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Capes & Crowns

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get informed

Altona candidates field questions at forum

By Lori Penner

The eight candidates running for six seats on the Town of Altona council outlined their priorities and goals last week at an All-Candidates Forum hosted by the Altona chamber.

Incumbents Jordan Siemens and Donna Rosling-Wolters and challengers Perry Batchelor, Danny Kehler, Craig Smiley, Lyle Dunsmore, Cheryl Dueck, and Tammy Braun were asked to respond to questions submitted by members of the audience.

Topics addressed included the future of the emergency room at the Altona Memorial Health Centre, economic development, infrastructure needs, and the importance of ensur-

ing diverse voices are heard at the council table.

In terms of the ER and retaining doctors and nurses in the community, Batchelor said council needs to continue to advocate and be the “squeaky wheel.”

“The way we’re operating right now at the hospital is completely unacceptable,” he said. “We are a service centre for well over 5,000. We can’t say it’s a municipal problem. This is really everybody’s problem. When people want to move to this community, healthcare is at the forefront, and when the ER is closed, people can die. We need to continue to advocate for our community.”

Kehler countered that it may not



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Altona town council candidates got the chance to meet the community at an all-candidates forum last week. Back row, from left: Jordan Siemens, Craig Smiley, Danny Kehler, Perry Batchelor, and Lyle Dunsmore. Front row: Donna Rosling-Wolters, Tammy Braun, and Cheryl Dueck.

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be so much about being the squeaky wheel as offering better incentives to keep doctors here. He added that adequate staffing is also key.

“The requirement that our doctors are on call so often is what’s keeping them from practicing in rural areas. Yes, we need an ER, but we need to get around those high expectations.”

All of the candidates agreed that improved working conditions and strong leadership at the hospital also plays a vital role in staff retention.

Siemens opined, “This is a province-wide issue and there’s really only one solution: to increase training to staff. It’s not that the province doesn’t want to hire people, it’s that there aren’t enough people, and that’s something

our council needs to push on our officials.”

In terms of economic development, all the candidates agreed that tax incentives, additional daycare spaces, and more encouragement to shop local are key to helping businesses thrive.

Braun stressed the industrial park development needs to continue.

“It’s something that we have started and need to continue. It’s really important to me to have Altona grow.”

“There are hundreds of positions open in the area. Businesses are growing, but what is holding them back is [lack of] workers,” Siemens said, not-

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Our mistake

We’d like to apologize for a typo that occurred in our Altona candidate profiles last week.

Town council candidate Cheryl Dueck has lived in Altona for over 26 years, not the 16 years noted in the story.

And, prior to moving to the community in 1996, she had worked and shopped in Altona since 1981 while living on the Dueck family farm north of Horndean with her husband and kids.

We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.



Cheryl Dueck

'Aggies' bring bed push to Morden in support of STARS

By Lorne Stelmach

Their bed push for charity is a long-standing tradition for University of Manitoba's Faculty of Agricultural and Food Science's students.

For over 30 years, the 'Aggies' have been pushing that very same bed over 221 kilometres to raise awareness and funds for charities of the student body's choice.

For the last three years, instead of travelling along the Trans Canada Highway, the group has pushed the bed down the main streets of various Manitoba communities. The 2022 event had them come through Morden last Friday.

"A lot of us are from all different parts of the province, so each year we pick a route to resemble our classmates best and where everyone is from," explained representative Nicole Jonk. We try to cover as much of the province as we can."

It all started initially to raise money for the Winnipeg Fire Fighters Burn Unit. Over its last three years, the bed push has raised over \$22,000 for the Manitoba Heart and Stroke Foundation, Growing Support for Cancer Care, and Manitoba Farmers with Disabilities. This year they were collecting donations in support of the STARS air ambulance service.

"In rural Manitoba, you really rely



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Ag students from the University of Manitoba were in Morden last week to walk and raise money for STARS.

on STARS with any big emergency," said Jonk, noting many Aggies live and work in rural areas. STARS provides both hands-on training to rural medical providers and emergency medical transportation for the critically ill and injured.

Jonk said it was fun for all involved to go out for two days last week on a route that included stops in Portage la Prairie, St. Claude, Manitou, Morden and Carman.

"It's a really good idea. It's fun," she said. "This is more engaging and interactive way to get involved and give back."

"A lot of them like going out to do it with their friends and classmates, and knowing that it goes to a good charity is always nice to know too, but it's mostly getting people involved that makes it a lot more fun."

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WSD enrolment on the rise

By Lorne Stelmach

Western School Division is likely to rank as one of the fastest growing school divisions in the province this year.

The division was already at about a nine per cent increase in enrolment, and the current total of just under 2,100 students is only going to continue to rise, officials suggested last week.

"Our numbers will continue to change here throughout the fall in a positive way," said superintendent Stephen Ross, who noted the division's official fall enrolment count isn't set until the end of November.

"More students are continually coming in by the week," said Ross. "It's certainly more than we had expected. I think we thought we would get some of our COVID homeschooled kids back, which we have, but then in addition there's been lots of newcomer families as well that have added to it."

It means schools that were already being pressed to capacity will now be even further stretched to the limit.

From the end of last September, for

example, Morden Collegiate is so far up by 40 students while École Morden Middle School has added about 80 new students.

"The middle school is probably going to hit 700 kids at some point this year ... they're at just under 680 right now. MCI is at 608, so that's a huge jump for them too at the high school," said Ross.

"So it's a significant increase," he continued. "We had sort of converted the last potential space even available at the middle school over the summer. At this point, classes are just filling up as well."

"In some ways that should continue to be the case as we're anticipating the new school coming ... it is a challenge for sure."

With six to eight classes at each grade level, it can be doable to add a student or two to each one, Ross explained, but that can only go so far.

"It's still pushing the numbers up for sure, but it's something we are going to keep an eye on here as things continue to develop."

"We were fortunate in the budget allocation, we received from the province last spring, so we were able to



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Headway has been made on the several capital projects on the go in the Western School Division, including the new piping trades building.

do a good job of staffing schools for expected increased numbers anyway this fall," he noted. "Then the board did add some significant staffing to address some special needs that we determined right at the end of June around guidance time in some of the schools ... issues coming out of the pandemic that we had identified."

"The biggest single issue with staffing in every job category—whether it's teacher, EA, bus driver, custodian—is substitute personnel ... there's a tremendous shortage of people," Ross said. "At some point the pool is going to be pretty empty because every other school division in Manitoba is in the same situation."

Meanwhile, the division is seeing good progress on a variety of capital

projects, including the installation of new boilers being nearly complete at Maple Leaf School, although supply chain issues had caused some delays.

Nearing completion as well is the three-classroom addition at Morden Collegiate and the new piping trades building adjacent to the welding shop.

"Both are moving along; both are waiting for just a few last pieces there, but we're hoping to be in those spaces in late November, before Christmas for sure," said Ross.

"The new school is right on schedule ... our architects have been great to work with, and we hit our deadline there for submission of basically the construction documents to govern-

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GVSD sees fall enrolment increase to 4,060 students

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley School Division saw its enrolment numbers increase significantly this fall.

“At the end of the month [September] they were just over 4,060,” superintendent Dan Ward said last week. “We’re up over 10 per cent from this time last year and we’re up fairly significantly from spring as well. We were just shy of 3,800 at the end of last school year.

“It’s quite a jump. To be at over 4,000 students at this time of year is definitely a good sign.”

That said, these numbers are also a bit over the projections set by the division when it drafted its budget for the year, and it’s likely the numbers will continue to rise in the weeks to come.

“We did project for around 4,000 students, so we’re right at just a little bit higher than what we had initially projected for,” Ward said. “Each week we seem to be growing with more enrolment, so we have to keep a fairly close eye on those numbers because if a school proportionally sees an increase we’ll have to look at staffing accordingly.”

Along those lines, GVSD was able to secure additional funding from the provincial government which will allow it to hire some more staff and add teaching time at the most affected schools, including Southwood, Prairie Dale, Pine Ridge, Winkler Elementary, and Parkland.

The enrolment jump across the division is due to a number of factors, Ward said.

One of them is the return of stu-

dents who were being homeschooled through the worst of the pandemic, either due to health concerns or an aversion to public health orders and mandates.

This spring, there were 1,300 homeschooled kids in the GVSD catchment area—way up from the usual 500 or so pre-pandemic.

The final number of currently homeschooled students is not yet available, Ward noted, but it’s clear at least some of those families have opted to send their kids back to class in the public school system.

The division has also welcomed a good number of new immigrant students this fall, including many of the Ukrainian refugees who have come to call the area home while the war with Russia continues.

“We have just over 120 students that we consider to be EAL, English as an Additional Language, students,” Ward said, adding they have not reached a number that high in many years. “The majority of those students have arrived within the last four months.”

School administrators are working to ensure these students have the supports they need to succeed, Ward said.

Educators are also still in the midst of determining how students are doing when it comes to any potential learning challenges or education gaps as a result of the remote learning stretches of the past few years or homeschooling.

“We find that the students that continued on, even with some of the disruptions ... by and large have fared

well academically,” Ward said.

“Students returning to us from homeschooling, that will take some time to determine if there are recovery learning needs,” he added, explaining that varies greatly on the child and the homeschool environment they were in. “Sometimes there are gaps in

certain areas of the curriculum, but by and large those students often come back to school and they’re ready to go at whatever age appropriate grade they are at.”

On the whole, the start of the new

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Mayor Martin Harder was on hand Friday to help Burger King cut the ribbon on its new location in Winkler. The eatery is located at 1525 Diamond Dr. "We are thrilled to open our first Burger King restaurant in the city of Winkler, which is our fourteenth location in Manitoba," said Chris Racine, chief operating officer of Redberry Restaurants. "This new restaurant location will allow us to offer more delicious food options for our guests and provide additional job opportunities for the community." Redberry operates 136 Burger King locations in Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec and dozens more Pizza Hut and Taco Bell restaurants. Company reps noted they picked Winkler because they want to be part of the community's growth as a central hub for commerce in the Pembina Valley. The restaurant currently employs 16 people and is looking for more.

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New Covenant Quartet

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Winkler Co-op had record sales in 2021

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Consumers Co-operative reported 2021 as a banner year at its annual general meeting last week.

Board member Chris Kalansky presented the director's report, thanking staff "for overcoming challenges and adapting to ever-changing circumstances" through these past few pandemic years.

"We also want to recognize and thank our members who continued to support our Co-op through these changes. It is this unwavering support of both staff and members that resulted in Co-op having one of its best years ever."

The store tackled a number of projects in 2021 that will position it well in the future, Kalansky noted.

Among them was the replacement of the aging fertilizer mixing plant in Rosetown, the purchase of a warehouse on George St. in Winkler that has allowed the Co-op to stock up on products, the restructuring of the Morden grocery store parking lot, expansions and renovations at the Winkler grocery store, and the move of the Winkler Fashions department to a new location on 1st St.

The cost of these projects was offset by record sales of \$127 million and net savings of \$9.3 million.

Other financial highlights include

\$5.6 million in allocation back to members and \$460,000 donated to local community projects and causes. Co-op also managed to pay off its long-term debt in 2021.

"Our Co-op is in an excellent financial position," Kalansky said. "Looking forward, we are exploring growth opportunities that are both financially sustainable and that add benefit to Co-op members."

One of the projects underway is a new cardlock going up on Hwy. 32 south of Winkler. This will not replace the current cardlock in the city, but provide another, more accessible venue for members outside town.

Also looking ahead, the allocation rates are now 6.5 per cent for fuel, nine per cent for oil, two per cent for fertilizer and chemical, and five per cent for food and fashion purchases.

In presenting his report, general manager Evan Toews stressed the Co-op remains committed to the local economy, and has done what it can through the pandemic to support other businesses.

"From buying gift cards to give away or selling gift cards in our store, trying to encourage people to be in community-owned businesses and support them—it was the right thing to do and we know that it did make a difference. Because we know that healthy communities and a healthy

Co-op are really closely linked."

Along those same lines, the Co-op has sought to have as many local products as it can on its shelves.

