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Erna and Jake Giesbrecht spent the winter building all manner of birdhouses, bat boxes, and nesting tunnels to be installed in Winkler's Discovery Nature Sanctuary this spring. They hope the structures will attract several different species of feathered friends and, in turn, help give visitors to the sanctuary a better chance of spotting wildlife up close. For the full story, see Pg. 4.



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Genoway reflects on his Olympic experience

By Lorne Stelmach

Chay Genoway lived out a dream that seemed unlikely to come true at this point of his hockey career.

The Morden native now has an Olympic bronze medal as a reward for the hard work that earned his spot on Team Canada.

"It's something I can't really put into words how special it is," the 31-year-old said last week in the midst of a well deserved break following the whirlwind experience of participating in the international competition in South Korea.

"Especially in the last four, five years ... when I went over to Europe, I didn't think the Olympic team was going to come to fruition ... but as a kid that's something we all dream of as hockey players: getting a chance to play in the NHL or getting a chance to play in the Olympics."

Genoway was one of two Manitobans who were selected to be part of Team Canada, joining Oakbank's Quinton Howden on the roster.

Currently playing in the KHL in

Russia, Genoway got this opportunity in part because NHL players were not used at the Olympics for the first time since 1994.

Make no mistake though: they had to work hard to earn their way there.

"That whole first part of just making the team was a pretty long process, and I never really knew if it was going to come to fruition. Once the announcement was made and once we were able to get all packed up and ready and get to the Olympics ... it was just an incredible experience," said Genoway.

"Just to be able to take it all in and be a part of the Canada Olympic team with all of the other athletes and be able to share in that with all of them ... and then our own individual team, to go through what we all went through together ... was pretty incredible."

Canada narrowly missed playing for gold when they were edged 4-3 by the surprising German team in the semi-finals after having beaten Finland 1-0 in the quarter-finals. They then rebounded to defeat the Czech Republic 6-4 for the bronze medal.



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Morden native Chay Genoway celebrates Team Canada's bronze medal win in men's hockey at the Winter Olympics last month.

"It was just such an emotional time, especially the last four days while we were there ... to beat Finland in the quarter-finals and be on such a high and then to lose to the Germans in

the semi-finals and be on such a low," said Genoway.

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Meeting takes aim at pipeline project

By Lorne Stelmach

A town hall meeting in Morden not only took aim at the Line 3 project of Enbridge Pipelines but also addressed the bigger issues around climate change and energy justice.

Whether continued work on the pipeline could be halted now is debatable, but speakers at the March 7 event still urged people to at least hold Enbridge to account on issues like safety and transparency.

Organizer Will Braun suggested it was important to have a discussion about what can be difficult and contentious issues for many people.

"There's always a limit to what you can accomplish in one evening ... so



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A town hall meeting was held in Morden last week to discuss the potential impact of Enbridge's Line 3 project in the region.

this is a start," said Braun, an environmentalist who considers Line 3 a big step in the wrong direction. "This may have softened the ground for some follow-up ... just start something and see where it goes. You've got to start somewhere."

Criticism of the Line 3 project ranged from the potential impact on land and drinking water to the violation of Indigenous rights to the argument that

it is a significant step back in dealing with climate change.

Line 3 will replace the existing pipeline to make it one of the largest crude oil pipelines, running from Alberta to Wisconsin and carrying about 915,000 barrels per day along the route which passes through south central Manitoba.

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Nature sanctuary providing safe haven for birds, bats

By Ashleigh Viveiros

When the birds return to Winkler this spring they're going to have some new digs to enjoy.

Volunteers with the Discovery Nature Sanctuary have spent the winter building a variety of bird accommodations for the site east of town.

Sanctuary committee member Erna Giesbrecht and husband Jake have put in countless hours creating birdhouses for several different species, pond nesting tunnels for mallard ducks, a floating platform for all manner of fowl, and a bat house that will provide space for up to 100 tiny brown bats.

They're all designed to blend seamlessly into the sanctuary's natural surroundings, attracting not just wildlife but curious passersby as well.

"It will look quite wild and natural so that for whatever's living there, it will just be home for them and hopefully they'll stay and people can enjoy coming there and seeing them," says Erna Giesbrecht, who explains that the cozy homes and platforms will be set up near viewing areas so people have a greater chance of seeing wildlife when they visit.

Giesbrecht envisions walkers stopping near the bat house at dusk to see them swarm out for the night's hunt, or visiting schoolchildren getting to observe friendly tree swallows up close.

"They're birds that like marshland areas and a lot of space, so we've got a nice meadow area to put up four of these birdhouses," she says.

The Giesbrechts have a similar bird-

"WE'RE PROVIDING THEM WITH FOUR-STAR HOTELS SO THEY'LL MOVE IN."

house on their yard and delight in seeing the tiny birds return year after year.

"They are so tolerant of people. If we sit on the deck they'll come sit right on the rail, right close to us," says Giesbrecht. "Because they're so tolerant of people, they're easy to study and observe."

Other birds the houses and platforms will hopefully attract include bluebirds, wrens, screech owls, ducks, and geese.

"We're providing them with four-star hotels so they'll move in," laughs Giesbrecht.

Once the bird populations settle in, the sanctuary committee hope to get involved with organizations like NestWatch, a monitoring program that tracks the movements of birds across the continent.

"This could be another way of potentially having some students come in and learn something more about them and help contribute to that," notes Giesbrecht.

A LABOUR OF LOVE

This project was a true labour of love for Giesbrecht, whose passion for birds stretches back to childhood.



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Bird houses, nesting tunnels, and floating platforms built by volunteers will be installed at the Discovery Nature Sanctuary this spring.

"I was just always fascinated with them," she says—so much so that she once had a room-sized aviary in her home populated by over a dozen finches. "It's always been kind of fun having that kind of music in the house."

"I knew she would be the right person for this piece of it because of her love of birds," adds Jake Giesbrecht when asked his thoughts on getting involved with this project. "Just seeing Erna's love of birds for as long as I've known her, it's easy for me to be a support for her. Just to see the joy that it's brought to her is priceless"

"He helps with all of this," stresses Erna. "I could not do it on my own."

The project was also made possible, she says, thanks to the generous donation of wood and other materials

from local businesses.

"If we didn't have donations from people to do this, it would not have happened."

The Giesbrecht plan to put the birdhouses out by month's end.

The Discovery Nature Sanctuary's 32 acres of natural grass, wood, and marshland is already open to the public, but they're planning an official grand opening this June.

You can access the site from Eastview Dr., immediately south of Hwy. 14.

The organizing committee has big plans for the site, including one day installing an outdoor classroom for schools to use for educational visits.

You can learn more by visiting their Facebook page or emailing discoverynaturesanctuary@gmail.com.

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"Probably my proudest moment was the way that we were emotionally able to turn the tide and really get up for that bronze medal game ... and to understand the importance of what it would mean to bring back a medal ... and to play the way that we did in the bronze medal game is something that I'm very proud of the guys for sure.

"It was a 24 hour turnaround from the semi-final loss to the bronze medal game. We were all pretty down in the dumps, realizing we didn't have a chance at that gold medal and we let an opportunity slip away," he continued. "At the same time, though, we had to just turn the page as quick as possible. We just went into that bronze medal game not wanting to leave anything

behind. We knew that was our last chance as a team together."

Genoway suggested the strength of their team was just an overall solid effort where they kept up the pressure and kept attacking.

"I think we were a good skating team. We weren't maybe necessarily the most skilled team, but we had a lot of hard working guys and a lot of speed," he said.

"I think we just kept coming at teams in waves ... we just tried to keep our shifts short and keep a high energy game and not let the other team breathe too much. We were definitely playing hard for one another and became a close knit group throughout the tournament."

Genoway added he was certainly aware and appreciative of the tre-

mendous support that came from back home.

"I'm very proud to be from Morden," he said. "I heard from people that I hadn't heard from in years ... so I could feel the support and the love all the way over there."

The Olympic experience no doubt will be a highlight of Genoway's hockey career, which has included runs with the University of North Dakota Sioux, the AHL's Hershey Bears and Houston Aeros, and several KHL teams, including his current team Lada Togliatti. Genoway also played one game for the Minnesota Wild during the 2011-12 NHL season.

Right now he's enjoying the opportunity to head south for some sun before getting back into training.

"There's quite a limited amount of sunshine in Russia throughout the winter," said Genoway, who noted it is nice as well to be close to his brother Colby, who is also playing in the KHL and has a wife and two kids there.

"That's definitely a nice bonus to have them around ... and also to play against him a few times is always really fun," said Genoway, who had no firm idea yet as to how long he might continue playing.

"I kind of go year by year ... I feel pretty good, hopefully it will be a few more years here. The body feels good, and I'm having fun doing it still."

"Safety is our top priority," says Enbridge

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Braun pointed out that would be "enough oil to fill up Lake Minnewashta every 12 days."

Braun began the evening by reflecting on a month spent in Alberta seeing the impact of oil development.

"It's so corrosive for the soul, the spirit of those people," he suggested in describing "the human reality at the other end of the pipeline."

He went on to spend a number of years in northern Manitoba and in 2012 travelled the route of the Northern Gateway pipeline in B.C. as a freelance writer, where he said he saw a lack of consideration for the Indigenous communities impacted.

Braun then focused on the bigger picture of climate change in such terms as how we live and what we eat and how our lifestyles drive the need for things like pipelines.

"The consumption that we participate in is having a direct and very detrimental effect on other people," he said. "I think it's important to try to imagine a different way of living, to imagine living with less. It's the more with less kind of thing. We Mennonites have this more with less tradition and I really value that."

He expressed hope for finding a middle ground where all sides can compromise for the sake of "the fabric of our communities."

"Climate change is a big challenge to humanity ... I think a bigger challenge might be polarization within humanity ... if we can't do that, we're in trouble on a whole bunch of different fronts."

Laura Cameron, representing the Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition, suggested that many communities are "facing the very real impact of development right on their doorstep."

"We've come together to think really critically about energy ... what power do we have as citizens to make change, to have influence over our energy systems," she said, describing their organization as working for an overall energy system that is not only socially just but more forward thinking than the current one.

She said there are many issues

around the fact Line 3 will be moving twice as much oil. There are also concerns about the existing pipeline staying in the ground.

"It will be decommissioned ... but there's no promise that in 50 or 100 years, when that decaying pipe is causing contamination ... there's no guarantee that Enbridge is going to be there to clean up that mess ... although they promised us they will be responsible for it," she said.

Cameron also made the connection to the bigger challenges facing our society.

"Building projects like Line 3 moves us so far in the wrong direction when it comes to meeting our climate targets," she said. "We're at a critical moment now when it comes to addressing climate change. If we don't act meaningfully and urgently within the next 10 years ... it'll be too late ... climate change is one of the first problems that has faced humanity that has a real time limit on it. We can't push this off indefinitely."

