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## Budding artists

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Students from Minnewasta School were at the Pembina Hills art gallery last week to check out the exhibition of their work and work from Maple Leaf School students on display through to the end of the month.

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Hills Gallery in downtown Morden was abuzz with excitement Friday for the opening of its January exhibit.

For the 42 Minnewasta School students who have

their work on display, it was above all else a fun time, but the hope is the experience will also make a bigger and more meaningful impact on them in the long run.

"Art is something that's for everyone," said Carl Klassen, a Gr. 1 teacher whose students were in-

involved in the exhibit along with a Gr. 2 class from Minnewasta and classes from Maple Leaf School.

"For these students to see themselves as artists and to see themselves as part of a community al-

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ready at this young age is something that's really important," said Klassen.

Some of Morden's youngest artists had their first exhibit at the gallery last year, and Klassen said it was nice for the Gr. 1 students to partner with the Gr. 2 class this year.

The idea for the exhibit developed from their playtime where the students do a lot of building with things like Lego.

"That kind of led us to a big discussion of the bigger idea of community, what a community is, the different parts of a community," said Klassen.

"Once we began having those discussions, we started doing a lot of art ... to show some of the different things we were learning about community and about building."

In addition to a variety of paintings and drawings along those themes, several sculptural works form the central showpiece of the exhibit.

Klassen said it's an exciting opportunity for the students to have their creations on display like this.

"With talking about community ...

it was nice to make a real connection with the community by extending our learning into the community and to be an active part of our community by showing their work," he said. "I know it's something that they have been looking forward to for a long time.

"It's a local field trip, but it's something that is really exciting ... and to have families come out and share it

is really kind of a unique experience for them," Klassen added. "It'll be something they can remember ... and it might be even more valuable to them later in life."

"It's fantastic to get the kids into the gallery and get them excited about art ... and getting their

art shown in a way that is professional," agreed Gail Matheson, acting administrative co-ordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

Matheson said it was great to not only get the students involved but also to have their parents and families share the experience through the exhibition's opening.

"We want the community to feel like this is a place that they come ... and enjoy the art of local artists," she said,

"IT'S FANTASTIC TO GET THE KIDS INTO THE GALLERY ..."



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The Morden art gallery's January exhibition features work from students from Minnewasta and Maple Leaf schools.

stressing the idea of having the students be able to think of themselves as artists. "It poses the question of what is an artist?"

"Those kids ... they're artists ... we're all artists. We all have something that we want to say, we have a voice, we want to express ourselves.

"I hope that they take this experience with them and believe that they are artists as they go through their

lives." Matheson noted they hope to be able to expand the exhibit even further in the future.

"Next year we're hoping to open up January to elementary schools throughout the Pembina Valley," she said. "We serve beyond Morden and Winkler, and we want to try and get more kids involved, more schools involved."

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# Winkler council outlines 2017 budget plans

By Lorne Stelmach

The large projects received the most attention as the City of Winkler gave the community a chance to have input on the 2017 budget on Monday.

A public forum at the civic centre drew people like Jake Gerbrandt, who said he has a general interest in city affairs.

"I think they're doing a great job," said Gerbrandt, who noted he was generally happy with how council is spending tax dollars and managing the city.

He was particularly interested, though, in getting information on the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

"That's a big project coming up ... I guess it's good for the district," said Gerbrandt.

Mayor Martin Harder agreed it is the projects like the exhibition centre and regional wastewater treatment facility that get most of the attention and questions.

"They're curious about the big ticket items," he said as a preliminary budget of \$15.5 million was introduced.

Harder said they hoped the public forum would give council some good feedback as they prepared for the annual planning meetings that were taking place Thursday to Saturday.

He said the input of the community is important to council especially in setting the financial plan for the city.

"We haven't taken it lightly, and we want to continue to do what's best for the region, best for the community," said Harder. "We wanted to make sure we had some input from the community, find out what the community's priorities are, and we thought perhaps this was a way of getting more of the community involved."

The preliminary budget sets expenditures at \$15,573,676, which represents a 2.8 per cent increase from the 2016 budget of just over \$15.1 million.

Municipal taxes are estimated to make up about 64 per cent of the revenues for the city with the municipal mill rate projected to remain the same this year at 14.26. The municipal mill rate has decreased 16.6 per cent from 2013 when it had been at 17.1 mills.

The largest portion of spending comes under protective services with a budget of about \$3.8 million, which would be a 5.8 per cent increase from the previous year.

Money going into reserve comes

in about the same at \$2.3 million followed by an 11 per cent increase for recreation and cultural services from \$2 million to \$2.3 million. Spending on transportation services is set at \$1.9 million with a 4.6 per cent increase.

The next three biggest areas of expenditures are all projected to decrease, including government services by 3.7 per cent to under \$1.4 million, debenture debt by 5.8 per cent to \$931,000 and capital contributions by 13.2 per cent to \$755,000.

Lesser areas of expenditures range from almost no increase for environmental planning to 2.7 per cent more for environmental health services and 14.5 per cent more for economic development services.

Harder said they are aiming for a financial plan that holds the line on spending and taxes.

"We want to ensure the services that the community has come to expect of us are going to be maintained," he said. "We want to make sure that we don't get carried away as far as budget increases are concerned. We want to make sure that's controlled."

"We want to continue to build a reserve for some of the big capital projects that we know are coming down the road as well."

Harder said council would now take



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Mayor Martin Harder discusses the city's upcoming capital plans.

into account the community's feedback as they took the preliminary budget into their planning sessions this week, but he didn't anticipate there would be significant changes.

"We generally don't do a lot of tinkering with it after we finish the annual planning session ... maybe a little fine-tuning, but most of the time the budget is set."



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# Central Station welcomes new executive director

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Central Station Community Centre in Winkler bid farewell to executive director Lavonne Kroeker last week.

The centre hosted a come-and-go farewell celebration last Thursday for Kroeker, who steps down after a year and a half in the position.

It was a time of growth for the facility, and Kroeker says she was glad to have been a part of it.

The highlight for her was helping the centre continue to build partnerships in the community.

"I think, as always, it's the connections with people," Kroeker says. "That's the reason that I wanted to be part of Central Station and definitely one of the things that has given me the most pleasure as I've been in this role."

Kroeker also pointed to behind-the-scenes changes she was able to have a hand in.

"Internally we are working on some new processes of serving and keeping track of people who come through the door," she says. "It's something that's not quite ready to be launched but it was something that's also been a good project to have worked on and to see that it's at a point where it's going to be happening soon, so that's exciting as well."

Kroeker sends her thanks out to the many volunteers and sponsors who helped make Central Station's many community programs possible during her tenure there.

"I think one of the things that has blown me away about being a part of Central Station is the generosity of people and the generosity of the community, of businesses, with financial donations and with their time and with other donations of things

we needed, whether it's clothing for Shine & Share Community Store or foods ... they always make it happen."

Stepping into Kroeker's position at the centre is long-time volunteer and board member Bev Wiebe.

She says she's eager to tackle this new role.

**"ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS BLOWN ME AWAY ABOUT BEING PART OF CENTRAL STATION IS THE GENEROSITY OF PEOPLE."**

## Morden United Way campaign raises \$77,500

By Lorne Stelmach

Their campaign fell short of its goal, but directors of the Morden and District United Way are looking on the bright side.

The annual fundraising drive had a target of \$90,000, but came in at \$77,500 by year's end.

Director Alex Fedorchuk said they knew the goal was optimistic, but they had wanted to aim high.

"It's good to have a challenge," he said, noting their campaign did increase from the \$74,000 raised a year earlier.

Fedorchuk added they also feel good about the total, given the time of year and number of other charitable campaigns on the go.

"We feel very pleased with the results. You always want more ... but it's better than last year," he said, pointing out that they were satisfied with the payroll deduction and business campaigns while still continuing to look for growth in those areas. "We're happy with all aspects of the campaign."

The result means that each of the 30 local non-profit organizations supported by the United Way will receive a little less than what had been budgeted, though it will also be a little more than last year's funding.

There has consistently been a great need in the community in recent years, Fedorchuk observed.

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PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Central Station Community Centre in Winkler bid farewell to executive director Lavonne Kroeker (right) last week. Stepping into the position is long-time volunteer Bev Wiebe.

"I have a passion for what all happens here and so, for me, the biggest thing will be seeing things continue," Wiebe says.

The next few months will bring some big changes at the community centre, including welcoming the Winkler and District Food Cupboard

to the facility.

"That's going to be huge. It's going to be a big change, but it's totally a good fit with us," says Wiebe.

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## Travel puts life at home in perspective

I recently spend almost two weeks soaking up the sun in +30 degree Caribbean weather on a cruise while you suckers sat here in the cold dark of a Manitoba winter.

Of course I feel terrible for having abandoned you and fleeing south (read: not really), but when one has the chance to abandon arctic conditions and one is me, one does so.

But don't be too envious because as soon as I got back the universe decided I needed to contract an exceptional horrible cold and not sleep for a week to balance out all that good sunshine I got.

Now I type this column as a typical sick male, feeling close to death but willing to hack and cough my way through this for my faithful readers (and the faithless ones too). No sacrifice is too great for you, my friends.

As much as I am not a great fan of winter ("hate it" is not too strong a phrase) I have to say I would not trade away Canada for a life in the sunny Caribbean for anything.

We stopped in five locations on the cruise: two in Mexico, Belize, Hondu-

ras, and Grand Cayman. With the exception of Grand Cayman, each stop had an abundance of issues that we in Canada have a difficult time relating to.

You have to go off the beaten path to see most of these locations in any real sense and of course one day in port is not really enough time to form a strong opinion, so take my thoughts here with a block of salt.

The cruise and the ports do their best to keep you from leaving the port area by over-developing them and limiting access to tourists and prohibiting locals from being there, unless they are working.

But once one escapes the grasp of the port and ventures into the locale proper, as we did, one begins to get a different taste of the culture. We did our best to leave the port far behind us and explore as best we could via taxi or foot.

The realities of life in the Caribbean are very different than Canada. Two weeks in beautiful plus 30 degree weather sounds awesome until you realize this is winter for the locals and that temperatures soar much higher in the summer. Combine this with poor to no sewage or waste treatment systems in most places and little to no social safety net and you have the ingredients for a miserable life for everyone except the rich.

The average home was ramshackle stucco with corrugated tin roof built in undesirable hillside locales prone to mudslides in the rainy season.

We stopped in to visit a quaint cemetery in one location with above ground mausoleums only to find evidence that many of these mausoleums were homes for the homeless, with blankets and garbage strewn inside.

As we drove across one island we saw numerous children between 4-10 years old dancing along the roadside in costume hoping for tourist donations.

One place that had recently been inundated with rain, the roads were almost impassable with potholes and mud. Was public works out fixing them? Not at all. In fact, there were men working stretches of road filling potholes and shoveling mud in exchange for donations from thankful local drivers.

The exception to this was Grand Cayman, which, for anyone who has been there, feels a lot like Canada if it were in the Caribbean, complete with several Canadian banks for all your off shore investment needs.

All this to say that I enjoyed my time in the sun but also learned to appreciate my place of privilege here in Canada.

