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Border Valley School students perform during Leadership Day last Friday.

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Leaders of tomorrow

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Border Valley School's annual Leadership Day gave students the chance to take the lead last week..

The Reinland school invited guests Friday for stu-

dent-led presentations, classroom tours, and a meal to showcase how the Leader in Me program is creating the next generation of community leaders.

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Winkler men killed in plane crash

Authorities continue to investigate cause

Winkler is mourning the loss of two business leaders after their plane crashed near Brunkild on Feb. 9.

Pilot Arthur Paetkau, 60, owner of Arty's Air Service, and passenger John Friesen, 41, a partner at Border View Electric, were on their way home from a work project in northern Ontario when their Cessna 185 went down.

At 8:50 p.m. that night, RCMP responded to a report of an overdue aircraft that had left the St. Andrews Airport heading for Winkler just after 6:30 p.m.

Emergency crews including Canadian Armed Forces search-and-rescue teams began a search for the aircraft amidst poor weather conditions and low visibility.

The wreckage was located a little after 1 a.m. off of Provincial Road 305.

Paetkau was an accomplished pilot, having started Arty's Air in 1978 and growing the business from a single plane operation to one providing agricultural application services across Western Canada.

The Transportation Safety Board and RCMP continue to investigate the crash. No further information as to its cause had been released at press time.

Paetkau's funeral is Thursday afternoon, while Friesen will be laid to rest on Friday.

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Lace up your bowling shoes for Big Bros. March 25

By Lorne Stelmach

There's no underestimating the importance of the annual Bowl For Kids to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler.

The annual fundraiser set for March 25 at Valley Bowling Lanes in Winkler goes a long way to supporting the operation and growth of the non-profit organization.

"This is our premier fundraising event," executive director Michael Penner said at a Monday kickoff. "This event will kind of judge how we are financially for the year, so the success of this event is obviously paramount to the success of our programming."

Last year, 172 bowlers managed to raise \$34,000 for the organization, so they have upped their target for 2017 to \$35,000.

People can support the effort by making a donation or putting together a team of four to collect pledges and then bowl for a couple of hours that day.

There will also be a silent auction

at the event with prizes such as a spa massage, night out in Winnipeg, and a superhero movie package that ties into the superhero theme for the day.

"We encourage people to dress up in their favorite superhero costume," said Penner. "We have prizes for best costumes."

He said the continued strong support of Bowl for Kids is meaningful because it shows that people "support what we do and they believe in our mission."

"There's competitions that are friendly, mostly, between some businesses that compete against each other, which is always a lot of fun too," Penner added.

The fundraising is even more vital to the organization as its programs continue to grow, including expanding some of their services into Altona and hiring additional part-time staff in order to make it all happen.

"The past year, we mentored over 90 kids ... so that's been a huge increase for us too ... that's a large amount of kids to be able to look after and man-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler's Michael Penner (centre) with Winkler Coun. Harry Siemens (left) and Morden Coun. Alex Fedorchuk at the Bowl for Kids' Sake kickoff on Monday.

age," said Penner.

At the Monday kickoff, city council representatives Henry Siemens of Winkler and Alex Fedorchuk of Morden bowled a couple frames and voiced their support for the mentoring services Big Bros. provides.

"We're always happy to support that as a city ... they provide a valuable service in our community," stressed Siemens. "We're very happy with what they do and for us to have an opportunity to participate."

"They do such a wonderful, needed

job in the area," agreed Fedorchuk. "For people who grew up in big families, it's taken for granted, but there's a lot of kids out there who don't have that ... it just makes a huge difference, and I know kids who think back to their big brothers and big sisters with great fondness."

You can find more information and register or donate by calling Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler at 204-325-9707 or head online to www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/mordenwinkler.

Winkler is Manitoba's fastest growing city

Census put city's growth rate at 18 per cent; Morden, Stanley also sees increases

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler is Manitoba's fastest growing city, according to the first batch of the 2016 Census results released last week.

Winkler's population has jumped by 1,921 people since the 2011 Census, bringing the community to 12,591 residents.

That's an 18 per cent growth rate, which puts Winkler at the top of the pack amongst our province's 10 cities, ahead of fellow frontrunners Steinbach (17 per cent growth rate), Morden (11 per cent), Winnipeg (6.3 per cent), and Brandon (6.1 per cent).

The city also cracked the Top 20 list for fastest growing municipalities in all of Canada. For communities with

at least 5,000 inhabitants located outside a metropolitan area, Winkler ranked 11th.

"This is quite an accomplishment," said Mayor Martin Harder soon after the numbers were released. "I look at the places that are higher than us, places like Whistler, Lloydminster, Sylvan Lake—those are all huge growth areas. But yet at the same time you take a look at in comparison to the rest of the country and we are number 11."

The mayor says people are flocking to Winkler to get a taste of small town living in a community filled with services equal to that of many larger urban centres.

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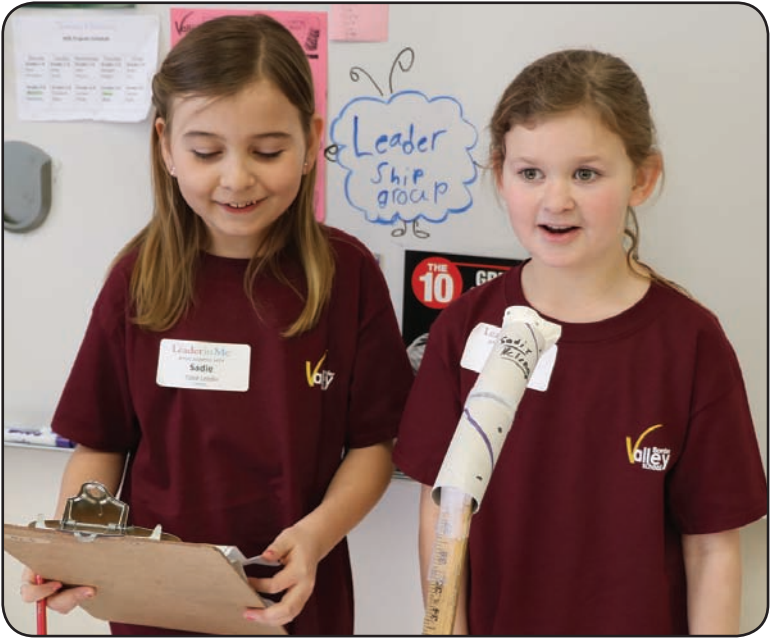
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Border Valley School students demonstrated their leadership skills at the school's second annual Leadership Day celebration last Friday.



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The program uses the “Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” outlined in author Stephen Covey’s book of the same name.

They include being proactive, having a plan, putting first things first, thinking win-win, seeking first to understand and then to be understood, synergy, and sharpening the saw (taking proper care of oneself).

The school has actively set out to instill these values in their students for the past decade, and it’s making for more confident and caring kids, says

principal Renae Hildebrand.

“They definitely have a greater sense of responsibility and they just take that initiative—if there’s a problem, they figure out how to fix it,” she said, noting the goal is to help students “become better neighbours, workers, and citizens.”

To that end, Border Valley has 20 formal leadership groups where students volunteer their time and skills to make the school a better place for everyone.

Some help out in the office a few

times a week, others are in charge of collecting classroom recycling or clearing snow from the front door, while still others assist younger students with their reading.

“The work that we’re asking them to do is very purposeful,” said Hildebrand, explaining that the students get to apply for tasks they feel they’re best suited for. “When it’s purposeful, they put a lot more energy and effort into it and they realize their worth, and that really changes their behaviour and their attitude in school and who they are as a person.

“It also gives them a voice,” she added. “So when they have issues with their jobs, they come and talk to me about what needs to change, and we do that.”

At Leadership Day, the students had the opportunity to share their tasks with the guests touring the school, in addition to organizing a special assembly and meal.

Students like Anna Dyck, Gr. 8, said that they appreciate the sense of responsibility the Leaderships Groups

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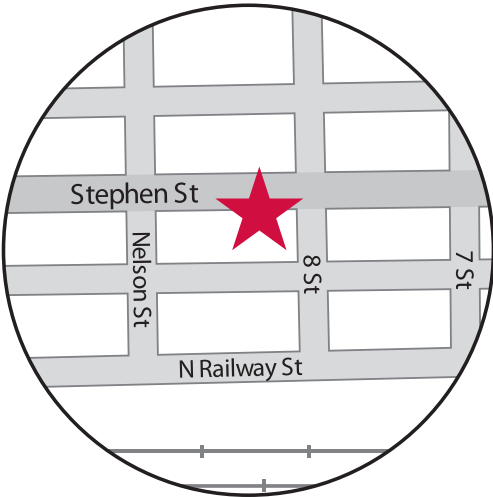
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Local athlete off to Special O World Games

By Lorne Stelmach



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Chrissy Peters heads to the Special Olympics World Winter Games next month to compete in snowshoeing.

A local Special Olympics athlete is off to compete in her second major international competition next month.

When Morden's Chrissy Peters goes to the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria in March, she will be aiming to repeat the snowshoeing performance that earned her a gold medal at the 2007 World Games.

"It feels good to do it," said Peters, who will compete in a number of different events at the Games and said her approach will be to pay attention to her own performance. "I hope for the best. I hope to focus on yourself and not to look behind you ... focus on one thing."

Peters has been involved with Special Olympics programs for 10 years, and it has helped her become more confident in her everyday life.

She said she likes being in Special Olympics because she likes to be active and healthy.

"I like to do different sports ... I like running on snow, Peters said, adding it is "exciting to do it for Canada."

The Games will also give her the chance to tour the sights in Austria as well as "to get to know a different culture ... it's going to be different ... we're going to try different foods there," she said.

Peters will be part of a team of 108 Canadian Special

Olympics athletes headed for Austria alongside 35 mission staff and coaches. Team Canada will be the third largest team at the Games.

The nine-day competition brings together 3,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and 1,100 coaches from as many as 110 countries. They'll compete in alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, floor hockey, snowshoeing, and speed skating events.

Established in 1969, more than 40,000 athletes with an intellectual disability are registered in Special Olympics year-round programs across Canada, including a new chapter that started in Morden just this past year.

"The passion and skill level of our team is unmatched. We expect great results at these Games and, as always, a lasting impact on communities across the country," said Marian Coulson, Chef de Mission for Special Olympics Team Canada.

"It is incredible to witness the role of sport in empowering individuals and transforming lives," added honorary coach and champion figure skater Jamie Salé, who will accompany the athletes to Austria. "We encourage all Canadians to rally behind our Special Olympics athletes for these Games and to support local programs throughout the year."

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give them. Dyck works as a junior secretary in the office in addition to helping with the daily announcements.

"It's good for learning responsibility, because being in the office is a big job," she said. "I've learned a lot of stuff."

Dyck added that after years of learning all about the Seven Habits, they have truly become exactly that for her and her peers.

"I don't even think about it anymore, I just do it," she said of things like thinking how her actions affect others and what she can do to solve problems.

That's music to the ears of teachers like Tara Pauls.

"You teach them how to do this or

that and now the students are taking charge and it is an incredible thing to see," she said. "Sometimes it can be more chaotic, because they need to work together and they need to figure it out ... but they do a fantastic job."

All this is rippling out into the students' home life as well, noted parent advisory council member Jeanette Klassen.

"They do take it to heart," she said. "I just think of my youngest, he's in Gr. 1 ... to see how it has changed his attitude. I hear about those seven habits at home—they come up all the time."

"It flows from the school" and out into the community, she added. "They get taught at a young age and it just keeps moving forward."

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Morden grows by 856 residents, Stanley by 682

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"We believe we have a standard of living and a lifestyle here that is attractive to people," he said. "We believe that we are open and accepting to all the different multi-cultural people that are coming here."

"That's the reason for our growth," Harder said, adding such diversity continues to strengthen the mosaic of the community.

With so many new people calling Winkler home, the city also needs ensure it's staying ahead of the challenges that can come with rapid growth.

"We're trying hard to make sure that we keep up with the infrastructure," Harder said, adding that growth in the commercial and industrial sectors is also key. "The changes that are going to happen, I think, on the retail side of it and commercial side of it this year are going to be phenomenal."

"I think this a growth rate that is maintainable and that we can service it," Harder said. "We're ready for some more growth, in fact."

MORDEN ON TRACK TO ITS GOALS

The City of Morden was no slouch in its growth rate, either, welcoming 856 newcomers to bring its total population to 8,668.