"In 2021, we sold over \$1.7 million of locally produced items in our stores," Toews said. "That's dollars that went right back into this community."

Board chair Milt Olfert thanked the store's staff and management for their contribution to the year's success, as well as Co-op's 19,513 members (up nearly 700 from the year before).

"Without the steady support of your Co-op we cease to exist," he said. "For your patronage, we thank you."

"Entering our 92nd year is a testament to the fact that the Co-op model is enduring and benefits our community like no other can."

Olfert's current term was slated to end this year, but he, along with Dinah Elias and James Sawatzky, were both elected to serve another three years. They join fellow directors Gordon Earl, Grant Fehr, Kalansky,

Darren Heide, and Eric Peters on the board.

At the meeting, the membership voted on a new compensation policy for directors that includes an annual retainer, meeting per diems for eligible meetings, and other benefits (namely, a \$500 credit for Co-op@Home per term for directors to use towards a tablet or computer to assist them in their board duties).

This policy is in line with other Co-ops in Canada and is meant to aid the board in attracting qualified members, noted Heide in presenting the policy recommendation.

As the Winkler Co-op has grown, "the expectations and needs for specialized skill sets has also increased for the role of director," he said. "Over the last number of years, unfortunately we've found it increasingly difficult to attract directors, in part due to current levels of compensation."

The recommendation passed unanimously.

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ment," he noted.

The plans will get a final review for approval to then go to the final RFP (request for proposal) process and to then move to construction.

"Target opening would be September 2024 if we can get that approval here soon," Ross said. "We would expect hopefully an award in December or January with construction to start in the spring ... so it's not far off now."

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school year has gone very well and students and staff alike are settling back into a more normal routine.

"I've been able to visit our schools and meet with all of our principals ... and certainly the sense that I'm getting and what people, principals and staff, are telling me is that it's been a very positive start to the school year," Ward said.

While public health orders eased already last spring, this is the first September in years where pandem-

ic restrictions have not been in play.

"To start a year under normal circumstances, to start the year with full extracurriculars and with group work in schools, that is just really, really good to see," Ward said. "It's great to see all the smiling faces in schools."

"It's been a very positive start and we want to thank all of our parents for their continued tremendous support."

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Celebrating an end

We went out to drive the gravel roads of the Pembina Valley recently to admire the changing colours and ponder the beauty of our region.

It is an annual pilgrimage that we take wherein we harvest large numbers of photographs of every tree or hillside that has remotely changed from the standard green. We then store those photos in Instagram and Facebook silos for future viewing or to be ignored.

We hopped in the car and drove through Tim's where we picked up our cliché Pumpkin Spice Lattes and hit the

dusty roads on a perfect sunny day. As the day wore on the skies took on a beautiful rosy orange tint, the result of so many farmers out harvesting and the great clouds of dust that were lifted—the bane of every person with an allergy.

It's an interesting tradition when you think about it. We get excited by these heralds of impending death and dormancy, the autumnal change that is brought about by cooler temperatures telling us that winter is just around the corner.

Part of the excitement I suppose is the subconscious awareness that we have limited time to enjoy what's left of life before the snow falls and we find new things to enjoy and distract ourselves with.

Of course, we are not the only ones who are aware that the season is changing. Our squirrels have become substantially more active in their efforts to eat, corn-on-the-cob style, every dried-out spruce cone they can get their hands on.

Our security cams have spotted more deer wandering into the yard

in the middle of the night, no doubt seeking out tasty trees and bushes to consume in preparation for winter.

It is an industrious season everywhere, really. Work activity ramps up exponentially for the average person. If you have kids, they are back to school and organized extracurricular activities and sports kick into high gear.

It is as if something primordial inside of us says, "Time is limited ... time to get going while the going is good."

We should count ourselves fortunate for living in that small part of the world that has four seasons. Some places only have two seasons: wet and dry.

When I lived in Florida, I definitely missed the autumnal change. Generally, things just went from hot, humid and green to dry, cool and brown. Not nearly as inspiring.

As a metaphor fall reminds us of many things—mortality first and foremost but also of the value of change.

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By Peter Cantelon

Letters

PROFANE MESSAGES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

Recently, my grandson was being dropped off at the Minnewasta School for his Gr. 1 class when another vehicle pulled up to drop off their children for school.

On the outside of the vehicle, in big letters, were the words "F**K

TRUDEAU" (the decal had the actual word).

I am not okay with having my grandkids exposed to this type of profanity.

I understand that people have very strong political opinions, but when did it become okay to publicly display obscene language?

I am very disappointed that a vocal minority in our community and country consider this acceptable behavior and subject the rest of us to this profanity and negativity.

Art Letkeman,
Morden

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Power boat ban has little effect on lake numbers

By Lorne Stelmach

City officials are happy with how the season went this year at Lake Minnewasta.

"I think the season was pretty much what we were hoping it to be," suggested beach and campground manager Brian Thiessen. "We anticipated that our numbers were going to be a little lower than they were during the past two years, due to people being able to travel ... but we saw more travellers here too, which is good."

"Overall, I think it was a good year, and it was actually how we were budgeting it, so that is a good sign."

A new factor this year of course was the City of Morden's decision

to no longer permit any gas-powered boats on the lake. Only boats with electric trolling motors up to 10 hp and non-motorized watercrafts were allowed in the water.

The ban on power boats was first introduced in the midst of the drought, as the low water level in 2021 highlighted the potential harm from pow-

er boats, especially given the lake is the city's primary water supply.

"I had lots of positive feedback from lake users and campers ... that it was really nice, quiet on the lake, people were able to kayak or paddleboard or canoe freely and safely," said Thiessen.

"We did still see some people come out fishing with their boats, totally on the up and up, with their props off their motors, using trolling motors to navigate, and that was good," he added. "I would've liked to have seen more come out, but I also know that the fishing wasn't great this year due to the drought. A lot of people who fish a lot had also told me that usually this will happen and it will bounce

back for next year.

"We were not trying to discourage people from coming out," Thiessen stressed of the ban. "We were just looking for a cleaner, safer way to be able to be inclusive to all user groups as much as possible."

In the end, Thiessen said it was just good to see people out enjoying the

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Lake Minnewasta banned power boats once again this summer, and the response was mostly positive.

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range of services and amenities that were available again this summer.

"It was a relief to see that we had a full lake ... and the water park was successful; they were able to function

at full capacity and put all of their portions out," he said. "The amount of kayaks and paddle boards I saw coming through our gate was encouraging as well."

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 8

The world changes and it serves to remind us that there is value in change and, if one sees the signs, it can be prepared for and even celebrated.

When Hallowe'en arrives, we actively seek to change into something else as we don costumes and go out

into the increasingly early dark to shock and surprise our neighbours.

If this season is about anything it is about change. It is a great, loud shout to all who are listening that things are changing and we need to be prepared for it.

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Meet the candidates

Ward 1 voters in Garden Valley School Division have to pick six trustees from eight candidates. Here's a look at who they are:

KARIN BANMAN

Karin Banman hopes to bring her experience as a both an educator and a mother to the role of GVSD trustee.

"I'm currently a homemaker and mother of two school-age children," she shares by way of introduction. "Winkler has been my home for most of my life. I've been an educator in the Pembina Valley area for 10 years after receiving my bachelor of education degree from the University of Manitoba.

"I have served the community as a volunteer and understand the importance of giving back to the community," Banman continues, noting her volunteer involvements include working with newcomer mothers and helping out with a variety of fundraisers over the years, including, most recently, "fundraising for new refugees that have come to our community."



Karin Banman

Her decision to run for school board stems from her passion for both education and the community.

"I am passionate about our students, schools, and community, as well as everyone's right to a quality education," Banman says. "With a reported 10 per cent drop in enrolment in the last two years, this signified to me that families have lost trust in our school system, so I want to be part of re-establishing that trust.

"I aim to engage parents from our community to hear their concerns and search for ways to work together to strengthen our partnership for the sake of all children and future generations."

"Honouring community values" is Banman's campaign slogan, and it's a promise she takes to heart.

"I just want to listen to students, staff, and community members and consider [their points of view] when making decisions," she says.

PAMELA HIEBERT

As a mother of two teens attending school in the local public school system, Pamela Hiebert is running for the role of trustee in a bid to make greater difference behind the scenes.

"I've been part of the NPC parent advisory council for the past three years, learning more and more about what the education system is like," she says, noting, of late, she's been feeling "a little less capable of being able to make a difference or influence anything at the PAC level."

She wants to play a bigger role in fostering relationships between parents and teachers for the betterment of the children.

"I feel that that partnership will create a stronger foundation for our children and help them enter adulthood as community-minded people."

Hiebert also feels strongly about ensuring GVSD is providing quality education for all its students.

"Making sure everybody gets a high standard of academics and education that allows them to be successful."



Pamela Hiebert

Her background in marketing has equipped her with the communication skills she feels are necessary to do this job well.

"Marketing is just communication and learning how to communicate with one another," she says. "So I can listen to a point of view that I don't agree with, but I can still listen to it and allow it to not necessarily change me but to resonate" while working together to find a path forward.

"I really want the families and the education system to work together, not in opposition to each other. Our children are stronger when we chose to work together ... they don't need to see division, they need to see partnership and collaboration."

JAMES JOHNSTON

James Johnston's decision to put his name on the ballot for GVSD trustee has its roots in a desire to get involved.

"I just want to support the community and I thought that this might be a good way to do that," he says.

Johnston has called Winkler home for a little over a decade now. He has three kids, all of whom attend local schools.

"So I have a vested interest," he says. "And I think Winkler's worth investing in.

"Education's important to me," Johnston adds. "I've always been interested in education—I've taught music lessons for over 18 years—so I've always been impressed with teachers and their abilities."

Being a part of the school board would give him the opportunity to support teachers in the work they do, Johnston says.

Prior to moving to town, he made his living as a musician. These days he's involved in the construction field. Both careers have equipped him with skills and perspectives he feels are relevant to this position.

"I think I have some varied life experiences. I did a lot of touring of Canada, U.S., and the world in that part of my life. I've moved around Canada a little bit," Johnston says. "In my current role as a contract administrator, I think I can be a good team member. Construction projects are complicated. Good communication, creative problem solving, budgeting—some of those skills I think could be a value to a school board."

If elected, Johnston says he's excited for the opportunity to really dig into how the school system works and consult with local stakeholders to learn more about what they want to see done to improve it.

JOHN P. KLASSEN

John P. Klassen is seeking a third term as a GVSD trustee because he still very much believes in the importance of this work.

"I think we have great schools in Winkler, and I've had the privilege of being part of a board that has overseen those schools for the last eight years," he says. "I still have a passion for this and I really care about all the students in our division."

A lifelong Winklerite, he feels he knows the community well and can be a good representative for it.

"I know that in recent years now there's probably been a bit more diversity of opinion, but I think as somebody who's lived here all my life, I know the community's values and I know what's important to the community as a whole."

That said, he isn't coming to this campaign with a specific agenda in mind.

"I come because I'm concerned for all 4,100-plus students that we have in GVSD," Klassen says.

"The other reason I want to run is because I really think the board needs experience at this point in time," he adds, pointing to the fact only four of the current nine trustees are running for re-election.

"I think any board member capable of honest self-appraisal will tell you it takes at least a year or two to understand the role and to make a significant contribution, and so it's really important with so many new people to have some experienced people there as well."

When Klassen first became trustee, his kids were still in the local school system, though they have since graduated—a fact he feels gives him a unique perspective.

"It actually helps me see the broader picture and not just view it through the lens of my own children."

LEAH KLASSEN

Leah Klassen has served on the GVSD board of trustees since 2010, though this is technically only her second proper election—she was acclaimed to both her second and third terms in office.

She welcomes the chance to compete for a seat on the board this time around and feels she brings a wealth of experience and passion to the position.

"I've been on the board for 12 years. During that time I have had the opportunity to serve in a variety of leadership roles," Klassen says, explaining she's chaired every standing committee at least once, as well as most of the ad hoc committees.