Seriously—the odds of being born in Canada compared to the rest of the world are an astoundingly low 0.04 per cent.

The next you are tempted to complain about the weather, our government, taxes, etc., remember that you won the global lottery just by being born here.



**By Peter Cantelon**

## Liberals failing rural Canadians

Rural communities are the engine of the Canadian economy. Whether it is in agriculture, natural resources, or small businesses, our communities create jobs and wealth.

It is with that in mind that I have been so dismayed to see how the Liberals are ignoring people that don't happen to live in big cities.

Under the previous Conservative government, rural communities were a priority. Whether it was improvements to infrastructure to keep our small

towns and cities clean and safe, or it was funding for festivals to help build local spirit, right down to making improvements for accessibility at our community centres, Conservatives were always thinking of rural areas. In fact, in my riding of Portage-Lisgar alone there was more than \$94 million invested for more than a dozen important infrastructure projects.

Sadly, today we see a different story with the Liberals. Rural areas are an



**Candice Bergen, MP**

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# GVSD approves additional staffing at GVC, Parkland

Planning also in the works for division's new budget exhibition night

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Garden Valley School Division board of trustees have given the okay for additional staffing at two Winkler schools to deal with rising student enrolment.

Enrolment numbers at Garden Valley Collegiate and Parkland Elementary School have exceeded the projections set by the division last year.

GVC's enrolment has hit 773 students—41 more than expected at the start of the school year. Parkland, meanwhile, was initially staffed for 459 students in the fall, but has since reached a population of 490.

As a result, Parkland received an additional .75 position last month to reduce some large class sizes, while GVC will be getting a .75 position starting in semester two next month to do the same.

Superintendent Vern Reimer says they don't anticipate needing to add

any more staffing this year, as enrolment at all the other schools is pretty much on par with the division's projections.

"Most of the other schools, they're either maybe five up or five below what we staffed for," he said, noting that's often spread out across multiple grades and so has much less of an effect on overall class sizes.

GVSD's enrolment currently sits at 4,437 students, an increase of 90 kids across 13 schools from the original projections.

## BUDGET EXHIBITION

Garden Valley is trying something new for its public budget presentation next month.

Instead of the traditional consultation meeting that generally saw poor attendance from the community at large, GVSD is hosting an exhibition night to show people exactly how their school tax dollars are being

used.

"It's going to a completely different format," says Reimer, pointing out that while a budget slideshow will be on display, the real focus of the evening will be on actual school programs.

"The really exciting part is this is going to be primarily to focus on how are the dollars being used and what exciting things are happening."

To that end, displays will be set up from each Garden Valley school, divisional projects like the literacy and numeracy programs, and partners like the Red River Technical Vocational Area, Winkler Imagination Library, and the Winkler Family Resource Centre.

"In all, we've got 24 exhibitors," Reimer says. "It's a come and go—there's no speeches. If you can come for 10 minutes and grab a quick snack

and maybe listen to a choir and see a few displays, great.

"We'll have our trustees there wandering about and visiting with people, answering any questions they may have, as well as senior admin, our principals," he adds. "And there will be kids there talking about what they're learning."

"It's just a chance to showcase the excellence that's already taking place as a result of the budget that's in place."

Also on the schedule are performances from the NPC Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Choir and students from Winkler Elementary School.

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate baking students will be providing refreshments.

The exhibition will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Garden Valley Collegiate gymnasium.

**"IT'S JUST A CHANCE TO SHOWCASE THE EXCELLENCE THAT'S ALREADY TAKING PLACE ..."**

## Celebrating 50 years

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"The requests are always far more than what we can provide," he said. "We'll try now to get the cheques out hopefully by the end of January ... the agencies appreciate that ... getting them a little earlier."

The United Way will now begin

looking ahead to planning their Day of Caring sometime in the spring. Fedorchuk said they are also considering how to mark their 50th anniversary in 2017.

"We have a committee that is just in the formative stages of putting together something to highlight 50 years of existence in Morden."

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afterthought for a Liberal Party focused on downtown Toronto and Montreal. My riding has only had four projects approved since the Liberals took office.

Nothing is a better illustration of this than the fact that the much-touted Liberal Infrastructure Bank will only approve projects that are over \$100 million. No small town in rural Canada will ever meet that threshold. But a new subway line in Toronto or an improved bridge in Montreal certainly will.

Being treated as an afterthought is absolutely unacceptable. I am work-

ing in Ottawa with my Conservative colleagues to stand up for rural communities. But I need your help too.

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*Bergen is the Opposition House Leader and the MP for Portage-Lisgar*



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# Expansion brings thrift store under one roof

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Gospel Echoes Thrift Store cut the ribbon on a major expansion last week.

The Winkler store added on 5,000 sq. ft. to their Cargill Rd. location, allowing for a dedicated used furniture department and additional storage and office space.

"We have basically 2,500 sq. ft. that is staff area and then another 2,500 that's store area, and that will be our furniture store," said manager David Martens. "Furniture, hardware, and so on."

The expansion finally brings the

bustling thrift store under one roof instead of split amongst two separate buildings.

"It was quite a pain to haul stuff back and forth," Martens said. "Most of our volunteers are elderly, so for hauling stuff back and forth, it's not great."

"The idea between two buildings was always temporary but, still, it was a year before we got in here," he said. "We can finally open up and sell furniture again."

Proceeds from the sale of donated used items at the store goes to the Gospel Echoes Ministry, which reaches out to prisoners across Canada.

About 50 volunteers work to keep

PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE  
Mayor Martin Harder helped Gospel Echoes Thrift Store manager David Martens and volunteers cut the ribbon on the store's new expansion last Friday. The extra 5,000 sq. ft. gives the store room for a new furniture department and additional storage and office space.

the store up and running, giving of their time to sort and price goods and man the register.

Volunteers also played a big role in the construction project itself.

"I'd like to thank the volunteers who have poured endless hours into this project," Martens said, adding that they're also grateful for the support of local businesses who donated material and labour to get the space completed.

On hand for the ribbon cutting last

Friday was Mayor Martin Harder, who lauded the store for its growth over the past few years and its dedication to spreading the Christian gospel.

"I appreciate you guys carrying on this opportunity to take goods that you get donated and turning that into cash which turns into ministry," he said

Harder noted the store not only fulfills its role as a prison ministry, but also benefits our community by providing another venue to recycle and purchase used goods.

**"WE CAN FINALLY OPEN UP AND SELL FURNITURE AGAIN."**

## Winkler Family Resource Centre Quiz Night set for March 3

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre's third annual Quiz Night fundraiser has a date.

The trivia competition will take place in The Zone at Garden Valley Collegiate on Friday, March 3 from 7-9 p.m.

That gives you plenty of time to pull together a team of trivia masters to take part, says centre coordinator Cathy Savage.

"This year it's a Treasure Island theme, so come dressed up and there will be prizes for best costume," she says, noting people can take the theme however they like—come dressed as a pirate, in your favourite

Hawaiian shirt, or simply decked out for a day at the beach.

Leading the game once again will be Manitoba "quiz masters" Robin and Maria Allan, who will grill teams in a variety of trivia challenges on everything from pop culture to sports to politics.

The evening will also include snacks by donation, fun side games, and door prizes.

Last year's event saw 12 teams vie for bragging rights and raised about

\$3,000 for the resource centre's free programs for pre-school age kids and their parents.

"Hopefully this year we can increase that to 17-20 teams and maybe \$4,000," Savage says. "It all goes right back into programming."

Register your team of eight by contacting Savage at 204-332-9418 or [winklerfrfc@gmail.com](mailto:winklerfrfc@gmail.com). Registration is \$160 per team and is due in by

Feb. 24.

The Quiz Night helps the centre fund a variety of programs through-

out the year.

Family Learning Olympics, All Aboard the Number Train, Coffee & Chat Drop-in in Reinfeld, the Jumping Jacks 'N Jills gym nights at J.R. Walkof, and the monthly Family Fun Gym Nights at Winkler Elementary School all got underway for new sessions just this week.

Each program is designed to help kids hone their basic literacy, math, and social skills to prepare them for kindergarten, Savage says.

For more details on any of these programs or to register, contact Savage or check out the Winkler Family Resource Centre online at [winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com](http://winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com).

**"IT ALL GOES RIGHT BACK INTO PROGRAMMING."**

# Travel health clinic meeting a need

By Lorne Stelmach

Agassiz Medical Centre in Morden now has a regular dedicated travel health clinic.

Available Mondays since November, the clinic is there to help prepare patients for their travel plans beyond even just vaccinations.

"It's also advice on safety," said Dr. Amanda Bergman, citing examples such as "if you're going scuba diving, how long between when you should dive and fly ... or safety if you are going to high altitudes."

Bergman said the travel health clinic arose from discussions about needs in the community, and they saw the area of travel health as one that could be better addressed.

"We know a lot of people who do a lot of travelling around, big trips ... and a lot of people who are from other countries who go back to visit friends and relatives," she said. "It can be a long wait to see someone or they didn't know they should see someone ... we thought this would make it more known as well that this is an important thing to do."

There are many things to consider in the area of travel health, though the biggest thing for most people will be vaccinations.

"We do go through where people

Heading up the new travel health clinic at Agassiz Medical Centre in Morden are nurse Darlene Blatz, Dr. Amanda Bergman, and nurse Shelley Wall.

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are going, and we look at what are recommended vaccines for those areas and we discuss with them what's recommended," Bergman said. "The ones they choose to get we can either give them here or give a prescription."

"The best place for people to start is to go to our website. There's a travel health tab on there, and there's lots of information in there," noted nurse Darlene Blatz. "In order to get an appointment, you need to fill out a traveller history form, and that's on the website ... you can also come to the clinic and pick up a paper copy."

Blatz and fellow nurse Shelley Wall will then review it and determine whether your needs can be addressed by a nurse or if you will need to see a doctor.

There can be much involved in the area of travel health, noted Wall, so

there is extra work involved for them to be qualified to provide this service.

"We all had to do extra training because it is a specialized area of nursing. We all have done additional courses," she said.

"And it's continuing education all the time ... it's always changing," added Blatz. "We get notifications if there is anything new in different areas of the world. So it's not a static area ... it's very dynamic."

Since starting up last fall, the travel health clinic has started to see more use in recent weeks.

"I think word is getting out there ... I think we will get busier," Blatz said, while stressing people can't leave it to the last minute.

"Sometimes people leave it a little too late before they get in touch with us ... we do prefer to have six weeks notice," she said, citing how immunizations need to be done in advance and may need booster shots. "So as soon as you know you are travelling, contact us."

There are some fees involved including a \$50 charge if you are seeing a nurse or \$60 for a doctor, and there could be other costs for vaccines not

covered by Manitoba Health.

Bergman said they will continue to evaluate the clinic service.

"If the need becomes bigger and we notice we're filling our Mondays, then we will look to spread it out."

"I THINK WORD IS GETTING OUT THERE ..."

## Winkler ready and raring to host men's curling championship

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two major provincial curling championships in three years is no small feat, but Louis Tanguay is confident Winkler can pull it off.

It was announced last week that the city will host the 2018 Viterra Men's Curling Championship next January.

