett

**For the office of Mayor:  
(One to be elected)**

1. Karl Krebs
2. Henry Siemens

### VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on Wednesday, the 26th day of October, 2022 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Meridian Exhibition Centre, Bernhard Thiessen Hall & Fieldhouse.

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

### ADVANCE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at City Hall Council Chambers, 185 Main Street, Winkler, and will be open Wednesday, October 12th, 2022, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at Buhler Active Living Centre, 650 South Railway Ave, Winkler, and will be open Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

### MOBILE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside at a health care facility, a mobile voting station will be set up at the following health care facilities on election day:

- |  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. Boundary Trails Health Centre, Chapel | 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM |
| 2. Eden Mental Health Centre, Gym        | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  |
| 3. Salem Home, Heritage Room             | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM  |

### APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by email to the senior election official at City of Winkler, 185 Main St, Winkler, MB R6W 1B4, or to seo@cityofwinkler.ca.

If applying in person\*, a voter may apply between September 28 and October 21st, 2022.

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If applying by mail or email\*\*, a voter may apply between September 28 and October 21st, 2022.

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Barb Dyck  
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City of Winkler  
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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

# Morden

### CITY OF MORDEN

Notice is hereby given that the office of Mayor has been acclaimed for the City of Morden:

**Office of Mayor**  
Brandon Burley (acclaimed)

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

**Offices of Councillor:**  
(six to be elected)

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. ABRAMS, Christopher | 6. LASSNIG, Florian |
| 2. FRIESEN, Ken        | 7. MADDOCK, Gordon  |
| 3. FRIESEN, Sheldon    | 8. PENNER, Nancy    |
| 4. FROST, Doug         | 9. SMITH, Sheldon   |
| 5. HIEBERT, Garry      | 10. WENTZ, Madison  |

### VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on Wednesday the 26th day of October 2022 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at: Access Event Centre, 111 Gilmour Street, Morden.

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

### ADVANCE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at Morden 55+ Activity Centre, 306 North Railway Street, Morden, and will be open Thursday, October 20, 2022 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

### MOBILE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside at a health care facility, a mobile voting station will be set up at the following health care facilities on election day:

1. Boundary Trails Health Centre, 12140 Road 24W, Stanley from 8:00AM-11:00AM
2. Tabor Home, 450 Loren Dr, Morden from 1:00PM-3:00PM
3. Homestead South, 400 Loren Dr, Morden from 4:00PM-6:00PM

### APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by fax to the senior election official at City of Morden, 100 – 195 Stephen Street, Morden MB, R6M 1V3, Fax: 204-822-6494 or by email at seomorden2022@gmail.com.

If applying in person\*, a voter may apply between September 28 and October 21.

\* A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying by mail or fax\*\*, a voter may apply between September 28 and October 21.

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Ted Fransen  
Senior Election Official (SEO)  
City of Morden  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

## NOTICE OF ELECTION Western School Division

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the Electors of the Western School Division will be taken to elect Four (4) School Trustees for Ward One from the following duly nominated candidates:

Ward One (City of Morden)

Burley, Lisa  
Guenther, David  
Hawryshko, Susana  
Petkau, Barb  
Reimer, Liz  
Wolfe, Darcy

(Four Trustees to be Elected)

Ward Two

(Rural outside of City of Morden)

Fransen, Brian (acclaimed)

(One Trustee to be Elected)

### VOTING PLACES

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For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside at a health care facility, a mobile voting station will be set up at the following facilities on election day:

<b>Boundary Trails Health Centre,</b> 12140 Road 24W, Stanley	<b>8:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>
<b>Tabor Home, 450 Loren Drive, Morden</b>	<b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Homestead South, 400 Loren Drive, Morden</b>	<b>4:00 PM – 6:00 PM</b>

### APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by fax to the Senior Election Official at the Western School Division Office, Unit 4, 75 Thornhill Street, Morden (fax 822-4262) or by email to divoff@westernsd.mb.ca

If applying in person\*, a voter may apply between September 28th, 2022 and October 21st, 2022.

\* A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying by mail or fax\*\*, a voter may apply between September 28th, 2022 and October 21st, 2022.