That's a healthy 11 per cent increase that is well over the national average of five per cent and the provincial average of 5.8 per cent.

City manager John Scarce said that puts the city on track to its goal of reaching 15,000 residents by 2020.

"They may seem a lofty goal ... but we'll get to where we want to be in the next few years," he said. "It's doable, and we did the planning so that it's sustainable ... it all comes down to planning."

To that end, the city has clear goals in place, Scarce said, to continue to attract immigrants to the community as well as businesses that will bring new jobs.

"We're hoping that everything we've been putting in place to try and streamline business, reduce red tape, improve the economic outcomes in the region will take a foothold over the next couple of years," he said.

Morden has also been working hard to get a start on the infrastructure needed to sustain a larger population.

"The city's got a really fair starting point," Scarce said. "A lot of the infrastructure that's here, a lot of it is stuff that bigger cities don't necessarily have. Access to sports and recreation, some really lovely parks and areas like that that help for the social health aspect."

"And the other infrastructure, the water and sewer, those have also been worked on in the last couple of years," he said, noting that when the new wastewater plant is built the city will be prepared to handle even further growth down the line.

Looking at the region as a whole, Scarce pointed out that growth in the city's neighbouring communities absolutely has a positive impact on Morden, as well.

"We don't look at any other city, like Winkler, as a competitor. We look at them as complement [to Morden]. They have things there that help attract people to Morden and I would think they would say the same about us."

"We are one region. Whatever we do only benefits them and whatever they do benefits us."

STANLEY ADDS 682

The Rural Municipality of Stanley, meanwhile, saw an 8.2 per cent growth rate from 2011 to 2016, adding 682 new residents for a population of 9,038.

Reeve Morris Olafson said cracking the 9,000 population mark is a great achievement for the RM.

"We're continuing to grow ... that is more than what some other municipalities can say," he said. "We're probably in the top five of the growing municipalities in Manitoba ... we're in a big area ... and we've got good things to come."

The area has been boosted by immigration, but Olafson also attributes the growth to the spirit of the people here as well as all the services that are available that attract people, such as strong health care and recreation.

"The area has grown to the point where we have all the amenities that we pretty much need," he said. "We've got all kinds of stuff going for us."

The reeve also noted there are some challenges that come with an increasing population, including making sure infrastructure keeps up.

"Because the RM has grown so much, we're looking at putting in sewer systems for the villages and a sewer system for the corridor," he said. "Everybody seems to be wanting more water. This all costs money."

—with files from Lorne Stelmach

GVSD hosts budget exhibition Feb. 22

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley School Division board chair Laurie Dyck hopes the newly revamped budget presentation will draw a few more interested people in to hear how the division spends their tax dollars.

In a departure from past years where the school board hosted a public meeting to go over the proposed financial plan, this year Garden Valley is jazzing things up a bit.

Budget Exhibition 2017 takes over Garden Valley Collegiate on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 7-8:30 p.m.

The evening will feature dozens of exhibits, including those from each of the schools, GVSD literacy and numeracy initiatives, the RRTVA, capital projects, facility maintenance, divisional supports, student performance, and, yes, the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

It's meant to be a much more interactive, come-and-go type evening, Dyck says.

"We're trying to find is there different ways to have the public interested in public education?" she says, noting Western School Division in Morden held a similar event last year with great success.

"It's not a sit and listen to one person presenting all night ... it's going to look more like a huge career symposium or trade show," Dyck

says. "The concept of this is come, see, hear, touch, feel, taste ... get a glimpse of what your tax dollars are doing."

Helping to hit all the senses at the event will be performances from several school choirs and fresh snacks made by the students in Northlands Parkway Collegiate's baking program.

Dyck says the schools were all eager to be able to showcase some of the exciting programs happening this year.

"They jumped right on board. There so many interesting things going on ... and they want to show the public that there's exciting things happening in those brick buildings."

"Come and see *how* kids are learning."

Our mistake

In the Feb. 9 edition of the *Voice*, a story on Winkler Arts and Culture's February *Heroes and Villains* comic book art exhibition incorrectly identified the centre's executive director as Wendy Loewen. Her last name is, in fact, Klassen.

We sincerely apologize for the mix-up and any confusion it may have caused.

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Celebrating our love of all things 'geeky'

Winkler's first Comic Con. I must admit, those are not words I ever thought I'd be stringing together.

But, in fact, on Monday our city is making Louis Riel Day infinitely more entertaining by hosting its inaugural comic convention.

The line-up caters to just about every fandom: from lightsaber battle demonstrations to anime showings to Quidditch games.

Oh and, yeah, comic books. There will probably be more than a few of those kicking around the packed-full vendors hall.

It is, in a word, AWESOME.

Some background: I have always been a geek. But it hasn't always been "cool" to be so.

These days, with a new superhero, *Star Wars*, or *Star Trek* movie coming out every few months, geekiness has

gone mainstream.

But I remember days not too long ago when I got mercilessly teased for my obsessions with, chronologically, *Archie* comics in elementary school, *Star Wars* in junior high, and *Star Trek* in high school. Throw in becoming a die-hard Xenite somewhere amongst all that and let's just say I've hidden a lot of "geeky" T-shirts under hoodies over the years.

(Side rant: I've always been bemused/annoyed by the fact that while it's socially acceptable for a hockey fan to proudly decorate their home or wear clothing with their team's logo emblazoned all over it, for some reason if you do the same with a sci-fi or fantasy franchise you're considered by some to be weird and/or immature. To that I say: our society is nuts.)

So the first time I went to a comic convention—Winnipeg's C4—I was grinning like an idiot from the moment I stood in the very long, winding line peopled with costumed Deadpools, Jedi, and Master Chiefs.

For the first time in my life, all around me were people expressing their love for the things I also loved. And not just the things I loved, but other franchises I'd never even heard of or had no interest in at all. But it didn't matter: we were all there to show our enthusiasm for the char-

acters and worlds that, for whatever reason, resonated with and inspired us.

I get goose bumps just remembering it, because if I had to use one word to describe a fan or comic convention, it would be this: acceptance.

I'm certainly not the first person to observe this. I think Wil Weaton, *Star Trek* actor turned professional nerd, probably said it best when talking about what makes these fan gatherings so special:

"Some of us love completely different things. But we all love those things SO much that we travel for thousands of miles ... we come from all over the world, so that we can be around people who love the things the way that we love them.

"That's why being a nerd is awesome. Don't let anyone tell you that that thing that you love is a thing that you can't love. Don't let anyone ever tell you that you can't love that, that's for boys ... you find the things that you love, and you love them the most that you can."

Again, goose bumps.

So this weekend, Winkler's geeks will gather to celebrate and share the things that we love.

I'll say it again: it's going to be awesome.

Come and join us.



By Ashleigh Viveiros

letters

Visitor upset by drivers' behaviour to Morden handivan

I am a frequent visitor to Morden, as I have friends here. I have for the most part found the community friendly and welcoming.

However, within the past month there have been a couple of bizarre incidents. These have left me with a disturbing view with regard to the behavior of some individuals.

About a month ago, I was following the Morden handivan heading west-bound on Thornhill Street.

A black Honda SUV with an older

woman driving pulled up alongside and to the right of the handivan.

As the Honda got beside the handivan, the left rear passenger window went down and a young male leaned out the window.

To my surprise, out came his arm with an extended middle finger!

I was shocked, simply because the Honda came from out of nowhere and the handivan driver certainly had done nothing wrong.

I simply cannot fathom what would

constitute this behavior!

The next occurrence was again by coincidence. I had stopped by to deliver an item at Morden Manor 2 on South Railway St. this past Wednesday.

As I arrived, the handivan did as well. It parked on the north east side of the lot and was backed up to the sidewalk leading to the front entrance.

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Enns Court in need of upgrades: tenants

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Residents of the Enns Court apartments in Winkler are calling on Eden Health Care Services to do more to upgrade the buildings.

Tenant Scott Sitompul says the two Pembina Ave. complexes—both built in the early 1990s to provide 38 units of subsidized housing for those living with mental health issues and affordable housing for others—have long since started to show their age.

"I've been here for two years and it just seems that these buildings are deteriorating and that there should be funding or something done to maintain the looks of these buildings so that people can actually be proud to live here," he said.

"Everyone has a little bit something wrong with their apartment," Sitompul added, explaining that it's a lot of little things that add up, from issues with the plumbing and ventilation systems to apartments in desperate need of a new coat of paint to repeated breakdowns of the building's washing machines.

"The washing machines have been an ongoing issue for a long time,"

"THESE BUILDINGS INSIDE AND OUT NEED IMPROVEMENT."

agreed fellow tenant David Peters, who has lived in the complex for over a decade.

"In those 10 years, I can honestly say I've seen things fall apart and just deteriorate here," he said.

Sitompul said they've brought these and other maintenance concerns to the on-site manager, who reports to Eden, and while some fixes do get made, more extensive renovations are long past due.

"These buildings inside and out need improvement," he said. [There's been] so many promises, like new windows to new flooring in each apartment, and nothing's being done about it. It's clear to me something needs to be done."

Sitompul also cited safety concerns—the buildings have been the



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Tenants in the two Enns Court apartment complexes on Pembina Ave. are calling on Eden Health Care Services to step up to improve the aging buildings.

target of vandalism, and a major drug bust there a few summers ago really rattled the other tenants.

"There should be more measures of security in these buildings to ensure that it doesn't happen again," he said, adding that Enns Court generally gets a bad rap in the community and he feels Eden should be doing more to educate people about the importance it plays for those living with the challenges of mental illness.

"We need to fix the reputation of these buildings in the community," he said.

'WE HAVE A PLAN'

While tenants like Sitompul may feel as though Eden has forgotten them, the agency's chief financial officer stresses that is most certainly not the case.

Ryan Hildebrand said Enns Court is very much on the organization's radar when it comes to upgrades in the

near future.

"Enns Court East was built in 1992 and Enns Court West was built in 1994, so, sure, they're 25 and 23 years old, but we have some buildings in our stock that are older than that and so over the last few years we've been focusing on those buildings," he said, explaining similar facilities in Steinbach, for example, received recent upgrades to bring them up to code.

Winkler's own Linden Place transition home is also several years older. Built in 1981, it has been the focus of local residential renovation funds as of late, Hildebrand said.

Enns Court is next on Eden's list. In fact, a major renovation project was being developed when the agency learned it could be eligible for provincial funds to help pay for it. An application has been made and they hope to hear back by the end of next month.

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The driver picked up a female in a wheelchair. I followed out behind as he wheeled her out and secured her into the van to leave.

That's when an older woman in a white colored PT Cruiser called out to the driver. She had pulled directly in front of the handivan to admonish the driver for how he was parked.

I couldn't believe what I was hearing! The woman in the car was upset at how the handivan was parked and complaining how it blocked the garage doors.

She wanted to know why the driver hadn't parked on the west side of the complex, where there was no garage.

If she had taken a moment to be more observant she would have seen that there were two vehicles there and a drift of snow that would have made it impossible for the driver to load the lady in the wheelchair.

There was also a drift of snow where he was parked. It appeared to me that to maneuver and load her safely, he chose to back up in this manner. In my opinion, it looked like the safest way to load the lady in the wheelchair.

What's bothersome to me is that the driver probably inconvenienced this person for only a few minutes. That's right, a few minutes.

Seriously, she was complaining about the handivan driver who was doing the best possible under the conditions for a less fortunate person in a wheelchair.

Lady, you should really be ashamed! It is unfortunate that people feel that such distasteful occurrences are justified in their minds!

Hopefully, I will not see this kind of behavior again while visiting in Morden.

Paula Wiebe,
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Toothy terror joining CFDC's crew of prehistoric monsters

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden unveils a significant new dinosaur exhibit this week—the first of its kind for the museum.

The new display will feature a number of dinosaurs, including a complete theropod dinosaur skeleton almost seven metres (22 feet) in length.

The exact species of this toothed terror is being kept secret until the unveiling, which takes place this Friday at 2 p.m.

It's quite a departure for the primarily marine reptile fossil museum, but the new exhibit will help the CFDC teach visitors about the similarities and differences between dinosaurs

and their underwater counterparts.

"The addition of this new dinosaur feature will dramatically enhance the CFDC's collection and the visitor experience," said executive director Peter Cantelon. "Over the years we have had many people confused about the differences between dinosaurs and marine reptiles and now visitors will have the chance to see them both together in the same room, bigger than life."

Indeed, the dinosaur display will take up the entire south end of Mosasuar Hall, which houses the CFDC's two giant mosasaur skeletons.

