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Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre executive director Peter Cantelon with Suzy the mosasaur. The Morden museum set a new attendance record in 2018 and has high hopes for continued growth in 2019. For the full story, see Pg.3.

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# Local birders participate in North American bird count

By Lorne Stelmach

For enthusiasts like Abe Friesen, counting birds can go much deeper than just enjoying our fine feathered friends.

It is also a form of citizen science that can be of more importance than meets the eye, suggested the Morden resident as he spearheaded the annual Christmas bird count in the Morden-Winkler area Jan. 2.

"I think it's important to know what's in the environment," suggested Friesen, who was among about a dozen volunteers who fanned out across the two communities to spot and record as many birds and species as possible.

"Personally I just enjoy going out with a group of guys and seeing the birds that are here. For me, I do it for my enjoyment, but I also can see the value in it in terms of keeping track of what's out there," he said.

"We keep track of the birds every year, keep track of the number of people doing the count so that they can have an indication whether the birds are increasing or decreasing in an area ... and the types of birds and what's wintering in an area."

Started in 1900, the Christmas Bird Count is North America's longest-running citizen science project. It's run under the auspices of the National Audubon Society in the United States and Bird Studies Canada here.

Counts happen in over 2,000 locations throughout the western hemisphere, and the information collected by thousands of volunteer participants forms one of the world's largest sets of wildlife survey data.

The results are used daily by conservation biologists and naturalists to assess the population trends and distribution of birds.

Each count is conducted on a single day between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5.

Counts are carried out within a 24 km diameter circle that stays the same from year to year.

The effort can involve both field observers who cover a portion of the count circle on their own or with a small group. Some counts also include feeder watchers who count birds at their feeders for a portion of

the day.

In Canada, 463 Christmas Bird Count circles a year ago involved 10,560 field observers and 3,704 feeder counters. The effort all told tallied 2.8 million birds of 287 species—nine more species than the year before.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A group of birders, including local organizer Abe Friesen (centre), spotted Eurasian doves in Winkler during the Christmas Bird Count on Jan. 2.

In Manitoba, there were 20 counts with 354 field observers and 174 feeder watchers. Together they spotted 83 species and 50,750 individual birds.

"People drive up and down the roads to cover as much of the area as possible ... you focus on things like bird feeder stations," said Friesen, noting their team of volunteers divided up an area centred in Morden and branching out both west and east, including to Winkler.

"We have one cyclist who covers a lot of the city of Morden. He's a really avid birder," he said, adding the weather obviously plays a factor with the count. "Every year is different. Some years are windy and cold, and some are warm ... some years we have twice the birders we have otherwise."

The count can show some of the trends and changes in the bird population such as the increasing presence of Eurasian doves,

which are a newer species to North America

"It's really new here and they're increasing," said Friesen.

"Last year, I think the sparrows and starlings were really down ... but some species will be up, and some will be down," he noted. "There are so many variables involved ... I don't think it's always all around climate change, although there might be some of that for sure as well."

For a couple of Friesen's fellow counters last week, their reasons for participating in this program was similar to his own.

"It's fun and I enjoy the camaraderie ... I like nature and I like being outside," said Alain Louer, a Winnipegger who has been involved now for about six years.

"I've been birding for about four years. This is the first time I've been out birding with the group," said Dries Desender, another Winnipeg resident who drove out to help.

"One of my goals is to try to take pictures of every bird from Manitoba, which is tough to do," he said. "It's just nice to get outside. The camaraderie is good."

"The thing I find amazing is you go out and you may not see any birds normally ... so it gets you more in touch with nature."

A highlight of the day, noted Friesen, is when everyone joins up afterwards to tally up their counts.

"It's always very exciting at the end of the day to compare notes."

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# CFDC sees steady growth for third year in a row

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre hit new heights in attendance last year.

The Morden fossil museum welcomed 15,243 paying visitors in 2018,

crushing the previous record of 12,854 set in 2017.

It's the third year in a row attendance has increased at the museum, which has seen attendance grow by 26 per cent since 2015 and by a staggering 131 per cent since 2013.



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The CFDC and the City of Morden added the community's third marine reptile statue in as many years in 2018.

"The kind of growth we are seeing is the tip of the iceberg in terms of potential," said CFDC executive director Peter Cantelon. "Our focus on building awareness and developing programming has really been paying off."

The CFDC's efforts to raise awareness in Winnipeg especially has returned huge dividends.

"For a good six years now we've

been really laser-focused on the Winnipeg market," Cantelon said. "We've worked very closely with Travel Manitoba to get the word out. ... More people are becoming aware of who we are and what we offer."

"We've also added programming, which has contributed substantially

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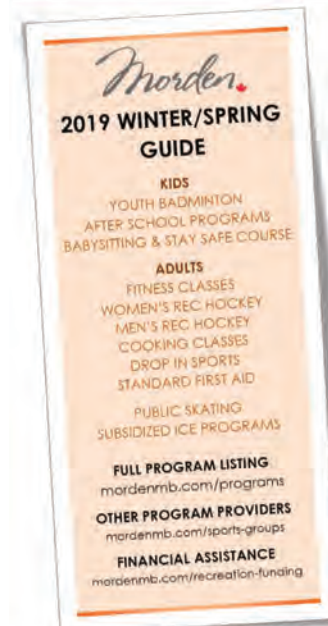
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# Winkler cross country ski trails are ready to go

By Lorne Stelmach

A little snow isn't keeping outdoor enthusiasts off the links in Winkler this winter.

For the third year in a row, the city golf course has opened two groomed cross country ski trails—one 1.7 km long and the other 2.9 km—for the general public to enjoy.

The project is made possible thanks to volunteer efforts spearheaded by Andrew Vanden Berg, who has largely looked after the trails.

The City of Winkler does provide some grooming equipment, noted recreation programmer Jordan Driedger, but having eager volunteers taking the lead on planning and upkeep is a blessing.

"It's always neat when we can get volunteers who are willing to donate their time and commit their efforts into recreation," he said. "Andrew has been a great volunteer. He's worked very hard, he's put in a lot of hours, and it really shows. He's built a great trail there."

Vanden Berg said his motivation is in part his own interest in the sport,



A skier enjoys the cross country ski trail at the Winkler golf course.

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but he also enjoys providing a venue for others to explore.

"Cross country skiing is definitely an interest for my whole family. We enjoy it as a family," he said.

Lack of snow last year put a bit of a damper on the trail system, but that's not a problem this winter.

"Last year was pretty much a failure because of the lack of snow, but this year it's been really good," said Vanden Berg, adding the 18-hole golf course provides a peaceful close-to-home setting for Winkler skiers.

"For the most part, it's very good for the average recreational skier who wants to give cross country ski a try," he said. "Especially for the recreational skier, it's a great spot to try it out. There's nothing really too demanding or challenging on the trail. It's pretty flat with a few little bumps that I've tried to incorporate for a few challenges."

"If you ski all the trail, there's just over 6 km of track that you can ski there," he continued. "Essentially, I tried to create a figure eight ... there's a couple different distances there to try, whatever you're comfortable with ... and it is very easily accessible as well."

The trail system has received rave

reviews from users over the past few winters.

"We've gotten great feedback from those avid skiers," Vanden Berg said. "They were looking for a different type of trail ... they still use all their traditional trails that they've always used, but this is just giving them another option."

He noted they encourage users to leave their names and feedback.

"There's a guest book there that we ask people to sign just because it helps us to know if people are using the trails."

The trails start at the golf course's south parking lot. Skiers need to bring their own skis, as rentals are not available on-site.

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The Bible's picture of advanced, intelligent and ever-curious man is further supported by the discovery all over the world of ancient observatories. Some of these

observatories, such as Stonehenge, are so ancient that little is known about the builders. In fact, when many of the structures which are now known to be observatories were first discovered, no one could figure out the purpose of these structures. Several years ago, 60 additional observatories were positively identified in the American Southwest. The first, and most famous, is the so-called "sun dagger" in New Mexico. Two spiral designs had been cut into the rock so that a shaft of light, passing through nearby rocks, would illuminate key portions of the carvings only on solstices and equinoxes.

The creation itself declares the glory of the Creator. Man's own activities provide a strong witness to the fact that the Bible's story of the special creation of intelligent, inquisitive man is completely reliable.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I thank You that You have made me and given me the ability to learn about the world You have made. Help me to always use my mind and abilities to glorify You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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## Winkler woman killed in Hwy. 3 collision

A 24-year-old Winkler woman was killed in a two-car collision on Hwy. 3 last Thursday.

Emergency responders were called to an accident near Road 17N in the RM of Stanley at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 3.

RCMP say a semi-trailer was travelling southbound on Hwy. 3 when it collided with a northbound SUV that was travelling in the southbound lane. The SUV was in the oncoming lane of traffic at the time of the col-

lision.

The 24-year-old female driver of the SUV was pronounced dead at the scene. The semi driver, a 45-year-old man from from Austin, MB, received minor injuries.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor, police say. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts.

The investigation continues with the assistance of a RCMP forensic collision reconstructionist.



# Koats for Kids, Donate Love teaming up

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District United Way is teaming up with another local charitable organization to carry on a little while longer with its annual Koats for Kids campaign.

The recognizable red bin used for the campaign in November is now set up at Donate Love's facility at 876-B Thornhill St.

Gently used winter clothing can be dropped off there at least throughout January, though it may continue longer if warranted.

"I think partnering with them is a natural fit for us," said United Way board member Terry Gibson, who has helped spearhead Koats for Kids for many years.

The annual initiative to provide families in need with quality winter clothing saw over 175 items ranging from jackets to gloves to boots handed out before Christmas.

At the campaign's conclusion, leftover jackets were given to Donate Love, which had distributed them all within a couple of days.

"It led to this partnership and extending the campaign," said fellow Koats for Kids organizer Andrew Plett.

Donate Love is a vital community effort, Plett added, and it is available and accessible on a regular basis to

From left: Terry Gibson of the Morden United Way, Donate Love's Margaret Giesbrecht and Denise Thiessen, and Brian Thiessen, and Andrew Plett of the United Way with the Koats for Kids box, which is now set up at Donate Love.