The honour comes on the heels of our having hosted the 2015 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, the provincial women's curling championship.

The huge success of the Scotties put Winkler on the map and is a big reason why the city was considered for the Viterra tournament, says Tanguay, who chaired the Scotties host committee and will do so again for this event.

"The Scotties was such a great event. Not only did it make a ton of money, but it also was very well-attended," he says, noting CurlManitoba was impressed by the community's support of the competition. "I think we were very good hosts in general and I think it speaks well to the community that they want to come back again."

The Viterra championship will be a much larger event, with 32 teams (versus the 16 teams at the Scotties) competing at the Winkler Rec. Complex.

"So we'll need a few more hotel rooms," Tanguay says. "And the other thing is we'll need five sheets of ice instead of four."

Having one major provincial curling event already under their belt,

"I THINK IT SPEAKS WELL TO THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY WANT TO COME BACK AGAIN."

though, should make planning go a bit more smoothly this time around.

"I think it's safe to say that well over half of our chairs and co-chairs are coming back," Tanguay says of the organizing committee. "For the most part, it's going to be not much different than it was before."

On the spectator side of things, local curling fans are pretty excited at the opportunity to see curlers like Reid Carruthers and Braden Calvert take to the ice, and Tanguay is confi-

dent ticket sales will be strong.

"There's already quite a buzz," he says, adding sponsors have also begun to show interest in supporting the competition. "I've already been in contact with five of them who are on board."

"So it's a year out, but we're already generating a lot of interest."

The event will need about 300 volunteers to run smoothly. Organizers will be launching a recruitment campaign next fall.

# New owners, familiar faces

By Lorne Stelmach

A long time local physiotherapist is taking on a new challenge, but patients at Pembina Valley Physiotherapy will still be seeing the same familiar faces.

Founder Cam Schulz recently turned over ownership of the practice to a trio of his staff.

Karen Doell and Matthew Giesbrecht were joined by Leah Klassen in becoming the clinic's new owners Oct. 1. The transition will be completed when Schulz steps aside as of the end of this month.

"There's not going to be major changes ... but I am going to be discontinuing my active caseload as of the end of January," said Schulz. "I've got some plans for myself to move forward and do a few other things other than patient care."

Schulz is going into independent research after having operated and overseen the practice since 1993.

He started on his own in Winkler and eventually grew the business to include satellite locations in Altona, Morden, Carman, and Somerset.

"That was based on patient feedback ... people who were travelling from outlying areas ... also the physicians played a role in that too in some of the other communities where they encouraged us to come out to their towns and provide service there as well," explained Schulz. "With the growth of those satellites, we also

took on staff and had the luxury of people from the region who wanted to return as therapists."

Schulz said he has been blessed over the years to have maintained many of the same staff, including Doell and Giesbrecht, as well as a fourth therapist, Kim Sawatzky.

"Our core staff ... our therapists plus our support staff ... we have a combined total of 126 years of service within the clinic," he noted.

"To me, that's quite an accomplishment in this day and age where people are moving, coming and going, that we have had that continuity of staff ... an average of 18 years each within the clinic. So it's been a real luxury."

Schulz said he felt the time was right to step back from the practice, and he's eager for what the next phase of his career will bring.

"I'm going to do some research and studying on aging. I want to look at the effects of aging and what the implications are for physiotherapists."

He sees it perhaps leading to helping develop resources for physiotherapists and to help "fine tune the way we approach patients depending on their age ... I'm talking about all age groups in terms of the changes with aging."

"I don't know where it's going to lead me exactly ... it's going to be something that's hopefully going to evolve as I get into it more."

As for the new owners, it is an exciting new challenge, Doell said, though also a bit scary.

**"TO ME, THIS TRANSITION IS AS SMOOTH AS IT COULD BE ..."**



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Therapist Karen Doell, left, and administrator Leah Klassen, right, are the new owners of Pembina Valley Physiotherapy along with therapist Matthew Giesbrecht after having taken over management of the practice from founder Cam Schulz, centre, who is stepping away to pursue independent research on aging as it relates to physiotherapy.

She said she looks forward to working with Giesbrecht and Klassen to see how the business can grow and develop further from here.

"I'm definitely learning a lot ... I'm sure is going to carry on for some time," she said. "Cam's given us a good foundation to work from. I think with the three of us as owners, it will be that much easier for us to carry it on."

"The things that Cam has started ... we want to continue doing that, and we want to continue to grow," said Klassen.

She added they have a great deal of respect for how much Schulz put into the practice over the years to get it to where it is at now.

"We always knew how much Cam did on his own ... it didn't really hit

home until we started doing this," she said, adding they aim to continue the strong commitment to patient care while also exploring new ideas.

"We've thought about recruiting massage therapy into the different clinics ... and we're in the middle of recruiting new therapists to come back to this area," she said.

As for Schulz, he expressed absolute confidence in the new ownership team.

"Really, to me, this transition is as smooth as it could be ... the ones who are owning it now are the ones who have built the practice," he said. "I feel extremely comfortable that this is the group that is taking it on and moving forward with it."

## RHA looking for feedback on accessibility barriers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Southern Health-Santé Sud is looking for your thoughts on the accessibility issues facing local medical health centres and programs.

The regional health authority launched an online survey last week to allow the public to weigh in on the development of Southern Health's Accessibility Action Plan.

"It's part of a provincial initiative through the Accessibility for Manitobans Act," explains Brad Street, a disability case coordinator with the RHA. "Southern Health is committed to striving towards equal access and

participation for all people regardless of their abilities.

"So what we're looking to find is some information about barriers to accessibility, which can be obstacles that are systemic, technological, physical, or architectural, informational or communication or attitudinal in nature," he says. "Basically, it's those things that can make it difficult or sometimes impossible for people with different levels of ability to access our services and participate in normal activities."

The RHA has already surveyed its staff on this matter, but public input is very much key to the creation of

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the action plan going forward, Street says.

"We will take the information that we gather and start to prioritize what the public is telling is in regards to barriers," he says, "and the goal is to either eliminate or minimize those

barriers."

The survey is available online at [southernhealth.ca](http://southernhealth.ca) until Feb. 20. Hard copies of the survey can also be picked up at Southern Health offices or by contacting Street at 204-822-2668 or [bstreet@southernhealth.ca](mailto:bstreet@southernhealth.ca).

# Celebrating family literacy

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden-Winkler celebrates the joys of learning with Family Literacy Day events next week.

While the official day is Jan. 27, the South Central Regional Library branches host their annual pyjama parties on Tuesday, Jan. 24, in Winkler and Morden and Thursday, Jan. 26, in Miami and Altona, all starting at 7 p.m.

The parties have grown in popularity every year, noted director of library services Cathy Ching.

"I know Morden last year had probably about 130 children," she said. "And if people want to go to Morden one night and Miami the next, they

are more than welcome."

In addition to giving locals a venue to battle cabin fever in the midst of winter, the parties also serve to highlight the importance of families reading together.

"It's important to promote reading and literacy to families," Ching said. "The families we are familiar with all are quite comfortable with reading and storytelling, but there are a lot who aren't. So this kind of gets them into the group mentality that reading can be fun ... it's not a chore."

Part of the importance of literacy for children is that it has a ripple effect in their lives, Ching said.

"It's so encouraging to see how excited the kids can be about books and reading," she said. "The social aspect is one thing, but it's kind of nice ... [that] they know they can come to the library and they're not these quiet places any more. They're interactive, and we want them to come in and have fun and love books."

The library isn't the only one celebrating next week: the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre hosts its own Family Literacy Day Carnival



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The Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre host their annual Family Literacy Day Carnival on Jan. 27. The local libraries are also hosting pyjama parties next Tuesday and Thursday to celebrate.

on Friday, Jan. 27 from 4:30-6 p.m. at Minnewasta School.

The bash will include games, face painting, and storytelling, said program coordinator Janine North.

"It's geared towards families with children aged up to seven, but older children are obviously welcome to come too," she said. "There will be different stations set up ... and they all have a literacy focus."

"Our theme this year is super heroes. We're going to be having some people dress up as well ... and families and children can come dressed up in their favorite super hero costume."

Everyone who attends will have a chance to win door prizes, and each child will take home a gift bag.

"We just look forward to having the community come out and enjoy some learning," North said.

"IT'S SO ENCOURAGING TO SEE HOW EXCITED THE KIDS CAN BE ABOUT BOOKS AND READING."

# Winkler city council backs new handivan service

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler is getting a handivan service back after a decade's absence with the blessing and backing of city council.

The Winkler Handivan will be overseen by the senior centre, while council agreed at its Jan. 10 meeting to cover any operational budget shortfall.

"However, we don't anticipate that there's going to be one," noted Mayor Martin Harder.

The previous handivan program ended about 10 years ago.

"It seemed to be a service that wasn't needed and wasn't being used, and so then therefore the city never got into it again," said Harder.

"Now there was a donation of a used handivan that the senior centre had offered to them," he explained. "We know that the needs are greater than they were 10 years ago ... I think it makes sense again."

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

- The city is exploring ways to better manage and reduce its waste.

A new taskforce committee headed up by Coun. Andrew Froese met last

month to brainstorm ideas for a waste strategy that is not only efficient but also cost effective.

The committee is looking at programs and services in other municipalities as well as options available through local companies.

One key area of focus is how to reduce waste in the commercial and industrial sectors. To that end, a survey has been sent out to local businesses to learn more about their waste practices.

- Council approved an interim budget of \$3.8 million to cover finances

until its financial plan is in place for 2017.

Approval of the new budget will come by the end of March. The city also held a community consultation on Monday (see story on Pg. 3) followed by a planning session later this week.

- Provincial funding is helping cover the cost of some road construction in Winkler.

The city received \$159,900 in funding through the provincial municipal road and bridge program towards work on both Sixth Street South and

Roblin Blvd. East, representing a total commitment of about \$400,000.

- Winkler residents will only be paying slightly more for their water in the year ahead.

Council approved a minimal increase arising from Winkler being charged a little more for water provided through the Pembina Valley Water Co-op, which accounts for about 37 per cent of the city's water requirements.

The increase will only be about six cents per 1,000 gallons of water.

# City planning for Hwy. 32 four-laning

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler is eyeing next year for the completion of the long awaited four-laning of Hwy. 32 through the city.

In order to set the stage for construction in 2018, at its Jan. 10 meeting council committed to an estimated \$1.25 million to do the final design and engineering work this year.

"This becomes a part of our contri-

bution ... using our existing staff that we already have," said Mayor Martin Harder, stressing they're anxious to see headway made on this project after years of lobbying the provincial government. "There are no more excuses. It's just time to get it done."

He added they are confident that the province will be prepared to move ahead with the project as well.

"I think, verbally, the government

has said it is on their radar," Harder said, suggesting that they, too, "would like to see this thing completed. It's dragged on way too long."

The project will need a number of things to fall into place this year to clear the way for construction in 2018.

In addition to the design and engineering work, there will need to be

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## Trial composting program at Co-op sees good results

By Lorne Stelmach

Municipal officials hope a pilot project with a local business will inspire other companies to ramp up their waste reduction efforts.

