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Pembina Valley Water Co-op sees major board turnover

Rhineland's Paul Peters steps down after nearly 20 years as board co-chair

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Last fall's municipal election has resulted in big changes at the board level for the Pembina Valley Water Co-op.

At its annual meeting last month, the cooperative bid farewell to co-chairs Paul Peters and Denis Robert.

Peters, who did not run for re-election in the RM of Rhineland, served 20 years with the PVWC, including 19 as co-chair.

"I just really want to thank both Denis and Paul for their contribution to the water co-op," said CEO Greg Archibald, adding that the pair put in countless extra hours during their terms. "Their hearts are really in it."

For his part, Peters said he's been honoured to play a role in guiding an organization as vital as the PVWC,

which provides water to upwards of 53,000 people in its 14 member municipalities.

His favourite part? Seeing the benefits of regional cooperation.

"Working together with the other municipalities, we were always on the same page," Peters said. "There was one item, and that was providing clean water. We did not get sidetracked by any other issues."

During his time at the helm, Peters has seen the co-op grow to cover a distribution area of 9,000 square kilometres with three water treatment plants, over 300 kilometres of pipelines, and 13 booster pumping stations.

He takes a great deal of pride in that growth.

"We're the third largest water supplier in the province. That is quite a



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

PVWC CEO Greg Archibald (centre) with outgoing chairs Paul Peters (left) and Denis Robert. Peters has been on the board for 20 years, while Robert served for eight.



CEO Greg Archibald (centre) with incoming Pembina Valley Water Co-op board chairs George Grey (left) and Don Wiebe.

feat for a rural area," Peters said, noting prior to PVWC's formation in the late '80s the majority of rural residents had to rely on dugouts for water.

PVWC's board has always worked hard to stay ahead of the needs of this growing region, Peters said.

"I think we've always been proactive instead of reactive to situations," he said, adding that seeing the technology of water management advance through the years has been another highlight for him.

Robert, who was not re-elected in the RM of Morris last fall, was with the water co-op for eight years, four as co-chair.

A standout project for him was providing water to residents of his community in record time

"Within about three years we basically gave everybody water," he said. "We're one of the only RMs in

Manitoba that's done it that quickly, I think."

Like Peters, seeing the growth of the co-op and the communities it services over the past decade made all the work worthwhile for Robert.

"We've had a lot of growth, which is good. Whether it's growth in the RM of Morris or in Morden, Winkler, it doesn't really matter," he said. "It's all good for the area. Everybody benefits out of it."

"If you look at the meaning of co-op, it's cooperation," Robert added. "That's what we've done here."

Other departing board members recognized for their service included Morden rep Irvin Wiebe (15 years), the RM of Stanley's Morris Olafson (five years), Altona's Tim Fast (eight years), Bill Ginter from Morris (eight

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Young and young at heart delight at Lions Toy Show

A young collector was happy to score some hockey cards from one of the vendors at the Morden Lions Toy Show last weekend. Right: Organizer Don Holenski chats with David Booker, who 19 years ago started the now annual event. The weekend featured upwards of two dozen vendors with a variety of items on display and for sale. A final tally was not available at press time, but proceeds from the event will go to local charitable projects.



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BOUNDARY TRAILS DENTAL CENTRE

Expansion a top priority for new BTHC director

By Lorne Stelmach

Kyle MacNair comes into his new role as director of health services at Boundary Trails Health Centre at a challenging time.

He takes the lead at the regional hospital not only as it looks towards an expansion, but also while the province is in the midst of an overhaul of the health care system to find efficiencies.

"People in the area might think this is more of a Winnipeg thing," MacNair observed recently. "We're going to start to see some changes out in our area, so it was important that we're well represented while these health care system transformations are going on now."

In addition to his new job, MacNair is also continuing to temporarily serve as the regional director of pharmacy, which is a position he has held for nine years with Southern Health and prior to that when it was the Central RHA.

MacNair has been a pharmacist for 19 years, having started in the intensive care unit at Health Sciences Centre before becoming a staff pharmacist at BTHC in the early 2000s.

He left hospital pharmacy practice in the mid 2000s to work at a health technology start-up company in Toronto, but then returned to Manitoba in 2009 to become the regional pharmacy director.

Living in Carman with his wife Tracy, who is a radiologist at Boundary Trails Health Centre, MacNair is also a clinical assistant professor and lecturer for the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba. He has also served as president of the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba and been in-

involved with the Canadian Society of Pharmacists in various leadership roles.

He welcomes the opportunity to move from what had been more of a program role into a site/facility role.

"It was a rewarding experience. It was great working with the team we had, but it was pretty removed from the day to day health care services," MacNair suggested. "I felt this was an opportunity to work more actively in delivery of health care services. It was a good opportunity for me professionally and personally to take on a different position."

Looking ahead, MacNair said working towards an expansion at the hospital will be a top priority.

"The landscape has changed a lot in the last year and a half," he said, noting they now work through Shared Health, which oversees planning and integration of services and support to regional health authorities across the province. "It used to be much of the planning would have been done directly with Manitoba Health ... I think a lot more of the planning is going to be done by Shared Health Manitoba, which is the

new provincial entity that's really tasked with planning our health care services across the province."

MacNair also sees another key responsibility as being future planning in a broad sense.

"The facility is very busy. It's a very important health care resource for the province and for the area around Morden and Winkler," he said.

"I think when the facility was built there wasn't necessarily the expectation that there would be nearly a thousand births occurring in this area, but now that we know that ... how do we optimize the services at this facility to take care of that?" he said.

"THE FACILITY IS VERY BUSY. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT HEALTH CARE RESOURCE ..."



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Kyle MacNair, longtime regional director of pharmacy for the RHA, is now the director of health services at the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

"It's really important that we're looking at our services and looking at what the future is going to hold for service demands, both from an operational perspective and a facility perspective and a health human resource perspective ... and make sure that we're planning well for the future so the facility can maintain the high level of services it is able to provide ... and respond to the future needs of the population."

NPC Youth in Philanthropy accepting grant applications

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy have put a call out for applications for their 2019 grants.

The student group has worked hard to raise funds to gift back to the community, says member Katelyn Sabourin, Gr. 12.

"So far we have between \$500-\$600, but we're hoping to raise a couple hundred more," she says, noting they still have a spring bake sale coming up and are also planning to wrap up the school year with a car smash fundraiser in June.

Earlier fundraisers included a candy cane sale at the school at Christmas, a successful grandparents supper, and a trivia night.

This is Sabourin's second year on YIP, and she says she enjoys not only organizing and running these fund-

raisers but also knowing the resulting funds are going to do some good.

"It's nice to try and give back to the community," she said.

Local non-profit organizations look-

ing for funding support for services or projects are invited to apply by Tuesday, April 2.

Application forms are available from the Winkler Community Foundation

or the NPC website. Call 204-362-9292 or email wcf@winkleronline.com. Completed forms can be dropped off at the school office.

Wiebe, Grey step in as co-chairs

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years), Bob Horsman from Roland (four years), and Derek Sabourin from the RM of Montcalm (3.5 years).

Stepping into the big shoes left behind by Peters and Robert as co-chairs are RM of Rhineland Reeve Don Wiebe and RM of Dufferin Reeve George Grey.

Like their predecessors, the pair know the value of the co-op to their communities.

"In Rhineland, 100 per cent of water comes from PVWC, so it's pretty critical for us" to have representation on the board, said Wiebe, thanking Peters for his decades of work in the role.

"That legacy, we want to continue it," he added, "because water is so critical to our development, to our communities, and our future prosperity."

"We've got a wonderful asset here with the water co-op," agreed Grey. "We provide a high quality product ...

that a lot of people take for granted, but it's something that we work at all the time to make sure that everything is working properly. We're very proud of the work we do.

"Without water we have nothing. We can't grow."

For a look at some of the big projects PVWC has coming down the pike throughout its service area, check out next week's edition of the Voice.

Josh Guenter enters Borderland PC race

By Lorne Stelmach

A fourth candidate entered the contest this week for the Progressive Conservative nomination for the Borderland riding.

Altona area resident Josh Guenter threw his hat in the ring alongside Verna Heinrichs, Liz Hildebrand, and Jordan Siemens.

