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# Making tracks

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Cross country skiers of all ages and skill levels took to the trails near Thornhill Saturday for the annual Shannondale Ski Day, which raised funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The community is also hosting a Feb. 16 fundraising potluck in support of the foundation. For the full story, see Pg. 11.

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The Afri-Pembina group gathered in Morden last month to celebrate their shared African heritage through food and music. The group provides support to African immigrants to the Pembina Valley.

# Afri-Pembina bringing immigrants together

By Ashleigh Viveiros

African immigrants to the Pembina Valley gathered in Morden recently for an afternoon of food and fellowship. The Jan. 26 event brought together about 35 people from numerous African nations who now call Southern Manitoba home. Organizers hope it's just the beginning of what this group, dubbed Afri-Pembina on Facebook, can become. "The idea is to get all the Africans within the Pembina Valley together," said Christian James, who heads up the

group alongside Charles Duame Harmon, Olusola Omol-eye, and Miriam Unruh James-Decker. Members have been chatting on social media for months now, but last month's potluck was the first time they all met in person. "We're hoping word will get around and we'll be able to get connected with everyone," James said, adding they plan to hold similar get-togethers in the future. The idea for the group arose during a discussion James

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# New portables up at ÉMMS a short-term solution: Ross

By Lorne Stelmach

With increasing enrolment putting even more pressure on schools already stretched to capacity, Western School Division continues its push for a new school.

Two more portable classrooms were added this year at École Morden Middle School with a request for more down the road, but local officials remain optimistic the day will come when the government brings good news at long last.

"We're starting to get to the stage where we're getting excited about being on the doorstep of a school announcement," superintendent Stephen Ross suggested in advance of a Feb. 13 community meeting that will address the new school among other issues.

"They are well aware that there's the need for space here ... I think right now we're very hopeful and optimistic that that school announcement can come soon," Ross said. "We can really think of these portables as being a short-term rather than a long-term plan for our community with the rate of growth that we're seeing in this community."

"Once that first school opens, there likely will be a need for a second school not that far behind," he added. "I think we're finally getting near the end of this tunnel, I hope."

With the new portables installed



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Western School Division schools now have 14 portable classrooms, including three at École Morden Middle School, four at Minnewasta School, and seven at Maple Leaf School.

last month, ÉMMS now has three while Minnewasta School has four and Maple Leaf School has seven.

The division had also made an additional emergency request for another one at Maple Leaf School this fall.

"Just with all of the extra kids that we have ... we don't have a lot of room for all of our students with exceptional needs," Ross said, "and we have had a large number of EAL [English as an

Additional Language] families move into the area, and we just really feel that we need the extra space for those kids."

"The province didn't say no ... what they told us was they didn't have any portables available. So we've been working with them to look at what options are available and also looking ahead to next year."

The enrolment numbers contin-

ue to back up the need in Western School Division. A student population of 1,806 as of January 2018 had increased to 1,871 by September and to 1,925 as of last month.

"That's six per cent [from January to January], and I don't think there's another school division in Manitoba that's grown six per cent in the calendar year," suggested Ross, who added they anticipate immigration will continue to push that higher. "I think with all of the new kids we're seeing and all of the exciting things that are happening in Morden right now, we expect quite a few more kids in the next school year."

WSD will provide an update on the division's growth and advocacy efforts for a new school at the community consultation set for next Wednesday evening starting at 7 p.m. at Maple Leaf School.

"The board values the opportunity to seek input and hear the voices of our community in order to collaborate on the future of our local schools and education," division officials said in a news release.

"We welcome open and frank conversation to tell us what we are doing well and what areas need improvement or growth. As a locally elected school board, we believe that listening to local voices in order to make choices that impact our students will bring the best results for their future and the future of our community."



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The Afri-Pembina group's first get-together featured plenty of food from a variety of African nations.

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and several friends had at the Corn and Apple Festival last summer.

"We realized if we want to have something in common, which is [being] African, we need to share our heritage and our culture, because we are all far from home," he said, "and there's a lot we can learn from each other."

The local African community has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years, and James hopes bringing people together can provide a support network for newcomers.

"When I first came to Morden, I never met any Africans. I felt I was all alone," he said.

With this group, he hopes to "support every other African that is migrating to the Pembina Valley, and also to let them know, if you choose to come to the Pembina Valley, you have a family here to help you settle in."

"This, I feel, is very important," James said. "It's a way to help people

acclimate and share knowledge, because African culture, life experience, and environment is very different from Canadian culture, life experience, and environment.

"So some of us who now understand the Canadian environment, we need to share our experience with others who may be still finding their way."

Like many immigrants to Canada, James came seeking a better life for his family.

With a few years here now under his belt, he can't imagine calling anywhere else home.

"The people, the environment is welcoming and friendly," James said. "[They're] ready to accept you the way you are, ready to help you."

"I keep telling people, 'Friendly Manitoba' really is that friendly."

If you'd like to connect with Afri-Pembina, check out its Facebook page or contact James at 431-774-6605.

# Morden Triathlon returns this summer

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Triathlon is not only being revived this summer but with the added enticement of potentially qualifying athletes for an international event.

Back for a 35th year after a hiatus in 2018, the July 13-14 competition will be a qualifier for the 2020 International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Triathlon Multisport Championships in Almere, Netherlands.

It's a new feature that organizers believe could attract some pretty high calibre competitors, suggested event co-chair Heather Francis.

"We have a lot of exciting new additions this year, so I think that is really going to help us. Being a qualifier for the world championship significantly raises the profile of the event. I think we're going to have a lot of athletes out.

"I think it was just an added bonus," Francis added. "We had already planned on reviving the race before this opportunity came about ... but it's certainly going to help us kick it back off in a good way."

The triathlon will also be adding two new events: a sprint and Olympic cross triathlon (which combines

swimming, mountain biking, and cross country running) and a sprint and Olympic aquabike.

"Mountain biking has soared in popularity in the last few years both globally and locally as a leisure and competitive sport, so it made sense to add sprint and Olympic cross to our roster of events," said event co-chair Megan Cantelon, sister to Francis. "We have the perfect terrain for this, and as a new event, it will attract additional competitors."

Along with those events, the triathlon will still offer its tried and tested roster including sprint and Olympic triathlon events, sprint and Olympic duathlons, the try-a-tri, try-a-du, and try-an-aquabike events, and the popular Kids of Steel competition.

It means there are a variety of events for all ages and all skill levels, and it makes for a weekend that Francis felt many racers keenly missed last year.

"Last year it was just unfortunate that none of the volunteers had the time necessary to dedicate to organizing it. It's a big event, and it takes a lot of work throughout the year to make it happen," she said.

Having been involved with the triathlon for about five years now, Francis



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After a year's break, the Morden Triathlon returns bigger and better this summer.

cis said she came to feel strongly about bringing it back and decided along with her sister to take it on this year.

She said they recognize not only the importance of the event to competitors but its value to Morden as well.

"We keep hearing comments that people had missed it last year. They looked at the summer calendar and wondered where did the triathlon go?"

"It's definitely been missed ... it's a race that the athletes looked forward to," Francis said. "And it brings probably anywhere between 150 and 200 athletes and their families and fans into our community for the weekend,

so it's definitely good for tourism in our area."

"The event showcases some of the best that Morden has to offer and we're proud to be able to make it happen," added Cantelon. "Competitors, families, friends and spectators will have a weekend to discover Lake Minnewasta and its trails, as well as our amazing hotels, restaurants, and historic downtown."

The organizers are now recruiting volunteers and sponsors for the triathlon. Registration for competitors will open in March.

For more information, head to [mordentriathlon.com](http://mordentriathlon.com) or e-mail [mordentriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:mordentriathlon@gmail.com).

# Plum Coulee looking to add outdoor rink

By Ashleigh Viveiros

By year's end—and hopefully far sooner—Plum Coulee residents will be enjoying the community's first outdoor skating rink.