The Morden Co-op grocery store came on board with the trial composting program last year and quickly saw some big results.

"It's actually silly that we haven't been doing this a lot longer because how simple the process really is in the end," said Co-op's Allan Hand.

The pilot project was spearheaded through SWAMP (Solid Waste Area Management Project), which oversees the area's regional landfill.

Encouraged by the success of the three stream residential waste collection system in Morden, local leaders want to see the commercial and industrial sectors get more into recycling and composting to further reduce waste going to the landfill.

As a grocery store, Co-op was a natural fit to involved in the trial that

aimed to show what was possible when a larger area business gets into composting.

Every department of the Morden store was asked to compost as much as possible into the provided bins.

The compost was collected twice a week by Municipal Waste Management, which weighed the material and then transported it to Enviroclean Landfill Solutions in Morden for processing.

The trial initially ran from the end of August to October but was then extended to December, with Co-op now keen to develop and continue with a composting program of their own.

"At first there was a little resistance from some of the staff because obviously it's another step ... and more time," said Hand. "Once the first set of numbers came back that first week ... people were thinking that's crazy ... they didn't understand how much could actually stay out of the garbage that way."

The first week saw over 500 kgs. of



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Employees at Co-op in Morden took part in a SWAMP pilot program designed to divert business waste through composting. SWAMP is now hoping to get more businesses involved and thinking green.

compost diverted from the landfill, and it eventually increased to about 900 kg of material a week.

"It just took off from there," said Hand. "People were making sure that everybody was dumping containers in there, recycling the plastic and taking full advantage of the compost."

In the end, over 14,300 kgs. was di-

verted from the landfill for an estimated 60 per cent reduction overall.

"There were very few hiccups, very limited extra amount of time that we had to spend on it," Hand said. "Once everybody saw how it worked ... they realized how much time it actually

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## Coulee dinner club serving up Hungarian

By Ashleigh Viveiros

They're serving up some good eats in Plum Coulee next week in support of the Age Friendly New Facility Fund.

The Plum Coulee Senior Centre hosts the first Winter Dinner Club meal on Saturday, Jan. 28 starting at 6 p.m.

Each monthly meal (they hope to host three before spring) will feature the flavours of a different culture, explained organizer Heather Unger.

"This month, it's the flavours of Hungary," she said, noting they have guests Roland and Eva Benesocky, long-time Folklorama Hungarian Pavilion hosts, coming out to prepare and share their favourite foods and drinks from their homeland.

Tickets are \$50 each and there are

only 50 tickets in all.

"We trying to keep this a little more personal," Unger said. "This is kind of like having a big family gathering."

Proceeds from the meal go toward getting a new active living centre built to replace the old senior centre.

"We're hoping this will be some-

thing that might carry on annually in our new facility," Unger said.

In the meantime, though, they're focusing on lining up themes for meals in February and March in the current location.

They've already reached out to Regional Connections in Winkler to try

and find local immigrants willing to share their culture with their neighbours, Unger said.

"The plan is to hopefully get the new people in our area to get involved."

For tickets or more information about the meal program, contact Unger at 204-829-3243.

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relocation of some utilities.

"Hopefully we can be ready for them in 2018," Harder said, adding other aspects will fall on the province to complete.

"The province is going to be needing to look at some infrastructure changes that they need to make," he said, adding there is also the matter of "purchasing the balance of the properties that need to be purchased in or-

der to have access to the right of way."

The overall cost of the entire project remains "up in the air. When it goes to tender, I guess we'll find out," Harder said. "I have full expectations for 2018."

In the meantime, Harder noted they were pleased with how the first phase of work involving twinning a stretch of the highway south from Pembina Ave. and installing traffic lights

turned out. Winkler covered just over \$400,000 of the \$1.3 million cost of that portion of the project.

It's already made a major impact on the traffic flow, Harder said.

"I know that there's been some concern about the timing of the lights ... but that's not a city issue," he added, explaining the province is responsible for the timing of lights on provincial highways.

# Tix on sale for PVHS Thaw Your Paws social

By Lorne Stelmach

The Thaw Your Paws social in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society returns for a third year next month.

The Feb. 4 event has become one of a number of key annual fundraising events for the regional humane society.

"Last year we raised over \$4,000 ... it was a sold out event ... so we're hoping we repeat that success again this year," said public relations committee chairperson Megan Rodgers.

Like all of their events, the social is vital to the ongoing operation of the PVHS shelter, as it relies to a great extent on fundraising to keep up with rising costs.

"All of our dogs are spayed and neutered. They are up to date on their shots, and they are tattooed," said Rodgers. "So it helps to cover our vet expenses all throughout the year, and it's a huge portion of our expenses."

"We've had a high turnover of dogs and we're hoping to see that trend continue in 2017 ... which would mean more surgeries, more shots and more

vet care," she added.

"We always have animals coming in our doors all the time," Rodgers continued, noting as an example a sibling pair of five-year-old chihuahua-terriers that came into their care recently.

"They're a small breed and they have lived together their whole lives, so we would like to see them adopted out together," she said of the brother-sister duo. "So we are offering them buy one, get one half off so they won't have to be separated."

The social will feature raffle prizes such as a mini-fridge in a retro-style stocked with beverages, and musical entertainment from Uncle Jake's Country Band.

"They opened up for Tom Cochrane at the Harvest Festival and they've played many other local venues, so we're really hoping that people will come out to see them," said Rodgers.

Tickets are only \$10 and are available at Thornview and at the shelter in Morden.

## FOSTERS NEEDED

In addition to fundraising, another

need for the humane society this year is additional foster homes.

Rodgers said they are looking to grow their foster care program to accommodate shelter dogs that will be temporarily displaced while work is

done on their kennels this year.

Anyone wanting more information can contact the humane society at 204-822-9413, e-mail [pvhs@live.ca](mailto:pvhs@live.ca), or head online to [www.pvhsociety.ca](http://www.pvhsociety.ca)

The upcoming Thaw Your Paws social helps the PVHS care for pooches like Mocha and Sparta, who are looking for someone to adopt them as a pair.





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# Uncovering Bruce



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The real Bruce the mosasaur spent 80 million years buried before paleontologists dug him up, and now his life-sized replica is finding itself in a similar situation due to the excessive snowfall of recent weeks. Bruce's head, at least, has remained visible at the Hwy. 3 sign to welcome visitors to the city.

## NPC hosting art show

Northlands Parkway Collegiate in Winkler is hosting its semester one art show next week.

The work of Gr. 9-12 students, ranging from pencil drawings to paintings to ceramics, will be on display

in the school's common area by the front entrance on Tuesday, Jan. 24 and Wednesday, Jan. 25.

The show is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and from 7-9 p.m. on the Wednesday.

## Niverville machete attack suspect arrested in Morden

A man wanted for his role in a Niverville home break-in that saw the owner attacked with a machete was arrested in Morden last week.

A 43-year-old man was attacked by three men, who all had their faces covered, in his garage in the early morning hours of Jan. 3. He suffered serious but non-life threatening injuries.

On Friday, RCMP put out an alert that they had arrested two men in connection with the attack, but that the third suspect, 25-year-old James Thomas Wiebe, remained at large and was believed to be in the Winkler-Morden area.

Wiebe was located and arrested a few hours later without incident in Morden by local police.

He, alongside Tyler Kenneth Sawatzky, 22, from Steinbach, and Jonah Daniel Wiens, 21, from Niverville, is now facing charges that include robbery, break and enter, assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily harm, disguise with intent, and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Wiebe is facing additional charges including failing to comply with conditions of his recognizance. The trio remain in police custody.

• Jan. 12: At approximately 9:40 p.m., police received a call advising that a fight was in progress on the parking lot of a local church.

Officers attended and learned that combatants had arranged the consensual fight via social media.

Both did not want the other charged, however investigation revealed that the one young male was breaching prior release documents by consuming alcohol as well as a court order to keep the peace.

He was held overnight until sober and released the following morning for further court appearances.

• Jan. 13: Just after midnight, officers were called to a residence on Victoria St. where occupants were setting fire to paper and throwing it out through a second floor window onto the snow covered roof.

The fire department also attended and conducted a check of the interior to ensure no further threat of fire was evident.

The occupants were warned about the possible consequences for such action.

At 5:30 a.m. the same morning, police were called to Tempo Gas Bar where subjects driving a blue Pontiac Grand Prix obtained a quantity of gas and left without paying. The investigation is continuing.

• Jan. 14: Police received a complaint of a sexual assault stemming back to 2016. The matter is now under investigation.

Also on this date, police received complaints of graffiti spray painted onto different locations along 1st St. Heartland Solutions, Hi-Way Tempo, and the Maranatha Church all received damage to exterior walls.

Anyone with information about this vandalism is asked to call the Winkler Police Service. Tipsters can remain anonymous. Cash rewards are paid to information that leads to an arrest.

### WINKLER POLICE BLOTTER

Winkler Police, meanwhile, opened 74 new case files for the week of Jan. 9-15. Here are a few of them:

• Jan. 11: While on patrol at 4:28 p.m., officers noted an older pickup truck with no licence plates displayed. The vehicle was stopped and a valid permit found lying on the dash. Officers noted odors of both marijuana and liquor in the vehicle.

The resulting investigation resulted in the 20-year-old passenger being charged with drug possession, breaching undertaking, and unlawful transportation of liquor.

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saved and how good it was obviously for the environment.

"I know the kickback was people thought it was another step in their already busy day, but it is so simple to do," he said. "It became so easy ... people were actually starting to get excited to see how much they could actually save ... everybody started to take pride in it."

Hand said he would encourage other companies to think about what

more they could do when it comes to the amount of waste their business generates.

"If they could get any other businesses on board ... if they wanted anybody to come talk to them and explain how easy it is ... walk through it with them ... I would be more than happy to do that," he said. "It's good for Morden, and it's good for the store. It caught on really well."

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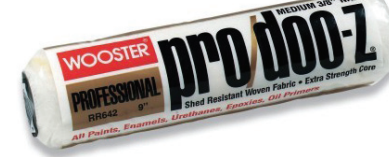
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# 2016 most deadly year on Manitoba roads in a decade

Manitoba Public Insurance is issuing a renewed call to road safety action for all road users in 2017, after recording the deadliest year on Manitoba highways in a decade.

The agency said last week that there were a total of 101 fatal collisions on Manitoba roads in 2016, resulting in the deaths of 112 people.

That's a far cry from the 69 collisions and 78 fatalities the year before.

"2016 was a tragic year for road fatalities in Manitoba," said Crown Services Minister Ron Schuler. "Not since 2006 have we lost as many people in motor vehicle collisions and our sincere condolences go out to the families and friends of the 112 Manitobans who lost their lives in roadway crashes.

"These terrible outcomes must serve as a reminder to all Manitobans

to drive safely in 2017," he said.

According to MPI data, another 19 Manitobans lost their lives in snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle collisions last year.

Although the full analysis of motor vehicle fatalities is not yet complete, preliminary data also shows a significant increase in impaired driving, distracted driving, speed, and not wearing seat belts as contributing factors in the fatal collisions recorded.

