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## Celebrating Family Literacy Day

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Kids were having fun but also learning a little Friday as the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre held its annual Family Literacy Day Carnival at Minnewasta School. There was an array of carnival games, crafts, a photo booth, face painting, guest readers, a prize bag and book for every child, and free hot dogs and granola bars donated by Morden Co-op and Giant Tiger. For a few more photos, check out Pg. 10.

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# Habitat for Humanity selects first Morden-Winkler family

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity has selected its first family.

Agency volunteers surprised John and Margaret Wiebe with the news that they will be getting the first Habitat home to be built in Winkler in decades.

"You've been selected to partner with Habitat for Humanity so you guys can own your own home," selection committee member Kevin Hildebrand told the Wiebes as they sat in a family friend's living room last Thursday night.

As tears flowed amongst the adults, the couple's 10-year-old daughter Latisha

had just one thing to say when she found out she'd finally be getting her own room.

"Yaaaaa!" she cheered.

John and Margaret's four children include Latisha, three-year-old Alia, and six-month-old twins Owen and Emma.

The family currently rents a house trailer that they've long since outgrown.

"It's three bedrooms ... and it is crowded," said Margaret. "It worked

pretty good with just the two girls, but now with the twins it's definitely full."

"We've been dreaming for awhile about when the day would come when we would have our own house."

John's job with a local construction company puts food on the table, but saving for a down payment for a house has been a struggle.

Partnering with Habitat for Humanity—which provides low-income families with interest-free, no down payment mortgages—means their dream of home ownership is finally able to become a reality.

"It's going to be wonderful to see the kids grow up in a bigger place," an emotional Margaret shared. "It's super exciting."

It was the family's pastor, John P. Klassen of the Emmanuel Mennonite Church, who encouraged

them to apply to Habitat.

"We didn't really know much about it," Margaret said. "We thought there was no harm in filling it out and so we took that chance and went for it."

Klassen said the Wiebes were the first family who came to mind when he heard Habitat for Humanity intended to build homes in Winkler and Morden (the agency has purchased land in both cities; the Wiebe's house will be going up on Main St. South in Winkler).

"I was thrilled to hear that Habitat was coming back to Winkler and thrilled that some people took the energy to do that," he said.

"When she finished the presentation I could only think of one thing: I have to call John and Margaret as soon as I could. "They had twins on the way and they had two children and they were living in a house trailer; limited space, limited opportunity," Klassen said. "But both are hardworking ... and I thought

**"IT'S GOING TO BE WONDERFUL TO SEE THE KIDS GROW UP IN A BIGGER PLACE."**



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

John and Margaret Wiebe and their children Latisha, 10, Alia, 3, and six-month-old twins Owen and Emma found out last week that they have been selected as the first family to receive a house from the revived Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

this is maybe their one chance to get a house, because for many people that ability to begin is really tough."

This house is not a gift to the family, stressed Winkler-Morden chapter secretary Christina Falk. They're going to have to earn it.

"They are buying this house, they're not being given this house," she said, "and they are working hard to get this house."

Before they get the keys, the Wiebes will need to put in 500 hours of sweat equity.

Those hours include a financial training course the family must complete, volunteering for community service, and helping out in building their home.

"That's quite a lot of work, a huge commitment, but it is worth it," Falk said.

## A LENGTHY PROCESS

The Wiebes were chosen after an extensive application process.

"We have a committee of six of us who went over all the applications that we got in," said Hildebrand, explaining they narrowed 11 applicants down to the finalists, who then underwent personal interviews and reference and credit checks.

The goal was to select a family who most needed this leg up but who would be able to comfortably make the monthly mortgage payments on the modest home.

"We looked at their home situation, where they're currently living now," Hildebrand said. "We looked at what their income level is at ... the number

of children. All of that stuff factors in." It was an incredibly difficult decision.

"It was horrible," said Hildebrand. "Because we have the future of a family—not only the family that's going to get a home, but the families that don't—in our hands."

He urges families who applied but were not selected to consider applying again when the chapter is ready to build its Morden home.

## NEXT STEPS

Work now turns to getting the walls up on the Winkler house.

"We have the family, so now the house can be designed, because it's designed around the family and the number of children they have," said Falk. "The house design will be done quite shortly. We have already started to work on it."

The next few months will see agency reps reach out to the many local businesses who have expressed an interest in donating supplies and labour to the project.

"We'll quantify those and that will tell us how close we are to our fundraising goal," Falk said. Habitat is aiming for \$180,000 in monetary or in-kind donations before the first hammer is swung.

"It's been going amazing," she said of fundraising thus far. "We have paid off the lot in Winkler, which is a huge, huge deal. And we have fundraised beyond that."

Falk is hopeful they'll be able to put

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# Central Stn. offering Thrive mental health courses

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A \$25,000 grant from the Bell Let's Talk Community Fund is allowing Winkler's Central Station to bring additional mental health courses to the community this spring.

Under a pilot project a year ago, the community centre offered three courses from the Canadian Mental Health Association's Recovery College curriculum.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, said executive director Bev Wiebe, and it was clear more courses focusing on a range of mental health topics were warranted.

"After having the three courses last winter and the success as far as the participants that were in the classes ... saying let's bring more, we need more of this in our community, that pushed us to seek out other partners," she said.

To that end, Central Station is partnering with CMHA Central and Eden Health Care Services to offer 11 more courses through the Thrive Learning Centre.

"We are not mental health providers and never intend to be," Wiebe

stressed. "We're about revealing options in the community and connecting agencies."

Thrive's courses focus on promoting mental health literacy, self-exploration, and skill development. Students can sign up for as many or as few of the free sessions as they like.

Topics range from classes on understanding depression and anxiety to navigating mental health services to building self-esteem, to name just a few.

"We're going to offer the [11] courses from now until June ... with the hope and prayer that we can do more moving forward, as long as funding comes in," Wiebe said.

Bell MTS spokesman Craig Lawrence said the company is pleased to be able to help this project get off the ground.

"We're really proud that we could be on board as a supporter," he said, noting the Bell Let's Talk Community Fund receives hundreds of applications each year. This year 120 grants totalling \$2 million were distributed across Canada, including to five projects in Manitoba.



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Central Station's Bev Wiebe received a \$25,000 donation from Bell MTS spokesman Craig Lawrence last week to help fund mental health programming at the Winkler community centre.

## EXPANDING ACCESS TO SERVICES

CMHA Central executive director Sean Miller said programs like Thrive help ensure rural Manitobans have

greater access to mental health services.

"One of the things about services in rural communities is that typically

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# Need, costs continue to rise for SCCR

By Lorne Stelmach

There are many aspects to helping people on their cancer journey, and they go beyond health to overall wellness and quality of life as well.

Much of what South Central Cancer Resource does may focus on the former, but the latter are equally important, as supporters heard at the agency's annual meeting last Thursday.

The Expression of Art Through Your Eyes program was highlighted as an initiative that is helping cancer patients find emotional healing.

"It can be a real powerful experience," said facilitator Cindy Funk.

It is not as much about the art as it is about sharing and building fellowship, she said of the program that ran in three eight-week sessions and which directors hope to expand in the future.

"One of the common statements that comes up every class is silence the art critic," Funk said. "This is a chance to express yourself about your journey with cancer."

Touching on their experiences with the program, Teresa Dyck and Colleen Doerksen noted the impact of everyone sharing their personal stories.

"It had everything to do with conversation and meeting people," said Dyck.

"Art speaks to our minds and our souls," added Doerksen. "There were different themes that would come out at different times."

SCCR president June Letkeman, who announced she would be stepping down after six years on the board, said the art program is a great example of the role SCCR can play.