"Right now I serve as the Region 2 director of the Manitoba School Boards Association executive," she adds, which has helped give her a much wider view of the Manitoba school system and a chance to advocate for our area.

She was also recently appointed as the alternate co-chair of the provincial bargaining team for schools under 6,000.

Outside of school board involvements, Klassen sits on the boards of the Winkler chamber and the regional economic development corporation. In her day job she's a co-owner and business manager for Pembina Valley Physiotherapy.

She has two kids who attended local schools and have since graduated.

The past couple of years have been turbulent ones in the local



John P. Klassen



James Johnston



Leah Klassen

> GVSD CANDIDATES, FROM PG. 10

school system, but Klassen remains committed to this position and to her desire to be part of creating “an environment where all children can learn and thrive to their best potential.”

Achieving that goal is the nuts and bolts of the school board’s work, Klassen reflects, noting it includes “making sure that we have a division that has a culture of trust and collaboration.”

While trustees aren’t in the classrooms working with students directly, the decisions they make and the policies they create have a ripple effect

“Having a board that is well-functioning, that has trust in the system, and trust in the staff is critical to making sure our students are getting the best.”

TENA LANE

With one term in office now under her belt, Tena Lane is keen to go for a second.

“I am passionate about public education because it serves society well,” she says. “I’m running for school board as one way to serve our community.”

Lane says she believes our local education system plays a big part in building community.

“Diversity makes public education an important learning experience. It brings people together from different cultures, religions, and backgrounds that many might never meet outside of school. Community is built in the classroom, in the school, and between



Tena Lane

parents and administration on school PACs.”

Today’s students are tomorrow’s business leaders and employees, she notes.

“With all the information available at our fingertips, local businesses need workers with critical thinking skills now more than ever. A high percentage of the workforce in our area attended a school in GVSD.”

Lane brings to the job her experience in business, marketing, and as an

adult education instructor with Red River College. Being a trustee allows her to bring all the skills she’s learned in those roles to bear.

“For me it’s combining the education and the business and a love of serving the community,” she says, noting as well the importance of there being some “stability and continuity” on a board that is poised to have many new members due to acclamation and current trustees not seeking re-election.

Lane and her husband immigrated to Canada 33 years ago. Their three children, now grown, graduated from high school in GVSD.

PHILIPP UNRUH

Philipp Unruh sees the position of school board trustee as a way for him to give back to the school system that helped him get to where he is today.

“I owe a lot to the education that I received here,” he says. “It’s given me a lot in life.”

Unruh’s family immigrated to Winkler from Germany when he was nine years old. He is a graduate of Garden Valley Collegiate.

Today he is a dentist at the Winkler Dental Clinic and a father of three kids, two in local schools and one “chomping at the bit” to start Kindergarten.

Both as a former student and now a parent of students, Unruh feels he would bring a valuable perspective as a trustee.

“I have a pretty good understanding of what helped me coming out of this system, what helped me be successful in my post-secondary education, and then also what could use tweaking, especially now that I’ve seen my daughter going into the high school.

“I’ve seen the way things have changed over the last 15 years and I think there we could do some tweaking to give our kids, our students a better chance in post-secondary, because it’s a big leap to take.”

Unruh’s passion for encouraging



Philipp Unruh

local students to pursue post-secondary education includes his work as a member of the Gordon Wiebe Education Awards committee with the Winkler Community Foundation.

“I was involved there for six years as part of the group that started that fund, and I got quite a bit of exposure of the barriers students face,” he says. “There’s work to be done. It’s not as easy as just throwing money at kids and hoping they’ll be successful.”

“I came out of the Garden Valley School Division, I went on to be successful ... so I understand very well the challenges that these youth go through.”

DEANA WILSON

Deana Wilson sees much of her first four years as a trustee as being a training ground for what she hopes will be a second term in office.

“Really the first probably two years was really just learning—there’s so much to learn,” she says. “And then you throw in everything else that happened between our senior admin. changes and all the COVID-19 restrictions and then with Bill 64 [the province’s plan to dismantle local school boards], it just felt like there was so much other noise happening that I’m excited to focus back on education and what the school board can do lo-

cally right here in our community.”

Wilson has called Winkler home for nearly 20 years now. She works as a hair stylist, is married to a local high school teacher, and has two sons attending classes in the division.

“So we’ve had lots of experience with multiple schools in the division and I’ve been involved with the boys and volunteering in their schools and with sports teams and in the community,” Wilson says.



Deana Wilson

“I think having kids through the system, having a husband whose a teacher, I also have a sister and friends who are teachers, it’s given me an inside look of what is going on,” she says, adding her past four years as a trustee would also give her a head start with this position, if re-elected. “With so many new trustees coming on, it’s important to have trustees there with experience to help with the continuity of what work was started and those kinds of things to continue.

“I’m excited to be able to serve the community again and give back that way.”

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Want to hear more from the candidates? The Winkler chamber is hosting an all-candidates forum of GVSD’s school board trustees this Thursday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. at Emerald Centennial School.

You can also find out more on the Garden Valley Teachers’ Association’s election website (gyteach.org/elect/), which includes answers to a questionnaire they sent out to all the candidates.

Check out the Voice online at winklermordenvoice.ca or altonavoice.ca

Three trustees acclaimed in GVSD Ward 2

All three of Garden Valley School Division's rural Ward 2 candidates got in by acclamation this election. Here's a brief look at who they are:

Heather DiFrancesco

DiFrancesco lives in Schanzenfeld with her husband and three children.

"I decided to run for trustee because I do have kids in our school system and I think that's important," she says, noting she hopes to "ensure the values of our community and specifically parents are represented in policies and operations at GVSD. We all deserve to be heard."

"I want to see an increase in accountability and build trust between the school board and the public as well as more communication with PAC's and GVSD staff."

"I also know I have a lot to learn and having a seat at this table will be a great place to listen, contribute and make sure GVSD continues to be an incredible place for students to thrive."

Michael Rempel

Rempel lives in Plum Coulee with his wife and

two teenage daughters, one a recent Northlands Parkway Collegiate graduate and the other currently attending Gr. 10.

"I decided to run for trustee to promote increased trust between the board and the public, as well as more accountability," Rempel says. "In addition, I would like to encourage better communication and partnerships between the board and stakeholders including public, PACs, GVSD staff and other external organizations."

"I look forward to working with the board for the next four years."

Mandy Thiessen

Thiessen and her husband are raising their seven kids south of Winkler in the RM of Stanley.

Three of her children are currently attending school in GVSD, the eldest having already graduated.

"Through the years we have chosen different modes of education for our children," Thiessen says. "Participating in homeschooling, private, and public schooling has helped me develop a value system that prioritizes parental involvement in a



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From left: Acclaimed Garden Valley School Division Ward 2 trustees Heather DiFrancesco, Michael Rempel, and Mandy Thiessen

child's education. It is this value that inspired me to run as a trustee.

"My goal as a trustee is to effectively represent the voice of rural families to continue building a strong and healthy community of schools in which our children thrive."

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Spent Brothers, Elmer's receive federal funding

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two local companies are benefiting from a piece of the more than \$11.7 million in federal funding unveiled last week.

Speaking in Portage la Prairie Oct. 11, PrairiesCan Minister Dan Vandal announced \$11,796,593 in investments for 24 projects in communities across rural Manitoba.

"Rural communities across our country are instrumental in the overall health of Canada's economy," Vandal noted. "The projects announced today represent a wide range of initiatives and demonstrate the unique

needs and opportunities for rural communities and businesses."

The list of projects includes those funded through the Jobs and Growth Fund, the Business Scale-Up and Productivity program, the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, and the Tourism Relief Fund, all of which are administered by PrairiesCan in Manitoba.

In our area, Elmer's Welding and Manufacturing Ltd. and Spent Brothers Premium Meats each received sizeable interest-free repayable loans from the Business Scale-Up and Productivity program. The program supports high-growth businesses that

are seeking to improve productivity, scale-up and commercialize technology.

Elmer's received \$3,339,000 to expand manufacturing capacity and operating efficiency by investing in advanced manufacturing technology, process optimization, personnel and training at its Altona facilities.

In Winkler, Spent Brothers received \$2,850,000 to expand its meat processing and frozen pizza production capacity.

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being led by the people who live and work here," said Vandal. "And that is especially true for communities here in Manitoba."

Youth 12-17 now eligible for bivalent vaccine

By Voice staff

Children age 12 and up are now able to get a booster with the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine.

On Oct. 7, Health Canada approved the use of a second bivalent vaccine, which can be used for youth.

As a result, last week Manitoba Health expanded eligibility to this age group.

Moving forward, adults looking for a bivalent booster may receive either a Moderna or a Pfizer dose, while children aged 12 to 17 will receive the Pfizer bivalent vaccine.

The newer Pfizer vaccine is expected to be at most vaccine locations across the province by Oct. 24.

Manitoba Health is updating how vaccination appointments are booked using the online booking tool or the call centre, to help make it simpler going into the fall season. Individuals will make a generic vaccination appointment, based on their age, and then can receive an approved COVID-19 vaccine, seasonal flu vaccine, or both at the appointment.

You can book an appointment by phone, toll-free, at 1-844-626-8222, online at protectmb.ca, or by contact-

ing medical clinics and pharmacies directly.

Both bivalent vaccines have been developed to provide protection against two strains of COVID-19: the original strain of the virus and the omicron variant (either BA.1 or BA.4/5).

Health officials note that, compared to those who were boosted with the original vaccine, people who received an omicron-containing bivalent vaccine had a better immune response against omicron. This is why they're recommending people who are due for a booster should get the bivalent vaccine.

Boosters are also important, they note, because protection against COVID-19, either from previous immunizations or an infection, decreases over time.

As of Oct. 12, 55,109 doses of bivalent vaccine have been administered in Manitoba and entered in the provincial immunization registry.

The monovalent (original) vaccine continues to be available as a fall booster for children aged five to 11 and individuals who do not wish to receive the bivalent vaccine.

Winkler business marks anniversary by supporting SCCR

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A local business is celebrating its six-year anniversary in the community by giving back.

LaDawn Insull of become-yoga in Winkler is donating partial proceeds from the sale of select pieces of her handcrafted jewelry all this month to South Central Cancer Resource.

"I usually try to do some kind of fundraising effort when it comes to our anniversary celebrations, and this one feels a little full circle," Insull says.

Three years ago, for the studio's third anniversary, Insull spent the month of October raising a few hundred dollars in donations for SCCR in honour of a close friend who was battling breast cancer.

She wrapped up the month by posing for a social media photo of her holding a giant cheque representing the donation to SCCR.

That same evening, Insull's husband attempted suicide. He succumbed to his injuries the next day.

October has understandably been a

difficult month for Insull ever since, she says, reflecting on how that photo is the last one she has of "the old me" before her life changed dramatically.

For this year's anniversary celebration, Insull decided to fundraise for SCCR once again to help them mark October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"It felt like, okay, let's go back there and do this again, because maybe this October won't be as hard as the previous October and the one before that," she says, noting she wanted "in my grief, to be able to help others in their pain."

The campaign began with a bracelet and has since branched out to include necklaces and key chains as well, all featuring heart charms and rose quartz to symbolize love and support. Insull is donating \$5 from every sale of these items to SCCR.

"So far we have raised \$200," she says, noting she's aiming to meet if not beat the \$230 she was able to raise back in 2019.

You can learn more about the campaign on the become-yoga Facebook



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Winkler's become-yoga is donating proceeds from the sale of handmade jewelry to South Central Cancer Resource this October.