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BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE



those in need.

"And we know the needs are there, especially for kids," he said.

Partnering with a like-minded agency like the United Way is something Donate Love is always happy to do, said the charity's Brian Thiessen.

"That's exactly what our goal from the very beginning has been ... to try to bring organizations all together into one community," he said.

Donate Love aims to be a source of

support and assistance for anyone in need of food, clothing and even some smaller household items.

"We're just here to give them a place for when they're going through a tough time," Thiessen said. "And this [new partnership] provides coats for people at a very crucial time of the year."

Koats for Kids donations will be available at Donate Love from 3-6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Those hours could

be extended if more volunteers step up to help out.

"We need to be open more. Three hours a week is not enough," said Donate Love's Denise Thiessen. "We need to be open more and be more accessible, but we can't with the amount of volunteers that we have."

You can find more information online at [donatelove.ca](http://donatelove.ca).

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to those numbers," he added, pointing to the popularity of the various children's day camps now held throughout the year.

"We also started making a concerted effort about five or six years ago that we would add between two to four new exhibits every year," he continued. "That means return visitors get something new every time."

This past year saw the museum unveil a new rare mosasaur, a large interactive Manitoba paleontology exhibit, and a live animal exhibit featuring Axolotl salamanders.

Beyond its domain in the basement of the Access Event Centre, the CFDC has continued its efforts to be part of the community at large

with the addition of a giant Xiphacanthus fish statue in 2018, bringing the number of outdoor attractions in Morden to three in as many years.

"We expect to continue to see growth for the foreseeable future as long as we continue to work for it," Cantelon said. "We are adding numerous programs and additional mobile app features in the coming year as well as new exhibits."

Coming up for 2019 is a new French language audio for the museum's digital audio guide mobile app, a new marine reptile to build in its Fossil Discovery Adventure app, and the launch of live remote guided tours of the museum for remote classrooms and communities.

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"That's the thing I'm most excited about," Cantelon said of the tours. "We've heard from teachers that the obstacle to coming here has been the transportation costs ... and that's been increasing dramatically year after year."

"So we thought let's create something that while it's not the same as being here, it's as close as we can get to it," he said, explaining students will be able to interact with CFDC staff as they take them through the exhibits and behind-the-scenes.

While the likely initial users of these tours will be remote northern or Indigenous communities, Cantelon points out there's no limit to this technology.

"This could be global. We have the ability to deliver these tours in five different languages."

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

With attendance steadily on the

rise, the CFDC is once again taking a look at what the future may hold for it by way of a new home.

"We've struck a facilities committee to begin looking at practical ways of getting the museum above ground and ideally in its own facility," Cantelon said. "We can sustain something like that now."

"When we looked at it about 10 years ago, we weren't prepared for it," he said. "We did a feasibility study then and it showed we were not in a place from a visitation standpoint to be able to sustain our own facility. Even if somebody paid the entire capital costs we still have to pay all the ongoing costs."

The past decade has seen the CFDC pay off its debts and build up its reserves, putting it in the best financial shape it's been in years.

"Now we're looking for creative ideas on how to do this moving forward," Cantelon said.



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## By the skin of my teeth

**I** think you can tell a person by the choices they make while downhill skiing.

I love skiing. Not cross-country skiing (a.k.a. jogging on planks or narrow snowshoes) but real, take your life in your hands, honest to goodness "I might die here" skiing.

I grew up geographically and economically far from ski hills when I lived in southern Ontario. It wasn't until I was 20 years old that I decided to give it a go.

I was in university and a cute redheaded friend asked me if I wanted to join her and her friends in Jasper, Alberta on a weeklong ski trip. I instantly said yes and decided I would figure out how to pay for it at some later date.

One problem: I didn't know how to ski. No problem, I thought. I would head to the Gatineau hills in Quebec across the river from Ottawa where I was in university, rent skis, get a lift ticket, and figure it out.

By some miracle I did figure it out.

I think a fine motivator was trying not to kill myself and/or others. Another helpful factor was that the Gatineau hills were essentially skat-

ing rinks on a steep incline. I could ski just as fast backwards and sideways as I could forward. One has to learn quickly in these conditions. It also means skiing in the Rockies is a piece of cake because they have snow there.

I knew nothing about skiing. I took no lessons. Every single piece of equipment I used was rented. I learned by watching others and falling—a lot. It was falling and being completely unwilling to go to the bunny hill that helped me progress. I also enjoyed speed, which required me to learn how to stop fairly quickly.

It didn't take long before Green Diamond runs became Blue and Blue became Black and Black became double and triple Black (a weird scenario they had in Quebec that I have not found anywhere else: Black is Black, not double or triple).

By the time spring break came around I was pretty confident. I could stop, slalom, handle any of the runs and enjoy it without worrying too often about death. Not bad.

Back to the beginning: I had made very specific choices that led me to where I was. I was impulsive, took risks, disregarded my own safety and I skied where angels feared to tread. In many ways I still do this in life.

This works for me. But it doesn't work for everyone. Each of us has a way we proceed with things in life. Each path has pluses and minuses. Some are more risk oriented, some are less.

I had a blast skiing in Jasper but it was not without challenges that I could have avoided. For instance, a friend and I decided to follow some guys trail off a Black Diamond run called the Rock Gardens and into the forest. We skied for 10 minutes away from the groomed slope before we realized we had lost his trail and our way. It took us more than three hours to climb out.

On the last day after skiing all day, every day for five straight days, I decided to take a run at the moguls. HUGE mistake. I never realized how much a toll daily skiing can take on your legs. I was exhausted and didn't know it. I got halfway through the moguls when one launched me into the air and I came down between two more and slammed all of my weight on my right shoulder. I heard and felt an enormous crack run through my body. I laid still for a minute, slowly wiggling things from the toes up to make sure I hadn't broken my back or neck. Then I stood up and realized I could not move my right arm. I had dislocated my shoulder.

I skied down the mountain with my polls in my left hand. To this day that shoulder hurts.

There are consequences to certain choices, and we live with them. I would not trade that trip for anything. I probably would still take the moguls (maybe early this time). Heck, I'm 50

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# letters

## Good Samaritan returns lost hockey equipment

We live in the 900 block of Gilmour St. in Morden, near the rink at Lions Park. When our kids and grandkids come to visit they bring skates and hockey gear and take advantage of the rink.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 5, our kids were packing up to head home. Two hockey bags, no identification

on either one, were accidentally left on the curb. When they realized what happened they called us and we went out to look, but the bags were gone.

We decided to put up some posters the following day and thought the rink would be a good place for one as well. As we approached the rink,

we saw the hockey bags hanging on the flooding hydrant. What a relief!

To the good Samaritan that did this, thank you so much. The spirit of Christmas lives on.

Ken & Linda Wiebe,  
Morden



# Morden welcomes Anwar as new city manager

By Lorne Stelmach

With the new year comes the chance for Faisal Anwar to really get to work as the Morden city manager.

Having officially started a month ago, the first few weeks saw Anwar getting settled into his new role here and getting to know city staff, which includes more than a few other fresh faces.

"It's a pretty steep learning curve for all of us ... we all are new ... we are trying to find new ways to make improvements," Anwar said at a community meet and greet reception held just before Christmas.

"I wanted to know my team first ... and let them know me and then I'll try to get to know the community," he said. "In the new year I'm going to go out and meet with all community stakeholders so that we can work together because it's not just my team, it's basically that whole community."

Prior to coming to Morden, Anwar served as the director of sustainable economic development for the City of Selkirk. He previously worked as the City of Yorkton's economic development officer.

Aside from his professional experience, Anwar brings a wealth of education in the form of master's degrees in applied environmental



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE  
New Morden city manager Faisal Anwar (centre) chats with former Morden councillor Heather Francis and RM of Stanley CAO Dale Toews at a recent meet and greet reception held in his honour.

studies, local economic development and business development, finance and financial services, and arts, economics, mathematical economics and econometrics.

Anwar steps into the role of city manager following a restructuring of civic administration that saw the creation of two deputy city manager positions.

Finance and administration officer Patrick Dueck has stepped into the role of deputy city manager of corporate. The city is also in the process of hiring a new deputy city manager of operations after the departure of Dave Haines.

Anwar said he was drawn to his new position out of a passion to take on bigger challenges and opportunities.

"This opportunity provided me kind of like a challenge to lead the senior management team of the City of Morden and set direction so that we can achieve common vision and goals of the municipality," he said.

"I knew that I'm ready to take this challenge, this opportunity," said Anwar, stressing as well the importance of working together at the regional level as well. "I'm trying to meet with CAOs of the neighbouring municipalities so that we can try to find ways how we can work together to bring those projects which have mutual benefits."

He's eager to be part of guiding the continued growth of an area as prosperous as Morden-Winkler-Stanley.

"I'm very much familiar with that," he said. "I started working with City of Yorkton in 2008, and that community was booming."

"Even in Selkirk, it's still growing ... and I love those kinds of challenges. Even if communities are not growing, I love that too so that we can make a bigger difference in those communities."

"Every growing community has growing pains," Anwar said. "We need to set the right direction so that we can accommodate that growth and keep pace with new changes."

# Local yoga instructors host first joint retreat

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Mindfulness was the name of the game last Saturday at Morden's Kenmor Theatre, which hosted the first Heart of Winter Yoga Retreat.

The event featured 13 teachers from Morden, Winkler, Carman, Altona, and Winnipeg offering classes in yoga, meditation, and mindful movement.

Such self-care retreats are common in Winnipeg but not so much in our neck of

the woods, says yoga instructor Brooke Nelson, who co-organized the event with fellow Morden instructor Stacey Lassnig.

"We thought it would be a great idea to offer something local," she says. "We wanted to bring together all the people who like to practice yoga in the area and who teach yoga in the area to one big gathering ... for a day of mindfulness."

Interest was high as soon as word got out on social media, Nelson says, and the event's 45 tickets sold out within hours when tickets

went on sale in October.

"It was really ripe for the picking," she says. "The offering to have a retreat like this, I think people were just totally ready for it."