All four are seeking to represent the Conservatives in what was formerly the Emerson riding, which was redrawn and renamed as Borderland as part of the recent review of the province's political boundaries.

Guenter said he has a deep love for this area and its people and that he very much grew up with traditional values built around hard work and family.

A young father himself, Guenter

said he wants to stand up for families and will foster the kind of prosperity that will ensure areas like Borderland can thrive.

"There's so much growth and change, and the riding is so young and vibrant ... things are changing," he said.

"I think a key thing, especially for this riding, this area, is affordability for families and business owners. I think affordability is absolutely the fundamental issue."

Raised on a small farm near Altona, Guenter today lives near Altona with his wife Alicia and their son Jackson.

He is a long-haul truck driver and has worked for both Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen.

He attended the University of Ottawa to study economics and politi-

cal science and has worked for an MP from Saskatchewan.

"I've always had an interest in politics," Guenter said. "I've always loved this area and always felt that perhaps one day I would have the opportunity to put myself forward and serve."

The PC candidate for Borderland will be selected April 11 at the Millennium Exhibition Centre in Altona.

Registration and voting takes place between 4:30-7 p.m. that day. The evening will feature as guest speaker Premier Brian Pallister.

People who wish to vote at the nomination meeting have until March 27 to become party members.

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Altona area resident Josh Guenter has entered the race for the Borderland Conservative nomination.



Winkler, Morden health auxiliaries join forces

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After decades of working towards common goals apart from one another, the Winkler and Morden health auxiliaries have joined forces.

The two chapters of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Auxiliary officially amalgamated at the start of 2019 and are now in the midst of planning for their upcoming joint fundraisers.

President Margaret Ann Popplestone, a member of the former Morden chapter, said the merger has been some time coming.

"We'd been discussing it for many years and then all of the sudden Winkler came to us and wanted to join," she said.

The two chapters, which have run the BTHC gift shop together for years,

both had the same purpose: raising funds for needed but unfunded equipment at the regional hospital.

"We're both working toward the same thing," Popplestone said. "We did have a few different fundraisers, but we're keeping them all and we'll just work together in both communities as one now."

Upcoming events include a spring luncheon featuring a bake sale, rain-bow auction, and raffle at the Morden

Activity Centre April 6 at 11:30 a.m. and a book/bake sale at the Southland Mall in Winkler May 3.

The BTHC Auxiliary has about two dozen active members right now. They're always looking for more.

"We always encourage new members," said Popplestone, noting it's been difficult in recent years to replenish their numbers, which, at one point in years gone by, hit over 100 members.

"WE'RE BOTH WORKING TOWARD THE SAME THING."

Members are asked to attend regular meetings throughout the year and to help with the planning and organizing of the various fundraising events.

Each spring the hospital provides the auxiliary with a wish list of items not covered by provincial funding.

The Morden chapter in 2018 contributed \$23,000

towards new shelving for the operating room, a bariatric wheelchair, a hysteroscope, and a cardiac probe.

"These funds provide equipment that otherwise they wouldn't have," Popplestone said. "It's an important cause."

If you'd like to get involved with the BTHC Auxiliary or would like more information about upcoming fundraisers, contact Popplestone at 204-822-6208.

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Good people who do nothing

Another day, another mass murder of 50 people (so far).

This time the horror was perpetrated in New Zealand (the Canada of the southern hemisphere) when armed men walked into two different mosques during prayer time and systematically shot the people present. Men, women, children.

The act appears to have been perpetrated by white supremacist terrorists. They were thoughtful enough to live stream their acts of horror onto a social media platform to ensure maximum impact. How wonderful. They even provided a 72-page manifesto praising U.S. President Donald Trump as “a symbol of renewed white identity and common purpose” and Norwegian mass murderer Andres Breivik.



By Peter Cantelon

Trump condemned the attack, as did

leaders from all over the world.

This is a person who clearly and deliberately planned out his attack and laid out his reasons, which were solidly Islamophobic and based upon a mythology that anybody who is not of white, European heritage is considered an invader and an enemy.

Ultimately this act, like the ones that preceded it, was the act of a coward, an act rooted deeply in fear and hate.

This event is simply the tip of a very large iceberg many of us pretend does not exist. You know what I mean: the act of murder and violence is grounded in an environment that increasingly normalizes the paranoia, racism and hatred that undergird it.

But how? We wonder what could I possibly do to help prevent such things? I am, after all, a good person.

When people joke and say casually racist, intolerant things in our presence, we often stay quiet. We don't want to cause problems. We try to avoid confrontation and conflict because we are peace-loving, good people. This creates an environment that fosters and allows hatred to grow.

The time has long since passed where we need to stand up and call out hatred, stupidity, xenophobia and

racism wherever we see it—in our homes, schools, workplaces, public spaces, coffee shops, places of worship, government, friends and family.

It must be made clear that we will not allow such hateful ideas to flourish, even if it comes from our parents, our children, our aunts and uncles and grandparents. We must stop being “good people who do (and say) nothing.”

This has been understood for a very long time. Nearly 250 years ago Irish statesman and British MP Edmund Burke said as much when he was paraphrased as saying, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men should do nothing.”

There is a deep truth to this. When we sit and condemn actions and words inwardly but say nothing out of fear of reprisal or conflict, we are those very same men (and women) who say nothing allow evil to freely continue.

Do you want to do your part in preventing such horror in the future? Then stop staying quiet. Stop doing nothing.

Letters

Justin Trudeau must resign amid SNC-Lavalin affair

Canadians were shocked to hear the explosive testimony of former Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould on the SNC-Lavalin affair.

Her story was one of inappropriate, and potentially illegal, pressure brought on her by the highest officials of Justin Trudeau's government and Justin Trudeau himself—all to let a Liberal-connected corporation off the hook on corruption charges.

Justin Trudeau simply cannot continue to govern this great nation now that Canadians know what he

has done. Ms. Wilson-Raybould's testimony tells the story of a Prime Minister who has lost the moral authority to govern. A Prime Minister who allowed his partisan political motivations to overrule his duty to uphold the law. A Prime Minister who has allowed a systemic culture of corruption to take root in his office.

Andrew Scheer and Canada's Conservatives are calling on Justin Trudeau to resign. Further, we are asking that the RCMP immediately

open an investigation into the numerous examples of obstruction of justice that were detailed in the testimony.

Canada should be a country where we are all equal under the law. Where nobody—regardless of wealth, status, or political connections—is above the law. I believe we can be that country again.

Candice Bergen, Portage-Lisgar MP, Conservative House Leader

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Winkler city council approves \$17 million budget

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler's financial plan aims to meet the needs of a growing city with a major project underway while also keeping its tax increase under control.

After council approved the \$17 million budget for 2019 at its meeting March 12, Mayor Martin Harder said he felt they had accomplished just that for the year ahead.

"Challenges are always there," he said of coming up with a budget in the midst of not only taking on the Meridian Exhibition Centre but funding it on their own.

"Take your regular replacement of equipment ... you can't go buy a whole bunch of equipment and expect to do the Meridian Exhibition Centre. When we have a major project in any one area, the other ones have to give some up," he said.

"Everybody else knew that recreation was going to have their day, and this year happens to be the day, and so everybody else had to sit back and say okay, no, I can't do that, I can't hire more people. Or no, I can't buy this piece of equipment, I have to make do with what we've got.

"The only thing is this year it was a little deeper than normal because of the amount of the debenture that was going in [the arena expansion project]," said Harder.

The city's budget for 2019 overall increases by five per cent to just over \$17 million.

The municipal mill rate drops slightly from 13.729 to 13.365, while overall property value growth of 2.7 per cent also boosts revenues.

The bottom line on tax bills varies,

but there will be a 5.8 per cent increase on residential taxes and a decrease of 2.65 per cent on commercial tax bills.

It means a residential property valued at \$210,000 will see its base municipal tax decrease by \$34.40 to \$1,262.99, but factor in the \$110 waste fee and there will be a net increase of \$75.60 to \$1,373.

On a commercial property valued at \$500,000, the municipal taxes decrease by \$118.30 to \$4,343.63.

Here is how that \$1,373 of residential tax revenue breaks down:

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- \$145 to general government services.
- \$110 for waste.
- \$40 for planning.
- \$36 for economic services.
- \$32 for fire protection.
- \$8 towards health and cemetery costs.