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Carl Pedersen  
Senior Election Official  
Western School Division  
Phone: 204-822-4448  
Fax: 204-822-4262



## FARMLAND TENDER

### FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

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

**McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby Law Office**  
14 Main St. S., Carman MB R0G 0J0

### PROPERTY FOR SALE

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

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

(Approximately 1 mile North of Elm Creek, Manitoba)

### CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders must be delivered to **McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby (Carman Office), 14 Main Street S., Box 1670, Carman, Manitoba by 2:30 p.m., October 20, 2022.**
3. Tenders must be accompanied by a **\$20,000.00** deposit cheque payable to McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
4. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
5. Tenders may be for either or both parcels.
6. Any questions pertaining to the property should be directed to Tom Mooney at (204) 745-2546 or email at tom@mmjssl.com

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an Agreement covering the terms and conditions of the sale.
2. Possession and closing date will be December 15, 2022.
3. The successful bidder will be responsible for all realty taxes following January 1, 2023 (the adjustment date).
4. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by the possession date or under such acceptable conditions, the deposit paid shall be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
5. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact Tom Mooney at:  
McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP  
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Carman, Manitoba R0G 0J0

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## SNOW REMOVAL TENDER

### TENDERS FOR SNOW REMOVAL



**Border Land School Division Invites Tenders for Snow Removal at the Following Locations for the 2022-2023 School Year**

1. Gretna Elementary School
2. Rosenfeld Elementary School
3. W.C. Miller Collegiate, École Parkside School, École West Park School, École Elmwood School and the Administration Office in Altona
4. Roseau Valley School in Dominion City
5. Administration/Transportation Office in Dominion City
6. Shevchenko School in Vita

All driveways and parking lots must be cleaned by 8 a.m., Monday-Friday. Please include type of machine, truck/machine sizes and hourly rates. Lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

**Tender Deadline is 1:00 PM on Friday, October 7, 2022**

Address All Submissions to:

Border Land School Division  
**Attention: Barry Friesen, Maintenance Manager**  
120 – 9th St. NW Altona, MB ROG OB1  
Email: [friesenb@blsd.ca](mailto:friesenb@blsd.ca)  
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## TENDER

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- Parcel 2:  
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#### Terms and Conditions of Tender and Sale:

1. Offer shall be submitted with a cheque payable to "Treble Gie LLP Trust" in the amount of \$10,000.00 as a deposit. Deposit cheques with unaccepted offers will be returned.
2. If an offer is accepted, the party submitting it will be notified of this acceptance and will be required to pay a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the accepted offer (purchase price) within ten (10) days of acceptance of the offer.
3. If an offer is accepted, the deposit will be held in trust and credited to the Vendor on the Possession Date as part of the purchase price.
4. Possession Date: December 1, 2022.
5. Property taxes adjusted as of January 1, 2023.
6. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by the Possession Date, or other satisfactory arrangements are not in place, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Vendor as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
7. If part of the purchase price is to be paid from the proceeds of a new mortgage, payment of that amount may be delayed by the time required for registration of the mortgage to be completed by the Land Titles Office and reported to the mortgagee and, if so, that amount shall bear interest payable to the Vendor at the same rate as the new mortgage until paid.
8. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the GST on the Purchase Price or shall self-assess the GST.
9. The Purchaser relies entirely upon its own personal inspection and knowledge of the property independent of any representation made by or on behalf of the Vendor.
10. Offers for more than one parcel must show a separate price for each parcel.
11. Highest or any offer not necessarily accepted.

#### Please submit tenders

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

#### For more information contact:

Doug Treble at (204) 873-2427  
Email: [doug@treblelaw.com](mailto:doug@treblelaw.com)

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Lana Meier  
Email: [news@stonewallteulontribune.ca](mailto:news@stonewallteulontribune.ca)  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF WINKLER PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2023 assessment roll for the City of Winkler has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of The Municipal Assessment Act.

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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

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

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must

- (a) be made in writing;
- (b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- (c) set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- (d) be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the Municipal Office at 185 Main Street, Winkler MB., or by serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, November 15th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the City of Winkler to hear applications. The **final date** on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **Tuesday, October 31st, 2022.**

Dated this 13th day of September 2022.