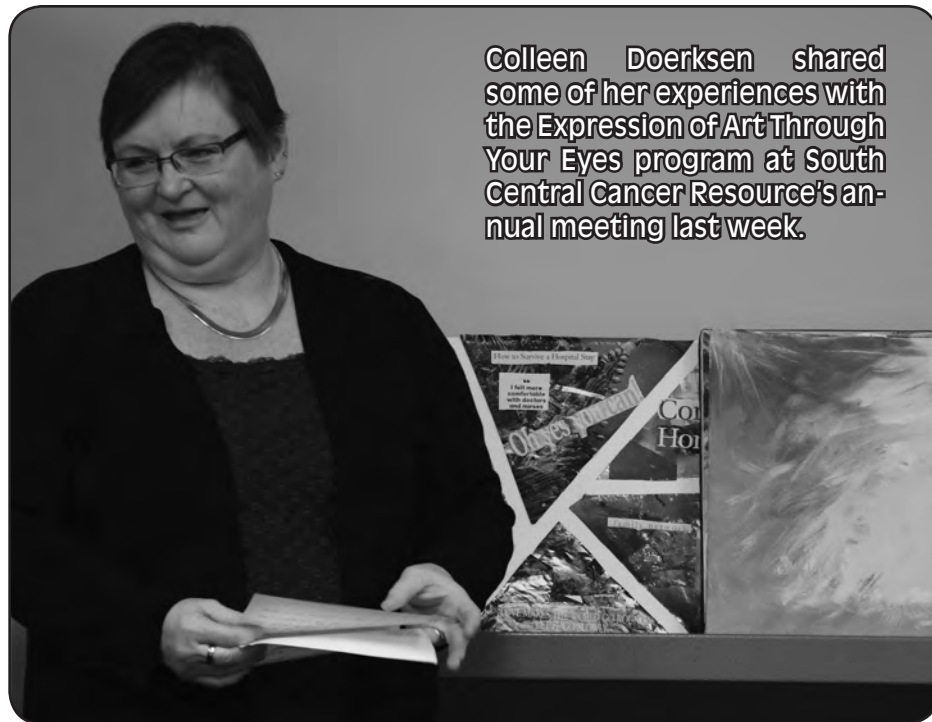
"I think that's an awesome program," she said, lauding "what it's done for them and how it's helped them through their cancer journey and after."

Letkeman noted that the past year was a challenging one for the organization as the demand for their services and related costs continues to rise.

"It's really amazing ... we've almost doubled our clients for the year ... and yet we still have donations coming in all the time and people supporting us," she said.

"I think that we're getting the word out. The public is getting more aware of our services at South Central, and I think that is helping," Letkeman suggested. "We're helping a lot more cancer patients because of that."

**"WE'RE GETTING THE WORD OUT ... WE'RE HELPING A LOT MORE CANCER PATIENTS BECAUSE OF THAT."**



Colleen Doerksen shared some of her experiences with the Expression of Art Through Your Eyes program at South Central Cancer Resource's annual meeting last week.

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Letkeman said it is important that SCCR continues to try to expand its services, such as a change made last year where they extended transportation support to patients who provide their own transport, in addition to providing volunteer drivers.

"It did open us up to a lot more expenses ... but it's a good thing," she said. "Cancer is an expensive thing. A lot of people can't afford [transportation] ... so if we can help them in this way, it's really appreciated and really well used. It's a really good program that we implemented."

SCCR reported that it had 119 new clients in 2018, bringing it to a total of 302 clients.

The number of rides and nights of accommodation reached 3,317, which was an increase of 1,465, and the total costs of transportation and accommodation then also reached almost \$165,000, which was an increase of

\$54,330.

Despite those rising costs, the agency only showed a deficit of \$11,776, which was better than the \$78,790 deficit that had been budgeted.

Revenues came in at over \$251,000, which about \$31,000 lower than 2017 though almost \$90,000 above budget. The previous year had been boosted by a \$51,399 bequest, but donations—the main source of revenue—increased by \$30,000 to over \$165,000.

The fashion show raised \$30,000, while there were a number of other major donations such as \$40,000 from the Pritchard golf tournament, \$25,000 through Curl for Cancer, and \$20,000 from the Co-op

The expenditures of over \$263,000 was \$12,000 less than 2017, though also \$14,000 higher than what had

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## Local biz in the running for Thank a Retailer prize

By Lorne Stelmach

Miami area residents can help a local ag retailer support a good cause.

The Thank A Retailer contest through Adama will give four ag retailers from across Canada \$15,000 to support causes of their choice.

SJ Agronomy Services is playing to win money for the Lloyd Orchard Community Arena. It is one of 11 teams in the running from Manitoba. Also nominated is Roland Air Spray, which is hoping to earn money for the Carman and Area Community Ball Diamond.

SJ Agronomy Services is looking to win as a memorial tribute to Steve Livingston—the S in SJ—who passed

away a year ago.

Livingston was a pillar in the community and an integral part of the team at SJ Agronomy, whose staff volunteer with local boards, minor sports, and the fire department.

"Steve's drive to help the community was a large part of the inspiration for this nomination," noted Brian Weir, president of the Lloyd Orchard Community Arena.

Livingston served on several volunteer boards throughout his life, but his passion for hockey really stood out.

"We was a fixture on our minor hockey board ... he was always involved ... loved coaching," said Weir. "Even after his kids outgrew Miami

Minor Hockey, Steve could always be counted on to help out in our old arena."

It would be a fitting way to pay tribute to him then by earning funds to help improve the dressing rooms at the arena, suggested Weir.

"Our arena gets used a lot, and we feel that we have a very good ice surface," he said. "The shortfall is our dressing rooms. If we could address that, I think it would make this facility more appealing to everybody ... make it more accommodating for everybody and more appealing even to higher level groups."

The contest, which can be found at [thankaretailer.ca](http://thankaretailer.ca), got underway Jan. 10 and continues until Feb. 13. You can

participate by helping earn points for the retailer of your choice.

Once you join a retailer's team, point-earning activities are sent weekly via email. You will also have the opportunity to earn bonus points through various mediums including social media, industry events, and more.

Four regional winners will be selected.

As of earlier this week, SJ Agronomy was in the lead among the Manitoba entries.

"We got out of the gate really well, and the community has been very engaged," said Weir. "It's kind of exciting to go around and spread the message about it."

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those communities lack the breadth of services that are offered in larger city centres," he said. "We know that right now that there is a wait time for a lot of the services that are offered, anywhere from eight months to sixteen months.

"So you're looking at very often people that are struggling moderately getting into a situation where that becomes a crisis."

Thrive courses can help equip people with tools to better cope with their mental health challenges, Miller said.

"It greatly reduces some of the severity of what they're going through," he said, adding some students find they no longer need the same level of assistance as they did before taking a course. "That's not to say this is a replacement for those services. We look at it as adding a complement to what's already existing.

"If we can partner together to help people tell a good, positive recovery story we will have achieved our purpose, we will have strengthened the community, and we will have improved lives."

For Victoria Rey, a former Thrive student who is today an educator with the program, "life-changing" is how she describes these courses.

"A year ago I didn't know who I was.

Somewhere along the way I lost myself," she admitted, going on to describe her dysfunctional upbringing and ongoing battle with anxiety, depression, and PTSD.

Today Rey describes herself as a survivor.

"My illness does not define me. It's my strength and courage that do. It's not about where I came from, but where I choose to go from here.

"I wouldn't be able to stand here today and say those words if it were not for Thrive," Rey said. "Thrive was my sun. It was my safe place. It brought the light back.