The Plum Coulee sports committee last fall purchased the old Winkler Parkland rink that was located on the future home of the under-construction Meridian Exhibition Centre.

"We really weren't quite sure what to do with it, but we just knew this was too good to pass up," says Jeremy Thiessen, chair of the committee that's been formed to spearhead this project.

A group of volunteers stepped up to remove the rink's boards and warming shack before Christmas and move it all to Plum Coulee.

They have big plans for the rink that go far beyond skating.

"We're hoping to set up an outdoor rink that is going to be used for a lot more than an outdoor rink," Thiessen says.

"We're hoping to put this up together and use it as an outdoor rink in winter, use it as a venue for Plum Fest in the summer," he says. "We're hoping to use it as a community place where

people can organize things ... we could put the farmers' market in there. We could do so many things with it."

The details are all still being worked out, but one thing they're looking at is possibly following Winkler's lead in putting sand down as a base for year-round use.

A location has also yet to be determined.

"We're pitching a location to the RM of Rhineland ... we are open to location ideas," Thiessen says. "If anybody wants to be a part of this, we're still looking for input, still looking for people to help."

"Our hope is to do a significant part of the project with volunteer labour. We want it to be a community thing."

To that end, the committee plans to reach out to local businesses for sponsorships in the months ahead.

There's no firm timeline on when the rink will go up, but Thiessen says they hope to at least have it operational by next winter.

Plans for an outdoor rink have been tossed around in the past, but the timing's never been more right than now.

"Now we're looking at this going, okay, we've got boards, we've got fencing, we have the infrastructure," Thiessen says. "There's just so many pieces to this that are falling into place."

The demand for ice in Plum Coulee certainly warrants another venue.

A hockey program was launched there in 2017 and attracted 50 kids. This season there's nearly 90 players on the ice.

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## My kingdom for a spicy chip

**I**n the midst of a deep freeze, let's talk about something that I guarantee you will get us all hot.

That's right, I'm talking about hot peppers. (What did you think I meant?)

I have a great deal of affection for hot and spicy things, especially peppers. I love hot sauces of all kinds (my wife had to create a separate shelf in our fridge for the hot sauces). I enjoy pickled peppers, unpickled peppers, spicy food from India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Mexico, etc. It's almost an addiction.

You get the idea. If it's hot, I like it.

A few years ago I fell deeply and passionately in love with Blair's Death Rain Habanero Potato Chips after I spotted them at Cabela's in Winnipeg. It was love at first bite.

Amazing. I went back as soon as I could and bought several more bags. I began to evangelize the amazing chip that was both stupid hot and incredibly tasty—so rare in hot food.

Not long after, I discovered the same chips were being sold at Bulk Barn. No more trips to Winnipeg for decent habanero chips, now I could zip over to Winkler and load up. I would buy four large bags at a time and usually eat one entire bag on the drive back to Morden, exiting the car a sopping, cursing mess.

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"If you go to public skating in town, it's overloaded," Thiessen says. "It's full every time."

"It feels like the community is just screaming for something like this."

If you'd like to get involved with this project as volunteer or donor, email [plumcouleesports@gmail.com](mailto:plumcouleesports@gmail.com) or reach out to a Plum Coulee sports committee, hockey program, or LUD representative.

Then the unthinkable occurred: the chips stopped showing up at Bulk Barn. I drove to Cabela's ... nope, not there either. Online? Nothing. I went to the corporate website and they simply showed as "out of stock".

Six months went by and still nothing. Then a year, then two. Finally, I accepted that The Greatest Hawt Chip Ever Made (TGHCEM, trademark pending) was no more.

Thankfully, after mourning for the appropriate amount of time, I decided to do a little research online and see what I could track down. Unfortunately, Canadians clearly are not overly fond of habanero kettle cooked potato chips. Instead we settle for pathetic jalapeño, which doesn't even really count.

So, I began looking for American suppliers and stumbled across a small Virginia company called Route 11 Potato Chips. Within their quiver of varying types of chips, lo and behold, was the alluring image of Mama Zuma's Revenge, kettle cooked, habanero potato chips (queue a Hallelujah chorus here).

I was skeptical that they could be as good, but the reviews were positive. Of course, nobody in Canada or North Dakota sold them. Next option? I had a box of 12 big bags shipped to a depot in Walhalla, North Dakota.

Last week I drove south of the border along with my ever-suffering, supportive wife to pick up my prize. I was practically drooling the whole way.

Get to the depot, pick up my box, and stop at the Canadian border.

"How long were you in the U.S. for, sir?"

"About 15 minutes."

"What was the purpose of your trip?"

"I just picked up a box of potato chips from Connie's Depot."

Silence.

"You drove to Walhalla to buy chips?"

"You have to understand, these aren't just any chips. These are kettle cooked, habanero potato chips I can't get in Canada," I said in slightly crazed voice.

After checking the box in the trunk, she returned.

"Those are pretty cool looking chips; how much were they?"

"\$45."

"Really? \$45 for 12 bags...that's a great deal. Well, have a good day sir," and, validated, home we went.

Upon arriving home, I grabbed a bag, admired the packaging, opened it, smelled it (so far so good), and cautiously took out one chip. With an enormous amount of hope I took a bite.

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Yes, they were amazing. I had finally found a worthy replacement and life can now go on.

The moral of this story? I might be insane. The other moral of this story? Don't give up on your dreams, even if your dreams are finding a new brand of habanero potato chip. Even if you must order them from a business more than 2,500 km away and pick them up in a different country ... dreams do come true.

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# Sledge hockey rematch on for Louis Riel Day

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The third annual Spina Bifida Sledge Hockey Game takes over the Winkler arena this Louis Riel Day.

On Monday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m., local youth hockey players will take on members of the Manitoba Sledge Hammers team.

Interest in the annual exhibition game has been growing steadily, says organizer Nancy Spenst.

"The first year we had 116 people come out, the second year we had 215 ... it just keeps growing," said Spenst, who is president of the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Manitoba (SBHAM), which benefits from the proceeds of the game.

Many of this year's local players are ones who tried their hand at it in previous years. They're eager to tackle the modified sport once again.

"They are excited about it," Spenst said. "They were asking right away if they could come back again."

Instead of skates, sledge hockey uses double-blade sledges that allow the puck to pass beneath. Players also use two sticks, which have a spiked end for pushing and a bladed end for shooting.

In addition to the game itself, fans can once again purchase a \$6 stuffed animal that day at the rink to toss on



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Right: Nancy Spenst, president of SBHAM, with some of the stuffed animals they'll be selling for a Stuffie Toss at the third annual Spina Bifida Sledge Hockey Game Feb. 18.

the ice at intermission. The toys will be donated to Katie Cares, Ronald McDonald's House, and the Specialized Services for Children and Youth Centre.

The afternoon will also include raffle prizes, canteen sales, and a chance to try out a sledge after the game.

Dropping the puck will be nine-year-old Liam Coulter-Marx, who lives with spina bifida.

Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Proceeds go to SBHAM's various assistance funds for families living with spina bifida or hydrocephalus.

The association plays a big role in the lives of people and families living with these illnesses, said Spenst.



"It's very important, even just connecting with other individuals," she said. "I know I've met some really great friends throughout the organization that have just become somebody to confide in and talk to."

"We're reaching out to a lot of people. We get calls and emails quite frequently and events like this really do increase the awareness out there."

Learn more about the organization online at [sbham.ca](http://sbham.ca).

## Genesis House hosting quiz night, lunch and learn

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Genesis House women's shelter marks International Women's Day next month with two very different events.

Back by popular demand for its second year is an evening of fun and trivia at the Morden St. Paul's United Church on Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Manitoba's own original quizmasters Robin and Maria Allan of Stonewall will host the evening, which will feature a variety of trivia quizzes, with bragging rights up for grabs.

It's a fast-paced, fun event designed to get you up out of your seat, said Genesis House executive director Angela Braun.

"We did it for the first time last year and it sold right out," she said. "We're hoping that wasn't beginner's luck."