The city brings in about \$10.9 million or 64 per cent of its revenues through municipal taxes, while 36 per cent or just over \$6.1 million comes through other sources, with about half of that being provincial and federal funding.

On the expenditure side, labour costs represent \$5.3 million or about 31 per cent of the operating budget.

One of the largest expenses is the police service at about \$3.1 million or 18 per cent of the budget, while parks and recreation come in at \$2.45 million or about 14 per cent.

Transportation including road work

represents about 13 per cent or \$2.2 million of the budget, while administration comes in at 10 per cent or \$1.7 million. The fire department takes up \$780,000 or five per cent.

Major projects in the works for the year include \$1.4 million towards Highway 32 improvements and \$1.3 million for the extension of Northlands Parkway. Another \$500,000 is earmarked for the Clover Creek industrial park development and there are lesser amounts budgeted for projects such as the airport runway, sidewalks, and street lighting.

There is a separate utility budget of \$4.3 million with the major expense coming from sewer relining work at about \$1.4 million. Other projects include 1st St. water main renewal.

The city came into the year with a debt balance of about \$20 million, of which over \$16 million is new for the exhibition centre, but Harder said the city has managed it well with debt from other recent projects—such as the new fire hall, police station and library—now almost cleared off the books.

"We're in as good a shape as any to be able to tackle this project and feel good about it," said Harder of the exhibition centre. "I thought the impact would be greater than it actually is ... and part of it is because of the debt that has fallen off.

"The way it's turned out, I think it's high time it got done, but I also think that the city has never been in a better position to be able to do it."

My Autobiography - Teaching Career

I was in Grade One, reading books and more books, when my teacher came up to me and said something that left a lasting impression on me. "You're going to be a teacher some day", she commented. I trusted my teacher wholeheartedly and from that day, I never had a decision to make, concerning my future plans.

My life was wrapped around school and books. I could never walk home from school without carrying books or homework. My childhood year also involved working on the farm, milking cows and doing yard work.

Small rural schools did not offer education beyond Grade 8, and so I took my Grade 9 and 10 by correspondence. Going to Winkler was unheard of, because of the distance of 18 miles. No busses were available at that time. Grade 11 and 12, I received at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna. This school had a boarding place which made it more feasible for me to attend. It also offered more German and religious subjects. After attending Teacher's College for one year, I was ready to start my life's career. My first school, Rosengart School, was a small country school consisting of 2 classrooms, with Grades 1-4 in one classroom and Grades 5-8 in the other classroom. What an experience! My joy in teaching couldn't have been better. I would have loved to stay in school overnight just to be where I wanted to be. I remember having a student who was about my height and only a few years younger. He was mentally challenged and so he was kept in with the primary children until he was 14 and quit school. Only an inspector would pop in about once a year. My first 5 years were spent at this school. Generally teachers would stay 2-3 years at one place.

School Trustees from Reinfeld came knocking on my door to see if I would consider teaching in Reinfeld. Little did I know at that point, that this would be my place for the next 23 years. Reinfeld was also a 2 room school. Some years my enrolment with the first 4 grades went up to 36 and when the preschoolers arrived after Easter, I would have 48 students. The only way to handle this would be to prepare my lessons on tape the evening before, and then have the Grade 4's work downstairs following instructions on tape. I had a walkie talkie connected to the downstairs and so I could listen in and communicate with them at any time. Generally, I would be at school until 11-12 midnight. After many of these years, they decided to bring in a hut and have a third classroom. During these 23 years, teaching was a community thing. I directed a ladies group, a mixed choir, a community girls' choir and a youth Bible study every week. It was also a time when I upgraded my education and spent an evening a week taking classes. Reinfeld School closed and I moved on to Parkland School.

Parkland School proved to be very different from my last years, however, my joy in teaching continued. Having only one grade in a classroom was unheard of. There were so many added conveniences and wonderful staff, that the change and transfer went smoother than I had ever dreamed or imagined to be. Here I taught Grade One for 14 years. My passion was in teaching youngsters to read. Each and every day I would take note of steps that had been taken by an individual or steps that needed to be taken. My final year I achieved my dream and my goal, to have every student in class reach level 16, which was the requirement of Grade One.

After 5 years of being a substitute in schools and gaining so many wonderful ideas, I always had a longing for spread my wings some more, so I could make sure of the many ideas I had buzzing in me. When GVC called and asked me to consider the LAL program, I definitely knew that this was not my calling. After all, subbing went so well, which I didn't think an LAL program could ever do. Little did I realize that this would add some roses to my teaching career. Once more, I could practice so many of the skills that I knew would work, to help some students who needed extra help in this area. What a joy it has been to serve in this area.

My strength and joy in reaching out to my students came from God. He sustained me in every way. Each student was a special gift from God and I counted it a privilege to teach and nurture them. "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall be continually in my mouth."

For the Joy of Teaching - Sara Thiessen

Flood outlook updated

The Hydrologic Forecast Centre of Manitoba Infrastructure reported Monday that the updated flood forecast suggests a Red River flood of a magnitude higher than 2009 with normal or average weather conditions.

Heavy snows have fallen in the northern United States and across the Red River Valley. The Assiniboine River system will see limited flooding, so the focus at this time is on the Red River and its tributaries, as they will see substantial flooding.

With favourable weather, the flood forecast at this stage indicates the Red would rise to 2011 flood levels. With unfavourable weather conditions, water levels will be higher than 2009

levels by almost one foot at Emerson and by 1.5 feet at Ste. Agathe and will reach 22 feet at James Avenue in the City of Winnipeg.

Flood water levels will depend on rate of snow melt, snow and rain accumulation over the coming weeks.

The provincial government has said it is already taking steps to prepare for flooding, including working with local governments, preparing to support evacuations of both residents and livestock out of the affected areas if needed, acquiring additional inventory of flood protection equipment, and preparing for closures of community ring dikes and roads.

Morden Citizen of Distinction Award seeks nominations

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites have two more weeks to suggest a fellow citizen deserving of special recognition.

The Morden Area Foundation is taking nominations for the Citizen of Distinction Award until April 5.

It aims to honour people who have

a strong commitment to making the City of Morden and area a better place to live, visit, and play through their long term commitment to service and leadership.

The award has evolved from what had long been the Citizen of the Year Award, noted executive director Lynda Lambert.

In 1946, the Kinsmen Club of Morden established the Meritorious Service Award at the suggestion of its first honorary member, Judge J.M. George. The final Kinsmen award was presented in 2002 when the service club ceased. From 1946 to 2002, 57 citizens were recognized for their outstanding community service.

The Morden Area Foundation understands the importance of philanthropy in creating a robust community and chose to continue presenting this award, Lambert explained, but they also recognize many outstanding citizens make contributions to the city of Morden through their work.

"It's changed a little bit in the sense that we are just looking for someone who loves the community and has made an impact on the community ... whether it is through their volunteering or their employment or a mixture of both," she said.

The late Dr. Bob Menzies, the first recipient of the Citizen of Distinction Award, served as a prime example.

"He was not only very passionate about his job but also about making things better here ... and then there was his volunteering above that," Lambert said.

Nominees must be a current or former resident of Morden and must have exemplified a positive leadership quality that inspires others to care for one another and uplift their fellow citizens.

The nominee's service to the community will have occurred over an extended period of time and not be focused solely on one singular event or activity, Lambert noted.

Two names must appear as nominators. Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

All applications will be reviewed by the selection committee of past recipients, who will make the final selection in April. The award will be presented at a reception at the Morden Legion May 26.

Nomination forms are available online at mordenfoundation.ca.



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The late Dr. Bob Menzies (left) received Morden's Citizen of Distinction Award in 2017. The Morden Area Foundation has put a call out for nominations for the 2018 award recipient.

"WE ARE JUST LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO LOVES THE COMMUNITY AND HAS MADE AN IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY."

GVSD makes cuts to meet funding shortfall

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Garden Valley School Division board of trustees have passed an operating budget of \$51.5 million for the 2019-20 school year.

At their March 12 meeting, trustees approved the proposed budget they outlined at the public consultation meetings held last month.

