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Valley Fiber poised to branch out beyond Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

A project working to provide Winkler with faster internet service is poised to expand even further thanks to a federal funding windfall.

Industry Canada last week announced \$10.3 million in funding to help Valley Fiber bring improved high-speed internet across south central Manitoba.

Officials suggested it could benefit as many as 27 communities and 30 institutions in the region, and local representatives heralded the infusion of cash as giving them the ability to take the project to the next level.

"The whole core concept has been to make Winkler the centre of this next economic boom ... and this is a complete fruition of how that's going to look," said Valley Fiber CEO Hank Wall.

"For the first time ever we're going to have the fastest high speed in the world being offered in Winkler," he said, adding that the \$10.3 million in government funds "will also allow us to expand to the communities around, so this is an amazing day and amaz-

ing announcement.

"We're extremely happy that Industry Canada is willing to partner with us to keep on innovating this industry and have this economic development happen in the region," Wall said, explaining that the funding means what had been a three to four year plan can now move ahead immediately. "The idea's always been to finish Winkler and then from there spread out ... that's a vision that Industry Canada has shared with us as well.

"This would bring fibre optic infrastructure ... through villages or through other towns and through other cities," he said. "There will definitely be some changes as we go along, but fibre to the farm will be a very big reality ... giving essentially equality to the different Manitobans in the area."

With an estimated initial build-out in the range of \$15 million, Valley Fiber's goal was an individual fibre optic line to every home and business within the city limits of Winkler. A great deal of headway has been made on the project in recent months.

"We have many hundreds of cus-



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From left: Winkler city councillors Mike Grenier, Henry Siemens, Mayor Martin Harder, Valley Fiber CEO Hank Wall, and Coun. Don Fehr were all smiles as word of \$10.3 million in federal funding came down last week. The money will allow the Winkler fibre optic company to expand its network beyond Winkler to surrounding communities sooner rather than later.

tomers up and running ... we've got hundreds of thousands of feet of fibre in the ground," said Wall.

Discussing the funding announcement at the Winkler city council meeting last Tuesday, Wall noted it was important for the company to have the full backing of The city of Winkler right from the start of this undertak-

ing.

The City committed to pay for the routing of the proposed fibre optic lines to every publicly-owned facility in Winkler, representing about a half million dollar commitment, and it also designated a property for Valley Fiber to use for its data centre.

"There's great things going to be happening in the Silicon Valley and the Pembina Valley," Mayor Martin Harder said in welcoming the federal announcement.

The funding was part of a combined investment of \$83.9 million in the province by the federal government that will enable 112 rural and remote communities to get online and access high-speed internet.

Of these 112 communities, 48 are First Nations and 21 are located in regions without year-round road access. Connect to Innovate will also fund last-mile connections to households that don't have high-speed internet.

The \$500 million invested across the country under the program will go toward building the digital backbone of high-speed internet networks.

Of the \$83.9 million invested in Manitoba, \$43.7 million will come from the Connect to Innovate program with \$20 million as an in-kind contribution from the Manitoba government, \$16.7 million from other contributors, and \$3.5 million from Indigenous Services Canada.

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Habitat for Humanity raring to go

By Lorne Stelmach

Habitat for Humanity's new local chapter hopes it can start building homes in the Winkler and Morden area by next year.

In the meantime, the organization is building its foundation of volunteers and community support in the region.

"We don't know when exactly we'll be breaking ground, but we'll be active in the community," said Steve Krahn, vice president of regional development with Habitat for Humanity Manitoba, after addressing the Morden and Winkler councils last week.

"We'll be doing things like fundraising, searching for land, searching for families that qualify for our program," he said. "There's lots of variables that can determine when a build can start, but I would say it's reasonable to say that spring or summer of 2019 we'll be breaking ground."

Habitat for Humanity now has over a dozen chapters in the province. Its largest operations are in Winnipeg and Brandon, where it also runs Re-Store retail operations that support the agency's administrative and overhead expenses and allow 100 per cent of fundraising and donations to support building homes.

Krahn said they have had their eye on expanding into the Winkler-Morden area for some time.

"This has been a market that I, for the last six years, have been hoping that Habitat would be able to work in," he said. "We already have a successful chapter in the Carman-Dufferin region and I figured with the

"WE'LL BE DOING THINGS LIKE FUNDRAISING, SEARCHING FOR LAND, SEARCHING FOR FAMILIES THAT QUALIFY."

generosity of Winkler and Morden citizens that our program would do very, very well here."

They are also here because they recognize that there is a need to give local families a helping hand, though he added it is by no means a unique problem to this area.

"I've yet to come across a community where Habitat couldn't serve that community. Within every market ... within our economy ... there's always going to be jobs that aren't high-end, high wage paying jobs.

"Sometimes those are the families that fall through the cracks. They aren't necessarily the families that we hear about or know about, but they are in every single community. Quite often, they're service workers, working hard, working often long hours or multiple jobs just to make ends meet.

"Those are the families that we want to reach out to and give them an opportunity."

Habitat for Humanity looks at three main criteria in selecting their families: their ability to repay a mortgage, their need for better housing, and their willingness to participate by providing 500 hours of "sweat equity."

"We call our families our partner families," Krahn said. "They're people just like anyone on the street who are just needing a break. I think most

people in their lives can think of a time where they got a break in life. So what we're providing is an opportunity for families to succeed. It's not a hand-out program, it's a hand-up program.

"We give them the opportunity to purchase their own home, to make payments on that home ... and we've really seen remarkable benefits in the families with young kids that grow up in a stable housing environment."

Krahn stressed as well that Habitat builds houses that are affordable but still well built and highly energy efficient.

"We build to a high quality standard. We believe that's part of what it means to build affordable homes," he said.

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Habitat for Humanity is starting up a new chapter in Winkler and Morden. They hope to begin building houses next year.



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Progress made on behalf of small businesses

By Lorne Stelmach

Changes to controversial new federal tax policies aimed especially at small business are welcome though they don't necessarily go far enough, a luncheon in Morden heard Monday.

The Lunch & Learn sponsored by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce saw BDO tax partner Shawn Friesen offer an update on the small business income tax issues, including proposals on income splitting and investment income.

"It was a pretty substantial change to tax policy as a whole ... the Canadian tax system kind of got tossed on its head a little bit," Friesen said in touching on the impact of the original proposals. "There's been changes as we go, here and there, but something this significant ... this has been the biggest act change in 40 years."

The federal government introduced the new proposal to curb income splitting by some small business owners to family members after bringing forward the widely criticized initial plan last summer.

The government still plans to bring forward new rules for the 2018 tax year to reduce the use of income splitting, a measure to shift income to family members in a lower tax bracket



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Business leaders came out to the Morden chamber's Lunch & Learn Monday to hear about the implications of the federal government's new tax laws for small businesses.

et as a way to reduce taxes owed.

Finance Canada maintains the new changes will ensure legitimate contributors to a small business will still be eligible to receive income from the business with a number of tests to weed out the illegitimate.

A "reasonableness test" was to help determine legitimate contributions, but now no such test will be needed for family members including a spouse over age 65, those over 18 who make a "substantial labour contribution" of at least 20 hours per week, or

those over 25 who own 10 per cent or more of a business that earns less than 90 per of its income from the "provision of services."

"The guidelines for what was supposed to be reasonable in terms of income splitting was not well defined," Friesen said in offering his assessment. "They did firm that up a little bit. It still seems a little subjective to me, and it's still arbitrary as well."

"It still leaves more questions than we have answers," he said, stressing there overall is still a need for much more information.

"There's a lot of problems with the surplus splitting rules from my perspective in terms of intergenerational transfers of businesses, estate planning ... buying and selling of properties ... and there's a lot of unintended consequences as a result of that," he said.

"They got rid of that rule ... and that was big win. Hopefully, they tighten that up and make it even better for families going forward."

"To me, it was pretty obvious that they wanted to go after certain individuals," he continued, citing as examples professionals like doctors and lawyers.

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Winkler man killed in Perimeter Hwy. crash

A Winkler man was killed in a collision near Winnipeg on Jan. 8.

Emergency services were called to a two-vehicle crash on the Perimeter Highway and Oakland Road, about one kilometre north of the Hwy. 3 junction.

Investigators have determined that a semi-truck with a trailer being driven by a 43-year-old male from Winnipeg was driving eastbound on Oakland Road and was attempting to turn north onto the Perimeter Highway.

The semi drove across the southbound lane and waited for traffic to clear in the northbound lane before proceeding.

It is believed the truck's trailer was blocking parts of the southbound lanes of the Perimeter when a vehicle travelling southbound, driven by a 73-year-old male from Winkler, collided with it.

The driver of the vehicle, who was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the collision, was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name was not re-

leased by police.

The driver of the semi was not injured.

Reports from witnesses indicate that just prior to the collision a dark-coloured SUV had to swerve around the semi-trailer in order to avoid hitting it. The SUV did not stop as the driver

may not have been aware of the collision that occurred after it had passed the semi. Police want to speak to the driver of the SUV or anyone else who may have witnessed this collision. RCMP Headingley Traffic Services can be contacted at 204-984-6913.

Speed and alcohol are not consid-

ered factors in the accident and the highway was not icy at the time of the collision.

Officers from the Headingley Traffic Services along with an RCMP Forensic Collision Reconstructionist continue to investigate.

> HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, FROM PG. 3

"It doesn't mean building a cheaply built house. It means using good quality build materials so that home lasts, so that it's durable, so that they don't have to make repairs within the first couple of years of owning that house."

Krahn noted as well that their families are paying full market value for their homes.

"They take on a mortgage with Habitat for Humanity that has zero per cent interest, no down payment, and we adjust their mortgage payments based on their income," he

explained. "Then we recycle those mortgage payments back into building more affordable housing in the community."

The number of builds the local chapter may take on remains uncertain, dependant not only on fundraising and community support but also on what is available for land.

"Generally, we want to be in a place where they're close to city services such as shopping, schools because all of our families are families with children," Krahn said.

Nevertheless, he is very optimistic

about the potential here.

"I'm really excited to see that we do now have a group that is willing to execute our program in this area, and I'm excited to see the results," Krahn said. "For a Habitat program to thrive, you need support from a broad range of people, of community groups, of businesses, of municipalities and city councils. Every indicator that I'm getting is that there is strong support for our organization."

Canadian Tire prepping for major expansion

By Ashleigh Viveiros

This will be a year of change at Winkler's Canadian Tire, and the store is asking customers for their patience.