"I feel like once people have been at a quiz night, you just really want to go again. It's so much fun."

The event has space for 18 teams of

eight. Registration is \$20 per person by March 4.

You can register as a full team or sign-up as an individual or smaller group to be placed on a team. Call 204-325-9957 for more information.

A days earlier, on March 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the shelter hosts a special lunch and learn session facilitated by therapist and trainer John Koop Harder.

Harder will be speaking on the topic of Supporting Mental Health in the Workplace.

It's an important issue, noted Braun, who points out one in five people will experience a mental health concern at some point in their lives.

"All of us bring whatever baggage is happening at home with us to work; we're not just a worker, we're also

sisters and wives and brothers and dads," she said. "There needs to be some understanding that we're not robots. We're not going to function every day the same."

"If we could be a little bit more aware of what people might be going through when it comes to mental health, that helps everyone."

To that end, the lunch and learn will discuss why it's important to talk about mental health, common types of mental illness, noticing signs of struggle, how to start a conversation of support, and building a culture of mental health support at work.

The session is open to everyone. Tickets are \$40, which includes lunch. Register by calling 204-325-9957 ext 2221 until Feb. 25.

Proceeds from these events go to

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help Genesis House continue to provide safe haven for women and children affected by domestic violence.

"It helps us keep the 24/7 operation going," Braun said. "[Provincial] funding hasn't changed in 12 years but everything else has: gas prices, food prices. So to keep the doors open it is imperative that we raise some money to keep things moving."

International Women's Day takes place this year on March 8.

The very first celebration was held in 1911. In 1977, the United Nations passed a resolution encouraging countries around the world to dedicate one day to celebrating the rights of women and international peace.

The 2019 global theme is #BalanceforBetter, a call to action for people to do everything possible to forge a more gender balanced world.

The Canadian theme this year is #InnovateforChange, urging people to harness the power of technology to help create a more equal world.



## Co-op customers give back to Cheer Board

Morden Co-op store manager Cam Buhler presented a cheque for \$7,729.93 recently to the Morden Christmas Cheer Board, represented by board member Cathy Sandercock. The funds were raised with the help of donations by customers.

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## Freezin' for a Reason puts call out for plungers

By Lorne Stelmach

The final push is on for the fourth annual Polar Plunge taking place in Morden next weekend.

With registrations, donations, and pledges still coming in, organizer Scott Edwards is now just hoping for better weather for those brave souls who will be Freezin' for a Reason.

"I can't imagine it's going to be anything like what we've had," Edwards said as final preparations were getting underway for the Feb. 16 fundraiser in support of Special Olympics.

Last year about 30 people plunged into the tank of icy cold water, helping to raise close to \$20,000.

So far for this year, six teams of up to five people each were registered online as of last week. Edwards is hoping a few more will step up over the next week.

"And there's a few individuals as well, so we're probably sitting at around 30 participants right now ... we have a few sponsors that will send a plunger or two," said Edwards, who has not only been instrumental in the local police torch run and polar plunge but has also been on the provincial executive committee for Special Olympics Manitoba.



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cial Olympics Manitoba.

"I think we're about where we wanted to be ... and hope to get a few more last minute sign-ups and maybe get close to that goal of 50."

Edwards would also like to see the event bump up its fundraising totals.

"I think in all, after three years, we've done over \$70,000 ... so if we have a really good year this year it could be pretty awesome [to close in on \$100,000]."

The Polar Plunge is becoming an important event for Special Olympics Manitoba, having expanded from two events in Winnipeg and Morden to four with plunges in Portage and Dauphin.

The first plunge of the season took place in Portage earlier this month and had a good response from plungers and viewers alike, said Edwards, who hopes for a similar response in Morden.

"We really hope that people come out and support it and support the people taking the plunge."

Anyone interested in participating or making a donation should visit [plungemanitoba.com](http://plungemanitoba.com).

The funds go a long way in helping the more than 1,800 Special Olympics athletes in Manitoba who participate in 18 different sports.

"It's quite easy now to support it if that's something that you want to do,"

The Morden Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics will take place at the Access Event Centre Saturday, Feb. 16.

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Edwards said.

He also appreciates being able to partner up with the Morden Winterfest, which takes place the same day at the Access Event Centre.

"We're lucky that the Winterfest event takes place at the same time and location, so we draw some of

their crowd to our event," he said, noting it always feels good to see the stands packed. "It definitely makes the event, as a participant, that much better when you have a crowd in the stands cheering you on."

The first plunger hits the water at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

## The importance of play

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre has a busy month ahead, including hosting a special guest speaker this week.

Sharron Arksey, the regional coordinator of the Healthy Child Coalition, will give a presentation on the importance of play in a child's development the morning of Thursday, Feb. 7.

"It's all about play and why play matters ... the benefits of play for brain development and motor development," explains WFRC coordinator Cathy Savage, adding Arksey is a published author on the topic and an engaging presenter. "She's a really great speaker."

The talk, which is free and open to all, begins at 9:45 a.m. To register, email [winklerfrfc@gmail.com](mailto:winklerfrfc@gmail.com) or call 204-332-9418. Child care is available but you need to indicate you need it when registering.

Later this month, on Feb. 23, the centre invites supporters to *Come Paint With Us* at Central Station.

The paint night will give participants a chance to create a painting from scratch while enjoying coffee from Other Brother Roasters and cakes from George K Catering.

Proceeds from the evening (tickets are \$60 each) go towards the centre's free early childhood programming Contact Savage to book your seat.

Meanwhile, registration for WFRC's next round of programming will open mid-February.

That includes sessions of Rhythm and Rhyme and Pre-school Party in Winkler and Kit and Kaboodle in Plum Coulee.

This spring will also see the introduction of a new program called Toddler Shenanigans.

For details on upcoming programs, head to [winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com](http://winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com)

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# Heart-shaped pizzas benefiting CancerCare

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Boston Pizza is giving customers a chance to share the love this month.

The Morden restaurant is once again offering heart-shaped pizzas on Valentine's Day, with \$1 from every one sold going to support cancer research.

"It's all going to CancerCare Manitoba, specifically for pediatrics," said general manager Kenton Hoeppner, explaining the funds are going to support a program called PROFYLE (Precision Oncology for Young People).

PROFYLE provides access to care to children and young adults who are told they are out of cancer treatment options and have a low survival rate. Its goal is to develop new targeted treatments for these patients.

"Eighty per cent of kids with cancer survive nowadays because of research that they're doing," Hoeppner said. "The money that we're raising is going towards research for the 20 per cent that aren't surviving at this

point."

It's a cause Boston Pizza staff are eager to support.

"We're so excited to be doing this," Hoeppner said. "The city has been amazing. Morden, Winkler, all our guests have really been open towards donating to our causes each year."

Can't wait until Feb. 14? You can give back to CancerCare right now by purchasing a \$2 Boston Pizza Paper Heart to decorate and put up on the restaurant's Wall of Hearts. Or purchase a slice of the Triple Chocolate Mousse Cake to have \$1 donated to the cause.

"We've sold a lot of hearts already," said Hoeppner, noting Boston Pizza Morden's goal is to raise \$1,700. "We're about 80 per cent of the way with two weeks still to go.

"We really appreciate the donations that have come in so far," he added. "I'm blown away of how amazing this community is with their generosity."

As for the pizzas, the heart-shaped variety prove popular every Valen-



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Boston Pizza manager Tara Muggridge and general manager Kenton Hoeppner with the hearts the Morden restaurant is serving up to raise funds for CancerCare Manitoba.

tine's Day, so Hoeppner urges customers to order in advance to avoid disappointment.

"Everyone's very excited about the

pizzas," he said. "We're already getting calls making sure we're doing it again this year."

## Festival of the arts kicks off with band session

The 44th season of the Morden Festival of the Arts kicks

off next week with the band session.

Five local concert and jazz bands will be part of the session Wednesday, Feb. 13 starting at 9:30 a.m. at Westside Community Church.