If you can't make the unveiling to-



CFDC PHOTO

A close-up of the toothy dino set to be unveiled in the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre's new display tomorrow.

tomorrow, the museum is open this Sunday. Learn more online at discoverfossils.com.
weekend from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and

Eden has fingers crossed for project funding from the province

From Pg. 6

"The Eden Foundation [Eden's fundraising arm] is obviously a resource, but we also try to use that money to try and leverage government funds," Hildebrand said, explaining that Eden applied for nearly \$600,000 through the program.

"What we're looking for with those funds is to redo parts of the common room that haven't been done yet, kitchens, flooring, new windows, doors, appliances ... all the stuff tenants want to see," he said.

Even if the project receives no government funding, it will still go ahead over the next few years.

"If it doesn't come through, we have an approved capital plan, our housing board has approved a capital plan, that would see us spending upwards of about \$1 million over the next 10 years to renovate those buildings," said Hildebrand.

"So we haven't forgotten about Enns Courts. But, that being said, we also had some other significant needs within the organization that needed to be attended to," he said, adding that Eden has, in fact, spent upwards of \$200,000 over the last four years on Enns Court renovations. That included refurbishing parts of the buildings' plumbing and heating systems as well as renovating several of suites.

"Obviously we're well aware that there's more suites that need attention and we have a plan for those. Unfortunately it's just not moving as quickly as some people would like it to."

Hildebrand can understand tenants' frustration when they hear of Eden spending money on other projects, such as building the Concordia IV housing complex in Winnipeg a few years ago.

He points out, though, that not only is Eden's mandate to provide service throughout southern Manitoba, but, in the case of Concordia, government funding made that a viable project.

"We took \$40,000 from the foundation and applied that to the building, but received \$11.3 million from the Manitoba government, plus ongoing support every year for staffing," said Hildebrand. "So when you look at it, we were able to turn those foundation funds over almost 300 times, and that's what we're looking to do with the Enns Court project as well."

"We don't want to just go to the com-

munity. We want to make sure that we're making use of every avenue of funding that's available to us."

Hildebrand said it's clear the agency needs to do a better job of keeping tenants in the loop when it comes to the plans for the buildings.

He's also open to finding ways to address Sitompul's concerns about Enns Court's reputation in the community.

"Certainly that's something since the beginning we've looked at," he said, noting the complex has as neighbours

two large churches, whose members have organized activities with tenants to try and build community in the area.

"We're always looking for opportunities [to do that]," Hildebrand said, adding, however, that hosting something like a public open house at the buildings is problematic from a privacy standpoint. "We want to be respectful that some tenants may not be comfortable with something like that."

"Certainly if tenants feel that that's a need that's not being met, we need to talk with them further about what it is that they need," he said.

**"WHAT WE'RE
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Battle cabin fever with Winter Family Day

By Lorne Stelmach

A Rocha wants to help you beat the winter doldrums with a family day out in the scenic Pembina Valley.

Organizers with the Christian-based conservation organization see the Feb. 25 event as helping promote its Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre as a year-round destination.

"It's an opportunity to have folks come out to the centre and check out the valley in the winter," said director Jamie Fox. "It's always easier to come out to the valley in the summer ... but

we want to encourage folks to see it in the winter too because it's a completely different place.

Fox said the Pembina Valley can be a great setting for winter fun and exploration for all ages.

"It would be great to have more people come out and see it ... experience the peace you can have," he said. "We like to call the valley one of Manitoba's hidden gems."

The free Winter Family Day runs that Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guests are asked to bring along a bagged lunch.

The event will feature a number of winter activities, including snowshoeing, snow sculpting and tobogganing. You can warm up between activities with a mug of hot chocolate.

"We'll have snowshoes available for folks to use ... and we'll have the tools and the snow blocks ready for people," said Fox. "We're also going to have our toboggan run open, which is a bit of a winter tradition we haven't been able to set up for the last couple of years because of snow levels."

Get more information online at the arocho.ca.

Tiny Haven opens its doors on Main St.

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a matter of finding the right place at the right time for Julia Blais.

The owner and operator of the Tiny Haven boutique in downtown Winkler has wanted to open such a store here for some time now.

"I just had to wait for the right moment and the right location, and I feel that I found that," she said after the Friday ribbon cutting to formally open for business at 262 Main St. "That's mainly the reason why I waited so long—because I really wanted the perfect location.

"I wanted a Main Street window, I wanted daylight, and I wanted a sidewalk," Blais said. "I really want to

bring something new to Main Street. We wanted to create a new shopping experience."

She describes Tiny Haven as a modern boutique with a love for local and Canadian brands. Offering a variety of items from gifts and jewelry to clothing, there are some global brands of merchandise, but Blais said her emphasis is on supporting local artisans.

There is so much talent in the region, she observed, and she really wants her shop to be a place to showcase their work.

"It's just amazing to see how many professional, local businesses there really are," Blais said. "I was so shocked ... when I was first opening,



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

From left: Mayor Martin Harder, owner Julia Blais, and the Winkler Chamber's Tanya Chateaufneuf cut the ribbon on Tiny Haven Friday.

I was searching for the local artisans. Over the weeks, I have an inbox full of requests and e-mails that I haven't

even been able to get to yet."

You can find and follow Tiny Haven on Facebook.

Morden chamber hosting BDC chief economist

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden & District Chamber of Commerce has landed a highly regarded economist to come speak to the current economic outlook.

Pierre Cl  roux of the Business Development Bank of Canada can also offer a perspective on the productivity challenge facing Canadian companies when he speaks in Morden next week.

"We're very fortunate ... that we're not having to travel into Winnipeg to hear a speaker of this calibre," sug-

gested Candace Olafson, chamber executive director.

"I think it is a unique opportunity to have someone with that level of expertise and experience come out to Morden and speak to our members and to the community," she said. "He's going to share an economic outlook not only for Canada but for Manitoba as well ... what he expects the future to bring with our economy."

There will be a wine and cheese reception starting at 5 p.m., with Cl  roux making his presentation at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

Olafson noted the opportunity arose as a result of Cl  roux being scheduled to speak at a Manitoba Chambers of Commerce event in Winnipeg

that morning.

Cl  roux has been vice president of research and chief economist with the Business Development Bank of Canada since 2012. He is responsible for providing economic analysis and advice to senior management while helping interpret economic trends and their impact on businesses.

He has more than 25 years of experience as an economist, mainly in the public sector.

Before joining BDC, he worked for the government of Saudi Arabia in a role to create program strategies, define sector policies, and conduct financial and economic analyses of industrial projects.

He previously was the Quebec assistant deputy minister for economic

development, innovation and export trade and was responsible for the implementation of economic policies and programs to support small and medium-sized businesses and encourage entrepreneurship.

In addition, he was also a strategic advisor for Montreal International and responsible for attracting foreign investment from India and the Middle East as well as developing international relationships and partnerships. He also worked for 12 years at the Canadian Federation of Independent Business in various roles including economist and Quebec vice president.

Registration for the presentation can be made online at www.morden-chamber.com.



Economist Pierre Cl  roux will be in Morden Feb. 23 to discuss the nation's economic outlook.

Giving back in life and beyond

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Even in death, Darlene Peters will be giving back to her community for generations to come.

The Winkler Community Foundation recently received a major donation from the late Winklerite that will allow them to grant an estimated additional \$3,300 a year to health-related community organizations.

"It is a significant bequest that has

created a good-sized new fund," says WCF executive director Myra Peters. "It's a named fund in memory of Darlene ... she's giving back forever, impacting our community long past her life."

As per Peters' request, the interest generated from the fund each year is earmarked for health education programs, support programs, and new initiatives in our area, including those focused on, but not limited to, Salem

Home, heart and stroke, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, and cancer care.

The gift is in keeping with the person Peters was in life.

Her family says she was someone who loved people and loved to do things for others. She gave freely of herself and of her time. Above all else, she was a great caregiver.

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Speaker highlights the world of honey bees

By Lorne Stelmach

There's a new hive of activity pertaining to beekeeping in our region.

Last Thursday, dozens of interested amateur apiarists came out to the Morden Library for A Rocha's latest Nature Talk.

The evening featured a presentation from provincial apiarist Rheal Lafreniere, who discussed the ins and outs of caring for honey bee colonies.

The event was hosted in partnership with the Pembina Valley Backyard Beekeepers, a new group formed by people interested in the hobby.

"We hope that we can get people interested in beekeeping," said member Linda Nicholls, "Beekeeping is a wonderful thing, but at the same time it creates the biodiversity within our environment and helps with pollination."

"Not only that, but the more interested you are in growing more flowers and things like to help with the bees ... it's important."

Education is part of Lafreniere's responsibilities alongside regulation and inspection of beekeeping operations in the province.

He went through the basics—from how a hive is made up and functions to how they need to be cared for throughout the year. He also touched on the social nature of honey bees.

"We have a cast of three main characters," Lafreniere explained, noting a hive is made up of the queen, worker bees, and the drones. The hive is predominantly made up of females, who do a majority of the real work. "Their instincts are so in tune with each other ... decisions are made by the collective unit."

Hives can vary in size, but you ideally need between 5,000 and 7,000 to

get a population started, said Lafreniere, who also suggested you ideally want to start with five hives if possible, which would cost you somewhere around \$4,000.

Caring for your hives requires an ongoing commitment of time and energy, he stressed, adding proper management of hives requires you to be vigilant in watching for things like biological or chemical stress as well as diseases and pests.

And although our climate may seem less than ideal for beekeeping, it can be done quite successfully here with careful management.

"This is not their environment. This is not where they would normally be," said Lafreniere, noting the honey bees "can handle cold temperatures ... they just can't handle temperature change that's too rapid."

"Without human intervention, the honey bee would have a tough time surviving," he continued. "We need to provide them with some sort of diet ... we can manipulate them to grow ... we can always stimulate that population to move forward."

For people like Nicholls, being able to draw on the expertise of a professional like Lafreniere is part of what led to a few beekeepers in the area coming together to form the group.

"There's a few of us in the Morden area who have been beekeeping for the last number of years. Some of us have just been a few years, then there's others who have been beekeeping for over 10 years," said Nicholls.

She is now in her fifth year with just three hives at the moment.

"I would be a small-time beekeeper compared to a lot of other people," she said.

"We've been sharing knowledge



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Provincial apiarist Rheal Lafreniere made a presentation at the Morden Library last Thursday. The event was hosted by A Rocha and the new Pembina Valley Backyard Beekeepers group.

and learning from each other," Nicholls continued. "We decided maybe we would get together and do this in a little more formal way ... so then we can bring resources out from Winnipeg so that we can learn more."

"There's a few hobby beekeepers in the area but not a whole lot and lots in the Winnipeg area. At this point, there's only five of us ... we're hoping to draw more to it."

Nicholls said they have a sense that beekeeping and the important role bees play is getting more attention.

"The hobby beekeeper movement is starting to grow. Lots of cities, the urban beekeeping is starting to grow," she said, adding that they plan to ap-

proach the City of Morden to clear the way for urban beekeeping here.

She added the feeling is that the Pembina Valley is a good area for beekeeping.

"My hives have done really well over the years," she said. "With all of the agriculture and gardening around here, you can get lots of good honey flow happening."

Otherwise, she said they just want to play a role to help raise awareness and educate people.

"We also want to be educating people on bees in general, and not just honey bees but other bees too because they are declining in population."

Foundation creates new fund thanks to generous bequest

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Peters passed away suddenly in March 2016.

The foundation was unaware of her plans to leave this gift to them in her will.

"We always find it really touching that an individual would leave money in their will for the foundation," says Myra Peters, "and we're excited to follow their wishes and see that their dreams of impacting

the community continues on, and that we can remember those individuals for who they are and what they did in our community."

She urges people considering ways to leave a legacy in the community to contact the foundation for information on how bequests are used to create endowment funds that give back in perpetuity.

You can learn more online at winklercommunityfoundation.com or call the foundation at 204-362-9292.

"BEEKEEPING IS A WONDERFUL THING ... IT CREATES BIODIVERSITY WITHIN OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HELPS WITH POLLINATION."

PTM helps Maple Leaf kids visualize the past

By Lorne Stelmach

Maple Leaf School students are getting an extra pioneer history lesson this month.

Representatives of the Pembina Threshermen's Museum came to the

school last Tuesday to not only help celebrate I Love to Read Month but also teach the kids about days past.

