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Caleb Atkinson presented the Prairie Chicken Dance as part of the Orange Shirt Day event at W.C. Miller Collegiate in Altona. See more inside this edition of the Voice.

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Driving away hunger in Rhineland

By Lori Penner

The Rhineland & Area Food Bank was bustling with activity Oct. 2 as dozens of local youth collected and delivered non-perishable food items for the FCC Drive Away Hunger food drive.

Around 80 teenagers from various local church groups including Altona Bergthaler, Altona EMMC, Gospel Family Church, Rosetown Church, South Park Mennonite Brethren and Altona Youth for Christ dedicated their evening to this cause.

"The response was amazing," said long-time volunteer Ang Stoesz. "Richard Bage organized all the youth groups, and kids from Gretna and Neubergthal also helped. It was just awesome to see all those young people participating."

Volunteers had a busy night as well with unpacking all the food and stocking shelves that had been nearly empty earlier that day, and residents were notified in advance about what items to donate.

"The list was good. We did get some extra things, but that's okay; we'll put those out too. We had a lot of financial donations, which is great because we buy a lot of our stock. It is the financial

donations that carry us throughout the year. We get a special rate for our purchases, and people who donate financially get a tax-deductible receipt, so it's just a win-win situation."

The drive resulted in the collection of 4,300 lbs of food and over \$4,000 in cash and cheques with more still to come.

Gazing at the loaded shelves, Stoesz anticipated they wouldn't be full for long.

"People need food. We average about 60 clients a week right now including single folks, couples and whole households, from all walks of life and different sizes of families."

The food bank also benefits from a list of about 40 volunteers.

"Every Monday, we have five volunteers in the morning and a different group in the evening, and then we rotate throughout the month. It's a lot of work, and we could not do this without them."

In addition to community donations, they also receive contributions from Co-op and IGA through the Second Harvest program.

"These are food items that are close to their best before date. If it's meat, they freeze it and bring it to us.

Reflecting on the food bank's histo-



PHOTOS BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

Local youth converged on the Rhineland & Area food bank Oct. 2 to deliver non-perishable food items, and the bags and boxes were weighed with a total of 4,300 lbs donated. Volunteers then stocked the shelves.



ry, Stoesz noted they started planning it in 1996, and they opened in 1997 in the Bergthaler Church basement.

"I worked the first day it was open, and it's still going strong. We started with two clients, and it's fair to say we have quite a few more now."

The new location on Centre Ave has been able to accommodate that

growth, she added.

"We needed a larger space that was accessible and where people could spread out a little bit. This location has been awesome."

Stoesz said they are deeply grateful to everyone who participated.

"It's quite a thing to watch. It is both amazing and heartwarming to wit-

ness so many of our youth giving their time in such a meaningful way. We are grateful to them and the leaders for helping to make this happen."

She also added a thank you to all the volunteers who showed up to help carry, sort and stock, and she expressed gratitude for the support the community has shown year after year.

"There are hardly words to describe how generous our area is," she concluded.

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Fundraising for SCCR



Last month, the Mike Pritchard Golf Tournament organizers presented a cheque for over \$51,000 to South Central Cancer Resource (SCCR). "We at SCCR are so grateful for the funds received from the Mike Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament," said Jack Pethybridge of SCCR. "The Pritchard family do a tremendous amount of work to make this tournament an annual success. The funds received are so beneficial in providing support for our clients battling cancer." Left to right are Darren Pritchard, Linda Pritchard, Jack Pethybridge, Al Pritchard.

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'Fire & Ice' face off for fundraiser

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a fun time for all involved, but even more important was the funds raised in support of Central Station Community Centre.

The Fire Versus Ice fundraiser last Friday had the Winkler Fire Department and Winkler Flyers take part in a skills competition.

The event also featured a drive-thru taco in a bag supper with all proceeds going to Central Station, and there will also be a coffee truck and mini donuts on-site for purchase.

"We got to see a whole community come together to fight poverty in Winkler," said marketing director Krista Rempel, who noted the fire department took top spot with over \$11,000 in donations for Central Station. "Donations were still coming in

and a final total was announced on our social media this week."

Rempel noted they were grateful to their sponsors including Sunvalley Cabinets and Windy Lane Towing along with many other local businesses which generously donated financially or otherwise.

"Fire Vs Ice was such a fun event. The Winkler Flyers and the fire department are incredible supporters of the work we do in the community, and they both showed up with so much heart and enthusiasm that it made the whole event into more than just a fundraiser," said Rempel.

"Our local community showed up to support the work we do, have some fun and cheer on their teams. We couldn't be more grateful to them for their continued generosity. Together, we are fighting poverty in Winkler."



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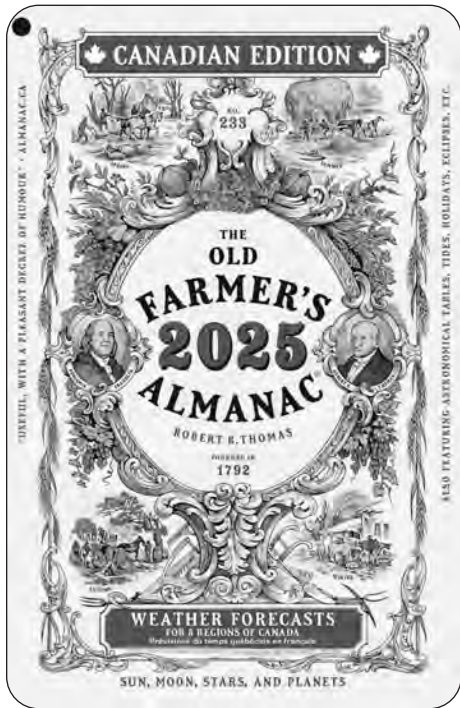


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The 2025 Old Farmer's Almanac Canadian Edition predicts this winter in the prairies will be colder and snowier than usual.

By Jennifer McFee

We enjoyed a warm and sunny September, but Manitobans know that's not going to last.

The 2025 Old Farmer's Almanac Canadian Edition predicts this winter in the prairies will be colder and snowier than usual.

"When we look across North America, the prairie region is one of the only places that will have a consistent snow cover," said editor-in-chief Carol Connare.

"That's what we're predicting — just a whole lot of precipitation going on."

Keep your parka and snow shovel handy because the white stuff will likely start to fall within the next two months, according to the Almanac's prairie weather predictions.

"It's going to be a lot of snow," Connare said. "Things will get going in mid-November, early and late December, early January, mid-February and early March. That's when we're calling for those storms and those snowy times."

Add to that cold snaps expected to coincide with the heavy snowfalls in December, January and February.

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Notice of Public Hearing

To Review Maximum Allowable Charges And Fees For Payday Loans and The Government Cheque Cashing Fee Tariff

PURSUANT to subsection 164.1(1) of The Consumer Protection Act (Act) (C.C.S.M. c. C200) (the Act), the minister of finance may, at any time, seek the advice and recommendations of the board with respect to any matter relating to the regulation of payday lenders or payday loans.

In accordance with the request of the minister, the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (Board) will conduct a public hearing to review charges and fees for payday loans and consider the impacts of possibly reducing the maximum allowable rate from \$17 per \$100 borrowed to \$14 per \$100 borrowed. On Dec. 23, 2023, the federal government released draft regulations to cap the maximum cost of borrowing for payday loans at 14 per cent of the loan value. The Board will also consider the impacts of reducing the proportion of a borrower's net pay, which is used to determine the maximum loan amount, from 30 per cent to 25 per cent.

In addition to the review of payday loans, the Board will review and make recommendations to the minister regarding the maximum fee any person may charge in Manitoba to cash a government-issued cheque. The current maximum fee is \$3 plus two per cent of the face value of the cheque.

These considerations, and other related matters, will be included in the Board's recommendations report to the minister.

Public Participation as a Presenter

The public is welcome to provide written submissions to the board. Written submissions should be received by Nov. 1, 2024.

Members of the public may also present their views orally to the board during the hearing. Anyone wishing to present oral submissions to the PUB should contact the board secretary by Oct. 15, 2024

Persons wishing to address the hearing in French are required to notify the board secretary on or before Oct. 15, 2024.

Scope of Review

Interveners may also wish to make written submissions regarding the scope of the review and to address any specific issues, beyond the mandatory review requirements that they seek to have the board consider.

Filing of Information

All material filed by approved Interveners, as well as public presentations, will be provided on the board's website.

Procedure

The board's Rules of Practice and Procedure will apply to the conduct of these hearings. All Interveners must familiarize themselves with the board's requirements. This document is available on the board's website or upon request to the board secretary at 400 – 330 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4, or by calling 204-945-2638 or toll free 1-866-854-3698, or via email at publicutilities@gov.mb.ca.

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Original signed by

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HEARING DATES AND LOCATION:

A public hearing will be held on the following days:

Date: Fri., Dec. 6, 2024,
Mon., Dec. 9, 2024, and
Dec. 11, 12 and 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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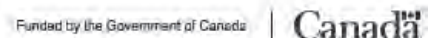


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It's too quiet.

Does it feel too quiet to you? The calm before the storm? The deep breath before the plunge, as Gandalf would say?

No, everything is fine. I just get morbid as fall arrives and with it October. The month of ghosts and ghouls, ever darker days, colder weather and the slow dropping of leaves to the ground preparing a blanket in time for the winter snows.

SIDENOTE: Every single thing I have ever attempted to predict in a paranormal kind of way has not come true. Is there such a thing as an anti-psyhic? Someone who is so statistically and improbably wrong with their predictions as to be uncanny.

If so, that's me.

Back to the season.

Actually, I quite like autumn. As dark as the days get, with night coming earlier and earlier, the days seems brighter and sunnier, and the air is crisper and lends a certain energy to your step.

We have stocked the wood pile for evenings around the fire pit. We are fortunate enough to have a hot tub, which we have topped up for the cooler evenings.

There is a feeling that the hatches are being battened down as we prepare for the cooler season.

I appreciate the fact our forebears saw fit to pack the coming months full

of festivities and celebrations to while away the time until spring comes again.

I mean one cannot blame them. You don't have to go back too far before you find a people whose lives were lit by candlelight, whose meals were cooked over the fire and whose schedules were set by the rising and setting sun.

This made for some loooooong possibly boring fall and winter evenings. So, we have things like Thanksgiving, Hallowe'en, Christmas, Diwali, Hanukkah, Rubi Ul Awal and much more.

These celebrations are generally celebrations of light and bounty. They are times when family and friends come together. Good times. Times to remind us of the good things we have in our lives.

Of course, in the midst of it all is Hallowe'en - a particularly fun holiday from my perspective. It's a time when children and adults dress up as their favorite creature and wander the earth seeking offerings of candy and treats.

M and I have already picked out our costumes for this year. We like to

dress up, even if we don't usually go out. It's fun to be in character for the goblins that come to the door.

Of course, no one wins Hallowe'en quite like our editor, and should you happen upon a home in Winkler that feels a tad 'too Hallowe'en', you have likely stumbled across hers. But I digress.

We have transitioned seasons and are now in the time of preparation for the days to come.

There is an increased sense of urgency to that we do at this time of year. Harvest is finishing; jarring (I refuse to say canning) is close to an end, and we seek a sense of readiness for whatever lies ahead.

As you read this, perhaps you hear the sound of Canada Geese honking their way south as they fly overhead.

I hope you are one of those who can count their blessings. If you are not, I hope you come to find those blessings and are comfortable enough to seek them out as you have need.

Enjoy the season and stay warm.