"Like any renovation, it's going to be a challenge. But getting there, the end justifies the means," said owner David Dunseath.

The store's current 24,700 square feet of retail space will jump up in size to just over 41,000 sq. ft., finally bringing the store more in line with its sale figures, Dunseath said.

"Right now we're an E store," he said, explaining Canadian Tire has store sizes ranging from the largest "A" down to tiny "F" stores. "This will move us up to a C store."

"So I'll be able to carry the whole flyer now," he added, since the weekly flyer represents the C store level. "That doesn't mean we'll never have to issue another rain check, but we will have a lot more breadth of prod-

uct available."

The renovations will see a new warehouse added to the northeast side of the building, the existing warehouse on the northern side become retail space, another addition on the west side, and a complete restructuring of much of the interior, including new entrance and exit doors.

"The look of it is like nothing in Manitoba," said Dunseath when asked how it compares to other Canadian Tires. "It's the latest and greatest design. The word really is stunning. It's going to be amazing."

The parking lot the store shares with Southland Mall and Mark's Work Warehouse is also slated to undergo a makeover, removing the road and boulevards to make room for more parking spaces.

Workers are scheduled to begin on the warehouse build in February, but store staff have already started reshaping parts of the store to accom-



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Winkler Canadian Tire owner David Dunseath with a drawing of the store's expansion plans, work on which is getting underway.

modate the renovations, including adding additional aisles in some areas.

"It's going to be very, very tight," Dunseath admitted. "There is going to be some angst for customers ... but come August then we can start moving into the newer areas."

If customers are struggling to find

any product, Dunseath urges them to flag down staff to help them out.

"It's going to be tough for the staff and tough for the customers ... but we want to make it as easy on everyone as possible," he said. "We're going to do our best."

The new store is expected to hold a grand opening in November.

Morden council approves \$34 million budget

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is looking to city growth to drive its 2018 budget rather than raising taxes.

Council approved a new financial plan of over \$34 million last Thursday that holds the line on municipal taxes but is still ambitious.

It is more than double the 2017 budget of \$15.7 million due mainly to multiple millions of dollars in both government funding on the revenue side and expenditure for the regional wastewater treatment project.

"If the money comes in for the wastewater treatment plant, there's going to be a lot of construction here this summer," said Mayor Ken Wiebe.

"There's a lot of things in there that are just to keep the community going ... quite a few million dollars for street and sidewalk work," he added. "There's a lot of good stuff in there, and we did it by not increasing the taxes."

Increased property assessment boosts that revenue, so the city also decreased the municipal mill rate by six per cent.

It means a property that had been valued at \$200,000 in 2016 and is now valued at \$212,500 could actually be paying 0.35 per cent less in the municipal portion of their tax bill.

A similarly valued commercial property could see a four per cent increase in its municipal taxes.

"It's not a lot, but what we tried to do was hold

the line to help people get ahead a little bit," said Wiebe.

"It's tough running a community like this and trying to hold the line, but I think we did it," he added. "It's all for the betterment of the community."

A breakdown shows where Morden resident's taxes are being spent in the year ahead: 32.14 per cent on protective services, 15.99 per cent on servicing debt, 12.86 per cent on recreation and culture, 11.49 per cent on general government, 9.78 per cent on transportation services, 5.83 per cent on contributions to capital projects, 5.41 per cent to transfer to reserve, and 5.17 per cent on economic development.

The new budget decreases spending in key areas of community services, economic development, and transportation services, while the cost of other areas including government services and fire and police protection rises.

If it goes ahead, the regional wastewater treatment plant would be the big ticket item in the year ahead. The city is budgeting for about one third at just over \$8 million with the other two thirds of the project to be paid by the federal and provincial governments. An announcement is expected in April or May. If approved, construction could start this year and the system could come on line in 2019.

Over \$3 million will be spent on water and wastewater apart from the treatment plant with the support of a \$1.5 million grant for work that

will include improvements to the distribution system and more. There is also the possibility of installing smart water meters across Morden at a cost of \$1.2 million.

Reconstruction of 1st Street also is a priority, but it is contingent on construction of the wastewater treatment plant, as sewer mains will have to be realigned underneath the street.

The intersection of Highway 3 and La Verendrye Blvd on the east end of Morden will become a roundabout with the \$1.6 million price tag to be shared equally with the province.

The Morden Civic Centre may see a \$500,000 makeover to better maximize the space and make it more functional, though this project is not yet set in stone, Wiebe noted. A concept plan for a new sports field and adjacent development is also being worked on with an estimated cost of \$600,000.

Downtown Morden will see some improvements as

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Council renews expropriation order

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler city council continues to pursue the expropriation of land for the Meridian Exhibition Centre project.

As the dispute with the Stanley Ag. Society remains unresolved after the initial eight month timeline set out by the city last year, council renewed the expropriation order at its Jan. 9 meeting.

Which means the long, drawn out process continues, much to the frustration of council.

"I wish it would have never gone there. I wish we would have been able to sit down and just work things out ... we still can," said Mayor Martin Harder.

The disagreement between the city

and the society over the expropriation of the organization's Parkland area land deadlocked after the society filed an objection.

The key issue has been around the value of the land, as the city maintains it had an assessment done and based its offer on an amount above that value, but the society had another assessment done that offers a different value.

In other council news last week, council approved interim funding for Winkler Arts and Culture.

About \$140,000 in bridge financing will assist the organization while it continues to work on fundraising for its Park St. gallery.

Mayor Harder said it is simply "to give them a little extended time to raise the funds. They're very optimis-

tic that they'll reach it. As they raise the funds, it will be re-funded back to the city.

"They've done very well in the year and a half they have been into this, and the results of the operations are very well received and I think it's something Winkler needed."

Council also approved a minor increase in what residents will pay for water and sewer service this year.

The new rates are basically passing on a small increase charged by the Pembina Valley Water Co-op, which provides Winkler with about 35 per cent of its water requirements.

The rate increases by 16 cents up to \$8.16 per thousand gallons of water.

"The increase is very minimal ... half a cup of coffee," suggested Harder.

Two charged in meth trafficking investigation

Two men are facing charges after being pulled over by Winkler Police last week.

In the early morning hours of Thursday, Jan. 11, officers pulled over a brown Honda Odyssey on Memorial Drive as part of an ongoing methamphetamine trafficking investigation.

The 53-year-old male driver of the vehicle was arrested for having possession of methamphetamine and the 39-year-old male passenger was arrested for breaching a court ordered

curfew.

A search of the two men and the car resulted in the seizure of a Mossberg 12 gauge shotgun, a small quantity of meth, approximately 60 grams of marijuana, over \$300 in cash, two cell phones, and various items of drug paraphernalia.

Joseph Glendon Stymiest, 53, has been charged with possessing methamphetamine, possessing marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, and possessing a firearm contrary to an

order.

Travis Danial Aaron Hall, 39, has been charged with trafficking methamphetamine, possessing methamphetamine, possessing marijuana, possessing proceeds of crime, possessing a firearm contrary to an order, two counts of breach probation, and five counts of breach recognizance.

Both men were remanded into custody to await their court appearances in Portage la Prairie earlier this week

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"It was pretty clear to me that if you were just working by yourself, even a service corporation where you're not a professional per se ... it was pretty clear that they didn't like that idea of basically an incorporated employee."

"With the surplus stripping rules, there's a lot of people taking advantage of these mechanisms in the act ... to get taxed lower ... but their proposals really blanketed so many bona fide business transfers that I don't think they anticipated at all," said Friesen.

"I think there's, on the income splitting, going to be new guidelines. It would be nice to know a little clearer," he added. "I would like to know a bit more about the passive income rules, but we have to wait for the budget to come out."

Friesen said it was encouraging

that the government listened to the concerns voiced across the nation.

"There was a lot of outcry and a lot of organizations put forward their comments. I don't think they really fully understood it ... so they did listen, and I am glad for that," he said, noting the time frame allowed initially for input was much too short. "To give only 75 days in the middle of summer was

pretty disappointing.

"But it was really heartwarming to see that a lot of people banded together and pushed back and from all walks across the country," Friesen concluded. "Everybody who was a business owner, everybody who was a farmer and even those who work for businesses and realized what the impact was going to be."

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well, with the Kinsmen Suncatch Park getting some minor upgrades to enhance the opportunity for more events to take place downtown.

STARS Air Ambulance will receive a donation from the city in the upcoming fiscal year following the move to bring a GPS navigation system to the Morden Regional Airport that will allow STARS and other emergency air-

craft to land in all weather conditions.

Morden council also continues to support various community organizations through grants, and Agassiz Medical Centre will receive an increased \$50,000 per year for 10 years to assist in the remodeling of the centre to accommodate more doctors and services to meet the needs.

Morden native named to Olympic team

By Lorne Stelmach

A Mordenite is one of two Manitobans who will be part of Team Canada when they go for hockey gold at next month's Olympics.

Chay Genoway was named to the national team last week along with Oakbank native Quinton Howden.

Currently playing in the KHL in the Russian city of Tolyatti, Genoway sees this opportunity come about partly because this will be the first time NHL players have not been used in the Olympic Games since 1994. However, his father sees this as the reward for years of hard work and effort.

"Lots of things had to happen in order for this Olympic experience to occur, but he put himself in the position," said Bob Genoway, who chatted with the *Voice* during a visit back to Morden last week. Chay couldn't be reached for comment.

"It was an extremely nice reward for everything that he's been through and how hard he was worked through the years. It's very exciting. I'm so proud of Chay and I'm happy for him."

Genoway, 31, played one game for the Minnesota Wild during the 2011-12 NHL season and had an assist in that lone appearance.

He currently plays for the KHL team Lada Togliatti, where through 50 games the left shooting defenseman had four goals and 17 points.

In recent years, he has also played for other KHL teams including Jokerit Helsinki, Riga Dynamo and Moscow Spartak, where he so far had his best KHL season with nine goals and 29 points.

Before that, he played four seasons in the American Hockey League split between two each with the Hershey Bears and Houston Aeros, the latter where he got his one game call-up to the NHL.

Genoway played five seasons with the University of North Dakota Sioux, where he served as captain for his final two seasons and earned all-American honors twice while helping lead the Sioux to the NCAA finals as a senior.

He finished his senior year as the active leader among NCAA Division I defensemen with 127 career points, and he ranks fourth on UND's all-time scoring list for defensemen.