Approximately 67 per cent of GVSD's operating funds comes from provincial revenue—which saw an increase of \$120,000, or 0.4 per cent from the year before—with the rest coming in from local taxes.

To that end, the mill rate will decrease from 15.08 to 15.02, resulting in a slight decrease in education taxes for most home and business owners.

A home assessed at \$250,800 in 2019 will pay about \$7 less in taxes, a business valued at \$500,000 saves \$20, and farmland assessed at \$1.28 million pays \$21 less in education taxes this year.

The 2019 special levy increases from just under \$19.3 million to just shy of \$19.7 million.

All this is in keeping with the province's order to school divisions to limit local education property tax increases to two per cent (representing a maximum increase of \$399,000 in GVSD).

With \$1.2 million in new expenses and just \$519,000 in additional revenue coming in for 2019-20, the board needed to cut \$684,000 to make ends meet.

Those new expenses include \$493,000 in new operating costs for the Pine Ridge Elementary School opening in fall and \$605,000 in increased staff wages and benefits.

To make up the difference, GVSD cut \$60,000 from the school budgets, \$180,000 from its information technology budget tech integration plan, and \$274,000 from the bus replacement plan.

"Our goal was to look at what things can we cut that don't cut people,"

GVSD board chair Laurie Dyck said last month. "That was important to us ... we know we need the staffing, and so we looked at things instead."

When all is said and done, Garden Valley's 2019-20 budget calls for \$51,544,500 in expenditures and \$51,618,292 in revenue for a surplus of \$73,792, creating an accumulated surplus of just over \$1.3 million.

GVSD is projecting there will be 4,344 students attending classes throughout the division this fall.

Suspect in church stabbing sentenced

The man convicted of stabbing a young woman at the Pembina Valley Baptist Church a year and a half ago has been sentenced to a decade in prison.

On August 27, 2017, emergency responders were called to the Winkler

church after a 15-year-old woman was stabbed multiple times. The victim was transported to hospital where she was treated for serious injuries.

Police quickly located and arrested suspect Maksym Kravchenko, then 39 years old, in the church parking lot.

On March 7, Kravchenko was convicted of aggravated assault and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

Police said at the time of the incident that Kravchenko and the victim were not known to one another.

Morden hosting Nature and Garden Expo April 5

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden will help usher in spring with its Nature and Garden Expo next month.

The April 5 event is a joint initiative of the Morden Communities in Bloom committee and the Morden Horticulture Society.

The expo will bring together organizations and businesses that are all related to nature, plants, and environmental action, and although there will be some items to purchase, the focus is very much on information and awareness.

"I'm just really hoping that people will understand that it's mostly about the educational component. There will be a few vendors set up that will have something to sell, but a lot of it is just about providing education," said Clare Agnew, Morden community services and events manager.

Morden is already doing much around promoting the importance of not only gardening but protecting nature and the environment, and perhaps an event like this could spur more people to get involved, she suggested.

"I think that a lot of people in Morden have that interest. It isn't really something that we've focused on a whole lot, though, as a community," said Agnew.

"Part of it is getting the youth engaged and also showing that, when you talk about environmental action, you're not just talking about the ozone layer or you're not just talking about composting, for example.

"We've never sort of joined forces to kind of show on a bigger scale how much is really happening ... and I think Morden has a lot going on, but we just don't really talk about it," Agnew said. "So I think this is building awareness of what we're already doing and helping to get more participation and more interest in the community."

The expo runs from 1-9 p.m. that Friday and features over 30 displays from businesses such as Morden Nurseries, Pure Anada, and Home Hardware as well as organizations like the Pembina Valley Conservation District and Stanley Soil Management Association as well as youth with 4H and Gr. 8 science classes.

In the afternoon, Gr. 5 classes from École Morden Middle School will have a chance to build and learn about bird houses, insect hotels, butterflies, Indigenous gardening, making soup, and camping skills. The students will also be provided with an educational scavenger hunt around information from the vendor displays, and the student's own projects will be on display in the evening.

"It's a great way to engage the students and teach them about the en-

"I THINK MORDEN HAS A LOT GOING ON, BUT WE JUST DON'T REALLY TALK ABOUT IT."



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Morden community services and events manager Clare Agnew is organizing the city's first Nature and Garden Expo at the Access Event Centre April 5.

vironment and services available in Morden," said teacher Becky Williams. "It's good for the grade five students to mix amongst themselves and to make connections with people in the community outside of their normal circle."

Evening presentations will focus on a number of nature and environment topics:

- 6:30-7:00 p.m.: What's happening with ash trees, presented by Shawn Dias, manager of parks and urban forestry for the City of Morden.
- 7-7:30 p.m.: Native plant gardening and things you should know by

Laura Reeves of Prairie Shore Botanicals.

- 7:30-8:00 p.m.: New plants and old standbys by Monique Rampton of Morden Nurseries.
- 8-8:30 p.m.: Planting a butterfly garden by master gardener Tanya Wainio.

"These topics are very important to the community," said Mayor Brandon Burley. "I think this shows how much Morden cares about the environment. It will be a great mix with businesses, government, and youth involved, showing the many components and interest in the community."

Western trustees approve \$21.5 million budget

By Lorne Stelmach

Western School Division gave final approval last week to a \$21.5 million budget for the 2019-20 school year.

There were no further changes to the draft financial plan, which offers slight decreases in school tax for local ratepayers in and around Morden.

The good news came about in large part because of the division receiving the second largest increase in provincial funding support with a 4.4 per cent hike, but that doesn't mean there weren't challenges.

"It's still budgeted tightly. We have increased costs of staffing and our schools are full and we expect more kids coming in, so we had to make allowances for that," said secretary

treasurer Carl Pedersen.

In addition, the division had to keep within the provincially mandated cap on administrative expenses, which limited Western to 3.4 per cent of its overall expenditures.

"We managed with the new administrative cap guidelines to stay within those, and I think initially it's just going to hit the maximum level that we are allowed," he said. "Any further cuts, that certainly will be challenging in future years, but we'll deal with that when it comes."

The budget forecasts overall spending to increase 2.3 per cent.

It means a home assessed at \$275,000 will receive a school tax reduction of \$7.42 to \$1,895.85. On a

quarter section of land in the RM of Stanley assessed at \$1 million, the school tax portion will decrease by \$15.60 to \$3,983.20. For a commercial property assessed at \$500,000, there will be a cut in school taxes of \$19.50 to \$8,154.25.

About 64 per cent of the division's revenue or just over \$14 million comes through provincial support, while another 34 per cent comes from municipal support including local tax revenue. Minor amounts of additional revenue comes through such sources as a City of Morden grant for busing and fees for international students.

The division is forecasting a reserve of \$628,000, which would be 3.5 per

cent of the budget and falls within the provincial mandate that restricts divisions to a maximum reserve of four per cent.

Otherwise, the division is bumping up spending a little in a number of areas including an additional 2.63 full time equivalent teaching positions to meet the needs of increased enrolment.

Overall, around 77 per cent of spending goes toward salaries (an increase of 2.5 per cent) with another 5.5 per cent going towards benefits, an increase of 7.5 per cent. Another seven per cent of spending comes under instructional support, while 6 per cent is for transportation and operations.



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Artist explores barrel-firing pottery techniques

By Lorne Stelmach

She may have always been a creative person, but Kathryn Newsom is as surprised as anyone about her love affair with pottery.

She only began learning how to do it about six years ago when she took a class with Susan Pharaoh at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

"I just fell in love with pottery and started doing it ... I was really quite surprised; it really became like an addiction for me," Newsom said Friday at a public reception for her exhibit on display this month at the gallery in Morden.

"I would say I was an artistic person, but early in life I was more inclined towards writing ... and in the last 20 years of so, I've been doing music," she noted. "The pottery is something that I just always had a strong appreciation for ... and I always thought it was something I would like to try out."

For Newsom, who grew up in the Morden area and returned here about seven years ago, she not only learned then that she was really drawn to doing pottery but also discovered a barrel-firing technique which has become her focus.

It is a little bit different from the typical functional pottery, as it's non-glazed and is not good for food or water, but it is good for decorative uses or as burial urns.

The process involves the pieces going into a 50 gallon drum alongside various oxides, salt, and other random things such as corn husks, coffee grounds, or banana peels.