David Scott of Swan Lake First Nation connected the discussion to Aboriginal rights as addressed in the treaties as well as the declaration of the United Nations on Indigenous rights, and he maintained there has been a lack of accountability and transparency.

"As long as the economic narrative as it exists in this country today ... that we as Aboriginal people are excluded from to a great extent ... as long as that is maintained ... as we continue to do these things without due consideration to the environment ... the environment will continue to be under stress," he suggested.

"The games that government play with industry do not work in our favour," Scott said, noting how the oil industry might complain they are over-regulated. "They are for the most part self-regulated ... but they should be. The consequences of an incident are far-reaching ... it is mostly rural people who have the most at stake ... entire communities are being destroyed."

"We need to hold companies and our governments accountable. They've got to talk to us honestly



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Last week's town hall meeting included speakers such as David Scott from Swan Lake First Nation and Laura Cameron of the Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition.

about these projects," he maintained, adding that "we can't look at all these things in isolation anymore" in referring to other issues like those around hydro development. "We do ourselves a disservice if we do that."

Enbridge responds

In an interview the day after the town hall, Suzanne Wilton, senior communications advisor for Enbridge, stressed they welcome and want discussions about the Line 3 project and strive to be involved in and consult with communities along their routes.

Wilton particularly focused on issues of safety while stressing the need for Line 3, which will replace an aging pipeline with newer, safer technology.

"The key point for us is that this is going to drive safety to a new level ... this is an essential safety and maintenance project," she said.

"Safety is our top priority, and that's really the focus of this project. We have a very robust program for keeping our pipeline safe, whether that's 24/7 monitoring ... to programs to test the integrity."

"Really, we have a multi-layered approach to safety to ensure our pipelines can safely deliver the products," Wilton stressed. "We actually have a strong safety record ... we safely deliver more than 99.999 per cent of the product ... our goal is zero incidents."

"The majority of releases are on Enbridge property, and we report everything, so that could even be a teaspoon of crude spill ... and we report those to the community through our annual reporting."

"We're very transparent, and we are committed to ensuring that people have the information they need to have the confidence that our pipelines are safe and that we are taking safety very seriously."

While critics refer to Line 3 as an expansion that will be doubling the capacity, Wilton maintained it is simply restoring the line to its full capacity.

"Demand for capacity on our pipelines continues to outstrip what's available," she said. "Our pipelines are running full ... we have to ration the space on the pipeline, and those demands are only expected to grow."

"Really, what this replacement is intended to do is to restore the capacity of this pipeline. We have been voluntarily restricting volumes on this pipeline and shipping about half of what it's capacity actually is, and we've done that to ensure it's continued safety."

Finally, Wilton said that leaving the existing line in place is the best solution environmentally.

"The decommissioning in place has been shown to be the least environmental impact," she said, adding it is also much less disruptive to the landowners.

"Once the new pipeline is fully connected and operational, the other pipeline will be taken out of service. It'll be cleaned thoroughly and then capped," Wilton explained. "Essentially, there will be no residual product left in that pipeline, and we will continue to monitor it throughout its life. Enbridge is responsible for that pipeline in perpetuity."

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May the road rise up to meet you

Once again we stand upon the cusp of Saint Patrick's Day (also known as Irish Hallowe'en or The Befuddling) and are forced to ponder the origins of holidays and how industry is so quick to co-opt and/or create them.



By Peter Cantelon

Memories of Saint Patrick's Day go back quite a ways for me. Two of my sisters went to Saint Patrick's Catholic school in Guelph, so for them maybe it was always Saint Patrick's Day.

A good chunk of my ancestry is Irish via the McCartys. My great-grandparents emigrated from Ireland in the late 1800s to work in a hotel in the tiny town of Lucan, Ontario.

So growing up the son of Monica Mary McCarty meant that the house was festooned with evidence of Irish ancestry—everything from what were said to be traditional Irish blessings that started “May the road rise up to meet you...” to less sacred sayings like “May you be in heaven a full half hour before the devil knows you’re dead” and such.

While I have railed against stereotypes in the past such as the drunk Irish, there is no doubt that drinking was a big part of my family. But this had less to do with being Irish and more to do with seeking distraction from the sad state of affairs the family found itself in more often than not.

The house was covered with Irish Catholic paraphernalia and varying other symbols ranging from Celtic crosses through shamrocks, maps of the “Old Country,” and so on.

Mum would often talk about her father, my grandfather, one William Francis McCarty, as well as her grandparents Francis and Mary and their connection to the famous Donnelly mythos of Lucan.

Growing up in such a family made life interesting. There was such an interesting blend of culture and myth that it could be difficult to know where one started and the other ended.

Ghosts and ghost stories were also a big topic on the Irish side of my family for some reason.

After my sister died (I was about three or four years old), my family gathered at my grandparents’ for a wake.

My mother said someone knocked at the front door—knock, knock, knock—and as my grandmother rose to answer my grandfather reportedly told her not to bother, no one would be there.

Mum said Grandma called him an idiot and got up to answer it anyhow. As predicted, no one was there.

Grandpa is reported to have said that it was an old Irish legend that

after a loved one passes an angel is sent to knock on the house door three times to let you know that they got to heaven.

Ridiculous? Sure. But of enormous comfort to my mother.

So when Saint Patrick's Day came round it was not as if we could up the Irishness of the household given how over the top things already were.

Of course we would wear green and school would emphasize the holiday in various ways.

Church on Sunday would speak of the Feast of Saint Patrick and the significance of his life and lessons therein. Born in England to a Roman family, Patrick is said to have been kidnapped and enslaved, sent to Ireland as a youth where he eventually escaped and made his way back to England, but not before developing a passionate fervour of bringing Christ back to the island.

Additionally, though not in church, we were taught about how Saint Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland, which is most likely a metaphor for having brought Christianity and driven out that old serpent Satan.

When Saint Patrick's Day comes around this weekend, I will look ridiculous in my highly commercial green getup and probably enjoy more than one beer (and perhaps some of my Irish whiskey) while thinking about my family history, my mum and my grandpa with a thought toward old Saint Paddy.

Remember: everyone's Irish on Saint Patrick's Day.

letters

Conservative record on veteran support less than stellar

I feel I need to respond to a letter to the editor in your paper regarding supporting our veterans [*Voice*, March 8].

[Portage-Lisgar MP] Candice Bergen supported the termination of life-

time pensions for veterans. Candice Bergen supported the closure of nine Veterans Affairs offices in Canada. Candice Bergen supported the firing of 900 veteran's affairs workers.

The most that the former Conserva-

tive government spent on veterans in a fiscal year was \$3.25B. Last year Veteran's Affairs received \$3.39B from

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Vote for Manitoba's "Must-See-Ums"

A trio of local museums are in the running for Travel Manitoba's March Madness competition.

This year's event, dubbed Manitoba Must-See-Ums, is pitting small to medium cultural attractions or museums against one another to see who comes out on top.

The winner, voted on by the public, receives a free promotional video valued at \$5,000 courtesy of Travel Manitoba.

In the first round this past week, the Pembina Threshermen's Museum was up against the Snow Lake Mining Museum, the Miami Railway Sta-

tion Museum was paired up with the Cleggs Museum of Horsedrawn Vehicles in Shoal Lake, and Morden's own

Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre went head-to-head against Thompson's Heritage North Museum.

The round one survivors were slated to be announced on Thursday,

March 15.

Results and voting for future rounds takes place online at travelmanitoba.com.

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the Liberal government and this fiscal year will receive \$4.39B (www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/about-us/statistics/2-0).

Prime Minister Trudeau is working hard to undo the appalling betrayal of veterans led by Candice Bergen's Conservative government.

Candice Bergen was a leader in a government that cut veterans' programs and access to care.

As a parent of an Afghan war veteran, I have but one question for our MP: Why were veterans such a low priority for your government?

Ken Werbiski,
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LARGE SCALE HOG BARN WILL HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT ON COMMUNITY

I was dismayed to read a recent article written by someone who lives 100 miles away judging the practices of the modern farmer. This someone pretends to be knowledgeable because a relative lived on a farm years back. Well a lot has changed. I live on a farm 1/4 mile from where I grew up. My father's house is on the same section, and my son lives in it now. My first cousin works the land across the road that he acquired from my uncle who lives 1 1/2 miles away in the house that my grandfather built. I farm with two sons right now, and we work closely with a young neighbour who is trying his best to make a living on his father's land. Land around here rents out for \$150 or so per acre and commonly sells for around \$1,000,000 a quarter. The last one I bought was just shy of that. I know it doesn't pencil out, but it's the first thing I see out my window each morning. I had to try. A lot of things on the farm today don't pencil out. In fact most of us would be far smarter to cash it all in and move to the city, but we don't because it's in our blood. It's where we grew up and we can't imagine anything else so for someone to imply that I'm not being considerate to my water, my soil, my local wildlife, my environment or my neighbours is truly an insult born of ignorance. Maybe I can help educate her a bit.

Let's start with the process we are going through to acquire government approval to build a barn. It's called a technical review. It's a long process developed by the government to ensure that new barns are built in a very responsible manner in regards to the surrounding area. The first part is called a site assessment. I worked on this alone for about 2 months, but it asked for so much information about my farm and surrounding area that after much frustration and slow progress I decided to get the help of a consultant. Two in fact, and they don't work for free. Together we finally got it done. They really know what they're doing. We submitted it about 3 1/2 months after I first started. I believe it's just over 80 pages and includes much information off the internet that I would have never found, many charts and calculators that help figure out the manure management, and many satellite photos with information about topography and soil types and drainage. It describes every hill, ditch, creek, waterway, pothole, animal habitat, and well just about anything else there is to know about my farm and many miles around. I needed to provide soil samples and my crop history so we can now determine how much Nitrogen, phosphorus, sulphur, and boron (these are types of fertilizer for those of you that might not know) is in my soil, how much my crops have required over the years, and how

much they will require in the future. The government is very strict about the barn size and how many acres of crop, and which varieties of crop will be required to consume the fertilizer that the barn will produce. For the record I have 111 acres more than is required and it's all within 1 1/2 miles of the barn so you won't see any large manure trucks from here destroying the roads. The manure will be pumped from the lagoon directly to the applicator and tested constantly for fertilizer content. This information goes directly to the applicator and based on my soil samples the application rate is automatically adjusted to ensure that just the right amount is applied for my yield target. I'm required to soil sample all my fields each year and submit the results to ensure over applying does not take place. If for some reason I would ever have more than enough of this product, I would have many neighbours more than happy to take it. Every farmer knows that manure produces higher yields than other forms of fertilizer. And it's NATURAL! NATURAL! Don't we all love that word?