He is tied for second all-time among Sioux defensemen in game-winning goals (seven) and ranks fourth in power-play goals (14), fifth in assists (101) and seventh in goals (26).

Through it all, Genoway has always given it his all no matter the circumstances, his father suggested, and he is going to make the most of this opportunity.

"He's worked really hard ... and it's been a long process ... they were saying when they announced the team that they've been going through this process for 14 months, so it's been pretty intense for those kids because they're being watched probably every game and every shift," said Genoway.

"It's a great feeling ... Chay was worked so hard, and now he gets to be an Olympian."

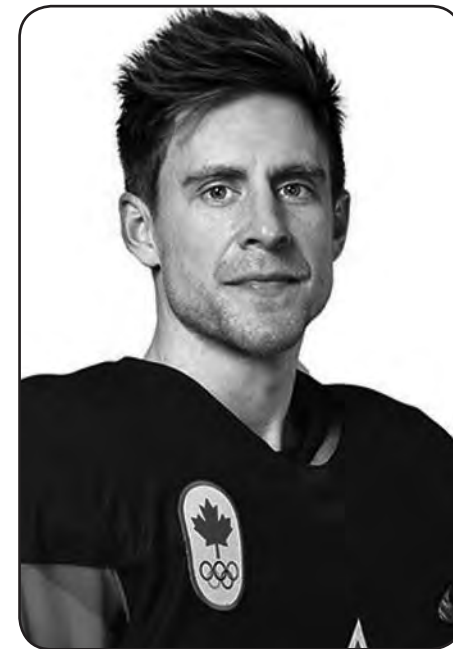
Genoway also suggested playing overseas in the KHL has proved to be good for Chay.

"He's a small offensive defenceman ... when he was here in North America, he was close to the NHL ... then he got an opportunity in Russia," he said.

"It's a bigger ice surface, and the quality of hockey there is just really, really strong, but it's more conducive to an offensive player, and he's really excelled there, and he's made a pretty good name for himself."

In the end, Genoway said he is not surprised that his son earned this chance when the opportunity arose.

"When he played in the Morden mi-



HOCKEY CANADA PHOTO
Morden native Chay Genoway has been selected to play for Team Canada at the upcoming Olympics in South Korea.

nor hockey system, he was not very big, but he was really determined, and he had some really good coaches," said Genoway. "They helped him along, but he was always on a mission, and he would never take no for an answer."

"If ever there was any adversity in his hockey ... he's always been extremely determined."

Thaw Your Paws in support of regional shelter

By Lorne Stelmach

Tickets are on sale for the fourth annual Thaw Your Paws Staycation social in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

The party is taking place Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Morden Legion Hall starting at 8 p.m. with Huron Windows returning as the sponsor of this annual fundraiser that goes a long way in helping keep the humane society operating.

"The last couple of years it has been sold out and we've raised over \$4,000, so we would love to see it make that amount again this year," said public relations chair Megan Rodgers.

"Without these fundraisers, we really wouldn't be able to keep our doors open," she stressed. "We really want the public to come out and support them. We live in a great area where people really care about animals and we're very fortunate to have the support that we have."

The evening will feature the music of The Bare Yogis as well as a raffle and 50/50 draws. The grand prize is

sponsored by Subcan Inc. and is a retro style mini-fridge that will come stocked with beverages.

Tickets are available at a cost of \$10 each at Thornview Grocery and the shelter.

Depending upon availability, tickets will be sold at the door as well, said

Rodgers, but they encourage advance sales to avoid disappointment.

She thinks the timing of the popular social works in their favour.

"By the time February rolls around, people are ready to get out of their house and have a good time," suggested Rodgers, who added it could

also be an opportunity to help get more people involved with the society as volunteers as well. "We really need some new fundraising members ... if anybody would like to join the fundraising team, they can fill out a volunteer application form on our website."

Katie Cares hosting Valentine's bash

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Grab your beau and head to the Minnewasta Golf & Country Club Valentine's Day week for an evening of romance in support of Katie Cares.

The charity is teaming up with the club to host a Valentine's Party on Saturday, Feb. 17.

"The night will feature music from the Bare Yogis, appetizers, and desserts," says Katie Cares Ruth Reimer, who adds they were thrilled when

restaurant manager Robynn Salter approached the charity about partnering on this event.

"We've never done something like this before, but what a unique opportunity for us to be able to join forces with them," she says. "They've put together a fabulous menu and it's going to be a great evening."

"I think it's a good time to do something like this," Reimer adds. "By February, people are looking for something to do, cabin fever is setting in,

and this just gives everyone something to look forward to."

There are 200 seats available at \$65 per person. Tables of eight can be booked for \$480.

Doors open that evening at 7 p.m., with the Bare Yogis taking the stage at 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at Katie's Cottage or by calling 204-362-1173 or 204-312-8445.

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Strong week for Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks picked up three of a possible four points this past week.

It was encouraging for coach Rylan Price after he saw his team overcome a slow start in falling 5-4 in overtime last Wednesday to the Central Plains Capitals.

"We battled hard and got a point for an overtime loss," said Price, who then saw them come up with a stronger effort Sunday in beating the Eastman Selects 7-4.

"It was as good a game for us. We had good puck movement and support. Our powerplay clicked, and we had a real strong second period effort especially from Tyson Allison, Sven Schefer and Tristan Day."

The Hawks fought their way back into the game against Central Plains before giving the winning goal 2:14 into overtime.

Trailing 3-0 after the first period, Pembina Valley evened it up with three goals by the nine minute mark of the second period, including Day on a powerplay, Travis Penner short-handed, and Allison at even strength.

After falling behind 4-3 in the third, Wyatt Cobb forced the overtime with another powerplay goal with 1:17 remaining.

Martin Gagnon took the loss with 24 saves as shots on goal were even at 29 apiece.

Allison and Schefer each scored a pair Saturday as the Hawks overcame a 2-1 first period deficit to lead 4-3 after two frames.

Penner, Day and Kolton Shindle also scored for Pembina Valley, while Gagnon earned the win with 33 saves as shots on goal ended up 37-35 for Eastman.

The Hawks remain in sixth place at 17-13-0-2-1 for 37 points, which has them two up on the Yellowhead Chiefs and four back of the Winnipeg Thrashers.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Rylan Hoffman of the Eastman Selects tries to slow the attack of Pembina Valley's Jayden McCarthy in the Saturday night 7-4 Hawks victory.

The Hawks were in Winnipeg Wednesday to take on the Thrashers. Results were not available at press

time.

This weekend they head to Teulon to face the Interlake Lightning Satur-

day and then host the Winnipeg Wild Sunday afternoon in Morden.

Flyers best Pistons & Kings, fall to Blues

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers added a pair of wins and a loss to their record in Manitoba Junior Hockey League action last week.

On Jan. 9 the Flyers doubled up on the visiting Steinbach Pistons 4-2.

Will Blake and Brett Opperman made it a 2-0 game after 20 minutes. Blake also scored his second of the night early in the second period a couple of minutes before Steinbach's Tyson McConnell snuck one past

Winkler netminder Troy Martyniuk.

The Pistons got their second and final goal of the night with just a handful of minutes left in the game. Matt Christian scored an insurance goal for Winkler less than a minute later.

Overall, it was an easy night for Martyniuk as Winkler outshot Steinbach by a whopping 49-15.

Things didn't go Winkler's way the next night in Winnipeg.

After a scoreless opening frame, it was Winnipeg who drew first blood with the second period's only goal.

The real action began in the third, as Matt Christian and Griffin Leonard bookended the period with goals for the Flyers. Unfortunately, Winnipeg scored three of their own in between for a 4-2 victory.

Martyniuk was called on to make 22 saves as Winnipeg outshot Winkler 32-26.

The Flyers righted the cart a few night later when playing Dauphin in front of a hometown crowd on Satur-

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Winkler teams 2-2 at home tourney

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks and Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs had a mixed go of it at their home tournament over the weekend.

The NPC boys started off of strong by downing Miles Macdonnell 5-2 Friday morning. Game two saw them drop Stonewall 6-0 Friday evening.

Saturday's championship bracket games didn't go so well for the home team as they were blanked 5-0 by Gabrielle Roy and then bowed 5-3 to the Steinbach Sabres.

The Zodiacs were also 2-2 over the weekend, falling to Steinbach 10-3 but beating Virden 4-2 in the round robin.

In the B-side championship, GVC defeated the Beaver Brae Broncos 3-1 to make it to the semi-finals against Miles Macdonnell, who they lost to 6-0.

In regular Zone 4 high school hockey action, NPC beat Morden 4-2 Monday night.

The Thunder had previously fallen to Morris 4-2 Friday night.

Off the ice and out on the basketball court, the NPC varsity boys team fell to Steinbach 92-63 Jan. 10 and then narrowly lost to the Broncos 89-86 on Monday.

The NPC girls, meanwhile, also fell to the Sabres 51-25 Jan. 10.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Northland Parkway Collegiate's Kenton Fehr and goaltender Tyler Fehr stop a scoring attempt in Friday's 5-2 win over Miles Macdonnell in the Winkler high school hockey tournament. Both of the home teams—NPC and the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs—were 2-2 for the weekend.

Morden Redskins down Winkler Royals 7-4

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins handed the Winkler Royals a 7-4 loss in SEMHL action over the weekend.

The Sunday game in Winkler saw the Redskins up 2-0 in the eighth minute courtesy of goals from Cole Penner and Keith Bially. Winkler's Brett Harder returned the favour at 17:06 to get the Royals on the board.

Morden widened their lead with another Bially goal five minutes into the second period before the pendulum swung back Winkler's way as Cole Smith and Brett Harder found the back of the net to tie the game at 3-3.

Things fell apart for the Royals in the final period when Morden scored four goals in 15 minutes. Cole Penner, Victor Knaub, Jordan Neduzak, and Jay Fehr did the honours.

Winkler's Phil Letkeman got the game's final goal at 15:30, but it was nowhere near enough. Reed Peters stood tall in the Redskins' net, making 34 saves off of 38 shots. Matt Krahn was across the ice, making 33 saves off of 40 attempts to score.

The loss came on the heels of another defeat for Winkler the night before

to Warren 10-1.

Jon Gaudet scored the Royals' lone goal, with Krahn once again in net.

Morden also lost a game last week, bowing to Carman 7-4 on Jan. 9.