"To stay safe on our roads and not put other road users at risk, all drivers need to think about road safety every time they get behind the wheel," said Ward Keith, MPI vice-president of business development and communications

"Buckling up all the time, driving to road and weather conditions, not driving when impaired by alcohol or

drugs, or while distracted—these are all simple reminders that can help to prevent being involved in a collision," he said. "They can also literally make the difference between life and death."

In issuing the call to action for road safety, MPI encourages all drivers to model safe and responsible driving behaviours by following these simple safety tips:

1. Have a plan before you head out for an evening of partying. Take a cab home or have a designated driver selected beforehand.

2. If you must text or answer the phone, pull your vehicle over to a safe

area. Texting while driving takes your eyes off the road and significantly increases the chance of being involved in a collision.

3. Never get into a vehicle with a driver who has been drinking or consuming drugs. It could be the last thing you do.

4. Speed kills! Be aware of the posted speed limit and drive to road and weather conditions.

5. Buckle up every time, whether you're a driver or passenger, and no matter how short your trip is. It takes one second and could very well save your life.

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As of January 31, 2017, I will be discontinuing my patient caseload. After 27 years of hands on therapy and many miles on Manitoba highways I have decided to take a sabbatical from active practice to focus on research, consultation and resource development. I also hope to work with the College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba on issues pertaining to professional conduct as it relates to confidentiality, contractual obligations and ethical interprofessional protocol.

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## Hawks extend win streak to four

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks extended their winning streak to four games in dramatic fashion last weekend.

They picked up a pair of 5-4 wins but needed a shootout for the victory Saturday in Morden over the Parkland Rangers and overtime to take care of the Central Plains Capitals Sunday in Portage la Prairie.

Jayden McCarthy and Cade Kowalski connected in the shootout while netminder Martin Gagnon stopped the two Parkland shooters he had to face for Pembina Valley, which had trailed 2-1 after one period and then led 3-2 after two.

Kolton Shindle scored a pair for the Hawks, with other goals coming from Caleb Unrau and Everett Bestland, while Gagnon made 33 saves through regulation and overtime. Pembina Valley connected on one powerplay but also gave up a shorthanded goal.

Hawks' leading scorer Elijah Carels was the hero 3:05 into overtime Sunday in a game that had a couple momentum swings through regulation time.

After taking a 2-0 first period lead, the Hawks gave up three quick goals early in the second before closing out the middle frame with a 4-3 lead.

Scoring for the Hawks in regulation were Carels, Shindle, Sven Schefer and Nicholas Hatley, while Aaron Brunn made 24 saves as Pembina Val-



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Pembina Valley's Caleb Unrau uses his speed to get around Parkland's Dustin Mozdzen in Saturday's 5-4 shootout victory. Right: MMHL vice president Ken Coleman with league Second Team All-Star Eli Carels. The Hawks' Aaron Brunn was also honoured as a First Team All-star.

ley outshot their opponents 32-28.

The four game streak was enough to lift the Hawks into fourth place on a 21-11-0-0-1 record for 43 points, which ties them with the Winnipeg Thrashers.

The standings remain tight, with Brandon just one back at 42 points while the Hawks are chasing Central Plains at 44, Yellowhead at 48, and the Winnipeg Wild at 53 points.

Three Hawks continue to lead the league in stats, with Carels at 31 goals, Kowalski at 34 assists, and Brunn with 14 wins in goal. Carels is third overall in scoring with 46 points.

The Hawks visit Beausejour Friday to take on the seventh place Eastman Selects and then are back home in Morden to welcome the sixth place Winnipeg Thrashers Sunday afternoon.



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# Futsal league gaining traction in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Futsal League kicked off the second half of its inaugural season last Saturday.

Futsal, an indoor variation on soccer that uses a smaller ball and has modified rules to be played on a hard court, has proven to be hugely popular locally, drawing eight teams and numerous fans to the weekly matches.

"For a first year, it's been very successful," said organizer Randy Dueck, who started up the league after moving to Winkler from Steinbach, which has an active futsal league.

"There was nothing like that here," he said, even though interest in recreational soccer has been steadily growing with the influx of immigrants to our community. "And still, I think we only have 20 or 30 per cent of soccer players here tonight. There's a lot of people that like soccer looking for somewhere to play. There's a very big potential for this."

The league has been playing matches most weekends at the high schools in Winkler or Prairie Dale School in Schanzenfeld.

Some of the teams are still looking for players to fill out their roster, so it's not too late to sign-up for the rest

of the season.

"There are teams that are looking for more committed players," Dueck said, noting anyone interested in being connected with those teams can call him at 204-291-6851 or email dueckr@live.com. Registration is \$65 for the season per person. The league will run until early April and then return in October.

Dueck added that the league is co-ed and open to all skill levels, though inexperienced soccer players may find it quite challenging.

"There are a couple players that went from backyard [play] to here, so they have a very big challenge because it's definitely competitive," he said. "But it doesn't take long to learn."

"Indoor is definitely a lot easier than outdoor," he added, pointing out that the greater challenge perhaps comes for outdoor soccer players who have to temper their kicks to work on a much smaller field.

Considering the success of this first season, Dueck hopes to grow the league next year.

"Hopefully I can get a couple more guys involved in running this and then we can have a youth division, a kids division," he said.

Also needed to make that a reality



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The South Central Futsal League began the second half of its inaugural season last weekend. The league draws soccer fans and players from across the south central region.

are sponsors, of which the league already has a few, but is always looking for more.

"There are a lot of teams that have sponsors and that helps out so much," Dueck said. He said that the league is also thankful for the support of Me-

ridian Industries, which covered the costs of the two indoor nets.

Any businesses interested in supporting a team or the league as a whole can contact Dueck at the number listed above.

## Hawks just one point back of first place Wildcats

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks kept pace in the heated race at the top of the standings with a pair of road wins this weekend.

The Hawks bested the Central Plains Capitals twice, starting with a 5-0 win Saturday and then taking the rematch 6-2 on Sunday.

The victories improved the second place Hawks to 16-3-2 for 34 points and had them within one point of the first place Westman Wildcats, who were idle this past week after having earlier extended their winning streak to 10 games.

Hawks goaltender Halle Oswald earned the shutout Saturday with a light workload of 19 saves, while her teammates had 37 shots in extending a 1-0 first period lead to 4-0 after two frames.

Brooklyn Platt had a pair of goals and a three point night for Pembina Valley, with other markers coming from Makenzie McCallum, Hannah Desrochers, and Toni Conrad, while Makenzie Heide and Makenzie

Hutchinson each contributed a pair of assists.

McCallum paced the Pembina Valley attack Sunday with a hat trick and a five point night overall, while Kady-nce Romijn had a busier night in net with 28 saves

Hutchinson, Sage McElroy-Scott,

and Alyssa Alderson also scored for the Hawks, while Heide, Platt, Kelly-Rae Zdan, and Niomi Pantel each chipped in a pair of assists.

While the Hawks chase the Wildcats the Winnipeg Avros are just two points back in third place while the Yellowhead Chiefs are four points be-

hind the Hawks in fourth.

Following a rematch with Central Plains this Thursday in Morden, the Hawks have a key doubleheader with Yellowhead on Saturday in Pilot Mound and Sunday in Manitou.

## Royals win two to take fifth place

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals jumped up two spots in the standings thanks to a pair of wins over the weekend.

On Thursday, the Royals battled the Notre Dame Hawks through four scoreless periods (with shots going 13-8 in Notre Dame's favour). A shootout eventually decided the matter 1-0 for Winkler, with goalie Matt Krahn getting the win in net.

There was a lot more action on net in Sunday's game against the Portage Islanders, in which Krahn was called

upon to make 36 saves. He let just two past him in the first and third periods, while teammates Mark Hildebrand and Phil Letkeman did all the scoring in the 3-2 victory. Letkeman got the game winner, his second of the night, with a little over three minutes to go in the final period.

That brings Winkler's record to 7-9 for 14 points and fifth place. They trail the fourth place Warren Merces by two points.

Following the Royals in sixth place with 12 points are the Morden Redskins, who boosted their record to

6-10 by downing the Stonewall Flyers 7-4 on Saturday.

Nick Doyle was on fire for the Redskins, scoring four goals, including a third period marker that pulled Morden back into the lead 4-3.

Adding to the tally was Tyler Peers, Kris Williams, and Brandon Lauder, while goalie Reed Peters had a 28 save night for the win.

Coming up this week, Morden travels to play Altona on Saturday. The Royals take a break this weekend but return Friday, Jan. 27, to play at Warren and then host Portage on Jan. 29.

# GVC, NPC host tourney

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The local hockey teams were competitive at the Winkler Invitational High School Hockey Tournament over the weekend. After dealing with a day's delay due to poor weather, the two-day tournament got underway on Friday. On the A-side, the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Night-hawks kicked things off with a 4-3 win over Dauphin but then fell 2-1 to Steinbach. That put them in the third place game against Virden, which they lost 3-1. Also on the A-side, the Morden Thunder downed West Kildonan 5-3 and Virden 5-0 to earn a spot at the championship final against Steinbach, which they lost 3-0. On the tournament's B-side, the Garden Valley Zodiacs defeated Stonewall 5-4 before falling to Lorette 6-5 and then to Kildonan 9-1 in the third place match. In regular Zone 4 action, meanwhile, the Thunder crushed the Zodiacs 11-3 in the lone local game of the week. Off the ice and out on the court, the Zodiac varsity boys kicked off the high school basketball season with a 93-16 win over Altona, while the girls won their match against the Aces 87-12. The Nighthawk boys fared less well in their season opener, which they lost 51-47 to the Olympiens. They went on to fall 59-51 to the Voyageurs on Monday. The NPC girls, meanwhile, downed the Eagles in their opener 68-56 and then fell to the Voyageurs 46-40 Monday.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

NPC's Dawson Friesen moves the puck out of a traffic jam in Saturday's 2-1 loss to Steinbach in the Winkler Invitational High School Hockey Tournament.

# Flyers split double-header with Wolverines

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers flew north last weekend for a two game stand against Waywayseecappo. Friday night's game saw Winkler get off to a rocky start, falling behind 3-0 before the first intermission. They more than made up for it in the second period, though, as Gino Lucia, Tyler Jubenvill, and Connor Harmonic scored in the first 10 minutes to even things up, and then Lucia chipped one in at 10:27 to give Winkler the lead. A hard-fought third period looked poised to give the game to Winkler, with neither managing to score. But then, with five seconds to go, the Wolverines pulled off the tying goal to send the match into overtime. Extra minutes solved nothing, and so the two teams lined up for a shoot-out. Nolan McGuire and Lucia both missed the mark on their shots, while

Wayway's shooters beat the Flyers' Cole Weaver to take the win 5-4. Winkler got sweet revenge the very next night. After giving up the first goal of the game to the Wolverines four minutes in, the rest of the scoring was done by Winkler. Despite some strong goaltending from the Wolverines' McKenzie Chalmers, Braden Billaney managed to tie things up about 10 minutes into the first while Lucia and Scott Gall made it 3-1 in the third for the win. Troy Martyniuk was between the posts for the Flyers this game, making 12 saves as Winkler massively outshot Waywayseecappo 39-13. The Flyers are currently in third place in the MJHL standings with a 28-10-2 record and 58 points. They trail the Steinbach Pistons by nine points and the Selkirk Steelers by just three. Meanwhile, the OCN Blizzard are biting at their heels in third place, down three points.