**Jody Penner, Secretary**  
Board of Revision  
City of Winkler  
185 Main Street,  
Winkler, MB R6W 1B4



## COMING EVENTS

Salem Foundation & Salem Ladies Auxiliary presents

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Thursday, October 6, 2022

Winkler Mennonite Church, 31 Willowdale Crescent, Winkler

Doors Open at 6 PM Dinner starts at 6:30 PM

Proceeds from the dinner will go to Cottonwood Renovation - Phase II

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Many thanks to friends and family for making my birthday celebrations extra special with your attendance, butterfly note good wishes, stories and blessings. Your generous donations of \$489.00 to PMHC Palliative Care are very much appreciated. Thank you

-Hazel Windsor

## DEVOTION

### Devotion

If you do not know  
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Heaven will not be  
your home.



## OBITUARY

### Ben Krahn 1953 - 2022



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of Ben Krahn of Horndean, MB, on Monday, September 19, 2022 at the age of 69.

Ben leaves to mourn his wife, Bette and their children, Carla (Dave), Steve (Stacy) and Mike (Desiree). He will be incredibly missed by his grandchildren, Liam, Sydney, Tanner, Matthew, Marley, Marshall and Kylo as well as his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ben and Margaret and by his brother, Neil as well as three siblings who died before the family moved to Canada.

Ben was born in Mexico on September 7, 1953 and through his life lived in Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia.

A celebration of his life was held on Friday, September 23, 2022 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ben's memory to the Children of Hope designated to Ancla de Amor.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler  
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[wiebefuneralhomes.com](http://wiebefuneralhomes.com)



## OBITUARY

### Ronald Allen Hiebert 1953 – 2022



On Wednesday, September 20, 2022 at the age of 69 years, Ron passed away gently, with Ruth by his side at Riverview Health Centre, Winnipeg, MB.

Ron leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife, Ruth (nee Wiebe); his precious daughter, Tamara; two brothers and their families.

He was predeceased by his parents, Peter and Katie Hiebert and one nephew.

During his early adult years, Ron lived and worked in the Morden/Winkler area. After marrying Ruth on June 10, 1989, he moved to Winnipeg and became a "city boy". Ron loved all kinds of sports but especially playing fastball, bowling, golf and watching the Jets

and the Blue Bombers. Above all of that, family meant everything to him. Once Tamara joined the family, he became a devoted Dad and spent many hours driving her to run clubs or to the mall to wait while she shopped, taking her to or picking her up from work and watching their favourite TV shows. Ron did everything he could to beat cancer, before and during the pandemic when doctor appointments and treatments were so much more difficult. He handled all of it with grace and positivity.

Memorial service was held on Monday September 26, 2022 at the Charleswood Mennonite Church.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ron's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society designated to research.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden  
In care of arrangements  
[wiebefuneralhomes.com](http://wiebefuneralhomes.com)



## OBITUARY

### Rosanne Reichert (nee Hauth) 1944 - 2022



It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Rosanne Reichert on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg.

Rosanne was born and raised in Thunder Bay, Ontario and went on to have a career with the Royal Bank of Canada, starting as a teller and working her way up to loans officer and branch manager at various locations in Winnipeg. After retiring, Rosanne and her husband, Clifford moved to Gimli before finally settling in Morden.

She grew up with a love of the outdoors, which carried on throughout her life. Whether camping or at the cottage, she always looked forward to getting away. Rosanne loved to sew, especially her quilts which she generously gave away. She enjoyed playing

bridge at the Morden Friendship Centre, where she also volunteered many hours to help run the bingo.

Rosanne is survived by her husband, Clifford, stepson, Sean and his wife, Shannon and their two daughters, Willow and Echo of Vancouver and niece, Nita of Morden. Rosanne was like a mother to Sean and Nita, always generous with her time and guidance. She loved being grandma to Willow and Echo, looking forward to their visits. Also left to mourn is the family dog, Missy who does not understand where her mom and walking partner has gone. Rosanne was our rock who looked after us all. We are ever grateful for her love and support. She will be missed.

Many thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Selkirk General Hospital and the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg.

