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“Get to know your neighbours”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Mayor Martin Harder wants Winklerites to better get to know their neighbours.

That more than anything else is how our growing community will stem the tide of rising crime, Harder said in his 2016 State of the City address at the Winkler chamber’s annual general meeting on Feb. 25.

“When looking at building a community, you need more than bricks and mortar,” he said. “You need real people making a difference. That is what Winkler is known for and that is what we want to expand on.

“Today I want to ask you to pitch in to make a difference,” Harder continued. “We’re facing challenges in public safety, specifically with increased crime in past years, and that has stretched our police department to its limits.”

People are quick to blame newcomers to the community or youth for the rising crime stats, but that doesn’t hold true, Harder stressed.

In fact, police statistics show that of the 220 people fingerprinted in connection with crimes last year, only eight per cent were recent immigrants and only 35 per cent were under the age of 24.

The bulk of crimes were done by people who live outside the city—

“TODAY I WANT TO ASK YOU TO PITCH IN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
 In his State of the City address to the Winkler chamber on Feb. 25, Mayor Martin Harder urged Winklerites to be part of the solution when it comes to tackling rising crime rates.

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Busking at the Co-op

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Students from the Douglas Kuhl School of Music will be bringing music to the masses next week.

Violin, cello, and piano students from across the Morden-Winkler area will be busking at the Winkler and Morden Co-op grocery stores Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The kids are filling the store with music in the hopes of collecting donations for the Cadenza Summer Music Week camp that runs each July in Winkler.

"They'll be busking to raise money for our bursary fund, which helps makes Cadenza affordable for families," says co-director Rochelle Drudge, noting that the cost can add up for families with multiple children

involved in the arts. "It also allows students to be able to work to raise part of their own registration fees."

Helping to bolster the fundraising campaign are several local businesses—Honeycomb Health Foods, Janzen Brothers Music Company, and the Kuhl family at Southern Potato—who have agreed to match a portion of the donations raised by the buskers next weekend.

Drudge says they should have between 20-30 students of all skill levels performing both days.

The School of Music has organized busking events in the past and they've always been very well received by the general public, who usually aren't expecting to encounter an impromptu musical recital as they go about their shopping.

"You see a lot of smiles on people's



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY LAURA THIESSEN

Violin students like Luke Thiessen, Beth Giesbrecht, and Amie Drudge will be at the Co-op grocery stores in Winkler and Morden next week to perform and sell special Denman Island Chocolates in support of the Cadenza Summer Music Week camp.

faces," Drudge says. "People will stop and talk to the kids and encourage them."

Busking is a fun learning experience for the students as well, she adds.

"It's a really neat way for them to perform without kind of the recital anxiety. This is just much more informal. You just get out there and play."

A CHOCOLATE TALE

In addition to busking, the performers will also be selling organic chocolates at the Co-ops next week.

These fair-trade dark chocolates come with a bit of a back story to them, Drudge explains.

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PVHS reports on another busy year

By Lorne Stelmach

The challenge for the Pembina Valley Humane Society is keeping pace with the ever-growing demand on its services.

Accomplishing that as a non-profit agency largely reliant on volunteers and donations is a balancing act, president Cindy Kalansky said at the organization's Feb. 22 annual meeting.

"It's always a challenge to meet all of the needs that are presented to us," she said. "There's more animals out there than we can

possibly take in. There's more demands for education ... there's more events to attend. So, for us, it's managing to balance ... what's feasible, what's realistic and what can our volunteers handle at this point."

"IT'S ALWAYS A CHALLENGE TO MEET ALL OF THE NEEDS THAT ARE PRESENTED TO US."

Kalansky told a packed meeting room at the Morden Library that the board feels they made good progress in a number of areas in 2015.

In particular, they put more emphasis on community education and outreach initiatives.

"Having one and a half managers in our building has given us a bit more staffing time, so we are able to do more classroom visits and more nursing home visits and facility visits," she said. "I think that outreach is part of our mission."

Another key new initiative was the low-cost spay day offered in conjunction with the Morden and Winkler veteri-

nary clinics.

"We're going to go back and think about it and sort of analyze how we can make it better and make sure we can sustain it for the long run," said Kalansky.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

PVHS board member and fundraising co-chair Megan Rodgers presented a farewell gift to Janet Granda in recognition of her seven years of service to the board. Encouraging others to consider helping the humane society, Granda said she couldn't think of a more worthwhile organization to be involved with as a volunteer.

She noted their plan for this year is to continue with a similar program but to run it a little differently, including assessing applications to ensure it is serving people in the most need of assistance.

"To be able to launch our program

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"There's a fiddle book that Wes [Hamm] and I use to teach our students, written by a teacher in B.C., and one of the tunes in it is 'Denman Island Chocolate Stop.'"

They didn't think much of the name until a student returning from a trip to British Columbia brought back a chocolate bar as a souvenir—one with a familiar moniker on it.

"It was Denman Chocolates and I was like, 'Hey, it's actually a real place!' Drudge laughs. "And it was wonderful chocolate."

A trip out west herself brought Drudge in contact with the owner of Denman Island Chocolates, Daniel Terry, who agreed to create custom-made violin shaped treats for the Douglas Kuhl School of Music to

sell at their concerts.

"We got our first order right after Christmas," Drudge says, noting they've been offering them alongside other Denman chocolates for \$2 each. "The students are thrilled with them and we've sold a lot already."

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Hwy. 32 intersection upgrades on tap for '16

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about 60 per cent—and 20 per cent of the people arrested were repeat offenders.

Still, overall, police had to fingerprint 50 per cent more criminals than they did the year before.

"Those are staggering numbers that we need to do something about," Harder said.

The city will be hiring two new officers and also launching a paid-on-call police cadet program to free up trained officers from lesser tasks.

"With these efforts we expect to make the police force more efficient and better able to do their job," said Harder.

But adding more officers is only part of the solution.

"We will never be able to hire enough officers to process every criminal," Harder stressed.

"The answer comes back to the community and the community involvement.

"Do you recognize it when there's questionable activity going on in your community and on your street?" he asked, stressing that building community relationships helps protect us all. "In light of the increased criminal activity, it needs to be all of our concern."

Reaching people before they commit a crime is another big piece of the puzzle, which is why the city is looking at rolling out a community hub program.

"With this community hub the city creates a network of people and services that becomes an information hub that takes the problem situation and directs that issue to someone that has the expertise to help," said Harder. "The goal is to intervene early in an individual's life before the behaviour becomes a criminal act."

This should help ensure that youth and families in need are not simply falling through the cracks, he said.

GREAT STRIDES MADE

Harder's speech also touched on the City of Winkler's successes in 2015.

He said he's most proud of the many

infrastructure improvements the city completed. These include finally repaving 3rd St. South, extending both Roblin Blvd. East and Eastview Drive in the industrial park area, and creating wider, more accessible walkways all over the city.

The city also took steps towards improvements at the intersection of Hwy. 32 and Pembina Ave., starting with upgrading the culverts.

That project will come to fruition in 2016 with the installation of traffic lights, a divided median lane, and turning lanes.

"And it will all happen this summer," Harder said to applause from the crowd. "Hwy. 32 will also be microsurfaced from Hwy. 14 down to the railway tracks in order to improve that a little bit.

"There will be some inconveniences, but the short-term pain is worth the long-term gain," Harder said, noting the com-

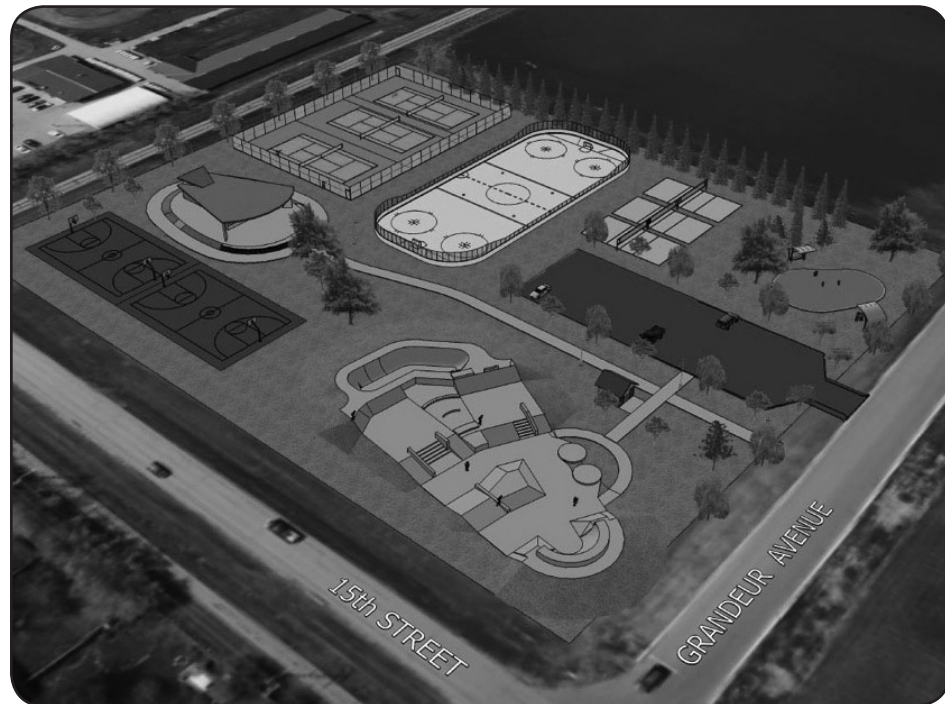
munity will be made well aware of when all this work will begin and how it will effect traffic in the area.

These upgrades bring the congested highway a few steps closer to eventual four-laning, should the province finally give that project the green light after years of lobbying from the city.

The year ahead will also see further strides made in the city's recreational offerings.

The Pine Ridge area now home to the skate park and outdoor fitness equipment will soon also include an outdoor skating rink, basketball courts,

"THERE WILL BE SOME INCONVENIENCES, BUT THE SHORT-TERM PAIN IS WORTH THE LONG-TERM GAIN."



Site plans for the Pine Ridge area call for the addition of basketball courts, tennis courts, and an outdoor hockey rink. Mayor Martin Harder says work on the expansion will get underway later this year.

and tennis courts.

"Isn't that going to be a beautiful place to just have unregulated activities?" Harder said, gesturing to the site layout plans (see photo above). "It's going to be a wonderful place as a central focus to provide entertainment in the city of Winkler."

Similarly, the mayor expects to see progress made on the long-awaited expansion to the Winkler Recreation Complex.

Concept designs for the multi-use exhibition centre have been completed and council is now moving forward on securing funding and making plans to get shovels in the ground within the next year or so.

The mayor also noted that the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre and the Buhler Active Living Centre are slated to open their doors early this year, both helping in different ways to further round out what our community has to offer.