Yoga and related mindfulness exercises have certainly been growing in popularity in Morden-Winkler in recent years.

"It's something that everybody can do," Nelson says, adding that "mindfulness is such a large umbrella term for basically a beautiful way to live life."

In addition to classes on a variety of different yoga styles and mindfulness exercises, the day also gave a few area vendors a chance to shine, with food provided by The Olive Tree, Coffee Culture, Teas by Stacey, and the Burwalde Juice Co.



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## > CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

and I still have my daughter film my attempts at the rails and jumps (usually a great fall occurs).

The point is we can learn a lot about ourselves by the choices we make in mundane things like skiing. I make the same kinds of choices in life. Sometimes to great pain but never to regret.

What do you do that mimics life? Is it biking, cooking, running ... downhill skiing? If it's skiing, then I will see you on the hill and race you to the bottom. May the craziest win.





## Ringling in 2019 in style

Students and teachers of the Cultural and Educational Center LEADER program in Morden held their annual new year's celebration for the local Russian community Dec. 29. Children were in colourful costumes of their choice and took part in games, songs, and dances. The stars of the show included Grandfather Frost and his granddaughter Snowmaiden. New Year's is the biggest holiday in Russian culture and is usually celebrated in a close family circle with sparkling wine and lots of good food, noted Olga Vorobyeva, LEADER program founder.

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## Diversitas speaker series offers varied lineup for 2019

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Diversitas will shine a spotlight on the full range of human diversity once again this year.

The speaker series has firmed up its 2019 schedule, focusing on subjects ranging from Indigenous satire to Yazidi and Sikh cultures to issues facing the transgender community.

"I'm really excited for this year," said organizer Peter Cantelon. "When we started this in 2015 I didn't expect we'd still be doing it in 2019, but here we are."

Kicking things off on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre will be Tim Fontaine, editor-in-chief of the satire website *Walking Eagle News*. Fontaine will be speaking about satire and humour as it relates to the Indigenous community.

Following Fontaine, Nafiya Naso, founder of the Yazidi Community of Manitoba, will be speaking March 27 about the Yazidis, their culture, history, and recent persecution at the hands of ISIS.

In May, federal NDP leader Jagmeet Singh will speak on Sikhism in

Canada.

"We have a huge Sikh population in the Pembina Valley," Cantelon noted, making the topic a timely one for the community.

After a summer break, Diversitas returns Sept. 11 with a presentation on being transgender from Cynthia Fortlage, former president and board member of Winnipeg's Rainbow Resource Centre.

"This is probably the most diverse lineup we've had in a long time," said Cantelon. "It continues to push

forward the goals of Diversitas to educate and inform people in the Pembina Valley in areas they might otherwise have no information on."

The series has also had the unexpected benefit of changing a few negative perceptions of our community held by outsiders.

"Our prime goal is to educate our community, but the interesting thing is it's also educating our speakers that not everybody in here is as intolerant as they think we are," said Cantelon.

People may not always agree with

the speakers, but the Diversitas sessions have remained safe spaces for respectful discussion, he stressed.

"It's great to see that we're getting people of diverse opinions that feel that they can come to this and they're not going to be attacked. If they don't like our speakers they're not going to get shouted down ... we try to create a respectful environment. We want people to know they can ask their questions."

For more information about Diversitas visit [diversitas.ca](http://diversitas.ca).

## Winkler man wanted for identity theft

Winkler police have issued an arrest warrant for a local man accused of identity theft.

Following an investigation launched after complaints received last spring, police have charged Purnell Charles Williams, also known as Dr. Chuck Williams (in photo at right), with forgery, uttering forged document, falsifying employment records, and identity theft.

Williams made headlines last summer

when he announced plans to open the Healthy Brain Research Centre in Winkler to research early onset Alzheimer's and dementia.

His current whereabouts are unknown.

Anyone with information that may assist investigators are asked to call the Winkler Police Service at 204-325-0829 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).





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## Run, jump, and play at Sharptooth Adventures

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Cabin fever certainly wasn't a problem this Christmas break for the families who checked out the newly-opened Sharptooth Adventures.

The indoor playground located in Morden's Pembina Connection (just behind Boston Pizza) was the place to be in its first week of operation.

"We didn't know what to expect," says owner Chris MacPherson, who operates the facility alongside wife Dana. "The first day [Dec. 27] it was pretty quiet but then Friday was pretty good and it's been consistent ever since."

When the *Voice* stopped by last Thursday Sharptooth was having its busiest day yet, its expansive play structure—which includes all manner of slides, climbing walls, ziplines, and bouncing areas—abuzz with kids working off pent-up energy.

"The main thing about the play structure is we didn't want it to be one of those smaller structures you see in some communities where the kids can get through the whole thing in five minutes," MacPherson says.

"We wanted something that was going to be big; it's probably too big," he adds, chuckling. "You can pretty well

see your kids everywhere, but it is massive."

Over 100 kids can safely play on the structure at any given time. The facility also features birthday and event rooms and a café serving up beverages, snacks, and meals.

"It's all pretty affordable," says MacPherson of their offerings. "If you're going to come more than three times in a month, buy a membership and you'll save money. We've had people who bought a membership on the first day and they've been here every day already."

Drop off packages—where parents can leave their kids to play for a few hours under staff supervision—will be offered later this month.

MacPherson hopes families will take advantage of Sharptooth to help get kids off their screens and out being active.

"I know it's a frustration for me and it's probably a frustration for other parents to get their kids off their devices and out using their imagination and getting exercise in a fun way," he says. "This is a fun way to get out of the house and just go run around and play, like kids are supposed to do."

"If you bring your kids they're going to have a good time ... and they're going to sleep when they get home."

"WE WANTED SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING TO BE BIG ..."



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ASHLEIGH  
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Chris and Dana MacPherson opened the doors on Sharptooth Adventures Dec. 27. The facility features a massive indoor playstructure for kids to explore and café seating for parents to relax at while their children play.



## Who's up for some crokinole this Friday?

### PHAC hosting board game night

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Hills Arts Council is looking for people who've got game.

The Morden art gallery kicks off a series of board game nights this week Friday with an evening of crokinole.

Programs and outreach co-ordinator Tricia Dyck explained it is part of

the gallery's efforts to diversify their program offerings and reach a greater range of people.

"We are also looking for new ways to do some fundraising," she said. "We're looking for other ways for the community to get together while looking to support the arts council."

"This game night idea had been thrown around a little bit in the last year, so we're giving it a go now."

Proceeds from the game nights will go directly back to the arts council to support local artists and provide

arts and cultural programming to the community.

This week's event takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 11. At it, board game enthusiast Richard Neufeld of Blue Sky Opportunities will make a short presentation on the history of the game.

Participants are welcome to bring their own tables or use one supplied at the gallery.

The next game night is scheduled for March 1 and will also feature crokinole. The \$2 admission gets you a draw ticket to win a crokinole board

donated by Blue Sky Opportunities. The draw will happen March 1.

Future game nights—scheduled right now for May 10, July 12, Sept. 13, and Nov. 8—will offer a variety of other games, Dyck noted.

"We want to make it a family friendly event," she said. "We will feel it out as to what the crowd would like ... we want to go with what the people want to play."



# Company hopes to bring more affordable housing to Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

A British Columbia-based company that creates affordable housing is eyeing the Morden market.

Anhart Homes is looking at the properties at 843 and 847 Thornhill St. to build the privately-funded affordable housing.

With a combined area of 50,000 sq. ft., the vacant lot northwest of downtown is currently zoned for multi-family development. Anhart's plan is to build 60 units of affordable housing at the site.

The proposed units could range in size from micro-suites of 320 sq. ft. to three-bedroom suites of 850 sq. ft., with the majority offering one or two bedrooms.

The company indicates the rents will be below-market rates to be determined based on the development costs and financing terms. At a forum Monday, where a representative of Anhart Community Housing also touched on the local investment that would be needed, information proposed possible rates ranging from about \$500 up to \$1,200.

"We've got some very, very deep ties in this community. This is the ancestral home of the founder of the organization ... there's tons of family in Winnipeg ... so it just seemed like

the right fit," Charlie Macleod told the gathering of about two dozen municipal officials, developers, and builders.

There were a number of other factors that attracted Anhart to Morden as it makes inroads into the Manitoba market, Macleod added.

"There's a need ... 0.8 per cent is a very, very low vacancy rate, so Morden needs affordable housing," he said.

"We saw the programming happening at the municipal level, bringing in skilled workers that the community needs in order to prosper economically. That got us very, very excited," he said. "We're very sort of bottom up and very much about solving problems."

Anhart Homes Manitoba was incorporated this past November. While most of its board members are Manitoba residents, it is a subsidiary of Anhart Community Housing Society based in New Westminster, British Columbia.

Anhart Community Housing has owned and operated affordable housing since 2002, although it operated under the name Community Builders until 2017.

It is part of a global network of non-profit, community-based and social enterprise organizations that has worked since 1983 to create affordable housing.

Anhart Community Hous-



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Anhart Homes laid out its plans to open affordable housing in Morden to a group of municipal and business leaders on Monday.

ing is aimed at people with incomes below \$40,000 while Anhart Homes is aimed at people with incomes of \$40,000 to \$80,000, returning profits to Anhart Community Housing to subsidize rents.

Anhart's goal is to offer the lowest rents possible, representatives stressed, focusing on serving seniors, people with disabilities, newcomers to Canada, people working entry to mid-level jobs and families who are spending more than a third of their household income on rent.

Part of Anhart's private development model is to work with what it calls local "social impact investors" who provide low-interest loans on specific projects to finance land purchases and to improve affordability. These investments, with a predetermined rate of return between zero and two per cent, give Anhart the ability to offer tenants affordable rents.

Anhart's development model is to find and acquire feasible properties

with up to 50 per cent funding from social impact investments. For the Morden property, 50 per cent of the property value is about \$300,000.

"This is all for the benefit of the community. It's essentially a socially conscious investment," Macleod suggested. "The return on the investment isn't monetary. That's not that point. The point is they're investing in the community, and they get a better community. It elevates Morden, it elevates the municipality."