The Redskins were down 4-0 before Quinton Thiessen and Keith Bially started chipping away at the Beavers' lead midway through the second.

Carman got those two back, though, early in the third and one more besides. Morden couldn't keep up, despite two more goals from Jay Fehr and Juha Keinanen to end the game down 7-4.

Reed Peters manned the Redskins' net for the duration, making 26 saves as shots on net were 35-33 in Morden's favour.

With that, Morden is in third place in the standings with a record of 8-6 for 16 points, putting them behind Notre Dame in first place (22 points) and Warren in second (20 points). Winkler brings up the rear in seventh place with a record of 4-11 and eight points.

Coming up, Winkler hosts Notre Dame Sunday and then travels to play in Carman Tuesday. Morden, meanwhile, plays in Warren Friday.

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day.

Winkler kept a firm hold on the game throughout, scoring twice in the first courtesy of Opperman and Christian and then twice more in the third from Jacob Lacasse and Christian again.

The Kings, meanwhile, weren't able to get on the board until the final 11 seconds, when Ian Briscoe ruined Martyniuk's shutout. The goalie otherwise stopped 26 shots as Winkler outshot Dauphin 44-27.

The Flyers currently sit in fourth place in the MJHL with a 26-15 record and 52 points. They trail the Steinbach Pistons (68 points), Portage Terriers (57 points) and the Virden Oil Capitals (56 points) and are just two points up on the fifth place Steelers.

This weekend the team hosts Virden Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and then travel to play Portage on Sunday. Next week they host Selkirk Tuesday and play in Steinbach Wednesday and Portage on Jan. 26.

FLYERS ADD SIZE AND SKILL

The Winkler Flyers added two new players at the MJHL trade deadline last week, acquiring 18-year-old defenseman Erik Dahl from the Minot Minotauros (NAHL) and 19-year-old forward Nick Lund from the Coulee Region Chill (NAHL).

Dahl is a 6'4", 207 lb. defenseman from Lakeville, Minnesota and played 17 games with Minot this

year, accounting for three assists and 18 penalty minutes.

He played 55 games with the Shattuck St. Mary's Midget Prep team in 2016-17, earning up 30 points (four goals, 26 assists) and 40 penalty minutes.

"Erik is a big body that moves the puck well," said Flyers head coach and general manager Ken Pearson. "His presence on the ice will make him very successful here. He's a big boy with a great reach, a good two-way defenseman that can chip in offensively."

Lund is a 5'11", 179 lb. forward from Grand Forks, North Dakota who split this season between the Brookings Blizzard and Coulee Region Chill.

In 22 games played, he scored once and added an assist. In 2016-17 he scored 23 goals and chipped in with 10 assists in 33 games played with the East Grand Forks Wave in high school hockey.

"Nick is a skilled winger that was a big scorer in high school, and we're hoping that will transition well to our league," said Pearson. "He's a good skater and shoots the puck well."

The Flyers have also released forward Michael Redmon (1998) and defenseman Liam Hovland (1998) and now have a roster of 24 players (15 forwards, seven defense, and two goalies).

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Local artist shares his inspirations

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Artist Kerwin Froese has always drawn inspiration from a myriad of sources for his work, and his show at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre this month certainly reflects that.

For his first solo exhibition, Froese, whose day job is teaching art at Northlands Parkway Collegiate, has several paintings on display in the

WAC's upstairs gallery.

"These are all paintings that I've done in the last seven or eight years," he says. "There's a lot of variety in the pieces, so it reflects the show's theme of *Inspirations*."

"It really reflects the different art styles I have dabbled with. I love a lot of different variety of art styles. It's hard to pick and stay in one. I like to dabble in everything."

Visitors to the exhibition are greeted by a coffee-themed piece inspired by Froese's love of the beverage—and using it as a creative material, to boot.

"This show was a motivation for me to finish a few pieces of work," admits Froese of it and a few of the other paintings. "Finding time



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Kerwin Froese's solo show, *Inspirations*, at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre this month reflects his interest in an eclectic mix of painting styles. This piece, for example, was painted using knives rather than brushes.

can be tough with young children at home.

"Sometimes pressure is the best thing to get you motivated to finish something or work on something."

Each painting—be it a re-creation of an old family photograph, a slice of pop culture, or a piece painted with

knives instead of brushes—allowed Froese to try something new and expand his reach as an artist.

"I really enjoy changing and learning," he says. "Being an art teacher, often students will give me ideas based

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on what they do or styles they're interested in ... so I expose myself to a lot of different things, try a lot of different things.

"Everything I've ever done, I've learned something from it. There's always something new to learn and you stretch yourself that way," Froese adds, gesturing in example to a painting depicting a market scene that plays with colour and perspectives. "I was just captured by this market image from, I think, Indonesia. I made it my own."

Though his work has been part of larger WAC shows in the past, this chance to fly solo was an exciting one for Froese.

"I've been in shows before, but to make it your own A show like this, it's something to strive for, personally, as an artist," he says. "To get a collection of artwork together and put yourself out there.

"Doing fine arts is not as performance-based as music or things like that. But, I mean, most artists don't hide in the dark, either," says Froese.

Art Rental Show also on

Also on at the WAC this month is its very first Art Rental Show.

The main gallery is filled with pieces from dozens of local artists that are available for businesses or individuals to rent on an annual basis.

"There are so many businesses that just have generic art from [the store] that have been sitting there, some of them, probably 20 years," said WAC executive director Wendy Klassen. "For a really affordable price, you can have local art and support local artists, support a local organization, and you can have new art every year.

They've had such a great response so far that Klassen has already had to bring in additional pieces to fill the gallery.

"I've already had to change up the art once or twice because a lot of them had been picked out," she said. "The artists are all really excited about it."

Funds from rentals are split between the artist and WAC, but the real goal is giving artists another way to get their art out into the community, Klassen stressed.

"We don't get paid a lot but that's not what counts. If they can go to the credit union or the clinic and see their art up on the wall, that means a lot."

The show runs until month's end.

"It is important to show your work. It challenges you. It's very personal, almost like sharing a personal journal.

"That's part of the process, but it's

a challenge to push your quality of work, too," he adds. "If someone's going to see it or showcase it in an art gallery like this then, okay, this has to

be good. So you try to push yourself to grow as an artist."

Froese's show runs until Jan. 27 at the WAC.

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Studying the In-Between: CMU's Communications and Media Program

By Jason Friesen (4th year Communications and Media student)

When I entered university, I was going to spend a couple of years at CMU taking science courses, and then get a degree in Kinesiology elsewhere. It took me only one year to realize that a degree in the sciences was not for me, not something I wanted as a career. Having always enjoyed writing, I decided to try some communications and media classes in my second year. That change in direction turned into my major.

Studying communications is not like studying anything else. Whereas most majors in the sciences and arts look at the final product of information, the study of communications stops before final product, to study how information gets relayed and passed along.

There are many ways to relay messages in today's age, and CMU does a fantastic job of introducing students to many of those forms. With courses on radio, live streaming, sound production, video making, journalism, and graphic design, CMU gives a broad sweep of different technical skills that are valuable to anybody who wants a job in communications. In talking to communications professionals, it's obvious that multimedia is important in today's world, so learning a variety of skills is important.

CMU doesn't merely teach you the "hard" skills of communications, but the "soft" skills as well. You get to analyze these skills, and how to use them in an ethical and life-giving way. Through learning about things like new media, Christianity in the mass media, and politics in the mass media through theory courses, CMU enables communications grads to not only produce content, but to actually think critically about what they and others are producing, and what the effects are on society.

On top of all this, a communications degree at CMU is not just a two-year program that teaches you only about communications. Electives and courses outside of your major to are also required. This provides an opportunity to study other topics, and see how other disciplines look at the world. Good communication doesn't just require knowledge of how to relay a message; it requires knowledge about what you're talking about.

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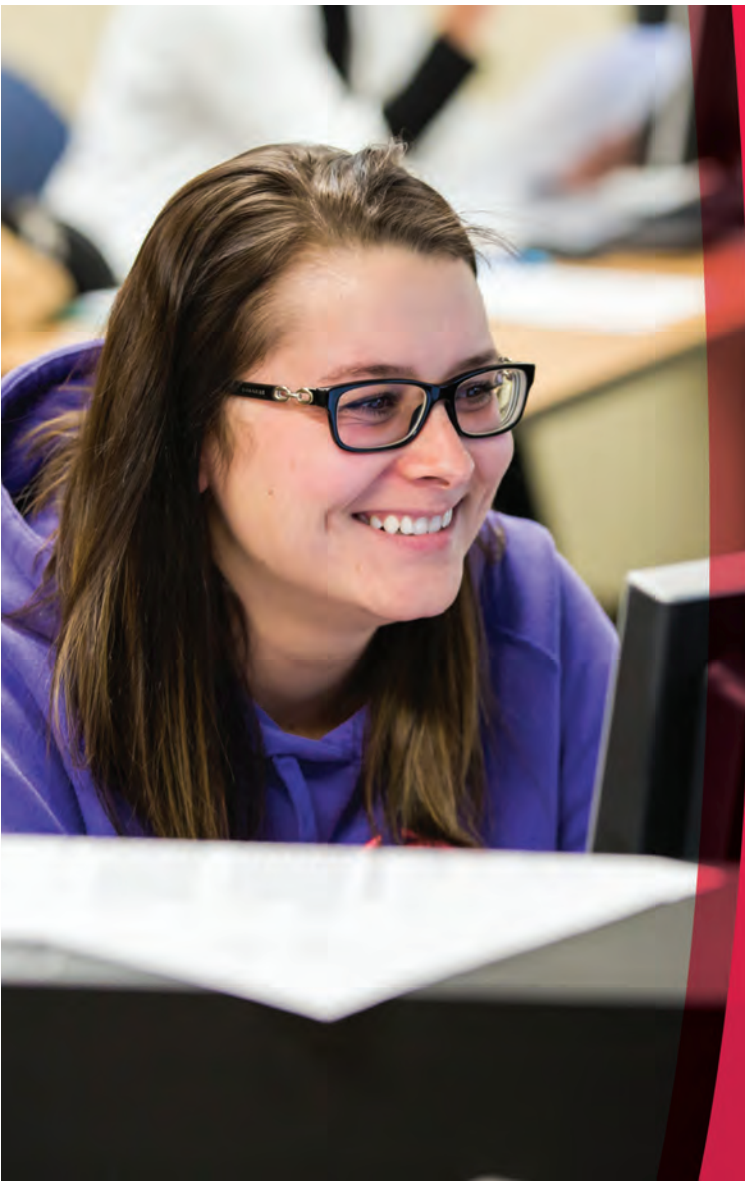
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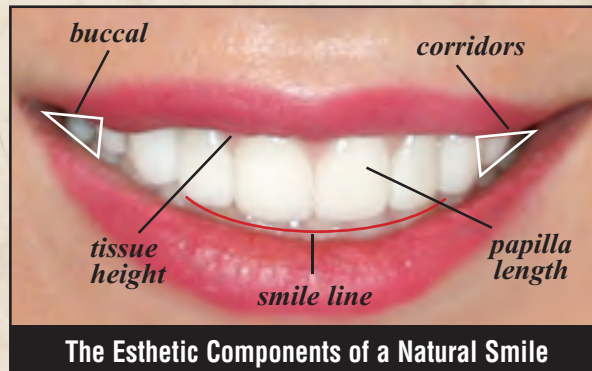
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Pembina Valley Hawks win hard-fought battle

By Lorne Stelmach

A hard fought battle Friday night came out in favour of the female Pembina Valley Hawks.