Come out and listen to bands including the Winkler Elementary School Gr. 8 band under the direction of Lincoln Wiebe and the Morden Collegiate junior, intermediate and senior bands under the direction of Justin Tan.

Adjudicating the session will be Eric Marshall, whose music career spans five decades during which time he has taught middle school, high school and university, jazz

ensembles, choirs, bands and guitar classes.

He continues to be active as a performer and conductor including as a member of the Winnipeg Wind Ensemble for over 27 years as well as other community ensembles, and he still leads a church choir and adjudicates and guest conducts in Manitoba.

The Morden Festival of the Arts will continue with the strings sessions March 10-12 at Church of God followed by sacred and piano March 17-20 and then moving into April for vocal and choral as well as French and English speech arts.



Morden Festival of the Arts band adjudicator Eric Marshall.

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## Congrats to our winner

Morden's Amanda Harrison was the big winner of four tickets to the Prairie Theatre Exchange's showing of Munschtopia at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall this Friday. Enjoy the show, Amanda!



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Shannondale near Thornhill was a hopping place Saturday as it hosted its annual Ski Day in support of the Heart & Stroke Foundation. The community also hosts a fundraising potluck Feb. 16.

# Ski day, potluck raising funds for Heart & Stroke

By Lorne Stelmach

Skiers of all ages headed out north of Thornhill Saturday for the annual Shannondale Ski Day.

The event is not only a family fun day but also raises money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in conjunction with an upcoming fundraising community potluck.

Set this year for next Saturday, Feb. 16, the potluck and games night has been going on for about 30 years.

"It just seemed to be a good cause," said Donna Lumgair, who has been involved in the potluck over those three decades, while her husband David continues to be the man behind the ski day at their picturesque valley property.

"Nearly everybody you speak to either has a friend or relative or knows someone who has had a heart attack or high blood pressure or something like that," Donna said, noting David had a heart attack himself a few years ago.

The potluck usually draws a good crowd, raising upwards of \$3,000.

"It always seems worthwhile. It's just a little local affair, but it does get our folks together, too," Donna said. "It's people meeting and greeting and having fun together.

"It's about community ... we need that," she added, noting maintaining a sense of community is especially important for a small centre like Thornhill. "It has changed. Another generation is coming up, and things are different, and a lot of our friends are gone. It's nice to keep community going, if you can do something to help it along."

As for the ski day, David always looks forward to seeing people out enjoying the trails.

"We might come close to a hundred people," he estimated, noting the event has been a tradition for about a decade.

Supported by the Boundary Trails Nordic Club, Shannondale offers a series of trails that wind through the forest providing some magnificent scenery.

Skiers of all levels can come and enjoy the trails, as they offer a range of technical difficulty from easy to very challenging. The two chalets, one at the trail system's start and

one in the valley, are normally kept warm on the weekends. Trail upkeep is supported by donations that can be left in the donation box at the trailhead.

And Shannondale has become a destination for many skiers from even further afield, such as one day where they had the Charleswood Ski Club come out with around 70 people and another when a Winnipeg group came out for a day of skiing with their dogs in tow.

For David, it is not only about people using his trails but also just being outdoors in general.

"One of the reasons that I make ski trails is I

enjoy visiting with people ... I think that's part of it," he said.

"There's many facets ... people need to know about nature ... need to know the quiet and the wilderness," he concluded. "One of the things that motivates me is to encourage people to get out ... people need to get outdoors ... fresh air is health care, help yourself."

If you'd like to stop by for the potluck next weekend, it begins at 6 p.m. at the Thornhill Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults or \$10 for a family at the door.



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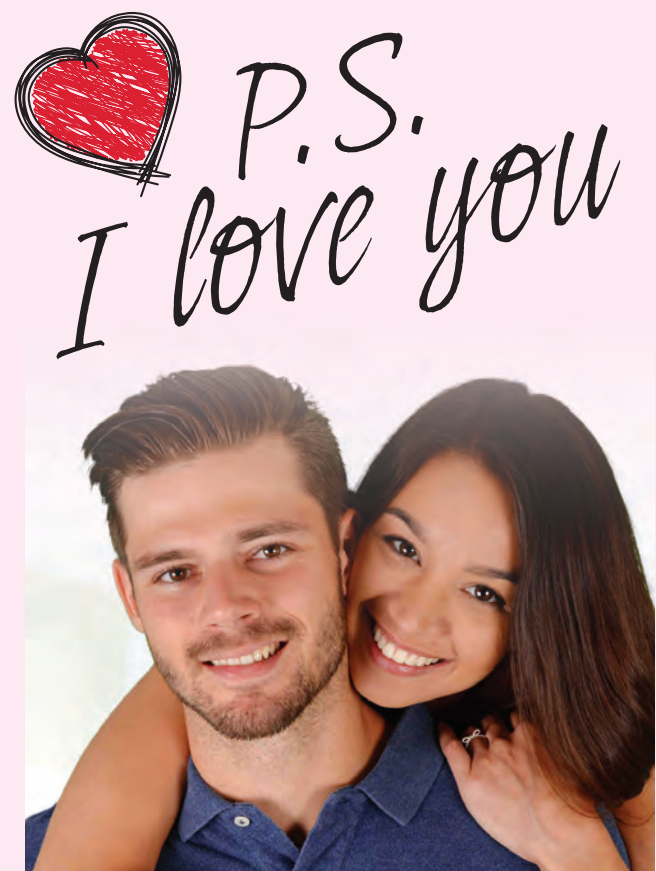
Levi has lived in the Pembina Valley for nearly 20 years. He is thrilled to join MMJS and continue his practice with a firm committed to active involvement in the community he calls home. In 2017, Levi received his Juris Doctor from Robson Hall, Faculty of Law University of Manitoba, and was called to the Manitoba Bar in 2018. Levi has a demonstrated interest in a broad-range of legal topics, including real estate, employment, corporate, and wills and estates. Away from the office, Levi spends much of his time in hockey rinks around the province and is a proud member of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League executive.

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# Morden Park now offering outdoor curling

By Lorne Stelmach

The outdoor ice in the Morden Park bowl area includes another fun feature this winter.

In addition to an area cleared for skating, there is another strip of ice set up to try out a bit of homemade outdoor curling.

"It seems to be a good spot for it," said Shawn Dias, manager of parks and urban forestry for the City of Morden.

Dias said they thought of trying something different, noting how cro-kicurl has been done in places like The Forks in Winnipeg as well as in Winkler in past years.

"We've tried to put a skating rink in there, and this year we flooded the area a little differently," he said. "As we were flooding the area it was something that seemed like it might be a good fit. We just thought that we had access to ice paint through the guys at the arena."

Several frozen milk jugs with food colouring inside serve as rocks.

Anyone wanting to make use of the sheet might have to clear the snow off, but otherwise the city just asks peo-

"THERE'S LOTS TO OFFER IN THE COMMUNITY AND I THINK PEOPLE ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT ALL."

ple to take proper care of the brooms and rocks.

"Everybody seems like they're being respectful ... leave it the way you found it when you got there," Dias said.

Last week's deep freeze left the rink empty, but Dias expects things will pick up once warmer winter weather returns.

The city is always looking to give the community more options for winter activity and for promoting active living, he said.

"I think it's great ... we have cross country skiing and snowshoeing and outdoor skating and curling ... there's lots to offer in the community and I think people are taking advantage of it all."



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Recreation department staff have set up an outdoor curling rink in Morden Park. Brooms and milk jugs for rocks are left on-site for everyone to enjoy.

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### Marriage and children change how you file taxes

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Relationship status? Whether you're in a common-law relationship, recently married or it's complicated, your relationship status can impact your tax refund. Keep the Canada Revenue Agency updated on your current relationship status with the RC65 Marital status change form. If you're married or common law, credits and deductions will be calculated based on your total household income instead of your personal income.