After Anhart acquires property, the next step is to apply for bridge financing and then construction financing from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, which offers low-interest mortgages for affordable housing projects.

Once the property is cleared, possibly by March, the company will then make its application to the CMHC.

"We could break ground, if everything goes according to plan, in like a year and a half," said Macleod.

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ACU gifts Gateway with \$5K

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From left: The Access Credit Union's Rob Unruh recently presented Gateway Resources recycling manager John Harder and director of operations Loni Derksen with a donation of \$5,000 towards a new trailer for the facility's recycling program. "This donation will help Gateway Resources continue to improve and keep up with the demands of recycling in the City of Winkler," says Gateway CEO Kim Nelson, thanking ACU for its support.



# Celebrating in their adopted home

The local Filipino community gathered in Morden last weekend to celebrate the new year and welcome recent immigrants to the area.

The number of Filipinos calling Morden home has increased dramatically over the past decade or so, says event organizer Jewel White.

When she arrived 11 years ago, she knew of just a handful living in the city. Today, upwards of 200 have made a life for themselves in Morden, with many more putting down roots in neighbouring Winkler.

"There will be more coming in the next few years," White says.

"The Morden [Immigration] Initiative program played a significant role in increasing the population of Filipinos in our city, and local companies like



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Décor Cabinets helped bring in more Filipinos to our city as well," she says.

"The Filipino community in Morden will always be thankful and grateful to our city, our new home,"

White adds. "Filipinos are known for having a good work ethic and exceptional labour skills and we are glad Morden believed in that."



## Elks lottery raises \$14,000

Morden Elks Ray Kirk and Rob Dudgeon recently presented Elks Lottery winner Ron Wiebe of Morden with the \$12,000 grand prize. Winning this year's runners-up prizes were Bob McCulloch (\$2,000) and Kevin Henderson (\$1,000). The lottery raised \$14,000 for the Boundary Trails Health Centre expansion project and the Morden Legion's elevator replacement fund. The Elks send a big thanks out to everyone who purchased a ticket. Since the start of the annual lottery, over \$82,000 has been raised and awarded to numerous community projects. The Elks' next big fundraiser is its Lobsterfest supper in June.

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# Watch out for this common internet scam

Internet scams are unfortunately part and parcel of the digital world and are something all internet-users need to be aware of — seniors especially, as they are the main target of such scams.

One of the most common internet scams occurs in the following way:

1. A scammer posing as a tech support employee contacts you by phone (they often say they work for Microsoft).

2. They tell you your computer is infected with a virus and offer a free security check.

3. They ask to be allowed remote access to your computer: they give you the steps to do this.

4. Once given remote access, the scammer installs software on your computer, allowing him or her to steal from your accounts. Alternatively, ransomware — a particular type of software that locks your computer — is installed, and the scammer then demands payment to unlock it.

A survey done by Microsoft showed that 15 per cent of computer users have received a call like this.



Protecting yourself from this scam is simple enough. If someone calls to offer tech support, don't under any circumstances trust them. Tech support should never call you: when you have issues with your computer, you always need to call them.

# Tips for reducing the risk of falling

Falls are a serious issue for people over the age of 65. Every year, about one in three seniors fall at least once and 56 per cent of falls involving seniors lead to fractures

A further statistic is worth considering: 30 to 50 per cent of falls involving seniors are caused by environmental factors such as uneven surfaces, poor lighting or slippery floors. It follows that falls can often be prevented through taking proactive steps to reduce falling hazards in your immediate environment. Seniors can reduce their risk of falling at home by doing the following:

- Make sure all rooms have adequate lighting
- Install handrails in baths and showers
- Install a handrail on stairs that extends beyond the top and bottom steps
- Keep frequently used items in easy-to-reach places
- Avoid clutter
- Don't keep electric cords where they can be tripped over

And, naturally, staying limber also plays a key role in reducing the risk of falling. In addition to eating well and staying active, seniors should consider making balance exercises part of their daily routine.

Finally, people who fall frequently should consider whether the effects of the medication they're taking are contributing to this problem. This should



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## Pembina Pizazz Premiere

The Pembina Pizazz synchronized skating program held its premiere night for the season Sunday at the Access Event Centre. It offered a chance to not only see the girls debut their team skating but also for some individual skaters to show off their solo skating skills as well.

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## Twisters hang on to top spot

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters maintained their hold on the top spot in the Manitoba Major Junior this past week.

They came into action this week with a three point lead on the Raiders despite having dropped a 3-2 decision to the Winnipeg-based team Friday. The loss, however, was sandwiched around a 7-4 win Wednesday over the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins and a 7-1 rout of the St. Vital Victorias Sunday.

Against the Twins, Braeden Beernaerts clicked for a second period hat trick with his third of the frame coming on a power play as the Twisters expanded a 2-1 lead after 20 to 5-2 after 40 minutes.

Also scoring for Pembina Valley were Brendan Keck, Jeremie Goderis, Dylan Dacquay and Elijah Carels. Martin Gagnon made 32 saves as the Twisters outshot the Twins 45-36.

Giving up a pair of second period powerplay goals would prove to be the Twisters' undoing against the Raiders, who then expanded their 2-1

lead with the eventual game winner 3:14 into the third.

Goderis pulled Pembina Valley back within one with just over three minutes left, but they couldn't get the equalizer. Beernaerts had opened scoring with his 21st for the Twisters, who outshot the Raiders 37-28. Travis Klassen made 25 saves in net.

Pembina Valley soared to period leads of 3-0 and 5-0 Sunday as they fired 48 shots at the St. Vital goal. Klassen stopped 28 of 29 shots for the win.

Keck had a pair for the Twisters and now stands at 16 on the season. Also scoring were Goderis with his 22nd and Travis Penner with his 21st as well as Carels, Sven Schefer and T.J. Matuszewski.

The Twisters upped their record to 21-4-3 for 45 points, which had them just three ahead of not only the Raiders but the St. James Jr. Canucks as well.

This week, the Twisters took on the Charleswood Hawks Tuesday and host the St. Boniface Riels Friday in Morris and the Canucks in Winnipeg on Sunday.

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## Cornerstone Construction finds its niche

Cornerstone Construction has found its success in specializing in this market area.

The Morden-based company started in 2002 has an impressive array of projects in its portfolio—everything from professional offices and schools to hospitals and clinics, among many others.

“The work we do is mostly commercial. We used to build homes, but we haven’t built a home now for a few years,” said Randy Kehler. “Commercial work is different. We have to think a little different ... we kind of found our niche that works well for us.”

The company started out renting a small office space in Morden where Kehler noted he got some valuable mentorship from local businessman and former Morden mayor John Wiens.

After having later rented another larger office downtown, the company today has settled into the new strip mall development at 2nd St. and Thornhill St.

Their work has ranged from minor renovations up to major new builds.

“About half of the work we do is projects that we start right from the ground up. We get in with the owner, we help them plan it, we help the design it,” Kehler said, citing the example of the Shear Bliss renovation. “We worked with them for several months before we actually start getting a shovel in the ground ... that was a fun project ... it was pretty involved.”

They also recently renovated an orthodontic clinic, working largely in the evenings and on weekends so that the clinic could remain open.

“We’ve done several water treatment plants like the Winkler treatment plant a few years ago ... at that point, we’re the last man in,” Kehler reflected. “The city works with the architects, the engineers ... once the design is all finished, they give it over to us.”

He has especially enjoyed start-to-finish projects like Focal Point Comprehensive Vision Care as well as a number of condominium and apartment buildings.

“The planning is fun. It’s way more work, but it’s enjoyable,” Kehler said. “There’s a tremendous amount of little things that we have learnt over the years ... and the experience and the knowledge is invaluable.”

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Cornerstone Construction’s Randy Kehler says the company has come a long way since it started 17 years ago.

Another significant project was at the Morden agricultural research station about four years ago.

“We did a plant pathogen lab ... they’re using crop science, and they’re introducing crop disease and then of course fungicides and herbicides to defeat the disease,” Kehler said. “Basically, it’s a total biological containment lab with huge consideration given to safety ... there was lots of learning curve there.”

He looks forward to what may lie ahead for Cornerstone Construction but also has company succession in mind.

“I was very fortunate to have a local businessman mentor me ... so I would like to be able to mentor someone else into this type of business as well.”

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Taylor Wuirch-Coombs of the Winnipeg Avros uses her stick to try and slow speedy Pembina Valley forward Breanna Millions in Sunday's 3-0 Hawks loss.

## Hawks extend losing streak to four games

By Lorne Stelmach

It was another tough weekend for the female Pembina Valley Hawks.

The team lost a pair of games that not only saw their current losing streak extend to four but also dropped them to seventh place in the AAA standings.

The Hawks at least gained a point Saturday but lost a heartbreaker in falling 4-3 to the Yellowhead Chiefs in a shootout. Their troubles continued Sunday in Morden as they were blanked 3-0 by the Winnipeg Avros.

The Hawks grabbed a 2-1 lead in the second period against the Chiefs only to have Yellowhead tie it up in the third despite the Hawks having carried much of the play throughout the game.

Overtime solved nothing, but the Chiefs then got the extra point in the shootout, which extended to an eighth round before it was settled.

Maiya Aschberg, Abbi Conrad and Tessa Odell scored for the Hawks, who managed 25 shots on goal while Kadynce Romijn stopped 31 of 34 shots by the Chiefs.

Rachel Parson was only called on to make 16 saves to earn the shutout Sunday for the Avros as Winnipeg grabbed a 2-0 lead in the second and sealed the deal with one more in the third.

Romijn had a busier night in net, as she took the loss in stopping 28 of the 31 shots she faced.

With that, the Hawks slip two games below .500 at 7-9-3 for 17 points, which left them above only the Interlake Lightning. They are, however, only one point back of the Winnipeg Ice but now six behind both the Eastman Selects and Central Plains Capitals.

The Hawks are on the road this weekend and will aim to break their slide as they take on Interlake in Lundar Saturday then face the Avros in Winnipeg Sunday.

## Hawks fall to Brandon, Southwest

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks kicked off the new year with a pair of tough losses to teams they are pursuing in the AAA standings.