Winkler will be undertaking its 2016

projects while also "holding the line" on taxes, Harder announced.

The city's full 2016-2017 budget will be unveiled at the council meeting next week, but Harder confirmed that in light of rising property assessments, council intends to do what it can to lessen the tax burden on residents and businesses.

"Residential taxes in 2016 will be unchanged from 2015. The business taxes in fact will be down 0.4 per cent," he said. "We're just delighted to be able to do that, to be able to hold the line and to ensure that we don't put additional burden on our business community or on our residents."

The city is, in fact, in incredibly good shape financially, the mayor said.

"As a city our reserves now exceed our debt load, having over \$9 million in reserves and just over \$6 million in debentures," he said. "Quite frankly, that feels pretty good. It puts us in an excellent position for future projects."

Morden State of the City address March 23

By Lorne Steilmach

The annual State of the City address will again be the highlight of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting March 23.

Mayor Ken Wiebe will make his sixth State of the City address since being elected to the role in 2010 and then re-elected by acclamation in 2014.

The luncheon meeting will also be a good opportunity to get up to date on the business of the chamber, said president Chad Sheldon.

"It's one of those events that has a little bit of everything," he said. "It will bring attention to the work that the chamber has been doing. It's a great opportunity as well to get the State of the City address and cover some city business at the same time.

"Aside from that ... it's a great net-

working opportunity for everybody ... whether chamber members or not."

The meeting goes from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club.

The cost is \$20 for members or \$25 for non-members. Contact the chamber at 204-822-5630 or exec-director@mordenchamber.com for more information.

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Diveritas brings Chaplin's 'Great Dictator' to Kenmor

Series to host presentations on LGBTQ, First Nations, mental illness, and feminism in 2016

By Lorne Stelmach

For a speaker series aimed at building understanding and diversity, the timing for the first event couldn't have been more challenging.

When Dr. Idris Elbakri of the Manitoba Islamic Association addressed an audience of over 160 people in Morden late last year, it came within a week of the terrorist attacks in Paris.

It made organizer Peter Cantelon wonder what they would encounter from the audience as a result, but the response went a long way to reinforce the aim of the Diversitas program.

"What we did encounter was just a phenomenally gracious group of people," Cantelon recalled, as he promoted the next Diversitas event.

"There were people who didn't pull punches on some of their questions, people who offered their own opinions ... and there were people who were adamantly at the opposite end of the spectrum as our speaker, but they stayed around afterwards to talk and engage."

The point of Diversitas is to be a platform for education and discussion, founded around a belief that the diversity of humanity makes us stronger, not weaker.

The goal isn't to tell people what or how they should think but to expose one another to the variety and diversity of people so we might gain understanding, Cantelon explained.

"The best way to approach anything is with an open mind and a willingness to communicate," he said.

The series is continuing with a free presentation of the Charlie Chaplin film *The Great Dictator* Saturday, March 12 at 2 p.m. at the Kenmor Theatre in Morden.

The American political satire written, directed, produced, scored by and starring Chaplin offered a stirring condemnation of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, fascism, anti-semitism and the Nazis at a time when the United States was not yet formally at war with Nazi Germany. Chaplin played both lead roles: a ruthless fascist dictator and a persecuted Jewish barber.

At the end of the film, Chaplin offers a very powerful message, which inspired Cantelon to want to feature it as part of Diversitas.

"The content of the speech is so relevant to what our culture and society is going through today ... just in terms

"THE BEST WAY TO APPROACH ANYTHING IS WITH AN OPEN MIND AND A WILLINGNESS TO COMMUNICATE."

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this year ... a subsidized spay-neuter program ... that's a really exciting event for us. We're working hard to make sure we can sustain that for the long run," Kalansky said.

OVER 2,000 VISITORS

The humane society last year started tracking visitors to the shelter, and about 50 per cent of over 2,000 general visitors were from Morden. Others came primarily from Winkler but also the Altona, Carman, and Manitou areas.

The shelter took in 138 new animals in 2015, including 75 cats and 63 dogs.

Where those animals come from has remained fairly consistent from 2010-2015. About 20 per cent came from the Morden-Winkler area pound, 16 per cent from Morden, nine per cent from Winkler, seven per cent from the RM of Stanley, and another seven per cent from the RM of Rhineland, which includes Gretna and Plum Coulee.

A total of 94 of those animals were spayed or neutered in the past year, with some intakes not requiring that surgery.

Total adoptions in 2015 were 68 cats and 82 dogs. Another 23 animals were placed into foster care for a total of 414 days for a variety of reasons ranging from health conditions to lack of space at the shelter.

Making all that possible were about 270 volunteers who help out every month with chores on a regular basis along with another 10 or so people who walk and exercise the animals daily.

Kalansky said building the long term sustainability of the humane society relies in large part on its financial support.

She felt the response from area municipalities to their recent presentations, which included funding requests, seemed positive.

Monthly donors is another big piece of the funding puzzle, she noted, and it's an area that did see an increase last year.

"When you work as a non-profit, you rely so much on donations that you have to sort of operate a bit on faith that people will support you and believe in the mission as much as you do," said Kalansky. "Ideally, if we could increase our monthly donor base ... that's reliable ... it's predictable income for us that we can rely on."

They are also looking to expand on their small retail component, hoping that could help further subsidize initiatives like the spay day and other programs.

"Hopefully we can get that going fairly soon and that can help offset some of our expenses," said Kalansky.

"Maintaining financial sustainability is a long term goal for us," she stressed. "We have grand ambitions ... we need to have the finances to back them all up."

As well, she added, the support of volunteers is what makes it all possible, so finding new volunteers is a big priority.

"We feel that if we can increase our volunteer base ... more hands make lighter work," said Kalansky. "That was a big challenge this last year and we're hoping to relieve some of that going into 2016 by recruiting a few more people to join us."

"There's lots of options and lots of different ways to be involved."

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Would you like some cheese with that?

I like to complain. I think it is an outlet really. It's probably why I enjoy writing editorials. Not that all editorial writers are complainers, but it is a bit of a release valve sometimes.

The good news is I am not going to complain in this editorial. I will, however, whine. I have refined the skill of whining to a fine point by this point in my life. I only uncork it on rare occasions, like a fine wine, but once uncorked we need to drink the entire bottle.

There is a difference between complaining and whining. Complaining tends to be outwardly focused. For example: "Look at how slow people drive on Stephen Street. For crying out loud, it's as if they don't realize the speed limit is 50 km/hr."

Whining, on the other hand, tends to be inwardly or self-focused. It is a "woe is me" phenomenon to whom ever will listen. One cannot indulge in whining too much or risk a reputation. Once again, like a fine wine,

whining must be doled out in small drams otherwise you will rapidly find yourself bereft of friends and companions.

Ironically, if you whine too much the people around you begin to complain. You see, there is a link between whining and complaining.

Here is a good example of whining from my life recently. First I need to set the stage:

As you know, I have been biking to work on my hipster, custom phat bike with the nice wide tires. While it is amazing on snow it is about as good on ice as anything else—that is to say, not very.

Thankfully I had avoided a full scale fall all winter until as recently as about two weeks ago when I came around a corner and had the bike vanish from beneath me. My entire weight landed on two small spots on my body: my left elbow and my left hip. Miraculously nothing broken but, wow, the elbow has basically been a screaming bit of pain ever since.

Of course, I had to whine about this. But, given it was a once-in-a-winter scenario, it was less a whine and more of a "can you believe I've ridden my bike all winter and only managed to fall once" sort of brag with a small dollop of "but holy crap does my elbow hurt" thrown in.

It was not until the next day's incident that I was able to graduate to full blown whining mode.

I went to a blood donor clinic and managed to get as nurse who didn't

like needles. I thought this was odd for a blood donor clinic and if I had paid closer attention I might have heard the alarm bells going off in the background, but I was too caught up in trying to appear brave and missed them.

They asked which arm I wanted done, to which I cavalierly said it didn't matter and so they went about preparing my injured limb.

She spent a few minutes doing everything she could to get my veins to bulge as much as possible. My arm was wrapped so tight in the blood pressure cuff I kept checking to see if my fingers were turning black. Once she was satisfied with the vein's exposure she gently placed the needle next to it and then she somehow managed to ram the entire thing in with great force such that I almost leaped from the chair.

"Are you okay?" she asked.

"Oh yeah, I'm fine, why do you ask?" I stammered.

Within an hour the inside of my left arm was an ugly yellow and felt like it had been stomped on while the elbow continued to scream.

For a week I couldn't move the arm in any direction without pain and I made sure everyone around me knew about it: coworkers, family members, friends ... all were saturated with the whining (and now you).

Aren't you glad I decided not to complain in this editorial? Just a little whine? We'll have to save the cheese for another time.



By Peter Cantelon

Sharing ideas, fostering dialogue

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of the global struggle with how to respond in a humanitarian way to the refugee crisis that's happening all over the world," he said.

"He had a great insight because this was written prior to World War Two. His commentary was so biting ... his fears and concerns about what could happen were so accurate. This was his big warning to people ... that you have to be careful to hold on to

your humanity.

"And that's a message we actually need to hear again today. The same kind of rhetoric we're hearing today was fairly evident back then."

Cantelon said they have more events planned for 2016, though dates and speakers are still being finalized.

Up first will be Jonathan Niemczak, president of Pride Winnipeg, speaking May 14 on the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or questioning)

community.

Other subjects tentatively include First Nations in July, mental illness in September, and feminism and women in November.

Cantelon stressed their hope is these events will all help inform people in an environment without judgement.

"You can actually have a dialogue with people you may completely disagree with, but it can be polite and it can be illuminating."

Police get \$14K in cocaine off the streets

Winkler Police got over \$14,000 worth of cocaine off the streets last week.

Following a months-long investigation into a known Winkler drug dealer, officers pulled over a vehicle with two occupants in it as it was leaving the city late on Feb. 25.

Seized from the vehicle was three grams of cocaine and one hundred dollars in cash.

The next morning police executed a search warrant at the home of the vehicle's passenger where they found approximately 80 grams of cocaine with a street value of about \$14,000. Also seized were several cell phones, a weigh scale and other drugs.

Joseph Kenneth Johnston, age 24, has been charged for Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, Breaching a Recognizance with a condition to reside at a specific address, and Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking.

Johnston has been remanded into custody and transported to the Winnipeg Remand Centre to await a court appearance.



WINKLER POLICE PHOTO

A drug bust by Winkler Police last week resulted in \$14,000 in cocaine being confiscated, along with drug money and other drug paraphernalia.

Stanley holding the line on taxes for 2016/17

By Lorne Stelmach

A municipal budget that increases just 3.3 per cent this year to \$6.5 million offers good news and bad news.

The good news is the Rural Municipality of Stanley is aiming to hold the line on spending and the mill rate used to set the tax bills will decrease for 2016.