Director Kim Striemer was wearing a red and white outfit in honour of our country's 150th as she painted a picture of pioneer life with the help of

some of the museum's artifacts.

Grade 2 teacher Karen Crockett-Nicholls said it was interesting for the students to get an idea of what was life was like for kids way back when.

"Life has changed quite a bit ... growing up years ago is not like it is now ... and there's so many things that we can be thankful for now," she said. "They talked about how some kids didn't get to go to school, and those that didn't get to go to school were kind of sad because it was fun to go to school, it was fun to learn and do different things at school."

Striemer spoke to half of the school's classes last week and will be back on

Feb. 24 to talk to the rest.

"To the best of my knowledge, it's another first for doing something like this for the museum," she said, adding she welcomed the chance to be "explaining what we have at the museum and parallel it to how things would have been different for girls, boys and their families 150 years ago."

And Crockett-Nicholls added it was a good preview of what the students will enjoy as part of school's field trip to the museum in June.

"So they've got a little piece of what it was like years ago ... then we get to go and actually see what they talked about."



PTM PHOTO

PTM staff and volunteers were at Maple Leaf School last week as part of the school's I Love to Read Month festivities.

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Winter Strings Ensemble show features special guests

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Douglas Kuhl School of Music students take the stage in Winkler next week with some very special guests.

The school's annual String Ensembles Winter Concert takes place at the Winkler Emmanuel Church on Saturday, Feb. 25.

In addition to the talents of DKSM's

Allegro Strings, Da Capo Strings, Encore Strings, and Post Road Strings groups—all of which feature both adult and youth performers—the evening will also include performances from concert pianist Shirley Elias, musicians from the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Sistema strings program, and Brandon University student Josias Sanchez, who will be

performing solo baroque violin.

DKSM director and Encore Strings conductor Rochelle Drudge says including these varied musicians in the show is what the school is all about.

"It's a part of how we think about music. It's a very collaborative kind of vision that we have to involve not only intergenerationally, but also people from outside the community, especially people, like Shirley, where there's a connection to the community," she says. "Musicians who have grown up here and have gone on in music, it's very encouraging for students to see that."

Elias currently lives in Winnipeg but grew up in Winkler. She has performed numerous times with the WSO and has toured Canada as a soloist. She is also an accomplished painter, and her original work will be on display at the concert in partnership with Winkler Arts and Culture.

Post Road Strings leader Jason Vanwynsberghe says the group—DKSM's most advanced orchestra—is very excited to perform with a pianist of Elias' calibre.

"To have a pianist like Shirley play in Winkler is a really great thing ... there's a lot of excitement," he said, noting they're tackling Chopin's Grande Polonaise Brillante together.

"It's been the kind of piece and the kind of challenge that we kind of have to step up to a little bit.

"So it's been fun, and it's been really great to see everyone really dig their heels in and put in good work," Vanwynsberghe said. "I think people who have not been at one of our concerts before will be very surprised at the quality of musicianship and the level at which we're playing."

Meanwhile, playing with the Da Capo Strings will be eight students from the Sistema Winnipeg program. They'll be led by Natalie Dawe, who is a conductor and teacher with both groups.

Sistema Winnipeg seeks to effect social change through the pursuit of musical excellence, Drudge explains. The free after-school orchestra program is aimed at children who might not otherwise be able to afford to pursue musical studies.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the church, which is located at 750 15th St. in Winkler. The evening will include a variety of classical and modern pieces.

Admission is free, though a freewill offering will be accepted toward the school's programming.



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Concert pianist Shirley Elias performs at the Douglas Kuhl School of Music's String Ensembles Winter Concert next weekend in Winkler.

The Plant that Breathes Through a Snorkel

from Creation Moments Radio Program

Genesis 1:11

"And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so."



Plants need oxygen, and those that live on the land breathe through their leaves. Other plants are designed to live and breathe under water. However, when a land plant is submerged in water, it can drown, just like one of us.

Rice is actually a land plant that draws its oxygen from the air; yet, most of the plant must be submerged in water for it to survive. It can grow this way in water as deep as fifteen feet. In flood-prone areas, rice has been known to grow as much as a foot per day in order to keep its topmost leaves out of the water. The reason that rice plants don't drown brings us to another of the Creator's clever designs.

The rice plant draws air in through its leaves, as well as through a sheath of air that surrounds its submerged stalk.

Rice gives off one carbon dioxide molecule for every oxygen molecule it consumes. But because carbon dioxide dissolves more quickly in water than does oxygen, a vacuum is created within the plant, pulling in still more air.

It appears that God has created so many different forms of life that there are almost no conditions on Earth where something couldn't live. That itself is a witness that He, and not the forces of evolution, is responsible for creating all living things.

Prayer: Lord, there is no scientist or anyone else who can even hope to compete with You in skill or knowledge. Help me to be a witness to this fact in a world that desires to deny that You are Creator, and thus remain ignorant of its need for forgiveness through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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These are the droids you're looking for . . .

Winkler Comic Con committee member Dennis Fehr with a few of the volunteers that will be greeting con-goers at Garden Valley Collegiate on Monday. The inaugural event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the high school, with a packed-full line-up that includes board and video gaming, comic book art and cosplay panel discussions, a vendor hall featuring over 30 displays, Quidditch matches, and a Cosplay Contest. The Winkler Arts and Culture Centre is also getting on the fun, hosting Lego building stations for the kids and a comic book art exhibition. You can also enjoy free showings of Moana and Dr. Strange at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall. For a full schedule of events and ticket information, head to winklercomiccon.ca.



SMC brings Last Train to Nibroc to Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Southern Manitoba Concert Series' 45th season takes a turn for the dramatic next week.

SMC subscribers, who have already enjoyed a varied range of musical performances so far this season, will on Feb. 24 be treated to the Royal Manitoba Theatre Company's performance of *Last Train Nibroc* at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler.

The romantic comedy, penned by Arlene Hutton, is set in 1940 and tells the tale of a dashing pilot who falls

in love with a prim, young missionary-to-be on a train bound for New York. He decides to follow her home to Kentucky, changing both their lives forever.

As part of MTC's Regional Tour, the cast and crew have been performing *Last Train Nibroc* in rural communities all over Manitoba and Ontario the past few weeks.

"It's nice that we get to come to the audiences this time around," said Gwendolyn Collins, who plays the role of May in the show alongside Kristian Jordan, who plays Raleigh.

"It can be hard for a lot of people to get around or to get into Winnipeg ... especially during the winter months," she said. "I'm sure a lot of these towns

get some theatre in the fall and summer, with their own productions, but

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Cutting the ribbon on Devloo's Gym

By Lorne Stelmach

Mark Devloo knew it was just a matter of time before his son would be leaving the family farm

Tyler Devloo had been very interested in running a gym for many years, observed Mark at the Friday ribbon cutting that officially opened Devloo's Gym on the east end of Morden.

"It just got to the point where I couldn't keep him on the farm anymore," joked Mark.

"I've had my own home gym in my dad's shop, which is about 900 square feet of actual gym space, for the past six years," said Tyler. "I've had family and friends work out there ... and I just wanted to create a real gym."

"It took me a while to look for locations ... took us almost half a year to try to find a building. We finally found this place."

Tyler wants Devloo's Gym at 271 Loren Drive to provide a high quality fitness facility for any level of fitness—from a first time gym-goer to bodybuilders, elite powerlifters, athletes and crossfitters.

The gym offers a main floor space of 6,300 square feet with the potential to add space upstairs in the future.

"We have room to expand if need be," says Tyler.

Find out more about Devloo's Gym, including membership rates, at www.devloosgym.com.



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Gwendolyn Collins and Kristian Jordan are May and Raleigh in the Manitoba Theatre Centre's performance of *Last Train to Nibroc*.



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From left: Cutting the ribbon at Devloo's Gym Friday was Morden community development officer Cheryl Digby, deputy mayor Irvin Wiebe, owner Tyler Devloo and his father Mark, and Chad Sheldon, president of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce.

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How to get more out of your tax refund

Income tax season is a happy time for many people. Those who anticipate a considerable refund on their taxes look forward to having extra money; some individuals even plan to finance big-ticket purchases entirely with their tax refunds.

Smart money management can turn a refund check into a nice nest egg or stretch dollars to make the most of this windfall of cash. The following money-management tips can help anyone develop strong saving and spending habits that can pay dividends for years to come.

When looking to make the most of your tax refund, start by organizing your financial documents and getting a grasp on your spending and saving behaviors. Examine your income-to-expenditures ratio to see where the majority of your money is going. It can be difficult to make significant changes with regard to your finances if you don't have ready access to your financial records and a strong appreciation of how your money is being spent.

When addressing your finances, take inventory of any high-interest loans, including credit card bills. It

will save you more money in the long run to pay off this type of debt as soon as possible. The earlier such debts are eradicated, the less you will ultimately pay in interest. What's more, paying off debt helps establish a better credit record and score, which can make you eligible for lower interest rates in the future. Using a refund to eliminate debt is more beneficial than simply letting the refund sit in the bank, where it's likely to accrue less interest each month than the interest that accrues on your credit accounts with outstanding balances.

Your income tax refund may be just what you need to start investing. A financial planner or stock broker can guide you through potential investments that carry the right portfolio and level of risk for your needs. If you prefer to do the work yourself, many investment companies have user-friendly websites where account holders can manage their own investments and monitor the daily performance of those investments. With the right investment, you can turn your refund into a substantial amount of money over the course of several years.

Man deported after exhausting appeals in manslaughter case

By Lorne Stelmach

Eleven years after the death of a child in Morden, the man sentenced for manslaughter in the case has been deported from Canada.

Morden police reported this week that Beyan Dunnoh Clarke was deported to his home country of Liberia in November after having exhausted his final avenues of appeal.

Clarke had finished serving a nine year sentence for manslaughter in the death of two and a half year old Alfreed Sirleaf on Feb. 15, 2006.

Police were called to a Morden home where they found the boy unresponsive. He was rushed to Boundary Trails Health Centre, but efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Autopsy results later showed the boy died as a result of blunt force trauma to the head and several areas of his body, with over 100 documented bruises on his head, torso, and limbs.

An extensive investigation was conducted with the help of the Winnipeg Police Service child abuse unit. Clarke pled guilty to the reduced charge of manslaughter after originally facing a charge of second degree murder.

At the time of the incident, Clarke had been in a common law relationship with the mother of the child. Clarke had been in Canada since

2003, while Sirleaf and his mother had only immigrated to Canada six months before the tragedy.

Clarke had been scheduled to be released from custody in October 2013, but an immigration hold was placed on him for deportation.

He was released on parole in September 2014 after several appeals.

Finally, last November, he was deported back to Liberia.

POLICE RESOLVE TENANT DISPUTES

Winkler police had to intervene this past week in a couple disputes involving rental tenants in the community.

The first incident Feb. 6 had officers called to mediate between two tenants who were at odds after one had made a noise complaint against the other.

In the end, an understanding was gained by both, with one receiving a verbal warning for an implied threat.

In another incident the same day, officers were called by a tenant saying he was having a disagreement with the landlord. Police confirmed the tenants were in the residence past the end of their lease, but the landlord agreed to allow an extension for them to move out.

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this is kind of a nice winter break for us to get to come now."

Collins, no stranger to the stage after stints in previous MTC and other Winnipeg theatre productions, is, however, a newcomer to the company's regional tour.

It's been a great opportunity to explore the province, she says.

"We definitely get a little sick of hotel rooms," she said, laughing. "But it's really been fun to see towns that are new to us ... check out the local restaurants and talk to people. It's been really great experience getting to know all these towns."

The feedback they've received from audiences so far has been heartwarming, Collins said.

Many older theatergoers find the story resonates with their own

memories of the war years or the stories they heard from family members.

"A lot of people come by after the show and they want to share their own stories with us, which has been really neat," Collins said. "And even young people, it's sort of a love story, so they can identify with that part of it as well."

"It's a very sweet play," she added. "I think this play will leave people feeling touched afterwards and a little bit changed, maybe."

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Jane's Party performs in Morden Sunday

By Lorne Stelmach

Having a connection with music legends like Blue Rodeo can never hurt when you are an up and coming Canadian band like Jane's Party.

Having formerly played in a band with Devin Cuddy, son of Blue Rodeo frontman Jim Cuddy, led to the Toronto-based pop rock quartet landing Blue Rodeo co-leader Greg Keelor as producer of their third full length album *Tunnel Visions*.