The seventh place Hawks at least gained a point in a 3-2 shootout loss to the third place Brandon Wheat Kings Friday before falling 5-1 to the sixth place Southwest Saturday.

The Cougars now hold a seven point lead on the Hawks, who saw their record slip to 15-11-0-3-2 for 35 points, which has them six up on the Winnipeg Bruins, seven ahead of the Kenora Thistles and eight in front of

the Central Plains Capitals.

Dylan Meilun did his best to keep the Hawks in the game against Brandon as he stopped 48 of 50 shots through regulation and overtime. His teammates, meanwhile, managed 23 shots on goal.

Roux Bazin opened scoring for the Hawks in the first before Riley Goertzen gave them a 2-1 lead in the second period.

When overtime solved nothing, the shootout saw Tyson Allison connect twice for Pembina Valley, but it wasn't enough as the Wheat Kings connected in the seventh round while Allison was stopped on his

third attempt.

Pembina Valley ran out of gas against Southwest as the Cougars fired three unanswered third period goals including two in the final three minutes to secure the win.

Jacob Carels scored shorthanded in the second period for the lone goal for the Hawks, who got 29 saves from Brock Moroz as Southwest won the shots battle 34-28.

The Hawks head west this weekend for a rematch with the Wheat Kings in Brandon Saturday before taking on the Parkland Rangers in Dauphin Sunday.





# Thunder spread cheer

A fun challenge pitted École Morden Middle School staff and Gr. 8 students against each other last month for a hockey game that also raised over \$2,800 for Christmas Cheer. Gr. 5 teacher Brendan Edie presented the funds to Morden Christmas Cheer board reps Ron Peters and Lesley Andrew to kick off the game, which was a close affair that ended 10-9 for the teachers over the students. "It was a great game. The kids had fun," said physical education teacher Jeff Andrews.



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

## Flyers start off the new year with two wins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers started off 2019 with two hard-earned victories last week.

On Friday, the Orange and Black welcomed the Dauphin Kings to town for what ended up being Winkler's third win in a row.

Jayden McCarthy drew first blood just 1:27 into the game and Brody Moffatt scored with one second left on the clock to tie things at 2-2 heading into the first intermission.

Period two saw Griffin Leonard do all the scoring, while Kurtis Luke and Marcel Berube's goals at 2:19 and

13:25 in the third put Winkler in the lead 5-2.

The Kings gained some ground during a productive five minute stretch that saw them score twice as the clock counted down, but it wasn't quite productive enough and Winkler got the win 5-4.

Riley Morgan turned away 31 shots as the two teams were tied 35-35 in shots on net.

Just one night later the Flyers doubled up on the visiting Virden Oil Capitals 4-2.

The final five minutes of the opening period saw two goals from Drake Burgin and Moffatt for Winkler, sand-

wiching a Virden goal.

Collin Caulfield and Jesse Korytko bolstered the Flyers' lead to 4-2 in the second, while the Oil Capitals managed to sneak what ended up being the last goal of the entire game in the frame's final minutes.

Britt League faced down 37 shots, saving 35. His teammates made 33 shots on Virden's goal.

At press time the Flyers were in eighth place in the MJHL standings with a record of 17-18-3 for 37 points. The top three teams in the league are Portage (62 points), Swan Valley (55 points) and Steinbach (54 points).

This week the team faced Selkirk on Tuesday and will play a pair of away games in Swan Valley Friday and Saturday.

## Redskins down Royals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals and Morden Redskins went head-to-head in South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League action last week.

The Thursday night game saw the fourth place Redskins dominate the last place Royals 9-2.

Morden's lengthy list of goal scorers included a hat trick from Mike Rey, two from both Cole Penner and Tyler

Grove, and singles from Juha Keinanen and Tyler Peers.

Scoring for Winkler were Jason Peters midway through the second and Marlin Froese a few minutes into the final period.

Devon Wiebe got the loss in net for Winkler despite making 47 saves. Across the rink, Reed Peters stopped 31 shots for Morden.

## Crane makes Team Manitoba

Morden's Trentyn Crane (right) will represent our province on the national stage next month.

The 15-year-old forward, who is playing this season with the Rink Hockey Academy Elite 15's, made the cut for the U16 Male Team Manitoba headed to the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, Alberta Feb. 15-23.

In total, Team Manitoba features 16 athletes who were selected in the 2018 WHL Bantam draft, including Crane, who was signed by the Victoria Royals.

The roster for the U16 Team Manitoba sees an even split with 10 athletes from Winnipeg and 10 athletes from the rural regions. Representation on the roster is spread between both of the midget RHA programs, the MMHL and Winnipeg U17 Prep league.

The team will be led by head coach Garth Mitchell.

Crane spent the 2017-18 season with the Pembina Valley Hawks Bantam AAA team, contributing 70 points (46 goals, 24 assists) in 36 games and finishing the season as the league's fourth-highest scorer.



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# Agriculture

## Largest finisher barn in Canada open for business

By Harry Siemens

Plainview Hutterite Colony near Elkhorn, MB, held the grand opening of its new finisher barn last month, the largest hog finisher barn in Canada.

With over 120,000 square feet, the barn made almost entirely of concrete, stainless steel, and plastic has 18 large finisher rooms, plus numerous isolation rooms, sorting rooms, storage rooms, and more.

It can hold up to 15,000 pigs at a time and uses the latest in technology, including auto feeders capable of handling multiple feed types, a primary heated water system, overhead sprinkler, washers/misters, LED lighting, and auto scrapers in all the under-barn pits.

Colony hog boss Peter David Waldner said the colony has around 24 families, 110 people in all.

"In farming, we've had an 8,000 chicken layer quota, farm 10,000 acres—with most of our land in Saskatchewan, which is one mile from us to the west—and we have an older existing barn which is in excellent shape. It's a 500 sow-farrow to finish, built I think in early '80s, late '70s, and it's still in production," he said.

"In 2007, we built a 1,300 sow barn with a nursery finishing the pigs off-site, selling some pigs into the U.S. for two years. In 2010 we started renting barns, and as of today we have 10,000 pigs away from home that we own in eight different rented barns in Manitoba."

The colony decided in early 2017 to build this new finisher farm, got the

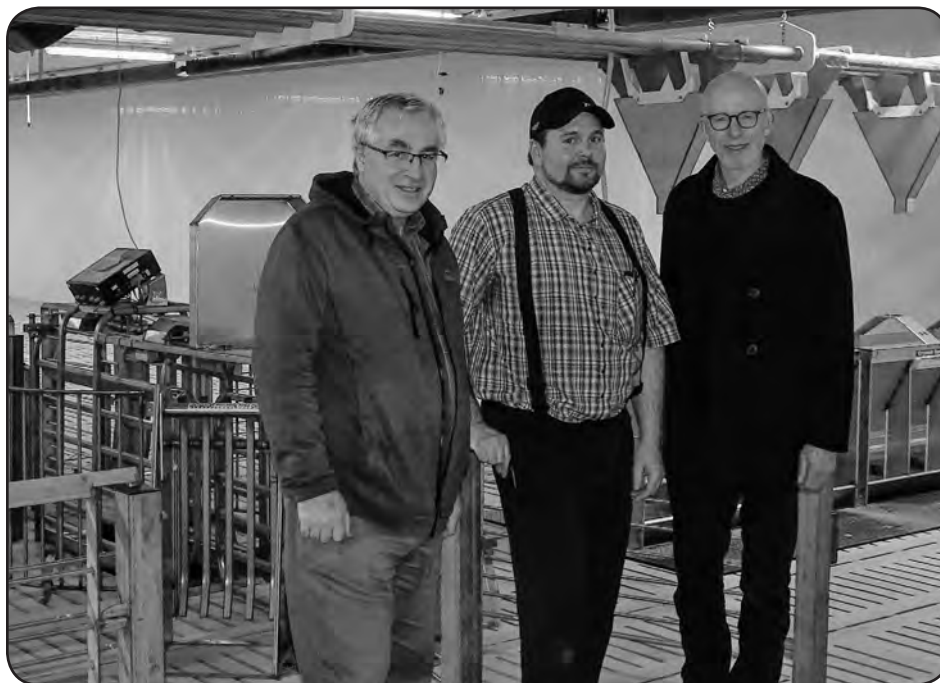


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Plainview Hutterite Colony hog boss Peter David Waldner with the Manitoba Pork Council's Andrew Dickson and George Matheson at the colony's grand opening for its new finisher barn last month.

permit and started work on the shell with the help of outside contractors that summer. Colony workers finished off the rest starting last spring.

"Once this barn is in full production we'll have 1,800 sows farrow to finish," said Waldner. "If everything goes well and the blessings come our way, we have the opportunity to market 48,000 to 50,000 pigs a year."

Technology is vital to the Plainview Colony hog operation. Waldner points out the feeding system is second to none with four loops per side of the barn. Each 50-pound pig that enters the facility has access to four different feeding rations until its ready for

market.

"The scale does not only sort the pigs, but the pigs have to go through the three-way scale, and at any given time we'll have the opportunity to feed three different feed rations in every room," Waldner said, explaining lighter pigs can be fed a higher protein diet as needed, while others receive other protein levels. As the pigs go through the scale it directs them into the correct kitchen according to its weight.

"At the time of shipping time, you close off those blue gates in the auto-sort pens and that's where those pigs remain," he said. "As their weight in-

creases, they move them down into the fenced-in area in the loadout area."

Waldner said their current sow barns use stalls to house their sows and the colony has no immediate plans to change them over to group housing.

"We're gonna wait it out. We think we're still doing the very best for these pigs," he said. "I have no problem taking people through our barn because I have my sows in gestation stalls which are fairly big. They're a bit over seven feet long and 24 inches wide. It's not that they're cramped in there."

"It's an eight-year-old barn, making it difficult to rip everything out and replace it because our production is second to none."

Waldner said the colony obtained a partial permit for the barn and lagoon use back in '08 and built lagoon storage in '09 all ready to finish it. However, several factors put the rest of the project on hold, including a downturn in the hog industry.

Getting the permit took a couple of meetings with the rural municipality; the colony received no pushback from their neighbours.