This week Winkler hosted Steinbach on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. Over the weekend, the Flyers welcome the Swan Valley Stampede

Saturday and the Winnipeg Blues Sunday. Both games get underway at 7:30 p.m. at the Winkler Recreation Complex.

Manitoba Hockey Standings															
MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE															
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA								
Steinbach Pistons	39	33	5	1	67	166	75	Pembina Valley	33	21	11	0	43	128	95
Selkirk Steelers	43	29	11	3	61	152	123	Brandon	31	20	9	1	42	127	91
Winkler Flyers	40	28	10	2	58	147	97	Thrashers	30	19	7	1	42	138	74
OCN Blizzard	42	26	13	3	55	130	112	Eastman	32	16	13	2	35	110	95
Portage Terriers	40	26	13	1	53	169	129	Southwest	31	13	16	1	28	94	126
Winnipeg Blues	42	21	16	5	47	151	136	Kenora	33	12	17	0	28	96	141
Virden Oil Capitals	43	19	18	6	44	114	134	Parkland	31	9	18	1	22	96	155
Swan Valley Stampede	40	14	23	3	31	114	157	Interlake	31	9	19	0	21	90	147
Neepawa Natives	38	11	22	5	27	103	149	Norman	33	5	27	0	11	82	213
Dauphin Kings	41	11	25	5	27	91	147	AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	40	6	30	4	16	110	188	Yellowhead Chiefs	24	19	3	1	40	125	46
MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR								Pembina Valley PV Hawks	25	18	6	0	37	162	65
HOCKEY LEAGUE								Brandon Wheat Kings	24	17	5	2	36	129	61
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Southwest Cougars	25	13	8	2	30	113	90
Pembina Valley Twisters	30	20	6	4	44	127	84	Central Plains Capitals	25	10	15	0	20	90	124
Charleswood Hawks	29	19	5	5	43	97	72	Parkland Rangers	24	4	20	0	8	48	153
Stonewall Jets	29	21	8	0	42	140	90	Norman Wolves	29	1	28	0	2	29	271
St. James Canucks	31	19	11	1	39	113	106	MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA							
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	30	17	10	3	37	129	86	HOCKEY LEAGUE							
St. Vital Victorias	32	15	12	5	35	123	126		GP	W	L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts
Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins	32	14	15	3	31	118	133	Westman Wildcats	20	15	2	-	2	1	35
Transcona Railer Express	32	14	17	1	29	109	127	PV Hawks	21	15	3	-	1	2	34
St. Boniface Riels	31	11	15	5	27	101	124	Winnipeg Avros	23	12	7	-	4	-	32
River East Royal Knights	32	4	28	0	8	80	189	Yellowhead Chiefs	22	14	7	-	1	-	30
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA								Eastman Selects	21	8	7	-	2	4	24
HOCKEY LEAGUE								Norman Wild	23	5	15	-	2	1	15
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Central Plains	19	3	13	-	-	3	9
Notre Dame	16	12	2	1	26	65	42	Interlake Lightning	21	-	18	-	1	2	4
Carman	15	10	3	0	22	79	44	HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY							
Portage	15	9	3	1	21	68	46		GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Warren	14	7	5	2	16	65	58	Carman Cougars	17	15	2	0	30	95	35
Winkler	16	7	9	0	14	48	61	Morden Thunder	16	14	1	0	29	86	33
Morden	16	6	10	0	12	52	78	Morris Mavericks	15	10	5	0	20	78	53
Altona	14	5	8	1	11	52	70	W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	16	9	7	0	18	76	69
Stonewall	14	4	10	0	8	58	88	Northlands Parkway Collegiate							
MANITOBA AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE								Nighthawks (Winkler)	15	8	6	0	17	65	45
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		Portage Collegiate Institute Trojans	17	7	9	0	15	47	48
Wild	32	25	4	0	53	169	60	Cartwright/Nellie McClung/							
Yellowhead	32	20	4	2	48	139	91	Pilot Mound Tigers	17	5	10	2	12	59	83
Central Plains	35	21	12	2	44	140	121	Prairie Mountain Mustangs	16	5	11	0	10	64	90
								Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs (Winkler)	17	0	17	0	0	21	135
STATS AS OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 17															

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# Don't let the snow keep you off your bicycle

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If you're like most Canadians, your bike spends the winter stored in the garage until spring hits and the snow finally melts.

But it doesn't have to be that way, says Country Cycle's Peter Loewen.

"Biking really is accessible to everybody all year long," he says. "In the wintertime it is a little more challenging, for sure, but everything's more challenging in the winter."

All it really takes is a bit of preparation, says Loewen, who led a free Winter Cycling 101 workshop in Morden on Saturday.

"If you take a few little simple steps, you can really reduce the risk," he says.

While there are bikes that come with thicker tires designed specifi-

cally for navigating on snow and ice, if you're not keen on making such an investment right out of the gate, you can use a regular bicycle with some modifications.

"You can just use the bike you have," says Loewen. "Or a lot of people choose to just use an old beater bike."

New or old, the key to getting better traction on slippery roads is to either under-inflate your bike's tires or consider purchasing special studded tires designed for winter use.

If you're going to be commuting to and from work in the dark, definitely outfit your bike with lights to ensure you're able to see in front of you and be seen by drivers around you.

You also need to be much more vigilant about keeping your bicycle clean in the winter.

"Because of all the salt and the sand



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Country Cycle's Peter Loewen with some of the fat bikes used for winter biking. Thicker tires can help you more easily navigate snow and ice, but you can also take a few simple steps to make your summer bike usable through the winter, he says.

it can be really, really hard. And then all the condensation that happens if you bring it in and outside all the time, you're going to get corrosion and rust," Loewen says, noting you can stave off these problems by wiping down your bike after every ride and applying lube to its moving parts regularly.

The bike itself is, of course, just one part of the winter cycling puzzle—you also need to make sure you're ready to handle it.

To that end, give some serious thought to dressing for the weather, even if you're only going a few blocks.

"If you want to stay warm, layering is the trick," Loewen says, pointing out proper cold weather cycling gear can simply be a manner of outfitting yourself with the right basic winter clothes and head coverings for short trips all the way up to purchasing high-tech equipment made specifically for cold weather sports for

jaunts out on the highway.

One you've got all that sorted out, don't forget the basics of road safety, he stresses, pointing out drivers often aren't expecting to see a cyclist on the road once the snow falls.

"Drivers definitely don't seem to think that somebody's going to be out there now, so as a cyclist you just need to be riding even more defensively."

Our society has become one where cars are the default mode of transportation, but Loewen urges people to consider cycling as not only a cheaper alternative, but a healthier one.

"You're getting your heart rate up, getting your cardio, and just getting that rush," he says. "And then you look at the gas prices and you look at how much more your car uses in the winter when it's cold ... why not bike if you can make it work?"

"It's such a nice way to start the day and end the day."



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Loewen led a free workshop in Morden on Saturday to discuss some dos and don'ts of winter cycling.

# Twisters move into first place in MMJHL

By Lorne Stelmach

A pair of weekend wins lifted the Pembina Valley Twisters back into first place in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

They briefly slipped into second last Tuesday after they were blanked 2-0 by the second place Charleswood Hawks, but the Twisters rebounded by beating the River East Royal Knights 6-4 on Saturday and then shutting out the Transcona Railer Express 4-0 Sunday.

It was a goaltender's battle Jan. 10 with Pembina Valley's Matt Kohlman coming up two saves short as the shots were 31 apiece. Ben Thorlakson got the shutout, while Zach Heisinger scored his 17th and 18th goals of the season in the second period.

River East goaltender Justin Jamault came up with a 52 save performance Saturday as the Twisters outshot the last place Royal Knights 58 to 40. Pembina Valley's Morgan Wall earned the win in net with 36 saves.

The Twisters had a shorthanded

goal as they held period leads of 3-1 and 4-3. Scoring for Pembina Valley were Mark Klassen, Wyatt Sabourin, Karl Conrad, Fraser Mirrlees, Alex Tetrault, and Michael Wirth.

Kohlman picked up the shutout Sunday with 29 saves, while Wirth connected on two of the 32 Pembina Valley shots. The second on a powerplay gave him 18 on the season for the team goal-scoring lead. Corey Mazinke added his 17th of the year with the other goal from Joey Baker, while Mirrlees picked up an assist

to boost his team-leading total to 40 points including 16 goals, which had him eighth overall in the league scoring race.

The Twisters now hold first place at 20-6-4 for 44 points, which has them one up on Charleswood and two up on the Stonewall Jets.

In fourth at 39 points are the St. James Canucks, who host the Twisters Sunday after Pembina Valley welcomes the St. Boniface Riels Friday in Morris.

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# Agriculture

## Hog groups feeling good about the future

By Harry Siemens

George Matheson, chair of Manitoba Pork and himself a hog producer, says the industry outlook for 2017 is optimistic.

Matheson expects the attention moving forward to focus on maintaining biosecurity, improving communications with the public, addressing the ongoing challenges with regards to attracting workers, and expanding hog production to meet processing capacity. Some of that processing demand is coming from outside the country, namely in the form of chilled pork going to consumers in China and Japan.

One of the big events of 2016 in Manitoba has to be the change in the provincial government from the NDP to the Conservatives, who are more open to allowing the hog industry to expand where the situation warrants it.

"It's the common sense approach," says Andrew Dickson, the general manager of Manitoba Pork.

Matheson agrees, saying the communication with the new government has been good.

"It's something that Manitoba Pork Council has always tried to attain and that is good communication with the provincial government," he says. "We've had quite a few meetings already with the new Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler, the Minister of Sustainability Cathy Cox and the Minister of Municipal Affairs Eileen Clarke. All three of these handle departments that are integral to the pork industry."

Matheson says they've tried to have the industry build more new barns in this province, but the permitting process over the last few years has become increasingly complex. It's something the government's new Red Tape Reduction Committee is going to take a look at.

"Ultimately our goal is to have producers have an easier time of it to get the construction of their new facilities under way," he says. "Manitoba Pork feels this new government wants Manitoba to be open for business and is prepared to assist the pork industry in any way possible."

In Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan

Pork Development Board chair Florian Possberg says that as North American meat and poultry production increases in response to low feed costs, the pork industry will become increasingly dependant on exports.

Possberg says an anticipated price crash in the fall of 2016 didn't materialize so, while the pork industry didn't have a great year, prices in 2016 were good enough that a lot of producers made modest positive incomes.

"The big thing is that the cutout value, the wholesale price of pork, stayed a lot higher given the quantity of pork hitting the market than what most

had anticipated," he says. "That allowed for our packing industry to enjoy very good profit margins and thus they really cranked up their slaughter capacity to accommodate the large numbers this fall."

"Also, there's a number of large plants under construction in the U.S. to process more hogs, so we don't anticipate an issue with capacity in 2017."