The Hawks were backed up by the solid goaltending of Halle Oswald, who stopped all 30 shots she faced to earn the shutout in a 4-0 win over the Central Plains Capitals.

At the other end of the ice, Pembina Valley was opportunistic, connecting four times on 21 shots including an empty-netter that put the game away.

“In the end, we were happy with the style of play our girls brought,” said coach Dana Bell.

“We played an aggressive forecheck. It was a gritty game. As coaches, we

felt all our girls played to win. The intensity level was high.”

Makenzie McCallum was in on every goal, scoring twice and assisting on the other two by Hannah Petrie, while Sage McElroy-Scott contributed three assists.

The game had some momentum swings, with the Capitals coming out hard in the second, but the Hawks held as Oswald remained steady.

There was some controversy as well with the Hawks reacting to what they felt was a weak penalty call that ended up with McElroy-Scott being handed a misconduct in addition to a coaching ejection.

Oswald made three outstanding saves in the end with the Capitals on

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a powerplay and having pulled their goalie for a two man advantage, but Petrie would win a foot race to tap in the empty net goal.

Moving ahead into the final stretch run of the regular season, Bell remained encouraged but was still looking for a little something more from his charges.

“We still need to get more pucks through to the net and work on hav-

ing better traffic,” he suggested.

The Hawks face the Lightning in Stony Mountain on Saturday and then play at the Eastman Selects in Mitchell Sunday afternoon.

After having played five in a row and seven of their last eight on the road, Pembina Valley gets to close out the regular season schedule with four games at home in Morden.

Twisters fall 9-5 to Express, 6-5 to Victorias

By Lorne Stelmach

It’s been a tale of two teams lately for the Pembina Valley Twisters.

The Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League squad played two solid defensive games a week earlier in shutting down Stonewall and River East, but not so much this past weekend.

The Twisters fell 9-5 Saturday to the third place Transcona Railer Express and then were edged 6-5 Sunday by the eighth place St. Vital Victorias,

leaving them in seventh place at three games below .500.

Things went south quickly Saturday for the Twisters, who led 2-1 after one period but then trailed 5-4 after two. They connected twice on powerplays but also gave up one while short-handed.

James Van De Velde scored twice for Pembina Valley while Braeden Beer-naerts, Michael Wirth, and Derek Wood contributed singles. Shots on

goal were 39-37 for Transcona.

It was a wide open affair Sunday with shots on goal ending up 51-40 in favour of St. Vital, who fired three third period goals to overcome a 4-3 deficit after two.

Jeremie Goderis scored twice, bringing him to 12 this season, with other goals coming from Quade Froese, Karl Conrad, and Brendan Keck, whose 18th of the season came shorthanded.

Griffin Dyck helped keep the Twisters in this one with a 45 save effort.

Pembina Valley sits in seventh place at 13-16-2 for 28 points, which leaves them just two up on St. Vital in the final playoff position and five back of the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins.

The Twisters are in Winnipeg Friday night to face the Raiders and then back at home in Morris Saturday to welcome the Stonewall Jets.

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE															
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA								
Steinbach Pistons	43	33	8	1	68	201	98	Thrashers	34	20	13	1	41	127	130
Portage Terriers	41	27	11	1	57	172	109	Pembina Valley	33	17	13	2	37	128	129
Virden Oil Capitals	41	27	12	2	56	183	128	Yellowhead	33	17	15	1	35	116	105
Winkler Flyers	41	26	15	0	52	142	107	Southwest	33	16	16	1	33	105	111
Selkirk Steelers	41	23	14	3	50	146	133	Central Plains	33	12	16	2	29	125	140
OCN Blizzard	41	22	14	5	49	150	135	Parkland	34	12	19	1	27	111	147
Winnipeg Blues	40	19	16	4	43	146	153	Kenora	34	11	19	0	26	109	131
Neepawa Natives	41	18	20	2	39	153	164	Interlake	32	8	22	2	18	81	154
Swan Valley Stampede	39	16	18	5	37	118	139	Norman	34	3	30	0	7	96	245
Dauphin Kings	43	10	31	1	22	99	196								
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	43	6	34	2	15	103	251								
MANITOBA AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE															
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA								
Sharks	27	21	3	0	45	148	60								
Monarchs	26	20	5	1	41	141	68								
Hawks	26	20	6	0	40	179	71								
Selects	22	17	4	0	35	115	45								
Lightning	28	7	21	0	14	82	163								
Warriors	25	4	20	0	9	63	142								
MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE															
	GP	Reg W	Reg L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts								
Winnipeg Avros	23	13	5	-	5	-	36								
Yellowhead Chiefs	22	10	7	-	3	2	28								
PV Hawks	22	12	8	-	1	1	27								
Westman Wildcats	20	10	6	-	1	3	25								
Eastman Selects	23	11	10	-	-	2	24								
Central Plains	23	7	12	-	1	3	19								
Interlake Lightning	21	2	17	-	1	1	7								
HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY															
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA								
W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	17	14	3	0	28	114	38								
Morris Mavericks	17	14	3	0	28	91	58								
Prairie Mountain Mustangs	16	10	5	0	21	83	72								
Northlands Parkway Collegiate															
Nighthawks (Winkler)	16	10	6	0	20	73	61								
Cartwright/Nellie McClung/															
Pilot Mound Tigers	17	9	8	0	18	62	67								
Morden Thunder	15	8	7	0	16	64	50								
Carman Cougars	19	5	12	2	12	61	77								
Garden Valley Collegiate															
Zodiaks (Winkler)	18	4	12	1	10	51	106								
Portage Collegiate Institute Trojans	17	2	14	0	5	53	123								
STATS AS OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 16															

MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	32	26	2	4	56	133	60
Charleswood Hawks	31	23	5	3	49	89	52
Transcona Railer Express	31	21	8	2	44	133	89
Stonewall Jets	32	18	12	2	38	99	83
St. James Canucks	32	16	13	3	35	110	97
Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins	32	16	15	1	33	95	85
Pembina Valley Twisters	31	13	16	2	28	124	126
St. Vital Victorias	31	13	18	0	26	103	139
St. Boniface Riels	32	10	19	3	23	90	121
River East Royal Knights	32	2	29	1	5	46	170
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE							
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Notre Dame	14	10	2	1	22	69	50
Warren	13	10	3	0	20	68	39
Morden	14	8	6	0	16	58	44
Carman	15	6	8	0	13	61	71
Altona	12	5	6	0	11	46	50
Portage	13	5	7	0	11	39	46
Winkler	15	4	11	0	8	49	90
MANITOBA AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE							
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Brandon	34	29	3	0	60	177	77
Wild	33	28	3	1	58	191	70
Bruins	33	23	8	1	48	141	99
Eastman	34	21	9	2	46	142	111

Viterra ceremonial team selected

Winkler’s ceremonial team at the Viterra Championship later this month will represent generations of mens curling in the community.

The 2018 Winkler Viterra Championship host committee last week announced the team members who will participate in the provincial curling tournament’s opening ceremonies on Jan. 31.

They represent curling success at the local, regional, provincial, national, and international levels, the committee says.

The team includes:

- Abe Suderman, a long time curler and supporter of the Winkler Curling Club for over 60 years.
- Henry (Hank) Klassen, a Winkler Curling Club member for over 40 years, a 10-time club champion, South Eastern Super League champi-

on in 1982, 1986, and 1988 and Labatt Tankard participant in 1983 (quarter finalist), 1985, and 1986.

- Ross Derksen, Manitoba junior provincial, national and world champion with Team David Hamblin in 2002, national mixed champion with Team Sean Grassie in 2008, and, more recently, the coach to Team Brooke Friesen when they won the 2014 Manitoba Winter Games.
- Brennan Kezema, Winkler Junior Curling Club member and participant in the 2017 Manitoba Canola Junior Championships with Team Jayden Rutter.

The Viterra Championship takes place at the Winkler Arena Jan. 30 to Feb. 4.

Tickets are available online at curl-manitoba.org/viterra-championship.

Local MLAs expecting changes to Electoral Districts

By Lorne Stelmach

Local MLAs are expecting changes will be made to their ridings as a review of the provincial electoral boundaries gets underway.

Done every 10 years, the Electoral Divisions Boundaries Commission will not only review the boundaries for all Manitoba ridings but can even consider their names.

Local MLAs are hoping changes made in 2008—including having one boundary line divide a village south of Winkler—will be reconsidered.

"They drew the boundary line down [Hwy.] 201 west from Altona until it came to [Hwy.] 32, then they dropped it down a mile and basically went through Osterwick ... through the community," explained Emerson MLA Cliff Graydon.

"I believe that when you split a community like this, we create an issue ... uncertainty even in terms of where you go to vote.

"I think this is an opportunity to straighten that out," Graydon said. "The way they jogged that line ... I don't think it was necessary, and I don't think it's fair to split a community. That was an issue for me ... I don't think they need to split the small communities especially."

As Manitoba's population changes, the review helps ensure fair representation for everyone. If a division has a significant increase or decrease

in population, the boundaries might need to change to keep them all as balanced as possible.

The review will be based on the 2016 Statistics Canada census population for Manitoba of 1,278,365. That number is divided by the 57 provincial electoral divisions in the province to establish an average of 22,427 people per division.