The bad news, though, is the province-wide reassessment of property values will especially impact farmland.

"Nobody likes to pay more in taxes ... we already pay enough for the most part," said Reeve Morris Olafson as Stanley council introduced its 2016 financial plan Feb. 25.

The provincial reassessment is hitting farmland hardest with a 33.6 per cent increase, while residential and commercial assessments have risen about 12 per cent.

Balancing that out to varying degrees is that the mill rate decreased from 11.66 to 9.96 for a 14 per cent reduction.

The bottom line, then, is most residential property owners in Stanley could be paying less in taxes, while farmland owners will likely be shelling out more.

Eighty acres of farmland seeing its assessment jump from \$350,000 to \$467,600 will have its tax bill increase by 13.8 per cent from \$1,389 to \$1,580 after the 80 per cent farmland tax rebate.

A residential property with an assessment increase from \$250,000 to \$280,000 will be paying about seven per cent less in taxes.

Olafson noted the reassessment was even impacting the fire service agreements with Morden and Winkler since the payment formula takes into account assessments.

"All of a sudden, we got caught with a \$54,000 increase for fire protection for this year because of the way it is funded."

Olafson said council aimed to limit their spending increases as much as possible with this budget.

"Our programming has stayed much the same. We're still going ahead with the paving programs and our road programs," he said. "It all stays about the same. We're

lucky that fuel costs have gone down. "Overall, it's pretty tight. I don't think we've got too much fluff in there," he added. "Our re-

serves are at an adequate level. We still have to

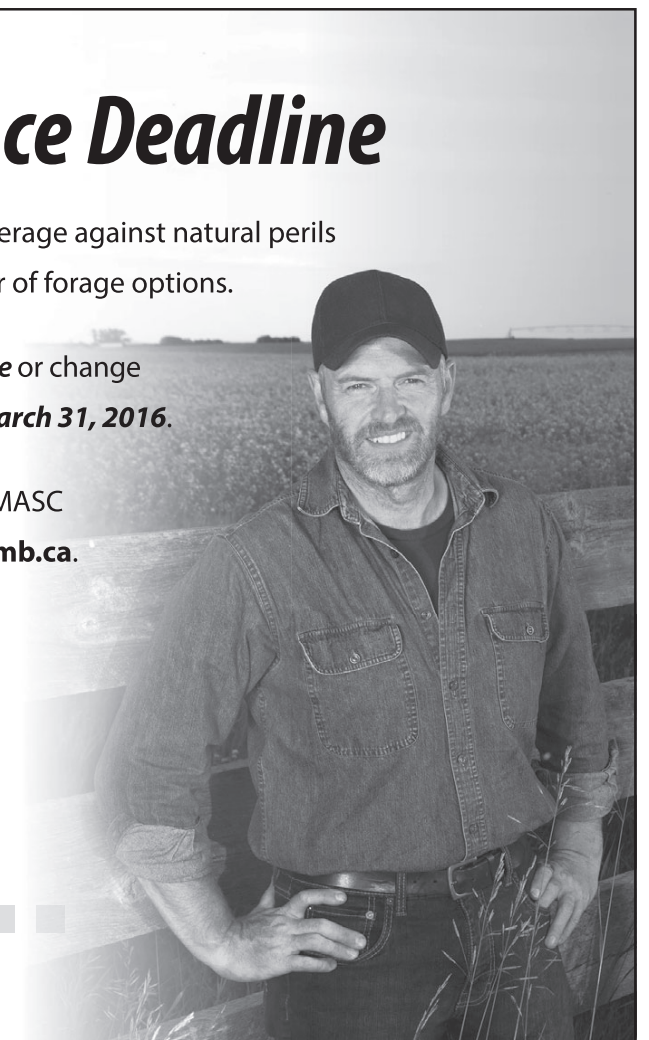
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Mill rate to decrease in GVSD 2016-17 budget

By Ashleigh Viveiros

While rising property assessments means your tax bill may be going up overall this year, most people will actually see the education tax portion of their bill go down slightly.

Garden Valley School Division presented its preliminary 2016-2017 operating budget at a public meeting at Parkland School Feb. 24.

The school board is looking at approving an approximately \$46.7 million budget, which is up \$1.4 million from the current school year.

With residential, commercial, and especially agricultural property assessments up, on average, 17.80 per cent in the division's catchment area, the board hopes to ease the burden on taxpayers by lowering the mill rate to 16.12 from 18.05 and taking in the same amount of local funding as they did last year.

Crunching the numbers, for a homeowner with a house assessed at \$250,000, education taxes will drop from \$2,030 to \$2,018. A business assessed at \$500,000 will pay \$2,422 instead of \$2,436.

Farmland has seen the greatest assessment increases, which means a farm valued at \$1.2 million will pay \$6,360 in education taxes—an increase of over \$1,100 from the year before.

The mill rate will give the division just over \$15 million in local funds, with the remainder coming from the province and other revenue sources.

They plan to use that money responsibly, said board chair Laurie Dyck.

"We're not about robbing people's pockets," she said in explaining the decision to drop the mill rate. "Our surplus can only be so and so big and what we spend on our office admin, there's a certain percentage [we can be at] ... and we're within that.

"To collect money ... because we can collect money and then just start doing things, that isn't responsible," Dyck added. "I think our constituents have asked us to be wise and spend accordingly."

Guiding the spending decisions is GVSD's strategic plan, Dyck said.

"We need to put money and other resources into that plan to make that work, because what's the point of strategic planning if you're not going to support it?" she said.

Literacy has been a focus at the K-3

level for the last few years with great results. The recently released Gr. 3 assessments show that 67 per cent of GVSD students are meeting reading expectations—well over the provincial average of 58 per cent and a jump from the 53 per cent of four years ago.

"It is really good news because it affirms that the money and time and energy that we've been putting into stuff ... the payoff, we're seeing it," Dyck said.

Now they're expanding the scope of the literacy initiative to include older grades and are also introducing new numeracy initiatives with a goal of improving those scores as well.

Related budget items being considered include spending \$179,100 on literacy, including expanding the Gr. 4 classroom libraries, hiring a coordinator to get the middle years literacy program underway, and teacher training for the high school literacy initiative. The board is also budgeting \$98,500 for the new math competency initiative.

Beyond that, other budget considerations include \$180,000 for information technology equipment upgrades; \$500,000 for new buses; \$150,000 to maintenance services for new vehicles, a fire alarm upgrade at Winkler Elementary School, and doorway accessibility improvements; and \$22,000 in support of the Winkler Family Resource Centre and the Imagination Library program.

The division also hopes to upgrade the staff and teacher work rooms at Parkland and J.R. Walkof schools as well as interior renovations to W.E.S. The costs of those projects are still undetermined.

"If you leave something too long ... it becomes a bigger fix," Dyck noted. "And we want all of our kids to feel good about their school, and our staff, too."



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Garden Valley School Division superintendent Vern Reimer and board chair Laurie Dyck at last week's public budget consultation meeting.

NEW SCHOOL NEEDED

Garden Valley is projecting an enrolment drop of 27 students for 2016/17, bringing the total student population to 4,347.

While that does have an impact on provincial funding, being such a slight drop, it won't mean much when it comes to crowding in our schools.

Coupled with the province's 20K3 initiative—which sets a goal of having K-3 classes with no more than 20 students by 2017—it's clear Garden Valley desperately needs a new school.

"A new school eliminates the need for permanent construction additions at both J.R. Walkof and Parkland," said superintendent Vern Reimer.

A new school would also eliminate the need for six more portable classrooms at J.R. Walkof, Winkler Elementary, and Parkland schools to meet the 20K3 goals, he said, noting those schools already have over 20 portables between them, with little or no space for more.

GVSD had originally been looking at the proposed Pine Ridge area school being a middle years school, but have since changed it to a K-8 fa-

cility.

They had also hoped to have it up and running by 2017, but that date keeps changing as they await provincial approval, for which they've been lobbying for several years now.

"It's about a two year turnaround from announcement" to opening day, Dyck said. "We want to stay on top of it, we want to be intentional, especially with the 20K3 thing—we can't do it without getting physical space."

The division has already put away \$200,000 towards the Pine Ridge school, but when it is approved it will cost closer to \$500,000 in local funds.

The school board's finance committee was slated to meet earlier this week to discuss feedback received on the proposed budget. The budget will receive final approval at the March 8 board meeting.

Dyck encourages anyone who missed last week's public meeting but still wants to weigh in on the budget to contact the division as soon as possible.

"Get ahold of us. Our phone numbers and emails are all on the school division website. We'd love to hear from people."

La du Bonnet woman killed in Hwy. 3 crash

A 26-year-old woman from Lac du Bonnet was killed in a head-on collision near Sperling last week.

Carman RCMP report that on Feb. 24 around 9 p.m. a southbound van on Hwy. 3 collided head-on with another van in the northbound lane.

The southbound driver was pronounced dead at the scene. The adult male driver of the northbound van was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The young male passenger in his vehicle was also transported to hospital

with minor injuries.

A traffic analyst attended the scene and is assisting the ongoing investigation.

No further details were made available. The woman's name was not released.



Leaders of tomorrow showcase their skills

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The leaders of tomorrow shared their burgeoning skills with the community during Border Valley School's first annual Leadership Day last Friday.

Parents and community leaders were invited to the Reinland school to hear how the Leader in Me program is giving students the tools to reach their full potential.

The program utilizes the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" outlined in author Stephen Covey's book of the same name.

The habits include being proactive, having a plan, putting first things first (work before play), thinking win-win (positive solutions for everyone), seeking first to understand and then to be understood (listening before you talk), synergize (working with others), and sharpening the saw (taking proper care of oneself).

"This is our first year we've done a Leadership Day, but we've been doing this program for eight years now," said principal Renae Hildebrand.

Hildebrand started using the program's guidelines in her own classroom, and it quickly spread from there.

"Other teachers started to notice the difference in the students I was teaching and so they took it on, and now it's a school-wide thing," she said.

"We start very small: reading one habit a day and then incorporating it into our everyday life," Hildebrand explained. "So if you're doing a novel study, how did this character show win-win or how was this char-

acter proactive? Just incorporating the language every day, making it second nature."

The kids also get the chance to actively foster these habits by taking part in one of the school's many leadership groups, each of which is responsible for various tasks.

Some kids help shovel snow or volunteer in the office, others clean out the recycling bins, mentor younger students, or assist in the school library, to name just a few of the roles.

"When kids don't have jobs in the school to do, they don't necessarily feel they have ownership of the

school," Hildebrand said. "Our students have that ownership."

In addition to giving back to their school, the leadership groups give the students an opportunity to have a say in how things are done at Border Valley.

"They love it when we listen to their ideas and are able to implement their ideas. They tell me they feel like they're valued, like their voices are heard," Hildebrand said. "It brings out confidence, it brings out courage, it brings out their strengths ... and it shows them that every single person is very important."