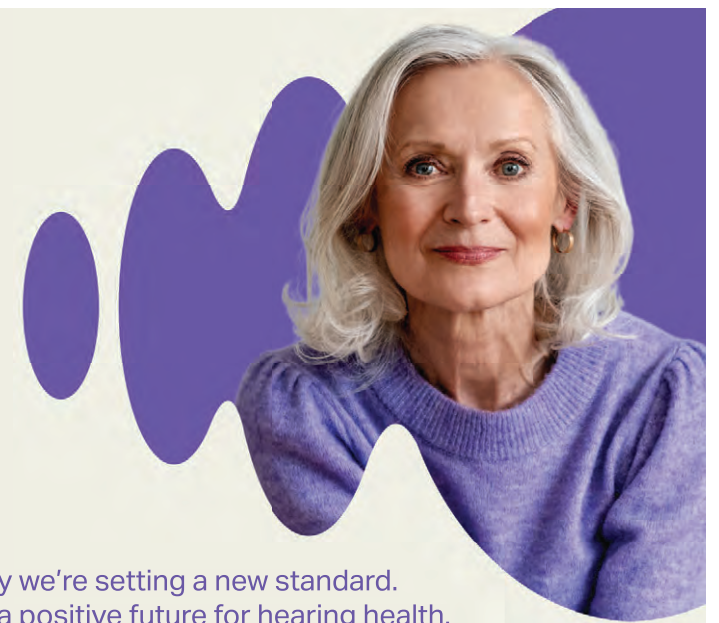
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Top choralists on tour



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The Central Manitoba Youth Choir performed across the region this past week, including this Friday afternoon show at the Morden Activity Centre. It was the culmination of intense preparations that included two rehearsal sessions Sept. 15-18 and Sept. 30 to Oct. 2 to be ready to perform at venues throughout the central region Oct. 13-17.



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"It's almost like the Indianapolis speedway"

By Lorne Stelmach

Concerns have been raised recently about speeding on Winkler's Gemstone Drive and the possible danger it poses, especially with the number of families and young children in the area.

"It's almost like the Indianapolis speedway," said one resident in the area who did not wish to be named.

Winkler Police Chief Ryan Hunt was not aware of the police service having received many complaints about Gemstone Dr. specifically, although he sees similarities to Northlands Parkway, which has been the source of similar complaints.

"It's so long and straight and not much development there yet. It's a big open area," Hunt said of Northlands Parkway.

He noted they had put in a request

to the City of Winkler a few weeks ago to put up the speed reader board on that route, and something similar could be considered as well for Gemstone.

"The hope is that might slow the traffic down a little bit," said Hunt, who added it is also a means for them to collect some data such as speeds and the time of day.

"If most of the speeding is happening at a certain time of day, then we can do a little bit more proactive enforcement," he said. "Maybe it's another option to set up the speed reader board there as well."

He also agreed that giving consideration to stop signs along such a route could also be an option.

"That might help to slow things a bit," said Hunt. "Those big long stretches are pretty susceptible ... if



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Residents of Gemstone Dr. have voiced concerns about people speeding down the street.

we get a number of complaints about a particular street, we'll certainly monitor it and set up there on occasion and try to curb the problem."

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The Winkler Fire Department marked Fire Prevention Week with its annual Open House celebration Oct. 12, which did double duty as well as a birthday bash for all the missed parties during the pandemic. Clockwise from right: Firefighters demonstrated a grain bin rescue; there were giveaways of frisbees and cupcakes; Sparky the mascot was on hand for high fives and hugs; Kaitlynn Arceta was one of the hundreds of kids who got the chance to play firefighter in the fire trucks; the bounce house was a big hit



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Rhineland candidates weigh in on the issues

By Lori Penner

RM of Rhineland voters also got the chance to hear from their council candidates and acclaimed councillors at the All-Candidates Forum hosted by the Altona chamber last week.

Included in the discussion were incumbent John Dueck (Ward 3), incumbent Archie Heinrichs (Ward 2), incumbent Jake Heppner (Ward 3), acclaimed candidate Brad Wiebe (Ward 1), Debra Enns (Ward 3), incumbent June Letkeman (Ward 2), and Hank Froese (Ward 2).

The candidates fielded questions during the forum on a wide range of topics, including:

What will you do as a councillor to attract more doctors and nurses to the Altona and Rhineland region?

Dueck said he does not believe providing healthcare services is part of Rhineland's mandate.

"It's a provincial responsibility. They have the taxing ability that we do not have to really address this. I believe we should provide moral support. I believe that we should lobby, but as far as addressing it with money, our priorities and responsibilities under the municipal act is not in the health care area."

Heinrichs agreed.

"We do have a mandate as council to take care of our taxes. I definitely support it, and maybe we could free up some encouragement to have them come in and attract them, maybe with some housing and living expenses, but I don't think we should outright be purchasing people as a municipality to support this, because we all know that the federal government and the provincial government are lacking in this department."

How do you think the rural and local water issues impacting the municipality can be solved to provide relief not only in times of drought but also in times of flood?

Froese said he believes Rhineland water issues should be approached in two ways: through finding another water source and by increasing capacity.

"I think we have a good water board in the area that is working toward in-

creasing capacity. It's a growing community with an ever-growing need for water."

Letkeman noted the RM has "been working hard with the Red River Basin Commission and the Pembina Valley water Co-op to find another source of water. There's lots of water in Manitoba. We just have to access it. But it's not easy. But we are not going to give up."

While finding another water source is important, Wiebe noted creating a succession plan is equally important.

"Without a long-term plan, what's the use of a new source? We're going to continue to have continued growth. Farming is a huge user of water in our communities and in our businesses. It drives the economy in our area. So, it's not just about finding a source but a future source that's also reliable. It's not a means to an end but a means to our future."

The Town of Altona has contributed \$1 million to Kiddie Sunshine Centre. Will you as a councillor for the Municipality of Rhineland support a similar contribution?

Heppner noted Rhineland has been grappling with the request for funding.

"We have not made a formal decision on it, but I'm thinking we will support it to a degree. This is another issue that is bordering on taking us off our mandate. But given that, to a percentage, I think we would support it."

"It's a difficult question," said Letkeman. "We know we need daycare. It's very important to our communities. Women want to work and need somewhere to take their children. As a council we will support it, but not sure to what amount. It depends on our budget and how much we can afford. We also have other communities to consider, and so many other things that also need funding."

Heinrichs questioned the high cost of the daycare project and said \$1 million is a big ask.

"The taxpayers also have to pay and only 17 per cent of the municipality is actually using it. Rhineland will support it, but the \$1 million is too much."



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RM of Rhineland candidates and acclaimed council members at the forum last week included (from left) Debra Enns, Jake Heppner, John Dueck, Hank Froese, Brad Wiebe, June Letkeman, and Archie Heinrichs.

The tax on land has more than tripled in the last six years. What are you spending the extra revenue on? What would be your suggestion on how to best reduce the tax? School taxes are already partially being reduced/rebated.

Dueck explained that the tax has increased because the value of farmland has increased.

"Around the council table, we spend a lot of time ensuring that tax dollars provide services and infrastructure so that the farming community and other businesses can keep functioning and keep making profits so that the money is being spent wisely."

Heinrichs added that school taxes are really not influenced at all on the municipal portion of taxes.

"The municipal portion of taxes is what we have to work with. I believe the excess money isn't necessarily going to be excess. We have a lot of roads that need addressing out there. We have a lot of drainage that needs addressing. More drain tile is coming.

We need to keep our creeks and waterways open. If we have extra money, I believe we have bridges that also need to be fixed. I know taxes are high and have increased. But I believe the municipality will take good care of that money."

Land prices have shot up from \$1,000 an acre to \$10,000 an acre in the last few years.

"But we don't tax at the same rate,

even though land prices and assessments go up," Heinrichs noted. "In fact, our mill rate over the last eight years has come down, from 10.75 to 8.7 mills. There's a shift that happened for the amount farmers are paying in the LUDs of Plum Coulee, Gretna and Rosenfeld. In all of that, the mill rate came down, and taxes have come down. The mill rate keeps it even, so we don't take unnecessary money."

Enns said that as a farmer, she knows what the burden is for land tax.

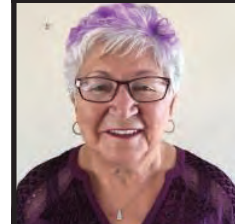
"But I don't believe there is a huge surplus even with the increase. If there was, I would use it to improve infrastructure to attract more businesses. Businesses pay more taxes. And we could continue the cycle of building better small communities and making sure we are attractive to everybody who would like to move here."

Rhineland voters in Ward 2 and Ward 3 head to the polls Oct. 26.

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In addition to her 1 term as councillor for the Municipality of Rhineland, June has served as Deputy Mayor of the Town of Plum Coulee for 8 years, served 6 years on the BTHC Foundation Board (2 as chairperson), served on South Central Library Board for 8 years (2 as Treasurer), served on the Pembina Valley Development Corporation Board, served on the Pembina Valley Tourism Board and Chairperson for the Pedestrian Bridge Committee.

"My record shows that I am a very hard worker and I care deeply about the Municipality. I'm confident that I would be a continued asset on the council of the Municipality of Rhineland."

Fire destroys unused bridge near Rosenfeld



By Ashleigh Viveiros

Altona Rhineland Emergency Services (ARES) were called to a bridge fire a few miles northeast of Rosenfeld last week.

Deputy Chief Barry Friesen says they were called to a site at Road 1W and 17N just before 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

A farmer working in a field nearby spotted the smoke and called it in.

Firefighters were able to put the fire

Altona Rhineland Emergency Services members were on the scene of a bridge fire last week near Rosenfeld. The structure was a total loss. No cause has been determined yet.

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out and prevent it from spreading to nearby grass, but the bridge itself was a total loss.

"It was fully involved when we got there, had been going for awhile," Friesen said, noting bridges generally burn incredibly quickly.

Firefighters were on the scene for several hours doing cleanup of debris and contaminants from the stream below.

A cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

"It's strange—there's really nothing around there. It's not a bridge that was being used, so there's no road traffic to it," Friesen said. "There was no grass fire around it."

Arson is certainly a possibility, he said, and investigators are looking into the matter.

Altona/Rhineland FD hosting 100th anniversary ball

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Altona Rhineland Emergency Services (ARES) is marking a milestone next month with a big community party.

The department is holding a 100th Anniversary Ball at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre on Saturday, Nov. 12.

"We used to hold a ball annually for probably 30 or 40 years," shares Deputy Chief Barry Friesen. "And then about 10, 15 years ago we stopped—the community was busy, there was a lot of other things going on."

Originally, the fireman's ball was an annual fundraiser started to get the community its first ambulance.

By the time the department pulled the plug on the event, though, it had been struggling to break even with it each year.

But if ever there was a reason to dust off an old favourite,

it's 100 years of service to the community.

"With the 100th anniversary this year, we just thought it was time to try one again—it's something worth celebrating," Friesen says.

The department has been doing what it can to get the word out to as many past members as possible.

"It would be fantastic to have the hall half full of former members," Friesen says. "We're trying to get as many of those as we can."

The community at large is also invited for an evening of food and dance.

"It's going to be fairly informal," Friesen says, noting they'll have a few dignitaries up to speak briefly but there won't be a long formal pro-


gram. "We want to introduce our current members to people in the audience who might not know who they are, and then we would like to recognize all the former members who may be in the crowd, thank them for their service.

"And then we've got a live band, Almost Famous from out of Winnipeg," he says. "It's a dinner and dance ... it should be a really fun evening."

The doors open at 5 with supper to follow at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 each and are available from any department member or by calling Friesen at 204-324-4223.

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ing immigration can be part of the solution. "Through the immigration pilot program that we were chosen to be part of, there have been more than 200 people who have come through that program and have found employment in the community."

To attract more workers to town, Batchelor stressed that the town needs to continue to celebrate and maintain what they have now.

"Sell, sell, sell. We have to promote the town and let people know how beautiful this community is, and the future is ours."

Rosling-Wolters said council's goal is to support economic development in a way that will be sustainable, not create an influx of businesses that will not last.

"Programs with SEED and the chamber offer ways to help businesses grow and achieve their goals. It's important for us to do it slowly and in a measured way so we can see success," she said. "We're providing mentorship, we're providing tax incentives and grants to

be supportive and be successful."

On the question of infrastructure, the condition of certain Altona streets was a big focus.

"Centre Ave. is an embarrassment," said Batchelor, while other candidates mirrored his concerns about Main St. and downtown drainage, as well.

Siemens said that while bureaucracy can be frustrating, council needs to continue to lobby for more funding for local roads.

"You have to be persistent while at the same time, be ready to move when the money is there."