I'm told that the process used to produce commercial fertilizers is hard on the atmosphere, and the trucks that haul them around are a hazard to our environment. Because of this barn I will be purchasing far less commercial phosphorus and nitrogen, something like 65,000 lbs. less phosphorus and 30,000 gallons less nitrogen. This translates to about 8 semi loads that won't be coming to my farm. That's better for everyone and better for these already destroyed highways. Anyone worried about the safety of my lagoon should consider all those big shiny tanks all over the country that hold commercial fertilizer, and yes those tanks are necessary to grow the food that feeds the world. Without fertilizer the globe would already be starving. And did I mention the manure is NATURAL! Furthermore I'm required to keep a test well near the lagoon just for the purpose of monitoring the ground water in the unlikely case that the lagoon should leak.

The lagoon itself is not just a hole in the ground. The topsoil is put aside and the soil below that is used to build a berm around, all the while being compacted and tested for such to meet strict standards to ensure the absence of air pockets. When complete, the inside of the lagoon must be of a certain soil at a certain thickness and compacted to a strict standard. In some cases a synthetic liner is required (to the tune of 120,000 and up) to ensure a good seal. Also, did I mention the product will be applied by injection several inches below the surface. This greatly reduces odour and conserves the fertilizer value.

As for the building it will be located

where it exceeds all strict government requirements in terms of distance from roads, waterways, buildings, neighbours etc. The estimated cost of the project will be between 2.5 and 3 million, the majority of which will be spent within 30 miles at local businesses and for local tradesmen. This barn and the crop it will help grow will feed at least 20,000 people each year. I wonder if that lady from Winnipeg feeds anyone. I wonder if she eats porks. Oh, and did I mention that Maple Leaf offers a bonus to all producers who don't use antibiotics. That's the route we will be taking. The barn will have full slatted floors so the hogs will never have to lay in their own waste and so much airflow that they will probably be more comfortable than me in the summer. They will never be in a space smaller than 100 square feet, and they will have all the feed and water they can consume. All the feed that this barn will consume will be made primarily out of wheat, corn, barley and soybeans. This should help encourage higher grain prices. And let's not forget the tax dollars. I'm not sure how much it will be but in an area that has suffered the loss of grain elevators, railways, schools, and destroyed roads, I'm sure a few extra tax dollars are a welcome thing for the RM. This barn will also employ many people directly and indirectly. The company that injects the manure will receive between 40,000 and 60,000 dollars each year and the feed company will receive at least 1 million. The workers in the barn will be my own children or local people who wish to stay in the country. This barn has already created an income for at least 10 people, and it's not even off the drawing board yet.

As for the lady from Winnipeg who seems to think this barn will be an eyesore, perhaps she should look around next time she drives this way. She might see all the empty farmyards, or notice the ones that are no longer there at all. She might see the empty houses in town and the closed schools and the struggling hospitals. Those are the things that hurt my eyes. Maybe she should ask herself why she now lives in Winnipeg.

This barn will help my kids, and my grandkids, and maybe their kids, to survive on the farm and offset the rising land prices and input cost that are now choking all the small farms. Does anyone remember the last time they saw a barn being built? Now ask yourself how many barns in your area are empty or torn down. If you think those empty barns are good for your small town, think again.

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Morden files objection to corridor development plan

By Lorne Stelmach

The RM of Stanley's plan to guide development in the highway corridor between Morden and Winkler faces another delay.

Council had anticipated giving the corridor plan bylaw final approval at its meeting last Thursday, but were forced to delay after the City of Morden filed an unexpected objection.

No explanation was offered at the time as to the reasons for Morden's objection, which was presented to Stanley officials just moments before the hearing, which had not only Stanley council but Winkler Mayor Martin Harder scratching their heads.

"I'm personally very surprised at this objection," Harder told the hearing. "You have the full support of the City of Winkler."

Stanley councillor Pete Froese expressed disappointment that Morden representatives had not come to them beforehand, while Reeve Morris Olafson suggested Stanley council had done its due diligence in working over the last year to address concerns raised previously by both Winkler and Morden.

In an interview Friday, Morden city manager John Scarce took ownership of how the objection had been handled.

"I have to take responsibility for it," he said, explaining personal matters had kept him off work for an unexpectedly longer period of time. "I didn't have enough time to properly review everything and get a brief to council before the hearing."

"It was just this procedural thing," Scarce added, noting a formal objec-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH

The Terrapoint Agribusiness Centre, which will include offices for Farm Credit Canada and Precision Land Solutions, is an example of the development happening in the highway zone between Morden and Winkler. The RM of Stanley's corridor plan aims to provide a guide for the continued development of the area.

tion is the process set out in the Planning Act. "It's so unfortunate that the Planning Act only gives us that sort of harsh 'we are objecting.'"

Scarce added he had spoken to RM of Stanley representatives Friday to get across that there were no "huge issues of concern, just a couple little things that'll go into the plan. Then job's done."

"I think they've been agreed to already, we just have to put pen to paper," suggested Scarce, adding there is a window of time where revisions can be made and their objection can be lifted, so it won't need to go to a further hearing before the Manitoba Municipal Board. "We have no intention of it ever going there."

The corridor plan is aimed at providing an overall guide for sustainable and planned development in the highway zone between Winkler and Morden.

At an initial hearing before Stanley council last April, both Winkler and Morden raised similar concerns around the idea that some aspects of the plan were not well defined enough to ensure controlled development in the area.

Mayor Harder came to the hearing last week expecting the bylaw to be given final approval, as he felt those concerns had been adequately addressed.

"As far as we were led to believe, there were no other objections. The City of Winkler certainly didn't have any objections," he said after the hearing. "I support the RM of Stanley in their efforts and I wish that we could have dealt with it today."

Given the importance of the corridor between Winkler and Morden, Harder stressed that it is vital for the two cities to ensure the plan for development of the area is done right.

"For us, as far as the overall expansion of the corridor, our concern has always been we're not here to create another city—we're here to supplement the cities that are in place. We thought that the plan was written up in a way that it would accommodate that," he said.

"We had a number of concerns. We got our engineers to go through them ... as a mutual neighbour, you get together with them and you try to resolve it ... which is what we did. And we're very grateful for the RM of Stanley to take that into consideration and to be able to deal with it."

Reeve Olafson said council will look for more information from the City of Morden toward working this matter out.

"We've worked on it for a year ... it's been a long process ... we tried to do as much as we can to appease both parties. We're not exactly sure what the objection is at this moment. Maybe it is a very minor thing."

"It's not the end of the world that it's not passed right today," Olafson added. "Municipal government works slowly, and sometimes it gets a little muddled, and right now maybe we're in the middle of a muddle ... but it will come to fruition."

"I'm assuming in the next couple of weeks we'll have everything straightened out."

Scarce emphasized that they appreciate the work that Stanley had put into this and that it has Morden's support once a few more details are hammered out.

"Our relationship with the RM of Stanley has been phenomenal," he said. "We fully support what they're doing. We think it's actually visionary of them to do this, and it's fully supported."

Trivia buffs raise funds for Genesis House



Eighteen teams packed into St. Paul's United Church in Morden last Thursday night for the first annual Genesis House Quiz Night. The event, which marked International Women's Day, raised about \$3,600 for the regional women's shelter. The brainiest team of the night was the Huron Heroes (left) with 101 points, which earned them first-place certificates and bragging rights.

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Africa-bound athletes in Morden Monday

By Lorne Stelmach

A local fundraiser will help send four young Manitoba taekwondo athletes to compete internationally.

The local organizer sees the fundraising dinner Monday as also helping promote the sport, with Jeff Giesbrecht from the Morden branch of Premier Taekwondo on hand with a few local athletes for a demonstration.

"We'll have the kids do some patterns and have a chance to show what they can do," said Diane Guilford, who was inspired to put on the event in light of her grandson's plans to compete at the Junior Olympic Qualifiers in Tunisia, Africa in April.

"I thought ... maybe have a dinner to celebrate them plus raise some money to help them travel there," said Guilford, who had been in Ottawa at the nationals to watch and cheer on her grandson, Ethan McClymont.

McClymont will compete at both the Junior Olympic Qualifiers and the Junior Worlds alongside fellow Manitoban Tae-Ku Pak. Also joining them will be Braven Park for the qualifiers and Julianna Campos for the Junior



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Athletes Tae-Ku Park, Braven Park, Julianna Campos, and Ethan McClymont will be in Morden Monday for a fundraising supper in support of their trip to taekwondo competitions in Africa next month.

Worlds. Athletes who qualify in Tunisia will compete at the Youth Olympic Games in Argentina in October.

The four youth plan to be on hand at the supper to thank the community for its support.

"They appreciate that this is happening and wanted to come, which I

was grateful for," Guilford said. "They are all Manitoba kids who get to be represent Canada ... I thought it's also good for those kids to have some more awareness around what they do and the potential of it."

The fundraising dinner takes place Monday, March 19 at 5 p.m. at St.

Thomas Anglican Church in Morden. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under.

For more information or tickets, contact Guilford at dguilford12@hotmail.com or 204-823-3383.

Tory budget gets to work on balancing the books

By Lorne Stelmach

The provincial budget is keeping the government's promises to fix our finances, repair services, and rebuild the economy, says Finance Minister and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen.

After introducing the new budget Monday, Friesen touted tax cuts for individuals and business, record spending in health, education, and families, and a reduced deficit as highlights.

Friesen said they continue to chart a moderate and balanced approach where they aim to address government expenditure in a different way, emphasizing the core areas while some including infrastructure see reductions.

"We've got to do a better job of looking at program spending. We have to do a better job of analyzing where there's opportunities for efficiencies ... looking at areas where there's duplication and waste ... also look for ways to innovate with better ways to do things," he said.

Premier Brian Pallister said they

are tackling some major challenges in core areas like health care, where there is an aging population, and in education, where our results are lagging, as well as child care and poverty.

"We're maintaining our investments and strengthening our investments in those caring portfolios at the same time as we're trying to make sure that some of those same people get a little bit of a break," he suggested.

"It's a balancing act ... I think doing more than has ever been done before is a good indication that we're serious about making sure we try to reduce the tax burden on Manitoba families."

"More could always be done ... but not without taking money away," Pallister continued. "We are on track, in fact ahead of track to get to balance as well. And that's very, very important to us to reduce that deficit at the same time."

"This is a great budget for Manitobans. I believe that Manitobans deserve a break. We have worked hard to make sure they get a break."

Friesen touted the fact the province is increasing the threshold under which individuals pay no income

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tax by \$2,020 over the next two years. That step essentially takes over 30,000 Manitobans off the tax rolls and adds more than \$230 million to the economy by putting it back in the pockets of Manitobans, he said.

The budget also gives small and medium-sized businesses a break by raising the small business income tax threshold to \$500,000 from \$450,000. This will save individual businesses up to \$6,000 a year, Friesen suggested, calling it money they can reinvest in new jobs or technology which could pump \$7 million back into the economy.