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Left: Students Katelyn Ens and Lexie Fehr are proud to be leaders of the Border Valley School's Girls Time Out group, which helps students build confidence and self-esteem. Above: John Krahn and Graham Thiessen signed-up to help shovel snow on the school grounds.

'EVERYONE BENEFITS'

The students took the lead during Leadership Day, greeting and guiding guests as they arrived, presenting at an hour-long assembly and fielding questions at the job stations afterwards, and hosting a luncheon for select guests.

"Almost everyone in our school has a leadership role ... everyone in the school benefits from the work that we do," explained Gr. 7 student Emily Klassen, who works as a junior secretary a few hours a week. "I am

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put in enough for machinery reserve and that type of thing. I always want to have a little surplus if we can at the end of the year because reserves always need replenishing."

Taxes provide 79 per cent of the revenues for the RM of Stanley. The remaining 21 per cent come from other sources, including provincial and federal government funding.

Close to half of the expenditures are devoted to road work and other transportation services, which has a budget of about \$2.9 million—about a one per cent decrease from 2015.

General government services, which includes such costs as staffing, take up about 14 per cent of the budget with a one per cent increase to \$920,000 for 2016.

Another 14 per cent is money going into reserve funds, representing a 10 per cent increase to \$886,000,

and nine per cent for protective services, a 10 per cent increase to \$619,000.

Other lesser areas of spending include a 5.2 per cent increase for fiscal services to \$574,000, no increase for public health at \$176,000, and a 4.1 per cent increase for recreation and culture to \$147,000.

Municipal contributions to other projects and organizations include \$100,000 towards the new Tabor Home (fourth year of a \$500,000 five year commitment), \$24,000 to the Buhler Active Living Centre (fourth year of a \$120,000 commitment), \$73,000 to the South Central Regional Library, \$42,000 to the Pembina Valley Conservation District, \$35,000 to the Dr. C.W. Wiebe Medical Clinic, and \$15,000 to the Agassiz Medical Centre.

Some of the municipality's priori-

ties for 2016 include sewer and water upgrades for Stanley Park, road paving in Reinfeld and restoration work on the Reinland drain along with the usual road maintenance as well as drainage, weed control, and dust proofing work.

"There's no extra sidewalks or anything like that going in this year ... so the rest of it's basically maintenance, that's our big push for this year," said Olafson, other than the road paving in Reinfeld. "Which is a continuation of what we did last year, and we've got about a 90 per cent acceptance rate ... so that's going to go ahead.

"That will take up three weeks, four weeks of our staff time during the summer for that project. So that takes away a little bit from other programs."

Year of growth for Winkler chamber

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce reported on another successful year at its annual general meeting Feb. 25.

President Ryan Hildebrand said they continued to grow the chamber membership in 2015, adding about a dozen new businesses for a total of 280 members, and they expect to see further growth in 2016.

"I think we provide a lot of value to our members through the different events that we hold, the networking things that we put on," he said. "That's really something that we

want to focus on for this coming year is getting Tanya [Chateaufneuf] more out into the community and really connecting with more of the businesses so we can show them the value that we do bring."

Last year marked Chateaufneuf's first full year as the organization's executive director, and Hildebrand said they're quite happy with the work

she's accomplished as she's settled into the position.

"We've been very pleased with how Tanya's been really stepping into the role. She's had a really good year and so we've had a really good year. We're hoping to build off of this last year into the next year."

Highlights from 2015 include the Small Business Luncheon in October where several companies shared their success stories, hosting a number of lunchtime learning workshops on a variety of business topics, the P.W. Enns Business Awards gala featuring as guest speaker Arlene Dickinson, and the inaugural year of the Elf on the Shelf shopping promotion.

Looking ahead to 2016, Hildebrand said it will be very much more of the same, starting with a lunch and learn on transformational conflict on March 9 and the awards gala on April 21.

That gala will distribute awards to Chad's Auto Repair, Charley B's Classic Grill and Ice Cream Parlour, Icon Technologies, Shoppers Drug Mart,

"WE'RE HOPING TO BUILD OFF OF THIS LAST YEAR INTO THE NEXT."



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Winkler chamber president Ryan Hildebrand said the organization had a solid year in 2015 and they expect more of the same in 2016.

and the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

"It's encouraging to see some of the smaller businesses, the ones just starting out, see them get nominated for an award," Hildebrand said, noting the award winners, no matter how long they've been in the community, always serve as examples to other entrepreneurs. "There's lots of businesses people may not know about and so this is one way we can put that business out there and say, 'Look at this one. This business has been nominated by its own community, by other businesses for great work.' It's something to aspire to."

This year's gala guest speaker is for-

mer professional hockey player Clint Malarchuk, who will share his struggles with mental illness.

"We're really excited for the gala on the 21st and for me, personally, I'm quite excited that it's going to have more of a mental health focus, Hildebrand said. "Mental health is huge in the business community and the business world and there's lots of stats out there about how much time is missed ... it has an impact in the billions."

Tickets to the gala are available by contacting the chamber at 204-325-9758 or online at winklerchamber.com.

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swer phone calls and do work such as putting newsletters together and covering books. I like working as junior secretary because I get to help people with different needs they have.

"My leadership role has helped me become a better leader," she said. "I have always wanted to take charge of things I feel passionate about."

Gr. 8 student Lexie Fehr, who helps run the school's Girls Time Out events and also mentors younger students, says her involvement will hold her in good stead in the future.

"I believe that being a leader in this school will help me because I will have more confidence in what I do," she said. "Our school practices the seven habits and I think that in high school and even after high school that these will help me keep track of my work, my life, and my

priorities."

A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

The school wrapped up Leadership Day with a special treat for the kids: a performance from children's entertainer Fred Penner.

Just before singing hits such as "Sandwiches are Beautiful" and "The Cat Came Back," Penner reflected on what he'd seen at the school that day.

"It's perfect," he said of the Leader in Me program. "I think it's critical, having a framework for everybody in the school—from principal down to the entire student population—to understand what it is to be in a learning environment, what it is to grow and develop, and what are the characteristics that you need to nurture in the child in those critical formative years that will carry through with them."



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Fred Penner performed a special concert for the kids at Border Valley School as part of the Leadership Day festivities.

arts & culture

The Color kicks off busy 2016 on a high note

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As far as good ways to kick off a new year go, getting the chance to perform with a Christian music icon has to be pretty high up there on the list.

For the members of The Color, it was just one highlight of many from their recent trip to Nashville to write and record new music.

The Winkler-based group—made up of James Shiels, Jordan Janzen, Larry Abrams, and Tyson Unrau—headed south for three weeks in January to record at the legendary Castle Studios.

It was there they were invited to provide backup vocals for multiple Grammy and Dove award winner Michael W. Smith.

“That was amazing ... I grew up listening to his tapes,” says Shiels, who adds that their trips to Nashville (this was lucky number seven) always give

the group a valuable opportunity to network with the movers and shakers in the Christian music industry, including personal heroes like Smith.

“What Nashville is to country music, it is to Christian music as well. There’s just a lot of really talented people who work in the industry

there,” he says. “We always want to take our music to another level, we always want to continue growing, and we know there’s so much to learn from people, so we figure if a lot of them are doing it there, that’s where we want to be.

“It’s interesting being able to meet them and having us see us as peers, more,” Shiels adds of getting to collaborate with musicians they’ve long looked up to. “We’re still kind of losing our minds sometimes, but we try to play it cool.”

The Smith connection came about when The Color were working with

“WE WANT THE MESSAGE TO BE SOMETHING THAT CAN IMPACT PEOPLE ...”



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James Shiels, Jordan Janzen, and Larry Abrams of The Color with Christian music legend Michael W. Smith during a recent trip to Nashville. The Winkler-based group got the chance to perform background vocals for Smith’s new album.

producer and musician Seth Mosley, another Grammy winner.

“He was recording a song for Michael W. Smith and they needed some background singers and he said, ‘Hey, I got these guys in the studio right now, I’ll see if they’ll stick around.’”

Stick around they did, getting the chance to chat with Smith in between

laying down tracks.

“He’s actually at the tail end of a six month sabbatical, so he was just super fresh, he had a lot to offer,” Shiels says. “He shared a lot of stories and it was just really cool. He said that we sang great, so we took that. It was just

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Morden Festival of the Arts starts next week

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Festival of the Arts is gearing up for its 41st season of celebrating the arts next week.

There will be 545 entries in the 2016 festival. With an entry being a solo performance, duet, trio, ensemble, small group, classroom choir or even a full band, the event involves a large number of the community’s youth, noted organizer Marlene Britton.

“Our numbers are pretty consistent with last year overall, maybe down a little bit,” she said. “We didn’t have band last year but even so had 531 entries.”

The festival provides a venue for student performance, instruction, and adjudication in the areas of band, strings, vocal and choral,

French and English speech arts, and piano

The aim is to foster and promote continued interest, growth and development of talent within the arts.

In order to encourage the participation of as many youth as possible, the festival tries to keep entry fees low while still maintaining its financial stability.

All festival sessions are open to the public. Admission is free for children and just \$2 for adults.

The festival begins with the first band session Thursday, March 10 in Morden Collegiate band room. The morning session starts at 9 a.m. and features the Gr. 9, Gr. 10, and senior concert bands. The afternoon begins at 1:10 p.m. with the Gr. 8 and Gr. 7 concert bands.

The adjudicator for the session is Kevin Doell, who received his Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education from Brandon University in 1992 and currently works in the Sunrise School Division as the divisional music consultant and as principal of Springfield Middle School.

The festival’s spring schedule continues with:

- Strings: March 13-15 at the Morden Church of God.
- Sacred evening: March 20 at the Christ Lutheran Church.
- Piano: March 21-22 at the Christ Lutheran Church.
- Vocal: April 13 at the Christ Lutheran Church.
- Choral: April 14 at the École Morden Middle School music room.
- Speech Arts: April 26-27 at the

Morden Alliance Church.

- Hi-Lites Concert: May 1 at the Morden Alliance Church.

Festival programs containing the complete schedule, adjudicator biographies, and other information will be available at Thornview Grocery, Pharmasave, Morden Library, and Janzen Brothers Music in Winkler for \$4.

If you would like to support the festival financially, send your donations to the Morden Festival of the Arts at Box 493, Morden, MB, R6M 1A5.

Anyone interested in assisting at individual sessions can contact Britton at 204-822-5794.

Learn more about the festival online at www.mordenfestivalofthearts.cfsites.org.

Doc Walker to perform benefit concert April 8

Funds going to support Donate Love

By Lorne Stelmach

It was an offer that was hard to refuse when Darren Klassen was approached about having one of the most recognizable names in Canadian country music come to town.