A private service was held at the Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rosanne's memory to the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

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# Manitoba Rinks Sweep PointsBet Invitational

By Ty Dilello

Team Jennifer Jones and Team Reid Carruthers took home a cool \$50,000 for winning the inaugural PointsBet Canada Invitational in Fredericton, New Brunswick this past weekend.

The PointsBet Canada Invitational was a single elimination tournament-style event for 16 of the top Canadian men's and women's curling teams playing off for big cash prizes.

On the women's side, St. Vital's Jennifer Jones (with Altona's Emily and Mackenzie Zacharias now on the team) ran the gauntlet and won four matches in a row, extending the team's current winning streak to 12 games.

On Sunday morning, Jones defeated Alberta's Casey Scheidegger 7-4 in the championship final. Accompanied by third Karlee Burgess, second/vice-skip Mackenzie Zacharias, lead Lauren Lenentine and alternate Emily Zacharias, Team Jones pocketed a \$50,000 payday for winning the event.

"We felt chemistry instantly, and I wasn't sure because they were already an existing team, and I'm just a couple of years older than them, so I wasn't sure how that would all work," said Jones. "But I honestly feel like it's so easy. They're easy to be around, and I feel like we've just become one united team, which is crazy because it's only September."

It's been a tremendous start to the season for the new Team Jones. Jones, an Olympic gold-medallist, two-time world women's champion and six-time Scotties Tournament of Hearts winner, joined forces with the 2020 world and Canadian junior women's champions in Altona's Mackenzie Zacharias this past offseason.

Mackenzie Zacharias has moved from her traditional skip position to second while calling line for Jones when she throws as vice-skip. Mackenzie's younger sister Emily, who has played second the last few seasons, has been the odd one out on Team Jones, for the most part, usually being the team's fifth while also getting into some games at lead or second.

"I've had a couple of tournaments now to kind of figure it out," said Mackenzie Zacharias. "There wasn't a whole lot that's changed, but sweeping was probably the biggest thing for me. I hadn't really swept before, but I'm on a team with some amazing sweepers. They were able to give me some good pointers, and we've had a few people come out and teach me as well."

On the men's side, Team Reid Carruthers of the Morris Curling Club was the last team standing at the end of the day. Carruthers defeated Fort Rouge's Matt Dunstone (with Gimli's B.J. Neufeld and Winnipeg Beach's



CURLING CANADA PHOTO

Team Jennifer Jones, including third Karlee Burgess, second/vice-skip Mackenzie Zacharias, lead Lauren Lenentine and alternate Emily Zacharias, took home a cool \$50,000 for winning the inaugural PointsBet Canada Invitational in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Colton Lott) 8-4 in nine ends in an all-Manitoba championship final.

This was Team Carruthers third event together as a new team and their first title for skip Reid Carruthers, third Jason Gunnlaugson, second Derek Samagalski, and lead Connor Njegovan.

"We've been pretty good this whole

trip, and this is an amazing cap of a three-week stretch for us," said Jason Gunnlaugson. "We're having a lot of fun. Reid is probably one of the best leaders of a team on the ice, as he has us doing the right things. We're going to get there, I think."

## Old Farmer's Almanac makes its winter predictions

By Lorne Stelmach

The 2023 Canadian edition of the *Old Farmer's Almanac* delivers a warning for the country to be prepared for a chilly winter.

The annual weather forecast predicts that there is a good share of cold in store for most Canadians this winter, with a number of unusual mini-deep-freezes throughout many parts of the country.

Most people will be hoping the forecast is incorrect this time, though *The Old Farmer's Almanac* touts that its predictions over the past 231 years have been 80 per cent accurate.

The forecast usually gets the most attention with the annual release of the almanac, but managing editor Jack Burnett is always quick to note there is much, much more to it each year.

"Weather is only about five or six per cent of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*," he

noted. "It's food, it's gardening, it's history, it's folklore, it's astronomy; it's all kinds of other things."

"We go back to the founder of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, who was a guy named Robert B. Thomas ... he started *The Old Farmer's Almanac* in 1792 outside Boston, so we're the oldest continuously published periodical in North America," said Burnett. "What he had as his guidepost was to be useful with a pleasant degree of humour, and so that is what we have always tried to do."