The budget also takes a further step forward on the path to balancing the budget, Friesen stressed, noting it reduces the deficit by \$319 million from

Budget 2017.

He sees the government as hitting their targets and being on track to reduce the deficit while maintaining strategic investments.

"We are on track to reduce this year's budget deficit by \$114 million ... from budget to budget, we're moving from \$840 million loss to \$521 million loss," he said.

"It's very significant. Think of what that additional money could have meant for schools, hospitals, families, housing, roads, bridges.

"We must manage because if we don't manage, we'll go the wrong direction. We think these things put us on a path to recovery. We believe that

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PTM serving up fish suppers and baked goodies March 23

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum's second-last fish fry of the season has some extra oomph to it next week.

The March 23 supper in PTM's hall will also include a bake sale featuring a host of homemade goodies.

"The Valley Harvest Maids, they make up their breads, cookies, cinnamon buns—all the desserts and treats people love," says PTM general manager Kim Striemer. "They put out a really good spread."

The event runs from 4:30-7 p.m. next week Friday. Supper is \$17 for adults, \$7 for kids age six to 10, and free for kids five and under.

The meal includes fish, veggies, soup, beans, buns, coleslaw, dessert, and a beverage.

They'll also be happy to pack up orders for take-out if you can't stay and eat, Striemer notes.



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The PTM's Valley Harvest Maids will not only be serving up supper at the March 23 fish fry, but they'll also have homemade baked goods available for purchase.

Is you miss out on this month's supper, you have one more go at it next

month on April 27.

These events not only serve to keep

the summer museum in people's minds through the off-season, but also raise funds for the upkeep of their heritage buildings and collections.

"The fish fries are really all we can do in the winter," Striemer says.

Behind-the-scenes, though, staff are hard at work planning for opening day in May, which will kick-off the museum's 50th season.

"It's going to be huge," says Striemer. "I've been planning for over a year."

"There are some pretty big things in the works. We really want to try to make it more special as far as recognition and events and stuff like that go."

That will mean some special activities at favourite events like Heritage Day and Reunion Days, as well as additional celebrations to mark the milestone.

Learn more about PTM's plans online a threshermensmuseum.com.

Alz. Soc. offering second Minds in Motion session

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a successful first go of it in Morden and Altona last year, a second session of the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's Minds in Motion program is gearing up to start next week.

Held at the Homestead South facility in Morden, the weekly program offers people with early to moderate symptoms of dementia a place to get together for some physical activity, socialization, and mental stimulation.

It's a great environment to establish new friendships with others living similar experiences, says regional coordinator Kathy Fehr.

"The ultimate goal of this is to bring people together," she says, adding there's a great deal of support and comfort to be found in being around other people dealing with the issues that come with living with dementia.

"And it's a safe space not only for people dealing with the disease but also their caregivers," Fehr adds. "They understand what each other are going through."

Each session is made up of three main parts.

"There's some exercises that are geared towards the elderly or people who may have mobility issues," Fehr explains, adding that the exercises are rhythm-based, which are easier for people who struggle to make sense of instructions to follow.

Those exercises are followed by a time for reminiscing and then games.

Participants need to sign up alongside a caregiver or friend or family member, though Fehr notes it doesn't need to be the same partner each week.

"The care partner, it doesn't have to

be a spouse or child—it can be anybody and it can be somebody different throughout," she says, pointing out that one participant had a different one of her grown children join her throughout the last session. "So everybody got the chance to get out and do something with their mom."

Sessions will run Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. March 21 to April 25.

Registration is \$50 per participant pair. To register, contact Homestead South at 204-822-1237. Learn more about the program online at alzheim.mb.ca/mindsinmotion.

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we are keeping our word to Manitobans. We are rebuilding trust."

The province does face a difficult balancing act, acknowledged Friesen, with reductions in some areas like less funding for infrastructure and universities, where he noted they were asked to take less than a one per cent reduction and look for other savings in operations. That cut works out to less than \$8 per student per month, he said.

"We're in recovery ... requests will always outstrip capacity," he said. "Infrastructure spending went up by four times ... in the space of just 10 years ... even when the GDP growth of this jurisdiction was not nearly that amount."

"Over time, we've got to do a better job of matching our investment to our ability to pay for it over time."

Other highlights from the Budget 2018:

- an investment of \$102 million to establish an independently run conservation trust that will fund projects to support the made-in-Manitoba climate and green plan.

- an investment of \$6.2 billion in Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living including an additional \$14 million for the home cancer drug program, \$7.7 million for expanded dialysis treatment and \$3.1 million for rare disease drugs and the creation of 60 new full-time paramedics.

- decreasing ambulance fees to \$340 from \$425, totalling a 32 per cent decrease since forming government and keeping on track to reduce it to \$250.

- a \$60.5-million increase in funding to Manitoba families including \$13 million more for Community Living DisABILITY Services and an increase in funding to improve af-

fordable housing.

- support funding for over 700 new child-care spaces including funding for the construction of 251 new spaces.

- a \$13.7-million increase in education funding and confirmation of the construction of five new schools in Winnipeg and Brandon.

- a new child care centre development tax credit that gives businesses an incentive valued up to \$10,000 over five years to create day care spaces for workers' children.

- partnering with the federal government to invest \$176.8 million in strategic agricultural initiatives over five years.

- investing in Look North, a long-term economic development strategy for growth in northern Manitoba; supporting a northern tourism strategy.

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Schanzenfeld next up for RM street paving

By Lorne Stelmach

Schanzenfeld is next in line in the RM of Stanley for street paving.

Council approved the road work at its meeting last Thursday as part of what has been a four year program to pave roads in a number of villages.

After completing Reinfeld last year, the RM is moving on to tackle 5.25 km of road in Schanzenfeld.

The project affects 155 properties. Each will pay \$4,000 toward the cost, which property owners can spread out over 10 years on their property taxes.

The total estimated cost is \$1,082,000 with several sources of funding including \$620,000 through the local improvement tax, \$275,000 from fed-

eral gas tax sharing, and \$187,000 in provincial road grant money.

Manitoba Municipal Board approval of the borrowing is expected by early April so that construction can take place this summer.

The Stanley budget this year also included money for other similar road projects, including an asphalt overlay in Hochfeld and pathway paving in Reinfeld, in addition to regular road maintenance.

Meanwhile, council last week also approved its drainage work for 2018.

Reeve Morris Olafson noted the municipality has been playing catch-up to some degree in recent years. It is hiring an excavator once again this year.

The work is very much dependent



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The RM of Stanley will be doing about 12 miles of ditching work this year throughout the municipality

on the weather and conditions, he noted, including factors like drainage tile and the like.

It was estimated the municipality will do 12 miles of ditching this year

involving around 1,000 hours of labour. Stanley overall spends about \$300,000 a year on drainage, ditching, and culvert replacements.

Protect yourself during Fraud Prevention Month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Police Service wants you to give them a call if you're uncertain about whether or not you're being scammed.

In light of March being Fraud Prevention Month, Cst. Chris Kalansky urges people to contact their local police anytime things simply don't feel right when money is changing hands.

"As a police service, we welcome you calling us and enquiring," he says. "If anything seems suspicious, we don't mind helping you through it."

Con artists are constantly coming up with new ways to rip people off, Kalansky says.

"There's always a new variation. Some of these we've never heard before and then suddenly they're hitting here," he says. "Oftentimes we're [the police] the first ones to hear about it, so we're a source to go to if you're not sure about something, and we don't mind."

The Winkler department receives complaints about scams and frauds on a weekly basis.

Some come from people who were

lucky enough to recognize the potential for fraud and shutdown the communication. But many calls to police are from victims who fell prey to unscrupulous scammers, sometimes to the tune of thousands of dollars.

One common scheme making the rounds right now is known as an employment scam.

"People are applying for jobs online or through the newspaper—typically we see it for cleaning positions or janitorial positions—and what's happening is people are being mailed cheques that they're asked to cash and then either buy supplies or send the extra money back to the company," Kalansky explains. "But these cheques are bogus and people are then out the money for this."

When it comes to this and other similar fake employment scams, Kalansky says the key to protecting yourself is to be cautious anytime someone you haven't met asks you to send them money.

"Your employer usually doesn't ask you to send money back to them," he says, adding that another big red-flag are interview processes done entirely

via email. "Most employers want to talk to you in person."

Another similar scam has targeted a few area restaurants of late.

"People are emailing restaurants and saying they're from out of town, they want to celebrate a family anniversary or birthday or something, and they want to place an order for 100 meals," Kalansky explains.

The supposed customer then asks the restaurant if they can send a cheque for more than the cost of the meals, with the extra funds forwarded onto a third person to pay for some other element of the party.

That cheque, which scammers hope restaurant owners will only try to cash after they've forwarded on the difference, inevitably bounces.

"So there again the restaurant's out the money, in addition to sometimes also preparing the meals," says Kalansky.

While new scams like these come out all the time, "we're also still getting hit with the traditional ones," Kalansky says.

That includes the CRA scam, in which a caller pretending to be from

the Canada Revenue Agency claims that you're late paying your taxes and that police will be coming to arrest you if you don't pay immediately.

This and other similar scams may request payment through wire transfers or other untraceable methods, such as iTunes gift cards.

"That just doesn't happen," Kalansky stresses of a government agency requesting payment through such means.

In some instances, local stores have helped save potential victims from being defrauded.

"Just this last week we had a report of an elderly person at one of our stores buying four grand in iTunes gift cards," says Kalansky. "We ask store owners to be aware of this, to warn their customers, and to contact us when these unusual purchases are happening so we can hopefully help these people."

If you'd like to familiarize yourself with some of the common scams and how you can protect yourself from them, check out antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

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By Paul Goossen,
Discovery Nature Sanctuary

Its golden mantle reflects the morning sunshine as it ruffles its dark brown feathers to ward off the chilling winds of March.

After a few more mouthfuls from a deer carcass, the adult Golden Eagle senses the time has come to head back to its nest in northern Canada.

Nearby, a juvenile feels a restless stirring but is unsure of where it will spend the summer as this is its first return flight. It will take at least four years or longer to secure its own breeding territory.

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Police support STARS

The Boundary Trails Regional Police Association Morden chapter supported STARS air ambulance Friday with the donation of \$2,000 from the proceeds of their Feb. 17 fundraising social. Some additional funds also went to Special Olympics and the Blue Ribbon Society for fallen heroes. On hand for the STARS presentation were April Penner and Curtis Warkentin with STARS paramedic Troy Pauls and artist Willi Richardson, who donated an artwork for a raffle, along with Dale Hiebert and Jeff Forster. "They've helped save a lot of lives," said Hiebert, noting STARS has had a significant presence in the area.

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Two people facing meth trafficking charges

Two people are facing drug charges as a result of an investigation in Morden last week.

Police stopped a vehicle on Hwy. 3 east of Morden March 7 around 10 p.m. as a result of information that the two occupants were in possession

of methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking.