Eating for two? Most Canadian parents are eligible to apply for the Canada Child Benefit, a tax-free monthly payment to assist with the cost of raising children. When the program was revamped in 2016, eligibility was extended to foreign-born status Indigenous individuals who resided in Canada but were not Canadian citizens or permanent residents. For those taking time off with their little one, they may be eligible for Employment Insurance benefits, which will need to

be reported as income on their tax return. More recently, expenses for assisted reproductive technologies to help with getting pregnant can now be claimed as a medical expense.

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Share the love! The new EI parental sharing benefit allows parents to take up to five additional weeks of time off starting in March 2019 after the birth or adoption of a child, in an effort to encourage Canadians to share the work of raising their children more equally. Parents selecting the standard duration of parental leave could receive up to 40 weeks of parental benefits while parents selecting the extended duration of parental benefits could receive up to 69 weeks.

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# Friesen accepts Tory Morden-Winkler nomination

By Lorne Stelmach

Cameron Friesen will once again be the Progressive Conservative candidate for the Morden-Winkler riding when Manitobans next go to the polls.

His nomination at a meeting in Morden Jan. 23 came as little surprise, but the incumbent MLA would never look upon it as a sure thing.

That applies even now into his eighth year in office with two major cabinet portfolios on his resumé.

"A lot of people say that this is a seat that has commonly voted one way ... I think we've always worked in such a way as to demonstrate that I don't take it for granted," said Friesen.

"I believe in the work. It's the work I want to do, it's the work that this constituency has entrusted me to do ... and it continues to be an honour."

The next provincial election is likely not to come before 2020. When it does, Friesen will vie to be re-elected to serve a Morden-Winkler constituency that has become a little smaller as a result of recent province-wide electoral boundary changes.

With the rapidly rising population of the two major centres, some of the surrounding rural areas have merged into the new Borderland riding as a

result of the review that aims to bring riding populations more in line with each other.

"We get bigger in population ... they get bigger in geography," said Friesen. "Morden-Winkler has become an increasingly urban constituency but in a rural context."

The changes reflect the tremendous population growth of the communities, but "with that kind of growth also come infrastructure needs, and those will continue to be issues I will focus on," said Friesen.

It will also be different for Friesen going into the next election as part of the incumbent government rather than as the opposition.

"That's a huge change," he said, while suggesting that "it was the best experience I could have hoped for, spending one term in opposition and learning the ropes ... then to catapult into government with these additional duties and responsibilities, that opportunity to use the knowledge and the skills and the relationships and connections ... and knowledge of how policy works ... in order to really get some things done."

Friesen was first elected as MLA in 2011 and served as the Conservative critic for education, health, and fi-



MLA Cameron Friesen (right) with wife Shelley and Premier Brian Pallister. Friesen has been nominated to run again as the Morden-Winkler Conservative candidate in the next election.

nance before the party won the 2016 provincial election.

Premier Brian Pallister then gave Friesen the finance portfolio and tasked him with delivering the government's first three budgets while

chairing the Treasury Board.

Since last August Friesen has served as Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living, leading the government's implementation of a system-wide health care transformation strategy.

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## Redskins finish in fourth

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals and Morden Redskins wrapped up their South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League regular seasons with losses last weekend.

On Saturday, the Redskins fell to the Notre Dame Hawks 7-3.

Morden's Matt Sibbald got the game's lone first period goal, but the wheels fell off the wagon for the Redskins in period two, which saw the Hawks score five times. Sibbald got his second goal of the night midway through the period.

Notre Dame put two more nails in Morden's coffin before the 10th minute of the final period to make it 7-2. Cory Heide got the Redskins' last goal at 12:03.

Reed Peters stopped 40 shots on goal as the Hawks outshot the Redskins 47-23.

Winkler's Royals didn't fare much better up against the Altona Maroons that same night.

The Maroons were ahead 3-0 when Marlin Froese got Winkler on the board in the 14th minute of the second period. Altona managed one more two minutes later.

Cody Friesen made it a 4-2 game with another Winkler goal six minutes into the final frame, but Altona



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Morden goaltender Reed Peters looks to corral the loose puck in the Redskins' final regular season game of the season Saturday. The Notre Dame Hawks got the win 7-3.

scored two goals in the last two minutes for the 6-2 win.

Devon Wiebe and Christian Mueller split netminding duties, the former playing 36 minutes and making 15 saves off 19 shots, while Wiebe was in for 24 minutes and made 19 saves while giving up two goals.

With that, the Royals were 2-18 this season for four points and seventh

and last place.

Morden finished in fourth place with a record of 12-7-0-1 and 25 points, trailing Carman in first (29 points), Warren in second (27 points) and Portage in third place (25 points).

The SEMHL playoffs get underway this weekend.

Winkler heads to Warren Friday for game one of their best-of-five series

against the Mercs. They then host game two on Sunday and play game three in Warren next Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Redskins take to home ice against Altona Feb. 12. The Maroons host game two Feb. 14.

The league's other series pits the Portage Islanders against the Notre Dame Hawks. The Beavers have a first round bye.

## Hawks split doubleheader with Kenora Thistles

By Lorne Stelmach

Their modest four game win streak may have come to an end, but the male Pembina Valley Hawks still managed a split of a weekend doubleheader.

The AAA Hawks fell 5-2 Saturday to Kenora but bounced back to edge the Thistles 2-1 Sunday.

The Hawks fell behind 2-0 in the first period of game one before closing the gap to 3-2 after 40 minutes, but penalties cost them in the third as Kenora connected twice on the man advantage to put the game away.

Tyson Allison scored both Pembina Valley goals on assists by Hayden Couling and Cameron Brunn, while Dylan Meilun made 34 saves with the

shots on goal even at 39 apiece.

Brock Moroz played the pivotal role Sunday for the Hawks as he stopped 39 of the 40 Kenora shots on goal while his teammates fired 33 the other way.

Riley Goertzen opened scoring 7:10 into the third for the Hawks, who then got the winner from Andrew Boucher at 16:09.

Pembina Valley remains in seventh

place at 21-14-3-2 for 47 points, which leaves them 11 up on Kenora and five behind the Eastman Selects.

The Hawks now head into their final eight regular season games. They start by squaring off against the fourth place Southwest Cougars in Deloraine Friday and then take on the fifth-ranked Winnipeg Thrashers in Morden Saturday.

# Female Hawks put the skids on losing streak

By Lorne Stelmach

It may be too little too late for the female Pembina Valley Hawks, but they did at least end their losing streak at nine games.

The AAA team ended the slide Friday with a 5-2 win over the Interlake Lightning, but they then fell 2-0 Saturday to the Yellowhead Chiefs.

Pembina Valley now sits at 8-15-3 for 19 points, which means the Hawks are destined to finish in seventh place and ahead of only Interlake with just two games remaining in the regular season schedule.

When the Hawks hold a home-and-home doubleheader this weekend with the Winnipeg Ice, the only remaining question will be who their first round playoff opponent will be in the post-season.

The ladies will face the second place team, and the battle between the top three—Westman, Winnipeg Avros, and the Chiefs—could go down to the wire.

As for the Hawks, Breanna Millions led the way with a hat trick Friday as they held 2-0 and 3-1 leads at the intermissions and then put it away with two more in the third period.

Keanna Clark and Tessa Odell also scored for Pembina Valley, while Maiya Aschberg and Quinn McLaren chipped in three assists, and Kadynce Romijn got the win in net by stopping 15 of 17 shots on goal.

The next night, Romijn kept the Hawks in the game with a solid 38



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Pembina Valley's Abbi Conrad clears the puck to safety with Yellowhead's Jena Barscello on the doorstep Saturday in Morden. The Chiefs got the win 2-0.

save outing against the Chiefs, but Pembina Valley was stymied at the other end as Yellowhead's Sadie Mc-

Intosh stopped all 20 shots on goal.

The Hawks' final home game of the regular season is this Sunday after-

noon at 2:30 p.m.

Playoffs are expected to get underway next week.