Meanwhile, Dunsmore noted that in spite of the potholes and rough patches, the community has nothing to complain about in terms of street maintenance.

"Our town staff do their best to stay on top of things. They deserve our respect."

When asked how they will ensure that di-

Red Hat Society looking to expand with new chapters

By Lorne Stelmach

Rossita Schau and her friends will usually stand out in a crowd thanks to what they're wearing—and that's just the way they like it.

Dressed in purple and wearing red on their heads, the Red Hat Society is an organization that is simply about fun and fellowship.

The Red Hat Society has members (called "Red Hatters") across Manitoba, and they are trying to reach as many communities as possible to join in the fun in conjunction with their 25th year in the province next year.

"We go out once a month and partake in some sort of activity," said Schau.

"Because you're dressed in purple attire and wearing a red hat, everyone would look at you when you're sitting in a restaurant and a lot of people and especially ladies would come up and ask what is this all about," she said. "Being a member of the Red Hat Society gives you the chance to meet so many wonderful ladies who will become friends."

It all started in 1998 in Fullerton, California when Sue Ellen Cooper gave her friend, who was turning 50, a thrift shop hat and a poem by Jenny Joseph called "Warning" as birthday gifts. Thus, the Red Hat Society was born.

The organization today includes not only the Red Hat Society for ladies 50 and over but also the Pink Hat Divas for women under 50.

The movement has spread across the globe. There are currently 20 chapters in Manitoba, although Schau believes at one time, in the early 2000s, there were as many as 167 chapters here.

She would love to see those numbers grow once again, including, potentially, with new chapters in Morden, Winkler, and Altona or any of the surrounding communities.

"We would absolutely love to see more people get involved, especially rurally, and start more chapters here," said Schau, who has been involved since 2005 and is currently a member and Queen of the "Bling Sisters" chapter in Winnipeg.

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Red Hats Manitoba are hoping to grow the number of chapters in the province from the current 20. In the past, there have been as many as 167 chapters.

They meet once a month to participate in an activity. Dressed in purple and a red hat, members have been to plays, the ballpark, pole dancing, lawn bowling, painting classes, trips to some unique museums in Manitoba, and much more.

There is also the possibility to travel to many conventions hosted by various Canadian provinces and international locations, but particularly the U.S.

As women age, society sees their roles of having raised children and taken care of family as done, so it is time to sit back, said Schau, and embrace the golden years with joy.

"As you age, a lot of times,

you lose friends ... now you need girlfriends, people to chum around with," she said. "It's just wonderful friendships ... we don't do fundraising; we don't have meetings.

"What drew me to it was it just seemed like such a wonderful group of women. It was the camaraderie that you get with the different ladies in the group. It was a wonderful way to meet new friends and experience just different activities."

She encourages people to either join a chapter or better yet get a bunch of friends together to start their own chapter.

For more information, call 204-253-1579 or head to www.redhatsmanitoba.com.

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verse voices will be heard at the council table, Dunsmore stressed that it's important to picture yourself in someone else's shoes.

"Ask yourself how you want to be treated," he said. "You have to look at everyone's life and sometimes we struggle to put ourselves in their position. But I think it's very important that we do, because these people come with a story of their own, just like us, and we have to put in our mind what they're going through, so we can help them with what they want and need to do. And sometimes that's easier said

than done."

Dueck added that Altona has always done a great job in welcoming newcomers and people from all walks of life.

"Diversity is exciting. It's important to involve everyone."

Smiley agreed. "I just think that we need to treat everybody fairly. I don't see any difference in race, colour, sexual orientation. People are people. Why see them any differently?"

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Central Manitoba Tourism hands out awards

By Lorne Stelmach

Central Manitoba Tourism honoured some of the industry leaders in the region with the presentation of its annual tourism champion awards this week.

Honours were handed out to individuals, businesses, organizations, and events in recognition of their passion, innovation, and contributions to the tourism industry at a Monday luncheon in Morden.

"I was not expecting this ... so I'm very humbled that I'm being recognized in the region," said Clare Agnew, who received the award of distinction for an individual.

Agnew was cited for her accomplishments over the 14 years of work in community services for the City of Morden.

During this time, she started and oversaw many projects such as the Olympic torch run in 2009, Manitoba 140 celebrations, 2010 Telus Cup, 2019 National U18 Women's hockey championship and a \$5 million upgrade to the Access Event Centre to name just a few.

"It means a lot to have this coming from your peers and people on this board because they care about the whole region, not just Morden," said Agnew. "It means a lot that they value the work that I was able to do."

Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom received the award of distinction for an organization.

The local brewery business catering to the community of Morden and surrounding area has made a name for

itself by hosting many themed nights such as vinyl, trivia and open mic, and has quickly become a key gathering space for the area.

"It feels so good; it's kind of unbelievable," said Caylie Nicholson.

"I guess we had a vision, and to see it come alive is just really exciting, and to see people come in the door and come back is always great," she said. "Throughout the pandemic we found new ways of doing things constantly, but it's just expanded our ability to do things, and it's fun and exciting always."

Receiving the award for an event over \$5,000 was Eden Foundation for its annual Tractor Trek. This past year, there were 56 vintage tractors that made their way through the villages of southern Manitoba in support of mental health.

"It's wonderful. Any recognition that we can get from the community helps us further the message about mental health and wellness," said organizer Agatha Fehr, who noted the fundraising is vital but we "also recognize it's about coming together in support of mental health."

Honours for event of the year under \$5,000 went to the Denim and Dust Barrel Racing series in Carman.

The series is now in its third year and is spearheaded by Dufferin Agricultural Society board member Carlene Reimer, an avid barrel racer who saw an opportunity to utilize the facilities available in Carman.

"It continues to grow significantly; every single year we have tripled," said Reimer, who noted the summer series most Tuesdays will have over 100 entries with competitors ranging in age from four to 64, and the series now runs in two separate arenas.

"I'm very honoured," she said. "It's something we started just a few years ago, so it's unexpected to get this kind of recognition already, but we have put a lot of sweat and tears into it."

The award for innovation went to Wooden Gate Cider, which is a family-owned



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Shane Neufeld, executive director of Central Manitoba Tourism, handed out the agency's tourism champion awards on Monday. Among the winners were, above, Caylie and Grant Nicholson of Rendezvous Brewery and Taproom in Morden and (right) Altona recreation programmer Brittany Winkler.



small-batch craft cidery near Pilot Mound. All their ciders are made from 100 per cent Manitoba apples and, in some varieties, tame and wild Manitoba fruits and berries. The focus is on high-quality, vintage ciders that are as good around a fire as they are with a good meal.

"It's great to get noticed and maybe stand out in the crowd a little bit," said the cidery's Clint Cavers. "It's really great to get acknowledged in such a vast group of people who do great work in central Manitoba to help bring people to our communities and help develop business."

Recognized for marketing excellence, Golden Prairie Arts Council based in Carman has significantly increased its social media presence with the work of employee Desiree Penner. Through this marketing, it increased its visibility within the community

and province and attracted visitors from many corners of the country.

"Our organization was thrilled," said board member Heather Imrie. "It's a very vibrant, very busy board interested in all aspects of the arts, and they work very hard ... they're very passionate about it."

Finally, Brittany Winkler was presented with the aspiring youth award in recognition of her work as recreation programmer for the Town of Altona.

"When you're 25 and you can do this, it feels good," said Winkler, who has put together several successful events for the community, bringing in more tourism to the region.

"I am completely honoured to receive this award," she added. "When I started my position, it was all virtual events, and now I can do it in person, which is very exciting."



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Province takes steps to boost number of vet students

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitoba Pork welcomes steps taken recently by the province to increase the number of veterinarians in the province.

Boosting the number of veterinary student seats at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) is a small but vital step to help the industry in the province, say representatives.

"We're seeing significant labour shortages throughout the entire value chain," said Cam Dahl, general manager of Manitoba Pork.

The industry doesn't have enough resources at all levels from the barns to the packing plants and truck drivers, he noted, but veterinary support is especially vital.

"This is the number one restriction to growth and development of the hog sector in Manitoba," said Dahl. "It's vital to animal health, but it's also vital to things like bio-security, for example. It really is a key resource for hog producers."

"We sell very high quality pork at a high price all around the world," he noted. "So it's a critical part to not only maintaining animal health but maintaining our position as one of the number one suppliers of pork around the world."

Dahl added there are other steps the province could also be taking including decreasing the amount of time that foreign trained veterinarians need to be accredited here—a process that can take five to seven years.

A scarcity of large animal veterinarians practicing in rural Manitoba is especially a concern.

"Large animal veterinarians, like those that work in the hog sector, are vital partners in ensuring that our animals are raised healthy and free of the threat of disease outbreaks," noted Rick Préjet, Manitoba Pork board chair. "This announcement will ensure that we can continue to close the gap in the necessary number of veterinarians practicing in Manitoba, and that our sector can continue to sustainably grow our herds."

"THIS IS THE NUMBER ONE RESTRICTION TO GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOG SECTOR IN MANITOBA."

Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes and Agriculture Minister Derek Johnson heralded the move to provide increased annual funding to the WCVM at the University of Saskatchewan to allow for an additional five Manitoba students to be trained as veterinarians.

"By increasing our annual intake to 20 students from 15, we will support more students to pursue this important career path in order to help build our province's animal health-care capacity for years to come," said Reyes. "We are committed to working with the college's administration to realize this expansion effective in 2023-24."

Through a funding contribution from the province every year, Man-



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Roy Heinrichs snapped this stunning photo of a harvest sunset southwest of Winkler recently.

itoba currently receives 15 guaranteed subsidized seats at the Saskatoon-based WCVM for new entrants annually.

The Manitoba government will increase its funding contribution to WCVM by \$539,200 for the 2023-24 academic year to a total of \$7,009,600, raising the number of Manitoba intake students to 20 from 15 and to a student quota—the number in the four years of the program—to 65 from 60.

For the 2024-25 academic year, Man-

itoba's contribution to the college will increase to \$7,642,400 and bring the student quota to 70.

Manitoba's increasing commitment will bring its intake to 20 seats every year until the province supports a total of 80 Manitoba students annually through the four-year program.

"Our government is committed to increasing the availability of quality veterinary care to all Manitobans, especially for the agricultural sector

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Appropriate Technologies builds their first tractor in South Sudan

By Autumn Fehr

After a long road and journey, Brian and Ruth Dyck of Appropriate Technologies manufactured their first riding tractor in South Sudan.

The tractor was manufactured in partnership with Sudan Fellowship Mission (SFM).

Appropriate Technologies is a small organization in the process of reaching a manufacturing scale to build multiple small riding tractors to distribute to non-government organizations, farmer co-ops, and individual farmers that are easy to make, low cost and easy to maintain.

“What we do is a little bit of a struggle at times because we’re constantly having to employ thinking outside the box solutions to the design and manufacturing problems we have because of the lack of economic infrastructure here, but we want to build a tractor that is easy to build, relatively low cost, and is very very easy to maintain,” said Brian.

Brian works in best agriculture practices, focuses on appropriate technology, and tries to create an entry

point to mechanized farming for the people of east Africa.

The organization started with Brian and his two friends from Gunton and Market. They were Brian’s dream team in building the first tractor.

He started as a production farmer, growing more food than his family could consume. He had been farming for 20 years.

Brian and Ruth are missionaries with Equip Canada from Riverton, Manitoba.

They have always felt called towards missions set out by the Lord and wanted to find ways to bring the Gospel no matter where they were.

In Aug. 2015, Brian accepted a two-year position in South Sudan close to the Uganda border to manage a farm project, similar to how they farm in Manitoba.

For the couple, this was something they felt the Lord had called them to do.

Nine months into their agreement, a civil war erupted. They left South Sudan just before the conflict and couldn’t return.

When the war took place, their whole process was lost. Everything was looted through the war happening in South Sudan.

“I had much time for reflection. I’m a Western Canadian farmer. I only know how to farm on a relatively large scale, and when I saw the smallholder farmers here, I thought what we were trying to do was good as far as food production was concerned, but it wasn’t good in terms of empowering the small farmers,” said Brian.