A subsequent search of the vehicle located a quantity of meth in the trunk. The vehicle was towed to Morden Police Service for a more thorough search that turned up other

drug paraphernalia, including 200 medical syringes and rubber tubing consistent with meth use.

A 17-year-old youth and a 55-year-old man are both charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of traffick-

ing with the youth facing additional charges for breach of probation and failing to comply with an undertaking to abstain from possession of drugs.

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Staples shines spotlight on female entrepreneurs



Martha Wiebe (left) of the Loaf & Ladle Café and Oleksandra Annamuradova of Sasha's Atelier (right) set up displays at Staples in Winkler March 8 as the store celebrated international Women's Day by shining a spotlight on local female entrepreneurs.

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

Staples in Winkler celebrated International Women's Day by shining a spotlight on two local businesses headed up by female entrepreneurs.

On March 8, the Southland Mall store invited Sasha's Atelier and the Loaf and Ladle Café and Bakeshop to man displays at the front of the store.

"Staples is a proud supporter of women and entrepreneurs, so we reached out to a couple local businesses to showcase what they have and try and promote and help them succeed in business," said manager Jeff Spencer, adding the store to further celebrated the day by offering a discount to customers who stopped by during the four-hour period the displays were up.

The exposure was a great opportu-

nity for Sasha's Oleksandra Annamuradova.

Drawing on her expertise as a clothing designer in her native country of Ukraine, Annamuradova started up her home-based sewing business last fall and intends to hold a grand opening this spring.

She offers alterations of all kinds, clothing repair, personal tailoring, and furniture upholstery.

"It has been very busy," Annamuradova said, noting she's hard at work right now on dresses for the upcoming South Central Cancer Resource fashion show. "I've made now 12 eve-



ning dresses for 12 amazing women." Annamuradova explained she was inspired to start her business after noticing a lack of similar sewing services in the area.

"We looked for this service because we needed it, but nobody was doing it," she said. "So I thought, okay, we will do it."

"I have over 20 years of experience in sewing. For me, it doesn't matter what it is: if someone asks me about bridesmaids dresses or figure skating outfits or even something for their dog, I can do it."

Learn more about Sasha's Atelier online at sashasatelier.ca.

On hand to represent the Loaf & Ladle was Martha Wiebe, whose aunt

Marge Bueckert heads up the new Morden eatery.

"We are trying to let people know that there is a place in the area that is completely gluten-free," she said. "It can be hard to find that in restaurants, so we just want to get the word out that there is a place you can sit and relax and have exactly what you wanted."

The shop opened its doors in the former Cafe LaManche location last month and has already seen a steady flow of hungry customers.

"I hope more people learn about us," Wiebe said, encouraging people to check out their Facebook page to learn more about their menu.

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ACU hanging the work of local artists on its walls

Access Credit Union recently presented Winkler Arts & Culture with a donation of \$3,000 in support of local artists.

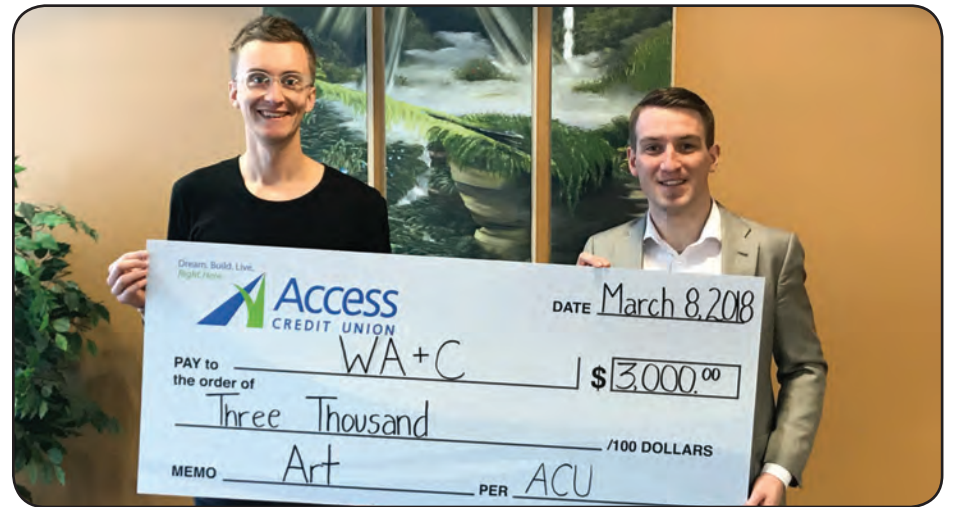
In exchange, the arts centre has loaned over 30 pieces of artwork to be displayed in the hallways and offices of the Winkler branch.

"We are excited to provide our walls as a space where local artists can display their work," said retail branch manager Rob Unruh. "We have many of our members visit our branch dai-

ly making this a high traffic location ideal for local artists to get exposure.

"Additionally, these pieces are beautiful and give the branch a fresh and exciting look," he added. "We are thankful for the important work WAC does in Winkler and consider it a privilege to be able to support them financially."

Unruh encourages ACU members and non-members alike to stop the Winkler branch to view the displayed artwork.



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Winkler ACU's Rob Unruh (right) recently presented WAC chair Tom Penner with a donation of \$3,000. In exchange, the credit union will display over 30 pieces of artwork by local artists on its walls.

> YEAR OF THE BIRD, FROM PG. 12

Manitoba. From talking to birders you know that this valley is the best place in Manitoba to spot this species on its migration.

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A few minutes later you are rewarded with the appearance of an adult Golden Eagle and a juvenile above the eastern horizon. Enjoying the magnificent view of them flying overhead, you realize you have just added a new "lifer" to your bird list!

If you have seen a Golden Eagle let DNS know the details through email at discoverynaturesanctuary@gmail.com or Facebook.

Conservation organizations around the world are marking 2018 as the Year of the Bird in recognition of the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Check out this column each month for a snapshot of the diversity of our local feathered friends.



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Prairie Spirit students bring Grease to the stage

By Lorne Stelmach

It's a demanding performance for the drama students of Prairie Spirit School Division, but

one that they not only welcome but wanted to do this year.

They are working with Candlewick Productions to put on the classic musical *Grease* this



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PSSD drama students bring *Grease* to the stage in Manitou this weekend.

week at the Manitou Opera House.

"It's going to be a great experience," said Gr. 11 student Jackson Hacault, who plays the lead male role of Danny made famous in the movie version by John Travolta. His love interest Sandy, who was played by Olivia Newton John, will be filled here by Julia Vanwynsberghe.

The production involves a lot of song and dance, but Hacault welcomes the challenge.

"It's just so well known, and it's set back in the '60s and it was just so cool back then," said Hacault, who has been involved in school drama productions for a few years now. "It's great ... there's a lot of work that goes into it with hours and hours of practicing ... but it's going to be a lot of fun."

Assistant director Caitlin Cranmer noted this year's choice of production was made by popular demand. They always give students the opportunity to vote on what they perform each year, and *Grease* has been in high demand for years now.

"We've always waited for the right cast to come along and this year we had the right people at the right age," she said.

"*Grease* really demands a lot of solos ... and we also have a certain age range that we need to have," she added. "We looked at our cast this year and realized it was a good possibility, and they've been asking for it, and sure enough they voted for it."

It is an anniversary as well as this year marks the 40th anniversary of *Grease* the movie, noted Cranmer, who sees

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SMC wraps up season

The Black Umfolosi performed at the Morden Access Event Centre Friday at the Southern Manitoba Concert series' final show of the season. The African acapella singing and dancing group provided a lively wrap-up to a hugely successful season, which also included performances from Gordie Mackeeman and His Rhythm Boys, MTC's A Christmas Carol, Canadian Brass, and the Proteus Saxophone Quartet.

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Shows March 15-18

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a big part of its appeal especially as a high school production being that it is set in school and deals with things like relationships and trying to find your identity.

"Grease is one of the top ten high school productions to do in North America," she said. "It's a fun musical full of well known songs, and a lot of people have connections with it from their youth as well."

"We feel it is a production that evokes nostalgia. Whether you grew up in the era, are somebody

who remembers seeing Grease in the theatres ... it's a beloved musical for many generations."

Performances take place Thursday to Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students (aged 11-18) and \$6 for children 10 and under and are available at the Candlewick box office at 204-825-8406 or at Nellie McClung Collegiate and CJs Convenience in Manitou.

At the door, tickets will be \$15, \$10 and \$8.

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Roland Big Band Concert on this Saturday

Fifty musicians from far and wide will descend on Roland this Saturday for the 21st annual Roland Community Band Workshop.

After spending the day honing their music reading skills, participants

will take the stage under the direction of Bernard Helfter for the Big Band Concert, performing everything from classical music to show tunes to marches, and everything in between.

The show starts at 7 p.m. in the Ro-

land United Church Hall. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted toward the RUC.

The evening will also feature the 20th annual Bob Day Memorial Award, which is presented in memory of the former Winklerite. Day was a dedicated community band member with great musical spirit and a deep commitment to community bands.

The award is given to a band member who displays the same qualities of dedication, commitment, and musical spirit.

Organizers say there's always room for more in the workshop, even last-minute. If you're interested in taking part, contact Tom Neufeld at 204-343-2358 or email TomLori@mymts.net.



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> POLICE REPORT, FROM PG. 13

Other items of note in the weekly police reports:

- Morden police got a report of a hit and run to a vehicle that happened the afternoon of March 3 in a parking lot of a Ninth Street South apartment. The 2012 brown Chevrolet Equinox had damage to the passenger side rear bumper.

- Winkler police received a complaint March 5 from someone who believed another man in his building poisoned his rice with window cleaner before the two began eating supper together. The complainant was transported to Boundary Trails Health Centre for assessment.

- Morden police received a report March 5 of a hit and run to a vehicle on March 3 around 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Tim Horton's. The 2004 black Audi A4 had damage to the driver side front fender.

- A Winkler woman called police March 6 after receiving a cheque in the mail for \$2,280 following the offer of a housekeeping job through a website.

The suspect claimed to have sent the cheque to help cover the cost of cleaning supplies and wages, as she would be away when the complainant started the job.

The cheque received was deter-

mined to be fake by the complainant's bank, and no money was lost. Police say they have received similar reports.

- Winkler police were called March 7 around 5 a.m. to Salem Home about a man yelling for help and trying to enter the building.

Police found him sleeping inside the entrance next to a heater and were told he was travelling from Winkler to his residence in Morden along a gravel road when he lost control of his vehicle and spun into the ditch. He then set out on foot toward Morden, or so he thought, but reached Winkler and realized he had been walking the wrong direction.

Police provided him with a ride to Morden.

- Winkler police began an investigation March 8 about a break and enter to a Pembina Ave. residence sometime on Feb. 5. Someone entered the apartment by breaking a window and stole a bicycle, television and an electronic gaming system.