"We went up and lived with him for a week just north of Toronto at his farm and it was just the coolest experience ever," said Devon Richardson, who joins his bandmates in performing an acoustic show this Sunday afternoon at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

It was almost a surreal experience, said Richardson, recalling waking up at noon to "Keelor making eggs ... he makes the best eggs" and then recording from noon to midnight and hearing Keelor's many stories.

"I think that was the highlight of my life ... that was the coolest thing we've ever done," he said. "It was such a relaxed atmosphere ... he's such a cool guy ... has so much knowledge and great pop sensibilities. They're a big influence on us ... even with the two lead singers ... that's sort of the vibe that we have."

It's a vibe they have developed since first coming together around 2006 in university.

"We were playing in a couple different cover bands ... and then we realized that we all sort of wrote our own songs on the side. Eventually we thought playing in cover bands is fine, but we really wanted to get going on some original music," said Richardson.

It was around 2008 when events conspired to help set them on their musical journey.

"There was a big strike at York University, and so we had three months off of school," Richardson said. "We thought what are we going to do ... with three months off in the middle of winter ... why not go and make a record?"

"We rented some mics ... and we recorded our entire first record. Ever since then, we've been recording and touring across Canada ... then just last year, we did our first European tour, which was amazing."

The group, which features Richardson along with Tom Ionescu, Jeff Giles, and Zach Sutton, released *The Garage Sessions* in 2009 followed by the *Jane's Party EP* in 2011, *Hot Noise* in 2013, and now *Tunnel Visions* in just last year.

With Keelor at the helm as producer,



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Jane's Party performs at the Kenmor Theatre this weekend.

the album has been praised as their most confident and mature effort to date.

It's comprised of songs about being on the road, losing loved ones, growing up and coming to grips with life.

Offering buoyant songwriting and soulful harmonies they've honed over nearly a decade of collaboration, *Tunnel Visions* draws on an array of genres, from folk to funk to stripped-down guitar rock with synth-pop flourishes and splashes of grunge.

It's a sound more layered than anything the band has created thus far, including single "Coming on Strong," and Richardson said it reflects their continual growth as musicians.

"It's been real incremental steps for us. It's never been one huge break. It's always year by year, we do a little better and keep it going."

Richardson wants their music to be fun while also describing it as "youth-

ful but thoughtful pop music." He also sees their sound continuing to evolve as they grow as artists.

"Especially our songwriting. I think our songwriting is the best it's ever been. We collaborate with each other better than we ever have ... and we've been bringing in other people ... let's bring in another voice to give up some different direction and perspective."

Richardson said they're looking forward to the show in Morden this weekend, especially with it being in a more intimate setting.

"We always play house concerts and stuff, so we adapt our sound ... we sometimes prefer to play quiet, intimate shows," he said, promising those who attend a solid afternoon of music. "We really pride ourselves on having a really great live show and being a really tight band."

The show starts at 1:30 p.m.

Stanley eager to start work on Hwy. 32 by Schanzenfeld

By Lorne Stelmach

A key highway intersection in the Rural Municipality of Stanley is getting long awaited improvements.

The work including a turning lane is being done at the Highway 32 intersection at the village of Schanzenfeld.

"It's been in the back of everyone's mind," Reeve Morris Olafson said after council approved cost-sharing the project with the province at their meeting last Thursday. "We feel strongly enough about it ... let's get this done ... and they agreed."

A final price tag will be known once it goes to tender, but Olafson suggested it could be in the half a million dollar range, with the municipality possibly putting in around \$125,000.

The main improvements will include the turning lanes at the intersection of Hespeler Ave. (Road 9N) and Hwy. 32, with the roadway being

widened to allow for the turning lane on the west side of the highway and paved shoulders on the east side.

The other part of the project will see about 120 metres of highway shoulder paved along with a paved access connecting Hwy. 32 to a new concrete road servicing a strip of new commercial lots a half mile north of Schanzenfeld.

Olafson said the municipality has pursued this project with the province for some time now and are happy to finally be moving forward on it.

"This is an improvement ... it's not the fix-all ... to fix it all would be in the million dollar range. This is a good step towards making that corner better."

It's expected the project will run through the summer and be completed in the fall.

Other items of note addressed in last week's council meeting include:

- Stanley council will undertake some tree planting this year.

It approved a shelterbelt program that will see the municipality spend about \$30,000 to do about 30 miles of shelterbelt throughout the municipality.

It is an incentive for the land owners, observed Olafson, who noted a lot of established shelterbelts have been taken down over the years, and they want to see the municipality do more to maintain and improve them in some areas.

There will be an application process that could help ensure the work is done where it is most needed, but Olafson was confident residents would take advantage of the program.

"It will get used up ... we'll review it for another year," he said.

- The municipality is preparing for the prospect of some flooding this spring.

"There's going to be a lot of water ... we know that," said Olafson, observing that "there is 10, 12 feet [of snow] in the bush ... so that's going to take a while to go away. And even our fields have got a two foot layer."

The other contributing factor is moisture conditions were already unfavorable in the fall.

"We're lucky here ... compared to east of Winkler ... they are more saturated than we were. Lots of those guys didn't get their crops off at all," said Olafson, who added that while they hope for favourable weather, they are also prepared to get out as early as possible towards spring to work on drainage.

"We will be going out a little bit earlier I think and doing some culvert work ... so we can have some movement of water right off the hop. Our worst fear is that our culverts are going to be frozen with ice."



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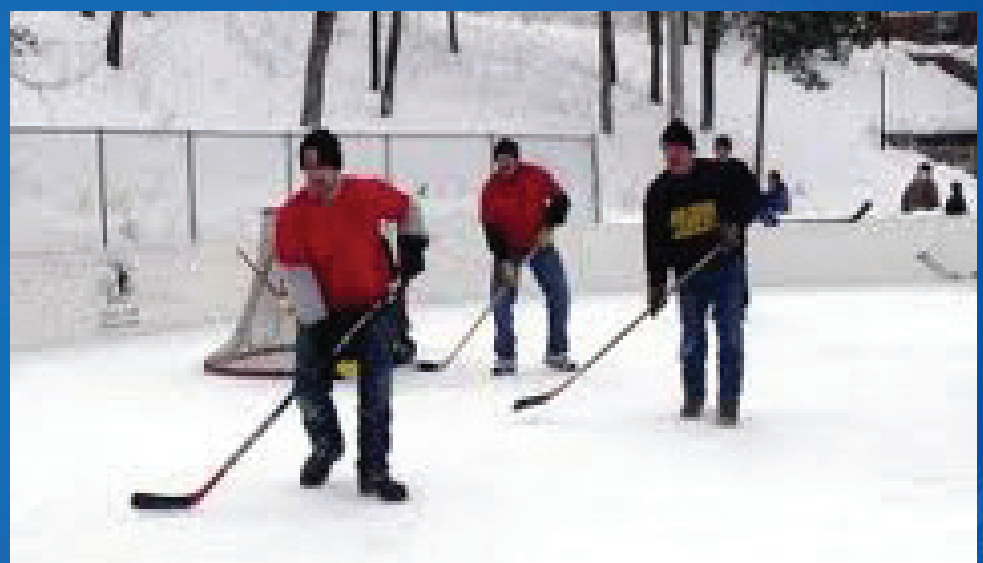
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Thunder clinch first place

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Zone 4 High School Hockey season wrapped up on a high note for the Morden Thunder last week.

In their final game, Morden crushed the Morris Mavericks 8-1. The scoring onslaught included two goals from both Evan Wuerch and Keegan Fraser and singles from Justin Alderson, Jordan Blatz, Braden Jonasson, and Spencer Norrie. Odin Pauls made 17 saves in net.

With that, Morden clinched the first place spot in the standings with 21 wins, two regular losses, and one shoot-out loss for 43 points, narrowly beating out the second place Carman Cougars, who had 42 points.

The Thunder kicked off their playoff series by downing the Cartwright/Nellie McClung/Pilot Mound Tigers 7-1 in game one on Monday. Game three is Friday in Morden.

The Tigers earned that spot in the playoffs by knocking out the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs 5-3 in the Survivor Game to take eighth place.

GVC, who fell 7-0 and 7-1 to the Morris Mavericks and 8-1 to the Prairie Mountain Mustangs in their final regular season games last week, finished the season in last place with a 0-24 record.

Higher up in the standings were the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks, who wrapped up their season with 5-3 and 5-4 losses to Carman last week to finish in fifth place with an 11-13 record and 23 points.

They now face the Altona Aces in the first round of playoffs. Game one went to Altona 5-3 on Monday. Game two is in Winkler Thursday night.

In high school varsity basketball action, meanwhile, in the SCAC the NPC boys beat the Barracudas 68-34 last Wednesday and then beat the Wolverines 59-32 on Monday. The NPC girls also beat the Barracudas on Wednesday by a score of 62-31,



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

The Morden Thunder's Zach Wood works to elude the check of the Mavericks' Stanley Storck Friday. Morden got the win 8-1. Right: Morden's Jasmine Street fights to avoid the Aces defense in the 37-28 Thunder victory last Thursday.

but then fell to the Wolverines 53-46 on Monday.

In Zone 4, Morden's teams beat Altona last Thursday, the boys by a score of 82-51 and the girls 37-28.

The GVC girls beat Sanford 94-16 while the boys won their match 93-39.



Flyers best Selkirk, Wayway for key points.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers bested Selkirk and Waywayseecappo this past week, but bowed to the first place Pistons.

On Feb. 7, Winkler hit the road to face the Steelers, coming home with two key points thanks in large part to the work of goalie Cole Weaver.

The Flyers hit the ice hard from the get-go, scoring a little over five minutes in courtesy of Coltyn Bates. Bates scored a second goal just over three minutes later to cement Winkler's lead heading into the first intermission.

Period two saw Selkirk outshoot Winkler 12-7, but Weaver slapped them all away while teammates Matt Christian and Will Blake bolstered Winkler's lead to 4-0.

The Steelers cut that lead to 4-1 in the dying minutes of the game, but it wasn't nearly enough, and the two teams' final regular season match

went to Winkler.

Overall, Weaver made 26 saves in net, improving his record to 24-7-2. Winkler outshot Selkirk 28-27.

Having added some security to their second place ranking, the Flyers turned their attention to facing the Pistons Friday night in Steinbach.

With five key players out due to injuries, Winkler found themselves outshot 37-29 and outscored 7-3.

Winkler scored a goal per period, with Brayden Cullum doing the honours in the first to follow-up a Steinbach goal, Nolan McGuire scoring between two more Piston points, and Blake finding success off a shot midway through the third amongst four more Steinbach goals.

Weaver took the loss in net, making 30 saves in all.

Stinging from the loss, Winkler bounced back by trouncing the last place Wawayseecappo Wolverines the very next night.



The Winkler Flyers downed the Selkirk Steelers 4-1 last week.

PHOTO BY LANA MEIER/VOICE

Troy Martyniuk guarded the Flyers' net this game, giving up just one lone goal in the first period amongst 28 shots on net overall.

The Flyers offensive line, meanwhile, fired 46 shots the other way, making good on two in each period (Blake and Nathan Peabody in the first, Ian Mackey and Tyler Jubenville in the second, and Lawson McDONALD and Jacob Lacase in the third) for a resounding 6-1 victory.

With that, Winkler's record is at 37-

13-3 for 77 points, putting them eight points behind the first place Pistons and two up on the third place Steelers.

This week, Winkler played a Valentine's Day game against Virden on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

The boys get a break over the weekend in the lead-up to Monday's match against the Pistons in Steinbach. They'll then host OCN on Tuesday.

Redskins, Royals wrap up regular season

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden and Winkler South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League teams wrapped up their regular seasons over the weekend.

The Winkler Royals headed north to face the Stonewall Jets on Saturday, returning home with a 4-0 loss to add to their record.

The Jets were up 2-0 after the first 20 minutes and then got one more goal past Winkler netminder Matt Krahn in each of the remaining periods.

Krahn's teammates sent 31 shots back across the rink, but were stonewalled by the Jets' Brett Fewchuk.

Earlier in the week, Winkler had fallen to Altona 5-2 on Thursday.

Winkler's Cody Friesen drew first blood midway through the opening frame, while Marlin Froese scored on a powerplay in the final few minutes of the game.

In between, the Maroons fired 42 shots Krahn's way, making good on five of them as they outshot Winkler 42-30.

With that, the Royals' record for the season is 7-13-1 for 15 points. As of press time that put them in seventh and second-last place ahead of the

Jets, who still had one more game to play Thursday against Notre Dame.