On the other hand, several years of modest feed prices is showing up in record amounts of poultry, pork, beef all coming onto the marketplace at the same time.

"There's going to be more additional meat in North America than our consumers here can handle so we're really going to depend on export markets for all our meat commodities to stay in a positive state," says Possberg. "Southeast Asia, China and the Philippines were quite strong in 2016 due to shortages in 2015 and 2016 but producers there have increased production so the big question remains whether we can maintain our export numbers and even increase them going forward."

## PED virus under control in Canada

By Harry Siemens

The Canadian Swine Health Intelligence Network's December PED update says the Manitoba operations affected by PEDv earlier in the year are making excellent progress in moving toward eradicating the virus.

Dr. Egan Brockhoff, veterinary counsel with the Canadian Pork Council, says Canada is doing a fantastic job keeping this virus down and working really hard to push it out of the coun-

try.

"The three herds that were positive in May, the finisher sites are presumptive negative. The animals are testing negative and we've got negative and native animals back in those sites," he says. "The sow herd that was positive in the fall has stopped shedding the virus and the pig environment, where the little guys are all running around, is testing negative, and so they're able to farrow pigs into that negative environment and animal health is con-

tinuing to improve.

"We've had more cases in 2016, but we continue to see a positive downward trend in the number of affected sites across Canada. B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan remain negative for the virus."

Brockhoff says Ontario has also done well in battling the illness, with only four per cents of sites still testing positive. Meanwhile, Quebec con-

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By Harry Siemens

Soybeans, soybeans, soybeans is something that many farm meetings will hear people talk about throughout the winter meeting season leading up to helping farmers make planting decisions for 2017.

In 2016, farmer grew 1.7 million acres of soybeans, and some projection indicating we could bust over the two million mark for this coming year.

All that with yields exceeding 50 bushels an acre under what some would call adverse weather and cropping conditions, agronomist and farmers together improving

## Soybeans tie industries together

agronomy practices and techniques, and approaching close to 100 new varieties proven to work.

While varieties keep improving for specific regions, the key is the shorter growing season varieties allowing for the soybean areas to keep expanding beyond traditional growing areas.

There are people who believe without a doubt Saskatchewan could see 5,000 acres of the mighty soybean within the next decade. Unthinkable, you might say. I say hold your hat and hang on for the ride.

To witness farmers in Manitoba running soybean and corn rotations is absolutely astounding. It reminds

of what former International Toastmaster president Eric Stuhlmüller used to say: "Shoot for the moon, and if you miss, you'll still land in the stars."

I remember rapeseed, then canola, and how that became the Cinderella crop. Well, I think soybeans is the next Cinderella crop for Manitoba in the making. Here's hoping we keep that potential growth on the rails, go with the flow, and even think outside the box to make this crop the backbone of Canadian agriculture.

That is why it's important to not stand still, but to allow the visionar-

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tinues to test negative as well, while Martime herds, also testing negative, have resumed normal behavior.

Brockhoff says it's always more complicated to remove the virus from a farrow to finish site versus the finish barns where it's fairly easy to eradicate the virus in the populations of more mature animals

Giving a Manitoba-specific viewpoint, Manitoba Pork chair George Matheson says improving biosecurity will be among the industry's top priorities for 2017.

In May, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency reinstated a regulation that requires swine transport trailers returning from U.S. farms to be washed in the United States before re-entering Canada.

Matheson says biosecurity is always important focusing on reducing the transfer of any diseases amongst Manitoba herds, particularly PED devastating, especially for the individual farms hit with this dreadful disease.

"We did have a few cases in Manitoba this year but the specific farms either are negative or moving toward being negative so that's good news for us," he says. "We continue to focus on prevention. Something we're looking at in cooperation with the federal government and CFIA would

be a trusted trucker program where a transporter who has perhaps been certified through a course in biosecurity can have their trailer pass the border with a scrape-out and, because of their history of biosecurity, they can then move to the wash station at Blumenort where it would be thoroughly washed and baked to reduce all bac-

## > SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 26

ies to think, not only outside the box but to go and think where there is no box.

The Westman Opportunities Leadership Group (WOLG) is a volunteer, grassroots organization that, in my opinion, is doing exactly that.

Their efforts to attract a world-class soybean processing plant to Western Manitoba recently gained further momentum with a \$25,000 funding commitment from the City of Brandon.

"We are very pleased to see that the City of Brandon has joined our regional initiative," says Ray Redfern, WOLG chair. "Their financial endorsement adds significant weight and momentum to our efforts, and emphasizes the fact that we are working on behalf of the whole southwest region to attract a soybean processing facility."

Redfern says the rapid and wide-

teria and virus."

Matheson says it would be like a NEXUS program for those people going to the airport. If the passenger has a good history, is a good citizen, then he or she can bypass some of the restrictions placed when travelling.

"Such a program would allow these trailers to be scraped out in the U.S.

spread adoption of soybeans as a crop across Manitoba means the timing is right to look at processing soybeans here in Manitoba to supply both local and global markets.

The regional benefits and economic synergies are significant, the group stresses, as soymeal is an important component of most hog rations, and the region produces many hogs for the Maple Leaf Foods and HyLife Foods facilities, with more growth anticipated.

It excites me to see how the farming industry keeps looking at how to boost production, expand the local use, and help two sectors of the industry merge each other's uses and not be so dependent on imports.

Sandy Trudel, Brandon's director of economic development, says the city is happy to provide financial support to the project.

and then thoroughly washed, disinfected and baked in Canada," he says.

This would eliminate the dubious role of washing in some bay in the U.S. that in some cases are known for using recycled water—water used to wash other trucks.

"Attracting a major Ag processing facility would produce real benefits for Southwest Manitoba which ultimately benefits Brandon, given our long-standing role as a service centre for the region," she says. "A strategic approach like the one the WOLG is developing brings together the region's strengths, knowledge, and passion, increasing the likelihood of success."

Work on this project will continue, with further meeting planned with municipal leaders.

"Discussions are underway with industry associations and other regional governments to confirm their support," says Redfern. "We soon will be formalizing discussions with the Province to do the same."

Again, my hat off to the group for taking this step and moving forward.

# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS

## Easy Cold-Weather Cooking Carrot-Lentil Vegetable Stew



Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 25 minutes  
Servings: 4  
1 cup dry lentils  
3 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium vegetable broth, divided  
1 cup water  
3/4 cup chopped onion  
3/4 cup sliced celery  
3/4 cup chopped bell pepper  
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) no-salt-added diced tomatoes

1 jar (15 1/2 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Glazed Small Sliced Carrots  
1 large clove garlic, minced  
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley  
shaved Parmesan cheese (optional)  
Rinse lentils and drain. Place in Dutch oven or other large saucepan. Add 2 cups broth and water. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes (lentils should be slightly undercooked).

Add onion, celery, bell pepper, remaining broth, tomatoes with liquid, carrots with liquid and garlic. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 10-15 minutes, until liquid is reduced as desired and vegetables are just tender. Stir in parsley. Serve topped with Parmesan, if desired.

Note: If desired, 1/2 pound chicken sausage links, cooked and cut into bite-sized pieces, can be added to stew during last 5 minutes of cooking.

## Roasted tomato and cauliflower pasta bake



6 servings / 55 min  
Prep 20 min / Cook 35 min  
Pop the vegetables in the oven to roast while you cook the pasta, then stir it all together with zippy Asiago cheese and you've got a pasta dish that's sure to become a new favourite. Serve a leafy green salad on the side.

**Ingredients**  
2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil  
4 cups (1 L) cauliflower florets (about 2/3 medium head)  
3 cups (750 mL) grape tomatoes  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried rosemary or basil  
1/2 tsp (2 mL) pepper  
1/4 tsp (1 mL) smoked paprika (optional)  
2 tbsp (25 mL) red or white wine

vinegar  
8 oz (250 g) whole wheat rotini or fusilli pasta  
1 cup (250 mL) shredded lower fat Asiago or Provolone cheese or 3/4 cup (175 mL) shredded regular Asiago or Provolone cheese

**Directions**  
Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C).  
Place oil in a 13- by 9-inch (33 by 23 cm) glass baking dish. Heat in oven for 3 minutes or until oil is heated.

Add cauliflower, tomatoes, garlic, rosemary, pepper, smoked paprika (if using) and vinegar to baking dish and toss to evenly coat. Roast in oven for about 25 minutes or until cauliflower is tender and browned and tomatoes have split, stirring once.

Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions, until a dente (tender but firm). Drain well, reserving 1/4 cup (50 mL) of the cooking water.

Stir pasta into vegetables in baking dish, mashing tomatoes slightly to release juice. Add reserved cooking water, a little at a time, to moisten pasta as desired. Stir in half of the cheese. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top and bake for about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

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City of Winkler Civic Centre  
185 Main Street, Winkler, MB R6W 1B4  
Attention: Rick Denison  
Or E-mail to: [rdenison@cityofwinkler.ca](mailto:rdenison@cityofwinkler.ca)



## CAREERS



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Mennonite Collegiate Institute, located in Gretna, Manitoba, is searching for a Principal to start in August 2017.

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## COMING EVENTS

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\$7.00 per person

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## TENDER



The Rural Municipality of Stanley (RMS) is issuing this Request for Tenders for the following project:

**PROJECT NO.:** jdb043A  
**PROJECT NAME:** North Corridor Gravity Sewer, Lift Station and Water Lines

The following is a brief description of the Work required for the project:

*Gravity Sewer 200mm diameter, 2500m, and Services; Waterline 250mm diameter, 800m, and Services; and Lift Station.*

Details of the scope of Work required for the project are set out in the project Specifications.

The Work Sites are located at (RM Corridor between Winkler and Morden, MB):

- (i) Sewer - SW 7-3-4W; SE 12-3-5W; SW 12-3-5W
- (ii) Water - SW 12-3-5W

Submission Deadline:

Date: **Tuesday, February 14th, 2017**

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



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## TENDER

### FARMLAND FOR SALE BY TENDER RM of Louise

Sealed bids for the purchase of the following parcels of land, located in the RM of Louise, MB will be received up to 5:00 pm on February 24, 2017 at the offices of Canadian Farm Realty, 105-150 Penfeld Dr., Steinbach, MB, R5G 1V7 and Attention: Stacey Hiebert

NE 11-2-10W, 160 acres

Conditions of Tender:

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a certified cheque or bank draft of 5% of the amount offered, payable to Royal LePage Riverbend Realty in Trust. Deposit cheques accompanying unaccepted bids will be returned.
- Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
- The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.
- Successful bidders will be asked to enter into a formal Purchase agreement covering the terms and conditions of sale. Possession date will be April 6, 2017.
- Tenders will be held in confidence and not be released to the public.

Any questions regarding this parcel or this tender can be directed to: Stacey Hiebert at 204-371-5930, REALTOR, or Dolf Feddes at 204-745-0451, REALTOR, or check our website [www.canadianfarmrealty.com](http://www.canadianfarmrealty.com) for more information. Royal LePage Riverbend Realty

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## COMING EVENTS

Manitoba Riding for the Disabled Association 18th Annual Super Flea Market 2017. February 4th & 5th at Assiniboia Downs-Winnipeg. Vendor spots available - 80 vendors in the show! [www.mrda.ca](http://www.mrda.ca).