Not only did Doc Walker want to perform here in Morden, but they wanted to do so to benefit a worthy cause, as well.

"They wanted their tour to support community organizations in smaller towns and wondered if I would be interested in promoting one in the Morden area. They threw some numbers at me that I just couldn't refuse," said Klassen, whose Dead Horse Entertainment is promoting the April 8 concert to benefit Donate Love.

Donate Love is a nonprofit organization that provides food, clothing, and other essentials in times of need.

It is so far building relationships with over 150 families in the Morden, Darlingford, Miami, and Manitou areas and connecting them to other resources available in the area.

"I think they are a great organization," Klassen said, adding that he likes that Donate Love "doesn't necessarily ask questions when people are in tough situations."

"I think that is a great thing to have in the community. I think there is a need in our area ... for connecting with families or single parents who need those services and resources."

With over 20 top 10 singles, Doc Walker is one of the top Canadian country acts of the past two decades.

The group has received multiple Canadian Country Music Awards including fans choice, group or duo of the year, CMT video of the year, single of the year, and country music program or special of the year.

In addition, Doc Walker has been nominated for several Juno Awards for Country Album of the Year, including a win in 2009 for the album Beautiful Life.

Their most recent release, *The 8th*, received the 2015 Manitoba Country Music Award for country album of the year.



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Award-winning country artists Doc Walker perform at the Access Event Centre in Morden next month to raise funds for Donate Love.

Doc Walker will perform Friday, April 8 at 8 p.m. at the Access Event Centre.

Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door and are available at Janzen

Brothers Music in Winkler and Computer Remedies in Morden or online through Dead Horse Entertainment.

Mosasaur March at CFDC

Free admission for Morden residents

By Lorne Stelmach

If you haven't been to the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre recently, consider marching into the Morden star attraction this month.

The CFDC is holding its third annual Mosasaur March where there will be free admission to Morden residents for the entire month.

It is one way for the museum to say thanks and give back to the community that supports it, said executive director Peter Cantelon.

"There's obvious advantages to us just in terms of getting more people into the museum," he said. "Our pri-

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Lancelot Friesen and Heidi Nickel as the Thénardiens, Selena Wall as Cosette, and Mark Friesen as Jean Valjean are among a cast of over 30 bringing *Les Misérables* to the stage at NPC next week. Left: Friesen belts out one of the musical's many iconic numbers during rehearsal last week.

NPC brings *Les Misérables* to the stage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's going to go down as the very first musical ever at Northlands Parkway Collegiate, so the school's drama department figured they may as well set the bar high.

The Winkler high school is bringing *Les Misérables: School Edition* to the stage next week.

Les Mis is one of the most popular and longest-running musicals in the world, and though the school version is somewhat shorter than the usual three hour runtime, it still includes all the songs fans know and love, says director Karen Giesbrecht.

"It's a two hour, 20 minute version. They just shortened some songs, abridged some scenes, but all the favourites are there."

Giesbrecht says the sung-through musical—there is next to no spoken dialogue—brings with it a host of challenges, but the students are rising to them.

"There were strong singers both in the senior years and we had some really strong singers coming through in Gr. 10 and so I knew if they stepped forward they could do it," she says. "The music's spectacular. The kids are rising to the occasion and they're starting to set the bar high for each

other."

For the uninitiated, *Les Mis* recounts the struggle against adversity in 19th century France, following the petty thief and eventual fugitive Jean Valjean and his quest for redemption.

It includes hit musical numbers such as "I Dreamed a Dream," "Do You Hear the People Sing?," "On My Own," and many more.

Mark Friesen, who plays Valjean, says the production includes everything you could want from a stage show.

"It's exciting. There's lots of action but there's also lots of love and drama. It's got pretty much everything."

The story is also sure to tug at your heart strings, notes Lancelot Friesen, who plays the comedic villain Monsieur Thénardier.

"If you really pay attention to the music, you're really going to get emotionally involved in the musical," he says.

"The story's fantastic," agrees Noah Olfert, who plays Grantaire, one of the young men calling for revolution. "There's so much and so many different ways to look at it ... there's a lot of parts that will make you laugh, will make you cry. It's really good."

The show runs in the NPC gymnasium March 9-12 at 7 p.m. nightly.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10

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- Snoring
- Pauses in breathing at night
- Gasping or choking during sleep
- High blood pressure
- Large neck size
- Being overweight

What is Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)?
Obstructive sleep apnea occurs when breathing repeatedly stops and starts during sleep, due to the collapse of tissues in the upper airway. When you don't breathe your body and brain do not get enough oxygen. Even short breathing pauses can build into large problems. Most sufferers don't know they have a problem and because everybody reacts differently, it is often overlooked. Research indicates that sleep apnea may have direct links to high blood pressure and diabetes.

Most cases of OSA remain undiagnosed, so sufferers needlessly endure symptoms and unfortunately increase their risk of serious health issues such as stroke and heart failure. In most cases, the bed partner often recognizes the problem first.

OSA affects men, women and even some children, and it may run in families. Up to 65% of people snore

- 9% of middle-age women suffer from OSA
- 24% of middle-age men suffer from OSA
- 77% of people who are overweight have OSA
- 35% of people with high blood pressure have OSA
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Fossil museum showing Jurassic World March 19

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mary purpose, though, is to recognize the contribution that residents give to us through the tax dollars that pay for the operating funding that the city provides to us."

In order to get your free admission, you just need to provide proof of address in the form of a driver's license or utility bill. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by adults when visiting the museum.

FEATURE FILMS

An additional feature to lure you to the facility in the lower level of the Access Event Centre is a new program called Toonie Movies.

Feature films will be presented in the Aquasaur Theatre starting with *Jurassic World* Saturday, March 19 at 2 p.m.

The admission is only \$2 for all ages, or free with the price of museum admission.

Cantelon said movies at the museum gives them a chance to broaden their audience and expose even more

people to the world-class fossil collection.

"We're hoping to have a movie a month," he said, noting the theatre has high-def quality picture and an upgraded sound system.

"As a non-profit charitable organization, we qualify for a particular type of licence to be able to show major motion pictures," he added.

They will feature films that have some connec-

tion to what they do and what they feature at the CFDC.

"Anything that in any way has some overlap with our collection," said Cantelon. "We have this fantastic theatre, and we want to really maximize its usage. The sound is great in there, and we've actually been improving it even more this year by adding some speakers."

> THE COLOR, FROM PG. 11

a really random but cool experience."

It also capped off a hugely successful couple of weeks for the group, who wrote and recorded seven songs down south.

"We're really excited about them. We think it's the best work we've done yet," says Shiels. "Hopefully we'll start to be able to show some of that work in fall."

The Color certainly won't be sitting on their laurels between now and then. They expect to play 120 shows across the country this year, starting off with a 17-city tour with Dan Bremnes in March and April.

The *Where the Light Is* tour is a big step for the group, Shiels says.

"It's actually our first tour with a major signed recording artist. It's going to be great exposure. Here in Manitoba we're pretty well known by people, but as we go out west, specifically Alberta and B.C., it's going to be great exposure to be able to play with him."

The tour makes several stops in southern Manitoba, including in Winkler March 18.

"We're always excited when we get to bring what we're doing to our hometown and southern Manitoba as a whole," Shiels says. "We're just so thankful to be from this community. The more we dive into the music realm ... the more we realize how special the Pembina Valley is."

Aside from getting the chance to get their music out to a new group of fans, the tour will also show the band how they measure up as performers.

"I think it will be a good learning experience seeing how we match up to a major label artist which, I mean, it's our goal," Shiels says, noting that they've been working independently since they started four years ago, though they have been in talks with several labels in recent months. "Whether we're with a label or not, we want to be able to put out a product ... that matches up with that standard."

As The Color's reach continues to grow, the group's focus remains the same: music with a message.

"We want the message to be something that can impact people, that can really meet people in the day-to-day situations that they're in," says Shiels. "That's something that we feel like our music has really started to accomplish on a much greater level."

For tickets to the upcoming show or more information on The Color, check them out at thecoloronline.com

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PVPC winter picnic speaker to address China's one-child policy

By Lorne Stelmach

Bessie Xu grew up in China under the one child policy.

Her experiences in her native land have obviously greatly influenced her life, which eventually led to her moving to Canada.

The Winkler resident will share her perspective as well as how the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre was able to help her in her time of need at the organization's annual winter picnic next week.

"People can hear about these issues from a broader perspective," said executive director Linda Marek in advance of the sixth winter picnic fundraiser taking place on Saturday, March 12.

"Most importantly, we want people to learn about pregnancy care and

ways they can support the centre."

The fundraising goal for this year is \$10,000, Marek noted, and she said it is financial assistance that is very much needed right now.

"With moving and renovations over the past few years, we have found ourselves in a deficit position at the end of 2015," she said, "so we are hoping to make up that difference with our banquet."

Helping make the event possible thanks to donations of food and beverages is the Winkler Co-op, Thousand Hills Ranch, Coffee Culture in Morden, and Kroeker Farms.

Tickets are free, but people are asked to call 204-325-7900 to reserve space. It takes place at the Westside Community Church in Morden starting at 6 p.m.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Winkler's Bessie Xu is the guest speaker for the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre's winter picnic next week.

• WINKLER CITY COUNCIL

City extends contract with Penner Waste to 2018

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler is continuing with local firm Penner Waste for at least the next three years for waste, recycling, and compost collection.

At the Feb. 23 council meeting, the city's current contract with the company covering to the end of 2015 was extended to 2018 with a few additions and revisions.

Mayor Martin Harder said they were able "to make some alterations depending on how we wanted to pursue the collection of waste in our industrial parks and commercial units.

"We've changed a few things on it, but we're just kind of revising the existing contract and renewed it for another three years."

Harder said there were mostly minor changes to the existing services, including switching to new compostable bags for compost collection.

"We were collecting it in plastic bags or whatever else ... and having to de-bag everything was a lot of work. So now with compostable bags that is no longer going to be an issue."

As a result of that change, the contract cost of about \$383,000 for the year will increase by an as-yet unspecified amount in April when the newer services come into effect.

Meanwhile, council also approved two rezonings at the meeting.

One bylaw rezones land at the site of the former utilities building from residential mobile home to institutional to pave the way for the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.

A second bylaw rezones a section of land east of Eastview and north of Pembina from community reserve to

industrial to allow for further industrial expansion.

Council members have also had discussion about issues related to development in the downtown area.

The planning committee came up with a list of ideas at its Feb. 11 meeting, including:

- More clearly defining the downtown area, possibly by designating an area taking in Third St. to 7th St. from Pembina Avenue to North Railway.
- Considering tax incentives.
- Assessing the capacity for further development in terms of fire and util-

ity services.

- Considering what type of amenities are needed such as gathering spots and making it accessible.

- Considering what type of industry if any should be in the downtown area.