"To know that I wasn't alone gave me so much hope. Being able to be open, be myself, not have to hide and pretend to be something that I wasn't, pretend that there were no struggles, that it wasn't hard. That feeling was incredible.

"Thrive has given me skills I never knew existed. They have given me hope. But most importantly they have given me back the person I have been looking for. The person I have known that I can always be."

For details on Thrive Learning Centre courses being offered in Winkler this spring, head to [central.cmha.ca/thrive](http://central.cmha.ca/thrive) or contact Central Station.

Victoria Rey is a former student of the Thrive Learning Centre. She says the courses were life-changing and helped her learn to live with her mental health issues. Today Rey is a community educator with the program.



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## > HABITAT, FROM PG. 2

shovels in the ground sometime later this year.

Money aside, Habitat will also need volunteers in the months ahead.

"The best thing to do at this point is to get on our email list," Falk said. "We're starting to send out a newsletter every month or two and in there will be information about where we're at, what we need."

To get that newsletter, send an email to [wmhabitat@outlook.com](mailto:wmhabitat@outlook.com) or find

the Winkler/Morden Habitat for Humanity Chapter on Facebook.

As for the Wiebes, they're eager to get started on their sweat equity, and they're thankful to the community for making this all possible.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone," said Margaret. "It's such a great gift."

"We're very grateful to have this opportunity," added John.

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# The problem with the media

I recognize the irony of the headline given that I am a part of "the media" writing a column for "the media," but I will accept the risk.

Look, here's the deal. Media—left, right and wherever else—have always hunted and gathered news from their surroundings since the beginning of media. They have done so with all kinds of biases, hidden and public.

Media barons in the past like William Randolph Hearst were not impartial and worked hard to manipulate and control the news they owned toward their own ends. Hearst developed the largest newspaper empire in the world in the early 20th century and is said to have created what is known as yellow journalism—journalism that presents stories with little to know research or basis in fact and is targeted toward the reader's most basic desire for sensationalism. If you want to learn something about him watch *Citizen Kane*.

The drive toward yellow journalism is simple: cater to people's base appetites and you will sell more content. Sell more content and you will attract more advertisers. Attract more

advertisers and you can increase your prices.

To be frank, there is an abundance of yellow journalism in the world today (I would have to censor what I would prefer to call it ... you can let your imaginations go crazy on that one). You will find it at the extremes of the socio-political spectrum. No one group owns it, neither right nor left.

This is why I appreciate the smaller, community newspapers. There is less pressure to be sensational or abusive with facts. Community newspapers, as members of their community, need to reflect said community.

Personally, I think larger urban media could learn a lot by studying the small-town newspaper.

Of course, there are pitfalls to being media in a small town as well. There is fear that if you publish certain things you could upset the wrong people or businesses. These are the risks, however.

I long for the days of cleaner lines and categories—news stories report the facts, no opinion, even in the headline, columns, letters, editorials and op-eds for bias, and opinion-based content that must still connect with the audience. Finally, investigative reporting and in-depth coverage that seeks, through research and dogged adherence to the truth, to expose injustice, inequity, and outright wrong-doing.

There are other forms as well that resist categories. The journalism of Hunter S. Thompson, whom I greatly admire, is one of those. His groundbreaking coverage of the Hells An-

gels in California during the late '60s and his coverage of the 1972 American election are two instances of outstanding writing I urge you to read.

Lately I have been reading Ronan Farrow and his work for various outlets, particularly for his effort in exposing the plague of sexual assault in the entertainment industry for which he won a Pulitzer Prize and drove the start of the #MeToo movement.

Mostly I rely on news aggregators to gather a cross-section of information so that I am not overly focused on one source.

Ultimately the fix is going to require effort from both media and consumer. Media need to stop catering to the lowest common denominator and consumers need to stop fishing for sensationalist, self-affirming garbage.

Also, stop sharing it. According to *Vox* magazine:

"Conservatives and people over the age of 65 were disproportionately likely to share articles from fake news domains during the last presidential election, researchers from Princeton University and New York University found in a recent study, the results of which were published in *Science Advances*."

If it sounds too good to be true it probably is. If it sounds like something you would write, triple check and do some research.

In the end I believe it can be resolved, but in the meantime be vigilant and challenge the garbage you see with facts.



**By Peter Cantelon**

## > SCCR, FROM PG. 4

been budgeted for in 2018.

Looking ahead, Letkeman stressed again that the organization will continue to seek out ways to better serve and support their clients.

"The more we can do to help these cancer patients through their journey ... we're obviously getting more cancer patients all the time," she said.

"We're talking about a fitness program, and there'll likely be other things," Letkeman said. "We always have to come up with some new support programs."

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# The Color bring home six Covenant Awards

Local Christian musicians The Color won big at the GMA Covenant Awards in Edmonton last week.

The Winkler-based band of Jordan Janzen, James Shiels, Tyson Unrau, and Larry Abrams won six awards: Group of the Year, Artist of the Year, Album of the Year (for First Day Of My Life), Radio Song of the Year (for

"Let It Be Love"), Pop/Rock Album of the Year (also for First Day of My Life), and Video of the Year (for "Let It Be Love").

Plum Coulee native Rosemary Siemens was also honoured at the awards, earning the Country Song of the Year award with Billy Sprague and Joe Beck for "Heavenly Harvest"



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# Stanley budget increases spending by five per cent

By Lorne Stelmach

The RM of Stanley will increase spending by five per cent as part of a \$7.1 million budget for 2019.

The financial plan introduced at the Jan. 24 council meeting adds just \$350,000 to what was a \$6.8 million budget this past year.

"I'm very happy with the way the budget turned out," said Reeve Morris Olafson.

He sees the municipality as staying the course to keep up with the rising costs that come with the region's continued growth.

"We're not overdoing our programming, we're not doing anything super extra this year," he said. "We're not doing much extra that we're going to expend money on in regards to new projects ... hopefully we don't run into any snags along the way."

"The Massey water extension in the 2-6 and 1-6 will work ... that's our major thing. It's not that it's going to drain our operating funds too much, it's going to be more on debenture."

The budget sees the municipal mill rate increase from 9.218 to 9.433, which means the resulting impact on the municipal portion of the tax bills will be minor.

On 80 acres of farmland assessed at \$751,500, the municipal tax will increase by \$42 to \$1,843, while 160 acres of bush and hay land assessed at \$252,100 will see a rise of just \$14 to \$618.

For a residential property assessed at \$289,900, the municipal tax increase will be \$28 to \$1,231, while a home assessed at \$119,800 will see an increase of just \$12 to \$509.

With a commercial property assessed at \$538,500, there will be a municipal tax increase by \$75 to \$3,302.

The municipality is benefitting from the growth of the region with property tax revenue being boosted by an increase in the total portioned assessment from \$554.5 to \$564.1 million.

About 80 per cent of the RM of Stanley's revenue or about \$5.7 million comes from prop-

erty taxes. The other 20 per cent, or about \$1.4 million, comes through other revenues such as provincial and federal grants.

On the expenditure side, the biggest priority for this year is expansion of the Massey water system into areas further south of Morden. The municipality is also developing an asset management planning system for the administrative office as well as planning for the regional wastewater treatment project.

There is money going into reserve funds and more being spent on gravel as part of ongoing priorities including road work, drainage and dust proofing and public works equipment renewal.

As well, there are contributions to other agencies and organizations including over \$91,000 for the regional library, \$42,500 to Pembina Valley Conservation District, \$35,000 to Dr. C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre, and \$31,000 to the Agassiz Medical Centre.