## HEALTH

Canada Benefit Group - Attention Manitoba residents: Do you or someone you know suffer from a disability? Get up to \$40,000 from the Canadian Government. Toll-free 1-888-511-2250 or [www.canadabenefit.ca/free-assessment](http://www.canadabenefit.ca/free-assessment)

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## REGISTRATION

**Morden Minor Baseball Association**

### MORDEN MINOR BALL REGISTRATION

Children from birth year 2012  
(going into kindergarten)  
Morden Access Event Centre  
Feb 1, 6:30-8:30pm

**\*\* Bring 3 cheques per child.  
Copy of birth certificate  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Western School Division

### Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

Parents are requested to register their children for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year by coming to the appropriate school office from **January 27 to February 3, 2017**, between 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Children born in 2012 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.; 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 26, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Minnewasta School.** We look forward to seeing all the new Kindergarten parents on this evening.

More detailed information is available online at [www.westernsd.mb.ca](http://www.westernsd.mb.ca), at the schools, or at Western School Division Office, 204-822-4448.

## COMING EVENTS

**Grace Valley Mennonite Academy**  
Non Government Funded Private School

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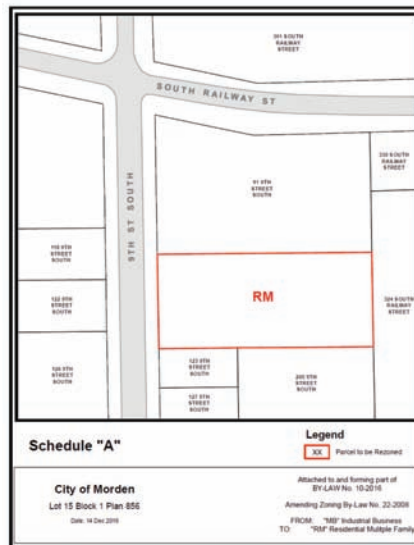
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**THE CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 10-2016**  
Being an AMENDMENT to the CITY OF MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 22-2008, AS AMENDED

**HEARING LOCATION:** Morden Civic Centre  
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB  
**DATE & TIME:** Monday, January 23, 2017 @ 7:00pm  
**FROM:** "MB" Industrial Business  
**TO:** "RM" Residential Multi-Family  
**AREA:** Lot 15, Block 1, Plan 856 MLTO

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Martin Sandhurst, City Planner  
100-195 Stephen Street,  
Morden, MB. R6M 1V3  
Phone: (204) 822-4434

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.



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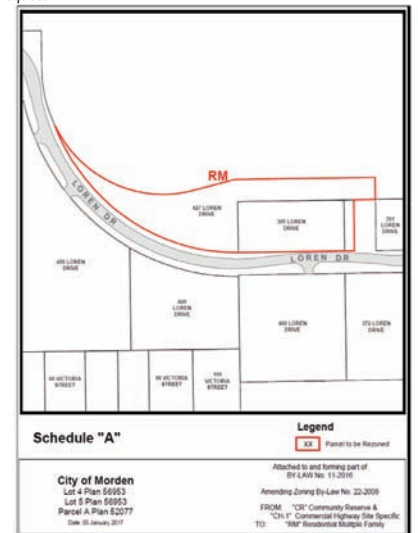
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Being an AMENDMENT to the CITY OF MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 22-2008, AS AMENDED

**HEARING LOCATION:** Morden Civic Centre  
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB  
**DATE & TIME:** Monday, January 23, 2017 @ 7:00pm  
**FROM:** "CR" Commercial Reserve, and "CH-1" Commercial Highway Site Specific  
**TO:** "RM" Residential Multi-Family  
**AREA:** Lots 4 & 5, Plan 56953 & Parcel A Plan 52077 MLTO

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Martin Sandhurst, City Planner  
100-195 Stephen Street,  
Morden, MB. R6M 1V3  
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THE CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 08-2016  
Being an AMENDMENT to the CITY OF MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 22-2008, AS AMENDED

**HEARING LOCATION:** Morden Civic Centre  
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB  
**DATE & TIME:** Monday, January 23, 2017 @ 7:00pm  
**FROM:** "PR" Parks and Recreation  
**TO:** "RT" Residential Two Family  
**AREA:** Lot 1, Block 13, Plan 856 MLTO

#### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Martin Sandhurst, City Planner  
100-195 Stephen Street,  
Morden, MB. R6M 1V3  
Phone: (204) 822-4434

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Schedule "A"

City of Morden

Lot 1 Block 13 Plan 856 MLTO in NE 1/4 6-3-5 WPM

Date: 21 Oct 2016

Attached to and forming part of BY-LAW No. 08-2016

Amending Zoning By-Law No. 22-2008

FROM: "PR" Parks and Recreation

TO: "RT" Residential Two Family

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## AUCTIONS

**COIN AUCTION**  
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## NOTICES

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The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2168-16, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2168-16, is to zone the land described below, Namely:  
**Block 4, Plan 57090 MLTO in the SE 1/4 8-3-4 WPM**

as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

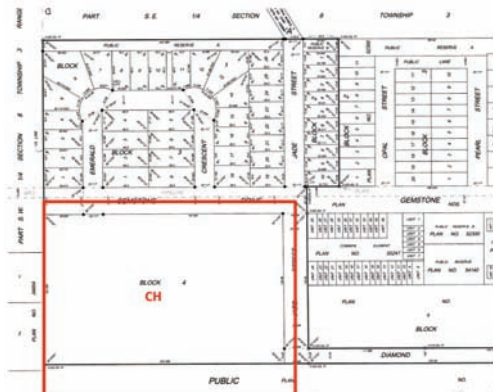
**FROM:** "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE  
**TO:** "CH" COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2168-16, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 30th day of December, 2016.

Designated Officer  
City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A"  
To By-Law 2168-16



## NOTICES

### RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY - PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE PLAN 2/17 PROTECTIVE SERVICES BY-LAW NO. 2-17

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 318(4) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Stanley has scheduled a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the RM of Stanley Municipal Office located at 23111 PTH 14 in the RM of Stanley on the 9th day of February, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to present the following special service proposal:

Special Service Plan 2/17 to establish a rate for a Special Service levy for protective services within the municipality for the years 2017 to 2021. The special service tax will be levied on all taxable, grant-in-lieu, and otherwise exempt property within The Municipality. The cost for 2017 is \$629,000. The estimated costs for 2018 to 2021 are estimated below as follows:

2018	=	\$660,000
2019	=	\$690,000
2020	=	\$720,000
2021	=	\$750,000

The special service tax will be calculated on the portioned value of assessable property.

Based on 2017 actual assessment of 545,901,900 a mill rate of 1.152 will be required. Calculated on a property with a market value of \$250,000 (portioned value of \$112,500) a special service tax of \$129.60 will be levied for the 2017 tax year.

A written objection may be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer, at the Municipal Office located at 23111 PTH 14, Box 1600 Winkler MB R6W 4B5, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the Special Service proposal.

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

Copies of the Special Service Plan No. 2/17 are available at the municipal office at 23111 PTH 14 during regular office hours of the R.M. of Stanley.

Dated at the RM of Stanley this 9th day of January 2017.

Dale Toews, C.M.M.A.

Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of Stanley



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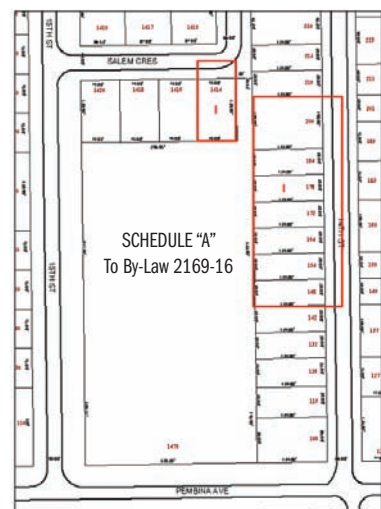
The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2169-16, is to zone the land described below, Namely:  
**Lots 32, 33, 34, & 35, Plan 454 MLTO and Lot 18, Plan 613 MLTO**

as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

**FROM:** "RS" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ZONE  
**TO:** "I" INSTITUTIONAL ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2169-16, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.  
DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 30th day of December, 2016.

Designated Officer  
City of Winkler



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## OBITUARY



**Peter Rempel**  
**1937 – 2017**

On Monday, January 9, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre and at the age of 79, Peter Rempel met with his Lord and Saviour after a long battle with COPD which he fought hard for 16 years.

Peter had many careers in his lifetime. He built many houses in Winnipeg with his brothers and brothers-in-law. In the mid-70's, he and his family moved to a farm in Rainy River. The family remembers those days fondly and reminisce about it often. After moving back to Manitoba, he worked his remaining years before retirement at Monarch Industries. He worked hard all his life to care and

support his family.

He leaves behind his wife, Maria (nee Hamm) with whom he had 56 years of marriage as well as three daughters, four sons and their families of nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2017 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Peter's memory to the Manitoba Lung Association.

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1		6	4	2			5	
		7		9				
2	4				6			9
7			8	5				2
		9						
	1						4	8
					2		8	
	2		6					
		4			7			5

**Level: Intermediate**

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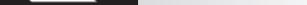
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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

## Sudoku Answer

[illegible]

## Crossword Answer



## CLUES ACROSS

1. Newts
5. Taxis
9. Ski down these
11. Solace
13. Thieves of the sea
15. Diacritical mark
16. Frost
17. Enmities
19. Furnace for baking
21. Founder of female institute
22. Eight
23. Earl Grey and chamomile are two
25. Messenger ribonucleic acid
26. Dull, unproductive pattern of behavior
27. A large and hurried swallow
29. Large nests
31. A way to choose
33. Grocery store
34. Drains
36. Hawaiian wreath
38. Where fish live
39. Get rid of
41. Beyond, transcending
43. Uncastrated male sheep
44. Asserts
46. Snoopy and Rin Tin Tin are two
48. Windy City footballer
52. Green veggie
53. Director
54. Conditioning
56. Spoke foolishly
57. Legislative body
58. Square measures
59. Cheek

### CLUES DOWN

	1	2	3	4					5	6	7	8		
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43					44				45		46			47
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56									57					
	58									59				

1. Call forth
2. Front legs
3. Third-party access
4. Hairlike structure
5. Ghanaian money
6. Settled down
7. Ill-natured
8. Choose
9. Mountain in the Slovenian Alps
10. Samsung laptops
11. Inquire into
12. Not slow
14. Thailand
15. Front of the eye
18. Kentucky town 41549
20. Extreme disgust
24. Not fast
26. Smelled bad
28. Portended
30. Leader
32. Comedian Noah
34. Course
35. Sloven
37. Perfect places
38. A vast desert in N. Africa
40. Monetary unit of Angola
42. Clerks
43. Canadian law enforcers
45. Without (French)
47. Having wisdom that comes with age
49. Delicacy (archaic)
50. Grows older
51. Bitterly regrets
55. It's present in all living cells (abbr.)

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