"If somebody comes up to us and tells them something negative on our farm, we listen and we try to adjust, and I think that went a long way," Waldner said. "We're building these barns for our kids' kids. And all we want to do is raise healthy food. We're not here to abuse animals, and we want to farm and do it in a healthy and prosperous way."

### > SEMHL, FROM PG. 17

Winkler went on to fall 8-5 to the Warren Mercs on Sunday.

Despite a strong opening frame that saw the Royals take a 4-2 lead thanks to goals from Marcus Neufeld, Marlin Froese, Brett Harder, and Chad Unrau, the Mercs clawed their way back into the game in the remaining 40 minutes, scoring two in the second and four in the third period for the win. Winkler's Jamie Thiessen

contributed one more goal for the Royals in the second.

Wiebe made 43 shots in net for Winkler while his teammates sent 23 shots the other way.

The Redskins, meanwhile, went on to fall to the Portage Islanders 5-2 on Saturday.

Michael Wirth got the home team's lone goal in the first period, making it 3-1 for Portage at the intermission.

Cory Heide made that 3-2, but that was the last time Morden found the back of the net, while the Islanders scored in the final few minutes of the second and early in the third for the win.

Peters made 28 saves as Morden outshot Portage 36-33.

With that, the Redskins' record sits at 8-5-0-1 for 17 points, putting them one point behind Carman in third,

three behind Warren in second, and four back of Portage in first place.

Winkler is 2-14 for the season for four points and seventh and last place.

This Sunday the Redskins travel to play Warren while the Royals host Altona. Morden also plays in Notre Dame next Thursday.



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## COMING EVENTS

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## NOTICES

### UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

HEARING: Council Chambers at City of Winkler  
LOCATION: 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB  
DATE & TIME: Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
GENERAL INTENT: By-law 2219-18 to amend the following sections of City of Winkler Zoning By-law 1938-08: Sections 6, 7, 8, 11, 25, 30, 32, 33, 34, 38, 42, 48, 54, and Appendices B, C and D.  
AREA: By-Law 2219-18 will apply to the entire limits of the City of Winkler  
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Barb Dyck  
City Manager  
City of Winkler  
Phone: (204) 325-9524



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

## NOTICES



### CITY OF WINKLER ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE ADDITIONS TO THE VOTERS LIST AND/OR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION REQUESTS

In accordance with Section 36 of The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act, the City of Winkler Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of the City of Winkler can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.

Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelop Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by e-mail, fax or mail to:

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## CAREERS



### The City of Winkler is now accepting applications for the role of **Community Event Coordinator.**

This position will be part-time (20 hours per week) from March 1 to August 30, 2019 and full-time effective September 1.

Applicants must have a valid driver's license, be willing to work evenings and weekends, and be capable of light physical labour.

The Community Event Coordinator is responsible for the coordination of community events within the city. This position is multi-faceted and requires public relations skills, management and financial abilities, and organizational skills. The individual will possess initiative and the ability to work with little supervision.

#### TYPICAL DUTIES:

- Managing the Concert Hall, (duties include bookings, management, ticket sales)
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- Seek out grants & submit applications for funding relevant to the department.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Administrative organizational skills
- Ability to work with the public
- Ability to motivate others
- Ability to act with initiative, discretion, creativity and enthusiasm

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- Grade XII education
- University or Technical School Training in management or public relations or economic development
- An equivalent combination of management experience and education may be considered
- Excellent computer skills

Please submit applications to:

**Barb Dyck at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB R6W1B4 or  
via email to bdyck@cityofwinkler.ca.**

**Deadline for applications is Jan 25, 2019.**



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## OBITUARY



### Raymond Peter Wiebe 1958 - 2018

On Thursday December 27, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Raymond Wiebe, age 60 of Winkler, MB went to his eternal rest.

Ray was born in Morden, MB on December 23, 1958 to Kenneth and Sadie Wiebe. He had two brothers, Kenneth Jr. And Donald and two sisters, Lorna and Shelly. He is survived by his wife, Wendy Wiebe (nee Dyck) and daughter, Christine (Lindsey) Kornelsen and children, Keenan-Ivory, Damon, Jade, Alexander; son, Raymond Joseph (Kim) and daughter, Jazmyn; son, Jonathan (Helena) and children, Michael, Maya and Xander. Ray will always remain in our hearts as a loving person, husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend. Forever with us in our hearts.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday December 31, 2018 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ray's memory to Cancer Care Manitoba.

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## OBITUARY

### Elmer Dale Wiebe 1955 - 2018

On Thursday, December 27, 2018 at his residence in Morden, MB Elmer Wiebe age 63 years suddenly passed away.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Doretta; daughter, Kimberley (Kerwin) Hiebert; son, Matt (Kristin) Wiebe and their children Alicia and Tyson as well as his mother, Katherine, four sisters, five brothers and their families.

He was predeceased by his father, Abram in 1992 and brother-in-law, Art Kroeker in 2014.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31, 2018 at the Morden EMMC with interment prior at Southside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Elmer's memory to Youth for Christ (Morden).



Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden  
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## CARD OF THANKS

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who attended Hugh Dyck's memorial service. Specifically, we would like to thank Pastor Tom Baker for presiding over the memorial and for his daily visits to the hospital. Also, thanks to Reverend Morris Vincent for presiding over the burial. Thanks to all who participated in the service and to the ladies who served lunch. Thanks as well to our many family members and friends who provided support in recent months, of which there are too many to mention. We received prayer support from our congregation at Christ Lutheran Church and from the community at large. Thanks for all the flowers, cards, baking and meals brought to our house. Hugh was very proud of his community, and he felt there was no other place to live than Morden. Thanks to all who donated to our charities in his honour. Hugh's journey is complete. We are comforted with the knowledge that he is at peace and celebrated Christmas in heaven. Thanks to Wiebe Funeral Home for their care and compassion shown to us at a very difficult time. God bless everyone.

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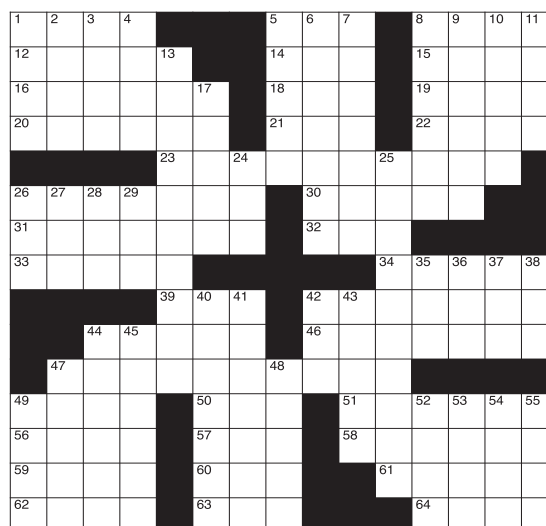
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- Homestead
- More (Spanish)
- Type of notification
- Approves
- Mandela's party
- "Mom" actress Faris
- Predatory insects
- Where honey goes
- Canadian flyers
- Of an earlier time
- Indigenous people of Australia
- Organize
- All over
- Made it through
- Between-meals food
- A quantity upon which an operation is performed
- German mythological god
- "Heavy" type of rock music
- Pharmacy chain Duane
- First responders
- Mysterious
- Leisurely stroll
- Most naughty
- Plant tissue
- Small fish
- Men's fashion accessory
- Distant planet
- Destroy
- Location in Norse mythology
- One who is deliberately cruel
- Romeo, car
- Of the ear
- Former name of Tokyo
- Male children
- French/Belgian river
- Tide

### CLUES DOWN

- Grave

## CROSSWORD



- Alright
- Sharp tooth
- Bird genus
- Important
- One who studies carefully
- Not very big
- Astronomy unit
- A way to open up
- Trap
- Handle of a knife
- Indicates one from a part of W. Africa
- Lucky number
- Doctor of Education
- Legendary Cubs broadcaster
- Female parent
- Mimic
- Connects to the rim
- Small constellation

- Indicates near
- Consumed
- Criticize
- Shock therapy
- Type of cigarette
- The fashionable elite
- Shed tears
- Arm or branch of a bone
- Quell anger
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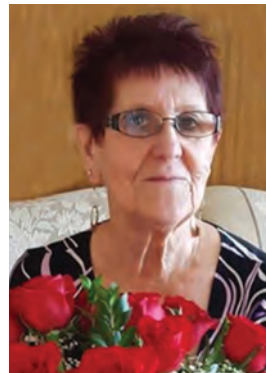
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## OBITUARY



### Esther Anne Enns 1941 - 2019

Anne Enns was born on March 13, 1941 at the Winkler Bethel Hospital, the fifth child to Abram and Gertrude Enns. Anne grew up in Morden, Manitoba where she attended Glencross Public School. While in her teens, she began her life long career at the Salem Home in Winkler, Manitoba Canada where she remained until her retirement. Anne accepted Jesus as her Savior at an early childhood age. She spent her life displaying the love of Jesus to all those she encountered. Even after her retirement, Anne continued serving others and always had a special place in her heart for the senior population. Anne volunteered countless hours where she played piano, sang songs of worship, and visited the elderly and sick. Anne demonstrated what it really meant to be the hands and

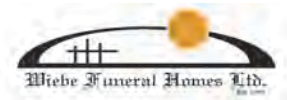
feet of Jesus.

Anne passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Boundary Trails Health Center on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Those who have gone before her include her parents, Abram and Gertrude Enns, her brothers, Johnnie, Henry, and Abe, as well as her sister, Ruth. Anne is survived by her sister, Tena Stringer of Kenora, Ontario, her brother, Peter and Dorothy Enns of Tulsa, Oklahoma and her brother, Ike and Liz Enns of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Nieces and nephews include Brenda Chapman, Kim Haar, DJ Enns, Charlene Funk, Curtis Enns, Melissa Stephens, Connie Parent, Floyd Pauls and honorary nephews, Jesse and Daniel Sukow.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019 at Christian Life Centre in Morden, Manitoba with interment at Waldheim Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Anne's memory to the Gideons International Canada.