A breakdown of the budget shows how the money is being divided:

- 41 per cent comes under transportation, including road work; it is an increase of 4.4 per cent to \$2.9 million.
- 17 per cent is money going into reserve funds; it is an increase of 1.4 per cent to over \$1.2 million.
- 14 per cent comes under general government services with an increase of 6.4 per cent to just over \$1 million.
- 10 per cent goes to protective services including police and fire; it is an increase of 10 per cent to under \$700,000.
- Nine per cent is for fiscal services with a 3.6 per cent increase to \$652,000.
- Four per cent goes to planning and development; it is a 5.9 per cent increase to \$273,000.
- Three per cent is for recreation and culture for an 18 per cent increase to \$214,000.
- One per cent or about \$75,000 goes towards economic development, with an eight per cent decrease, and health and welfare, with a 26 per

cent increase

- \$16,500 is earmarked for environmental services.

Olafson said the municipality is doing well not only in keeping spending under control but also managing its debt.

"We can borrow up to \$40 million if we wanted to ... if we did, that would be the dumbest thing we ever did," he said.

"If you keep that debt ratio down, in any business ... you're in good shape. You've got monies to work with, you're not spending all of your money on interest ... that's where the province has got into problems," Olafson said. "We keep that number down low, we will be okay ... it's just sound business sense."

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## Livienne Bridal Boutique opens in Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local brides now have access to a range of wedding gown styles with the opening of Livienne Bridal Boutique.

Owned and run by the mother-daughter team of Swetlana and Josephine Dirks, the Winkler bridal shop held its grand opening Saturday at 455 Roblin Blvd. East.

The Dirks are certainly no strangers to the bridal business.

"My mom used to own a store, back in the day, seven or eight years ago, in Morden," said Josephine, explaining they sold that shop when Swetlana had another child.

In the years since, the dream to open another store had been steadily growing.

"I always wanted to do wedding dresses, always had a passion for it," Josephine said. "So one day I sat down with my mom and said, 'Let's do it again.' And here we are."

The shop opened Jan. 7 and quickly filled its racks with dresses, includ-

From left: Owners Josephine and Swetlana Dirks with Deputy Mayor Henry Siemens and photographer Thomas Iwanow at the ribbon cutting for Livienne Bridal Boutique Saturday.

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ing a few collections exclusive to Livienne in Manitoba.

"Winnipeg definitely does not have the collection we have, which is very unique," said Josephine.

"And we do have, really, dress-

es for every bride," she added. "If you're looking for vintage, A-lines, ball gowns ... everything that a bride needs, you can find it here."

Livienne's plans to expand its offerings of graduation and bridesmaid

dresses in the months ahead.

The store also has a resident photographer in Thomas Iwanow of Now and For Always Photography.

## Province announces \$6.6M more in schools funding

Garden Valley and Western school division will both see modest increases in provincial funding for 2019-2020.

The provincial government announced last week that it is increasing public schools financing for the next school year by \$6.6 million, bringing Manitoba's total to over \$1.329 billion.

"This is the highest level of funding in Manitoba history that shows our commitment to Manitoba students despite our current economic realities," said Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen. "Since 2016, our government has increased funding to school divisions by more than \$26 million."

School funding in Manitoba is calculated using the Funding of Schools Program formula, which guarantees divisions receive at least 98 per cent of the previous year's total.

Funding increases or decreases are based on such factors as changes in enrolment numbers, capital costs, equalization payments and the

phase-out of the Tax Incentive Grant.

GVSD is slated to receive \$29.8 million, which is a 0.4 per cent increase (\$120,000) over the current school year. That number, the province notes, represents an increase in equalization support and the special grant, which is partially offset by a 3.0 per cent reduction in enrolment and the TIG phase-out.

WSD, meanwhile, will receive \$11.1 million in funding—a 4.4 per cent increase owing to equalization support and a 4.6 per cent increase in enrolment.

The majority of the Winkler-Morden school divisions' funding for the year comes from the province, but locally collected school board property taxes also make up a portion of the budget.

To that end, the province has directed divisions to once again cap increases to their local education property tax at two per cent for the 2019-20 school year. Divisions are also asked

to continue to reduce administrative costs.

"We appreciate school divisions' efforts to help control costs and create efficiency in the public education system," said Goertzen. "As divisions create their budgets for the year ahead, we hope they make decisions that consider both students' needs and the impact on taxpayers."

School board trustees and division staff are currently consulting with local stakeholders as they work out the budgets for the 2019-2020 school year. GVSD will present those plans at its public budget consultation meeting at Northlands Parkway Collegiate at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28.

Western holds its public budget meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the WSD offices.

### PROJECT FUNDING

Also last week, the province outlined \$129.5 million in funding for

capital projects in divisions across the province.

Locally, GVSD has received Public Schools Finance Board funding to help cover costs associated with the new Pine Ridge School construction, roof replacement at Garden Valley Collegiate, and replacing the boiler at Parkland Elementary School.

In Morden, WSD received funding for roof replacements at both Minnewasta and Maple Leaf schools as well as funding for two previously constructed modular classrooms at Morden Collegiate.

"We continue to make significant investments on new schools as well as major additions and renovations to existing schools," said Goertzen. "Manitoba has more than 600 schools and this funding will help them remain safe and functional. Growing communities will also benefit from new school facilities to meet their needs."



# Deb Penner bides Winkler a fond farewell

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After over a decade of heading up countless community events in Winkler, Deb Penner is heading west.

Penner, who started as the City of Winkler's community events coordinator back in 2007 and transitioned to fill the role of director of recreation, culture, and tourism in 2017, wraps up her tenure with the city this week.

On Monday she'll begin her new job as facilities manager with the Town of Killarney.

Leaving Winkler was a decision Penner didn't make lightly, but the timing is right.

"Four years ago I bought a little cabin on Pelican Lake and the dream since then has been someday I'd like to retire there," she says, adding that when this job in nearby Killarney came up, it seemed a perfect fit. "It's a big change [moving there] ... but it's very much what I'm doing here."

What Penner's done here has included spearheading everything from the annual Harvest Festival and Exhibition to hundreds of P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall shows to summer concerts and other special events in Bethel Heritage Park.

Penner also had a hand in organizing the Beach Boys concert in 2011, multiple Stanley Cup celebrations, and the Winkler Comic Con, among many other community celebrations over the years.

But while she's often been the public face for the goings-on in Winkler,

Penner is quick to stress she's just one small cog in a much bigger machine.

"I'm often kind of the face of all those things, but there are so many people that make it all possible," she says. "The volunteers, the sponsors, the businesses, other staff support ...

"I'm always amazed at the number of people who are willing to step up and give their time ... to help put on a great event."

City council's support for trying new things also can't be overstated, Penner says.

"The ability to make mistakes and still have that support is huge ... to make mistakes and learn from them and build on them," she says. "And in the early years I made a lot of mistakes."

The odd misstep—events that didn't take off, concerts that failed to generate public interest—are overshadowed by the successes.

"The Harvest Festival has grown by leaps and bounds," Penner says when asked for her highlights.

She credits much of that growth to the work of organizers like Shannon Loewen, a former city summer student who still returns to help with the festival, as well as the dedicated team of volunteer planning committee members.

"I have about five or six that have been volunteering for the 12 years that I've been apart of it," says Penner. "That kind of experience and consistency just makes such a difference."

"And the concert hall, obviously, has



Fire prevention contest winner

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Preparing a fire escape plan for her family paid off for Kaiden Friesen, as the Maple Leaf School student was chosen as the provincial Grade 2 winner of the annual Fire Prevention Week contest. Her prize package included a \$200 Lego store gift card as well as fire safety material for her school and goodie bags for each of her classmates. "We have had really good response from the students and the teachers," said Morden fire Chief Andy Thiessen, who presented the prize Friday along with Tammie McConnell of the Office of the Fire Commissioner and Jonathan Baumgartner of the Morden Fire Department.

evolved into something really cool," she continues. "We have an average of a show a week, which is something I don't think a lot of venues can say."