By Peter Cantelon

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Rainy Days

Rainy days are part of our lives. More recently in our region the volume of rain has surprised, and, for at least some in our communities, been a cause of extra work, burden, and inconvenience.

"Rainy days" is more than a description of water or excess water falling from the sky. It may be used in the English language to



By Randy Smart

describe an unwelcome circumstance or situation. Emotionally we can be vulnerable when it seems like too many things are rushing into our present day. We wonder what we can do about the circumstances and may be tempted to despair. It could be financial. You may have been told that you should save for a rainy day. In other words, when you can, put some money away for a future unexpected need. That is a good practice.

A rainy day may be about matters related to our health or the health of others we love and care for. We all have moments when we have a sense of loss and at least temporary need to process and express our pain.

As I sat in my home watching the pounding rain I wondered if the Bible had any insights about rainy days. People have experienced rain ever since the days of Noah. Rain became part of the cycle of God's provision for the land and the people of

the earth. The climate in some other parts of the world is more arid and the need for rain is more critical. Our region normally receives enough water for drinking and crops, for which we can give thanks.

The prophet Ezekiel used the image of the sun and rainbow emerging after the storm as he described a vision of the glory of God and "the radiance around him."

In the New Testament book of Acts we find an interesting story of hospitality that took place "when it was raining and cold." Beginning in Acts 26 we read about the apostle Paul's experience in difficult circumstances. He was a prisoner of the Roman justice system. He appeared before various Roman leaders and told his story of personal faith in Jesus Christ. He appealed to Caesar and was sent by ship with other prisoners. The final destination would be Rome. Acts 27 describes a great storm and the shipwreck that followed. Not boring reading at all. The ship ran aground

and either by swimming or floating in to shore on planks "everyone reached land safely."

The wet and weary prisoners and their guards found themselves on the island of Malta. Paul records "The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold..."

When we recognize people who are experiencing a "rainy day", an unwelcome circumstance or situation, we have the opportunity to be helpers in the moment to offer unusual kindness to meet their present needs. You may have experienced that kind of assistance. God is pleased when we help others in their times of need. Everybody has a rainy day now and again.

Randy Smart has been a pastor in Southern Manitoba since 1979.

STARS seeks public assistance in safe drone and laser usage

By Lana Meier

With the growing popularity of drones and laser pointers among the public, STARS is emphasizing the importance of responsible usage to guarantee the well-being of its aircraft, crew, and patients.

The use of drones and lasers near aircraft in areas such as helipads, emergency scenes, or airports can pose a real threat to aircraft safety. These objects have the potential to distract and disorient pilots, create glare in the cockpit, or obstruct the flight path. The risks of unsafe drone and laser usage can impact the crew and cause further harm to the patients STARS serves. Should a situation escalate, under the Aeronautics Act, legal action can be taken against an individual using a laser or a drone close to an aircraft.

According to Frank Eigenbrood, STARS director of safety and quality, our goal is for individuals to have a pleasant experience utilizing drones and lasers while also prioritizing safety. Irresponsible drone operation in close proximity to our flight paths can put our crew and patients at risk, which is why we are seeking the support of our community and advocates to spread awareness about these potential hazards.

During a mission, the STARS flight crew can face a variety of challenges such as weather, harsh terrain, dense

city landscapes, etc. and although these are aspects of operating an air ambulance that can often be hard to navigate, they are uncontrollable, and sometimes unavoidable. Unlike these challenges lasers and drones can and should be controlled and avoided; it is important to ensure that there are no added stressors throughout a mission.

"Our pilots and crew members are highly trained to handle a variety of challenges, but the increased use of lasers and drones, especially this summer, near our aircraft is a growing concern. From night operations to challenging conditions, our pilots try to minimize these hazards which can disrupt critical rescue missions and put both our crew, patients and the communities we serve at risk," said Jason Arthur, STARS director of flight operations.

The government mandates registration for all drones weighing between 250g and 25kg. After registration, drones must display their unique registration number. While STARS cautions drone and laser operators against using them near airports, helipads, or emergency scenes, there are still designated areas where drones may be flown: within visual range (below 122m), at least 1.9km away from heliports, 5.6 km away from airports and controlled airspaces, and avoiding emergency sites and adver-

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Region drives away hunger

By Lorne Stelmach

Volunteers came together across the region last Wednesday for the annual Drive Away Hunger campaign.

The initiative spearheaded through Farm Credit Canada (FCC) collected food in Morden, Winkler and Altona.

An array of volunteers were involved in collecting food in the three communities, and groups like Youth for Christ in Morden were on hand to help with sorting the food at the Morden Alliance Church, Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church and the Rhineland Area Food Bank in Altona.

"There's a large need for it especially in the rural communities. It's important to get more food donated to the local food banks," said Kailey Johnson, a relationship management associate with FCC in Morden.

"Everything that is collected at places like the co-op stores here goes to the communities here," she emphasized. "It's nice to have the local food stay local, especially when there is such a large need in our communities."

Drive Away Hunger is an agriculture and food industry effort to connect the food we produce with the people who need it the most, and it supports food banks and other food security agencies nationwide.

The concept for the campaign originated in 2004 when an FCC employee drove an open-cab tractor trailer

around Ontario for eight days to collect almost 60,000 pounds of food.

"Then it kind of exploded across the country and it became what it is today," said Johnson, who noted the campaign provided for the equivalent of 143 million meals nationwide in 2023. The total last year for Morden, Winkler and Altona came to about 29,500 meals.

The importance of this initiative is highlighted by the fact that it is estimated nearly 20 per cent of Canadians get their food from charitable organizations, yet 3.2 million tonnes of surplus edible food is produced in Canada each year, and 96 per cent of it is not rescued.

"FCC did start Drive Away Hunger, but now it's kind of become its own thing. We partner with various organizations," noted Johnson.

She feels the campaign has always been well supported in this region.

"It has done really well the past few years here ... it's gone over really well," she said. "It looks like each year it's at least about the same or a little more donated, and that is awesome."

Reilly Smith of Youth for Christ in Morden said it is a great opportunity for their youth to participate in the community.

"It's really cool to be able to help our youth to be able to contribute back to the community and also to enable



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Volunteers assembled at the Morden Alliance Church last Wednesday to sort and pack food collected for the annual Drive Away Hunger campaign.

other youth groups throughout the community to be able to collect food and help the community," said Smith.

"It gives them a sense of purpose ... instead of just taking and receiving, they have an ability to give back to others and they can contribute to their community and through that to society as a whole.

"There would be a significant number of teens who don't have easily accessible ways to give back to their community, at least in ways that they know about," he added. "So this provides an easy way for teens to be able

to give back to their community that they can participate in and that they have guidance in yet are making a difference."

It is also good for them to be exposed to the level of need in the community. "Some teens are intimately familiar with the level of need in the community because they are experiencing it ... others maybe have no idea.

"It's a really cool opportunity for them to become part of the larger picture and to better understand what is going on," Smith concluded. "It's really cool. There's a lot of community coming together."

Memorial fund honours local youth

By Lorne Stelmach

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A new fund under the umbrella of the Winkler Community Foundation will benefit the local community in memory of a local youth.

The Wyatt Kash Fehr memorial fund was created through the foundation to support the construction of an outdoor classroom to be built in his honour.

The outdoor classroom is currently in the planning phase and will be located at J.R. Walkof School, where Wyatt was a student before tragically losing his life in an accident.

The structure will keep Wyatt's memory alive in the hearts and minds of his school and the broader community, noted executive director Myra Peters, adding the fund will continue to support community projects in his memory.

"It is always especially meaningful to have a memorial fund set up here at the foundation," said Peters.

"They have a project that's dear to their hearts that they want to see happen in the near future, but the fund will last beyond that project and will continue to support other initiatives in the community in support of Wyatt, and it is very exciting to be a part of it."

"With the fund in place, the family hopes to be able to give back and support future projects in Wyatt's memory," said uncle Ed Penner. "There were so many individuals and businesses in the community wanting to show support to the family and contribute to Wyatt's outdoor classroom project, so the fund was put in place to give them a way to support this project."

Some of the personality and character of Wyatt was noted in a press release from the foundation.

"His passion for superheroes, dramatic play, cars, blocks and building brought a delightful energy to each day," the release stated. "Wyatt's enthusiasm for celebrating his friends and their unique interests was heartwarming, and his love for listening to stories added an extra layer of joy to his interactions."

Peters said the outdoor classroom project will be a great addition to the community and provide multiple benefits.

"It will be a really nice addition to the J.R. Walkof School amenities," she said. "Teachers can use it for some of their class time, and families can use it for picnics and things. It should be a really nice addition to the community."

The community is invited to support the Wyatt Kash Fehr outdoor classroom project by donating



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The Wyatt Kash Fehr memorial fund was created through the foundation to support the construction of an outdoor classroom to be built in his honour.

to the Winkler Community Foundation. Please include a note designating the funds for the Wyatt Fehr project. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax-deductible receipt at year end.

Big boost for Genesis House project

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers were optimistic the Ride for Refuge fundraiser Saturday would meet if not exceed its \$20,000 goal.

The event had participants walk or bike either a two or five kilometre route that started and finished at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

There were 60 participants, and the donations had been at \$19,350 with money still able to come in until the end of the month, so lead organizer Karina Bueckert was pleased with the response.

"I would say this was a super successful event. A huge thank you to everyone who braved those crazy southern Manitoba winds to come out and join us," she said.

Bueckert was feeling good about their chances to give the shelter a good head start on its future transitional housing project.

With the soaring costs of housing, it's become increasingly more difficult for women who want to permanently leave an abusive partner, and it is estimated only about 12 per cent of women move into their own housing upon leaving the shelter. The remaining 88 per cent move into temporary living situations or in many cases, return to their abuser.

"This is the first official fundrais-



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The Ride for Refuge had 60 participants Saturday in Morden, and they had already nearly met the \$20,000 goal.

er that is fully tasked to the Genesis House transitional housing project. They are working on fundraising for a 25 unit transitional housing project that they would like to complete," said Bueckert.

"Transitional housing is the secondary housing after the shelter. Currently they have one unit and are in real need for more as the housing demand



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is tough right now," she said.

Ride for Refuge which is run / operated nation wide by Blue Sea Foundation, which also runs the Coldest Walk of the Year event that Central Station ran last year," she

noted. "They approached Genesis House to see if we wanted to participate in this event, so this is our first year doing it, and we are so grateful for all the support."

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"The good news is we're saying spring will be warmer than normal," she said.

"And we're calling it a good grower's summer — cooler and wetter than normal so maybe we won't spend all our time watering. That's a little bright spot."

Founded by Robert B. Thomas in 1792, The Old Farmer's Almanac is the oldest continuously published periodical in North America. The publication bases its weather forecasts on a combination of meteorology, climatology and solar radiation.

Besides weather predictions, The Old Farmer's Almanac Canadian Edition touches on many other interesting topics.

"This year, there's a really cool story on heritage breeds of Canadian cows that are making comebacks thanks to farmers," Connare said.

"These kind of heirloom breeds are finding uses again because they are hardy and used to the topography. That's kind of a fun story."

Another must-read, according to Connare, is a story that outlines the Canadian origins of baseball.

"We talk about the first recorded baseball game in 1838 in Ontario and some other Canadian firsts," she said. "One that really stands out to me is that a Toronto player invented the outfielders' glove. Something I didn't know is that American sensation Babe Ruth hit his first homerun at a game in Toronto before he went to the U.S."

Another story highlights the power of tea as a home remedy and shares some of its health benefits.