The process, though, allows for variations where warranted. For divisions south of the 53rd parallel, the population may vary by 10 per cent above or below the quotient while divisions north or partially north of the 53rd parallel can sometimes be 25 per cent above or below.

The Morden-Winkler riding currently showed a population of 27,775, which puts it almost 24 per cent over the average, while the Emerson riding is 2.3 per cent below the average at 21,895.

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen said the most important consideration overall is "not only effective representation but equitable representation.

"So you can't have the exact number of people in each constituency but to the extent possible to try to smooth out the differences," said Friesen, who acknowledged it would appear changes will be needed here.

"Because Morden and Winkler are a huge area of population growth ... it means these boundaries are probably



PHOTO BY RICK REIMER/VOICE

Nine-year-old Braden Penner (front row, centre) got to bring five friends along to see Paddington 2 at the Winkler movie theatre on Sunday. Braden's story about Prancina the reindeer won him the K-4 prize in our Christmas Writing Contest. Congratulations Braden!

going to shift," he said, citing confusion especially in the case of Osterwick about who is your MLA.

"People should expect that as a result of this review there will be changes to our boundaries," said Friesen. "Where that change in boundaries will go, I will not speculate at this time ... it is based on that these are growth communities."

The commission will release its initial report in June. Public hearings will follow to consider its proposals in September before making a final report.

The public can participate online at www.boundariescommission.mb.ca.

The website includes maps of the current electoral divisions and allows you to move an electoral boundary which, in turn, generates an adjusted population count for the division. Users can then save their proposed boundary and submit it.

Website submissions may be made during two time periods: between January 8 and March 16 prior to the commission's initial proposal and then again between July and September after the proposal.

The new boundaries will come into effect for the next general election in 2020 unless an election is called sooner.

New recreation programs starting up in Winkler, Morden

Cabin fever starting to get you down? The Morden and Winkler recreation departments have got the cure.

Both cities have a wealth of recreation programs ongoing or starting up this and next month:

- The Winkler Dodgeball League is now taking team registrations for the 2018 season, which runs from February to May.

Games will take place on Sunday afternoons between 2-5 p.m. Teams are generally made up of 6-12 players, with a minimum of one female per team.

To register, contact Jordan Driedger at jdriedger@cityofwinkler.ca or 204-325-8333.

Cost per team is \$170.

- Winkler Parks & Recreation is offering a four session Yoga Class led by instructor Joelle Borne.

The first session was held this week. Subsequent classes are Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. at the Winkler Arena's Royal Hall.

All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$30 for four classes or a \$10 drop in fee.

To register, go to winklerrec.maxgalaxycanada.net/BrowseActivities.aspx.

- The next Red Cross Babysitting Course will be offered in Winkler on Feb. 28 and March 3. The program is open to children 11 years of age or older.

Cost per child for the two day course is \$60. Register at the address listed above.

- The Morden Access Event Centre hosts Circuit Workout Mondays from 5:05-6:05 p.m. Feb. 5 to March 5.

Each evening will include a variety of changing exercises, themes, and

equipment.

Register for this and all Morden programs online at mordenmb.maxgalaxycanada.net or call 204-822-5431 ext. 223.

- Morden Explorers PD Day Program runs Feb. 2, March 5, and April 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The line-up includes tours of local businesses/organizations, art activities, nature activities, outdoor physical activity, and lots of walking. Cost is \$25/day.

- Early Closing Art Attack has sessions Jan. 24 (sock snowperson craft), March 21 (fleece pillow), April 25 (cat painting), and May 16 (dried flower project). Kids ages 6-12 are invited to take part at \$15 per person.

- Beginner Yoga classes take place at the Access Event Centre Thursdays from 5:05-6:05 p.m. Jan. 11 to Feb. 8 and then again from Feb. 22 to March

22. Cost is \$45 per person.

- Cardio Drumming with Deanna Baker adds an afternoon session Wednesdays from Jan. 10 to Feb. 7 and Feb. 21 to March 21 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. An evening session also runs those same weeks from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

- Shuttle Time Badminton runs at École Morden Middle School Fridays 6:30-7:30 p.m. for Gr. 1-4 and 7:30-8:30 p.m. for Gr. 5-8 from Feb. 23 to May 25. Cost is \$45, which includes a badminton racket.

- Both the Winkler and Morden's arenas offer a full slate of skating programs—everything from Parent & Tot to Farmer's Hockey to Senior's Skate.

For dates and other details, head to www.winkler.ca or mordenmb.com/aec.

Agriculture

Ensuring fertilizers are applied in the right spot

By Harry Siemens

CropPro Consulting began in 2003 with Cory Willness of Naicam, SK primarily focused on Crop Management Services and on-farm research with local farmers.

Willness spoke to farmers at the recent St. Jean Farm Days and said CropPro always focuses on fair prices, meat and potatoes services, low infrastructure and costs, and frank advice without bias.

"We treat every customer uniquely as everyone has their approach to risk and equipment. If you want frills that come with the excess marketing, the high prices, and the cookie cutter approach that services the mass market, don't call us," he said. "If you want someone that works the dirt with low fees every day and knows what is happening in the field, contact us."

Willness told farmers there are two components on foundation principles for variable rates, fertilizer, and seed: first, making the right zone map and, second, applying the proper fertilizers to those zones.

"The first part is the key thing. If you don't have a good zone map then you can't apply the fertilizers in the right spot," he said. "I think maybe the industry's been fairly challenged in understanding what the right zone map means. Most people want to take it from what I call the end-result approach, which is building a yield potential map, which is useful, but you can't ignore what I feel is the more important starting point, soil, water, and topography models ... you need to know where the water is in the field, know what the soil properties are, textures and organic matters and those things all relate to how fertility and yield potential will vary."

Willness said his clients are getting the variable rates right and benefiting from it because they do it significantly different than most of the industry.

"I feel our clientele is doing an outstanding job. Is the industry doing a very good job? No, I don't think so. I guess it's just kind of a hearsay answer, right? I mean, I think my customers are doing a good job and getting good value," he said.

"The primary difference is this soil potential map versus yield potential map," Willness explained. "Anyone and everyone is getting yield potential maps—that's yield data and satellite imagery. Those things are giving you a good indication of what yield potentials are. Ninety-five per cent of the industry does nothing to get a soil potential map. That's where we start."

"We have to model water, so we need hydrate elevation maps either with RTK GPS, drone, or LiDAR, light detection and ranging. We also collect electrical conductivity data. That gives you information related to soil textures, where the water is moving and salt levels. It gives you an indication of the soil properties that are happening within the top few feet of your soil. Those two layers are essential for us to build a basis for what's going on with soil, water, and topography."

The benefits to the farmer with this approach are varied, Willness said.

"The natural thing is to sort out how fertility levels vary in the field. For example, areas that I would call high and dry areas maybe corroded knolls or hills in the field, they'll be lower in organic matter and have low fertility, also low in phosphorus and low in sulfur. They have weak mineralization of nutrients like nitrogen and sulfur."

"Conversely, you can look at depressions in a field over time, and the eroded soil has ended up down there producing very thick topsoil, maybe several feet thick. It'll have higher percent organic matter because the water is moving there. Mobile nutrients will move there, like nitrogen and sulfur. So they're typically just high in phosphorus, sulfur, chloride and things like that."

Willness said working with his company is a process and it begins at the

first visit.

"It takes a few years to learn the fields. You might try the same strategies on different fields. Your seeding rate strategies and there might be fields that it worked perfectly on, fields that need tweaking," he said.

With a staff of 22, CropPro services farmers in Saskatchewan, B.C., and Manitoba.

However, the company works with the top local crop consultants who provide the soil testing and the agronomy, while his firm maps the fields.

"When we get into some of these other areas, it's nice to work with people that know the local agronomy and know the crops well," said Willness. "You can work closely with them. When you add their expertise to it and their experience and sort of with the local agronomy, it just really helps things to work well."



By Harry Siemens

Communicating, speaking, even breathing and eating the story of farming is something I do every day of my life.

As I noted to a friend on Twitter recently, I started farming when I was seven or eight years old, driving a small Ford tractor pulling an eight-section harrow.

Officially, though, it began in 1965 renting my first piece of land from my father who desperately wanted me to farm. He forgave for choosing the storytelling of farming and how others produce the food we eat, the best, healthiest, safest, and the least costly compared to anywhere in the world.

Sometimes I get into some great discussions on Twitter about the subject I love: telling the story of farming.

Bob Bartley of Roland pointed out that 97 per cent of Canada's farms are family owned.

"Many farms are handed down

through generations, and it's not uncommon to see family members working together to produce healthy, safe food. Tools like pesticides help farmers protect crops and ensure their land is healthy in the future."

I said we need to stand up strong for family farms and be careful in keeping the food police, food policy people, climate change extremists, and carbon tax proponents from taking us off our game.

Simon Ellis of Wawanese, a robust young farmer, said constant communication and relationship development with our government representatives is critical. Family agriculture is the foundation of this great country.

"If the communication and relationship development with our government representatives results in government taxing our farms and directing a farm organization to do their bidding [like carbon taxation], then something has gone badly wrong. Manitoba farmers don't deserve another carbon tax."

Mark Chambers, production manager with Sunterra Farms and chair of the Banff Pork Seminar, said the 2018 edition of the annual event was a tremendous success attracting a sold-out audience.

The theme of the 2018 Banff Pork Seminar, held last week, was "looking ahead to the next generation."

This year's seminar attracted 770 registrants, a sold-out audience, and included people from all over Canada, the United States, and around the world representing a lot of production people as well as industry representatives from genetic companies, nutrition companies and equipment companies, consultants and veterinarians.

"This year's theme was the next generation and communicating, and we had some outstanding speakers, especially the opening plenary was talking about communication and how we need to talk to the public,

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Refugees make and sell oat-based products

By Harry Siemens

More than 11 years ago, George and Hiscay Barreras escaped their homeland of Colombia with two suitcases and two kids.

Colombia was a particularly violent place at the time, so the couple left everything behind and moved to Saskatoon to start a new life.

"I choose to come here because they murder my wife's family in Colombia. We came as refugees," said George Barreras. "When I went to the Canadian Embassy in Colombia, we were told that they were going to send us to a very nice booming city. They sent us to Saskatoon. I think that it is the best place. I'm thrilled they sent me here."