Seeing Bethel Heritage Park become a central gathering place for the city has been another high point.

"Canada Day is there now, concerts in the park, live theatre," says Penner.

"I think in the last 12 years I've just been lucky to be part of a really cool era for the city," she says. "I'm thankful I was able to be a part of it."

# Winkler celebrates record-setting year of development

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year went down in the books as a record year for development in Winkler.

A report from the MSTW Planning District shows the city ended 2018 with over \$87 million worth of new development.

"When I can have bragging rights over Steinbach for one year, I think I am going to take it," joked Mayor Martin Harder at the Jan. 22 council meeting, noting Winkler easily surpassed its rival city by upwards of \$30 million.

Winkler has consistently achieved between \$25 and \$30 million in new

development annually and in 2017 reached close to \$40 million, he said, noting the numbers were boosted by significant projects such as Pine Ridge Elementary School and the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

"We're still over \$47 million worth of growth that comes from businesses and individuals," Harder pointed out. "The other communities have done extremely well ... again we have set the pace."

Morden saw its new development increase in value from \$18 million to \$28 million while the RM of Stanley saw a rise from \$13 million to \$20 million.

Also at last week's meeting, Harder

took a moment to celebrate what has been achieved in the last two years since the City of Winkler took over responsibility for affordable housing in the community.

That responsibility passed over to Winkler in late 2016, and as of 2018 it was being overseen by Central Station Community Centre. There are 24 units owned by the City of Winkler and 66 units owned by the province.

"The Province of Manitoba has seen the benefits and the kind of support that we have given housing in Winkler," said Harder.

"The outcome is certainly desirable," he added, suggesting Winkler's example could provide a model for

changing housing operations across the province. "They are looking at what is happening here ... and seeing what else can be done."

"We've been the example, and they've seen that it works well," he said. "We know from the people who are living in there, especially now that Central Station is looking after it, there are so many success stories."

In other business, council approved increases in their indemnities for 2019.

The increase in their pay comes in at about 14 per cent, but the hike, the mayor said, simply reflects a change in legislation that removed tax free

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# Making literacy fun

Left: Checking out the free books available at the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre's Family Literacy Day party last Friday night. The evening included a host of fun activities for all ages (below, left), including a spaced-themed photo booth where kids like Kaelyn Harrison (right) were able to show off their out-of-this-world costumes.

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## Corn & Apple in need of committee volunteers

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Corn and Apple is filling some vacancies on its organizing committee, including looking for someone to serve as chairperson for this summer's festival.

Festival chair is one of several leadership positions to be filled, including children's event tent, parade, first aid, and publicity chairs.

Executive director Lynda Lambert stressed the duties of these positions are not onerous.

"There's lots of volunteers already in place and working on a lot of these committees. It's just that they just need one person to kind of oversee it all.

"It's not a whole pile of work for one person ... so many people shy away from it because they don't want to be that lead," she said. "It's so different with Corn and Apple because so many people take ownership of their work and what they do that everybody gets their things done, and everybody pulls together."

The festival chair is the lead spokesperson and will meet with the media as well as work with the executive director in the development of the monthly agenda for committee meetings from April to September. The chairperson leads all monthly committee meetings and directs the activities of the committee chairpersons.

They must also attend the governing board meetings and are the liaison between the board and organizing committee. Lambert, as executive director, will assist the chairperson in any way necessary.

Meanwhile, the parade chair leads a committee of volunteers whose duties range from coordinating walking musical bands to overseeing parade applications.

The children's event tent chair will coordinate necessary volunteers, coordinate the petting zoo, games, and organize the entertainers.

The first aid chair will organize volunteers, who should have basic first aid training. This station is also available for parents to feed babies and to use as a change station.

The volunteer lounge chair oversees set up on festival Thursday and then ensures food and water is available for volunteers throughout the weekend.

These chairpersons are asked to attend the monthly festival committee meetings as well as manage a budget and coordinate their volunteers.

Lambert noted lists of past volunteer teams are available, and some training and support is also available to get you on your way.

If you'd like to get involved, contact the Corn and Apple Festival at 204-823-CORN.

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protection.

"It's in line with what other communities are doing," said Harder, who will now receive about \$35,000 a year. Meanwhile, the deputy mayor gets around \$18,000 and councillors receive just over \$16,000 for their work.

Council also reported on some progress being made towards the eventual twinning of Highway 32 through the city.

"Manitoba Hydro has said that they're ready to go," Harder said. "They are going to be putting lights up in anticipation of the work going on.

"We also believe the agreement is now reached with all of the landowners that are along that strip," he said, adding it now remains for the province to step up and commit to the project. "The lights are all turning green, and hopefully it shines green in Winnipeg ... we've unloaded all of our responsibilities now."

As well, the city is passing along a minor increase in water rates for the year ahead.

The Pembina Valley Water Co-op bumped up its rate by 82 cents per gallon \$8.98 per thousand gallons of water. For Winkler, which purchases 35 per cent of its water supply from the co-op, it will mean an increase by 29 cents per thousand gallons.

# Morden's Winterfest ready to go Feb. 16

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden's Winterfest has certainly come a long way since getting its start as a new community celebration 11 years ago.

"I don't know what we expected," said Lynette Froese, one of the lead organizers, in speaking recently about the event taking place on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 1-4:30 p.m.

"I think we're very happy with the way it has kind of become something that people in Morden think of and count on as a yearly event," she said. "Our hope was that it would sort of become one of Morden's signature events, and I think that has been realized."

Winterfest is an annual celebration of not only the winter season but our community's growing diversity.

It takes place both indoors and out at the Access Event Centre, offering everything from horse-drawn sleigh rides and hockey to cultural displays, food, and entertainment.

For a fourth year in a row, the local Polar Plunge will also be held in conjunction with Winterfest.

Participants will take an icy dive to raise funds for Special Olympics. Freezin' for a Reason over the last three years has raised over \$70,000 for the cause. People can sign-up to take part at [plungemanitoba.com](http://plungemanitoba.com).

Whether you stop by for a game of boot hockey or to make the rounds at the cultural booths, Winterfest is all about bringing people together, Froese said.

One aspect of the event they hope to keep growing is having food or snacks from the many different nations represented in the community.

"We have a few new countries this year, so that will be something different for people," she Froese said, noting how it reflects a growing diversity among families moving here. "The new countries added in this year are Cameroon, Nigeria, Poland and Portugal."

"And people are eager to jump in



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Morden's Winterfest celebrates not only the winter season but also the community's growing diversity through cultural displays, food, and entertainment. This year's event takes place on Feb. 16.

and participate, so that's really nice as well," she added.