The idea of hiring someone from outside the area to help with the downtown planning was also raised.

In the end, the planning department was given direction by council to start work on fleshing out these conceptual ideas.

Stanley hopes to improve Schanzenfeld corner

By Lorne Stelmach

The Rural Municipality of Stanley is optimistic the province will give the go-ahead to improve a busy and dangerous highway intersection.

Reeve Morris Olafson said at the Feb. 25 meeting of Stanley council that the Manitoba Highways department would be meeting with them in the near future about the Hwy. 32 intersection near the village of Schanzenfeld.

"It's a really busy, bad corner. We've been lobbying them to get turning

lanes or lights," said Olafson. "We had a meeting with them about two months ago. And now they've actually requested a meeting with us again, which is promising.

"We're not sure what would transpire, but we know we have to do something there. This is one area which would really benefit from some change."

Olafson suggested the improvements to the intersection ideally would include turning lanes similar to what was done at the Jordan Corner south of Carman.

"It's been a long term project ... and we're hoping we can make some kind of a deal with them," he said, noting council anticipates it would be cost-shared in some shape or form.

"It's always a trade-off. They will give us something if we give them something back," said Olafson, adding they are hopeful work could be started this year.

"We're trying to do our part in the RM to expedite this. If it costs us a few dollars, so be it."

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Redskins, Beavers take 2-0 series leads

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins were off to a good start in their attempt to oust the Altona Maroons from the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League playoffs last week.

Morden took the first two games in the best-of-seven semi-finals, which continued with games this Tuesday and Thursday.

The Redskins thoroughly embarrassed the Maroons on their own home ice on Feb. 25.

That game saw Morden do all the scoring, courtesy of Matthew Sibbald and Clint Olson in the first period and Keith Bially in the third on an empty net.

Reed Peters got the 3-0 win in net, denying all 34 of Altona's shots as the home team outshot Morden 34-27.

At home in Morden on Saturday, the Redskins treated fans to a 5-2 victory.

The first period's goals were all scored in a thrilling two minute stretch mid-period that saw Chris



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Redskins handed the visiting Altona Maroons their second loss in a row in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League semi-finals on Saturday. Morden got the win 5-2, following up a 3-0 win Feb. 25.

Reimer and Blake Hartry get the ball rolling for Morden with goals at 8:42 and 9:19 and Altona responding with a shorthander at 10:52.

Altona managed one more in the second period, but it was sandwiched between Morden goals from Jay Fehr and Olson, giving the Redskins a 4-2 lead heading into the final period.

There, Tyler Groening made the most of an empty net in the final minute to cement the win.

Peters guarded Morden's net once again this game, making 30 saves as Morden outshot Altona 34-32.

Game four happens in Morden on Thursday at 8 p.m. If Altona manages to tie things up, game five will be back

on their home turf Saturday, game six back in Morden next Tuesday, and game seven in Altona March 10.

In the league's other semi-final series, the Carman Beavers are up 2-0 over the Portage Islanders, with games also continuing through this week.

Flyers fall to, get revenge on Oil Caps

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers had a pair of pitched battles against the Virten Oil Capitals last weekend, with both teams failing to win on home ice.

Virten started it on Friday in Winkler, showing up the Flyers 4-3 in front of a packed house of local fans.

Outshooting Winkler 9-2 in the opening frame, Virten managed to get the period's only goal past the

Flyers' Nathan Warren late in the period to take the lead.

Winkler came to life in the second period, firing 19 shots Virten's way (while the Oil Capitals sent back just eight) and making good on three of them courtesy of Kurt Sonne, Scott Gall, and Kayden Jarvis. Warren gave up two in net, sending things into the final period tied at 3-3.

The fire under the Flyers seemed to fizzle out in the third period, which

saw them get just three shots on net to Virten's 11.

Neither side managed to score, though, until the very last minute when Virten got the game-winner.

Overall, Virten outshot Winkler 28-24, with Warren going the distance in net. Both teams were 2-for-2 on the power-play.

Winkler got its chance to return the favour the very next night as they travelled to play on the Oil Capitals'

home turf.

Winkler's offensive line got it together this game to carry play in the first half of the period, drawing first blood with a goal from Jordan Williamson nearly eight minutes in.

Virten pushed back to tie things up a handful of minutes later. The 1-1 score held through to the third

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PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Thunder varsity girls basketball team trounced the visiting Altona Aces 52-45 last week Thursday.

Varsity basketball teams end season on high notes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In Zone 4 high school varsity basketball action last week, both the Morden Thunder teams wrapped up their regular seasons with wins.

The girls downed the visiting Altona Aces 52-45 on Feb. 25. The ladies were slated to face the Aces again in the first round of playoffs on Tuesday.

Ditto for the guys, who bested the Aces 72-64 and then took them on again in playoff action Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Over in Winkler, the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs boys crushed Sanford 98-39 on Feb. 23, wrapping up an undefeated regular season. The team was led by Isaiah Friesen with 30 points and Travis Klassen with 18 points.

The female Zodiacs, meanwhile, won their game against Sanford 48-29 to end the season also undefeated in league play.

The ladies had an exhibition game against Morris on Wednesday before heading to Brandon Thursday to take on Crocus Plains for the interzone banner and a spot at provincials.

In the SCAC, meanwhile, the Northlands Parkway Collegiate boys fell to the Glenlawn Lions 98-35 in the first round of playoffs Monday night.

ZONE 4 HOCKEY FINALS UNDERWAY

Also winding down for the season is Zone 4 hockey.

After knocking out the GVC Zodiacs and the Portage Trojans in the first two rounds, the Morden Thunder now find themselves up against the Prairie Mountain Mustangs in the championship finals.

Game one took place Tuesday in Swan Lake, with game two slated for Friday in Morden at 8 p.m. Game three is back in Swan Lake on Saturday.

The nominees for the major Zone 4 hockey awards were announced last week.

NPC's Griffin Dyck, Morden's Cade Kowalski, and GVC's Levin Meier are up for MVP; Dyck, GVC's Brady Klassen, and Morden's Luke Sheldon are in the running for Top Goaltender; up for the Top Defenseman Award is Joey Baker from Morden, Meier from GVC, and Jayden Wiebe from NPC; and the Thunder's Jordan Blatz, the Nighthawks' Tyson Fehr, and the Zodiacs' Bob Reimer are nominated for the Most Sportsman-like award.

Hawks face off against Capitals in semi-finals

By Lorne Stelmach

Head coach Dana Bell is looking for more of the same from the Pembina Valley Hawks as their semi-final series gets underway this week.

The Hawks hosted the Central Plains Capitals in Morden Wednesday for game one of their best of five Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League playoff series.

They move to Portage for game two Saturday at 4 p.m. and are then back in Morden for game three Sunday at 5:15 p.m.

The second place Hawks' three game quarter-final sweep of the 7th place Norman Wild saw Pembina Valley bring a solid, all-round game, Bell said

"We worked well as a team. It was

all good," he said of the series which was won with victories of 7-2, 4-0, and 6-1. "Everybody worked hard. We had a full 60 minutes in all three games, and that's what we're looking for to carry on through round two.

"We saw a lot of good teamwork. We were moving the puck well. We were sticking to our systems, and in the end that definitely paid off for us for sure."

The semi-final should be a tougher challenge, though, with third place Central Plains coming off a series sweep of

the sixth place Eastman Selects.

The Hawks and Capitals split their regular season match-ups with two wins apiece in what were all close games. The Hawks dropped the season opener 3-2 and then took 2-1 and 2-0 wins before losing the season finale 3-1.

Rather than focussing on what Central Plains brings to the ice, Bell said they would just concentrate on their own game.

"Every series gets tougher. We're focusing on what we do ... what we have to do as a team to win," said Bell.

"Basically, it's staying in the mo-

ment, one shift at a time. The consistency and intensity levels have to be at full for 60 minutes.

"I think if we can put all that together, we can come out successful."

The winner of the series will then take on whomever emerges from the other semi-final between the first place Yellowhead Chiefs and fourth place Westman Wildcats.

The Wildcats came back from being down 2-1 in the series to oust the fifth place Winnipeg Avros in five games.

The powerhouse Chiefs regardless would be the favorite after taking top spot with a record of 24-2-2 for 50 points. They then blitzed the last place Interlake Lightning in their quarter-final with 11-1, 10-1 and 9-0 victories.

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Local Esso Cup organizers aiming for \$80K

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers are stepping up preparations for when Morden hosts its first major national sporting event next year.

The host committee for the 2017 Esso Cup has announced a sponsorship target of \$80,000.

Volunteers will begin reaching out to businesses in the coming weeks to offer packages for the tournament.

"We are working on the initial planning and organizing and have made a great start to the event," said Clare Agnew, chairperson of the Esso Cup host committee. "The sponsorship team is eager to get out there and present opportunities to the businesses in the Pembina Valley."

"We are very excited to launch the sponsorship campaign for this event," said Norma Collins co-chair of the sponsorship committee. "We have already had three businesses express an interest in participating, and we feel the platinum spots will fill up very quickly".

The 2017 Esso Cup is set for April 23-29 in Morden.

The host Pembina Valley Hawks will be joined by five regional representatives from the Atlantic, Ontario, Pacific, Quebec and West regions to compete for the ninth annual national female midget hockey champion-

ship.

This marks the first time the tournament will be held on Manitoba ice, so the Hawks will try to become the first host team to win the national title and the first team to win multiple gold medals, as Pembina Valley was crowned Esso Cup champion in 2012.

Manitoba teams have twice won the national championship with the Westman Wildcats also capturing the first gold medal in 2009.

Hockey Canada estimates that Morden, as the host city, can expect to generate in excess of \$1 million in local economic impact.

For the event itself, organizers are estimating they will need at least 150 volunteers.

For more information on the Esso Cup and to follow the Road to the Esso Cup, visit HockeyCanada.ca/EssoCup or check out the event on Facebook and Twitter.

City hosting Zumba classes for all ages

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is getting fully on board on the Zumba bandwagon.

It is holding two free open houses next week to kick off ongoing Zumba programs this spring for adults and youth.

The first session of adult and gold zumba will be March 8 from 6-7 p.m. at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre. The first half hour will demonstrate Zumba Gold while the last half increases in intensity.

Then on Saturday, March 12, it's the kids' turn from 3-3:45 p.m. for ages four to six with a parent. It continues then from 4-4:50 p.m. for ages seven to 11, and parents are invited to return at 4:40 p.m. to see kids demonstrate their new moves.

Zumba already has quite a follow-

ing in the region, said recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck, noting a Pembina Valley Zumba Facebook page regularly posts dates and times for classes and events.

For individuals who are new to Zumba, the open houses are an ideal way for people to try it out.

"I think it will be fun for the younger age group to be able to experience this together with a parent," suggested Dueck, "and for seven to 11 year olds to have fun dancing while still being able to show off for their parents in the last 10 minutes."