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## OBITUARY



### Mary Heinrichs (nee Sawatzky) 1948 - 2018

Mary Heinrichs, 70, of Morden, MB passed away on Sunday, December 23, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Center.

Mary was born outside of Altona to Henry and Mary Sawatzky on October 11, 1948. She is survived by her husband, Ron; sons, Sheldon (Kristine) and Sherald and two grandchildren, Erynn and Cayden. She was predeceased by her parents, sister, Erna and brother, Harold in infancy.

Cremation has taken place. A family memorial service was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 with ash interment to follow at a later date.

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## OBITUARY



### Helena Wiebe (nee Friesen) 1926 -2018

On Monday, December 24, 2018, Helena Wiebe, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great- grandmother passed away peacefully at Salem Home in Winkler, MB at the age of 92. She celebrated Christmas in heaven!

Mom was born in Mexico on October 21, 1926. In a family of 11, Mom was the oldest girl and had a lot of responsibility. She was baptized on June 10, 1946 and married our Dad, Abram Wiebe on February 9, 1947. They were married for 71 years 10 months and 18 days. In 1958, they decided to move to Canada with three children. It was a long bus ride. Their first home in Canada was in Steinbach. Four more children were born to them in Steinbach. There was a lot of snow and very cold winters which they were

not used to. Dad was in the machining business and Mom was a busy homemaker. Mom and Dad always had a large garden keeping the children busy and providing food. She did a lot of canning of vegetables and fruit. They worked hard to provide for their growing family. Mom was kept busy sewing for the family, mending and preparing meals. In 1970, they moved to the village of Reinfeld. In 1984, they moved to Winkler to several different homes. Mom and Dad moved to Crocus Village to slow down in 2000. Mom always had a passion for cooking and loved to serve family and friends meals. She also liked to bring meals to people in need or alone. She enjoyed crocheting baby blankets, hangers and hand towels. She had a love for flowers and knew how to take care of them. Mom and Dad went on a group tour in 1985 to Israel. This was an interesting trip for them! Mom was a Godly example to us. She enjoyed family coming to visit very much! That brought her much joy. In her declining years she had vascular dementia and was committed to care at Salem Home in November of 2017. The separation from Dad was difficult for her.

She is survived by her husband, Abram; four daughters, Lena (John) Reimer, Elizabeth (Jake) Krahn, Tina (Alvin) Friesen and Margaret (Randy) Froese; two sons, Abe (Edna) and Elmer; one son-in-law, Jake Thiessen (Gloria); 25 grandchildren (spouses) and 35 great grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Jake (Margaret) Friesen. She was predeceased by her parents, Abram and Helena Friesen, five brothers and four sisters, a daughter, Anne in 2010 and three children in infancy. We are grateful her suffering is over. We love you Mom and hope to see you again. Rest well!!

Special thanks and appreciation to the Salem staff for loving care provided to Mom, Pastor Wilbert Friesen (Salem) for support and care to Mom and the family, Bishop Peter Elias, Rev John Wiebe, Rev Herman Bueckert, Song leaders, Serving group, Ushers and Pallbearers and Wiebe Funeral Homes.

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## NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Winkler purchases approximately 35% of its water from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (PVWC). The Public Utility Board has approved a rate increase for PVWC in the amount of \$0.82/1000 gallons, effective January 1, 2019. This rate increase reflects a "pass through" rate increase of .29/1000 gallons for Winkler consumers.

Public notice is hereby given that the water rate increase will be 0.29/1000 gallons effective for the March 15, 2019 quarterly billing in the City of Winkler. That being from the present water rate of \$9.50/1000 gallons to \$9.79/1000 gallons. The sewer rate will remain as it presently is, being \$6.42/1000 gallons.

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## OBITUARY



### Charles Keith Smith

**February 1, 1947 – December 29, 2018**

Peacefully on December 29, 2018, Keith passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre. He was 71 years of age.

He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly (Ken); grandsons Drew (Sasha) and Jory (Jasmine); siblings Garry, Leona, Norleen (Jim), and Syd (Jan); nephews and nieces Ray (Angie), Duane (Liza), Diane (Kyle), Shamus, Ryan, Chris (Teri), Michael, Lorian (Matt), Meaghen (Andrew), and Shane (Shayna); great-nephews and nieces Brennan, Delaney, Grady, Lowell, Shayna, Morgan, Payton, Rylie, and Emmett. He was predeceased by parents Charles (1974) and Gladys (2011), and sister-in-law Heather (2014).

Keith was born on February 1, 1947 at Bethel Hospital in Winkler. He attended New Haven and Manitou schools and belonged to the 4-H beef club for several years. Typical of the era, he and brother Garry drove tractors and trucks at a young age and helped their dad with all farm work and Hereford cattle.

In 1966, he went to Thompson to work for Inco. He was home for spring 1967 to put the crop in and take it off that fall. He lived briefly in Winnipeg and then moved back to Thompson in 1968 to drive delivery truck for CN rail until 1970. He then worked shift work at JenPeg until 1973, living in camp during the week and home on weekends.

He married Linda Church in 1967 and their daughter, Kim, was born in 1971. In 1973, they moved to the home farm on SE 15-4-8, bought a house trailer, and began his farming career. He was a very hard worker and added to the farm with additional land north of the home farm and continued the Smith tradition of raising cattle.

Keith enjoyed a party and he loved to dance, and we all knew he loved George Strait's "old" country music. Many good times were had with family and his "family friends" at Altamont, and he never tired of playing cribbage. He never lost his passion for farming, always asking about various farm activities, and, of course, commenting on the weather. He always had opinions about politics and took a keen interest in history and current world events.

For health reasons, Keith left the farm in 2011. He moved into Homestead South in Morden in 2012. The staff and fellow residents became his second family. He spent many hours in the library and enjoyed cribbage with fellow crib enthusiasts. He also enjoyed family trips to Syd's at Beausejour, as well as road trips with friends from Homestead South - his keen eye observing what was going on whether on a drive or a walk. A highlight for him this fall was a 4-seater plane ride over the Pembina Valley and a helicopter ride over Winnipeg, Beausejour, Lake Winnipeg, and Stonewall. He didn't show much excitement at the time, but he told everyone he met about the rides!

Keith was always polite, always had a smile, and always shook hands. His sense of humour and kind heart will be missed by those who loved him and cared for him. Special thanks to Homestead South, Heavenly Home Care, Palliative Care staff and volunteers, and the medical staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

A Celebration of Life for Keith took place on January 4, 2019 at Homestead South.

Our heartfelt thanks to Homestead South for their friendship over the years, as well as providing the venue for the Celebration.

Cremation has taken place, and interment will be held in the spring at New Haven Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Doyle's Funeral Home for their friendly and professional service.

Donations in Keith's memory may be made to South Central Cancer Resource Centre and/or BTHC Palliative Care program.

Doyle's Funeral Home

## OBITUARY



### Russell Wade Friesen

**1980 – 2018**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our dear son, brother, uncle and friend, Russell Wade Friesen who passed away on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre with his parents by his side. He was the son of Rick and Gloria Friesen, brother to Colleen and Tracey and uncle to three nieces and two nephews, Brittney, Hallie, Logan, Jayden and Dylan.

Russell lived in Winkler all of his short 38 years. He attended school at J.R. Walkof Elementary and graduated from Garden Valley Collegiate in 1998. He attended church, enjoying Sunday School, youth meetings and going on retreats. Russ worked at different jobs in Winkler, lastly at Berdick Windows and Doors.

Russ like to be active and enjoyed life and being with friends. He loved all kinds of sports such as hockey, golfing and baseball until his illness prevented him from doing the things he loved to do. He had to be in hospital for nine months of his life and also one month at Salem Home in Winkler. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. We look forward to the day when we will all be reunited with him in heaven.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday December 27, 2018 at the Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Thank you to the doctors and nursing staff who so compassionately cared for Russ in the hospital and at Salem Home and Chaplain Stephen Siemens.

Donations may be made in Russ' memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation or to the charity of one's choice.

Russ will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him and loved him.

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## OBITUARY



### Susan Buhlin (nee Epp)

**1925 - 2018**

Sue was born in Russia on April 8, 1925 and came to Canada with her family as a very young child. She married Ed in 1944 and they resided in Plum Coulee. They had two sons, Dennis and Terry. Mom was very supportive and enjoyed all of the sports her boys were involved in over the years, namely baseball and hockey. Ed passed away in 1973. Sue owned and operated Sunset Drive-In in Plum Coulee for many years, retiring in 1981. She lived in a house in Winkler for many years before moving to Crocus Village in 2004. She spent many years there and enjoyed puzzling, playing cards, watching curling and lots of sewing! Wow, do I remember the canasta games - she was so competitive! Her mobility kept her from staying alone in her apartment, so she was moved to

Boundary Trails Health Centre in August 2016 while she awaited placement in a care home. She moved to St. Claude Health Centre on October 31, 2016 and from there she moved to Tabor Home on June 7, 2017. Mom always looked forward to my weekly chocolate delivery! She was an awesome grandma to Matt and Chad. The boys loved going to her place when they were younger, many sleepovers were had. She loved taking them to McDonald's. While she was in the hospital, St. Claude and Tabor Home we had many good visits with her, we took her for walks, to the Corn & Apple parade and last Christmas, we took her home to our house and enjoyed a meal with her. We also would take her to Boston Pizza or Dairy Queen for chicken fingers and fries, her favorite.

Sue passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 93 years old and is lovingly remembered by her family, Terry and Betty Buhlin; Chad, Darcy, Emmett and Nova; Matt, Krysten and Hannah; Dennis and Whitney; her sister, Helen; brothers, Ed and Harry and their families and many friends.

We, as a family want to say thank you to all of her caregivers for the past two years at Boundary Trails Health Centre, St. Claude Health Centre and Tabor Home. Thank you to family and friends for upholding us in your prayers and for the food, flowers, cards and words of encouragement. Thank you to Wiebe Funeral Home, especially to Kiley Wilson. Thank you to Rev. Jake Doell, Pastor Victor Engbrecht, the ushers and to Cheryl Stoesz for the special music. Thank you to George Klassen and the servers for the meal. Thanks to all of you for coming today to show your support.