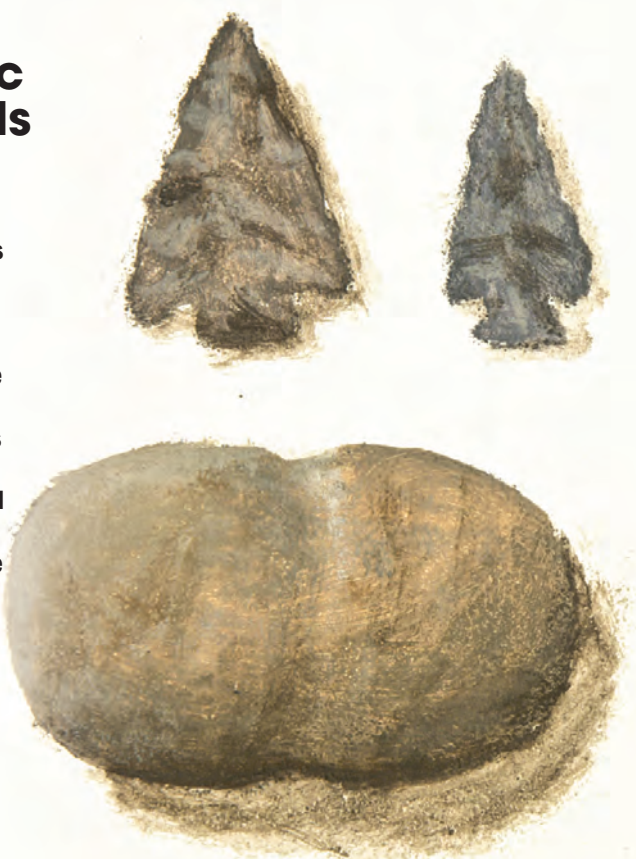
With just a few weeks to go, organizers are still looking for volunteers for a few key areas, including the photo booth, helping to direct people, flag set up on the Friday before, and clean up afterwards Saturday evening.

Whether you can help out or not, Froese hopes everyone is able to come out and enjoy the day.

"We're really just hoping that families come out and have a good time ... it's only the afternoon, so it's not a big time commitment, but there's lots packed into that time."

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# BSI donation helps WAC keep the lights on

Winkler Arts and Culture director Wendy Klassen received a \$1,500 donation from BSI Insurance's Kim Lebrun (right, centre) and Josh MacFarlane last week towards operational expenses at the Park St. art gallery.

The donation was made through BSI Insurance's Because We Care Initiative, which sees the company donate roughly \$25,000 each year in the communities they serve.

"It has proven to be a big challenge to find grants and funding for basic day to day operations for the arts," Klassen said. "With that being one of our biggest needs right now, we were delighted to see BSI give funding to our Keep the Lights on for Art fund. It's not the most attractive part of fundraising but it's such a vital component."



# Morden council talks snow clearing, truck parking

By Lorne Stelmach

Always a popular topic in winter, snow clearing came up for discussion at Morden city council on Monday.

The Morden chamber of commerce had previously brought up concerns about the downtown sidewalks needing to be cleared sooner, but council noted there are operational issues in-

cluding what equipment the city has available to do the work.

"It's gone back to the city and public works and engineering to determine what we can do," said Mayor Brandon Burley, noting one consideration may be whether a contractor could be moved from another priority to focus on the downtown.

Meanwhile, council also looked at

its policy that restricts heavy highway trucks from being parked in residential areas.

The city had been looking to start enforcing the rule, but Burley said their feeling was that it might be a hardship for some owners to find other alternatives right at the moment.

"This is basically just a stay of enforcement ... we're giving them an ex-

tra almost two years ... another whole winter season to come up with a better idea."

The city is also working towards the development of additional cemetery land.

Discussions are underway with a landowner about a property which might be able to provide an estimated 1,200 more plots.

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## Finger-Lickin' Shrimp

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. In a small bowl, prepare dipping sauce by whipping together 1/2 cup of the olive oil, the lemon juice, garlic, parsley, and oregano. Reserve. Using a paring knife, make a 1/4-inch incision down the backs of the shrimp. Devein them, but do not remove the shells. In a medium bowl, add remaining 1/4 cup olive oil and the shrimp. Toss the shrimp in the oil, then sprinkle salt overtop, and toss thoroughly so that the shrimp are coated in salt. Grill shrimp directly over the heat or pan cook for approximately 3 minutes per side, or until shrimp are opaque throughout. Serve with dipping sauce.

Yields 12 bites  
 3/4 cup best-available olive oil  
 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice  
 2 cloves garlic, minced  
 2 tablespoons minced fresh Italian parsley  
 2 teaspoons minced fresh oregano or thyme or 1 teaspoon dried  
 12 colossal shrimp, shells on  
 1/2 cup kosher salt or coarse sea salt



## Z'paghetti Marinara with Shrimp

Makes 2 servings  
 28 ounces (about 4 medium) zucchini  
 8 ounces (about 16) raw large shrimp, peeled, tails removed and deveined  
 1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
 1/8 teaspoon black pepper  
 1 cup Clean & Hungry Marinara Sauce (see below)  
 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Lay a large piece of heavy-duty foil on a baking sheet and spray with nonstick spray.
2. Using a spiral vegetable slicer, cut zucchini into spaghetti-like noodles. (If you don't have a spiral veggie slicer, peel zucchini into super-thin strips, rotating the zucchini after each strip.) Roughly chop for shorter noodles.
3. Place zucchini noodles in the center of the foil and top with shrimp. Sprinkle

with seasonings. Top with marinara sauce and Parmesan.

4. Cover with another large piece of foil. Fold together and seal all four edges of the foil pieces, forming a well-sealed packet.
5. Bake for 25 minutes, or until zucchini noodles have softened and shrimp are fully cooked.
6. Cut packet to release hot steam before opening entirely.
7. Transfer packet contents to a large bowl, and toss to mix.

**Clean & Hungry Marinara Sauce**  
 Makes 6 servings  
 3 cups canned crushed tomatoes  
 1/4 cup tomato paste  
 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar  
 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning  
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
 1/2 teaspoon onion powder  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1. Combine ingredients in a large sealable container. Mix until uniform.
2. Seal, and refrigerate until ready to use.

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### Tax changes set to affect new families, small businesses and more

The 2018 federal budget outlined many changes that will impact taxes this year, and Canadians need to be aware of how these updates will affect their tax return.

“The changes will be positive for the average person, with parental benefit sharing extended, additional medical expenses allowed for claims and incentives for carbon reduction,” explains Lisa Gittens, H&R Block tax expert. “The government has also made clear that Canadian business is a priority, with the reduction in corporate taxes for small businesses.”

Below are the tax laws most likely to have the biggest impact on returns.

**EI parental sharing benefits.** The supplemental parental sharing benefit will provide an additional five weeks of benefits when both parents agree to provide greater flexibility

to families. This pilot program allows claimants to keep 50 cents of their EI benefits for every dollar they earn, up to a maximum of 90 per cent of their EI benefits.

**Medical expenses.** Effective this year, taxpayers suffering from a severe mental impairment will be able to claim the costs of caring for a service animal. However, animals that provide comfort or emotional support, but have not been specially trained to perform the tasks above, will not be eligible.

**Climate Action Incentive.** As part of the Government of Canada's climate change plan, residents of New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan will receive a new tax credit called the Climate Action Incentive when they file their 2018 tax return in early 2019.

The government estimates that the average household will receive an

incentive of \$598 in Saskatchewan, \$248 in New Brunswick, \$300 in Ontario and \$336 in Manitoba. People who live in more rural areas will get 10 per cent more than those in cities to account for using more energy and not having many public transportation options as a way to reduce their fuel consumption.

**Small business corporate tax.** The small business corporate tax rate was reduced from 10.5 per cent to 10 per cent effective for 2018 and will be further reduced to 9 per cent for 2019.

**Veterans.** Retirement income security benefits received by veterans are now eligible for pension income splitting. This provision is retroactive to 2015. The amount that can be split is subject to a cap of \$103,056 for 2018.

Consult an H&R Block tax expert for more information.

# Give your Valentine the gift of a romantic song

By Lorne Stelmach

Stephen Hardy Palmer's musical career has taken him far and wide in many respects.

He played large arenas as part of a rock band that opened for such famous acts as Led Zeppelin.

These days, though, he is more in the role of troubadour playing intimate solo shows like his Feb. 8 gig in Morden.