Zumba can take some of the work out of workout by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. It is a mix of Latin and world rhythms, dance, fitness, music and fun.

Registered Zumba courses begin later this month with the following schedules:

- Adult Zumba: Tuesday and Thursdays from March 10 to April 28 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Class fee options include a seven class pass for \$77, 14 class pass for \$140, or a \$12 drop-in fee.

- Kids Zumba (4-6 years): Saturdays from March 19 to April 23 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. with a fee of \$75 (includes one child and one parent) plus \$5 per additional child.

- Zumba Gold: Tuesdays from March 15 to April 14 from 4:45-5:30 p.m. with a fee of \$60

- Kids Zumba (7-11 years): Thursdays from March 17 to April 21 from 5-5:50 p.m. with a fee of \$65.

Twisters on track for top three MMJHL finish

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters beat the best and the worst of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League to clinch third place.

After beating the 10th place Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins 5-1 last Tuesday, the Twisters came up big Friday in knocking off the first place Raiders 3-2.

Improving their record to 25-12-5 for 55 points, Pembina Valley held a seven point lead on the Stonewall Jets and St. Vital Victorias.

Pembina Valley finished strong Friday, trailing 1-0 and 2-1 in the second before putting it away with a pair of third period goals.

Leading scorer Fraser Mirrlees played the hero, tying the game at 1:37 and then firing his 28th of the season for the winning goal at the 8:46 mark. Erie Lebrun scored in the second period on a penalty shot.

Morgan Wall backstopped the win for the Twisters with 28 saves as Pem-

bina Valley had a 34-30 edge in shots.

Pembina Valley earlier were paced by a pair of goals and a three point night from Lebrun in the win over Fort Garry Fort Rouge Feb. 23.

His 12th and 13th goals of the year came back to back early in the second period to build a 3-1 lead which the Twisters never gave up. Colin Gre-

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period.

It was Scott Gall who broke the deadlock at 3:57, only to have Virden draw even again ten minutes later to send the game into overtime.

Both teams fought hard for the point they needed for a 3-2 victory, but it was Winkler's Jeff Michiels who got it with just 1:06 left in the frame.

Winkler came out on top in shots this game 28-25, with Connor Slipp making 23 saves to bolster his record to 18-4-0.

Earlier last week, on Feb. 23, the Fly-

ers picked up their 40th win of the season with a 5-4 shootout victory over the Blues in Winnipeg.

Tristan Keck scored twice and Kurt Sonne and Nolan McGuire contributed singles to give the Flyers a 4-2 lead heading into the third period.

There, Winnipeg managed to book-end the frame with the two they needed to tie, sending things to a fruitless extra period and forcing a shootout.

McGuire got the winning goal there, while Warren denied all of Winnipeg's shots for the win.

Mazinke, Chad Millar, Colin Grenier, and Paul Remillard doing scoring honours. Klassen stopped 29 shots in net.

Pembina Valley closes out the regular season by hosting Stonewall Wednesday and the Charleswood Hawks on Sunday in Morris.

Winkler, which was at 41-13-4 and 86 points for the season thus far with just two games to go, will finish the 2015-2016 season in third place.

They trail the second place Steinbach Pistons by six points and the first place Portage Terriers by 18 points. The Virden Oil Capitals are behind them in fourth with 74 points.

The Flyers wrap up the regular season this week with their final home game Tuesday against the Steelers and their last away game Friday versus Neepawa.

Agriculture

Provincial forecasters predict low risk of flood

By Harry Siemens

So far the winter of 2015-2016 is being kind not only to those who don't appreciate the real cold weather, but also to the Manitoba government's flood forecasters, who hoped last fall precipitation would be modest.

So far, as of Feb. 29, that is the case.

On Monday, provincial flood forecaster Fisaha Unduche says that when they gave their forecast back in October, the general moisture conditions were above normal for almost the entire province, except the Red River and Interlake regions.

Now, the province says the overall flood outlook for Manitoba is estimated to be moderate in the north-western areas and minor to moderate in the rest of the province, though that prediction could change depending on the weather of the next few weeks. Another flood forecast will be released at the end of March.

"We were hoping for the winter precipitation to cooperate with us," says Unduche. "Here's hoping it will continue to cooperate with us through the rest of the winter and early spring season."

Most of the major Manitoba lakes are near normal levels for this time of the year, Unduche says, and the risk for potential flooding is minor under normal weather conditions. Flows and levels in most rivers are near normal for this time of the year, as well.

Unduche outlined winter precipitation as below to well below normal throughout the central and southern portions of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, including the Interlake, Souris River, Qu'Appelle River, Pembina River and Assiniboine River basins. Winter precipitation is normal to below normal for the Red and Roseau River basins.

Winter precipitation has been near-normal for eastern Manitoba including the Whiteshell area, the Saskatchewan River watershed in Saskatchewan and the northern part of the Lake Winnipegosis basin. Localized above normal precipitation has occurred near The Pas.

Some winters with extreme cold for extended periods sees frost go down deep and taking a long time to come

out in spring.

However, this year mild weather and below-average snow cover has resulted in frost depth of near-normal to slightly less than normal throughout most of Manitoba, says forecaster Steve Topping.

"Generally below normal frost depth means that the soil can absorb more melting water and potentially decrease the amount of overland flooding," he says. "Above normal frost depth can contribute to increased run-off."

That is what agronomists and farmers alike like to see: the ability for the soil to absorb more moisture, rising that water table and preventing ero-

sion with less water hitting those natural sloughs, water drainage ditches, brooks and streams.

Topping says the extent of spring flood potential is still very dependent on weather until the spring melt.

"Flood potential is significantly affected by the amount of additional snow and rain, frost depth at the time of run-off, the timing and rate of the spring thaw, and the timing of peak flows in Manitoba, the U.S. and other provinces," he says. "Delayed thaw and spring rainstorms could result in rapid snow melt aggravating overland flooding and increasing tributary flows. A single precipitation event similar to the rainstorm that occurred

in the summer of 2014 could change the flood outlook significantly."

The province's practice is to plan and prepare for unfavourable weather conditions, the scenario of highest flood risk, says Premier Greg Selinger, who stepped in to answer a few questions at the press conference.

"The political cycle [election campaign] will not in any way minimize or deter the provincial government and its staff to fight floods, should the need arise," says Selinger. "The security of Manitobans comes first, and all cabinet ministers, including myself will be available at all times."

Farmers protest lax biosecurity

By Harry Siemens

A group of Manitoba farmers created a human chain to block Manitoba Hydro from a Mitchell area site of Bipole III construction this weekend, arguing the work threatens their crops and livestock.

"Manitoba Hydro contractors are not living up to their own biosecurity protocol," said Jurgen Kohler, a farmer and chair of the Manitoba Bipole III Landowners Committee, on Mon-

day, which saw the protestors still at it. "We're trying to enforce the much higher standards than that, a negotiated biosecurity protocol standard. That is what we want to negotiate with Manitoba Hydro at the table, and we are still asking for that, to get to a negotiation table, but in the meantime we're holding Hydro accountable for their own biosecurity rules."

What upsets him is the contractors aren't even following Manitoba Hydro and the Manitoba govern-

ment's own rules, Kohler stressed.

"It shouldn't be our responsibility to enforce their contractors, that is Manitoba Hydro's responsibility," he said. "That is the big issue and that is what started the standoff. As you know, that area has a large concentration of livestock, hog barns especially, and in this field that they've entered, [owner] Alvin Wiens Sr. has confirmed that manure was applied in the fall,

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By Harry Siemens

While farmers in the Mitchell area spent around the clock standing out in their field protecting their livelihood from diseases because of bad biosecurity protocol, another group was announcing the winners of Manitoba's Outstanding Young Farmers in Winnipeg this past week.

Jason and Laura Kehler, potato and grain farmers from the Carman area, are Manitoba's Outstanding Young Farmers.

The other two nominated couples

included Paige and Marcus Dueck of Kleefeld and Ben and Lisa Heide of Boissevain.

The Kehlbers say much of the passion on their farm focuses around family, referring to the work of past generations and the hope for their two children in the future.

It is so good to see these young couples carrying the farming and food production torch on and on, involving their children today so they can feed us all tomorrow.

At the same time, the other article about the peaceful protest near

Mitchell in southeast Manitoba, the Alvin and Tim Wiens farm getting support from other farmers to help protect their soil from getting contaminated with disease because the government isn't following the biosecurity protocol.

It is sad when people in authority would stand up on soap boxes, shouting loudly about safety, screaming about poor methods raising food, threatening court action, all the while their contractors dig

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Carman couple win award

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so the spread of the PEDv is a huge concern."

So things have gone through the roof, especially on Friday when the machines drove in the wet conditions as they crossed from the other field. That needs addressing through applying rigorous cleaning procedures, Kohler said, and the contractors are not doing all three cleaning steps.

"They're skipping sometimes the middle step, sometimes the first step, and just applying disinfectant. And if you apply the disinfectant onto something that still has soil on it, that is no good and won't be effective at all," he said. "That is our main objective right now to make sure they follow their own rules."

On Saturday, the group of farmers blocked workers from coming in because they refused to properly wash the drill bit moving from field to field. This resulted in contractors losing a day of work.

"They are causing their own problems," said Kohler. "We're just holding them accountable. There is no one else to hold them accountable because we don't have a third party to do that."

Dan Mazier, president of Keystone Agricultural Producers, says the whole biosecurity issue is what everybody has been concerned about

right from the start with the Bipole III development.

At first the worry was in spreading the ever-present club root, a soil-borne disease that affects all cruciferous crops and, once established, is very difficult to eradicate.

Now it's things like PEDv, which affects livestock.

"Getting into intensive, or any livestock operation for that matter, you're starting to talk about spreading diseases into livestock," Mazier said. "That is where it gets pretty tricky.

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bases for Bipole III hydro line, power from which isn't to serve Manitobans but sold maybe at discount rates to American interests.

I asked for some pictures from Tim Wiens in this case, and received a response from his wife, Roxanne, about the protest.

Roxanne said her husband has been busy with the protest over the weekend, keeping him away from his family of four kids.

"The kids miss him and he misses them too and I see that and feel that," she said. "I know the kids don't understand and this is just something we need to deal with now. We are doing this for them, their future."

You have to do the right thing, there are no ands, ifs, or buts about it."

Mazier said consumers and processors alike are asking these industries to have a very high standard of biosecurity.

"And then for a third party just to just come onto your land and start throwing that all apart, that simply is not fair and is not right," he said. "At the end of the day, they must practice what they said they would do."

Midland Conservative MLA Blaine Pedersen agrees, stressing the gov-

ernment needs to enforce its own rules when it comes to these contractors.

"It is about the landowners' livelihood and whether club root, or even the dreaded PED virus will show up later, when Manitoba Hydro is long gone," he said. The stress is sure taking it toll."