"There's new data on tea and it's pretty fascinating. Every time I would read it, I would just fix a new cup," Connare said with a laugh. "It's a good way to get through a cold winter."

The Canadian edition also features winners of essay and recipe contests.

"The Almanac has its usual spin. We really concentrate on people who love to grow, so there's a lot of gardening information and stories of people who love to watch the night sky. We update all of that for the coming year," Connare said.

"I think what makes people also love the Almanac is that it's witty. We have trends and fun stories about backyard

chickens and how to stay cool without air conditioning — things that might be useful."

The 2025 Old Farmer's Almanac Canadian Edition is available wherever books and magazines are sold. A list of stores is available at Almanac.ca/Wheretobuy, and they encourage readers to shop local. Print copies are also available through Amazon, and digital editions can be purchased at Almanac.ca/Shop.

Other popular publications include the annual Garden Guide, a digital monthly magazine called EXTRA!, The Old Farmer's Almanac for Kids and a collection of wall and desk calendars.

The website also offers information on everything from food and history to weather and astronomy.

Thrift shop makes an impact in community

Fall grants presented to community organizations

By Lorne Stelmach

It was especially meaningful for Tara Bennett and her daughter Emily to receive a \$45,000 cheque from the Morden Community Thrift Shop Monday.

They joined Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation executive director Shannon Samatte Folkett in receiving the grant, and it was among \$211,000 in total presented to 15 community organizations.

The funds will go towards special heated chairs for the chemotherapy unit at the hospital, and it was an idea that arose as a result of Emily being diagnosed with stage three lymphoma.

"Instead of just focussing on the fact she had just been diagnosed with cancer, she wanted to make a positive impact on her community, and we thought this would be a way to do that," explained Tara, who is manager of the chemotherapy and medical unit at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

The thought came from their experience of being at the Health Sciences Centre, where they had a suite with a

chemotherapy chair, and they saw the need for something similar here.

"They could also have elevated comfort for whether they're there for 30 minutes for a dressing change or five hours for a chemotherapy treatment, so this will make a huge impact on at least 200 patients per month and for years to come," said Tara.

"I was not distraught," recalled Emily. "All I could think of was how can I make this positive ... so being able to impact hundreds of people in their treatment experiences is so incredibly gratifying."

The grants presented by the thrift shop Monday also included the following:

- Menzies Medical Centre - \$45,000.
- STARS air ambulance service - \$25,000.
- Morden Police Service - \$15,000 for equipment.
- 500 Stephen community centre - \$15,000 for building operations.
- Many Hands Resource Centre - \$12,000 to assist the food bank.
- Morden Community Handivan - \$10,000 towards a new van.
- Morden Area Foundation - \$10,000 for the learn and return health care bursary.
- Morden Fire and Rescue - \$10,000 for breathing apparatus.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters - \$5,000 for its mentorship program.



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The Morden Community Thrift Shop presented \$211,000 in grants Monday. Front and centre was volunteer Nettie Berg, who was also honoured for her 50 years of service.

- South Central Regional Library - \$5,000 for improvements.
 - Morden Family Resource Centre - \$5,000 for improvements.
 - Morden minor soccer - \$5,000 for financial assistance.
 - Small Wonders Nursery School - \$2,000 for financial assistance.
 - Morden Winterfest - \$2,000 for assistance with transportation costs.
- Kent Noel, president of the Morden

Community Thrift Shop, noted this support is the result of about 19,200 hours put in by the volunteers in a year.

"It's a lot of work," said Noel, who noted it was nice for them to hear directly from the organizations about the impact of the thrift shop support.

"We're here for the community, and it really just lets us know how much it is needed, and we're glad we're here to help."

Thrift shop volunteer honoured

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Community Thrift Shop had another reason to celebrate Monday other than handing out \$211,000 in grants to 15 community organizations.

The thrift shop also presented a gift of flowers and a card to Nettie Berg, who has been a devoted volunteer now for half a century.

"That's going to be hard for any-

body to surpass that," said president Kent Noel. "It's an honour to be able to work along with her.

"That is an achievement I don't think anybody is going to pass," he said. "We've got a lot of volunteers that have many, many years, but I just don't think we're going to have another one that can do the 50 year mark.

"She's always bubbly. She does our

sorting on Wednesday mornings and always smiling, just a joy to be around actually," added Noel.

As for Berg, it was a little overwhelming for her to be singled out.

"It's hard to be recognized, sort of embarrassing," said Berg, who recalled starting when she was a young stay at home mother until her youngest child went to school.

"I enjoy it. I've done 50 years, and

I'm still here, and I don't intend to quit. It's been good," said Berg.

"I enjoy the people. I like to get together with the people and have coffee with them and visit while we're working," she said. "I've gotten to know a lot of people ... so that's been good."

And she has no plans to retire.

"Not yet ... as long as my health stays good, I will keep working."

Gaming community invited to make a difference

Voice staff

The local gaming community is gearing up for another event that will also have a charitable benefit.

An EtherLan gaming event is set for Oct. 18 and 19 at the Bunker at 545 Industrial Drive in Winkler.

It is a fundraiser to raise funds for the youth centre in Puerto Rico.

"We have been reaching individuals through the gaming world and sharing the gospel for 20 years," said Harold Espinosa.

It was decided before the first EtherLan even got off the ground that this was going to become a fundraiser for the church in Puerto Rico. La Fortaleza - Bunker (The Bunker in Fajardo Puerto Rico) was

completed in 2015 and started running programs as of 2019.

Fast forward to 2022, Etherlan has had many volunteers and sponsors over the past many years, but the goal remains the same - to raise money to help support La Fortaleza - Bunker in Puerto Rico.

Next weekend's event is open to all ages. Doors open Friday at 6 p.m.

with a cost of \$30. People are asked to bring their own PC or game controller and a smile.

Food will be available for purchase. For any questions, contact Harold Espinosa at 1-204-332-0586.

Record breaking pumpkin wins Roland Pumpkin Fair weigh-off

By Ty Dilello

The Roland Pumpkin Fair was a fun, action-packed event. Hundreds of people came out to enjoy the festivities, but perhaps the highlight of the weekend was the big pumpkin weigh-off and giant drop.

On Saturday, at the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth weigh-off, pumpkin grower Charlie Bernstrom of Lancaster, Minnesota, stole the show once again. Previously being the weigh-off winner three times, Bernstrom was crowned the 2024 champion with a massive pumpkin that smashed the previous record he set in 2018, which was 1,753.5 pounds.

This year, his giant pumpkin weighed 2,004 pounds, making it the largest winner at the Roland Pumpkin Fair. This was also the first time in the fair's history that a pumpkin entry had succeeded in reaching the 2,000-pound mark.

Bernstrom thought he had the record last year, but the pumpkin slated for the Roland Pumpkin Fair in 2023 had a crack, which he discovered when he went to pick it up the day before the weigh-off. Because the crack went into the pumpkin's cavity, it is disqualified from the weigh-off. However, Bernstrom weighed it at home, and it was 2,100 pounds.

The Bernstroms come across the border from Emerson, approximately an hour's drive from Roland.

"We always look forward to coming up to the Roland Pumpkin Fair each

year," said Bernstrom. "It's always nice to see so many familiar faces up there."

The Bernstroms weighed their first pumpkin in Roland back in 2013 and have been travelling to Pumpkin Fairs in the Midwest United States and Roland ever since. His three daughters have been with him since the beginning and have been part of the pumpkin-growing process since day one, helping grow them and even naming them.

"We hadn't brought a pumpkin to Roland with us since 2019, and we were excited to bring a big one up this year," said Bernstrom. "So when it weighed over 2000 pounds, and to have all three of our girls up there to see it made it special. Our middle girl Blake had named this pumpkin 'Jasmine,' so she was excited. They do such a great job running the Roland Pumpkin Fair, and we can't wait to be back next year."

The Bernstroms will now take their giant pumpkins to Stillwater, Minnesota, where they will compete in one more pumpkin fair next weekend to close out their 2024 season.

Other winners in the top ten included: Dan Friesen 1446.5 lbs, Cornie Banman 1335 lbs, Jason Terwin 1322 lbs, Marge Banman 1264 lbs, Henry Banman 1263 lbs, Marlene Terwin 1239 lbs, Scott Myslichuk 1223.5 lbs, Leigh Terwin 1208 lbs, Helen Banman 1198 lbs.

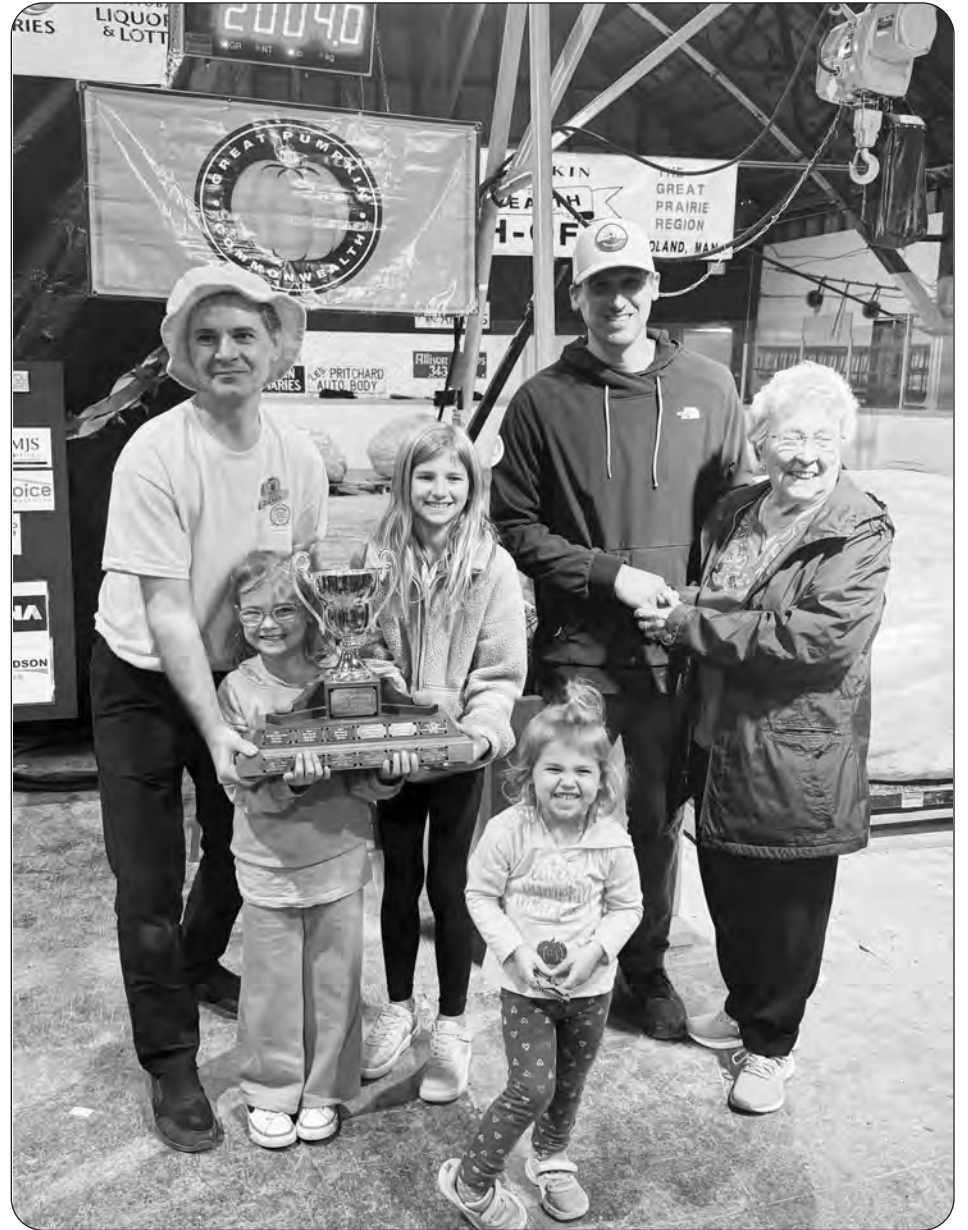


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Charlie Bernstrom of Lancaster, Minnesota was victorious at the 2024 Roland Pumpkin Fair's Great Pumpkin Weigh-Off, with massive record-breaking pumpkin of 2,004 pounds. Cash prize for first place was \$1,500.