# Flyers down Natives, Blues but fall to Pistons

The Winkler Flyers picked up a big 3-2 win in Winnipeg Sunday, capping off a run of three games in three days.

A pair of victories, including a 5-2 win Friday over the Neepawa Natives, sandwiched around a 5-0 loss to the Steinbach Pistons, helped the Flyers move within two points of the seventh place Blues and four points clear of the ninth place Waywayseecappo Wolverines.

Winkler got on the board first against the Blues when Josh Kagan stripped a Winnipeg defender of the puck at the blueline and scored his seventh. Then the Flyers doubled their lead on the power-play as Collin Caulfield tucked in his third on a wrap around.

Winnipeg cut Winkler's lead in half just before the six minute mark of

the second, but the Flyers would get that one back before the break when Jesse Korytko sent a pass over to Eric Fawkes.

Despite being outshot 14-5 in the final period, goaltender Riley Morgan and the Flyers would hang on for the win. Morgan, who has now started the last seven games in a row, finished the night with 33 saves as the Blues outshot Winkler 35-27. The Flyers were 1-for-4 on the power-play and 2-for-2 on the penalty-kill.

The bounces did not go Winkler's way Saturday against the visiting Steinbach Pistons.

With regulars Brody Moffatt, Connor Beebe, Marcel Berube, Raihan Kheraj and Britt League all out of the lineup due to injury or suspension, the Flyers dressed a total of three APs

but stayed right with their opponents through the first 40 minutes.

Steinbach led 1-0 and 2-0 at the intermissions and then in the third started to wear down the Flyers and added three more goals including one on the power-play. Winkler generated a good number of chances around the Pistons' goal but failed to beat netminder Matt Lenz.

Morgan took the loss in goal for Winkler as the Pistons outshot the Flyers 32-25. The Flyers went 0-for-4 on the power-play and 6-for-7 on the penalty-kill.

Jayden McCarthy led the way over the visiting Natives Friday with a goal and two assists.

In a first period with a good back and forth pace, McCarthy made a good pass off the boards to Everett Best-

land who picked the top corner to tie the game 1-1. Then McCarthy spotted Fawkes in the slot on the power-play for their first lead of the night.

Winkler added two more goals in second period with Pilot Mound Hockey Academy call-up Matty Harold and Kagan connecting to extend Winkler's lead to 4-2. A power-play goal by McCarthy in the final frame sealed the deal.

Morgan made 22 saves in the win as the Flyers outshot Neepawa 41-24. Winkler went 2-for-6 on the power-play and 5-for-6 on the penalty-kill.

After hosting Selkirk Tuesday the Flyers hit the road for Dauphin Friday, Swan Valley Saturday, and Waywayseecappo Sunday.

# Manitou, Rosenfeld well-represented at Canada Games

By Lorne Stelmach

Two sisters from Rosenfeld will be part of Team Manitoba at this month's Canada Winter Games.

Hayley and Payton Bergman will compete in girls curling alongside Cheyenne Ehnes of Manitou and Anastasia Ginters of Altona at the competition taking place in Red Deer, Alberta Feb. 15 to March 3.

The Bergman sisters have both grown up with curling and enjoyed success at a variety of levels and events, but having the chance to go to the Canada Games is something special.

"Being able to represent Manitoba alongside three other great curlers is a huge honour," said Hayley, while younger sister Payton added, "I'm so incredibly blessed to be able to represent Manitoba at the Canada Winter Games with three of my best friends."

"I'm really excited about going and getting to meet new people and representing Manitoba," agreed Ehnes.

Competing at a national level for the first time, the Manitou student is no stranger to a curling sheet.

"We have a family bonspiel, and when I was little my parents took me to the family bonspiel, and curling stuck with me," she said. "I just like doing it. It's fun to just go and play with different people sometimes and play against different teams and meet

people."

Ehnes has now played two years at high school, where she skipped a team that won the zone in Gr. 9 but came up short in Gr. 10.

"This year, with competing at the Canada Games, I wasn't able to play with them."

Hayley has been curling since Gr. 1 and she has been involved in the junior curling program in Altona. She also had a successful run in high school, skipping a team to the Zone 4 banner for the three consecutive years. In 2015-16 her team also managed to bring home provincial gold.

In addition, she won bronze at the U18 mixed doubles provincials in 2016-17, and in 2014-15 went to the U18 International Optimist.

"I love the intensity of the game and the demand of the attention to detail," Hayley said in explaining what draws her to the sport. "Another great thing about curling is the bond you form with your teammates. Because there are only four of you on the ice, the dynamic is so important to successfully play the game."

Hayley is proud of the achievement and looks forward to enjoying the overall experience of the Games.

"Manitoba is known for having fantastic curlers, and the battle to make it to the Winter Games was tough," she noted.

"While this competition is going to



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Above: The Team Manitoba girls curling team of Cheyenne Ehnes of Manitou, Payton Bergman of Rosenfeld, Anastasia Ginters of Altona, and Hayley Bergman of Rosenfeld are off to the Canada Winter Games. Right: Manitou's Amanda Creith will compete in alpine skiing.



be a great experience, no matter the outcome, we as a team have been working very hard over the last few months to ensure we represent our province to the best of our abilities on and off the ice."

Payton, meanwhile, has been curling for 10 years, having started when she was five years old.

"My older siblings were both in the junior curling program in Altona, and I wanted to be just like them," she said.

"I love the feeling I get from sweeping well. The feeling of sweeping hard with my teammate beside me supporting me is a great feeling," she said of her attraction to the game.

She has also enjoyed some success on the ice. In 2014, she represented Manitoba at the U18 Optimist International Curling Championship, and she was also part of winning the Zone

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"BEING ABLE TO REPRESENT MANITOBA ALONGSIDE THREE OTHER GREAT CURLERS IS A HUGE HONOUR."

## Showing some pizazz



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The Pembina Pizazz competed at the Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Competition this past weekend in Tisdale, Saskatchewan and had strong showings. The juvenile team (left) had its best score yet this season and finished in first place, while the pre-novice team (above) also scored a personal best and finished in third place.



## Trinke off to provincials

On Feb. 2 at the Deer Lodge Curling Club in Winnipeg, Team Trinke beat Liam Wachal 3-2 and Luke Steski 14-1 to earn a berth at the U18 provincials in Swan River March 7-10. The team, which curls out of St. Vital Curling Club, includes (from left) coach Darrel Argan (Stonewall), lead Tyler Giesbrecht (Winnipeg Beach), second John Trinke (Winkler), third Elias Huminicki (Winnipeg Beach), and skip Matt Bijl (Winnipeg).

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## Raiders steal winning streak from Twisters

By Lorne Steilmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters came up just short again in another battle between the top two Manitoba Major Junior League teams.

Riding a seven game winning streak, the first place Twisters were edged 2-1 Sunday by the second place Raiders of Winnipeg in Morris.

If it feels like deja-vu it's because the last time Pembina Valley lost was a 3-2 defeat by the Raiders back on Jan. 4 that ended another one of their winning streaks.

The Raiders have now taken three

out of four of the season series, with a final battle set for March 1. The Raiders won the opener 7-3 and then Pembina Valley took the next one handily by a score of 8-1.

The Twisters had their opportunities as they outshot the Raiders 38 to 29, but it was the Winnipeg team that struck first with two unanswered first period goals including a powerplay marker.

Pembina Valley couldn't get on the board until Jeremie Goderis fired home his 30th of the season 2:39 into the third, but Raiders goalie Jeremy Pikel shut the door the rest of the

way. Travis Klassen took the loss in goal with 27 saves.

The Twisters still lead the league at 27-5-3 for 57 points. The Raiders are in second at 51 points followed by the St. James Jr. Canucks at 49.

This week the Twisters faced Transcona Railer Express Tuesday and welcome the St. Vital Victorias Friday. They also play the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins on Sunday.

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4 high school curling title three years in a row.

She also anxiously awaits all that the Games experience will have to offer her.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting new people from different sports," said Payton. "We have been working hard for the past months to prepare to represent our home province as best as we can."