After experimenting and going through the process, consulting farmers and partners in Africa, they figured a small riding tractor was the best to help African farmers.

The inspiration for their design comes from an antique tractor built in the United States in the 1940s.

Currently, a prototype is

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Team members in South Sudan in the shop work through the concept stage to work towards mass production of tractors for the farmers in East Africa.



Right: The first tractor that Brian and Ruth Dyck from Appropriate Technologies built in Canada for farmers in East Africa.

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Darlingford Food Grains Project has solid harvest

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On Oct. 7, the 24th crop was harvested for the Darlingford Food Grains Project.

The project was started by the late Ruth Nichol, who donated the land for the first 20 years. Now it is done on a rotational basis, with the land being donated this year by Jim and Norleen Wilson.

A total of 2,730 bushels of wheat was harvested for a respectable yield of 65 bus. per acre by Jim Wilson (combine) accompanied by Bryson Morrow, Glen Holenski (combine), Rob Dudgeon (truck), Graham Morrow (truck), Bill Nichol (combine), Jim Nichol (truck and combine).

The afternoon started with the field crew and a few spectators enjoying a chile and bun lunch provided by Nor-



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leen Wilson in the warmth of Karen and Hal Ching's garage and ended two hours later with the trucks loaded and leaving the field for the Agas-



siz elevator.

The Darlingford Nutrien site donated the fertilizer and MGM Seed and Service donated the seed.

This wheat will be donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, with the Government of Canada matching the donation.

> TRACTORS, FROM PG. 22

being built in Manitoba using processes that can be

replicated with the materials available in African metal fabrication shops.

"We are trying to work with what we have locally here," said Brian

Brian's friends at K&E Welding in Market cut all the pieces for a second tractor that was air-shipped in wooden crates through Ethiopian airlines. The frames were pre-cut, and most of the drilling was done there.

"I know from my previous experiences working here in Africa that the challenge would be with the running gear," said Brian.

"We try to build our tractor with what the local economy has available," said Brian.

Brian said they call South Sudan a tractor graveyard.

"Well-meaning people will donate tractors, or there are some new equipment sales, but they don't last because they don't have the after-sale support. Our design is helping to bring the after-sale support with it," said Brian.

After they get past the concept stage, they hope to be able to put it into mass production.

"I would have a modest goal of building one a week and work up from there. Maybe we'll get one tractor a day after a year or so," said Brian.

Currently, Brian is in South Sudan alone, as his wife returned to their home in Riverton three months after they returned in May.

He said it's not easy to be in a country where you are the minority, where he is away from his wife, kids, and grandchild.

"It's not easy to do, but you can make sacrifices for the short term so that you can try to make a difference," he said.

They aim to manufacture four more tractors before he returns to Canada in December.

"This is really an effort of love. It's a practical way of demonstrating Christ's love," Brian said.

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Get paid to taste donuts for Tim Hortons

By Jennifer McFee

Do you consider yourself a donut connoisseur?

Then you might just have a chance at landing your dream job.

"We're looking for four people to be our very first Tim Hortons donuts tester," said Ben Treanor, digital PR manager for Time2Play, which is putting on the contest.

"This is a Canada-wide search for anyone who thinks they have what it takes to test these donuts."

The chosen donut testers will be given a Tim Hortons gift card to buy the required donuts.

"Then we're asking them to taste and rank them all," Treanor said.

"We hope all of our applicants have a big appetite. We'd also

Tim Hortons is accepting entries for Donut Tester until Oct. 31.

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like to hear from folks with a sweet tooth and a discerning palate."

Sweetening the deal, each winner will also be paid \$500.

All residents of Canada who are over 21 years of age can apply at <https://time2play.com/ca-en/blog/tim-hortons-donut-tester/>.

"When entering the contest, applicants are asked to tell us why they would make a great donut tester," Treanor said.

"Once the contest is over, we'll read through the responses and make our decision."

So far, more than 5,000 people have applied. Entries will be accepted until Oct. 31.



> VET TRAINING, FROM PG. 21

that is so vital to our provincial economy," said Johnson.

"Animal health enables the success of our province's agricultural industries, so investing in the training of more veterinarians, particularly those with large-animal expertise, will ensure this valuable support is available when needed."

The additional seats for Manitoba students will be targeted for the support of commercial livestock, such as cattle, bison and pigs as well as sheep and goats, in rural areas.

"The Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association applauds the Manitoba government for their investment in veterinary education," said president Dr. Keri Hudson-Reykdal.

"There is currently a large shortage of veterinarians in Manitoba. The commitment to educating more veter-

inarians will help alleviate the shortage over the long term. In the shorter term, we will continue to engage with government, veterinary professionals and other stakeholders to address the shortage of veterinary services in Manitoba.

"Increasing the number of students who can attend vet school and enter the profession is the logical first step in addressing the veterinary shortage," said Michelle Streetter, a fourth-year student who grew up in rural Manitoba. "I am also hopeful that Manitoba's decision to increase seats draws more students from the Prairies who are interested in working in rural mixed animal practice, since agriculture is such an integral part of so many local communities."

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Female Hawks snap losing streak

By Lorne Stelmach

The female U18 Pembina Valley Hawks halted a five game losing streak with a 5-3 win over the Eastman Selects Sunday.

On Saturday, the Hawks had suffered their fourth shutout loss in seven games as they fell 5-0 to the Ice in Winnipeg.

Kaylee Franz stopped 33 of 38 shots in goal for Pembina Valley, while the Hawks could not connect on 32 shots against Winnipeg.

The Hawks finally broke through offensively with a four goal second period against Eastman, with Mya Pearce leading the way with a pair of goals and a three point night.

Caitlin Anderson, Emma Durand and Marissa Fehr also scored for the Hawks, who outshot Eastman 39-21 with Hawks goaltender Kasia Rakowski making 18 saves for the win.

Pembina Valley is now 2-5-0 for four points through their first seven games, which leaves them in the lower half of the standings thus far.

The Hawks are away this weekend for a tournament in Minneapolis. They return to league play next week when they will be home in Morden



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Emma Durand of the Pembina Valley Hawks battles Eastman's Kali Remillard for position on the puck in Sunday's game in Morden, which the Hawks took 5-3.

for a pair of games against Winnipeg teams as they welcome the Ice Friday then the Avros Saturday.

Male Hawks split doubleheader with Thrashers

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks earned a split of their weekend doubleheader with Kenora, although they have yet to suffer a regulation time loss now through their first six games.

The male U18 Hawks beat the Thistles 7-3 Saturday then were edged 3-2 in overtime Sunday, and it followed a similar 3-2 overtime loss to the Winnipeg Bruins last Wednesday.

It has Pembina Valley in the upper half of the standings early on in the

season with three wins and three overtime losses for nine points.

The game was pretty even against the Bruins with both teams connecting twice in the middle frame, but Winnipeg got the winner just 46 seconds into overtime.

Carter Campbell and Sebastian Hicks scored for the Hawks, while Bryson Yaschyshyn made 27 saves with Winnipeg holding a 30-25 edge in shots on goal.

Pembina Valley connected for six

unanswered first period goals then coasted the rest of the way for the game one win over Kenora.

Campbell had a pair with other goals from Hicks as well as Kam Thomas, Cedrik Robidoux, Ty Love and Liam Goertzen. Shots on goal were 44-31 in favour of Kenora, but Raiden LeGall had a solid night in goal for the Hawks with 41 saves.

Campbell scored in the third period for the Hawks to force overtime Sunday, but the Thistles won it with

just 10 seconds remaining in the extra frame.

Nate Lodewyks scored the other goal for Pembina Valley, and Yaschyshyn made 35 saves with Kenora outshooting the Hawks 38-35 edge.

Pembina Valley was starting their week in Souris Wednesday to meet the Southwest Cougars. They are home in Morden this weekend for a doubleheader against the Yellowhead Chiefs Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

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Cross country athletes win big at provincials



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The GVC varsity boys cross country team came in first at the championship meet last week. Left: Morden's varsity girls won silver. Altona's athletes also medaled.

By Voice staff

Local athletes did well at the Provincial High School Cross Country Championship in Killarney last week Wednesday.

In the individual results, Kate Sawatzky of W.C. Miller Collegiate in Altona clinched first place in the Junior Varsity Girls division and Carman's Nate Phillips ran his way to a first-place finish in JV Boys.

The A-AAA team results saw W.C.

Miller's JV girls team come in first with 46 points, Morden Collegiate's JV boys rank second with 91 points, Morden's varsity girls come in second with 68 points, and Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler's varsity boys win first with 46 points.

Earlier this month, the Morden varsity girls brought home the Zone 4 banner from the meet in St. Malo. The Thunder also won the aggregate banner at that competition.

Winkler Flyers down Oil Capitals, Wpg. Freeze

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers added two more to the win column in MJHL action last week.

On Oct. 12, they eked out a 5-4 win over the visiting Virden Oil Capitals.

Cole Mackenzie opened scoring just a few minutes into a first period that saw no one else find the back of the net.

Zach Nicolas, Dalton Andrew, and Trent Penner added three more Winkler goals in the second, while Virden managed two to head into the third with a score of 4-2.

The Oil Capitals scored twice more in the final frame, but Penner's second of the night kept Winkler in the lead for victory.

Aidan Comeau made 19 saves in net as the Flyers outshot the Oil Capitals 27-23.

Two nights later the Flyers welcomed the Winnipeg Freeze to town.

The 4-1 Winkler win saw the home team outshoot their opponents 47-34, with Andrew, Penner, Sully Ross, and

Kyle Crewe all making good on their shots on goal.

The Freeze got their lone goal past Winkler netminder Malachi Klassen midway through the third period. Otherwise, Klassen made 33 saves that night.

The rematch against the Freeze the

next night in Winnipeg saw the Flyers up 4-2 after nearly 30 minutes (with two goals from both Andrew and Brody Beauchemin) before the game has to be suspended when the Freeze's goalie was hospitalized with a serious injury after a collision at the net. The remainder of the game will be played

at a later date.

Winkler is 8-3-0-1 for the season thus far for 17 points, putting them three points behind the Portage Terriers and the Steinbach Pistons at the top of the East Division standings.

This week, the Flyers host OCN Friday and Swan Valley Saturday.

Twisters win one, lose one

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters had two games go into extra time this weekend, and they have some consolation in coming away from them with three of a possible four points.

The Twisters first edged Charleswood 4-3 in overtime Friday to snap a three game losing streak that opened their season. Their fortunes reversed then Sunday as they gave up a 4-1 lead after two periods in falling 5-4 to River East in a shootout.

Pembina Valley jumped out to a 3-0 first period lead against Charleswood on goals by Derek Wiebe, Merek Degraeve and Riley Goertzen, but the Hawks responded with three goals in the second.

Degraeve got the winner 1:19 into overtime for the Twisters, who were outshot 30-28. Logan Enns got the win in goal with 27 saves.

Special teams made a difference for River East, who had a three-goal third period, including a powerplay goal and two shorthanded markers. They

then won the game on the second round of the shootout.

Goertzen scored a pair for the Twisters with the other goals coming from Zander Carels and Cohen Thomas. Shots on goal were 41-34 for River East, and Enns made 37 saves for Pembina Valley.

The Twisters visited Fort Garry Fort Rouge Tuesday. The result was not available at press time.

Pembina Valley hosts the Transcona Railer Express Friday and then meet the Riels in St. Boniface Sunday.

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The W.C. Miller Collegiate varsity girls soccer team brought home the banner from the A-AAA championship last weekend.

Aces, Zodiacs tops at soccer provincials

By Voice staff

The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs and the W.C. Miller Collegiate Aces are the boys and girls provincial soccer champions.

The A-AAA boys provincial championships in Rossburn over the weekend saw three local teams from Mornden and Winkler compete.

The Zodiacs knocked out the Mornden Thunder in the semi-finals to move on to play the Swan Valley Tigers in the finals, winning it all 7-1 to

bring home the banner.

Northlands Parkway Collegiate, meanwhile, had lost their opening game against the Tigers but then battled their way to win the consolation final against the Morweena Raptors 4-0.