Unfortunately the strong winds last Saturday wreaked havoc on organizers plans forcing a number of events to be cancelled and postponed.

The giant pumpkin drop was rescheduled to Sunday. The 1,200 lb pumpkin was dropped onto a chevy car. The fire department even supplied a crash test dummy that was smashed in the car. The car will be used by the department as a practice car for extractions.

Janzen's celebrates grand opening in Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

The grand opening of the new Janzen's Paint and Decorating in Winkler last Friday morning was a celebration of challenges overcome.

First, there was the sudden, accidental death of owner Doug Janzen, and then came not only a fire at the company's Steinbach location but then the blaze which destroyed the Winkler location.

"It's been a real journey for all of us," general manager Sandy Demke said following the ribbon cutting ceremony. "It's been great. The staff have been super. I couldn't have done it without the staff."

It was remarkable that the business kept operating in a temporary location after only having been closed for about a month.

"It was not an ideal retail location, but people still found us ... that was huge, and the community was great in supporting us," said Demke.

"What stands out is I think we all would have made Doug proud," she suggested. "I think he would be looking down on us and very excited for us to have this building. It's a nice facility for everybody, for the whole community."

They opened for business in their new building around the end of July, and Demke noted it is interesting that people think it is larger.

"It feels very open ... it's actually a little bit less space overall. Everybody thinks it's bigger, but it's not. It was T-shaped, and now it's square, so we're about a thousand square feet less, but the retail space has stayed the same. We just downsized in different areas."

"Today, to be back here, is success," said Winkler Mayor Henry Siemens.

"All of it, they have overcome with perseverance, with faith, with hard work. We are so extremely proud of Sandy and her team and what they have done," said Siemens. "This is



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"What stands out is I think we all would have made Doug proud. I think he would be looking down on us and very excited for us to have this building," said general manager Sandy Demke following the ribbon cutting ceremony Friday morning.

how you build a community. This is how you build a business."

'pRETTy' awesome campaign debuts Oct. 1 for Rett syndrome

By E Antonio

Across the globe, October is known as Rett syndrome Awareness Month. Rett syndrome is a genetic disorder that primarily affects women ages 4 to 45. There are only 20 known Manitobans currently living with Rett syndrome, and 15-year-old Ema Guimond of Oak Bluff was diagnosed with Rett syndrome in 2013.

Rett syndrome was first observed in 1954 when Dr. Andreas Rett identified several body movement behaviour patterns in two girls. Later in 1982, Dr. Bengt Hagberg once again noted these movement symptoms.

According to Trish Guimond, Ema's Mom, significant advancement came in 1999 when Ruthie Amir discovered the MECP2 gene. Mutations in this gene cause Rett syndrome, confirming it as an X-linked dominant disorder primarily affecting girls.

Individuals living with Rett syndrome may experience slower intellectual processing, miss developmental milestones or have a lack of control over their body movements.

"Ema is our youngest of five children. She's just like any other teenage girl," explained Guimond.

Guimond is the current President of the Manitoba Rett Syndrome Association (MRSA), a registered organization that aims to promote awareness about Rett syndrome and share resources with Manitobans. Ema's

Mom and her Dad, Lionel Guimond, have been involved with the organization since receiving Ema's diagnosis in 2013.

Guimond wants to raise awareness about Rett syndrome in rural communities, she mentioned that many people go undiagnosed with Rett syndrome because it is so rare.

"We know there must be more in the province," she added. Later noting that if people know what Rett syndrome is, more people might look into getting a proper diagnosis.

Ema's Rett syndrome diagnosis gave some closure to her family. Guimond explained that she first heard of Rett syndrome when a friend asked her about it. "We looked it up online, and Ema had many similar characteristics."

After their research, Ema had a genetics appointment which confirmed that she had Rett syndrome.

"The Rett diagnosis gave us information so we could move forward," said Guimond, who added that Ema was initially diagnosed with Autism.

Once they received the diagnosis, they were able to access more resources and information to help them navigate Rett syndrome.

Currently, Manitobans looking for more information on Rett syndrome can visit www.rettsyndrome.mb.ca. The website features resources and information on Rett syndrome. Start-



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October is Rett syndrome Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness for rare genetic disorders. Buildings across Canada will light up purple on Oct. 29 for Light Canada Purple Day in honour of Rett syndrome Awareness Month. 15-year-old Ema Guimond was diagnosed with Rett syndrome in 2013; since then, her parents, Trish and Lionel Guimond, have been involved with the Manitoba Rett Syndrome Association (MRSA) by promoting education and resources for Rett syndrome.

ing Oct. 1, an updated version of the webpage will launch. "The new website will have updated resources and contact information," explained Gui-

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Salem Home fall faspa coming up Oct. 27

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Foundation's annual fall Faspa, Fellowship & Song fundraiser takes place at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church in just a few weeks.

The gathering is at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, with funds raised from the event's freewill offering (in lieu of admission) going towards the development of the "Salem Park" project at the personal care home.

"We want to give the residents an opportunity to walk outside, but not on the street sidewalks," explains Salem CEO Karin Oliveira.

Located at the corner of 15th St. and Pembina Ave. in Winkler, the existing sidewalks in the area aren't ideal for residents to navigate on their own or even with a friend or family member.

"Our sidewalk that we have just beside our building, it ends up in the parking lot, so it's not very safe for residents to go on their own," Oliveira says, pointing out the public sidewalks are also alongside a very busy pair of streets and have some sections that are difficult to navigate by those with mobility challenges.

"It's busy, it's noisy, and even when our volunteers or families take our residents out to walk on the sideway, it's quite bumpy," she says. "Sometimes just going up and down, like from the street back up onto the sidewalk, it's not very easy with a wheelchair."

The solution, Salem feels, is to create a new walking path closer to the building that will take residents all around the care home's property.

"We have a design that will take this sidewalk under the trees, kind of weaving around the trees, around the building," Oliveira says. "It will connect to a door that goes in the building and out again on the other side. The idea is this park will progress—so the sidewalk can eventually continue into the patio there and then it can go around the building and connect to the other patio."

"Eventually, as we finish our construction, we'll have a campus here with a sidewalk where residents can walk safely."

Salem hasn't broken ground on the project yet, but they have drawn up landscaping plans for it. They envision a space that, in addition to the walking path, could one day include memorial benches and trees, art sculptures, and other feature pieces.

"There's a lot of potential," Oliveira says. "We're very excited about this. We have been working hard to not



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The Baker Hutterite Choir will perform at Salem Foundation's Faspa, Fellowship & Song fundraiser Oct. 27.

just do things that benefit our residents, which obviously we do, but that would also somehow include the community. We feel sometimes our residents are disconnected and we are trying hard to connect them back to the community.

"With this walkway, people will have an opportunity to maybe come and visit and just go for a walk."

They estimate the cost to get started to be around \$50,000.

Salem's faspas routinely bring in upwards of \$15,000 to \$18,000—a great start for this project, says Salem Foundation executive coordinator Susan Hildebrand, who notes they've already secured some outside grants to get the ball rolling as well.

"And we've already had some donations come in from family members of former residents who want to donate to this," adds Oliveira.

This year's Faspa, Fellowship & Song features music from the Baker Hutterite Choir.

The choir is made up of members who call the Baker Hutterite Community on the edge of the Pembina Escarpment home.

Their repertoire consists primarily of sacred German and English pieces in a variety of styles, ranging from baroque to gospel.

On the menu that afternoon are all your faspa favourites: buns with butter or jam, cheese, pickles, and an array of desserts.

"They'll have pumpkin pie with whipped cream," shares Hildebrand. "And then your chocolate cream cheese cupcakes, some apple cinnamon cookies—those kind of dainties

that just make your mouth water."



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Blanket exercise builds understanding

By Lorne Stelmach

A blanket exercise in Morden last Wednesday offered an example of how Indigenous and non-Indigenous can come together to work toward more reconciliation and understanding.

The Morden Activity Centre hosted the blanket exercise presented by Braving the Healing and funded by Kairos Canada.

Braving the Healing aims to share knowledge through story telling, and the blanket exercise walks the participants through 500 years of history in an experience of empathic learning.

It is an experience and a workshop educational tool that is used to revisit



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A blanket exercise last Wednesday at the Morden Activity Centre revisited Canada's history through an Indigenous lens.



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Canada's history through an Indigenous lens. It is a history lesson and a demonstration that invites participants from all cultural backgrounds to experience the history of Canada's indigenous and non-indigenous relationship.

Trained facilitators introduce participants to the timeline of historical Canadian events that span from before the European colonizers arrived to today. This is the story of the shared history of the indigenous and non-indigenous peoples of Canada.

The exercise was led by Viola Plett, who was the eldest of four children but whose life took a heart-wrenching turn when she and her siblings were forcibly separated from their parents

in 1962. She has reclaimed her Indigenous language and culture.

Part of the exercise as well was Carolyn Moar, an elder who has been walking traditionally for over 25 years and has worked in the community for 30 years. Another co-facilitator was Mat Pilgrim, who is a member of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and who has experienced many forms of persecution from living in a small town in rural Manitoba.

The Blanket Exercise was first developed by KAIROS Canada in 1997 as a product of a collaborative effort between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. For more information, you can go to www.kairosCanada.org and www.bravingthehealing.com

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W.C. Miller marks Orange Shirt Day

By Lori Penner

W.C. Miller Collegiate in Altona recently hosted a group of special guests to commemorate Orange Shirt Day, now recognized as Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

This annual event unites Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities in the spirit of hope, healing and reconciliation, and it is a day to honor residential school survivors, their families and the broader communities.

The orange shirt has become a powerful symbol, bearing the message 'Every Child Matters', and it is worn as an emblem of solidarity and support for truth and reconciliation.

W.C. Miller students and staff were encouraged to wear orange shirts to show their support, and Jonathan Atkinson from Roseau River First Nation came to speak along with the Joe Creek Singers and dancers to perform.

The group, dressed in traditional regalia, performed a variety of Indigenous dances, providing students with a cultural and educational experience.

Reflecting on the event, teacher Mick Friesen emphasized the importance of education in advancing the goals of truth and reconciliation.

"We're working on the education piece. I've been educating myself because of the job that I do, but we want to pass that on to the kids," Friesen said.

"We want them to have a true understanding of the unfortunate and unjust things that have happened. Because if we're going to move forward and develop stronger relationships and work at some of the brokenness, we need to learn about each other."

The event reached a touching conclusion when students were invited to join the performers in a 'friendship

dance', and Friesen expressed his joy in seeing students and visitors dancing together.

"When I saw them dancing together, I was so happy, and I was so glad that Jonathan invited them. We're all a part of this, and powwows are open to anyone. You can show up and you will always be welcomed into that circle. I think we could all learn from that," he said.