"This is really kind of what I focus on these days," Palmer said in advance of the Valentine's Concert next Friday evening at the Pembina Hills Arts Council gallery.

"The ideal audience is about a hundred people or less ... you can really see what's going on with people, and you can really connect with the audience," he said. "That's the reason I really like these smaller shows."

Raised on gospel, country, and the blues, the old-time influences on a young prairie picker with a love of Doc Watson made Palmer a good fit for psychedelic folk-rock bands touring and playing support roles during the '60s UK invasion.

His musical journey began when an inlaw gave him an old guitar and he

began jamming with friends in high school. He formed his first band The Time Machine in 1966.

"We tried to play a lot of Wilson Picket and Otis Redding soul music to some very puzzled small town dance crowds," Palmer writes on his website. "My next groups were more successful, playing our original psychedelic-folk rock."

One of these groups, The Warp Factor, even got to open locally and regionally for several name acts. Led Zeppelin was likely the biggest name, but they also enjoyed meeting and hanging out with a number of other big groups at the time.

"Opening for Led Zeppelin, of course, was a big deal," said Palmer. "We opened for The Who twice, and we got to know them ... we got a chance to hang out with them a lot because they stayed over [in Edmonton] for a few days."

Through the 1970s Palmer became a touring guitarist with a number of lounge and night club acts, and then in the 1980s he attended Capilano College to study voice and arranging.

Palmer only started using his voice in the '80s when he found the time to study music a bit more formally, and

it was when he returned home to care for his mother that he found personal respite and freedom in becoming a solo performer.

Now based in Moose Jaw, he travels a circuit around western Canada and the northwestern U.S.

Despite having 40 years of touring under his belt, Palmer isn't slowing down.

"I now have four albums recorded with a fifth album on the way. And I focus on concert work—I now tour throughout Canada from the west coast to the Maritimes, and I'm hoping to add Europe and the States to my tour schedule."

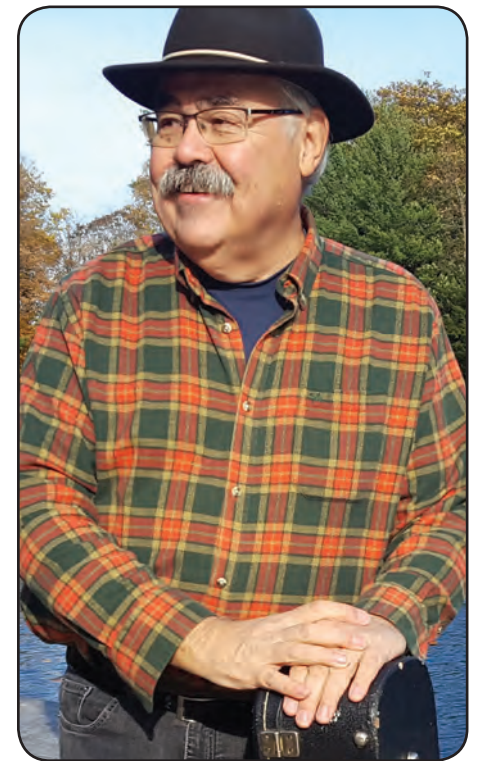
For the Morden show, Palmer will be focusing on classic love songs.

"We've got some of the great songs from the '50s on, some of the most popular ones," he said.

"I've been gigging a long time and I know that there's certain songs that people just can't resist, like *I Can't Help Falling In Love With You* or Willie Nelson's *You Are Always On My Mind*.

"I've got quite a list of those, and they've got a list at the art gallery as well for people to request a song for their Valentine."

Tickets are \$15. When you make



**SUPPLIED PHOTO**  
Stephen Hardy Palmer performs a Valentine's Concert Feb. 8 at the Morden art gallery.

your purchase you can choose a song for your sweetheart. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the downtown gallery.

# Applications open for regional juried art show

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Hills Arts Council plays host to the 2019 Central Region Juried Art Show.

Hosting the exhibition means the adjudication of the entered art work will take place in Morden in late April before the 40 or so chosen works begins their season-long tour here in May.

Administrative co-ordinator Laurie Wiebe hopes that might be some extra incentive for more local artists to get involved.

"We are truly blessed to have so many talented artists in the Pembina Valley, and I hope that many of these artists will enter their work into the show."

The juried art show offers an opportunity for artists to network with others and receive professional feedback on their work.

As rural artists often work in rela-

tive isolation, this event can be especially significant in their development, Wiebe suggested.

"This is an exciting opportunity for artists in the area to be part of a regional professional show and to have their work critiqued," she said.

"If they're selected by the jurors for the touring exhibit, artists will gain amazing exposure throughout the region. The artists will gain further exposure of their artwork, networking opportunities and receive feedback from the jurors to further their professional development.

"And the viewers will have the experience of seeing art from a wide variety of mediums by different artists that otherwise they may not see," Wiebe added. "Art takes on different meanings to each viewer and it can inspire, captivate, bring hope, spark imagination, trigger memories, fur-

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## Keeping an eye on the birdie

Winkler hosted the second stop of the Manitoba Badminton Association's Rural Super Series last Friday and Saturday, with games taking place at Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate. The 2018 Yonex Southman Open was hosted by the Winkler Badminton Club and featured singles and doubles tournaments for a range of ages. Left: Among the local players taking to the court were Morden's Spencer Norrie and Hernan Aguinaldo.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

## Flyers split doubleheader with Stampede

The Winkler Flyers split a weekend doubleheader with Swan Valley.

They couldn't carry over their success of a 2-1 win Friday against the second place Stampede as they took a 4-1 loss Saturday.

For the Flyers, it means they remain in eighth place at 19-22-4 for 42 points, which is just two up on the Waywayseecappo Wolverines and four behind the Blues.

The Flyers had a good opening 20 minutes Saturday as they outshot the Stampede 14-8, but were forced to settle for a scoreless tie.

Swan Valley opened the scoring just over five minutes into the second on the power-play and then doubled their lead to 2-0 later in the frame.

The Stampede increased their lead to 3-0 9:15 into the third with

their second power-play goal of the game, then Gino Lucia connected 30 seconds later on a slap shot to get Winkler on the board. That is as close as Winkler would come, as the Stampede put it away with an empty net goal.

Riley Morgan stopped 31 of 34 shots as Swan Valley outshot Winkler 35-26. Winkler went 0-for-7 on the power-play and 3-for-5 on the penalty-kill.

One night earlier, Morgan made 33 saves to help Winkler best Swan Valley Stampede 2-1.

Brody Moffatt and Eric Fawkes both found the back of the net for Winkler, who were looking to put a 1-3-1 road trip behind them and return to their solid play at home, which saw the Flyers pick up a 4-0-1 record in their last five games.

Winkler drew first blood on the power-play with just over three minutes left in the first when Moffatt re-directed in his 14th of the season.

With both teams trading chances in the second, Winkler doubled their lead to 2-0 when Eric Fawkes found the five-hole on Stampede's goaltender Merek Pipes from the left slot.

A combination of great stops and solid defensive play overall saw the Flyers hold on to their one goal lead until the final buzzer.

The Stampede outshot the Flyers 34-30, and Winkler went 1-for-6 on the power-play and 3-for-4 on the penalty-kill.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Flyers outshot the Winnipeg Blues 45-25 overall but were sunk by a lack of execution at both ends of the ice.

Winnipeg extended a 3-0 first period lead to 5-0 going into the third, despite being outshot 29-18 by Winkler.

The third period followed the same script, as Winkler outshot Winnipeg 16-7 in the final frame, but it was the Blues who would add three more goals including two on the power-play for the 8-0 shutout win.