The 2022-2023 weather forecast predicts that winter will arrive early with cold temperatures dropping down from the Yukon and northern Alberta to settle in across the Prairies and into southern Ontario and southwest Quebec.

By mid to late November, icebox conditions will arrive to likely worsen as the season progresses. For ex-

ample, in January, temperatures on the prairies could average 7 C below normal.

The southern portions of the prairies and most of British Columbia will sometimes be more wet than white with sleet and freezing rain more prevalent than usual.

In addition to its much-anticipated weather forecasts, *The Old Farmer's Almanac* Canadian edition also offers a variety of other highlights, including stories from family farms, gardening tips, recipes, practical life advice, and more.

Burnett noted their sales statistics show the annual editions always have strong readership and sales in Manitoba.

"The power of the prairies is unbelievable, and we know even in southern Manitoba we have thousands of friends, so we're very blessed in that regard," he said. "What people tell us

is, number one, we have a lot of useful information about just about everything you can think of."

He also suggested they are getting younger readers now as well.

"In particular, now that they're gardening more, hanging around the house or farm more, they find that the farmer's almanac is really useful. It is practical information," Burnett said.

"*The Old Farmer's Almanac* was kind of like the google of its day," he observed. "There was no place where you could find everything ... even today, people like *The Old Farmer's Almanac* because everything is sort of curated for you; it's all in one place."

"The second thing people tell us is it's safe, it's a known quantity. It's like we're reliable," he said. "People appreciate that; they use *The Old Farmer's Almanac* as something that is steady and reliable and safe and enjoyable ... it's like an old friend."

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# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



## Chili Con Carne

2 cups kidney beans, soaked overnight  
 1 jar Newman's Own Sockarooni or Marinara Pasta Sauce  
 2-3 cups water  
 2-3 tablespoons chili powder  
 1 teaspoon ground cumin  
 salt, to taste  
 pepper, to taste  
 1 cup chopped celery  
 1 can (8 ounces) corn  
 sour cream, for garnish  
 lime wedges, for garnish

Saute onion, garlic and green pepper in oil until soft. Add beef and brown. Add kidney beans, pasta sauce, water, chili powder, cumin and salt and pepper, to taste. Simmer, uncovered, 1 hour, stirring frequently.

Add celery and corn; simmer 1 hour. Garnish with sour cream and lime wedges.

Substitution: Use 3 cups cooked rice for meat to make vegetarian chili.

Prep time: 20 minutes  
 Cook time: 2 hours  
 Servings: 8  
 2 cups diced onion  
 3 cloves garlic, minced  
 1 green pepper, seeded and chopped  
 2 tablespoons cooking oil  
 2 pounds coarsely ground lean beef



## Lasagna a la Sockarooni

1 1/2 cups whole milk  
 Over high heat, boil large pot of heavily salted water. Once boiling, add lasagna noodles and cook until al dente then drain and set aside.

To make bechamel sauce: In saucepan over medium-low heat, melt butter. Add flour and stir with wooden spoon until paste forms. Add small amount of milk and stir until mixture loosens. Gradually add remaining milk and continue stirring with whisk. Cook sauce over low heat until thickened, about 10 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375 F.  
 In large, deep, oven-proof casserole dish, ladle small amount of pasta sauce followed by small amount of bechamel sauce. Sprinkle some Parmigiano Reggiano cheese over sauces and layer with three lasagna noodles. Continue pattern until dish is complete. Top final layer of noodles with remaining bechamel sauce and grated Parmigiano Reggiano.

Bake 25-30 minutes until golden brown and bubbling. Cool prior to serving.

Prep time: 10 minutes  
 Cook time: 25 minutes  
 Servings: 9  
 Salted water  
 1 package lasagna noodles  
 1 jar Newman's Own Sockarooni Pasta Sauce  
 2 cups Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, grated  
 Bechamel Sauce:  
 4 tablespoons butter  
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

## Roasted Garlic Whipped Feta Crostini



Recipe courtesy of Liz Della Croce of "The Lemon Bowl" on behalf of Milk Means More

Prep time: 10 minutes  
 Cook time: 10 minutes  
 Servings: 16  
 1 bulb garlic (about 12 cloves)  
 4 tablespoons olive oil, plus additional for drizzling, divided  
 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, divided

## Recycling 101 - Glass bottles and containers

By Karl Dahr

As members of the Rockwood Environmental Action Community Taskforce (REACT), people will often approach us with questions. The most frequently asked questions we get are about recycling in their community.