One of the dancers, 14-year-old Kristina Nelson, shared her experience of participating in the event.

"I love seeing the smiles on people's faces when I dance. It helps me reconnect to my heritage," she said. "It takes a lot of practice to learn. I was shy at first, but my dad encourages me a lot.

"I'm still learning about truth and reconciliation. I believe it's important to stay in touch with my heritage."

Atkinson, an Ojibway dancer, echoed similar sentiments and emphasized the importance of passing down cultural traditions and sharing them with younger generations.

"It's good to share these things with high school students who may never have seen dancing like this before. Anybody can pick this up. You don't have to be First Nations. Like many things, if you have the heart, and it's what you want in life, you go get it," Atkinson explained.

When asked about what Truth and Reconciliation meant to him personally, Atkinson shared a deeply personal story about his own journey of self-acceptance.

"I've been living it my whole life. I turned against my own people when I became a hockey player and was going to school. I didn't want to be who I was for a long time because of the way I was treated.

"It took me a while to face that and tell my parents I didn't want to be



PHOTOS BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

Students were invited to join the friendship dance, and the Joe Creek Singers included Jonathan Atkinson, Roger Nelson, Colton Seenie, Brad Boyd, Mark Nelson, Jordan Seenie and Malcolm Wilson.

who I was. Until the day I saw what I saw and realized it was always right there. You just live your light. Get your education, get into sports. But you're always welcome back, no matter what. It's always there waiting for you," he said.

Atkinson credited his parents for helping him remember who he was, adding that "I have friends from all over the world, all types of religions and skin colour, and they never looked at me like that. And with education and sports, I was looked at

that way by my own people. Unfortunately, sometimes it takes devastating things to happen for people to come together again."

"We're here to tell the true story and learn about things that happened in the past that should not have happened and to build relationships," Friesen concluded. "This was a fantastic opportunity to become a bit more familiar with the culture and move forward in the spirit of truth and reconciliation."



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Fire department personnel will visit the eligible homes and install smoke alarms in hallways outside of bedrooms (with a maximum of two smoke alarms per home).

Who qualifies

Eligible homes include those with at-risk residents, including older adults, newcomers to Manitoba, young children, people with disabilities and low-income families.

Only owner-occupied homes qualify for the S.A.F.E. Family program, since landlords are responsible for installing and maintaining smoke alarms in their rental units.

If anyone is interested or has questions they can contact the Fire Chief at the fire hall at 204-324-8500, they can also leave a message and the Fire Chief will get back to you.



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Key messages for this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" include the following:

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.

Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button. Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or don't respond when tested.

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Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. You can reduce your family's risk of fire-related injury or death by installing the right number of smoke alarms in the right places in your home, and by keeping them in good working order.

According to the manufacturer's instructions, you should check, test, and clean them.

If you need help or advice with your smoke alarms, contact your local fire department for assistance.

Other important actions:

Install smoke alarms in each bedroom, in the hallway outside the bedrooms and on each level of your home, including the basement in line with the appropriate Provincial or Territorial and Federal Fire and Building Codes.

Read and follow every step of the manufacturer's directions when you install your smoke alarms.

Test your smoke alarms every month to make sure that they are working properly.

Follow the manufacturer's directions for cleaning your smoke alarms.

Change the batteries as often as recommended by the manufacturer.

Replace any smoke alarm that is more than ten years old.

Investigate any false alarms, and have an escape plan in case of a real fire.

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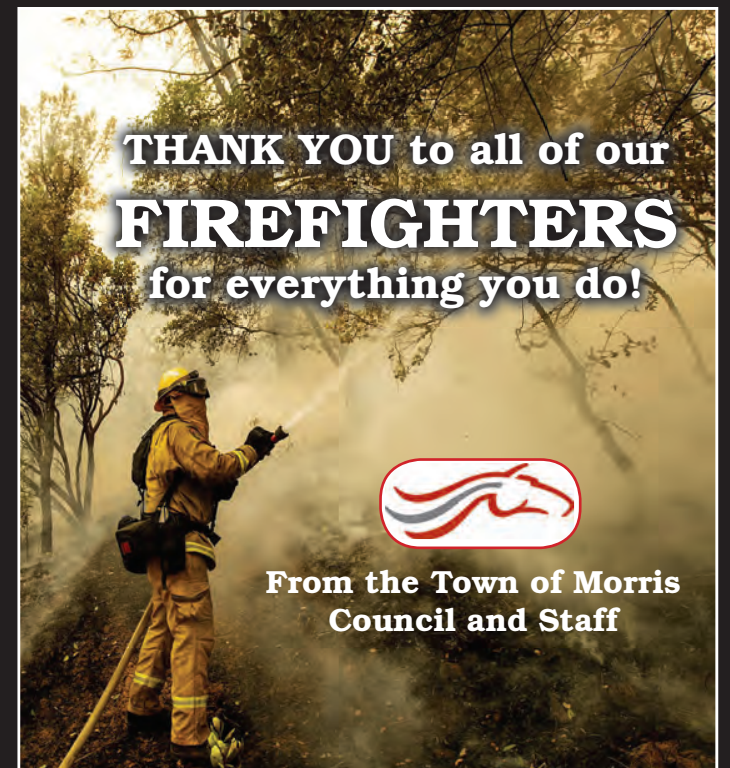
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From the Town of Morris Council and Staff

Gifts that keep on giving

By Lori Penner

When Ruth Stoesz began crafting denim blankets, she had no idea how beloved they would become.

"The first blanket I made was for my son in university in the early 1990s. Someone saw it and wanted one too. That was the first one I sold," the Altona resident recalled recently with a smile.

The fabric came from old, donated jeans at the local MCC store.

"For a period of time, they would keep a box of non-usable jeans, so I picked out what I wanted. I paid a few dollars for the full box."

That was the start of what became a lifelong passion.

"I started with one, and now I've become known for them," she chuckled. "I've made over 100."

Her blankets have gained international popularity, and Melanie Giesbrecht, a former neighbour in the Altona Village, shared how she acquired one.

"Our families were village friends. After my mom passed away in 1999, our family asked Ruth if she would make each of my three sisters and I a jean blanket, backed by fabric my mom had intended to use for blankets for us. We each got a personalized appliquéd blanket."

Giesbrecht also recalled a story from when she traveled to the Netherlands in 2001 on an exchange program.

"When my dad came to visit me, he brought along a jean blanket made by Ruth. We had requested that it be made with appliqués of sunflowers to represent Altona's connection to Van Gogh's sunflower painting, thus the Netherlands," she said.

"My host mom, Marijke Laane, shared with me in 2023, when I revisited them, that the blanket had inspired her to learn to sew and to organize people in her church to make and donate blankets to charity."

When Stoesz's second son Kevin also traveled overseas with the program in 2001, she sent some of her blankets along with him.

"He was in Germany for half the year and in Switzerland for the other half. He gave them as gifts to his host families. When we went to visit him, he asked if we could bring along another one."

"Those blankets have inspired many more blankets. They make them for missions. It's a small world. Now, through all those different connections over the years, I know there are jean blankets overseas, and from B.C. to Ontario."

"It shows what you can create with repurposing stuff. Recycling was second nature to our grandmothers with large families," added Stoesz.

Her method has been refined over the years, and she cuts the squares herself, using a plastic template designed by her husband Bill. The blankets are machine-sewn and always a consistent size of 54 by 72 inches.

Stoesz incorporates all kinds of denim based on trends and uses repurposed sheets from MCC for backing.

"Not much goes to waste. I do avoid stretch denim since it puckers and acid-washed jeans because they aren't strong. Sometimes, I'll leave the little imperfections."

Each blanket is signed and dated, and many include appliqués, pockets and zippers.

"The secret pocket makes it a great beach blanket. You have a place for your car keys, phone and a bit of money, and it doesn't show."

Sometimes she'll even tuck a few candies and a little handwritten poem in the pocket for a sweet surprise.

"I have sold many and given away many to my family. I also take orders. They make great gifts. They are pretty enough for the living room but strong enough to take to the beach. I meet

many people who tell me they still have their blanket. They're very durable."

How many hours does each blanket take to make?

"It's hard to say. The blocks are cut ahead of time. You need a good sewing machine," she said. "I've gone through one already. I guess you could say about 10 hours



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Ruth Stoesz with one of her denim blankets.



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Melanie Giesbrecht (right) with her host mom in the Netherlands, Marijke Laane, holding one of Stoesz's blankets inspired by Van Gogh's Sunflowers. (Supplied)

depending on appliqués or any fancy details."

Stoesz keeps some of her blankets for her own home.

"My grandchildren just love them."

Her sewing machine isn't getting a break any time soon. She's already planning a few more blanket projects for the winter.

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Chocolate moustache fundraiser returns at Carman Collegiate

By Ty Dilello

Carman Collegiate's 4th annual "Moc-tober/Movember" chocolate moustache fundraiser is officially underway and is looking to reach a new goal.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, followed by November, which has become widely recognized as a time to support men's health. Carman Collegiate began its campaign in November 2021 to show its support for a colleague battling cancer. They initially raised \$1,500, which was donated to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

In October and November of 2022, its fundraising efforts once again hit close to home as Carman Collegiate principal Mary Reimer was struggling through her cancer diagnosis.

"We ran the initial fundraiser for only a few weeks," said Carman Collegiate principal Mary Reimer. "In August of 2022, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and in the middle of my chemotherapy treatments, I once again started the fundraiser in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and throughout November for men's health."

Through the generosity of the local community, Carman Collegiate donated \$8,300 to the Boundary Trails cancer ward. In 2023, the school was extremely fortunate to have sponsorship, as the Prices Rite Dollar Store in Carman reduced the cost of needed supplies, and OMG's Candy donated 500 pounds of chocolate.

With these donations, the help of the student body in hand-making the chocolates, and the continued support of our community, Carman Collegiate was able to raise an incredible \$18,200 for the cancer ward at Boundary Trails Health Centre in Winkler.

"The 2024 fundraising season is now just around the corner, and we are,



Carman Collegiate principal Mary Reimer is hoping to raise \$15,000 for the Boundary Trails Cancer Unit from the sale of chocolate moustaches.

once again, asking for community support," said Reimer.

Please call Carman Collegiate at 204-745-2001 or email Reimer at mreimer@g.prsdmb.ca for more information or to order your moustaches.

The moustache flavours include the following: milk, dark, white, Skor, peppermint bark, Reese's Pieces, cookies and cream, and candy cane. They are also happy to design and create special orders.

Each moustache is hand-made and only costs \$2. The goal for 2024 is \$15,000.

The fundraiser has raised \$2,263 in just one week of pre-ordering. Once again, all the money will go to the Boundary Trails Cancer Unit.

"It is through the generosity of our communities that we will reach that goal."



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MLA gets extra duties

Hiebert adds families to her critic responsibilities

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Winkler MLA Carrie Hiebert is adding to her portfolio of responsibilities with the Conservative opposition in the Manitoba Legislature.

Hiebert added families to her existing responsibilities as the critic for housing, addictions, homelessness and mental health.

Hiebert recognizes how these roles all fit together very well.

"All of my critic roles do intersect and support many of the same things. It works really well actually," said Hiebert.

"I'm very passionate about the families portfolio," she said. "I've always been following it with the past critic and helping her, working together with her already in different areas, so this has been a really good fit for me.

"I'm really excited about it," said Hiebert, who just marked her one year anniversary as MLA. "I've had a year to really get to know that stuff and just really get involved in those portfolios."