"I build a wood fire over top of it, and I burn it down ... and out of that process comes these beautiful pots," said Newsom, who added there can also be "a lot of intense hand work that goes into them because I hand burnish the urns."

One thing she finds particularly appealing is the unknown factor as she cannot be entirely certain what they are going to come out looking like in the end.

"I create the conditions for the colouring, but I really don't have much control over how they turn out. I can kind of set up certain conditions to get certain effects, but it's always a complete surprise how they turn out," said Newsom.

"It's just so much fun when I unload a barrel, it's like Christmas morning. I'm so excited to see how they turned out because it's really totally random ... it depends on how the wind was



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Artist Kathryn Newsom with some of her work, which is on display now at the Pembina Hills Arts Council gallery in Morden.

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Bowl for Kids 2019 raises \$29K for Big Bros.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Forty-one teams came out to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley last weekend.

The mentoring agency hosted its biggest fundraiser of the year, Bowl for Kids, at the Winkler bowling lanes Saturday.

Executive director Michael Penner said Monday that the day has thus

far brought in \$29,000, which will go a long way in supporting local at-risk youth.

"I'd like to say a great big thank you for everybody who came and bowled, to all our sponsors, and anyone who donated," he said. "Without community support and financial support we're not able to do what we do."

Big Bros. currently serves 90 children in the Winkler, Morden, and Al-

tona areas through traditional mentoring matches, in-school mentoring, and group programs such as Kicks for Kids, Go Girls!, and Game On.

These matches help kids gain confidence and succeed in life, Penner said.

"With the right attitude and support from caring people, they can reach the potential inside them."

Forty-one teams of bowlers came out to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley's Bowl for Kids fundraiser Saturday. Right: Executive director Michael Penner came dressed as the Cat in the Hat for the storybook-themed event.

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Local youth earn \$1,180 for Habitat for Humanity

Kids are doing their part to help the new Winkler-Morden Habitat for Humanity chapter get its first houses up.

Earlier this year, Habitat invited kids in Gr. 4-6 to share their stories of home through the annual Meaning of Home National Writing Contest.

Thanks to contest sponsor Genworth Canada, each local entry received resulted in a \$10 donation to the Winkler-Morden chapter.

"We had 118 entries from Winkler/Morden, which translated into a donation of \$1,180 to our chapter," said secretary Christina Falk. "We love that kids in our area are now a big part of building houses for families in Winkler-Morden."

Contest winners will be announced next month. You can check out some of the entries online at meaningof-home.ca.

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blowing, how intense the fire was or maybe where I placed the oxides and such.

"Through experience, I'm starting to know if I arrange in certain ways I can get certain effects ... like if I want a really black pot, I know how to create that now. But a lot of it's still totally random, and it's still experimental for me because I'm still trying new combinations of things or ways of placing the pots in the barrel.

Newsom has done a lot of research to find out what all can be used in the process, explaining that not everything creates colour.

"I've learned things that are high in potassium are good for colouring ... and then sometimes I'll take materials and soak them in salt," she said.

Newsom also continues playing with the overall forms.

"I think I'm getting fairly skilled in the form, but it's still a work in progress, learning different shapes or building up to larger pieces."

For Newsom, who is soon moving back west to be near family, there is a meditative aspect to her work that keeps her at it.

"They have some sort of emotional impact on me. I just respond emotionally to them ... things like the form and the texture," she said.

"I think it's the connection with the clay. There's something about clay that is so grounding and so centring ... and I like to call them contemplation pots because I find that you can just look at them, you can see all sorts of things like landscapes or cosmic galaxies."

Clarity Vision Centre continues to bring the cost of vision care down

Clarity Vision Centre will be growing its already extensive collection of stylish frames with a line of in-house eyeglasses this year.

The Winkler clinic is awaiting the arrival of its new handmade Italian line designed by Dr. Andrew Aiken.

The frames have been in the works for some time now, but the finished product will be worth the wait.

“We’ve created a very high quality and durable men’s line that is of designer-level calibre but is more in the retail space of around \$250, which will include the lens and the coating,” says Aiken, noting some of the frames work as a unisex option. “It’s an affordable luxury line.”

The eight frame styles, inspired by and named for Aiken’s great uncle and famed Vancouver stained glass artist James Jervis Blomfield, will come in a variety of colours and coating options.

It’s been quite a process to design the stylish yet comfortable frames and get them made by specialists halfway around the world.

“It’s been a challenge. We’ve involved quite a few people that have very significant optical industry backgrounds

to give us feedback so we can make changes,” Aiken says. “We’re trying to make very stylish but very wearable frames.”

Clarity Vision Centre has been providing high quality, affordable vision care to Winkler area patients for five years now. They also have locations in Portage La Prairie, Selkirk, and Winnipeg.

“I feel we bring something different to the marketplace,” says Aiken. “We’re very customer focused. When you walk in you can feel it’s very much a welcoming family atmosphere here.”

“We try to be very approachable and affordable, but also providing that really high end quality of eye care.”

The clinic will be able to bring their prices down even further with a recent investment in a lab that will allow them to edge their own lenses.

That will allow for a faster turnaround time on eyeglasses as well as cost savings passed along to customers.

“We’re very dedicated to continuing to bring the pricing of eyewear down,” says Aiken.



The staff at Clarity Vision Centre are proud to offer clients a friendly, welcoming atmosphere to access high quality, affordable vision care.

While affordability remains top of mind at Clarity, they don’t skimp when it comes to staying on the cutting edge of diagnostic testing.

“There’s equipment in here I would say the majority of clinics in Manitoba wouldn’t have,” Aiken says. “We’re really dedicated to reinvesting in the community and the quality of care that we’re giving.”

Staying on top of your eye health is the key to catching potential problems

before they impact your quality of life. Children should see an eye doctor yearly, while adults should come in every two years.

“So many eye conditions, once the damage is done, it’s very difficult to reverse,” Aiken says. “Things need to be taken care of and managed when the issue is happening and not down the road.”

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Family day at Gallery Wealth Management



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Gallery Wealth Management hosted its family day Saturday with guest animal ambassadors from the Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre. The event supports a personal passion of company founder Reg Braun and wife Allison. Above: Braun with Max, a Great Horned Owl. Left: A volunteer shows off Elliot the Eastern Box Turtle. Right: Cricket the American Kestrel.



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On the menu

The Morden Figure Skating Club's annual spring carnival revolved around the theme of "What's on the Menu" on Sunday. Among the answers were a Hawaiian luau (above, right), a Ratatouille dish (right), fruit salad (above), and lollipops (left).

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Merces take lead in series

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League championship series is proving to be a back-and-forth battle between the Morden Redskins and the Warren Merces.

Warren (who ranked second in the regular season to Morden's fourth), took game one by a score of 4-1 on March 12.

Jared Leiding scored the only Redskin goal early in the third, while Reed Peters took the loss in net for Morden, making 37 saves off 41 shots on goal as the Merces outshot the Redskins by 20 shots.

Morden evened the score in game two on home ice Saturday.

After a scoreless opening 20 minutes, Tyler Peers and Mike Rey both scored, sandwiched around a Warren goal for a 2-1 lead heading into the final period.

There, Warren tied the game nearly eight minutes in, but then Rey got the winning goal with less than four minutes to go. Final score: 3-2 for Morden.

Peters turned away 43 shots while his teammates fired 24 across the ice.

The pendulum swung back Warren's way in game three on Sunday.

Jay Fehr drew first blood 13 minutes in, and though it took the Merces until the second period to respond, they did so overwhelmingly. Warren scored four unanswered goals in the second period and two more in the third en route to a 6-1 victory.