The Morden Redskins, meanwhile, wrapped up their regular season on a much higher note.

On Saturday, Morden downed Carman 5-3, with Keith Bially scoring a hat trick (including an empty-netter in the final minutes) and Nick Doyle and Mark Owen contributing singles.

Reed Peters stood tall in the Redskins' net, making 34 saves as the Beavers outshot Morden 37-36.

Sunday's game against the Warren Mercs was a much closer affair.

Morden's Tyler Peers and Juha Keinanen put their team up 2-0 with a goal each in the first two periods. Warren finally managed to get on the board with a late third period goal, but ran

out of time to tie things up, giving the win to Morden 2-1.

That gave the Redskins 19 points off a 9-11-1 record, putting them in fifth place as of press time, though the sixth place Altona Maroons (17 points) had a game against Carman scheduled for Tuesday night.

Twisters win streak comes to an end

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters saw a three game winning streak halted on the weekend.

They fell 6-4 Sunday to the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins after having edged the St. Vital Victorias 4-3 in overtime Friday and beating the Transcona Railer Express 6-4 last Tuesday.

The Twisters still held down third place in the MMJHL at 23-10-5 for 50 points, which had them trailing the Stonewall Jets at 53 points and Charleswood Hawks at 55 points,

while the St. James Canucks were two back at 48.

Matthew Hadley's 15th goal of the season on a powerplay proved to be the winner halfway through the third Feb. 7 as the Twisters outscored Transcona.

Braeden Beernaerts and Wyatt Sabourin each had a pair of goals, with the other Pembina Valley marker coming from Corey Mazinke.

Goaltender Connor Shaw held Transcona in the game with 45 saves as the Twisters outshot the Railer Express 51 to 25. Morgan Wall started in net for Pembina Valley but was lifted

partway through the second after allowing four goals on 18 shots. Matt Kohlman earned the win with seven saves the rest of the way.

Hadley played the hero again Friday, sending the game to overtime with a third period powerplay goal and then winning it for the Twisters in the fifth round of the shootout after Brendan Keck scored in the third round to extend the contest.

Mark Klassen and Fraser Mirrlees on a powerplay also scored for Pembina Valley, which outshot St. Vital 53-

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Hawks face Capitals in first round of playoffs

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Steinbach Pistons	50	42	7	1	85	220	98
Winkler Flyers	53	37	13	3	77	198	132
Selkirk Steelers	55	36	16	3	75	195	160
OCN Blizzard	52	33	16	3	69	169	138
Portage Terriers	51	32	16	3	67	216	162
Winnipeg Blues	53	25	23	5	55	179	183
Virden Oil Capitals	52	22	23	7	51	143	171
Swan Valley Stampeders	51	18	30	3	39	141	203
Dauphin Kings	53	15	33	5	35	125	196
Neepawa Natives	50	14	31	5	33	134	197
Waywayseacappo Wolverines	50	11	35	4	26	147	227
MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Charleswood Hawks	39	25	9	5	55	132	97
Stonewall Jets	37	26	10	1	53	173	113
Pembina Valley Twisters	37	23	10	4	50	155	119
St. James Canucks	39	23	14	2	48	153	139
St. Vital Victorias	39	19	14	6	44	155	156
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	38	19	15	4	42	160	115
Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins	39	19	16	4	42	150	156
St. Boniface Riels	38	16	17	5	37	136	154
Transcona Railer Express	39	17	21	1	35	137	152
River East Royal Knights	39	5	34	0	10	94	244
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Notre Dame	21	17	2	1	36	97	57
Portage	21	14	4	1	31	106	64
Carman	21	14	5	0	30	109	64
Warren	21	10	8	3	23	96	84
Morden	21	9	11	1	19	69	96
Altona	21	8	12	1	17	83	103
Winkler	21	7	13	1	15	58	89
Stonewall	21	5	16	0	10	80	141
MANITOBA AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Wild	42	34	5	0	71	222	77
Yellowhead	41	28	5	2	64	183	111
Thrashers	42	26	12	1	56	188	110
Pembina Valley	41	27	13	0	55	163	122

Brandon	42	25	15	1	52	164	124
Central Plains	42	24	15	2	51	174	144
Eastman	41	23	15	2	49	142	116
Parkland	41	16	21	1	36	140	183
Southwest	41	15	23	2	33	116	164
Kenora	42	14	24	0	32	113	190
Interlake	41	9	28	0	22	105	204
Norman	42	7	34	0	15	107	272
AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Yellowhead Chiefs	30	24	3	1	2	51	158
Brandon Wheat Kings	32	22	8	0	2	46	153
Pembina Valley PV Hawks	33	22	9	1	1	46	189
Southwest Cougars	32	19	9	2	2	42	159
Central Plains Capitals	32	12	19	0	1	25	108
Parkland Rangers	32	6	25	0	1	13	68
Norman Wolves	33	2	31	0	0	4	42
MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts	
Westman Wildcats	28	23	2	-	2	1	51
PV Hawks	28	19	6	-	1	2	42
Winnipeg Avros	28	16	8	-	4	-	40
Yellowhead Chiefs	28	18	9	-	1	-	38
Eastman Selects	28	11	11	-	2	4	30
Norman Wild	28	7	18	-	2	1	19
Central Plains	28	6	19	-	-	3	15
Interlake Lightning	28	-	25	-	1	2	4
HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Morden Thunder	24	21	2	0	43	124	51
Carman Cougars	24	21	3	0	42	130	52
Morris Mavericks	24	16	7	1	33	119	86
W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	24	15	9	0	30	127	98
Northlands Parkway Collegiate							
Nighthawks (Winkler)	24	11	12	0	23	101	88
Prairie Mountain Mustangs	24	10	14	0	20	106	118
Portage Collegiate Institute Trojans	24	9	14	0	19	70	80
Cartwright/Nellie McClung/							
Pilot Mount Tigers	24	5	16	3	13	90	133
Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs (Winkler)	24	0	24	0	0	29	190

STATS AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Agriculture

Future trade deals has Canadians in a quandary

By Harry Siemens

With Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the United States President Donald Trump meeting in Washington, D.C. this Monday, farm people on the Canadian side keep looking south as to what the new trade rules will look like.

Dr. Al Mussell, the research lead with Agri-Food Economic Systems, says given the dramatic change in U.S. trade policy, the Canadian government will need to reformulate its approach to international trade.

Mussell says in addition to the planned renegotiation of NAFTA, the U.S. is now considering a border tax on imported products and several trade actions.

"It's yet to be seen but it's entirely possible that part of the strategy here is simply ... bringing so many issues to the front," he says. "It's the trade disputes that we know about or have a suspicion of, so that's the wine retailing in B.C., that's dairy, that is softwood lumber, there seems to be some likelihood of a dispute of some sort or other on automotive and origin content as well as the NAFTA renegotiation and the possibility of this border tax."

Mussell says the Canadian government has only so much capacity to be able to participate in these things effectively.

"I use the metaphor of helter skelter: you just throw so many things at them that they have limited capacity to react," he says. "Perhaps the intent here is that, if they do enough of this, they'll force us to settle some of the disputes or that they just simply weaken our ability to effectively defend ourselves or adjudicate the case and the U.S. can score a win against us on that basis alone."

Mussell says in addition to its dealings with the U.S., Canada is still addressing the technical side of the CETA agreement with the European Union and planning for a World Trade Organization ministerial meeting late this year so the worry is that all this activity, will simply exhaust the capacity of the Canadian government.

On the other hand, as it pertains to hog trade under NAFTA, Florian Possberg, chair of the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board, remains hopeful the renegotiation of the agreement will have a limited impact on the movement of live hogs and pork across the Canada U.S. border.

Possberg says while the U.S. withdrawal from the TPP may actually benefit the Canadian pork industry, there are many unanswered questions when it comes to the renegotiation of NAFTA.

"My take is that it seems that more of the irritation with NAFTA is between the United States and Mexico than it

is to the United States and Canada," he says. "It would appear that any changes to NAFTA would probably be more significant to Mexico than it would be to Canada."

Possberg says there is an indication that the Trump administration have identified trade as an issue and quite frankly they've stated quite bluntly that the Americans have been taken advantage of in many of the trade agreements that are international in scope.

"But we don't really have an indication of what that means or how they

intend to remedy it," he says. "It's going to be very interesting how this thing all unfolds."

Possberg says about 20 per cent of all of the pork produced in the U.S. is exported and 95 per cent of the world's population lives outside of the U.S., so American pork producers certainly don't want anything to happen that will hinder trade.

"Canadian pork producers depend even more on trade with 60 to 70 per cent of the pork produced in Canada sold to foreign markets," he adds.

Soybean plants to bring increased production

By Harry Siemens

With the talk of farmers planting more soybeans in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and in the United States, the talk of building more soybean processing plants is increasing, too.

A recent headline shouted to the world that American farmers could

easily plant 90 million acres of soybeans in 2017.

While the U.S. Department of Agriculture placed this spring's projected soybean acres at 85.5 million acres—1.8 million more acres than 2016—some farm media analysts are suggesting it could be closer to 90 million because of profitability mar-

gins.

In 2016, Manitoba farmer grew 1.7 million acres of soybeans, and some people are projecting the province's growers could bust over the two million mark for this coming year.

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Learning by doing

By Harry Siemens

Sometimes you take what's coming to you with a grain of salt. Other times you lay it all aside and look at the positive things happening in this great field of agriculture.

More often than not, the farmers I interview are 40 years and younger. Of course, I'm not here to slight the older farmers, who are still very much in the mix of producing great food for all of us to consume, and the billions of people around the world.

I remember back in the '70s and early '80s farmers would send their young sons to university to learn how to farm. There were times when a college professor would light the fire in these young wannabe farmers, flash the stars in their eyes and sending them home full of Pepsi Cola and vinegar.

"Dad," they'd say, "we need to make some big changes, rent or buy more land, buy bigger and better equipment, build new livestock barns, try this exotic crop or animal and make some real money."

Well, in some cases that may have worked, but for others, it most certainly didn't.

What happened in some of the saddest cases I've witnessed over the years, it didn't take long and the son became disgruntled because it wasn't working like the textbook had described it or the college professor had so adamantly told them, and so he or she was looking for a job off the farm. Dad was left with the mess to either try to farm his way out of it, or to sell off and maybe also get a job away from the lost farm. I know those smack of the more extreme cases, but nevertheless true.

Today's outstanding young farmers, the ones I've spoken with, have also gone to higher learning in the agricultural field, but then instead of coming home, went to work in another job for three to five years, and then came home to help out.

With proper guidance and training, taking what they'd learned in school and the off-farm job, helping their fathers expand the family farm so both could make a proper living, and in fact allow the parents to slow down and eventually retire.

Along the same theme, the Outstanding Young Farmers Program has developed the Major Jay Fox Memorial Scholarship in honour of Jay and the contribution that he made to agriculture in Canada.

The latest winner is Derrick Bassa

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> SOYBEANS, FROM PG. 21

With yields exceeding 50 bushels an acre in 2016, under what some would call adverse weather and cropping conditions, agronomist and farmers together improving their agronomy practices and techniques and last but not least, the commercial seed companies approaching close to 100 new varieties that work, making investments in processing plants a good thing.

On the heels of the Westman Opportunities Leadership Group's efforts to attract a world-class soybean processing plant to Western Manitoba, a group from Minnesota have announced plans to build a soybean processing plant in North Dakota.

On Feb. 7, Gov. Doug Burgum and leaders of Minnesota Soybean Processors (MnSP) and its subsidiary North Dakota Soybean Processors (NDSP) announced that MnSP is taking steps toward construction of a \$240 million soybean processing plant on 150 acres at Spiritwood.

In a release, MnSP says the plant would be an integrated soybean crush facility and refinery, crushing 125,000 bushels of soybeans per day. It would produce soybean meal, re-

fined, bleached and deodorized soybean oil and biodiesel.

"The potential for this type of value-added project is great news for our farmers and the entire state of North Dakota," says Burgum. "The NDSP plant will create value in the local community and beyond by creating 55 to 60 full-time jobs, supporting local service companies, vendors, and suppliers and supporting the soybean price paid to local farmers."

MnSP general manager Scott Austin says the company's preliminary market analysis shows there are markets this facility would serve that would complement their current efforts at

the Brewster facility to reach both global and domestic markets for meal and oil.

"We also believe that the biodiesel from this plant would serve both domestic and international markets," he said.