She welcomes the opportunity to focus on these areas as they are very much connected to things that she very much cares about such as advocating for services like Genesis House.

"When it's something that you are passionate about and something that you want to make a difference in your community and in the province, I think it's easier to do for sure," she said.

"Housing is a really huge, huge concern in our area and of course the province and across the country," she said.

"Specifically in Morden Winkler, we have such a need for housing, affordable housing," she added. "Also the transitional housing is such a big thing right now too. We need that for Genesis House ... it's full to capacity almost every night. That's something definitely I've been advocating for our community. It really is important for us."

She sees her roles as being very connected to vital social services and issues like affordability.

"It's the number one thing on people's minds ... affordability is huge right now for everybody



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Morden Winkler MLA Carrie Hiebert added families to her existing responsibilities as the critic for housing, addictions, homelessness and mental health.

and especially people with families with lower incomes."

Hiebert was given the additional role as part of a Conservative cabinet shuffle that put focus on what they see as the NDP government's mismanagement of finances, families and community development.

Lauren Stone, MLA for Midland, assumed responsibility for the finance and Manitoba Hydro portfolios, and Richard Perchotte, MLA for Selkirk, added culture and heritage to his existing responsibilities for advanced education and training.

"The NDP's failure to manage fi-

nces, protect vulnerable youth and build Manitoba communities demands accountability," said Wayne

Ewasko, leader of the opposition. "Every member of our experienced and talented PC team has an important role as a voice for all Manitobans in the Legislature, challenging Wab Kinew's NDP and holding them accountable for inaction and broken promises.

"Education, justice, health care and a thriving economy that delivers strong social services for Manitoba families will continue to be top priorities as we focus on policies that bring prog-

ress back to our communities," said Ewasko.

"ALL OF MY CRITIC ROLES DO INTERSECT AND SUPPORT MANY OF THE SAME THINGS. IT WORKS REALLY WELL ACTUALLY."

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Time to check your smoke alarms

By Lorne Stelmach

It is fire prevention week, and this year's theme - smoke alarms: make them work for you - emphasizes the critical role they play in fire safety.

It is an important message, said Morden fire chief Andy Thiessen.

"I know in past years we've done a lot about fire escape plans and planning with your family ... that's all been done really well, and I think people are taking heed of it," he said.

"The key to a plan working is that your smoke detectors work, so we've gone back a little bit ... make sure you check your smoke detectors. Make sure they are functional and that you're family will actually wake up to them."

Thiessen emphasized how the detectors can be the difference between life and death.

"You have moments, perhaps minutes, but sometimes minutes even isn't enough," he said.

"Years ago, if you had a battery operated detector, we asked you to check it every time there was a time change," he noted. "Now detectors come out with a 10 year lithium battery inside them, so you kind of forget to do the testing, but it is still good to make sure the detector is working the way you want it to or expect it."

Fire prevention week is especially highlighting three essential actions in fire safety: install, test and replace.

- **Install:** choosing the right smoke alarm and sensors - select from various types including battery-operated, hard wired and combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Consider features like a 10-year sealed battery for hassle-free maintenance.

Install smoke alarms on every level and room of your home and workplace, ideally at least 10 feet away from any cooking equipment to reduce the chances of false alarms. For optimal performance, mount alarms on ceilings or high on walls within 12 inches of the ceiling since smoke rises.

Use a drill and mounting hardware to secure the smoke alarm. Mark drilling points at least 8 inches from walls and follow manufacturer instructions



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

"It's those unplanned events," says Morden fire chief Andy Thiessen. "If you're smoke detectors are working properly, it gets you out of the house safely."

for proper installation.

- **Test:** regular testing - test and inspect smoke alarms monthly. This ensures they are functioning correctly and can alert you in case of a fire.

Clean smoke alarms at least once a year using a vacuum to remove dust and debris that could interfere with their operation.

- **Replace:** battery maintenance - change batteries twice a year, even if alarms are not beeping. This proactive approach ensures that alarms remain operational.

Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years or sooner if they fail to operate during testing. Upgrading to newer models with enhanced features can significantly improve safety.

Thiessen said fire prevention week is always a

good opportunity for public education and awareness.

"It's a good reminder week. You want to make people aware of things that could possibly cause a problem," he said. "There are things you can do ... make sure you don't overload your plugs for example."

"It's those unplanned events ... if you're smoke detectors are working properly, it gets you out of the house safely," said Thiessen.

"The number one thing for us is people. That's our main objective. Saving property is our second, and saving someone else's property is third ... our biggest concern is helping out the people who are involved ... stuff can be replaced but people can't," he concluded.

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"We want to make us (MRSA) more available to Manitobans by providing resources for the province."

In honour of Rett syndrome Awareness Month, Guimond and fellow Manitoban Rett syndrome Mom Sharon Romanow have started a new campaign: pRETTY awesome.

Through pRETTY awesome, Western Canada will unite to educate and spread awareness about Rett syndrome.

"We want to let people know that the children living with Rett syndrome are not just the diagnoses themselves. They just live with Rett syndrome. We want to show them how amazing

these kids are," Guimond said.

The pRETTY awesome campaign will launch across Western Canada on Oct. 1 and hope to spread to the remaining provinces next year. Guimond will post pRETTY awesome updates to the MRSA website so you can follow along on the campaign's journey. pRETTY awesome is graciously sponsored by Acadia Pharmaceutical (Canada) Inc., which is helping fund the initiative.

For now, the MRSA hosts an annual walk and barbeque for friends and families impacted by Rett syndrome. This year's walk is on Oct. 5 and will be held at King's Park. "We always invite family and friends to come and join us. We use it as an opportunity for families who live with Rett syndrome a chance to do a walk and con-

nect with each other," said Guimond.

She added that you can join them for their walk, but barbequed meals will only be provided to immediate family members.

Canada will honour Rett syndrome Awareness Month on Oct. 29 for Light Canada Purple Day.

"It's (Light Canada Purple Day) is a Canada-wide campaign where buildings from the east coast to the west coast will light purple," said Guimond.

The colour purple was chosen to represent Rett syndrome from discussions made through an online forum.

"They chose a 'girly' hue that wasn't pink, as pink had already been closely linked to breast cancer awareness. At the time, it was believed that only females had Rett syndrome,"

Guimond explained.

You can support Rett syndrome Awareness Month and Light Canada Purple Day by lighting up your building in purple or wearing purple on Oct. 29.

Guimond added, "You can make a positive impact on Manitobans affected by Rett syndrome by engaging with our social media and spreading awareness. By participating in fundraising events or volunteering your time, you can further boost the efforts to improve the lives of those impacted by Rett syndrome."

You can also consider donating to the MRSA.

sports & recreation

Hawks win one, lose two

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a week of mixed results for the U18 male Pembina Valley Hawks.

They fell 5-2 to the Winnipeg Bruins last Wednesday then split a pair with the Interlake Lightning in winning 5-4 in overtime last Thursday then being edged 4-3 Saturday.

A bad first period did in the Hawks against the Bruins, who scored five unanswered goals in the opening 20 minutes.

Hawks' netminder Ryler Gates was busy in making 45 saves with the shots on goal 50-30 in favour of the Bruins. Pembina Valley got goals from Haiden Friesen late in the second period and then Carson Hiebert early in the third period.

Cole Secord was the hero in extra time Thursday with his second goal of the game on a powerplay 3:34 into

overtime.

Hiebert contributed three assists with the other goals coming from Gavin Rondeau, Cohen Pilkington and Ragnar Gillis, while Karsen Dyck made 49 saves with the shots on goal 53-29 in favour of Interlake.

The Lightning then broke a 3-3 deadlock by notching the winning goal with just 1:35 remaining Saturday in Morden.

Gates made 44 saves with Interlake holding a 48-36 edge in shots on goal. Scoring for the Hawks were Friesen and Gillis with a pair.

It leaves Pembina Valley in the middle of the pack in the early going with a 2-3-0 record.

Pembina Valley is on the road to Shoal Lake Friday to take on Yellowhead then back at home in Morden Saturday to welcome Brandon.



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There was a crowd coming to the net here in first period action last Thursday between Pembina Valley and Interlake.

Tough start for female Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a rough start to the regular season this past weekend for the U18 female Pembina Valley Hawks.

They dropped all three games on home ice in Morden starting with a 6-1 loss to Westman Friday followed by a lopsided 10-1 win by the Winnipeg Avros Saturday and then a 6-2

defeat by Eastman Sunday afternoon.

In the Friday 4-1 loss to the Wildcats, the Hawks fell behind 3-0 in the first period and couldn't get back into the game despite outshooting Westman 35-21. Kasia Rakowski made 17 saves in the loss for Pembina Valley, which got its lone goal from Hayden Arkle.

The Hawks then had a game to forget Saturday with the 10-1 defeat by

the Avros.

Madison Froese got the start and allowed the first five goals before being replaced by Rakowski midway through the second period. The lone Pembina Valley goal was scored by Abby Brigg on a power play. The Avros outshot the Hawks 49-31.

The weekend then ended with the 6-2 loss to the Selects Sunday after-

noon. Rakowski made 39 saves in the loss, and both Hawks goals were scored by Jessica Anderson.

Pembina Valley will look to turn things around this weekend when it hosts the Interlake Lightning in Morden Saturday and then heads to Portage Sunday afternoon to take on the Central Plains Capitals.

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The **Voice**

Twisters drop a pair of games

By Ty Dilello

It was a weekend to forget for the MMJHL's Pembina Valley Twisters as they dropped a pair of games on Saturday and Sunday to drop to 1-2-1 in the league standings.

On Saturday night at home, the Twisters lost a 4-3 heartbreaker in overtime to the Transcona Railer Express. Josh Guilford, Spencer Sabourin and Ketema Wall had the goals for Pembina Valley, while Maysen Mazurat made 44 saves in net in goal for his club.

The Twisters took to the ice the next day hoping for a better result, but instead suffered a rough 5-1 loss on the road to the St. Boniface Riels. Slade Sotheran had the lone goal for Pem-

bina Valley, while Darion Penner made 48 saves in the loss.

"St. Boniface is a veteran team, and catching them on a back-to-back, we knew it was going to be tough," said Twisters' head coach, Braeden Beernaerts. "St. Boniface played with consistency, which comes from experience, and they outplayed us today."

The Twisters are back in action with a home game on Oct. 11 against the Stonewall Jets. The puck drops at the Morris MultiPlex at 8 p.m.

"What we're looking for is getting into looking at some game film and get ready," said Beernaerts, "and get confident in our team's structure for a full sixty minutes."

Credit union boosts junior curling

By Lorne Stelmach

Access Credit Union is playing an important role in supporting the development of junior curling in Manitoba.

Curl Manitoba last week announced expanded support for junior curlers through a partnership with Access Credit Union and the Bob Picken Open Masters Bonspiel - known as the 'BOBspiel'.

The agreement will see Access Credit Union expanding the bonspiel's Bob Picken junior legacy grant program by doubling the number of grants available to junior programs across Manitoba each year.

Access Credit Union became the presenting sponsor of the 2024 bonspiel in September, and it will also be

supporting the strengthening of Curl Manitoba's youth curling camps program.

The Access Credit Union youth curling camps are designed as fun and positive one-day camps for young athletes to play, have fun, learn and improve in the sport of curling. Individual and team instruction provide a chance for the young athletes to work on all of the sport's fundamental skills.

In addition to the junior grants program and the youth curling camps program, during the 2024-25 curling season, Access Credit Union will be a Manitoba Open bonspiel event sponsor and the presenting partner for the Dynasty U20 mixed doubles championship.