Celebration of Sue's life will be held in the spring.

Donations may be made in Sue's memory to Our Daily Bread Ministries.

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## OBITUARY



### Ervin Groening

**1923 - 2018**

Ervin Groening was born on September 19, 1923 in the Lowe Farm area. He was the 10th of 11 children born to Maria and Henry Groening. He married Agatha Heinrichs on May 10, 1948, and they were married for 71 years. He passed away in the early morning hours of Monday December 24, 2018 at Salem Home.

Ervin was always the "fixer" of the family. He was always able to find a way to fix the tractors and equipment on the farm, and this talent was highly valued where he grew up even though he didn't always love being on the field! Another highly specialized gift was his passion for fixing watches and clocks, especially old ones. Ervin was a pastor first in Wynyard, Saskatchewan, for five years and then at Bergfeld EMM Church for 18 years. He usually

had businesses on the side and had innovative ideas for the new technology of fibre glass. He had a love for music and often directed the church choir throughout his life. Even at Salem Home, he would continue to "conduct" the singing, enthusiastically moving his hands in time to the music. More than anything, Ervin loved his family and friends. He was funny, generous, and loyal to the people he loved. His friendships spanned decades, and some of those people became part of the family.

He is survived by his wife, Agatha; his children, Lucy, Sharon, Pamela and Rod; his grandchildren, Mark, Philip, Gareth, Kendra, Dallas, Cody, Whitney, Kipton and Hudson; and his great-grandchildren, Joshua, Zackery, Natalia, Claire and Owen. Ervin's family and friends miss him terribly, but now the heavenly hosts at Christmas have a new choir director. And they are lucky to have him.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday December 31, 2018 at the Grace Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Rose Farm Cemetery.

For those who wish to do so, donations may be made in Ervin's name to Salem Foundation Inc. 165 15th St. Winkler, MB R6W 1T8 and Far East Broadcasting Canada #3200 8888 Odlin Cr. Richmond, BC V6X 3Z8.

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## OBITUARY



### Elisabeth (Betty) Thiessen 1940 - 2018

Betty Thiessen, daughter of Jacob W and Susanna Thiessen was born on February 8th, 1940 in the village of Schoenwiese. She was the second oldest of 12 children. She was baptized upon the confession of her faith on May 21st, 1961 by Bishop Jacob Froese in the Old Colony Church in Rosetown. Betty loved charity work, which included, volunteering at Salem Home, MCC, and the Senior Centre. She also enjoyed being part of the Zion church ladies' group and the Schoenwiese sewing circle, making blankets, quilting, and knitting scarves for Faith Mission for orphan children. One of her favourite hobbies was sewing pot holders. She took great delight in showing others her handiwork. Betty also made denim blankets for all her siblings and nieces and nephews. One Christmas, each

of us got a thick terilyn blanket with a cover. Then on October 30th, 2017, her whole life changed when she suffered a major stroke which left her disabled. It affected her speech, walking and the use of her right arm. She was then hospitalized at Boundary Trails Health Centre for about four months, and then was transferred to Emerson for another three months. This was a positive experience for her as she enjoyed fellowship and making new friends and was even able to have her sewing machine with her. On June 15th, 2018 Betty moved to Salem Home, excited to be closer to her family. She made friends easily, especially with the staff. Encouragement from family and friends in her difficult times, helped her adjust. Betty was a person of determination. She tried very hard to speak when the stroke had created so much impairment. When we would come for a visit she would say "give me your hand" and then she would squeeze it. Racing down the hall with her wheelchair, showed us her eagerness to try to walk again. The outings with the handivan were a highlight for her. On December 28th, Betty's health deteriorated and so she was put in palliative care in Salem Home. On the 31st of December 2018, with a number of siblings at her side, she was called to her heavenly home to meet her Lord and Saviour. We mourn her passing, but not as those without hope. 1 Thess. 4:13 says "But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

She is survived by six sisters and five brothers and many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her family.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at the Zion Mennonite Church in Schanzenfeld with interment at the Schoenwiese Cemetery.

On behalf of the family, we would like to thank the wonderful caregivers at Salem Home, and the many visitors who came to spend time with her. We would also like to thank Wiebe Funeral Home for all your services, the Ministerial at the Zion Church, and the ladies group for serving.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Betty's memory to Children's Camps International or to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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## OBITUARY



### Dianna Katherine Charney (nee Woelke) 1950 - 2019

Dianna Charney, 68, passed away with her daughter by her side, on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB.

Dianna was born in Neepawa, MB on March 1, 1950. She was the daughter of David and Helena (nee Reimer) Woelke. Much of her childhood was spent growing up in Kenora, ON. Dianna held various jobs until health problems forced her to stop working. She was always particularly proud of her time spent as a security guard at a military base in Alberta. She lived in many locations throughout western Canada before eventually settling in Morden, Manitoba in 1980. Dianna struggled with mental health and many

physical issues throughout her life. She had a love for music which began in her youth when she would perform with her brother on the radio in Kenora. All throughout her life she enjoyed playing accordion and piano and singing. She particularly enjoyed performing for others, and this continued into her time at Salem Home. She enjoyed playing bingo and participating in group activities. She accepted Jesus as her saviour as a teenager and enjoyed reading the Bible and attending Bible studies at Salem Home. Her favourite portions of Scripture were Psalm 34 and the book of Ephesians.

She is survived by her daughter, Tammy and husband, Kirby Rietze; son, Cory and wife, Sandra Charney; grandchildren, Jena-Leigh, Lucas, Alexis, Samantha and Maxwell Rietze and Anderson Charney and one great-grandchild, Jaxon; brothers, Barry (Edna) Woelke, Roy (Fran) Woelke, Larry (Eunice) Woelke and one sister-in-law. She was predeceased by her long-time companion, Henry Derksen, her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 pm. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens. Coffee and dainties were served following the interment at Trinity Lutheran Church in Winkler.

Special thanks to the care givers at Salem Home, who always provided outstanding care and loving service.

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## OBITUARY



### John Friesen 1952 - 2018

Reverend John P. Friesen, loving husband, father, grandfather and brother and a man of deep faith in Jesus Christ, passed away on Saturday, December 22, 2018 from a cardiac arrest on the farm he loved and where he lived his entire life, south of Morden, MB.

He was born on March 8, 1952 in Winkler, MB to Reverend Abram S. and Maria Friesen and baptized on May 18, 1970. Born into a farming family, John learned to love and respect farming as a way of life. He took over the family dairy farm from his father together with his brother Ike, who later moved to begin his own dairy operation. Although the family farm went through many changes over the years, including a shift away from dairy farming in 2013, it remained a vital part of John's life from beginning to end. From an

early age, he also established an enduring commitment to Jesus Christ and to his church. He first served the church in roles such as Sunday School teacher and superintendent and then faithfully and diligently served as elected minister for over 28 years—from the date of his ordination on June 10, 1990, until his final day. John was passionate about his work in the church and he worked tirelessly and selflessly to serve those around him. He also dearly loved his family and found great joy in simply spending time with them, especially his best friend and spouse for over 41 years, Anne. From sharing meals to camping to table games to throwing an annual Christmas hayride, John quietly thrived in the presence of those he loved.

John is survived by his wife, Anne (nee Elias); his children and grandchildren, Jonathan (and Karen) with Krista, Lucas, Cheryl, and Dayne; Joanne (and Cornie Friesen) with Kira, Ian, and Sydney; Laura (and Henry Wall) with Emily, Micah, Mandy, Annika, Marcus, and Lynnea; Carl (and Carolyn) with Alexia; Matthew (and Janelle) with Tessa; four brothers, five sisters, five brothers-in-law, and five sisters-in-law, along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, two brothers, and one sister-in-law.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28, 2018 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at the Waldheim Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church, special relief fund for the Kettler family in Mexico. John was deeply concerned about the medical costs accrued by the family after a serious accident suffered by their son.

John will be greatly missed. However, we mourn not as those who have no hope but fully believe that he has gone to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to enjoy the beauty of heaven forevermore.

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## OBITUARY



### John Penner 1933 - 2018

On Monday, December 31, 2018 at Salem Home, John Penner of Winkler, MB aged 85 years went to his eternal home

John was born to his parents John B. and Aganetha Penner (nee Heppner) on February 2, 1933. He grew up south of Plum Coulee in the Rudnerweide District. In 1948, John, along with his family, immigrated to Paraguay, South America. John was baptized upon the confession of his faith on May 24, 1953. He married Barbara (nee Heinrichs) on December 16, 1956. He owned and operated a truck to haul lumber from the sawmills and supplies back to the community. The decision was made to return to Canada and in April 1973 the family moved to Winkler, MB. After working in construction and concrete work, John took a job at Monarch Industries where for the next 16 years he drove truck and worked in shipping and receiving. He concluded his working career as a bus driver with the Garden Valley School Division, driving until his retirement. Travelling was one of the things he enjoyed most - whether it was hauling goods, vacationing through Canada and the USA, driving friends and family to appointments or delivering samples for Boundary Trails, he loved being on the road. He also enjoyed his grandchildren, woodworking, following news and current world affairs, coffee with friends and ice-cream. John was diagnosed with Dementia and over time his health declined. As he required further personal care, he moved to Salem Home in June 2017.

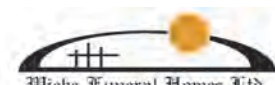
With his passing, John leaves to mourn his wife, Barbara and seven children, John (Marge) Penner, Anne (Corny) Thiessen, Netta (Peter) Berg, Kathy (David) Driedger, David (Grace) Penner, Albert (Elma) Penner, and Susan (John) Klassen; 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. John was predeceased by his parents, brother, David and sisters, Margaret and Sara and two grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday January 6, 2019 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at the Rosenbach Cemetery, north of Winkler.

The family would like to thank the Salem Home staff for their exceptional care, Dr. Dhala, Winkler Funeral Home and Rev. Art Wiebe and the Sommerfeld Church staff. We are also grateful for all those who visited Dad at Salem and brightened his days.

To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord  
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