The NDSP plant would annually produce 900,000 tons of soybean meal, which is usually used as livestock feed for poultry and swine but can also be used for cattle, and 490 million pounds of oil. Half of the oil will be used to produce biodiesel, while the other half will be food-grade soybean oil.

"We think of it as a verification of the

significant growth of soybean production on the plains region of USA and observe that it is similar to that which is occurring here in the same regions of Canada," says Ray Redfern, chair of the Westman Opportunities Leadership Group looking to get someone to build a similar plant in Manitoba.

"It has given rise to this announcement that this growth has created an opportunity to locate another soybean processing plant into that market which serves to add credibility that our market here in western Canada can also serve the production demands of a processing facility here too."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 21

born and raised on his parents family dairy farm in La Broquerie.

"Ever since I can remember I have wanted to be a farmer. Currently, I am completing my Gr. 12 at Ste. Anne Collegiate, with plans to continue my education at Lakeland College focusing on animal science," says Derrick. "My ultimate goal is to be able to work alongside my parents learning our business before one day taking it

over as my dad did from his parents."

Wow, this is what farming is all about. Yes, we have family farms that have turned into huge corporate family farms and that is all good.

However, this young farmer says agriculture is all he ever wanted to do but realized that it is not the trend of many young people today.

"I think to retain more people in agriculture education is the key. Not

only in rural settings but also and perhaps more importantly in urban areas as well," he says. "I have looked into apprenticeship programs and have found that not all areas of agriculture qualify for this program, this definitely needs addressing.

"If I am able to take over our farm business I would like to establish

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Winkler Men's Bonspiel took place at the Winkler Curling Club Feb. 9-12. Clockwise from above left: Henry Friesen, Jarrod Klassen, Hank Klassen, and Jessen Klassen defeated Team Driedger to win the 1st Event; Harold Sawatzky, Garrett Sawatzky, Graeme Bergman, and Rick Schroeder beat Team Pappel to win the 2nd Event; Kyle Berg, Gary Berg, Jeremy Hildebrand, and Reynold Hildebrand beat Team Unrau to win the 3A Event; and Scott Doell, Rick Suderman, Mark Georges, and Ryan Thompson defeated Team Klassen to win the 3B Event.



Morden Legion bonspiel looking for teams

By Lorne Stelmach

A sporting tradition in Morden is getting an injection of some young up and coming curlers this year.

The annual Morden Legion curling bonspiel is adding to its usual complement of 24 teams with 28 rinks this year, including three high school foursomes.

"It's just to try to promote it and get them interested to help us continue on with the bonspiel," said Legion secretary Tammy Petkau. "If we want to keep the bonspiel successful, we need to encourage our young people to come out and enjoy some rock throwing and have some friendly competition with friends and family."

The 65th annual Legion bonspiel runs Feb. 17-19, with the first game

starting at 5 p.m. on the Friday and the finals running Sunday afternoon. Curlers are guaranteed a minimum of three games.

In addition, there will be silent auction prizes to be won as well as chili dogs on Friday and a ham and meatball banquet at the Legion clubroom

Saturday, all included with the team entry of \$160.

"We always fill up ... usually it's full within a week ... we always have a great response from the curlers," said Petkau.

"It's just a fun weekend for everyone. It's kind of a good thing also

that it happens the same weekend as the Morden Winterfest ... so it will be busy all around the community."

To sign-up, contact organizer Howard Sager at 204-822-3666 or call the Legion at 204-822-4122.

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 22

an apprenticeship program with schools where a student would work a semester on our farm. I have seen how difficult it is for dairy farmers in our area to recruit qualified herdsman. My plan would address both a need in our industry and educate fellow young people about what is

involved in running an ag business in today's world."

Here's the kicker: Derrick would teach them all aspects of running their farm, from fieldwork to breeding, hoof trimming to feeding. Eventually, I would see this branching out to other forward-thinking ag

business people in our area.

You can always tell when a young person has come through the 4-H program, to learn to do by doing.

"This is the premise for my idea on how to retain a larger number of young people in agriculture," Derrick says.

take a break > GAMES

SUDOKU

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

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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Package
 - 7. Wear away
 - 13. Joins a leaf to a stem
 - 14. Worsen
 - 16. Promotes international cooperation (abbr.)
 - 17. Your folks
 - 19. Publicity
 - 20. Moves up
 - 22. Dept. of Labor
 - 23. Physicist Enrico
 - 25. Whitney and Manning are two
 - 26. Human foot (pl.)
 - 28. Coral is an example
 - 29. Extended error correction
 - 30. Small amount
 - 31. Dash
 - 33. The greatest of all time
 - 34. Middle Eastern country
 - 36. Ravine
 - 38. Cup-like cavity
 - 40. Chemical substances
 - 41. Extremely stupid behavior
 - 43. He built Arantea
 - 44. Beverage beloved by Brits
 - 45. Cereal plant
 - 47. Signal
 - 48. A bar bill
 - 51. Comedienne Faris
 - 53. Preface to a book
 - 55. Stores grain
 - 56. In a way, medicated
 - 58. Small island (British)
 - 59. An Indiana-based hoopster
 - 60. Measures width of printed matter
 - 61. Riders use this to transport goods
 - 64. Once more
 - 65. Thin layers
 - 67. Says again
 - 69. Cleans thoroughly
 - 70. Warnings

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Relating to male organ
 - 2. Indicates position

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- 3. Covers with frost
- 4. Makes a soft murmuring sound
- 5. Wood
- 6. Type of fuel
- 7. Confused
- 8. Where you go at night
- 9. Canadian flyers
- 10. Type of birch tree
- 11. Beloved Welsh princess
- 12. Coated
- 13. Smooth substance of crushed fruit
- 15. Improves intellectually
- 18. A sign of assent
- 21. Island-based Italians
- 24. Pragmatic
- 26. Peter's last name
- 27. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- 30. Mexican city
- 32. Sir Samuel __, Brit. statesman
- 35. Summer Olympics were just

- here
- 37. Fiddler crabs
- 38. Southern military academy
- 39. Tumors
- 42. Speaks incessantly
- 43. Sacred sound in Indian religions
- 46. Transactions
- 47. Et-__
- 49. Reminders
- 50. Doesn't interest
- 52. Norse gods
- 54. Canola is one type
- 55. Beloved sportscaster Craig
- 57. Irish mother goddess
- 59. Daddy
- 62. Press against lightly
- 63. Sound unit
- 66. Master of Ceremonies
- 68. Morning

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OBITUARY



Tina Fehr (nee Friesen) 1928 - 2017

Tina Fehr, aged 88, of Winkler, Manitoba, entered into eternity with her savior and Lord on Wednesday February 8, 2017 at the Salem Home in Winkler where she resided for 6 1/2 years after suffering a stroke on September 11, 2010.

Tina was born on April 13, 1928 to Isaac PF and Helena Friesen of Winkler. She was the eldest of 11 children. She grew up in Reinfeld, leaving school after completing grade 8 to help her mother with her younger siblings. At age 15 she accepted Christ as her savior at a revival meeting in Schanzenfeld School and later at 17 years of age was baptized by Bishop William Falk. Often travelling with her father to conduct evangelistic services, God planted in her a passion to see all come to the knowledge of the Lord's great love

and to receive forgiveness of sins. She had a huge heart for people, and even when almost everything in the physical life was stripped away, she still always loved, hugged and wanted every visitor to know they were special to her.

As a young adult her love for the Lord grew and she studied at Winkler Bible School for three years. She often spoke fondly of that time in her life. After that she moved to Winnipeg and went on to graduate from the Mayfair School of dressmaking on April 8, 1949. On June 15, 1952, Tina married David H Fehr of Haskett, Manitoba. In the early years they built their first two homes in Winkler and in 1960 they moved onto her parents homestead north of Winkler where they farmed until 1989. They retired to Winkler and built one more home right beside the church which Tina enjoyed very much. They also enjoyed being volunteer custodians of this church for eight years, until it became too difficult for them to keep up. Together they raised four children, teaching them many skills and to love the Lord, passing on to them their faith and trust in God. Tina had many interests and was very gifted. She loved to cook, garden, play piano, draw, paint, decorate, dream, design houses, dress design, sew, and teaching both sewing and Sunday school. She also was a great administrator, organizing many events and celebrations, leading in ladies fellowship, leading pioneer girls, organizing seniors suppers and get togethers.

Tina is survived by her husband, Dave, son, Ralph, his spouse, Julie, his daughter, Kristen and her family; son, John, his spouse, Linda, daughters, Kayla and Tracey and their families; daughter, Karen, her spouse, Don, daughters, Lynn, Jacqui, their families and Katelin; son, Terry. She is also survived by three brothers, Pete, John, and Jake and four sisters, Marie, Anne, Susan and Betty. She was predeceased by two grandchildren, Jordan and Brittany, her parents, brother, Ike, sisters, Helen and Marge.

Memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. at the Winkler EMM Church on Sunday, February 12, 2017 with interment prior to the service at the Rosenbach Cemetery.

Donations in lieu of flowers in Tina's memory may be made to the Winkler EMM Church building fund.

The family wishes to thank the faithful staff of Winkler Salem Home for their compassionate care and friendship during her stay. We also thank friends and family members for your visits with her there. We appreciate your support and prayers during this time.

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OBITUARY



John D. Thiessen 1930 - 2017

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017 our husband, dad, grandpa and great grandpa went to be with Jesus with his family by his side. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith in 1952. He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Sharon and Ike Wall, children, Sharlene and Chris (Caleb and Zack), Jennifer and Corey (Maya, Brady, Jacob and Abigail), Pamela and Brian (baby), Rachel and Andy (Olivia); daughter, Barb and John Neufeld, children, Johnathan and Mary, Joshua, James and Tais and Jason; daughter, Diana and John Wieler, children, Krysten and Matt; daughter, Brenda and Vic Penner, children, Mike and Candace (Hailey, Tyrell, Carter and Taelynn), Melanie and Geoffrey (Mosi, Ezra and Marwa), Carilee and Wayne (Kiera and Owen); son, Melvin; son, Ken; and daughter, Darlene and Norman Wiebe, children, Emily and Heidi; two sisters, two brothers-in-law and two brothers-in-law. He was predeceased by his parents, three brothers and two sisters two sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law.

Dad was born to Jacob and Anna Thiessen (nee Dyck) in the RM of Rhineland on October 6, 1930. Dad spent his childhood on the farm south of Plum Coulee. Mom and Dad were married on May 3, 1953. Dad was involved in carpentry for many years and they moved around a lot until they settled down in Plum Coulee in the mid 1950's. Dad spent many years being self employed as a sewage truck driver. Dad retired in 1986 and shortly thereafter they moved to Winkler. In more recent years, Dad enjoyed visiting with family and friends, especially going to McDonald's for coffee on his scooter. Dad had quite the collection of scooters, always wanting bigger and better.

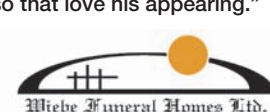
In April 2016, dad was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Centre where he was waiting for placement at Salem Home. He was transferred to Notre Dame Foyer in August 2016 and he stayed there until January 11, 2017 when he was moved to Salem Home. Dad was there one day short of four weeks. Dad loved and cared for all of his family, he was always very concerned about every family member's salvation.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the Plum Coulee Berghaler Mennonite Church with a family interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

We as a family want to say thank you to the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Notre Dame Foyer and Salem Home where he received such wonderful care. Thank you to family and friends for upholding us all in your prayers, thank you for the food, flowers, cards and words of encouragement. Thank you to Wiebe Funeral Home, especially Kiley Wilson. Thank you to Pastor Glen Siemens, Pastor Bernie Thiessen, ushers, Mark Fehr and Jeff Wiebe for doing the special music and to Linda Dueck for playing piano and the serving group. We as a family also want to say a special thank you to Stephen Siemens, the chaplain at Boundary Trails Health Centre for your extraordinary bond you shared with our dad. Donations may be made in John's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

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John Alexander Helps 1921 – 2017

With deep sadness we announce the peaceful passing of John Helps on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, with his family by his side.

John was born on July 18, 1921 and was the youngest child of Herbert and Margaret Helps. He was a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a great-grandfather. In his early years, John farmed with his mother. Later he married the love of his life, Freda Keen. They were married at John's home place on April 1, 1944. In the fall of 1944, John and Freda moved to the farm where he lived until his passing. John was a farmer all his life. He even drove the combine as recently as last fall. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to other farmers. John drove a school bus for the

Pembina Valley School Division for more than 30 years. After retiring as a bus driver in December 1989, farming continued to be John's passion right up to this past fall of 2016. John and Freda raised two children, Marion (born in 1948) and Murray (born in 1950). John was a hard-working, honest man. He was known for being a bit stubborn, but that served him well based on his life span. John loved going to fall suppers and getting together with neighbors to visit and play cards. He enjoyed snowmobiling with the family. John had one grandson, Devin. John really enjoyed watching Devin play baseball and taught his grandson how to run the farm equipment at an early age. John became a great-grandfather in September of 2013, when Barrett came along to join the Helps family.