In countries with a significant Hispanic population, consuming warm oatmeal drinks is common. So when the couple came to Canada, the world's largest producer of oats, they expected oat drinks to be popular in the country.

They soon noticed they couldn't find the smooth, warm oatmeal beverages they drank back home. And so, four years ago, they decided to fill a gap in the hot drink market that the Canadians did not know existed.

"We want to create an original Canadian winter drink made out of a crop grown in Canadian soil [oats]," said Barreras.

Today, Oatdeal sells their products in the US Hispanic market and Canada.

Barreras told his story at Crop Days in Saskatoon recently.

Initially, their product sold better in the U.S. because of the large His-

panic population there, George said, but exporting south of the border is challenging.

"Even though we're neighbours, there are still challenges in the border. There are challenges when you're a new company, challenges with NAFTA, challenges even with transport, because most of Hispanics are in the south making for a long trip across America," said Barreras.

The processing happens through co-packers in Saskatchewan that pack their product and then ship directly to the States.

"We produce it at a food center, and we also produce it with other third parties, too," Barreras said. "We

source our oats from Avena Foods because they're the only ones with certified gluten-free oats."

Oatdeal's oatmeal drinks include cinnamon, chocolate, and vanilla flavors.

"We have OatBoost, which is a smoothie enhancer with probiotics, prebiotics, oats, and also protein," explained Barreras. "We also have another type of oatmeal drink which already comes with milk, so people can add it to coffee if they want to."

For now, their products are available at the Federated Co-op stores and online at Oatdeal.com.

"I [encourage] Canadians to drink oat products for one reason because

out there, most of the hot options are coffee, chocolate, or tea, which are not Canadian," Barreras said. "I'm offering you a drink made out of a crop grown on Canadian soil."

He sees the future as growth in the U.S. targeting the Hispanic market, 60 million people more or less, so that's a huge market.

At the same time, they are also targeting the large Central and South American and Mexican markets, in addition to further growth in Canada.

"We plan to make Oatdeal a big exporter of oats in the future," said Barreras.

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 18

especially when reporters are interviewing us," said Chambers. "Because our industry is under the spotlight and we need to know how to address that and how to move forward in the future," he said.

Farm broadcaster legend Orion Samuelson addressed the topic of what rights do farmers have when animal rights groups decide they have the right to walk uninvited on to a farm or ranch or walk into a dairy barn or livestock building and begin shooting video because they suspect the farmer is abusing the animals on the property? What about trespassing laws and the right of property owners to protect their property against unwanted guests?

The number of such happenings increased to the point a decade ago that rural states began passing laws to make it illegal to go onto a farm and

shoot video under a pretense. Animal rights groups and other critics of the law described it as an "ag-law" and said if farmers had nothing to hide, why would they object.

Back in 2014 the Governor of Idaho, Butch Otter, signed the "ag-gag" law, despite loud protests from the American Humane Society. But last month a federal appeals court declared the Idaho law unconstitutional on free speech grounds. Circuit Judge Margaret McKeown of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Seattle made some other interesting comments in her written statement.

She said the ban on shooting video was a "classic example of a content-based restriction that cannot survive strict scrutiny."

But here's the one that got me: "The ban on making misrepresentations to enter facilities was void because it

could criminalize innocent behavior."

I interpret that as the court saying it is legal to lie.

Orion said here we go again taking away from farmers the right to decide who comes onto their private property, to determine who is trespassing or not trespassing, and who lies to go onto that property with malicious intent.

Eleven states with similar laws will be overseeing the aftermath of this decision. I still say it is a violation of your property rights.

It is important—when I call to tell your story, don't ignore the call and say, 'Talk to someone else,' but with anticipation take the call and answer the questions the best you know how. You are the best at what you do. If you don't tell your story, no one else will.

Avoid a vehicle fire—inspect your extension cord

By Lorne Stelmach

It's obviously a necessity in winter, but plugging in your car can also potentially be a fire risk.

As Manitobans deal with extreme cold temperatures, Manitoba Public Insurance reminds vehicle owners to inspect their extension and vehicle cords.

Every winter in Manitoba, several dozen vehicle fires are the direct result of damaged extension cords or worn block heater or in-car plugs, the agency says.

"We certainly have concerns about that in terms of prevention," said MPI spokesperson Brian Smiley. "No one wants to see their vehicle go up in

flames and potentially their home or belongings."

"We normally get at least one every winter," noted Morden fire chief Andy Thiessen. "Usually it's because it's not the proper cord, for one thing, and the other is it's probably not in that good a shape. You've got some frayed wires, or it's been wiggled so often enough that it's now breaking off the plug."

MPI offers a number of basic safety tips to combat vehicle fires caused by extension cords, including not driving over cords, not plugging in vehicles within any other enclosed structure, inspecting cords for any signs of damage or exposed wiring regularly, putting the cover over your block heater plug-in, and unplugging your block

heater by using the hard, rubber end.

"It just takes a few seconds to look at the extension cords," said Smiley. "We've had situations where vehicles have been parked outside near a building ... the electrical cord was faulty ... and the vehicle fire spread into the accompanying home or garage. You want to throw that cord away. It's dangerous, it could potentially cause a fire."

Thiessen stressed people need to not only check the extension cord but also the cord coming from their vehicle's block heater.

"We tend to forget about that ... that cord sees all kinds of weather and conditions for years, and that end can get brittle and crack, and that's where

issues will start as well."

A cracked extension cord or block heater cord with a corroded plug can result in electrical arcing that can quickly spark a fire. Corrosion can be caused by exposure to moisture, dirt and road salts. Cords that are cracked or have exposed wires should be replaced.

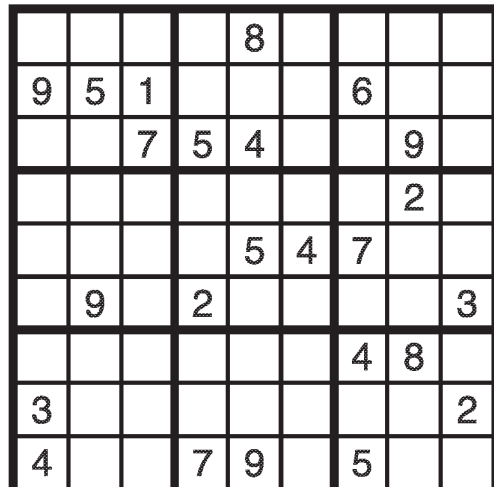
"Another risk is where people plug their vehicles in while it's in the garage," said Thiessen. "People who are doing that, now they've got their home in jeopardy if their vehicle catches on fire in the garage."

"It's unnecessary. Even if it's not a heated garage, it's still out of the wind and weather, and that's all it needs."



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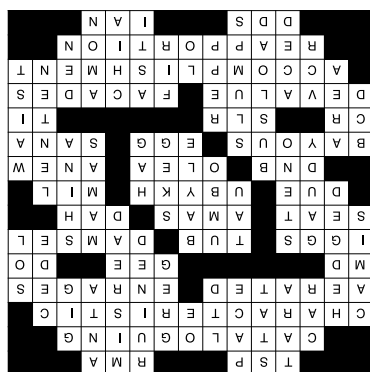
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in 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!

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



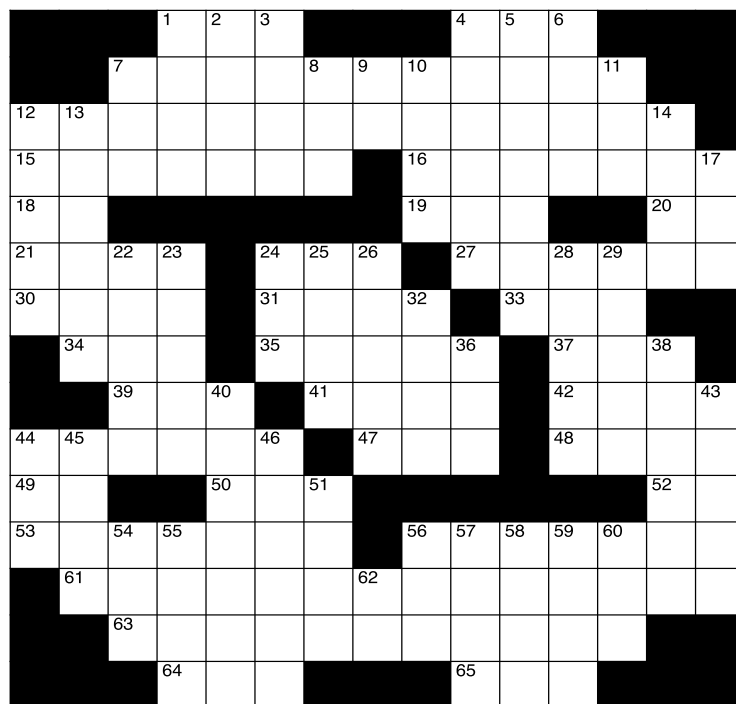
Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

1. Measurement (abbr.)
4. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
7. Sorting
12. Attribute
15. Poked holes in
16. Angers
18. Doc
19. MLB journeyman pitcher Dillon
20. Not don't
21. Snubs someone
24. Where kids bathe
27. One might be in distress
30. Chair
31. Music industry honors (abbr.)
33. Dash
34. Owed
35. Caucasian language
37. One thousand (Span.)
39. Musical style drum and bass
41. Evergreen trees native to warm climates
42. Begin __: start fresh
44. Marshy outlets
47. A chicken lays one
48. Yemen's largest city
49. Conversion rate
50. Single Lens Reflex
52. Atlanta rapper
53. Reduce the importance of
56. Faces of buildings
61. Something achieved
63. Distribute again
64. Tooth caregiver
65. 007's creator

CLUES DOWN

1. Skater Lipinksi
2. Data
3. Single step
4. Destroyed financially



5. Fail to interpret correctly
6. Fava d'__: tree found in Brazil
7. Vehicle
8. Limited
9. Old English
10. Aussie golfer Norman
11. Job
12. Loose-fitting undergarments
13. Protected by balancing
14. Give up
17. Fifth note of a major scale
22. Extravagantly bright
23. Takes dictation
24. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
25. Rounded knob (biology)
26. French philosopher Pierre
28. Mothers
29. Dardic ethnic group
32. Supports the rudder
36. An ugly evil-looking old woman
38. Of a fasting time
40. Filled with passengers
43. Below the ribs and above the hips
44. Binary-coded decimal
45. 51 is a famous one
46. Goes into a funk
51. Chief O'Hara actor
54. Videocassette recorder
55. Scored perfectly
56. Type of tree
57. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
58. Popular commercial "pet"
59. Supreme god of Ancient Egyptians
60. Room in a home
62. __ and behold

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The Rural Municipality of Stanley requires the services of a contractor to complete 1000 hours of municipal drainage work with an excavator for each of the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

Proposal packages can be obtained at and returned to the above addresses.