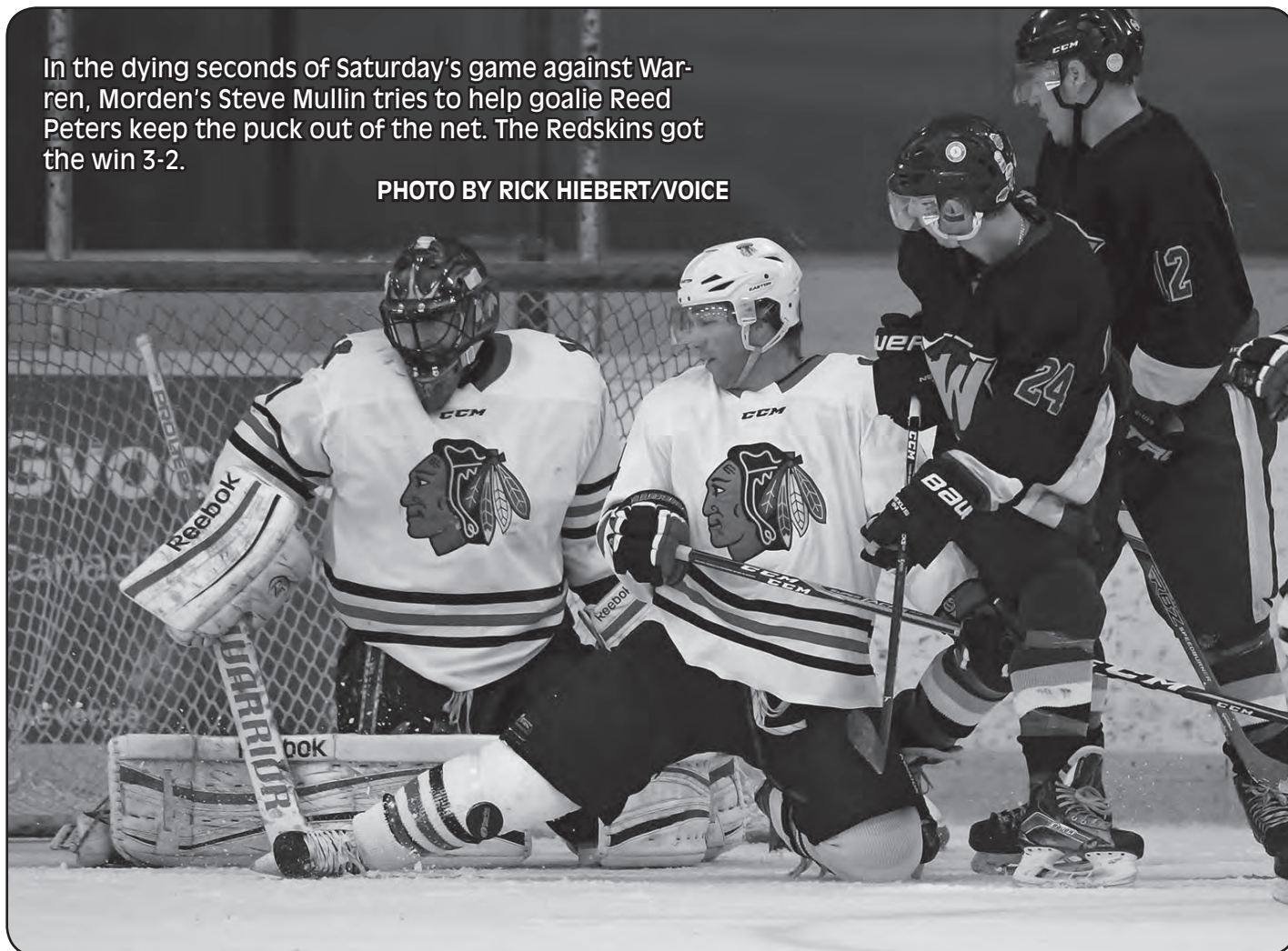
Peters made 38 saves as Warren again outshot Morden 44-25.

Game four was scheduled for Tuesday night in Morden. Game five is back in Warren on Thursday.

Should the series continue, game six is in Morden Sunday and game seven in Warren next Tuesday.

In the dying seconds of Saturday's game against Warren, Morden's Steve Mullin tries to help goalie Reed Peters keep the puck out of the net. The Redskins got the win 3-2.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE



DESCHOUWER HONOURED

Prior to the start of game one last week, the SEMHL Dale Rempel Man of the Year Award was presented posthumously to long-time league commissioner Wayne Deschouwer.

The award recognizes individuals who have made a significant positive impact in the league and their community.

Deschouwer, a Mariapolis native who attended school in Somerset and Notre Dame, raised his family in Gladstone, where he was very active in the local sporting community.

During his 17 years in Gladstone he coached youth baseball, fastball, and minor hockey. Deschouwer was instrumental in the establishment of the Gladstone Lakers senior hockey team and the Gladstone Whips fastball team. He was president of the arena for 14 years and was a volunteer paramedic.

The family moved to Winnipeg in 1994 where Deschouwer became part of the MMJHL's Charleswood Hawks organization, first as general manager and then president.



VOICE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

SEMHL commissioner Tom Vatrtr presents the late Wayne Deschouwer's family with the Dale Rempel Man of the Year Award. Accepting on his behalf were wife Clemence, daughter Lisa, and son Eric.

At the time of his passing Deschouwer was also president of the Tiger Hills and the SEMHL.

Deschouwer also found a home with the Smitty's softball organization. He coached for 10 years and became their president in 2004.

In addition to playing and coaching, Deschouwer also served as an umpire for over 45 years, officiating at local, rural and northern tournaments as well as numerous western and national championships.

Bringing home the hardware

Three local skiers have further added to their resumes by making it to the podium at the Manitoba Cup provincial championship last weekend.

Amanda Creith of Manitou and brother-sister duo Jared and Karly Friesen of Miami all had impressive showings at the Manitoba Alpine Ski Division event held March 16-17 at Asessippi Ski Area Resort

Among over 120 athletes participating from across the province, Jared Friesen not only won the slalom event but also earned bronze in giant slalom to capture the overall title in his age category.

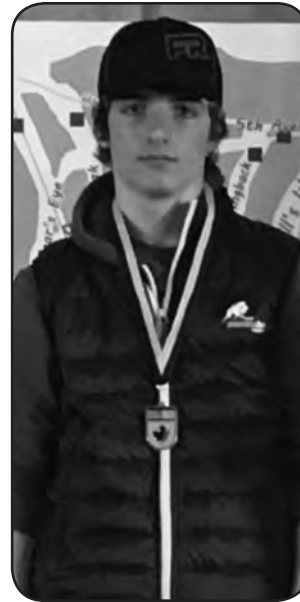
Karly Friesen won a silver in the giant slalom while Creith very narrowly missed a gold medal in the giant slalom and then captured bronze in the

slalom.

"It was an excellent weekend. They were excellent races ... there were some very strong results," said Alexis Stockford, coach for the La Riviere ski team that includes the trio, all of whom also recently competed for Team Manitoba at the Canada Games.

It caps off what has been a strong season for all three, said Stockford, noting Jared especially has been very consistent this winter.

"He's laid down just good results all throughout the season, and I'm really excited to see where he goes next year," she said. "Amanda and Karly have also just historically laid down some very good results for our team as well."



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

From left: La Riviere ski team members Jared Friesen, Karly Friesen, and Amanda Creith all medaled at the Manitoba Cup provincial alpine skiing competition in Asessippi last weekend.

Winkler Flyers clean house: axe Mullin as coach

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In the wake of one of their most disappointing seasons in decades, the Winkler Flyers are cleaning house.

The junior hockey club announced last week it will not be renewing the contract of head coach Steve Mullin. Mullin stepped into the top coaching job for 2018-2019 after serving as the team's assistant coach for six years.

The news came right on the heels of the club cutting ties with general manager Ken Pearson, who had led the team as coach and GM for eight seasons.

"After missing out on the MJHL playoffs for the first time since the 1980-1981 season, we feel that a change in direction and leadership is needed," said incoming general manager Jeff Jeanson.

The Flyers finished ninth in the 11 team league with a record of 23-32-5-0 for 51 points—a full 10 points short of the eighth and final playoff berth

Jeanson said the team's board of directors hope new management will provide a "fresh start with some fresh ideas, fresh people to move forward.

"We have a lot of good young talented players returning next season and a number of good prospects ready to take the next step and we feel we need a fresh voice on the bench and in the dressing room to get our group to the next level.

"We want to really change the culture in Winkler," Jeanson added. "We want to do some different things with the program."

The search for a new head coach is underway with an eye to having

someone in place well in advance of next month's spring training camp and the June Bantam Draft.

"We've had some really good people

approach us already," said Jeanson. "We're going to go through the process, evaluate our coaches, and try to find the right fit."