John was predeceased by his parents, Herbert and Margaret Helps, his wife, Freda (1999), and daughter-in-law, Esther, brothers, Bill (Laura), Cliff (Kay), sisters, Merle (Bill), Ede (Ambie), Bertha (Hughie), Mary (Charlie), in-laws, Gertie (Roy), Bert (Mary), Leo (Kay), Wilfred (Faye).

John is survived by daughter, Marion and her husband, Stan, son, Murray and his wife, Brenda, grandson, Devin and his wife, Julie, great-grandson, Barrett, Brenda's sons, Robert and Johnathon, sister-in-law, Rosemary and her husband, Laurie Lea and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at St. Andrew's United Parish with ash interment prior at the Manitou Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Brenda Dow, the staff of Pembina Manitou Clinic, and the home care staff for the years of caring for John. Thank you also to all of the staff of the Boundary Trails Health Centre that were involved in John's care. Thank you to all those who stopped in to see John during his stay in the hospital; he enjoyed those visits immensely. Thanks to those who sent flowers, messages of condolences, food, cards. We appreciate the services provided by the minister, ushers, the lunch by the United Church Women and Kiley of Wiebe Funeral Home. All of the help and support was greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Marion and Stan Sawatzky, Murray and Brenda Helps, Devin, Julie and Barrett Helps, Johnathon and Robert Davidson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in John's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to the Medical Ward.

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OBITUARY



John A. Fehr 1924 – 2017

Peacefully, after a lengthy illness, John A. Fehr, aged 92 yrs, of Winkler, MB passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Salem Home.

Dad was born at Blumenfeld, MB on March 5, 1924 to David D. Fehr and Maria Dyck. He was predeceased by his parents and seven out of eight siblings. Surviving brother is Abe Fehr. Dad attended school in Haskett, completing the 6th grade. He then, joined his family on the farm. Dad was baptized upon confession of his faith on 1943 at the Sommerfeld Church. Dad met Tina Schroeder from Rosenort (Rosetown) in 1946. He was cruising the street of Rosenort with his friend in his 1945 "PICK UP" truck, when he spied this young maiden with dark luscious hair. This resulted in

more "sightseeing" trips to Rosetown. This truck was prone to losing the air cleaner whenever it encountered a bump. As you can imagine, this was often so conversation was minimal. Dad was constantly finding the air cleaner or reinstalling it. On July 24, 1949, Dad married Mom. They lived on the farm close to Eigenhof for three years. After this, they moved to Blumenort, (south) close to Gretna. Here they farmed for 39 years. During their marriage, they were blessed with four children (Linda, Rosella, Larry and Glenn). Life on the family farm was busy, caring for a variety of livestock, dairy operation and grain/sugar beet farming. Dad also dabbled in manufacturing during these years. They built drill carriers and drill markers. This production line was eventually purchased by Loewen Mfg. of Altona. Dad not only kept busy with these projects but also served in the Gretna Berghaler Church as a Deacon and member of the church council. He also served in leadership roles at the Gretna Co-op, Pool Elevators and the Gretna Credit Union. He and his family served on projects for the Mennonite Disaster Service. Travelling was also a big part of family life. Two weeks every summer were spent on road trips to places in B.C. Ontario or the United States with Oma (Tina's Mom) in tow. In later years, other trips followed with the highlight being their tour of the Holy Land in Israel. In 1988, Mom and Dad retired to Winkler where Dad continued with his busy life. He enjoyed gardening and creating numerous beautiful woodwork projects for his children/grandchildren. He also served as Deacon of Winkler Berghaler Church for six years and was involved in the mission's committee. Dad was a founding member of Cedar Estate Board involved in the planning of the condo complex that they would occupy in 2002. During the last several years, Dad had numerous health concerns and longed to go Home.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Tina and children: Linda Hildebrand (Korey/Vanessa Hildebrand, children: Ryan and Owen), (Stacey/Paul Gysbers, daughter: Katryna), Rosella/Bob Ediger: (Julie/Darryl Talaga), (Cindy/Shawn Astorino, children: Abby, Nick, Chris), (Shelley), Larry/Wanda Fehr: (Donovan/Julie Fehr), (Chantelle/Jon Heppner children: Kezia & Bodey), (Tyson) Glenn/MaryAnne Fehr: (Charissa/Derek Friesen, children: Damon, Kael, Jude), (Jason/Alyssa Fehr), (Cara), (Jessalynn).

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday February 11, 2017 at Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church with a family interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Special thanks to Wiebe Funeral Home, Salem Home, Boundary Trails medical staff and the Home Care Staff.

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Advance Blinds and Drapery unveils new showroom

Advance Blinds and Drapery underwent a major renovation this winter.

The Plum Coulee business became one of a select few stores in Canada to be home to a Hunter Douglas Gallery Showroom

"We're one of three in Manitoba and the first one ever outside of a larger urban centre, so we're pretty proud," says owner Heather Unger, who runs the business alongside husband Randy and son Blaine.

The newly designed space allows Advance to showcase more of their products than ever before.

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"They have it all—from the very basic blind to the higher-end products," adds Heather.

Which means, of course, that Advance Blinds and Drapery has it all as well, and they strive to add a personal touch to the process of finding the perfect window coverings for every room in your home.

"In our industry, we're offering service as much as products," says Heather. That service includes free consultations and a full certified installation.

Though home base is Advance's new showroom at 303 A Main Ave. in Plum Coulee, the Ungers travel to customers all across Manitoba.

"We mainly cover a 70 mile radius

of the Red River Valley," says Heather. "We come to your house to try to make the process as easy as possible."

With new technologies in window fashions coming out all the time, Advance Blinds and Drapery works hard to stay on the cutting edge.

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"I started with nine pairs in '88. Now we have somewhere between 3,000 to 4,000 pairs of footwear here," Thiessen says. "And we're going to continue to expand on it." The huge selection notwithstanding, Thiessen says there are many other reasons to check out his shop first when you're on the hunt for new footwear. "We've got better prices and we guarantee it here," he says. "You need a stitch or some kind of repair, you don't have to run all the way to the city ... if you bought it here, we'll fix it here for free." It's a guarantee that few customers have to take Thiessen up on. "We sell good stuff, so we don't have to fix our own product, but it does happen occasionally," he says. Complementing the footwear, KC's also sells a growing selection of western clothing, including shirts, jeans, hats, and belts.

"We try to take care of the western end of things and the work end of it," Thiessen says, adding that he's also been expanding his jewelry and purse offerings. Thiessen got his start in shoe repairs—fixing and replacing soles and heels, adding lifts and grips, mending tears—and that remains a huge part of his business today. He's also able to repair all kinds of other items, from leather products to jackets to old hockey equipment—if you need a quality patch job, Thiessen has the machines and the know-how to do it at a fair price. "I can fix almost anything," he says. "The best thing is to bring it in so I can take a look." To learn more, call Thiessen at 204-325-5538 or stop by the store at 325 Kimberley Rd.



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Putting Manitoba First at NetSet Communications

Sixteen years ago, along with a staff of five, they were testing their own equipment in an office kitchen. Now, they're an award-winning company with almost 120 employees, offering leading edge TD-LTE Internet. To say NetSet Communications has come a long way is an understatement.

Today, the company is rural Manitoba's top Internet provider, building on the most innovative technology and fast, reliable solutions – all while maintaining a commitment to local, Manitoba-based service. But 16 years ago, when founding partners Charlie Clark and Tami-Rae Clements started NetSet – then I-NetLink Wireless – all they knew was they hoped to make their mark on what was then still a niche market, and they wanted to do so by providing a quality service all Manitobans could get behind.

“Charlie was always one step ahead of the technology that was out there,” remembers Clements. “When we were starting out, we even had to test our own equipment to make sure it would work reliably in Canadian conditions – we'd put it in the freezer to see if it could handle the cold, or use the sink to ensure everything was properly waterproofed. We wanted to make sure our customers were getting the best we could give them.”

While they may now get their technology pre-tested – sourcing out the best suppliers from around the globe – NetSet's commitment to their customers and desire to stay on the leading edge hasn't changed. Today, the privately owned company connects over 500 communities province-wide. Operating out of a new state-of-the-art head office in Brandon, they offer 24/7 homegrown helpdesk service and are the largest holder of an Industry Canada licensed spectrum and the only licensed microwave Internet provider in the province.

The company offers Internet solutions for residents, small businesses and corporations of all sizes – from single-location enterprises to those with locations across Manitoba and North America. Their hybrid of fibre and microwave links mean they can provide Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with up to 99.999 percent guaranteed uptime and a Mean Time to Repair (MTTR) of four hours or less. But even as they've grown, NetSet has remained committed to putting community first. They recruit authorized dealers from within the communities they cover, creating new Manitoba job opportunities while ensuring their representatives understand the needs of the people and businesses they serve.

It's company practices like these that set NetSet apart – and have brought them the recognition to prove it. In 2016, NetSet was awarded the MBIZ Outstanding Medium Business Award by the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, while Clark himself won Business Person of the Year from the Brandon Chamber of Commerce. All the while, they continue to grow, building new towers to introduce NetSet's signature TD-LTE Internet to previously underserved communities.

In fact, 2017 promises to be one of NetSet's best years yet. Already, the company has started going live on a series of new towers that will help connect more Manitoba communities. These aren't just any towers, either – the 250-foot towers are bigger and better, helping to expand their coverage zone even farther. A task Clements says NetSet doesn't take lightly.

“We take pride in our reputation, so whether we're introducing a new tower or a new Internet service, Manitobans can know we're giving them the best solutions possible,” she says. “The same as we have for the past 16 years.”

To get more information on NetSet Communications – or to find out where to sign up for TD-LTE Internet in your community – call 1-877-NET-SET1 or visit NetSet1.ca.



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Owner and denturist Leon Parent makes sure his patients get the best of the best with an in-house stock of porcelain and acrylic teeth imported from Europe and the USA.

For the very best teeth available, you don't have to go to New York, Zurich, Switzerland, Anaheim, California and Vita Zahn Fabrik in Germany, we use these same teeth at Oraltru downtown Winkler location and Winnipeg.

Our records show our patients come from as far as Brandon, Steinbach, North Dakota and northern Minnesota. They come for the quality service and natural looking smile.

"We've always used the best quality materials, the best teeth you can buy anywhere," Parent said. "We were the first to introduce a one year service guarantee on our dentures and that was over 20 years ago."

Because of the quality of the

materials used, the clinic rarely sees any breakage of the teeth, which has enabled them to now offer a five year service guarantee.

Materials and techniques are constantly changing and improving, and so the denturists at Oraltru Denture Clinic stay current to all improvements, Parent said.

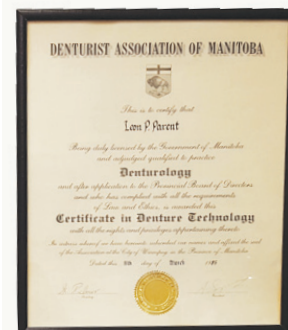
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In addition to full and partial dentures, the clinic also offers night guards, mouth guards for athletes, and splints.

Oraltru has been serving the region for 70 years.

In 1946, the first Oraltru Denture Clinic opened up in Winnipeg, and in 1968, Oral Tru opened their present location in downtown Winkler serving the whole Pembina Valley. Patients who travelled to Winnipeg to get services, could now get full denture services in Winkler, at the in-house dental laboratory.

Oraltru offers competitive prices



Oraltru Denture Clinic's Denturist, Leon Parent, at work in the laboratory. The clinic, located at 385 Mountain Ave., offers patients full and partial dentures made of high-quality materials, in addition to night guards, mouth guards for athletes, and splints. and emergency services, done in our clinic is still located at the Heritage Building at 385 Mountain Ave. and 4th Street, Winkler. To learn more, contact the clinic at 204-325-7323. Oraltru Denture

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**Mr. L. P. Parent,
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(denturist)**

Mr. Parent has been in practice in Manitoba with Oraltru since 1964, and received his training in Toronto and Ottawa.

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