On the girls side, hosted by Birtle Collegiate, both the GVC Zodiacs and the W.C. Miller Aces made short work of their opponents in the opening rounds to find themselves up against each other in the final, which went Altona's way 2-1.

Morris' Paul Gauthier was a one-game wonder

By Ty Dilello

Paul Gauthier was born in Morris on Dec 8, 1915. It was in Morris where he grew up and learned to play hockey on the outdoor rinks of his hometown.

Gauthier soon decided to play goaltender and, despite his diminutive size (5'5" and 125 lbs), he was very quick and agile in the net and soon became known as the top young goaltender in southern Manitoba.

In the fall of 1934, Gauthier drove into Winnipeg to tryout for the MJHL's Winnipeg Monarchs. He made the team and promptly led the Monarchs to the national Memorial Cup championship in 1935, where

they won the title.

Turning professional the following season, Gauthier left Morris and embarked on a 14-year career with 16 different pro teams (he played for several teams twice, too) in eight leagues. His journeys took him to cities such as Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, New Haven, Spokane, Seattle, Kansas City, Washington, Buffalo, Ottawa, Houston, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Omaha.

Despite his lengthy career, Gauthier only saw one game in the National Hockey League. Playing for the AHL's New Haven Eagles at the time, Gauthier was loaned to the Montreal Canadiens for the night of Jan 13, 1938.

Montreal's starting goaltender Wilf Cude was sidelined for the night with an injury, and Gauthier was brought in on an emergency basis as NHL teams only carried one goaltender well into the 1960s. Gauthier donned the legendary Canadiens jersey and had carried himself well, making a lot of great saves in a 2-2 overtime tie

against the Chicago Blackhawks.

Unfortunately for Gauthier, he was sent right back down to New Haven as soon as Cude returned from his injury, never getting another sniff of NHL action.

Gauthier passed away on Mar 10, 1984, in Riverside, California. He was 68 years old.

Stretching the season - fall boating presents risks

Submitted by Lifesaving Society Manitoba

Whether you are enjoying the final days of fall on or near the local lakes and rivers, Lifesaving Society Manitoba wants to remind you fall boating presents different challenges and risks.

Drowning can occur at any time of the year. In fact, one-third of drownings in Manitoba occur between the colder months, October to April.

"Warm weather during the day often allows us to extend cottage and boating season well into the fall, sometimes even until the end of October," says Stacey Grocholski, executive director of Lifesaving Society Manitoba. "But do not forget, the weather fluctuates with cooler nights resulting in cold water in our lakes, rivers, and streams. Cold shock is a big concern for anyone who unexpectedly finds them self in the water. You can drown in seconds. Please wear your lifejacket or personal floatation device. Just having it in the boat often will not help in a sudden emergency."

A few more tips:

- Check the forecast. The mix of warm and cold air can result in a strong wind and waves making it

treacherous for small boats. Fog can also be an issue. While daytime temperatures can still be warm, dressing for the water temperature can slow the onset of hypothermia if the unexpected happens and a boater finds themselves in the water. Wearing an approved lifejacket or personal floatation device (PFD) is essential to staying afloat.

- In the fall, there are fewer boats on the water to help. Boaters should leave a float plan with someone on shore who can act if they are overdue. Have a marine radio or cellphone available to call for help. Be sure the cellphone is stored in a waterproof case.

- Carry small tools and parts to fix minor problems to prevent being stranded. Boaters need to ensure their boat and engine are mechanically sound. The use of a fuel additive prevents water in the fuel line from freezing. If the boat has portable fuel tanks, it is a good idea to have a spare on board.

- Boaters should be wary of reduced water levels after a long, hot, and dry summer. They should also watch for debris and chunks of ice that could penetrate a boat's hull at high speed.



Paul Gauthier of Morris played one game in the NHL for the Montreal Canadiens in 1938. He is second from the right in this photo from his Memorial Cup-winning season with the Winnipeg Monarchs.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Spooky Popcorn Spider Web

In microwave, melt remaining marshmallows about 20 seconds, or until melted. Using spatula, string strands of melted marshmallow over popcorn spider web to create cobweb effect.

In heatproof bowl set over saucepan of hot (not boiling) water, melt 3/4 cup chocolate chips; cool slightly. In large bowl of remaining popcorn, pour chocolate over popcorn, folding gently to coat. Spread mixture on waxed paper-lined baking sheet, separating into eight small clusters. Affix two candy eyes to each popcorn cluster. Refrigerate 10-15 minutes, or until set.

Melt remaining chocolate chips. Cut licorice into 1-inch lengths. Using small spoon, dab circles of chocolate onto spider web. Affix chocolate-coated popcorn onto chocolate circles. Affix licorice lengths to chocolate popcorn clusters to resemble spider legs.

Refrigerate 15 minutes, or until set. To serve, cut into smaller pieces.

Yield: 1 spider web
1/4 cup butter
8 cups mini marshmallows, divided
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
9 cups popped popcorn, divided
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided

black string licorice
candy eyes

Line round pizza pan with parchment paper; set aside. In large saucepan over low heat, melt butter; stir in 5 cups marshmallows, stirring constantly, 3-4 minutes, or until completely melted. Stir in vanilla. Remove from heat. Stir in 8 cups popcorn until coated. Spread onto prepared pizza pan in irregular round shape, about 1-inch thick, to resemble spider web. Refrigerate about 15 minutes, or until firm.



Witchy Popcorn Balls

orange sugar sprinkles, placed in small dish

jelly beans
candy corns

Spread sheet of waxed or parchment paper over work surface and place wafer cookies on it.

Spray large mixing bowl with nonstick cooking spray and place popcorn inside.

In medium saucepan over low heat, melt butter. Stir in marshmallows and gelatin powder until marshmallows are melted and mixture is smooth. Adjust color with 1-2 drops food color, if desired. Pour mixture over popcorn and mix until coated.

Spray hands with nonstick cooking spray and press firmly to form into eight balls. Place balls on eight wafer cookies. Press candy decorations into popcorn balls to form "eyes," "nose" and "mouth."

In small, microwave-safe bowl, heat chocolate chips, covered, 10 seconds. Stir to aid melting. Repeat as needed until chocolate is melted and smooth.

Spoon about 1/2 teaspoon melted chocolate on top of each popcorn ball. Press licorice strings into chocolate to form "hair."

Dip cone edges into melted chocolate then orange sugar sprinkles. Place on remaining wafer cookies to form "witches' hats." Place hats on popcorn balls. Allow chocolate to set about 45 minutes before serving.

Serve or seal individually in plastic wrap.

Yield: 8 popcorn balls
16 chocolate wafer cookies
nonstick cooking spray
3 quarts popped popcorn
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
3 cups miniature marshmallows
3 tablespoons (1/2 of 3-ounce box) lime gelatin dessert mix
green food color (optional)
3/4 cup chocolate chips
licorice strings
8 chocolate ice cream cones

Expert patient here to help!



Susie Schwartz

By Susie Schwartz

Here to Help!

So you've got a mole growing in between your...well, in a tricky spot, and the doctor is concerned it might be problematic. After immediately removing it, she said she'll send it away to be biopsied, and even booked a follow-up appointment in case you need it. Your mind starts spinning, your heart is racing, and you walk out of the office feeling very heavy even though you are now an ounce or two lighter. You remember thinking that your lymph nodes felt a little swollen last week. Could the two be connected? Is Cancer quietly raging through your system like an electric formula one car? To state the obvious, you're scared.

Tell someone.

You might be thinking, 'Susie, I'm not like you. I don't air my dirty moles to the whole world and post pictures of grotesque growths living between my, er...all over Ins-

tagram.' Fair enough. We can't all be annoying over-sharers.

But seriously, tell someone - even just one person you trust to a) keep your secret and give you a hug and b) give you compassion and c) offer some calming perspective. (For example, they might point out that although Cancer is possible, you don't have all the facts yet and it might be nothing. Or they might point out that it's a good thing that your doctor is being thorough and prompt. If it is something, catching it sooner rather than later is always gonna be better.) If you can't find someone with all of these qualities, sacrifice b or c and find a second person who can give you a and b or a and c. Even if keeping your secret is all they can offer, that might be enough. The act of saying your fears out loud can expel at least some of it. (Plus...the hug.)

If you aren't comfortable telling all the details like the location of the mole, that's okay. But I wouldn't worry too much about saying it. The thing about us humans is, there are two basic versions of our formation (with a few exceptions, of course), and your friend is probably familiar with both of them. If you ask me, the human body is the most fascinating art, and we should drop embarrassment and shame for being in the skin we're in. (I think I just figured out the topic of my next column!)

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and musician, Susie currently lives in the UK. Find her on FB @medicalmissstress, Instagram @susie.suschwa, and lesshealthstress.com



Green Halloween Zombies

Place popcorn in large bowl; set aside. In medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Stir marshmallows into butter until melted. Stir in gelatin powder until evenly colored.

Pour melted mixture over popcorn and stir until evenly coated. With buttered hands, shape popcorn into seven ovals.

Flatten one oval slightly and squeeze one end to form "skull" shape. Place on parchment-lined baking sheet. Repeat with remaining ovals.

To decorate: Press two gumballs into each skull to form "eyes." Press candy corn into skull to form "teeth." Use scissors to trim candy strips and press into top for "hair." Sprinkle with sugar sprinkles.

Allow "zombies" to set about 20 minutes before wrapping individually in plastic wrap or serve immediately.

Yield: about 7 pieces
2 1/2 quarts popped popcorn
6 tablespoons butter or margarine
3 cups mini marshmallows
4 tablespoons lime gelatin powder
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candy corn
flat green candy strips or fruit leather
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The Board of Revision for the RM of Roland will sit on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022** 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 24, 2022**.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.

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WARD 1: MIAMI/ROSEISLE

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2. Jonathon Nichol

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Prairie Rose School Division RECRUITMENT FOR WARD 2 AND WARD 8 TRUSTEES

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In order to qualify as a candidate for the school board, a person must be:

- A Canadian citizen,
- At least 18 years of age,
- A resident of the Division for at least 6 months,
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Visit the PRSD website, www.prsdmb.ca, for more information including:

- Ward Map
- Board Meeting Schedule
- Decision Making Matrix
- Policy #3 - Role of the School Board
- Policy #8 - Board and Superintendent/CEO Relationship

Please submit your name, contact information, and a letter identifying your reason for applying to the following by 12:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2022 to:

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3	8	5	2	7	1	6	4	9
1	9	2	5	6	4	8	3	7
4	7	6	3	9	8	5	1	2
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Sudoku Answer

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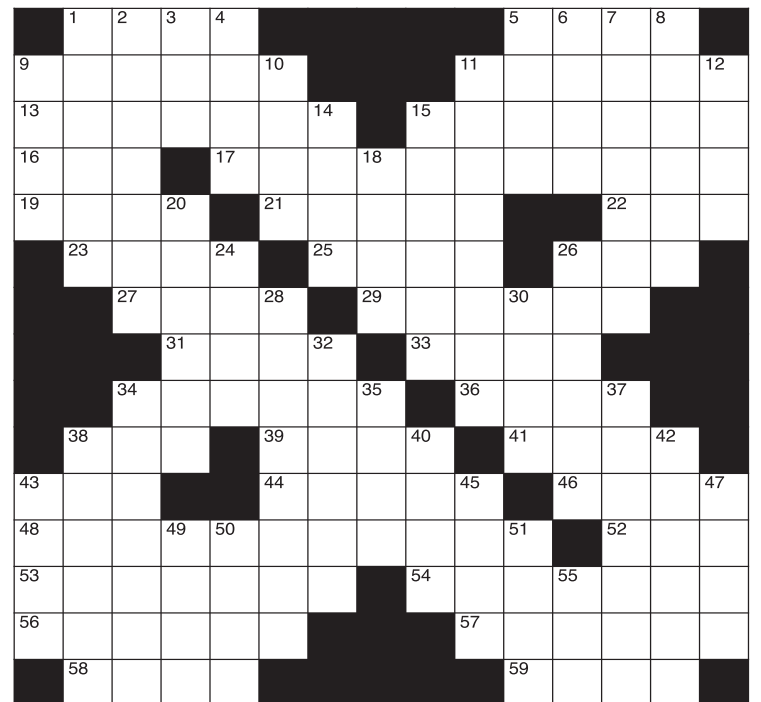
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CLUES ACROSS

- A way to communicate
- Historic city
- Not the same
- Hitting a horse to clear a jump
- One hurt the Titanic
- Fine dense cloth
- Architectural structure
- Where Serena works
- Stringed instrument
- Estimate
- Where sailors work
- Popular Terry Pratchett novel
- Popular slow cooked dish
- Twisted Sister's Snider
- "Office Space" actor Stephen
- Put the ball in the net
- Ancient Greek city in Thrace
- High school math subject
- Looked into
- Rhode Island rebellion
- A pea is one type
- You can put it on something
- Where golfers begin
- Make a mistake
- Semitic Sun god
- Ancient Greek City
- Beheaded
- A place to stay
- Inanely foolish
- Most unnatural
- "Dennis" is one
- Soothes
- Exam
- Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

- Triangular bone in lower
- Building toy
- Pointed end of a pen
- Insect repellent
- College army
- Highly spiced stew
- Exploited
- Main course
- A bottle that contains a drug
- The most worthless part
- Everyone needs one nowadays
- Japanese wooden shoe
- Antelopes
- A way to cut
- Brooklyn hoopsters
- Gradually receded
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OBITUARY

Edmund (Ed) Henry Klassen
1944 - 2022

After a year long battle with stage 4 throat cancer, on the morning of Friday October 14, 2022, Ed Klassen was called home by his Lord and Savior.