The upcoming season will be the Winkler Flyers' 40th in the MJHL.

GVC wrestlers shine on provincial stage

The Garden Valley Collegiate wrestling team did their school proud at the provincial tournament last weekend.

Sam Harder wrestled his way to a provincial championship, while

teammates Maria Gruen placed second and Josh Harder placed third.

Also competing at a provincial competition were the Morden Thunder varsity boys basketball team, who took part in the AAA championships

in Winnipeg.

Morden fell 70-59 to the Churchill Bulldogs and then narrowly lost 62-61 to the Dauphin Clippers.

Trinke earns bronze

Team Trinke won bronze medals at the Curl Manitoba U18 Provincial Championships in Swan River earlier this month. The

team, which includes as second Winkler's Johnny Trinke, ranked fifth of 12 teams but got off to a solid start when they beat the No.2-ranked Team Loewen 7-1 in game one. At the end of the round robin, Trinke finished in second place. They went on to take third after two close playoff losses. Above, from left: Johnny Trinke, Tyler Giesbrecht, Elias Huminicki, Matthew Bijl, and coach Darrel Argan.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Farmers Open Bonspiel



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Curling Club hosted its annual farmers open mixed bonspiel Thursday to Saturday with a full slate of 32 teams. By Sunday, the team of (left, from left) Bryson Reimer, Jesse Mutcheson, Dylan Reimer, and Kayla Reimer emerged as the A-side champs, winning the final 7-6 after a draw to the button. "It's just meant to be a fun bonspiel. it's geared a lot towards families," said organizer Ray Kirk. "It's a great event."

Morden peewees win rural AA provincials

Morden hosted the rural AA Pee-Wee Hockey Provincials March 1-3 and a local team clinched the banner.

The home team blanked Thompson 8-0 and Niverville 6-0 in the round robin to take first place.

They then faced the tough Portage team in the semifinals, defeat-

ing them 4-1 to face off against their league rivals, the MacDonald Lightning, in the final.

That game came right down to the wire as it was tied 2-2 going into the third period. Morden fired home two more to take the game 4-2.

The provincial win capped what was

a stellar season for the Hawks, who lost just one game all winter and won every single tournament they competed in.

They were the Killarney A side

champions, Morden gold division champions, PVMHA gold division league champs, and also the first team from Morden to win the Stone-wall Vet's Cup in its 38 year history.



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The Morden Hawks won the provincial AA PeeWee title earlier this month. Back row, from left: coaches Rheal LeGall, Kevin Perrin, Ryan Merasty. Middle row, from left: Arlo Meisner, Acoyen Fehr, Nicolas Wiebe, Keslen Martens, Rhett Mestdagh, Rhett Perrin, Hudson Nikkel. Front row: Ragnar Gillis, Raiden LeGall, Jaylee Matthews-Johnston, Miranda Wuerch, Jayden Penner, Brooks Merasty, and Bryson Yaschyshyn.

Twisters take series lead

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters are looking to wrap up their Manitoba Major Junior quarterfinal series this week.

The Twisters came into the week up two games in their best of seven opening round matchup with the Charleswood Hawks.

First place Pembina Valley came into the series as heavy favourites against eighth place Charleswood, against whom they won three of their four regular season matches.

In the playoffs, Charleswood goaltender Ryan Hall almost stole game one for Hawks Friday as they were vastly outshot 59-25 by the Twisters, while Travis Klassen was only called on to make 23 saves.

After giving up the first goal in the opening period, the Twisters evened it up a minute and a half later on a goal by Sven Schefer.

Jeremie Goderis then gave them the lead in the second only to have the Hawks tie within 40 seconds.

After a scoreless third period, Wyatt Sabourin got the winner 11:07 into overtime.

Both teams went 0 for 4 on powerplays.

Hall was busy again Sunday in the Charleswood goal as Pembina Valley again outshot the Hawks, this time by a 48-37 margin.

Schefer again opened scoring in the first period for the Twisters, who then expanded their lead to 3-0 early in the second on goals by T.J. Matuszewski and Braeden Beernaerts.

After the Hawks scored a pair in the last half of the middle frame, Dylan Dacquay scored what proved to be the game winner 3:50 into the third period.

Pembina Valley was 1 for 5 on powerplays while Charleswood went only 1 for 9 on their man advantages. Klassen got the win in net with 34 saves.

Game three was in Morris Wednesday and game four is in Winnipeg Friday. If needed, game five is Sunday in Morris.

Agriculture

Mound Wildlife Assoc. to receive Conservation Award

The Mound Wildlife Association is this year's winner of the Pembina Valley Conservation District Conservation Award.

The award, created in memory of the late Mike Cabernel, is presented each year to recognize an individual, organization, family, or business who actively promotes wise farm management and conservation practices.

The Pilot Mound-based Mound Wildlife Association certainly fits the bill.

The group was active from 1985-2000 and then revived in 2015 with a focus on youth involvement.

Over the last few years they've hosted free educational kids fishing derbies at the Goudney Reservoir, a site the group has been heavily involved in improving.

Members developed a picnic area at the reservoir for public use and also partnered with the PVCSD Swan Lake Sub District to purchase a new dock.

Mound Wildlife has also teamed up with PVCSD and the Municipality of Louise to provide for maintenance and future upgrading costs of the aeration system, which improves water quality and provides more oxygen, especially in the winter months.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The volunteer-run Mound Wildlife Association, which since being revived in 2015 has had as a focus getting youth more involved with nature through such events as kids fishing derbies (right), has been named the PVCSD Conservation Award winner.



The association is committed to promoting local fishing and are also working to improve fish stocks in the reservoir.

To that end, Mound Wildlife assisted Manitoba Fisheries and stocked a Walleye rearing pond in an area that previously had no fish or predators in it. The fingerlings were later caught and transported to the Goudney Reservoir.

Looking ahead, the membership

hopes to install signage at Goudney Reservoir, a second dock, an ice fishing shack, host mentored deer and duck hunts, upgrade the pump and aerators to a more energy efficient system, and continue to work to keep youth involved with the outdoors.

"Mound Wildlife is very grateful that the community is very supportive of our events," said member Travis Saban. "Without the community support, these projects would just be pipe

dreams. We feel that it is our job to get our youth outdoors and enjoying what this great province has to offer."

The award will be presented at the Manitoba Conservation District Association Conference in Winnipeg in December.

To learn more about Mound Wildlife, find them on Facebook or Instagram or email moundwildlife@gmail.com.

Resolving China canola trade issue critical to farmers

By Harry Siemens

Opposition parliamentarians were only partly successful in attempts to have the federal government move quickly on a potential threat to Canadian canola exports.

Conservative MP Larry Maguire said during an emergency meeting of the standing committee on international trade on Sunday that the group requested a meeting with the federal cabinet ministers of agriculture, trade, and foreign affairs.

A meeting with officials of the ag and trade departments has been scheduled for Thursday, as those two ministers are not available until the first week of April.

Maguire said the situation is even more pressing because right now Canada has no ambassador in China. "We demanded this [emergency

meeting] because we want to make sure farmers are not in a situation where they're not able to figure out what they're going to seed this spring or what they're going to do with the canola still in the bin from last years," he said. "We want to make sure China doesn't place more trade sanctions against the industry like there was with the suspension of canola shipments of Richardson's International by China."

Maguire said farmers have already made many of their planting decisions and need to know as soon as possible whether they should change their plans.

That's why meeting with the three ministers is so important.

"We said we would meet anytime, night or day, through this week to have the ministers here as well," Maguire said. "But the government in

their wisdom is saying that they will not do it until the beginning of the first week of April because we're in a session with the budget this week and out for constituency week next week. So it will be two weeks."

China's trade sanctions could have a wide impact on Canadian agriculture if they aren't handled carefully.

"This trade issue is not just going to impact canola, it could impact canola oil if it's allowed to continue," Maguire said, stressing Canada needs representatives in China assessing the situation. "We need to have these people on the ground in China, meet with the Chinese to let them know that we're very serious about this or else China could become a market of last resort for many of these companies, as they have indicated to me, because of the unpredictability of the Chinese in this kind of a situation."

Maguire said Canada knows there's nothing wrong with the quality of our canola.