Most often, the questions are about if a specific item can be recycled or not, such as can I recycle Styrofoam containers? (Spoiler alert: you cannot). At other times, the questions are about how to recycle a specific item; these may be about the need to wash containers, break down boxes, etc. Over the years, we have compiled a number of these recycling questions and answers, and over the next few months we will be writing about what people have asked us about recycling.

We'll start off this series on glass recycling in Manitoba.

Glass jars and bottles from food products can be placed in blue bins and bags. Any colour of glass bottle or container is accepted. Glass should be lightly rinsed, but does not need to be washed (you'll understand why it doesn't need to be spotless later in this article.)

Lids should be removed from glass jars and bottles, but labels do not need to be removed. Please do

not include any broken glass in your recycling, as this cannot be handled by the recycling process. In terms of glass, only include food jars and bottles. Items such as windows, mirrors and pyrex containers, even if unbroken, should not be included in your recycling. These items need to be disposed of as regular waste.

Glass is not recycled in Manitoba, per se. While glass that is collected is crushed, it is not used to turn into other glass containers. Instead of being recycled, it is used as an aggregate in road construction. Much of the glass aggregate is actually used in roads within landfills. This reduces the need for landfill operators to truck in gravel for the same purpose.

Not convinced to put your glass into the blue bin? An important fact to consider is the funding model for towns and municipalities when it comes to recycling. Recycling funding payments are paid to towns and municipalities for each metric tonne of eligible material recovered from the residential waste stream. As you can imagine, the weight of glass really adds up here when it comes to payments to municipalities. Rather than pay to landfill glass, why not help keep waste collection fees low by putting it in the blue bin?

## Greek Chicken Fried Rice

Recipe courtesy of Lori Yates of "Foxes Love Lemons" on behalf of Milk Means More

Prep time: 15 minutes  
 Cook time: 13 minutes  
 Servings: 4  
 2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
 1 large chicken breast, finely chopped  
 1/2 cup chopped onion  
 3 cups prepared white rice  
 2 eggs  
 1 cup chickpeas, drained and rinsed  
 1/2 cup roughly chopped fresh parsley leaves  
 1/2 cup crumbled cow's milk feta cheese  
 1/2 cup grape tomatoes, quartered  
 1/3 cup Kalamata olives, halved

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt  
 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
 In wok or large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook until almost cooked through, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes.

Add onion; cook 1 minute, stirring frequently.  
 Add rice; cook 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Push rice to sides of wok, creating well in center of wok. Crack eggs into well and scramble vigorously with wooden spoon; cook 2 minutes, keeping eggs in well, or until eggs are fully cooked.

Add chickpeas, parsley, cheese, tomatoes, olives, lemon juice, salt and pepper; cook 2 minutes, or until warmed through, stirring frequently.

1 1/2 teaspoons pepper divided  
 32 baguette slices  
 8 ounces feta cheese  
 1/2 cup whole milk, plus additional, if necessary (optional)  
 2 tablespoons lemon juice  
 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds  
 1/4 cup parsley, minced  
 Preheat oven to 400 F. Slice garlic bulb in half, exposing garlic heads, and place in center of large piece of tinfoil. Drizzle each half with 2 tablespoons olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Wrap foil tightly around garlic and roast until caramelized, about 30

minutes.  
 Place baguette slices on large baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil. Bake on second rack in oven until golden brown about 10 minutes; set aside.  
 In high-speed food processor, pulse feta cheese, milk, lemon juice, remaining salt, remaining pepper and roasted garlic cloves until whipped and creamy, adding more milk as needed to reach desired consistency. Check for seasoning and adjust, to taste.  
 To serve, spread each baguette slice with whipped feta and sprinkle with pomegranate seeds and minced parsley.