Deadline for submissions is 4:00 pm CST February 14th, 2018.

NOTICES

City of Morden Emergency Communications Antenna Tower Location: 111 Gilmour Street, Morden, Manitoba

The City of Morden is applying to construct a 122' communications antenna tower (tower) at the City of Morden Access Event Centre, located at 111 Gilmour Street in Morden, Manitoba. As part of that process the City of Morden is required to notify residents of this proposed construction and to allow a period for feedback from residents.

The City of Morden operates a standby Emergency Reception Centre (ERC) at the Access Event Centre. During large scale emergencies, the ERC is activated and assists with registration and lodging in response to the disaster.

The proposed tower will provide redundant emergency communication radios as a backup to the communications tower at located at the Civic Center (195 Stephen Street) that will support vital radio communications between the Morden EOC (Emergency Operation Center) and first responders during large scale emergencies. This tower will be a freestanding structure, and will not have any supporting guy-wires or tension cables attached. It will also have 10' anti-climb shields to prevent people from climbing it.

The City will also use this tower for wireless IT networking equipment, which will be used by the City to provide IT and internet services between the City's operating sites.

For comparison purposes, a similar tower and antenna setup is located beside the Civic Centre, 195 Stephen Street.

The proposed tower will be located at geographic coordinates: N 49 degrees, 11', 51" by W 98 degrees, 05', 44", which is on the west side of the Access Event Center (111 Gilmour Street), next to the backlane.

The tower will be CSA rated, and the installation will respect good engineering practices and structural adequacy.

Radio signals lose strength as they travel along a communications wire. Communications antennas therefore have to be located in close proximity (a couple hundred feet) to the radio transmitters, which will be located inside the Access Event Centre. As such the City of Morden is not able to utilize other communications towers or buildings located in the community. Several forms of radio transmission require line of site reception. Thus a 104' tower height also is required, along with an 18' VHF antenna that will be mounted on top of that. Additional smaller antennas will be mounted off the sides of the tower. During testing and actual emergency operations, a temporary HF wire antenna may also be strung from the structure, in an arc to the ground.

The attached antennas will include:

18' Sinclair SD224 4-dipole omnidirectional VHF antenna (top of tower)

The City's IT equipment will include several low frequency wireless radios sending signal to sites near the ground surface and towards various locations throughout the City.

The general public will be protected in compliance with Health Canada's Safety Code 6 including combined effects within the local radio environment at all times. The radio transmitters used for emergency communications at this site will be low power transmitters, ranging from 4 watts to 50 watts power.

The City of Morden has made applications in support of this project through Transport Canada, Nav Canada, and Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), along with the local land use authority.

This tower does not require an environmental assessment, under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012.

General information relating to antenna systems is available on Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada Spectrum Management and Telecommunications website (<http://www.ic.gc.ca/towers>).

The provincial office for the Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada Spectrum Management Operations Branch is:

Spectrum Management Operations Branch
Manitoba District Office
400 St Mary Ave, 4th Floor
Winnipeg, MB R3C 4K5
ic.spectrumwinnipeg-winnipegspectre.ic@canada.ca

The tower will comply with any Transport Canada painting and lighting requirements, if required.

The closing date for submission of written public comments is February 16, 2018.

Written Comments can be submitted to:

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Western School Division

Kindergarten Registration for September 2018

Parents are requested to register their children for Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year by coming to the appropriate school office from **January 26 to February 2, 2018**, between 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Children born in 2013 or earlier are eligible to enrol. All parents are asked to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate when registering.

Please enrol in the school within whose catchment area your residence is located. For Kindergarten program and registration information, call the schools directly.

Catchment areas are:

Minnewasta School, 1 Academy Drive, Mr. Andrew Volk, Principal, 204-822-4580

• Area south of North Railway; area west of Mountain St.; and all rural students.

Maple Leaf School, 225-12th Street, Mr. Mike Keith, Principal, 204-822-4458

• Area north of South Railway St.; area east of Mountain St.; and all early years (K-4) French Immersion students.

OPEN HOUSE

Western School Division will be holding a Kindergarten Parent Information session on **January 25, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Maple Leaf Elementary School.** We look forward to seeing all the new Kindergarten parents on this evening.

More detailed information is available online at www2.westernsd.mb.ca, at the schools, or at Western School Division Office, 204-822-4448.

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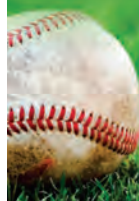
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To apply, please submit a resume to:

Ed Klassen, Human Resources Manager
Kroeker Farms Limited
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Winkler, Manitoba, R6W 0K7
Ph: 204-325-4333 Fax: 204-325-8630
Email: edwin@kroekers.com

Deadline for applications January 19th, 2018. We thank all applicants for their interest! Only those being interviewed will be contacted.

NOTICES

Public Information Meeting
Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street
January 29, 2018, 7:00 pm

The Citizens of Winkler are invited to a Public Information meeting at City Hall. The information session will include an overview of the proposed construction of a Waste Water Treatment Facility, as well as provide opportunity for questions and comments from the public.

Come and join us for coffee Monday, January 29th, at City Hall, 185 Main Street, at 7:00 pm.

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OBITUARY



Elma Margurite Sawatzky (nee Janzen) 1927 - 2018

On Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, Elma Sawatzky, aged 90 years of Morden, MB went to her eternal rest.

Left to cherish her memory are sons, Rodney (Betty), Darrell, Harley (Betty); daughter, Mavis (Gilbert); seven grandsons; four great-granddaughters; five great-grandsons; one brother and one sister.

She was predeceased by her husband, Rudy in 2004; one great-granddaughter; one brother and four sisters.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the Morden Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Southside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Elma's memory to either Youth for Christ Morden Inc., 809A Stephen Street, Morden, MB R6M 1G2 or to the Canadian Food Grains Bank P.O. Box 767, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2L4.

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OBITUARY



Sidney George Scammell 1927 - 2017

It is with saddened hearts we announce the passing of Sidney George Scammell at Pembina Manitou Health Centre December 8, 2017 at sunset at 90 years of age.

He was predeceased by his wife, Eileen (nee South) in 2005; his parents, Edwin and Ada Scammell of Darlingford, MB; his sister Beatrice (John Coates) of Winnipeg, sister, Dorothy Clark, brother, Ron and Morris Marshall of England. Remaining to cherish his memory are his sister-in-law, Frances; nieces, nephews and many wonderful friends.

Sid loved life. He did what he wanted to do. He worked for small pay and made it go far.

Thank you to the community of Darlingford for the way you cared for Uncle Sid in his last years with food, rides to appointments to hospital, etc. Thank you to BTHC doctors, nurses and staff for the wonderful care. Also to Pembina Manitou Health Centre for your great care and wonderful food. To all the people that visited him in hospital and the care home.

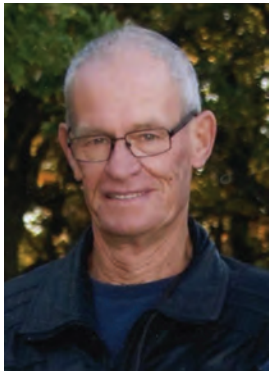
In keeping with Uncle Sid's wishes there will be no funeral service. The family will mourn his passing privately. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Uncle Sid's memory to the charity of one's choice.

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Harvey Abram Goertzen 1941 - 2017

On Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Harvey Goertzen age 76 years of Morden, MB formerly of Snowflake went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Ellen (nee Parker); one daughter, Sharon and Mike Gorchynski; two sons, Brad and Marlene Goertzen, Dan and Pam Goertzen as well as seven grandchildren, one sister, four brothers and their families.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at St. Andrew's United Church in Manitou with ash interment at a later date at the Snowflake Cemetery.

We would like to thank all the nurses and doctors at Cancer Care and Boundary Trails Health Centre for all their great care and

kindness.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Harvey's memory to the South Central Cancer Resource.

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OBITUARY



David Friesen 1944 - 2018

This past week we have experienced shock and waves of sorrow. Yet, here we are, celebrating David's life, even though our hearts are nearly broken. Our conversations have dwelt on his strength of character, his love for people, and his dedication to the cause of Christ.

David Friesen was born November 27, 1944 to Heinrich and Katharina Friesen in the Santa Clara colony, Mexico. He has one older brother, Heinrich. David began his education in a local private school, completed Secondaria in Cuauhtemec and received his university education in Chihuahua. In 1963, at the age of 19, David was baptized in the General Conference Mennonite Church in the Cuauhtemec area. His baptism also started him on a life-long path

within the church. He received theological education at the Mennonite Seminary in Montevideo, Uruguay and later at Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.

In June, 1967, David married Trudy Peters from Blumenort, Manitoba. For most of their married life, Cuauhtemec was their home. Two sons were born to them, John Howard and Karl Helmut Amadeus, who died shortly after birth. David and Trudy were members of the Blumenau Mennonite Church, in which David was ordained as lay minister, and given responsibility for youth work. He was loved by many, even though at times his broader horizons and open acceptance of people created tensions. For many years David taught English in the Cuauhtemec Secondaria. After that, he started a travel agency. His clients were both Mexican and Mennonite. After David closed his business, he and Trudy accepted an MCC assignment in Nuevu Casas Grandes, northern Mexico. David also maintained a prison ministry to Mennonites in Juarez.

In 2002, David and Trudy moved to Winkler, Manitoba for David to become chaplain at Salem Home. He devoted himself fully to his new career. With his friendly, outgoing nature he easily connected with residents, their relatives and local ministers.

Trudy, and we her family, miss David terribly. We are confident that as David's strong faith in God and love for church and community sustained him, so the same faithful, loving God and the support of church and community will sustain and comfort Trudy and us in these difficult days. Thank you to all who filled Trudy's 'frig with food, sat at her table, cleaned her driveway, sent messages and cards, prayed and comforted and came to the service to celebrate a life well lived. Good bye David.

Memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Winkler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Blumenort Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Dave's memory to either the MCC or Canadian Food Grains Bank.

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