Meanwhile, another Manitou student will be competing in alpine skiing alongside three athletes from the Miami area (profiled in last week's Voice).

"It's a really good opportunity to show what Manitoba can do ... and it's exciting to be chosen to represent your province," said Amanda Creith. "It's cool to go with three other people from my club, and also there's two

other kids from my school in different sports."

Creith will compete in four different events, but her favorites are likely the giant slalom and the ski cross.

"I like the competitiveness of ski cross because there's four people going all at once, and I like the speed and the jumps," she noted.

Creith has also very much grown up with the sport, having first put on skis when she was in Gr. 2.

"We live five minutes from the La Riviere ski hill," she noted.

This will be Creith's second time at the Games, having competed in Prince George four years ago.

Also stepping onto the national stage from Manitou will be Ijob Hamraev in judo. He could not be reached at press time to comment.

## Team Krahn wins big



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Team Landon Krahn won the Stonewall Pharmacy U15 bonspiel held Jan. 27-28. They went 5-0 over the weekend, beating Blake Good of Stonewall in the finals. From left: Lead Jared Bueckert, second Jace Zacharias, third Luke Trinke, and skip Landon Krahn. The team is coached by Derek Trinke (not pictured).

# Agriculture

## Lock in a quarter of your hog production: Fulton

By Harry Siemens

Tyler Fulton, the director of risk management with h@ms Marketing Services, advises pork producers to take advantage of profitable futures prices by forward contracting a limited portion of their production.

Fulton said despite consistently record high fourth quarter slaughter numbers, the slaughter was probably not quite as high as initially expected and so prices have stayed firmer than they otherwise would have.

"We saw record hog slaughter in the U.S. in the fourth quarter of 2018. The week previous to Christmas, we saw the largest ever weekly slaughter that exceeded 2.7 million hogs. That's a huge one-week production," he said. "It was largely packers kind of pulling hogs ahead of schedule, adding some shifts before the holidays came in, but what it does is it provides a bit of insight into how many hogs they can process in a given week when push comes to shove."

Fulton explained the highlights and market implications of the USDA's quarterly Hogs and Pigs report for the fourth quarter.

"One of the things that I guess stuck with me was that we are expecting to see a larger breeding herd, that the breeding herd was up close to two per cent higher than year-ago levels," he said. "If we project that forward into the latter half of 2019, then we can anticipate another year of record large hog slaughter and pork production, assuming that we see the carcass weights come in at least comparable to what they did last year."

Fulton doesn't think there are any real issues in balancing hog production with pork processing capacity moving into the year ahead.

"I think the bigger question is going to come from the trade situation throughout the next six to eight months," he said. "We need to get a resolution to the Mexican applied pork tariffs in retaliation to the steel and aluminum tariff that the US has applied to not only Mexico but to Canada as well. But the trade issues there are probably likely to trump any concerns that I would have over slaughter capacity, I think."

Demand is the critical thing, Fulton

noted, and if that growth continues in both the domestic and export markets, the prospect looks excellent. The packers saw profits in 2018.

"And when the packers are profitable and the producers, I think in general, across the year producers can say that they were likely profitable, but the downturn in August and then again later in the fourth quarter did make it a bit tougher," Fulton said. "But I think when you look at the year as a whole, it was marginally profitable and hopefully that those demand gains will lead into some improved prices in 2019 if we continue to see kind of the same trend in demand growth that we have over the last two or three years."

The African Swine Fever is the big

wild card, and much is up in the air with China reporting close to 100 cases and tens of thousands of pigs needing to be culled.

"I guess [the question is] to what degree the domestic Chinese market is going to be short of pork, and whether or not the United States and Canada will be able to fulfill any shortfall in that Chinese production," Fulton said.

"The U.S. is still struggling with getting any resolution to the trade war over the last six months between China and the U.S.," he noted. "So, U.S. pork is facing more than a 60 per cent tariff in China, and it's probably not the best positioned to fill in some of that last domestic production that may come as a result of the ASF development.

"So we think that the forward prices right now based on current feed prices represent a fair level of profitability. We're definitely on the plus side for at least the first ten months of the year," he said.

"The real question mark is how does the African swine fever and trade issue play out? And so what we think is that it's prudent to go and take some protection, especially based on recent rallies. Just secure some of that good, profitable pricing for the first 10 months of the year, but on a relatively small portion of your hogs, around 25 per cent, and then you can set targets for larger portions of your production if we see some improvements to prices as a result of some these trade issues coming to fruition."



By Harry Siemens

## Biosecurity a must to keep pigs healthy

News of an outbreak of the PEDv on an Alberta hog farm on Jan. 7 paled in comparison to reports in Australia about African Swine Fever arriving in that country.

The Banff Pork Seminar spent most of its sessions on how do we keep the dreaded disease from devastating the Canadian pig industry, and devastate it would, should officials detect this disease anywhere on Canadian soil.

Am I overreacting? I think not, because there is no cure for it other than total eradication. That said, it is not a threat to human health in any way, shape, or form.

I can't imagine what producers who enter their pig barns every morning do or feel if they spot a sick pig and for a minute don't know what is causing the illness.

Sick animals and diseases are nothing new, but since the first PEDv outbreak in Canada in 2014 producers in Manitoba and east hate to see anything piglet sniffing, knowing the hardship to clean up the dreaded mess.

Then along comes ASF in China with a huge outbreak and the scenario changes. PEDv the industry can eradicate, AFS not so easily.

Back to Australia, Beef Central reported how AFS sent a sharp wake-up call for all livestock industries because officials detected it in samples of pig meat smuggled into Australia through the post or by incoming travellers in their luggage.

The samples detected at international airports and mail processing centres were destroyed and did not escape into the domestic Australian pig population, the country's Department of Agriculture confirmed.

Even before this report, Dr. Egan Brockhoff, a veterinarian with Prairie Swine Health Services, encouraged Canadian Border Services to get more detector dogs and to provide more information to travellers about the risks of bringing meat into the country.

His comments echo ones Dr. John Carr, an international livestock consultant and veterinarian living in Australia, made to me a year ago.

When the Japanese detected the ASF virus in luggage at Hokkaido

airport then, Carr said it was great news for Japan that they caught it, but a wake-up call for the rest of the world.

"The Japanese had on heightened alert after their classical swine fever outbreak some time ago," said Carr. "But we do need the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the CFIA to step up to the challenge and think about visitors from China more. Even more dogs at the airport would help."

Fittingly, as I wrote this column, I also wrote a piece on the relatively new deadstock composter from Novid Inc. in Rosenort.

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Sudoku Answer

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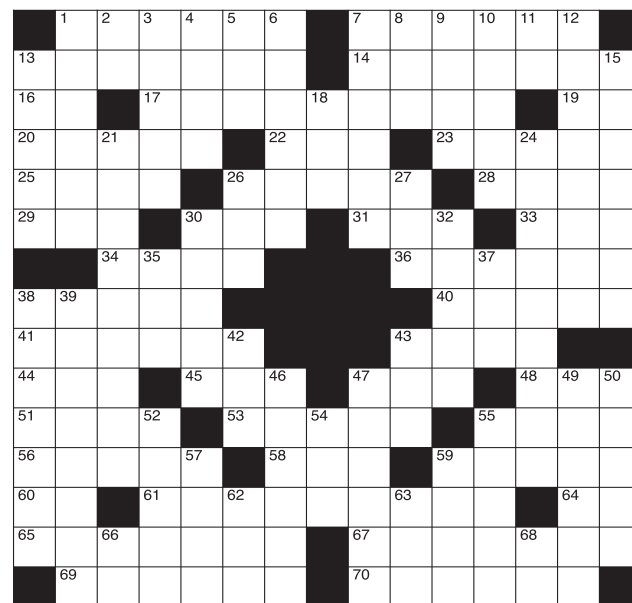
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- Domestic hybrid cattle
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- Doctor's helper
- Not holding back
- Type of degree
- Short but severe
- 007's creator
- Linguistics icon
- Large integers
- Upset
- Former
- Peyton's younger brother
- An Irish dance
- Title of respect
- Small lump
- Baroque musical instrument
- The third sign of the zodiac
- The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet

- A group of nine
- Garment
- Capital of Yemen
- One point south of due east
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- An idiot
- Indicates silence
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- Samoan monetary units
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- Potato state
- Toy that spins around
- Barium
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- Closes again
- Sounds the same
- Come into view
- CLUES DOWN
- Nix



- Indicates position
- Quantitative facts
- Strong and healthy
- Former measure of length
- Dads tend to be this
- Parts of a movie
- An animal's foot
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Saudi Arabian money
- One billion gigabytes
- Smallest musical interval
- A rugged box (usually made of wood)
- Cheese dish
- An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- Widely used
- Makes into pages
- Afflict in mind or body
- Set up
- Toilets
- "Life of Jesus" theologian
- A big deal on Wall St.
- Western Thai people
- Free from contamination
- Type of dog
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- Hit the sack
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## OBITUARY



### Albert Frank Fehr 1971 - 2019

Albert Frank Fehr 47, of Morden, MB, passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, after a short illness. He leaves behind his three children, Bradley Ryan, Vanessa Leanne, and Kristin Richelle Fehr. Albert also leaves behind his life partner, Pam Demke and her two children, Alyssa Hamm and Emerson Hamm. He is also survived by his parents, George and Mary Fehr, four sisters and one brother and their families. He was predeceased by one brother in infancy.

Albert was born in Winkler, MB on May 22, 1971. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith on June 3, 1990 at the Killarney Mennonite Church. Albert was a hard worker and always dreamed of having his own shop. His dream came true when he opened 180 Collision with Pam the summer of 2016. His love for his children was very evident. He always looked forward to spending time with them. He lived his life with a sense of adventure. Motocross, hunting and fishing. Albert can be described as a man of integrity, loving, kind, with a big smile that could brighten up a room. He would give the shirt off his back to help another person. Albert will be greatly missed by many.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 29th, 2019 at the Winkler EMMC with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

We would like to thank Dr. Conrad and Nurse Cousins along with the ER team at Boundary Trails Medical Centre for their care and compassion. Thank you also to Kiley Wilson and the staff at Wiebe Funeral Homes Ltd. for their support and guidance through this unfortunate situation.

Should you wish to donate, please help support a cause Albert believed in: "Clean Drinking Water for Kids 2019 Water Filter Project" made out to TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

This is not goodbye but see you later.

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## OBITUARY



### John D. Froese 1941 - 2019

John was born on May 5th, 1941, to John and Helena Froese (nee Friesen), at home on the farm located NE of Altona. He was the middle child of three brothers and one sister. John was baptized upon the confession of his faith at the Altona Sommerfelder Church as a teenager. John married Mary Thiessen of Plum Coulee on July 23rd, 1962, at the Altona Sommerfelder Church, officiated by Diedrich Penner. Together they were blessed with four children and raised them on the family farm located at Krongart. John and Mary's love of travelling led them to numerous places - Mexico, Hawaii, Canada's east and west coasts, numerous states throughout the southern US, Jamaica, California, and the Dominican Republic. They also made good use of their RV, spending many weekends camping with friends and family throughout Manitoba, western Canada, and into the US. John was a big believer in serving his community. He was a song leader in the Plum Coulee Sommerfelder Church, sang in a choir, and in various small singing groups. He also served on the church board and as a deacon for the Winkler Mennonite Church, was a Garden Valley school trustee, served as a Salem Director and board chair, and was a councillor in the RM of Roland.

On Thursday morning, January 31st, 2019, at 6:20 a.m., at Boundary Trails Health Centre, our husband and father, John D. Froese, aged 77 years old, was called home to be with his Lord and Saviour, after being in the hospital for just over two months for his dementia-related illness.

John leaves to mourn his wife of 56 years, Mary; four children, and their spouses: Garry (Barbara) Froese, Verna (Shannon) Clemis, Jennifer (Art) Schroeder, and Patty (Maurice) Neufeld. He also dearly loved spending time with his grandchildren, who will miss their grandpa greatly: Dane (Dominique) and Reid Froese, Vanessa, Samantha, and Alex Clemis, Adrienne, Erica, and Matthew Schroeder, and Ethan and Liam Neufeld. John was predeceased by his parents, John and Helena Froese; daughters, Caroline (in infancy) and Baby Froese (stillborn); and granddaughter, Sabrina Clemis (stillborn). He was also predeceased by his sister, Justina Klassen; brother, Peter Froese; and brothers-in-law, Ben Klassen and Menno Dyck.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at the Winkler Mennonite Church with interment at the Froese Cemetery.

Thank you to all the doctors and nurses at the Boundary Trails Health Centre for their patience and compassion with John as the disease progressed.

Donations in John's memory may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

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## OBITUARY



### Willie Hiebert

June 15, 1932 - January 29, 2019

Willie Hiebert, beloved husband of Margaret (nee Peters) passed away at Tabor Home on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at the age of 86 years.

Willie was born in the Mason District south of Morden on June 15, 1932 to Peter and Aganetha (nee Nickel) Hiebert. He attended the Mason school and worked on the family farm. His first job with Manitoba Hydro took him to many communities across the province that became some of his favourite fishing spots later in life.

Willie and Marge were married on August 20, 1955 and settled initially in Morden before Marge began travelling with him to the various work locations where electricity was being extended at the time.

In 1958, first son, Terry was born and joined them on their travels. One year later, they purchased a farm property a few miles southwest of his parents' homestead where son, Allan came along in 1964 followed by daughter, Marleen in 1968.

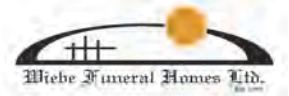
Willie accepted the Lord into his life while on a date with Marge and was baptized in 1959. He was a beloved Sunday School teacher for years and impacted many lives for the Lord. Willie believed church attendance was important and he insisted on coming early each Sunday. More than his love for chocolate, his main passion in life was his unwavering faith and deep concern for his family's spiritual well-being. Willie's constant companion was a well-worn King James Bible that needed to be replaced every few years with one that had larger and larger print. He was very supportive of his children and grandchildren serving in ministry where the Lord's spirit was leading them. After more than 20 years of farming cattle, hogs, chickens, grain and custom grain drying, the family relocated to Morden in 1982. Willie began W. H. Sales, a used farm equipment dealership east of Morden. A regular at farm auctions across Manitoba he enjoyed dealing with farmers throughout his pre-retirement, retirement and post-retirement years. Willie loved playing hockey and baseball as a youth and watching the Leafs, Jets, and especially the Blue Jays. He took delight in watching his nephews play baseball and watching hockey at the Morden arena. In 1970, Willie borrowed his father's fishing rod, took a young friend and his son to Pelican Lake, starting what became a lifetime passion for fishing. From the early days at Rock Lake to Lake of the Prairies to Great Slave Lake, he settled on his favourite place on earth, Pointe du Bois, where each Father's Day, children and grandchildren would gather for an annual weekend of fishing. Willie was found there many a weekend with Marge as his co-pilot along with family and friends as welcomed guests.

Over 63 years of marriage, Willie and Marge were blessed with five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who rejuvenated their youth and brought them great joy. We are mourning the loss of a wonderful, funny, kind, generous, and faithful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and we are thankful for the many great years God blessed us with him.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2019 in the Morden EMM Church with interment at the Southside Cemetery.

Donations in Willie's memory may be made to Union Gospel Mission or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

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## OBITUARY



### Henry Hildebrand 1920 - 2019

On Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, Henry Hildebrand, age 98 years and formerly of Morden, MB passed away peacefully.

He is survived by his wife, Agatha (Friesen); five sons; one daughter; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Margaret (nee Dyck) in 1996.

At Henry's request, no funeral service will be held. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be at a later date.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Henry's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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