The MLA has asked for an emergency debate to draw attention to the government's treatment of landowners in Manitoba.

Let me take you back to only a few short years ago, when the first PED virus case broke out in Ontario, following shortly after that in Manitoba.

The industry mounted a combined effort with the provincial NDP government to make sure the producers and industry alike, the transportation people, and pig handlers, all designed a biosecurity system that was second to none.

Then along comes Manitoba Hydro/NDP government with their contractors putting up this power line, designed to carry power to the United States but crossing some of the best farmland in the world, reducing land values and the like.

However, that isn't so much the issue of this family protecting their land. The issue is the fact the contractors aren't following their own biosecurity rules to make sure club root infecting canola and PEDv infecting pigs isn't transferred from one field to another.

"We're at loggerheads now," said Jurgen Kohler, chair of the Bipole Landowners Committee, who is asking contractors to show their cleaning records and ensure they are cleaning equipment properly.

On one hand we celebrate the positive side, and we should, and on the other hand we're fighting those same people on the other side. Go figure!

WEEKLY POLICE REPORTS

Morden Police investigating stabbing

Morden police are investigating after a local resident was stabbed in his home early Sunday morning.

Police were called to the Cairo Bay residence on Feb. 28 around 4 a.m. by a 25-year-old man who told police someone had broken into his house and stabbed him twice in the arm while he was lying in bed.

Officers arrived and found him in the home with significant wounds to his arm along with blood in several areas. He was taken to Boundary Trails Health Centre for treatment.

Police are continuing their investigation and ask anyone with information regarding this incident to call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Other items of note in the Winkler and Morden weekly police reports include:

- Around 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 22, Win-

kler Police received information that a large fight was about to take place at a parking lot at the Main St. and South Railway Ave. Intersection.

Officers arrived to find two groups of men, about 10 per group, exchanging verbal barbs.

Police were able to separate the aggressors and learned that the fight had been brewing over the last several days, with no one side sure how it had all began.

Both sides were cautioned against continuing their actions.

- Morden police attended an accident on Thornhill and 6th Street Feb. 23. They say a car heading east on Thornhill Street was hit by a vehicle travelling south on 6th Street when it failed to stop at the stop sign, running into the driver's side of the eastbound vehicle.

One driver was treated at the scene and released, while the other driver

was taken to Boundary Trails Health Centre for further observation. Both vehicles required towing.

- On Feb. 24, police and firefighters were called to a vehicle fire in the parking lot of Tim Horton's in Morden. A van parked on the east side of the building had flames coming from underneath the hood when police arrived.

The driver indicated the vehicle was making a noise as they pulled into the parking lot and saw flames soon after leaving the vehicle. There were no injuries.

- The intended target of a Mystery Shopper scam reported to Winkler Police that she received a cheque bearing the name and address of a legitimate company in Ontario in the amount of \$2849.17.

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\$300 for her winnings.

The company was contacted for confirmation, at which time they advised the cheque was fraudulent.

The intended victim in this case did not comply and is not out any money.

Police encourage residents to visit www.antifraudcentre.ca to learn more about the many common scams targeting people in our area.

- Morden police were called Feb. 25 about a hit and run accident that happened Feb. 20 around 8 p.m.

The owner parked his 2006 blue Audi A332 in front of his home in the 400 block of 8th Street. Around 11 p.m., he noticed damage to a few areas on the driver's side on the rear fender as well as the side mirror being broken off. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call police.

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Notice is hereby given that a hearing of the Highway Traffic Board will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 204-301 Weston Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Application for Vent Rack, Loading Pad c/w Catch Basin, Unloading Pad c/w Catch Basin, Underground Oil/Water Separator, Manhole, Concrete Dyke, 20 Above Ground Tanks, Equipment Shed, Chain Link Fence & Six Light Standards (Commercial) adjacent to P.T.H. No. 23, Lot 1, Plan 40535, S.E. 1/4 19-5-10W, Municipality of Lorne.

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Sudoku Answer

Crossword grid with letters N, Y, D, E, S, V, R, E, W, E, A, I, T, E, R, S, V, M, E, H, O, T, V, N, S, D, E, R, C, O, V, L, O, R, I, S, U, M, E, D, C, R, E, F, O, R, P, E, R, S, S, I, D, E, R, O, C, V, A, R, V, H, E, I, R, E, S, T, R, E, P, D, E, I, E, R, I, D, A, V, A, N, C, E, N, T, L, V, N, R, U, I, D, Y, M, V, E, R, V, B, R, E, P, U, S, L, S, V, A, M, V, D, K, C, V, T, P, E, T, O, M, N, T, C, E, L, I, O, M, S, U, A, V, E, H, A, V, E, L, I, A, S, H, A, V, E, L, I, A, S, H, A, V, E

Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Exclamation that denotes disgust
4. Climbed over
10. Has 50 states
11. Able to move
12. Prime Minister (abbr.)
14. Cotangent (abbr.)
15. Particle
16. Fastened
18. Wonders
22. Surpassing all others
23. Provides basement access
24. Daily
26. North Dakota
27. Related to gulls
28. Provoke
30. Lake ___, one of the Great
31. Police department
33. Throat illness
35. South Dakota
36. Contains iron (Brit.)
38. Sees what the future holds
39. The extended location of something
40. Cobalt
41. Dwells
47. Reprimand
49. Agree to a demand
50. Talented in or devoted to music
51. Gospels
52. European defense organization (abbr.)
53. Edge of a cloth
54. Equally
55. Experience again
57. Female sheep
59. Unit of force (abbr.)

Large crossword grid with numbered squares 1-59

SOLUTIONS DOWN

- 1. ___ up
2. Rear of (nautical)
3. Purses
4. Samarium
5. A way to take forcibly
6. On or into
7. Metric capacity unit (Brit.)
8. Assign to a higher position
9. Delaware
12. Post-traumatic stress disorder
13. Island
17. Central processing unit
19. Pitchers
20. Long-winged member of the gull family
21. Auld lang ___, good old days
25. Term of affection
29. They ___
31. Polynesian wrapped skirt
32. Far down areas in the sea
34. Delivered a sermon
36. Any physical damage
37. A Seattle ballplayer
40. Raccoonlike animals
42. Odd
43. Delivery boys
44. Billy ___ Williams
45. Icelandic poems
46. A Scottish tax
48. Central Florida city
55. Rhenium
56. ___, denotes past

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NOTICE OF WINKLER CO-OP ANNUAL MEETING

March 22, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

WINKLER MB CHURCH

120 Pineview Drive, Winkler

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE WINKLER CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider:

1. Financial Statements
2. Report of the Board
3. Election of 2 Directors
4. Auditors Report
5. Appointment of External Auditors
6. Any other business authorized by the by-laws to be transacted at an Annual Meeting of Members

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BIRTHDAY



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If you could have spoken,
Before you died;
These are the words,
You would have replied.
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I have loved you all,
Till the very last.
Weep not for me,
But courage take;
And love one another,
For my sake."

-Sadly missed by wife Helen
and family

OBITUARY

Helena (Helen) Klassen (nee Peters) 1921 - 2016



On Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, Helena Klassen aged 94 years went to her eternal rest.

Helena was born in Gnadenthal, Russia in 1921, immigrated to Canada on the 17th of August 1923 landing in Quebec and grew up in Blumenort, MB. After completing grade eight, she spent a year at Bible School. On September 18, 1943, she married Jacob K. Klassen. They moved and lived in a myriad of places following Jake's stream of professions and jobs. They were blessed with three girls, Helen, Amanda and Rosanna.

She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters and sons-in-law, Amanda and Michael Geist, Rosanna and David Wilson and son-in-law, Henry Rempel and Aneliese Baerg as well as her grandchildren. Joshua Wilson, Brenlee Rempel, Garret and Karen Rempel whose family consists of Caleb, Zachary, Ethan, Tate, Vance and Piper. We all loved grandma and great-grandma so much! She is also survived by four sisters, two brothers and their families.

She was predeceased by her husband, J.K. Klassen on May 26, 2000; her daughter, Helen on February 9, 1992 as well as six sisters and one brother.

Memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the Winkler Berghthaler Mennonite Church with a private interment prior at the Blumenort Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

Cornelius (Cornie K) Wall 1945 - 2016



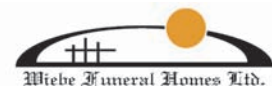
On Monday, February 22, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre Cornie K Wall aged 70 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Hochfeld went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Helen (nee Loewen); two daughters, Betty and Henry Schellenberg (Avery, Aiden), Anne Wall and George Kroeker (Samantha and Henry Dyck, Bradley and Jenna Hildebrand); one son Pete and Sara Wall (Miranda and Daniel Wolfe, Adrienne); two great-grandchildren, Jennifer and Jessica as well as three sisters, three brothers and their families. He was predeceased by his daughter, Sara in 2004; granddaughter, Courtney in 1992; two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the German Old Colony Mennonite Church in Hochfeld with interment at the Church Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Cornie's memory to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

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OBITUARY

Brian Glen Warkentin 1952 - 2016



On Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Brian Warkentin aged 63 years passed away.

He is survived by one sister, Pat (Paul) Andrushko; two brothers, Ken (Jean) Warkentin, Don (Jill) Warkentin; Auntie Elsie Hiebert; two nieces, Shannon (George) Pischke and family, Cynthia Andrushko and family; nephew, Jason Andrushko and family. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Luella Warkentin.

Cremation has taken place. A private gathering will take place at a later date.

Special thanks to Dave and Linda Penner and family for all the visits, prayers and so much more. Thank you to all his neighbors at the Tabor Units who really cared and for their prayers as well as the staff at BTHC.

*God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can
And the wisdom to know the difference.*

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OBITUARY

Robert (Bob) Hamilton July 22, 1942 - February 23, 2016



It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of Bob Hamilton on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016 at the age of 73 years. Bob leaves to mourn his wife of 23 years, Erna; one daughter, Monica (Orval); two sons, Daryl (Patricia), Randy (AnneMarie); his grandchildren, Mariah, Samara, Atia, Noah; his brothers, Elgin, Gerald (Janice); nephews Jeff (Laura), Jason (Sylvie) and their families. He was predeceased by his parents Elwood and Hazel and his sister Dorothy.

A Memorial service was held on Saturday, February 27th, 2016 at Morrow Gospel Church in Winnipeg.

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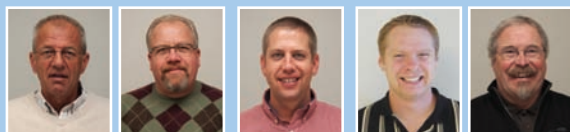
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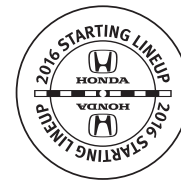
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