- Winkler police were called March 8 about a shoplifter at the Superstore.

The man tried to leave the store without paying for \$755 worth of groceries but then left the groceries and fled the scene.

Police continue to investigate.

Teen Clinic comes to Morden Collegiate

By Lorne Stelmach

A satellite clinic of Agassiz Medical Centre is now operating one afternoon a week at Morden Collegiate.

A partnership involving Western School Division and Southern Health, the clinic is a further example of the role the school can play as a facilitator in the community.

"That can look like a whole bunch of different things ... this is just one more way to add to the kind of things I think that we do to support students," suggested principal Marianne Fenn.

The clinic has been offered at the school every Tuesday afternoon from 12-4 p.m. since Feb. 27. It offers a wide range of medical services: everything from treatment of minor injuries and physicals to immunizations and referrals to specialists.

Providing services from Agassiz is nurse practitioner Caroline Bitton, who was not available for comment.

Fenn said they had been in conversation for some time with Southern Health and the clinic about the possibility of providing this kind of service.

"I think the goal ultimately for everybody has been to support students in reducing barriers to access to medical help," she said. "The idea of having access right in the school building to a medical clinic would be a way that we could make sure that students had easier access to health care if it's something that they need."

"The likelihood is that a student would be able to be seen on fairly

short notice," Fenn added. "The time that would be taken up in booking that appointment and seeing that nurse practitioner and getting back to class would probably be very short."

Fenn suggested the service could especially be valuable if students don't currently have a family doctor.

"I think we were surprised when we spoke to Agassiz Medical Centre how many people in general in the community don't actually have a full-time practitioner that their family is associated with ... so I think this could be an easy way for them to be able to connect with somebody consistently."

This project could lead to other connections and expanded health services for students, Fenn said, pointing to the success of similar programs offered in Steinbach and Portage.

"In those schools, they have nutrition counsellors coming by sometimes ... dietitians, other kinds of rehab support, social workers, mental health workers, public health," she said. "Knowing that we've got a foot in the door to potentially open that door to lots of other additional kinds of supports that students may need is really positive for us."

With only a few weeks under its belt, it's too soon to say how the clinic is being received by students, but Fenn is optimistic interest will grow moving forward.

"By the time they opened that first day I know there were definitely people waiting to see her, so it was utilized ... and I think we can probably expect it to just get more and more utilized as time goes on."

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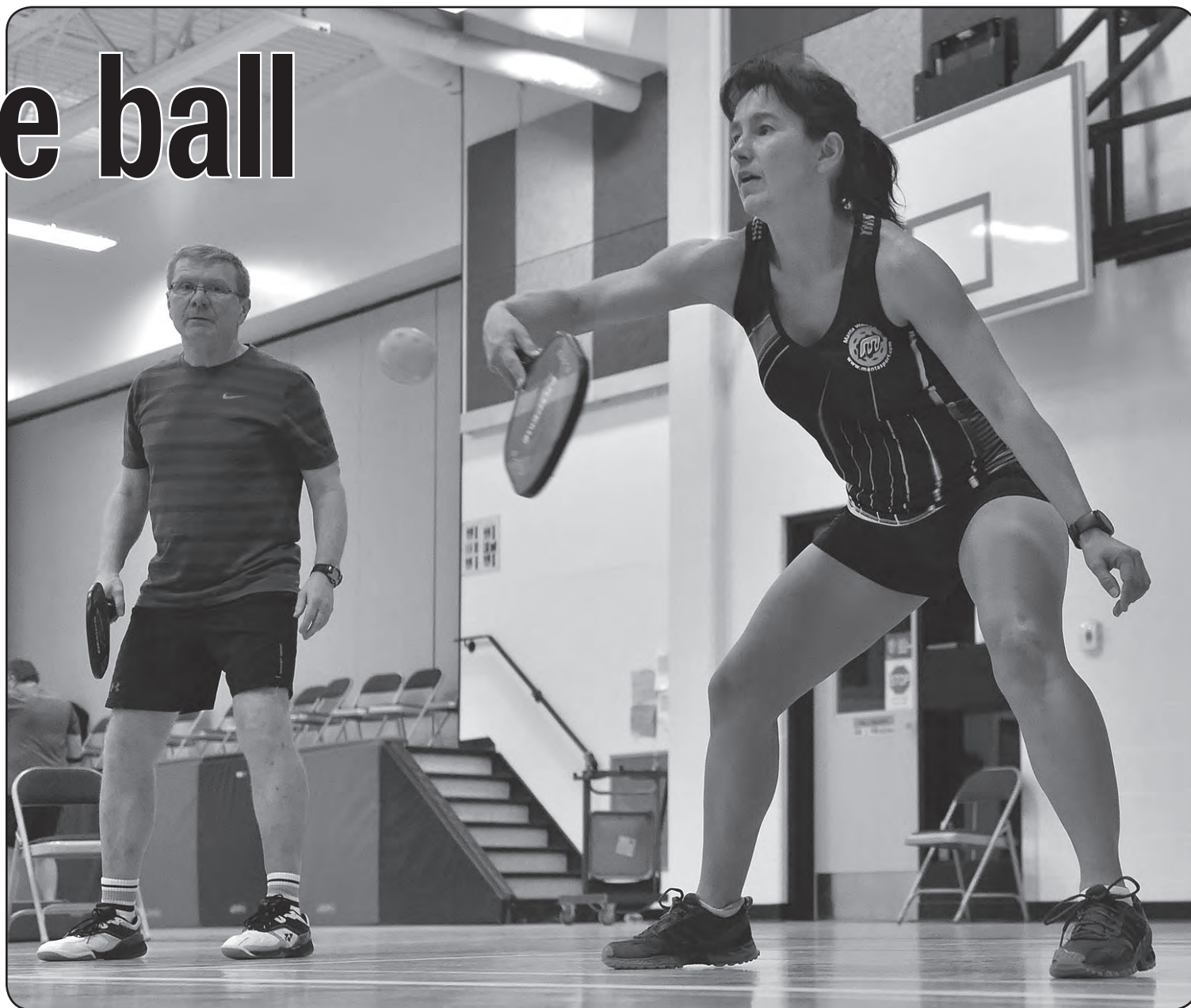
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On the ball

Rose Sawatzky and teammate Lionel Piché field a serve at the Morden Pickleball Tournament over the weekend. The duo clinched gold in the Mixed Doubles event. The competition welcomed 48 teams playing at both Morden Collegiate and in the Access Event Centre community hall. Other first-place finishers included Sawatzky and Linda Hiebert in the Woman's Doubles Tier 1, Brenda Granger and Beth Last in Woman's Doubles Tier 2, Piché and Peter Willms in Men's Doubles, and John and Sharon Klassen in the Mixed 50+ category. Organizers say this first annual event was very well-received and everyone is looking forward to coming back again next year.

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Flyers take a two game lead vs. OCN

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Flyers returned home with a two game lead on OCN in their best of seven MJHL quarter-final.

Meeting the Blizzard for the third straight year in the playoffs, the Flyers took control of the series on the road with a 4-3 double overtime win Friday and then doubled up on them 4-2 in game two Saturday.

Games three and four were scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday in Winkler. Results were not available at press time.

Lucas Barker scored his second goal of the game with 4:24 left in the second overtime Friday. Brett Opperman also scored twice for Winkler, including the game tying goal with 8:07 left.

The Flyers took a 1-0 just over four minutes into the game when Everett Bestland sent a pass to the front of the net and Barker knifed a shot over OCN netminder Emilien Boily for the game's first goal.

Winkler moved back in front in the second on a goal by Opperman with 3:26 left in the frame. The Blizzard

took their first lead just 2:36 into the third period, but Opperman capitalized on a Blizzard turnover and stepped into a shot that found the top corner, tying the game 3-3.

With 4:24 to play in double overtime, Griffin Leonard slid the puck across the crease to Barker, who managed to get it just across the line to win the game for Winkler.

Both goaltenders stood tall in net as the Flyers outshot OCN 60-43, including 24-11 in the overtime periods alone. Winkler went 0-for-9 on the power-play and 7-for-7 on the penal-

ty-kill.

On Saturday, Matt Christian scored a pair of powerplay goals and Martyniuk was in top form between the pipes.

The Flyers got off to a great start and took a 1-0 lead early. Taking the pass from defenseman Erik Dahl, Leonard let a shot go from the top of circle that found the top corner just 2:17 into the game.

Winkler quickly doubled their lead to 2-0 just a few minutes later when Connor Beebe fired the puck through

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The Morden Curling Club held its annual ladies curling bonspiel earlier this month. The A-side winners were the team of (left photo) Kayla Froese, Darcie Reimer, Sheila Reimer and Linda Reimer. The B-side honours went to Eryn Gillis, Hayley Rach Friesen (missing from above photo), Courtney Davison, and Jenny Mutcherson.

Variety of rec. programs starting up in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden recreation department is offering a number of special programs and activities in the coming weeks, including for spring break.

It is part of ongoing efforts to get youth in particular more active and engaged in the community, suggests recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck, but spring break especially is an ideal time for it.

"I try to schedule some activities during these times ... I'm hoping that we'll have enough participants to run

the programming," she said. "I think it's a great opportunity to spend some time being creative or active. I do think it's a good opportunity for providing some programming at a reasonable cost."

On March 21, kids ages 6-12 are invited to the Access Event Centre to create their very own fleece pillow followed by a cat painting April 25 and a dried flower project May 16. The cost is \$15 per event.

For spring break, a number of sport organizations are coming together to provide a week of exploring a wide

variety of sports.

Sponsored by Sport Manitoba, the program will include pickleball, table tennis and fencing Monday, soccer and archery Tuesday, gym curling and badminton Wednesday and cricket and lacrosse Thursday. The cost is \$25 per day.

Meanwhile, the Morden Explorers program continues April 2 for kids age 8-2, who are invited to spend the day learning about animal shelters, building outdoor shelters, planting bulb, touring the Morden fire hall, playing games and exploring the community on foot. The program is hosted together with A Rocha.

Registration is \$25 for the day. A \$10 discount is available for additional children in one family.

Registration for all these programs is available online at mordenmb.maxgalaxycanada.net or contact Dueck at 204-822-5431 or sdueck@mordenmb.com.

Dueck noted Jumpstart funds are available to families who qualify for financial support.

"If cost is a concern, we can always check to see if families are eligible, and they can fund up to 100 per cent of the programming," she pointed out.

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> FLYERS, FROM PG. 20

the legs of Blizzard goaltender Emilien Boily, scoring his first goal as a Flyer.

Christian then scored a powerplay goal late in the period, giving Winkler a 3-0 lead headed into intermission.

The Blizzard pushed back in the second period and cut Winkler's lead to 3-1 and then struck again in the final minute of the period to bring OCN to within a goal after two.