Ed Henry Klassen was born to parents Jacob N and Katharina (nee Doerksen) Klassen on July 2, 1944 at the Bethel Hospital in Winkler, Manitoba. He was the youngest of three children; one sister, Ruth Hiebert and one brother, Ernie Klassen. In 1964 Ed was baptized upon confession of his faith at the Winkler Berghthaler Church. He married Anita Ens of Morden on October 25, 1964. They were 19 days away from their 58th wedding anniversary. They were blessed with two daughters, Leah and Laurinda (Laurie). Ed quit school in grade 10 to start his career in the work force. One of his earliest jobs was hauling pails of tar up to the roof of Salem Home which was under construction at the time. He also was a milk man through the creamery for Mr. Braun. He is best known for working at the Stylerite Department Store, where he started working in 1963. He began in the shoe department eventually working his way up to management. He remained there until 1991. From Stylerite, Ed decided to try something completely different by working at Standard Modern where he machined ways until their closing. From there he moved to Ecusta where he pushed chives and tested moisture levels on bales. Once Ecusta shut down, he started working at SuperSuds car wash. He remained there until his official retirement at the age of 65. Ed took great pride in his work always treating the business like his own, a trait that he passed down to his daughters and granddaughter. From January 21, 1970 to January 28, 1984, he served his community on



the Winkler Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Crew. He was certified via the St. John's Ambulance Course. During his time with the department, he saw many things. Some good, which he shared and others he kept to himself due to the impact that they had had on him. Ed had many hobbies, including planting flowers, bird watching and getting rid of the pesky black birds, camping, canoeing, and fishing. He also loved cooking. He would spend all day cooking up a pot of noodle soup. He would also buy new socks to use for his spices in the soup. He said it worked great! His teriyaki chicken was also a favorite with his family. Ed was an avid reader. He would read anything he could get his hands on. Music was also a great love. He always said he didn't have the ear for it, but oh, did he love listening to it. He also had a passion for classic cars. At one time he owned a 1942 Harley Davidson and a 1978 Ford Mustang. He also had a strong appreciation for his family history, which he got from his own dad and Ed passed that love of history down to his granddaughter, Kayla.

He is survived by his wife, Anita (nee Ens), daughters, Leah (Alvin) Elias of Haskett, and Laurie (Jim) Kehler of Winkler, grandchildren, Kayla Elias of Haskett, Natasha Kehler of Morden and great grandchild, Aurora Kehler of Winkler.

A private memorial service and interment was held. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ed's memory to South Central Cancer Resource or BTHC Foundation designated to Palliative Care.

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Walkingsticks—another master of mimicry

By John Gavloski

For those who enjoy looking for and observing wildlife, each year will have its highlights and surprising finds. This year has been no exception for me so far. On three separate occasions in July and August we found a cool insect called the brown wasp mantidfly while sweeping for insects along the prairie area of the pathway in Carman. I was finding more still bugs this year than usual on some of these excursions as well. And I happened to come across a beautiful yellow moth with pink trim called the chickweed geometer. But one of the more incredible finds this year was seeing a rather large population of an insect called the northern walkingstick. Stick with this article, and learn more about these incredible insects.

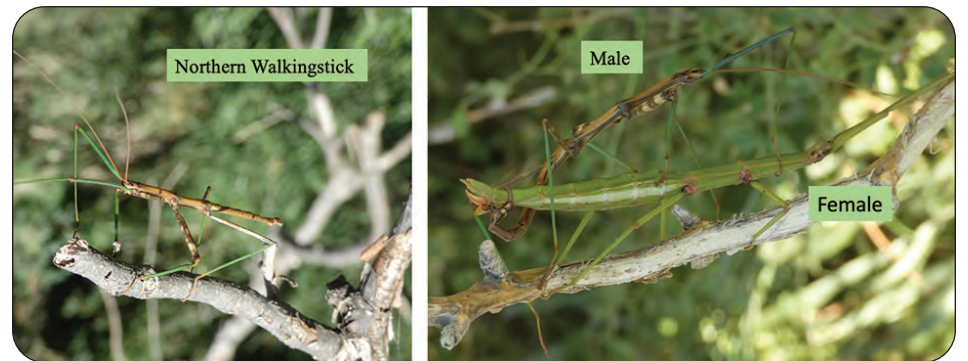
Searching for sticks

The northern walkingstick (*Diplophorina femorata*) is the only species of walkingstick found in Canada. The area around Miami seems to be a local hotspot. That is where I found them previously. They feed on the leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs, and especially like oaks and hazelnut.

I got a tip from a fellow entomologist about an incredibly large population in a grove of trees, which had some hazelnut, just north of Miami. This was something I had to check out. On the way back from our summer vacation, my wife Lynne and I stopped to have a look for these insects in the area described for us. Within a relatively short period of time we found 20 walkingsticks. We really had to look hard though, as they are incredibly good at blending in with the plants they are on. They would often be quite still when we found them, sometimes with their front legs extended forwards alongside the antennae, making them look even more like a twig. Males usually have a more brown colour, whereas the females are more greenish brown, and are larger and not as slender as the males. Several times we came across mating pairs. Male walkingsticks will remain with the female long after mating to try to ensure another male does not mate with her, and will try to fight off other males.

Eggs that look like seeds

Females of the northern walkingstick drop eggs singly on to the for-



PHOTOS BY JOHN GAVLOSKI

The northern walking stick feeds on the leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs.

est floor. Eggs overwinter in leaf litter and hatch in the spring, although some eggs remain dormant for a year and hatch during the second spring. There are some interesting features of the eggs that protect them from predators and parasites, sometimes with the help of ants. Stick insect eggs in general resemble the seeds of plants. The eggs of the northern walkingstick resemble the seeds of legumes. The eggs additionally contain a tasty area called a capitulum, which makes them quite attractive to ants that may find them. The capitulum on an insect egg mimics a similar tasty and nutritious area called an elaiosome on plant seeds that depends on ants for

distribution. Ants will take the eggs into their nest, thinking they are a seed. They eat the capitulum, but this does not damage the interior of the egg. The egg is then discarded at the bottom of their nest. This will provide protection for the eggs. When the tiny (a few millimeters long) walkingsticks hatch, they are allowed to exit the ant hill.

Walkingsticks are extremely good at camouflage, and an interesting insect to look for if you are around any oak or hazelnut trees. So if in the Miami area, take a walk on the wild side and see how many walkingsticks you can find.

• A LOOK BACK

Historic Post Road made travel safer

By Elmer Heinrichs

Imagine travelling along the virgin prairie of southern Manitoba over 100 years ago, following a buffalo or Indian trail, on a grassy flat plain without hill or stone almost as endless as the ocean.

These were the conditions that the early Mennonite settlers coming from Russia had to contend with when they first settled the West Reserve, a tract of land set aside for the Mennonites.

A story pulled from the archives of the Altona District Heritage Centre tells about the difficulties facing these early settlers.

They landed at Fort Dufferin in July 1875 after a long journey from Russia, and soon moved out to settle in villages, building sod houses, breaking a bit of land for crops, and preparing for the winter.

With only a few roads and scarce landmarks, it was easy to get lost travelling the open prairies, especially after dark or through the harsh winter months.

In May of 1878 the settlement director (Obervorsteher) Isaak Mueller sent a letter to all West Reserve village mayors. It called for the marking of a road with posts from Emerson (the most important trading and commercial point at the time) to Mountain City, located several miles southwest of Morden. This road, dubbed the Post Road, stopped by many Mennonite villages along the way.

The posts were put in by hand on the north side of the road. It quickly became the most important route on the West Reserve, allowing farmers to bring their goods to market and come home with other necessities of life.

The Post Road was unique in that it had posts every 250 feet, whereas all the other trails and roads were not as well marked. There also were stopping points along the way and some people opened up their homes to travellers.

The Post Road began in a straight westerly line from Emerson, continued just south of present-day Halbstadt, and ran past Edenburg.

It continued through the village of Neuanlage and then ran north of Blumengart and Neuhorst. Then it began to meander somewhat in a northwesterly direction, passing through the villagers of Schoenwiese, Reinland, Hochfeld, Osterwick, Waldheim, and ending in Mountain City.

After the government began to make regular roads in the area, these came increasingly into use since they were better maintained.

First the small paths were put to the plow, and then most of the Post Road itself was given over to crop production. By 1930 virtually all traces of the original Post Road had disappeared.

Today, the Post Road Memorial Trail Tour has twelve memorial sites to mark the general course of the Post Road. Each location is marked with replica posts and an informational lectern highlighting unique features of the locality.

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When David Janzen opened the Home Hardware store in the Altona Mall in 2016, he knew he was supplying the community with some of the best brands on the market.

"It's exciting to be able to provide local customers with great service and such great products," he says.

Janzen had an early connection to the business—growing up in Alberta, he witnessed the success of his brother's Home Hardware.

"My brother believed very strongly in the business and the products, and that inspired me to pursue it, as well."

After serving as missionaries in Bolivia for 17 years, Janzen and his family moved to Winkler in 2015 and set out to find something they could tackle together.

Purchasing the Home Hardware in Morden and later adding a second store in Altona proved to be a great decision, he says.

"It's a family-run enterprise. My wife and kids are very much involved in the business."

Janzen says he's proud to be connected to the Home Hardware brand.

"As a dealer-owned cooperative, there's an extremely supportive marketing team to ensure your store's success," he notes. "I've never worked for an organization that is so set on helping their dealers thrive."

Altona Home Hardware offers a wide variety of products, including housewares, electrical, plumbing, lawn furniture and garden supplies, and seasonal products. They also feature Home Hardware's signature BeautiTone paint and their own line of Benchmark tools.

And while the 6,000 sq. ft. space has a huge selection, Janzen says their website provides even more options.

"In the last couple of years, our website has become a powerful online shopping tool that is continually being upgraded. You really have the world at your fingertips."

Looking back, Janzen says the Altona & District Chamber of Commerce has been a big support as they've grown their business.

"It's been a valuable community connection for us since we opened the store. Supporting local businesses is important."

Along those same lines, by choosing Home Hardware for their commercial maintenance supplies, Janzen says local businesses and organizations such as Friesens Corporation, Gardens on Tenth, and Blue Sky Opportunities have been a big part of their success story as well.

"We're thrilled and proud to serve the people of Altona. It's been good, with great staff and great product lines. We're always striving to improve and continue to offer a wide selection. Thank you for your ongoing support."

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