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From a political point of view, Maguire said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau needs reminding of his 2016 post-election promises to solidify Canada's trade relationship with the vast Chinese market.

Maguire said farmers are growing more concerned every day this drags out.

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NOTICES



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Ruth Kauenhofen (nee Dyck) 1948 - 2019

On Sunday, March 10, 2019, at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Ruth went to her eternal home. She had a stroke on March 2nd, 2019 and went into a coma. She did not wake up from it.

She is survived by her loving husband, Rubin; four sons, Edwin, Matthew, Jonathan and Joseph; one daughter, Michele; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Gary James; her daughter, Jody (Froese) and her parents, Justina Michnik (Dyck, Loeppky) and Henry J. Dyck.

Ruth was born on January 2, 1948 in Winkler to Justina (Loeppky) and Henry J. Dyck. She was the New Year's baby for that year. She grew up in a big and loving family. At the age of 16, she married her sweetheart, Rubin on May 16, 1964. Children soon followed. She worked at the sewing factories in Winkler and Morden as a Floor Persons and sample sewer. She had a home day care and looked after many children through the years. She went back to school and became a Nurse's Aide. She worked at the Morden Hospital and the Boundary Trails Health Centre. She went on disability due to her heart issues and then retired. Mom loved so many things but especially her family. Her love shone through her and would light up any room. She was an awesome listener. She knew her Bible inside and out. We would go to her for spiritual guidance. She loved the Toronto Blue Jays and curling. Mom loved to sing and Back to the Bible. She loved to go camping and the togetherness it brought. She knit and crocheted a lot. She knit hats, booties, and mitts for premature babies in the hospitals. She was loved deeply and will be missed by many.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2019 at the Morden EMM Church with interment at the Southside Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Ruth's memory to Katies Cares (Katie's Cottage).

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OBITUARY



Gloria Ruth Dyck (nee Kroeker) 1939 - 2019

Gloria Ruth Dyck, wife, mother, grandmother, and quilter extraordinaire, known for her generous volunteerism, died of cancer on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Riverview Health Centre in Winnipeg, MB.

Born in Winkler, MB the daughter of Alice and Jacob E. Kroeker, Gloria always enjoyed music and excelled at the violin, winning festival honours. Having experienced illness at a young age, Gloria was inspired to study nursing, graduating from St. Boniface School of Nursing in 1961. She worked in Winnipeg and Winkler Hospitals for a number of years while getting to know Don. The two were married in 1963 in Winkler. The next few years were busy raising four children and supporting Don in finishing a degree in radiology.

Winkler became the eventual home for the family and practice. In 1988 Gloria was inspired to transform their empty barn into a quilting space, and soon, with many working together, the Barnswallow Quilters' annual show was attracting thousands of people. Despite suffering from fibromyalgia, Gloria's time and energy and her thoughtful gifts of food, knitting, and prayers have benefitted countless people. She made hundreds of blankets for people in need around the world, through MCC.

Gloria was predeceased by her parents and brother, Harold Kroeker. She will be missed by her husband, Don; children, Donna McLeod, Geoff (Theresa), Timothy (Barb) and Jonathan (Tammy) and their families as well as her step-mom, Anne Kroeker; brother, Clarence (Barbara) and sister-in-law, Nancy Kroeker.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at All Saints Anglican Church in Winnipeg with ash interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mennonite Central Committee or the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, in memory of Gloria.

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OBITUARY



Annie Alice Broadbent (nee Rempel) 1921 - 2019

Annie Broadbent, 97 of Morden, MB formerly of Thornhill passed away Saturday March 9, 2019 at the Morris General Hospital.

She is survived by one sister, Mary Knelsen; one sister-in-law; nieces, nephews and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Albert; her parents, Jacob and Mary (nee Brown) Rempel; three brothers and one sister.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the Westside Community Church with interment at the Knightcot Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Annie's memory to the Tabor Home.

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OBITUARY



Sara Thiessen 1942 - 2019

Sara was born in Winkler, MB on November 12th, 1942 to Jacob W. and Susanna Thiessen of Schoenwiese. Sara accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at a young age in the Old Colony Church in Rosetown. After hearing a message on salvation from Rev. Jacob Neudorf, she knelt in prayer, making the decision to follow Jesus. Sara was baptized on May 21st, 1961 by Bishop Jacob Froese in Rosetown.

From an early age, Sara loved to learn. Growing up, she enjoyed school so much she would sometimes secretly go to school just to be in the building. Receiving her elementary education in a 1-8 school room gave Sara the opportunity to not only learn a lot but also teach those younger than her in

class. It was clearly evident to Sara that God had called her to be a teacher. After completing her one year of teacher's college, with much exuberance, she began her 50+ years of teaching, with the majority of it in grade one. Her first five years were spent in Rosengart, where she was close to home, which almost became her home away from home. Then she taught in the Reinfeld School for 23 years and upon its closing, she transferred to the Parkland School where she taught for 14 years. After her retirement from teaching, Sara enjoyed a few more years of part-time teaching at Garden Valley Collegiate, GVC Tech, and substitute teaching as needed. Sara's love for children also included teaching Sunday School, Awana, and the church youth group. During her summers off, Sara filled up her time teaching Child Evangelism, attending Basic Life Principle Seminars, and hosting many friends and family! In one summer alone, Sara hosted up to 1000 people. She greatly enjoyed preparing delicious food and served many meals. We were so very blessed by her welcoming hospitality to host us for supper or one of her famous faspas. Coffee and dessert were always ready! Coming into Sara's home, it never took long to find her Bible open on a table, evidence that she spent hours reading, studying and memorizing scripture. Sara was eager to share with us her love of God's word and encouraged those around her to memorize the Bible as well! Most of her students would attest to this as she memorized Psalm 23, 100 and 121 with them. Sara also had a passion for music and singing. From playing piano, the guitar and accordion, to leading the Reinfeld Community Girls' Choir for 30 years, Sara loved sharing her gift of music. She also led the Reinfeld Ladies Group and a mixed choir. A big part of our family gatherings, as led by Sara, was music - singing as a large group, or watching her lead the littlest ones in praise to Jesus. Not only did she love to sing, but Sara loved to laugh. You always knew when she was in the room by her hearty laughter and you could hear her laughter down the hall at school. We will miss that laugh. Sara was always willing to offer a ride to those in need. Whether making sure elderly women had the opportunity to get out and visit or driving nieces and nephews to early morning band practice, she faithfully served in this way. In May of 2014, after many years of good health, Sara was diagnosed with cancer and her health deteriorated. After her surgery, she spent a month in the St. Boniface hospital. She came home on July 1st, having been told that she would have only a short time to live if no treatments were done. By God's grace, she slowly got better; however, the things she so enjoyed doing on the yard she grew up on, such as mowing, were becoming more and more challenging. Taking this into consideration, the decision was made for Sara and Betty to move to Winkler. They enjoyed approximately two and a half years of reasonably good health together in their new homes. Sara's health continued to fail, and she was admitted into palliative care at Boundary Trails Health Centre on March 26th, 2018. The eleven months there, were a trial of ups and downs, but God was her constant refuge and strength in those times of trouble. On March 1st, after having had a good morning and lunch, during her nap, Jesus called her home to be with Him forever. What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see When I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace.

Sara was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Betty and her sister-in-law, Anne Thiessen. She will be missed by her family. She is survived by five sisters and five brothers and their families.

On behalf of the family, we would like to thank the wonderful staff at Boundary Trails Hospital, including the doctors, and especially the palliative care nurses. The many visitors, especially her teacher friends, and former students which are too numerous to count, brought joy to her. We would also like to thank Wiebe Funeral Home for their services, the ministerial at the Zion Church and the ladies' group for serving. Thank-you for all your prayers! We love you SARA, THE THIESSEN FAMILY

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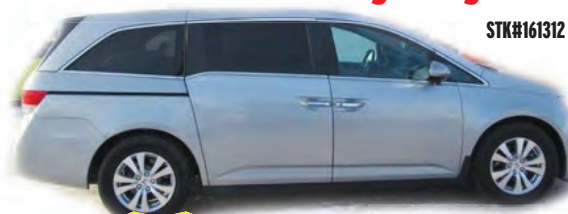


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