OCN got into some penalty trouble

late in the game, giving the Flyers a seven minute power-play after an altercation after the whistle, and Winkler made the Blizzard pay with just over two minutes left when Weiland Parrish made a nice play to get the puck to Christian in front, and the Flyers regular season leading scorer put home his second of the game.

Martyniuk made 41 saves including a couple of game changers in the third as Winkler outshot OCN 48-43

overall. Winkler was 1-for-6 on the power-play and 6-for-6 on the penalty-kill.

If the series is extended beyond four, game five is at OCN Friday and game six is back in Winkler on Sunday.



**PEMBINA VALLEY ORIOLES
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Local skiers off to nationals



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

From left: Tessa Warkentine, Matt Klassen, and Aaron Warkentine, the three most senior members of the Boundary Trails Nordic Ski Team, qualified to be part of a 14 athlete team from Manitoba headed to the National Cross Country Ski Championships this week in Thunder Bay. Joining them at the event will be former teammate Levi Warkentine (at right), who now skis for Lakehead University, and BTN coach Lorne Warkentine as technician for Team Manitoba.

Zodiacs represent at provincials

Garden Valley Collegiate's varsity basketball teams competed at the Milk AAAA Provincial Basketball Championships in Winnipeg last weekend.

The 10th-ranked ladies defeated the seventh ranked Daniel McIntyre club in the first round to find themselves up against second seeded Vincent Massey in the quarterfinals. Their provincial championship hopes ended with a 69-51 loss.

GVC's boys started the weekend as the seventh seed, kicking things off with a win over John Taylor Collegiate to take on second-seeded Vincent Massey Collegiate. As with their female counterparts, the male Zodiacs saw their season come to an end at the hands of the Trojans, falling 82-59.

GVC junior varsity girls also represented the school at the AAAA provincials in Winnipeg, falling in their first match to Sisler 55-40.

Team South brings home 53 medals from Games

Local athletes fared very well at the 2018 Manitoba Winter Games in Thompson last week.

The Morden-Winkler area sent about 60 youth athletes and coaches to the competition as part of Team South.

The team brought home 16 gold medals, 20 silver, and 17 bronze from the week-long event.

Local gold medal winners included:

- Naomi Wiens (Morden): Cross Country Ski 3km Classic Interval Start Pee Wee Female and Cross Country Ski 3km Free Technique Pee-Wee Female.
- Isaiah Vanden Berg (Winkler): Cross Country Ski 3km Classic Interval Start Pee Wee Male.
- Hezekiah Hoepfner (Thornhill): Cross Country Ski 3km Free Tech-

nique Pee Wee Male.

- William Vanden Berg (Winkler): Cross Country Ski 5km Classic Interval Start Midget Male and Cross Country Ski 5km Free Technique Midget Male
- Aaron Warkentine (Winkler): Cross Country Ski 7.5km Classic Interval Start Juvenile Male and Cross Country Ski 7.5km Technique Juvenile Male.
- Julia Patenaude (Holland): Figure Skating Short Program Novice Female.
- Ella Sterling (Morden): Gymnastics Floor Exercise Provincial Stream (10-11 years) Female.
- Makenzie McCallum (Morden), Zoey Pearce (Manitou), Cora Fijala (Manitou), and Abbi Conrad (Swan Lake): Female Hockey.

• Trenton Penner (Winkler), Asher Blatz (Winkler): Male Bantam Hockey.

Silver medalists included:

- Lori Steppeler (Miami): Alpine Ski Slalom All Female.
- Mya Pearce (Manitou) with Altona's Vincent Froese: Badminton Individual Competition U15 Mix. Pearce also earned silver with Team South in the Badminton Team Competition.
- Hezekiah Hoepfner (Thornhill): Cross Country Ski 3km Classic Interval Start Pee Wee Male.
- Isaiah Vanden Berg (Winkler): Cross Country Ski 3km Free Technique Pee Wee Male.
- Ben Wiens (Morden): Cross Country Ski 5km Free Technique Midget Male.
- Josh Friesen (Manitou): Curling

U18 Male as part of Team South 1.

- Maiya Aschberg (Morden): Female Hockey.
- And bringing home bronze were:
 - Jared Friesen (Miami): Alpine Ski Parallel Slalom All Male.
 - Tom Friesen (Reinfeld) competing with Kleefeld's Dakota Gigolyk: Badminton Individual Competition U17 Mix.
 - Ben Wiens (Morden): Cross Country Ski 5km Classic Interval Start Midget Male.
 - Winkler's Jared Bueckert, Landon Krahn, Luke Trinke, and Jace Zacharias: Curling U15 Male.
 - Ella Sterling (Morden): Gymnastics Uneven Bars Provincial Stream (10-11 years) Female.

Agriculture

Lake Manitoba residents continue to rebuild

By Harry Siemens

Things around Lake Manitoba looked normal at this time of year back in 2011.

And then things started to happen: thawing, flooding, bad decisions, and destruction for many people who went on to loss everything.

Local citizens later formed the Lake Manitoba Flood Rehabilitation Committee to determine losses, connect with governments, fight for survival, and get help to continue.

After a recent meeting of the committee, chair Tom Teichroeb, a cattle rancher at Langruth, reflected on where things are at today.

"The committee itself needed to regain focus because we hadn't met for some time," he said. "First and foremost, we needed to establish whether or not with the new councils and the amalgamations that happened in the recent years, and new people representing them, [they] understood what the committee represented.

"And number two, whether or not they wanted to continue," said Teichroeb. "Very clearly everyone there was in full support of the committee, understood what the mandate of the committee is, and thought the value was still genuine, it needed to carry on, and deal with some of the ongoing issues that are still very real around Lake Manitoba."

The water levels of the lake are still too high and have yet to reach the bottom end of the lake levels recommended by the province, Teichroeb noted.

"We also have never achieved our surface water management strategy that we have around the province in the way that we think it needs doing," he added. "Those are two big issues that will remain for a long time.

"Then, thirdly, of course, the announcement of the channel construction with a date in mind, and we want to make sure we see that through."

The support and vote of confidence of those around the table at the last meeting convinced Teichroeb there was good reason to start the group and to keep it going.

"I think the challenge with any single voice is that the question you always ask, 'Is it relevant?' he said.

"When you have nine different councils and northern communities on the committee, all agree we accomplished and achieved certain goals, and there is more to accomplish."

After being around for six years, Teichroeb said he feels the committee has earned respect and continues to have relevance and purpose.

"We feel that we do and certainly want to reach out to the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale," he said, "who is now obviously dealing with a revenue loss, a potential revenue loss, that we want to make sure there is an understanding what's happening."

While the flood and resulting dam-

"EVERY SINGLE PERSON IS AFFECTED NEGATIVELY BY SUCH FLOODING EVENTS."

age changed things, Teichroeb said the land and particularly pasture land vary anywhere from about 60 to 80 per cent recovered.

"The question that people fail to think about is that it's not just 2011, but it's also 2014," he said. "We had made some recovery, that again was compromised by 2014. When you look at beaches, when you look at the re-

sort right next to my ranch, it those owners have certainly restored it."

But momentum has been lost in some areas.

"When you lose momentum you lose industry," Teichroeb stressed. "When you lose industry you lose money.

"Every single person is affected negatively by such flooding events."



By Harry Siemens

Grain prices in a humdrum

Elaine Kub draws on her experiences as a futures broker, market analyst, grain merchandiser, and farmer to thoughtfully communicate about the commodity markets.

Before earning an engineering degree from the University of Nebraska and an MBA from the University of California San Diego, Kub grew up on a family farm in South Dakota, where she is still active in grain and livestock production.

I spoke with Elaine at the recent Western Canadian Wheat Growers convention in Washington D.C., where she presented.

"In the near term, I see a very predictable pattern, and we're stuck in a rut with these prices. When you look at the prices of corn and soybeans, our big benchmarks in the U.S., so far in 2018 have tracked the same path that the 2017 prices are making sense because we're just in this path of oversupply," she said. "I mean, we have ample supplies. We are not going to have any supply shortage anytime soon in our big three crops in the United States, so I think we're in a period of low prices until something major changes. We have to be managing profitability very careful-

ly because of those low prices."

With record-breaking land prices in both the U.S. and parts of Canada, Kub doesn't see any shift just yet.

"I think the trigger will be the interest rates rather than the grain prices. I think these low grain prices, we have not seen a reaction in the land prices," Kub said. "They're still as high, almost as high as they were for the past three, four years. When it's even selling, I think fewer land sales are happening. But as interest rates rise, it may be an asset that some of those investors that got into it—not the farmers but the investor, the land speculator—may start to get rid of some land investments and we may see more sales, but at lower prices because of the rising interest rates."

While recent storms dumped some snow in many parts, a snowfall in February/March doesn't replenish subsoil moistures nor does the lack of moisture make or break a crop at this time. So how does a growing drought map impact grain prices?

"This is the problem, is that there's still the potential that that could drastically change in the next couple of months," said Kub. "We could get a wet pattern. That 12 inches that came to Minneapolis, that was fairly

sudden. They haven't been receiving steady snow all winter so things could change fast before planting season, or certainly before growing season that we would no longer be bullish about."

So while large parts are in a serious drought pattern, it could change before the crops, or the markets start to get concerned about it.

When asked about her farm back in South Dakota, things don't change much.

"Corn and soybeans; I always do corn and soybeans, which is a bumper," Kub said. "I would love to have more of the specific opportunities that Canadian farmers have."

Now that we are home again, reflecting on our stay in Washington, it was a great experience, visiting the usual places, but outstanding was the Museum of the Bible.

The recently opened facility invites people to engage with the Bible.

"Our purpose is this: to invite all people to engage in this wonderful book we call the Bible," said executive director Tony Zeiss. "Its history, its narrative, and its impact. In fact, those are the three themes you will see throughout this museum."

It is not a Bible museum but a museum of the Bible.

Manitou daycare reaps benefits of prov'l funding

By Lorne Stelmach

The Manitou day care operated by Pembina Valley Child Care Centre is receiving a small share of funding announced by the province late last month.

The funds will provide for 10 existing nursery school spaces at the facility.

"These spaces were currently already in use for about five years but they were unfunded," explained executive director Shuana Richards.

"This is exciting news for our Manitou location," she added, stressing "this will help with Manitou's financial state, but they are not new spaces."

The Manitou facility was licensed for

eight infants and 42 preschool/school age children, while PVCCC's Morden Community Child Care Centre provides care for about 150 families per year with 112 licensed spaces for ages 12 weeks to 12 years.

The Manitoba government overall allocated funds to 621 early learning and child care spaces at 63 centres across the province.

The money is part of the Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Agreement with the federal government which commits \$47 million over three years to create up to 1,400 new and newly-funded spaces for children under the age of six.