"Curling is an important social,

recreational and competitive sport across Manitoba, and the young people involved in this and other sports are one of our most important assets," said President and CEO Larry Davey of Access Credit Union. "We consider it a wonderful opportunity to support Curl Manitoba and the many volunteers in their efforts to support junior and youth curling programs."

Curl Manitoba executive director Craig Baker expressed appreciation for the support of Access Credit Union.

"Curl Manitoba has had an important focus on youth and junior development as a priority for the last several years. We can see that emphasis paying dividends in the expansion of junior programs, including numbers in recent junior and youth events. We

are excited by the opportunities this new partnership creates to continue the growth."

Bob Minaker, co-chair of the Picken Open Bonspiel committee, also added his appreciation.

"We have made \$6,000 in Picken junior legacy grants over the past four years in support of some excellent junior programs. Our greatest disappointment has been the other very excellent programs which we have not been able to support. With the help of Access Credit Union, we will be able to turn some of those no's into a yes. It is exciting to think about."

Application information for the new Bob Picken junior legacy grants will be circulated to Manitoba curling club junior activities coordinators in the near future.

A pair of wins for Winkler Flyers

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Flyers boosted their record to above 500 this past week with a pair of victories.

The Flyers blanked the Dauphin Kings 2-0 last Tuesday then bested the Portage Terriers 4-1 Sunday.

Liam Ernst got the 39 save shutout

against Dauphin as the Kings outshot the Flyers 39-27. Sully Ross got Winkler on the board in the second period, and Jayce Legaarden sealed the deal in the third period.

Winkler then led 2-0 after one period against Portage and then added two more goals in the second period to lock up a second straight victory.

Niklas Gudmundson, Blake Matheson, Brady Craik and Will Brophy scored for the Flyers, and Ernst made 25 saves with Winkler holding a 34-26 edge in shots on goal.

It puts the Flyers at 3 & 2 in the early going and has them sitting fourth in the east division. The Selkirk Steelers, who are unbeaten in eight games,

lead the division at 16 points followed by Steinbach at 10 points and Niverville at 8 points.

Winkler kicks off a three game homestand starting with Swan Valley Saturday then Portage Sunday followed by Selkirk Tuesday.

Central Energy names coaches for 2025 season

By Ty Dilello

The Central Energy AAA Fastpitch club has announced its head coaches for the 2025 season.

Jenn Smith will coach the U13 team, while Kylyn Shindle and Kevin Convery will share the U15 coaching responsibilities. Cam Zacharias will return to coach the U17 team, and Kassidy Cunningham will return after a hiatus to coach the U19 Central Energy team.

Cunningham is a former Central Energy player who went on to play college softball at Bethany Lutheran and Dakota College at Bottineau. She previously coached the U15 Central Energy team before taking this past summer off.

Cunningham returns to coach the U19 Central Energy squad, which was also on a one-year hiatus this summer as there was no Central Energy team at the U19 level.

"I know the majority of this team did not want their last season to be in 2023, so we're thrilled to have them back for another season," said U19 Central Energy head coach Cunningham. "I'm also excited to return to coaching after a year off, particularly at the U19 level."

Cunningham notes that this coaching job is a fantastic opportunity to work with athletes who will have just completed their first year of college softball and to mentor those who are a year behind them.

"With my background as a former college player, I believe I have a good understanding of the demands and expectations of higher-level play, which should help us build a solid foundation for a successful season," said Cunningham.

The Central Energy club held try-outs for the U13, U15, U17, and U19 levels in Carman and Crystal City on Sept. 7 and 8. The players who make



PHOTO BY KASSIDY CUNNINGHAM

Former college softball player Kassidy Cunningham will be coaching the U19 Central Energy softball team when the next season gets underway in the spring of 2025.

the team will then work and train during the winter to prepare for ball season in the spring and summer.

Local soccer academy trains next young stars on the pitch

By Ty Dilello

The Pembina Valley Panthers Soccer Academy in Carman, run by local soccer coach William Hoogerdijk, has quickly become the premier destination in southern Manitoba for kids ages six to fifteen who want to improve their soccer skills.

Hoogerdijk started the soccer academy in October 2012 with about 15 players, mostly from Carman, practicing in the Dufferin Christian School gym on Saturday mornings.

By this time, Hoogerdijk had been coaching soccer in the area for ten years at various levels, including men's, youth, community, and high school programs.

"I realized during those years that players could have an understanding of how the game should be played but were often disadvantaged by not



having the ability to control the ball quickly regardless of the situation and then be effective in using the ball against opponents," said William Hoogerdijk. "The soccer academy was a response to what I found lack-



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The Pembina Valley Panthers Soccer Academy out of Carman allows young players in southern Manitoba from six to fifteen to improve their soccer skills.

ing in many players."

Over the years, the soccer academy

continued to develop, and more play-

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Somerset's Foster enjoys national baseball experience

By Ty Dilello

Somerset's Emily Foster recently played for Team Manitoba at the 2024 Women's Baseball National Championships in Quebec City, Quebec, from Aug. 15-18.

Foster began playing baseball at age five and has been a fixture on women's provincial teams in the summer for many years.

"As I grew up throughout the sport, I watched as many girls switched over to fastball, and making that change never really interested me," said Foster. "Additionally, I have a brother who is a year younger than me, so it was just easier to have us play on the same team. So I just stuck with the sport that brought and has been bringing me a lot of joy. At the age of 12, I joined our girl's provincial u14 team, which has led me to be with the provincial teams ever since.

Team Manitoba women's baseball has a few tryout camps during the spring before it eventually makes its final roster in June. Foster made the team as the catcher.

This summer, Team Manitoba got together at various times to practice. They also had the opportunity to play a few games against Team Saskatchewan in Saskatoon for some practice. A couple of weekends before the National Championship, Foster's squad had a doubleheader against the Manitoba U16 boys development team, which was a great experience for ev-

eryone involved and gave both teams ample practice for the Nationals.

The Team Manitoba women's team had some great efforts, but unfortunately, they went a paltry 1-4 over the course of the event, with some pretty close games. The lone highlight was a 12-8 victory over the Ontario 2 team.

"Going to Nationals is just such an unreal experience every time," said Foster. "I absolutely love this group of girls that we have."

Despite the rough Nationals for Team Manitoba, Foster and her teammates got to explore Quebec City and Old Quebec, which is quite possibly the top tourist destination in Canada.

"Old Quebec is incredible. The team was able to make it to several sights there, such as the Plains of Abraham and exploring inside of Old Quebec. It was so cool to see some of the history of our country. I also had the chance to see the Montmorency Falls, which was such a great sight."

Foster is also a noted hockey player who grew up playing for the Pembina Valley Hawks AAA program. Last year, she played her first year of college hockey for the ACHA D1 program Indiana Tech Warriors, where she scored three points in 23 games as a defenseman.

For this upcoming school year, Foster is transferring to Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, where she will study science and play for the hockey team.



PHOTO BY JO-ANNE NEUFELD

Somerset's Emily Foster represented Manitoba by playing on the provincial team at the 2024 Women's Baseball National Championships in Quebec City, Quebec, from Aug. 15-18. Team Manitoba went 1-4 at the event.



Anderson returns to Indiana Tech for senior year

By Ty Dilello

Roland's Hailey Anderson is back at Indiana Tech University in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for her senior year. She plays on both the school's hockey and golf teams.

Before college, Anderson graduated from the Pilot Mound Hockey Academy. She has now played three hockey seasons as a forward with Indiana Tech, an ACHA Division 1 school. During the last 2023-24 season, Anderson scored one goal and one assist in 15 games.

"I have really enjoyed my time at Indiana Tech and getting to be a part of two great teams," said Anderson. "Balancing two sports has been a challenge, but the support that students get here from professors is incredible. I have been so grateful to have an amazing advisor and professor during my time who has helped me push myself and realize my full potential of being a 4.0 student when it comes to my academics. My coaches are also a huge part of my success, as both coaches understand that I play two sports, and if I didn't have their support, I wouldn't be able to do what I do."

The main reason that Anderson came to Indiana Tech in the first place was to be on the inaugural women's hockey team.

"Starting a new program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, especially in university, and there was no way that I could turn down such a great chance to make history. The girls that have been on this journey the past three years and now in our senior year have truly become like family to me."

Before the hockey season begins, the golf year starts in September when she arrives back on campus in Fort Wayne.

"Golf is something that I more recently have come to really enjoy, joining the team in my sophomore (second) year of college was a change to now have to balance both sports, but I am so glad I did," said Anderson. "The girls that I have met on this team have made me redefine what it means to support each other when we are competing against each



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Roland's Hailey Anderson is ready for her senior year of college at Indiana Tech University in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she is a multi-sport athlete competing on the school's hockey and golf teams.

other as individuals. This golf season is going to be so exciting, and I cannot wait for it to begin."

Hockey season is also just around the corner. And for this upcoming season, a pair of fellow Pembina Valley players will join the Indiana Tech team as freshmen in Carys Wytnick from Bruxelles and Haylee Grenier from Somerset.

"I am always excited to have a fellow Manitoban or two join me here in Indiana. Because the Pembina Valley is fairly small in girls' hockey, I did know of all the girls that would be incoming. They are amazing girls, and I think it gives the Pembina Valley region more recognition because there are good female players from here, and it continues to

be proven. Having been on this team for four years now and getting to be a part of the growth of the program, I am hopeful that this year will be successful. We have a whole new coaching staff this year, but I am not worried because my new coach has some really strong hockey background both as a player and a coach, so I am ready for the games to begin."

Anderson will graduate with honours and a bachelor's degree in health science at the conclusion of her senior year at Indiana Tech.

"I want to pursue a career as a physical therapist, so I will need to obtain my master's degree in physical therapy first, so that is my next goal."

> YOUNG STARS, FROM PG. 24

ers from the Winkler and Morden area became involved. A larger venue was needed, so a move was made to address that and the increased enrolment from Winkler and Morden.

For a brief period, sessions were held in Carman and Winkler until all sessions eventually moved to Winkler. The soccer academy now involves a team of 15 coaches training over 85 young players from six to fifteen.

"It is particularly enjoyable working with these players, especially the ones who stay with the program, and seeing their development over the years. For many, it starts with a realization of what they're capable of doing with the ball. That leads to a growth in confidence and a willingness to try new things during the game. I have found many of the players gain a sense of confidence and calm over the years, so they have time to make good decisions during game situations. It is amazing to see that growth, not just in skill and ability, but also in a love for the game."

Many of Hoogerdijs's soccer academy players have used the skills they developed to become

leaders on their teams in the various Pembina Valley community soccer programs. Soccer academy players have also become very effective members of the area's different high school soccer programs.

A number of former players are also currently using their skills to contribute to various university soccer programs in the area. Some former players have now returned to the soccer academy as coaches. In the end, the development of soccer skills and understanding has led to a lifetime of opportunity in the sport.

The academy's focus for kids is on developing excellent ball mastery in the players, combined with a solid understanding of gameplay.

The academy training sessions each involve ball mastery work in a warm-up situation to develop essential skills with the ball. This is followed by a speed drill, which will work on foot speed, ball control, and game thinking.

"We then move on to working on 1v1 and 2v2 attacking and defending, which builds essential skills in working with the ball against an opponent," said Hoogerdijs. "These skills are then put into a more game-like practice in some small group play drills. The session wraps up with a small-sided game

where everything we have done is put into a real game context to test the players' abilities to perform under pressure. The last few minutes of each session are spent reviewing what was covered, including the skills introduced, and providing the players with a bit of a homework challenge to prepare them for the next session."