Of that, \$2.3 million annually will provide new operating grant funding for 621 existing licensed spaces

"THIS WILL HELP WITH MANITOU'S FINANCIAL STATE, BUT THEY ARE NOT NEW SPACES."

previously created by facility-driven expansion and on a waiting list to receive subsidy.

Families Minister Scott Fielding said the funding ensures centres can remain affordable and financially stable.

"We know the value of early learning and child care to a child's social, cognitive and emotional development and how it gives them a better

chance to succeed in life," he said.

"We also know its importance to parents and guardians who are able to attend school or work, knowing their children are safe, cared for and learning," said Fielding, adding there is potential to fund additional spots in the future, as the province can identify additional spaces over the three-year period.

take a break > GAMES

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Punctuation mark
- 6. Married woman
- 9. Nocturnal rodent
- 13. Suffix
- 14. A way to disappoint
- 15. Saddle horse
- 16. West African country
- 17. Philippine island
- 18. "Girls" creator Dunham
- 19. A type of twin
- 21. Groans
- 22. Infections
- 23. What a beaver makes
- 24. Thou
- 25. Make a mistake
- 28. Receive
- 29. Dresses
- 31. Burn the surface of
- 33. Where coaches observe
- 36. Ceremonial offices
- 38. Paddle
- 39. The body's main artery
- 41. Altered the original state
- 44. Alleges
- 45. Short-billed rails
- 46. Northern Thai province
- 48. Albanian monetary unit
- 49. Who the Wolverines play for
- 51. Oath
- 52. Astronomical period
- 54. A single unit
- 56. Presides over
- 60. Spoiled tot
- 61. Hillsides
- 62. Fertility god
- 63. Assuage
- 64. Signs a contract
- 65. Ancient Greek war dance
- 66. Allows
- 67. Lunar crater
- 68. Crash a motorcycle (Brit. slang)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Loose-fitting undergarment

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- 2. Western Romanian city
- 3. Unit of length
- 4. Type of electricity
- 5. Article
- 6. Mothers
- 7. Monetary unit
- 8. Single Lens Reflex
- 9. Tan-colored horses
- 10. Region
- 11. Cautious in spending money
- 12. Belittle
- 14. Sarcastic
- 17. Fathers
- 20. Clothes
- 21. Opera's Callas
- 23. Lentil dish
- 25. Energy-saving module
- 26. Make sense of a language
- 27. Hurries through
- 29. Songs to one's lover
- 30. Name given to plant groups

- 32. Improves
- 34. Patriotic women
- 35. Inflamed swelling on the eyelid
- 37. Instrument in Indian music
- 40. Request
- 42. Make into leather without using tannin
- 43. Defies
- 47. Neither
- 49. Flower cluster
- 50. Phonological unit
- 52. Leaves in water
- 53. Cavalry-sword
- 55. Famed American cartoonist
- 56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 57. Scarlett's home
- 58. Make
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. What to do at auction
- 65. Incorrect letters

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200 - 301 Weston Street Michelle Slotin, Board Secretary
Winnipeg, MB R3E 3H4 THE HIGHWAY
Phone: (204) 945-8912 TRAFFIC BOARD

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TENDER

FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE BY TENDER MUNICIPALITY OF PEMBINA

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NOTICES

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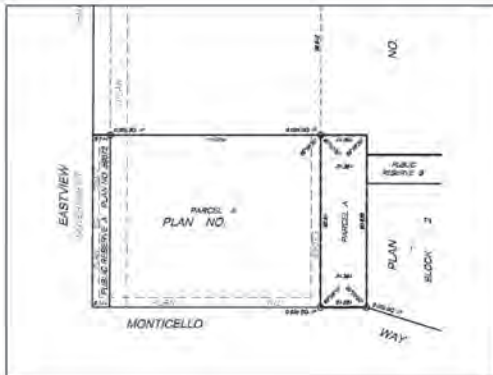
HEARING Council Chambers at City of Winkler
LOCATION: 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB
DATE & TIME: March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
GENERAL Subject to Section 290 (1 & 2) of The Municipal Act, a municipality may close a municipal road by passing a by-law closing the road, and must give public notice and hold a public hearing in respect of the proposed closure. The proposed closure is illustrated by heavy solid lines on Schedule A.
INTENT:

AREA: All that portions of the public road known as Russet Road described as Parcel A of Plan No. (Dep. 65/2018) MLTO in the NW 1/4 2-3-4 WPM, as shown in heavy solid lines on the map attached hereto as Schedule A.

FOR INFORMATION Barb Dyck, City Manager
CONTACT: CITY OF WINKLER
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TENDER



The R.M. of Stanley is issuing this Request for Tenders for the following Project:

PROJECT NO.: jdb043A

PROJECT NAME: Corridor Low Pressure Sewers

The following is a brief description of the Work required for the Project: Construction of Low Pressure Sewers along PTH 3 consisting of 3840m of 75mm ø, 660m of 100mm ø, and 450m of 150mm ø DR21 HDPE piping and a Flow Meter Installation.

Details of the Scope of Work are set out in the Tender Documents.

Tender Documents are only available from the offices of JDB Project Engineering at 1-880L 15th Street, Winkler MB.

The Work Sites are located at: NW 36-3-4W

The Submission Deadline is specified in the Tender Form.

Date: **Tuesday, April 5th, 2018**

Time: **Before 11:00 a.m. prevailing Manitoba time**

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF WINKLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2210-18, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2210-18, is to zone the land described below,

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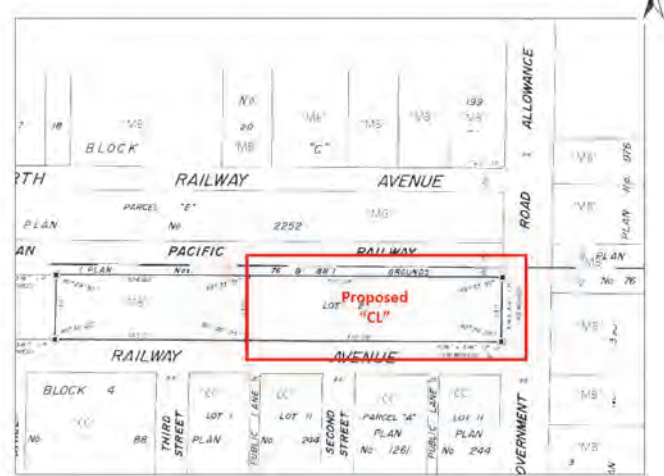
A copy of the above By-Law No. 2210-18, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING BY-LAW NO. 2-18. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOW-PRESSURE SEWER SYSTEM WITHIN THE STANLEY CORRIDOR.

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Stanley has scheduled a public hearing in the Council Chambers on the **5th day of April 2018 at 9:30 a.m.** to present the following by-law:

Providing for the spending, borrowing authority and imposition of taxes for the construction of a low-pressure sewer system along the north and south sides of PTH 3 and 14 of the Stanley Corridor in the Rural Municipality of Stanley.

Financing for the proposed borrowing will be set out in the Rural Municipality of Stanley's yearly financial plans, with borrowing to be repaid over 20 years at a maximum interest rate of 5%, with the annual repayment amount be levied annually as part of the general municipal levy.

RM of Stanley intends to obtain borrowing authorization for up to \$400,000.00 with the exact amount of borrowing to be determined after the project is complete.

Total estimated project cost	\$899,100
Anticipated sources of funding:	
Funded by Federal Grant (max)	\$299,700
Funded by Provincial Grant (max)	\$299,700
Funded by Borrowing (estimated)	\$299,000
	<u>\$899,100</u>

Estimated Municipal borrowing (max):

Amount	\$400,000.00
Maximum Interest Rate	5.0%
Terms	20 years

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer, at 23111 PTH 14 in the RM of Stanley prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the by-law.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the proposed borrowing are available at the municipal office at 23111 PTH 14 and on the municipal website at www.rmofstanley.ca. Feel free to call the RM Office for additional information at 204-325-4101.

Dated at the RM of Stanley this 8TH day of March 2018 and issued pursuant to Section 174.1(1) of The Municipal Act.

Dale Toews, Chief Administrative Officer
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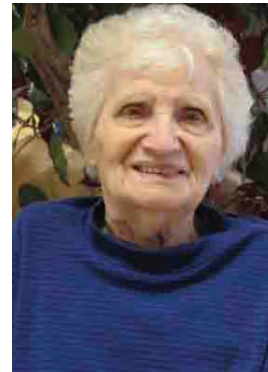
OBITUARY

Katherine Fehr (nee Penner)

September 14, 1919 - March 5, 2018

Katherine Fehr, age 98 years, of Winkler, MB, resident of Salem Home passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Saviour on Monday, March 5, 2018. She is now reunited with her dear husband, Henry H. Fehr whose presence she has longed for since his passing in January 2015.

Left to mourn are their children, Helen Hamm, Henry Fehr (Mary), Abe Fehr (Sylvia), John Fehr (Mary Anne), Kathy Fehr, Mary Rzeszutek (Antonio), Betty Sternberg (Scott), Margery Suderman (Ron), Sharon Peters (Charlie), and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and their spouses. She is also survived by one sister, Anne Wiebe, sister-in-law, Kate Penner, brother-in-law, Peter Fehr (Mary), David Fehr, sister-in-law, Susie Fehr. She was



predeceased by her husband, Henry, her son-in-law, Larry Thiessen, son-in-law, Abe Hamm and her granddaughter, Deborah Fehr-Barkman.

Mom was a quiet and gentle soul who spoke volumes through her actions. She gave selflessly to her family and spent countless hours making meals, washing and mending clothes and wiping away tears. We will always remember Mom's homemade brown bread and buns, her creative ways to entertain her children and her daily prayers for her family. Mom longed for Heaven in her final years as her health deteriorated, and she missed her companionship with Dad. We will miss her dearly but will cherish the memories of the wonderful parents we had.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday March 11, 2018 at the Winkler EMMC with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank the Salem Home for their compassionate care and Wiebe Funeral Home for their kind services.

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

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OBITUARY

Anna Neufeld (nee Fehr)

1937—2018

Anna Neufeld was born December 7, 1937 to David and Katharina Fehr in Mexico. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, Peter D. Neufeld, two brothers, one sister, two half-sisters, one half-brother and one step-brother. She is survived by two sisters and one brother and their families.

Anna met Peter in Belize and was married in 1960. They lived in Belize until 1984 and then settled in Winkler, MB. Peter and Anna were home to special needs adults for about 18 years. Anna also took pride in helping other people with everything from driving for them to doing their laundry. Her life changed a lot when Peter passed away in 2011. In 2015, her health started failing and she relied on family for help. This was very difficult for her to accept.

She kept busy working on puzzles with the ladies in her apartment and watching TV.

She will be greatly missed, but we rejoice that she is not suffering anymore.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Reinland Mennonite Church Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Anna's memory to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

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