All of the academy sessions are full for this season. Demand increased this year to the point where planning is already in place to expand the program for the upcoming 2025-26 season. This includes a plan to increase the number of sessions offered to accommodate the additional players and add more coaches to the team to keep the coaching ratio to one coach for every four or five players. The Saturday morning small-sided games sessions will also be adjusted to provide players with an improved full-game experience.

Parents who are interested in signing their children up for the 2025-26 soccer academy season should check out the Pembina Valley Panthers Soccer Academy Facebook page in early June for the registration form or email Hoogerdijs at pvpsoccer-academy@gmail.com to request a form.

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R.M. OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE

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New Rate: \$14.82 per 1,000 gallons

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Chad Harder
RM of Stanley
Finance & Administration Supervisor.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

THE BOARD OF REFERENCE • PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

**THE SEINE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION
and
THE RED RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION**

As required by Section 9 of *The Public Schools Act* (RSM 1987, c.P250), notice is hereby given that a public hearing of The Board of Reference, appointed as provided under Section 8 of *The Public Schools Act*, will be held as scheduled herein to hear any person or any person on his/her behalf in the matter of a request referred to The Board of Reference in accordance with Section 5 of *The Public Schools Act*.

The hearing will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on **Monday, October 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.** to hear the request of Rhonda Webb, Jordan and Kendal Berezowski to transfer 45.04 acres located in the Southeast Quarter Section 36, Township 8, Range 1 East from The Seine River School Division to The Red River Valley School Division

Further information with respect to the virtual hearing, including how to join the virtual hearing, may be obtained through the office of the undersigned between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, **October 1, 2024.**

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The auction sale will be held by way of video or teleconference.

There will be no in-person attendees at the auction.

In order to participate you must pre-register at least 24 hours prior to the auction by contacting Matthew Underwood at either (204) 954-6421 or auctions@fillmoreriley.com.

The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a split level dwelling approximately 1,856 square feet with living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, full unfinished basement, single attached garage, insulated 30 feet x 40 feet workshop, on a lot approximately 3.85 acres. The property is serviced by a septic system, particulars unknown.

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TERMS OF SALE

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The Vendor is informed that the property consists of a detached single family bungalow built in 2016, approximately 1300 square feet, 6 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, no basement, double detached garage, located on a 100 x 125 foot lot.

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Prior charges: Nil.

TERMS OF SALE

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

Public notice is hereby given that the 2025 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 21st, 2024 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, November 5th, 2024.**

Dated this 4th day of September 2024.

**Jody Penner, Secretary
Board of Revision
City of Winkler
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

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

General Intent: Subject to Section 290 (1 & 2) of The Municipal Act, a municipality may close a municipal road by passing a by-law closing the road and must give public notice and hold a public hearing in respect of the proposed closure. And Section 147 (1) of the Municipal Act, the Council of a Municipality has the power to amend or repeal a bylaw. The proposed closure is illustrated by heavy solid lines on Schedule A.

Area: All that portion of Russet Road, Parcel B, Plan (Dep 1597-2022) MLT0 in the NW ¼ 2-3-4 WPM, as shown in heavy solid lines on the map attached hereto as Schedule A. (By-law 2322-24)

Contact: Jody Penner, City Manager
City of Winkler
Phone: (204) 325-9524

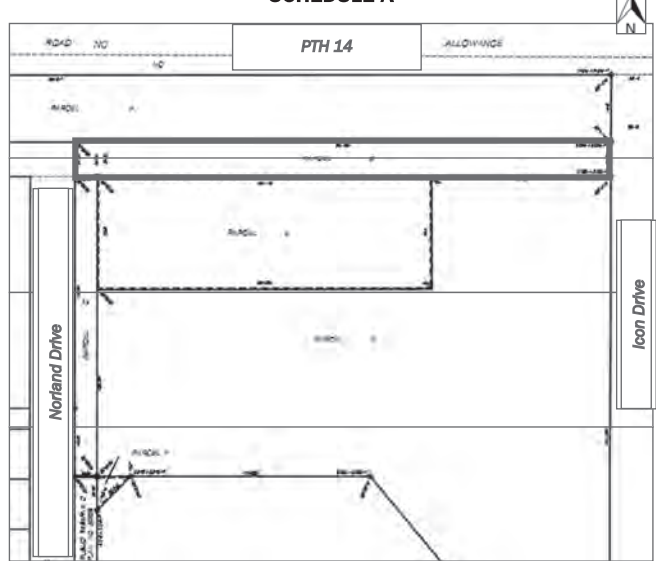
Date of Hearing: October 22, 2024

Time of Hearing: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Winkler Council Chambers, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm Friday. Copies may be made, and extracts taken therefrom upon request.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND
PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF REVISION
FOR 2025 ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Public notice is hereby given that the 2025 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Roland has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 45 3rd Street, Roland, Manitoba and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Any person who believes that an assessment ought to be revised, may make application in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

“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
 - i) delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
 - ii) serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.”

The Board of Revision for the RM of Roland will sit on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 10:00 am** in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Roland to hear applications.

The final date on which the Secretary of the Board may receive applications is **October 28, 2024.**

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2024.

**Taya O'Brien, Secretary
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **5th** day of **November, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 AM**, at Rural Municipality of Montcalm, 46 - First Street East, Letellier, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
69050	ELY 1000 FEET PERP OF WLY 1700 FEET PERP OF SLY 335 FEET PERP OF SW 1/4 20-4-2 EPM - 7047 RD 21 NE	L -\$36,700 B -\$87,500	\$9,062.58
81500	ALL THAT PORTION OF RL 240 PARISH OF STE AGATHE WHICH LIES TO THE WEST OF A LINE DRAWN SLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE NORTHERN LIMIT OF SAID LOT FROM A POINT IN THE SAME DISTANT WLY THEREON 13336 FEET FROM THE EASTERN LIMIT OF SAID LOT EXC: ROAD PLANS 13849 WLTO AND 38815 WLTO - PR 217 240	L -\$37,300 B -\$163,600	\$5,742.11
138760	LOT 11 PLAN 55381 WLTO IN RL 237 AND 239 PARISH OF STE AGATHE - 6 MONTCALM BAY	L -\$23,000	\$2,654.98

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

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any unpaid municipal utilities and any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality **may** exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MONTCALM as follows:
 - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - iii) A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2024.

Managed by:

Jolene Bird
Chief Administrative Officer
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MONTCALM
Phone: (204) 737-2271
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Morris chamber calls for involvement

Active participation can empower local business

By Siobhan Maas

The Morris and District Chamber of Commerce is encouraging local businesses to step up and help form their community from the inside by becoming board members.

When local businesses work together to create growth through leadership, the entire community will feel the impact, suggested chamber president Cheryl Demarcke.

"A functioning chamber of active businesses and board members can do amazing things," said Demarcke, who looked to the examples of the Altona and St. Pierre Jolys chambers of commerce with strong participation

driving change in their communities.

"We have many registered businesses within our chamber, but we need owners to step up and provide support to all. The chamber is a facilitator for businesses, providing communication with all levels of government."

With a larger board presence, Demarcke would love to expand collaboration to include the nearby RMs of Emerson-Franklin and Montcalm.

"Highway 75 runs through many communities down to the US border, and we would all benefit by working together."

Long-time chamber administrative assistant Cheryl Crick encourages businesses to come to meetings the second Tuesday of every month and engage with the board so they can directly influence the growth of the area.

"The chamber is here to support businesses in the community through the popular insurance plan but also

in listening to how we can help local businesses."

There is always the opportunity for skill building and personal development through the chamber, she added.

Santa Lucia Pizza, which has been operating in Morris for the last 20 year, sees the benefit of the chamber.

"I don't remember a time we haven't been a part of the chamber of commerce," shared Natasha Simeonidis, operator of the restaurant. "The chamber makes efforts to be visible in our community, like at Stampede kickoff."

Until COVID-19 stalled the event in 2020, the chamber acknowledged active businesses in an annual awards ceremony, and Santa Lucia won business of the year in 2018.

"It was wonderful to be recognized as a business that tries our best to support our community and maintain business at the same time," said

Simeonidis.

Stronger advocacy for businesses can lead to improvements in town infrastructure, making the area appeal to new entrepreneurs and potential residents and drive more traffic to the area, noted Demarcke.

"Morris has the new day care, the recent pool renovation," she said, noting how it showcases positive changes to the community.

This year, the chamber hosted a successful spring job fair attended by over 20 local businesses and job seekers of all ages.

The Manitoba Stampede kickoff drew hundreds of attendees to Morris. Upcoming events include the ring of influence at the Morris curling club's Dekalb superspiel Nov. 21-24 and the chamber's potluck and puzzle competition and annual meeting Dec. 5.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Crab and Shrimp Sushi Burrito

In small saucepan over medium-low heat, heat rice vinegar, sugar and salt until sugar and salt have dissolved, about 1 minute. Set aside.

In small bowl, mix mayonnaise, Sriracha sauce and sesame oil. Set aside.

Transfer cooked rice onto large baking sheet. Drizzle half the vinegar mixture over rice, turning until all rice is fully coated. Taste and add more vinegar mixture, if desired. Spread rice into thin layer and cool to room temperature. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top.

Lay down one sushi nori sheet. Spread layer of rice on it. Place half the carrots and cucumbers on rice. Place crab and shrimp on top.

Place another sushi nori sheet just under first one and roll. Repeat with remaining sushi nori sheets, rice, carrots, cucumbers, crab and shrimp. Wrap both burritos in plastic wrap. Let rest 10 minutes.

Slice burritos in half and serve with spicy mayo.

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4
1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
1/2 cup unseasoned rice vinegar
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 teaspoons kosher salt
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 tablespoons Sriracha sauce
1/4 teaspoon sesame oil
1 tablespoon black sesame seeds
4 sushi nori sheets
1/2 carrot, ribboned, divided
1/2 cucumber, ribboned, divided
6 crab sticks, shredded, divided
6 large shrimp, cooked, deveined, tails removed and butterflied, divided
Rinse rice bag under cold water to remove starch. Prepare rice according to package directions.



Thai Red Curry Chicken and Rice Soup

aside.

Add coconut milk, curry paste, soy sauce and brown sugar to pressure cooker. Turn off saute setting. Add chicken. Cover and lock to seal. Set to pressure cook setting over high heat about 10 minutes, or until chicken is tender. Carefully, manually or naturally, release pressure according to manufacturer's instructions before removing lid.

Set pressure cooker to saute setting over medium heat. Remove chicken and shred with two forks; add to soup along with lime juice and green onions. Remove rice from bags and stir into soup. Simmer until rice is heated through.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 6
6 cups chicken broth
2 bags Success Basmati Rice
1 can (14 ounces) coconut milk
2 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1 pound chicken breast tenders
2 tablespoons lime juice
4 green onions, thinly sliced
In pressure cooker on saute setting over high heat, bring broth and rice bags to boil. Boil, uncovered, 10 minutes. Remove bags with fork and set

Bison Barbecue Meatloaf



Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4-6
1 pound ground bison

1/3 pound hamburger (optional)
2 tablespoons mesquite seasoning or barbecue seasoning
1 egg
1/2 cup barbecue sauce
Glaze:
1 cup barbecue sauce
2 tablespoons brown sugar

Heat oven to 350 F.

In bowl, mix bison; hamburger, if using; seasoning; egg; and barbecue sauce. Place in loaf pan.

To make glaze, mix barbecue sauce and brown sugar. Spread over meatloaf. Bake 45 minutes.

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