Morgan took the loss, allowing seven goals on 23 shots as the Flyers outshot Winnipeg 45-25 overall and went 0-for-6 on the power-play and 2-for-5 on the penalty-kill.

Winkler had a rematch with the Blues in Winnipeg this Tuesday. They also have a pair of home games this weekend against Waywayseecappo Friday and the Steinbach Pistons on Saturday.



# Hawks best Parkland Rangers, Capital Plains

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks are so far making good on an opportunity to gain ground in the standings.

They continued a stretch of games against teams below them in the standings with a pair of wins this weekend over the Parkland Rangers.

Building up a winning streak with the pair of 3-1 and 2-1 wins in Morden, the Hawks then made it four in a row Monday with a 5-2 victory over the Central Plains Capitals in Morden.

The Hawks and Capitals traded goals through 40 minutes of play before Pembina Valley put it away with three unanswered markers in the third period.

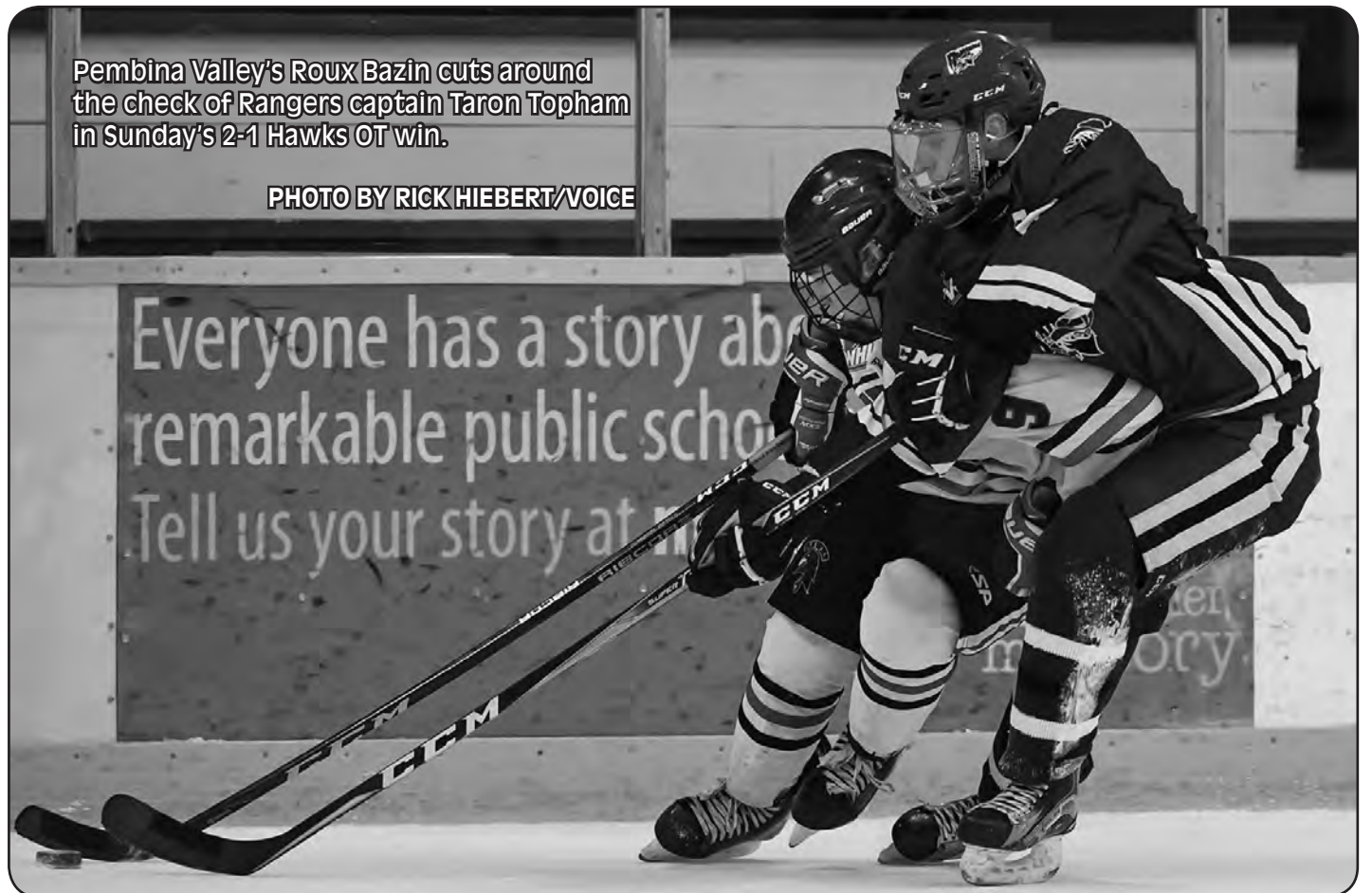
Riley Goertzen, Cameron Brunn, Hayden Couling, Tyson Allison and Michael Hlady scored for the Hawks, while Dylan Meilun made 31 saves as shots were 38-33 in favour of Pembina Valley.

Both games against Parkland were close ones, with Pembina Valley needing their second powerplay goal of the night into an empty net by Cameron Brunn to put away the first win Saturday.

Tyson Allison also connected on a man advantage in the second period while Riley Goertzen opened scoring in the first for the Hawks. Dylan Meilun got the win on 27 saves as the

Pembina Valley's Roux Bazin cuts around the check of Rangers captain Taron Topham in Sunday's 2-1 Hawks OT win.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE



Hawks outshot their opponents 39-28.

On Sunday, Parkland goaltender Zach Grouette kept the Rangers in the game with a 48 save performance as the Hawks won the shots battle once again, this time 50-26.

The teams traded early goals in the

first three minutes with Tyler Park tying the game at one. It remained scoreless then until 2:45 of overtime when Derek Wiebe got the winner.

Pembina Valley remained in the middle of the pack in seventh place, but they have a chance to both inch

closer to sixth place Eastman and widen the gap on the eighth place Winnipeg Bruins when they head to Kenora for a weekend doubleheader with the Thistles.

# Female Hawks looking to bounce back

By Lorne Stelmach

The struggles continued for the female Pembina Valley Hawks this past week.

Competitive but unable to find ways to win, the AAA Hawks had a tough three game weekend that saw their losing skid extend to nine games.

A narrow 3-2 loss to the Central Plains Capitals Friday in Portage was followed by a 3-0 shutout by the Ice in Winnipeg Saturday and then a 5-3 defeat at the hands of the Eastman Selects in Morden Sunday.

It leaves the Hawks mired in seventh and second-last place with just four regular season games remaining.

Their record of 7-14-3 for 17 points has them above only the Interlake Lightning at six points and eight behind Central Plains and 12 back of

Eastman. Fighting for position in the top four are Westman at 41, Winnipeg Avros at 38, the Ice at 33, and Yellowhead at 32.

Tessa Odell and Zoey Pearce scored for the Hawks as they fell behind 2-1 in the second period against Central Plains.

Kadynce Romijn put in a solid effort in net with 37 saves, while the Hawks could only manage 21 shots on goal.

Against the Ice, the Hawks were stymied by Winnipeg goaltender Emily Shippam, who stopped all 27 Pembina Valley shots. Romijn allowed three goals on 20 shots.

The Hawks came out strong Sunday as they jumped out to a 3-1 first period lead on Eastman, but the Selects got one back in the second and then three more unanswered goals in the third.

Cora Fijala and Cambree Martens each had a goal and two point nights, with the other goal coming from Abbi Conrad. Shots were 39-29 for the Hawks, with Regan Durand taking the loss with 24 saves.

Pembina Valley has an opportunity to break their losing streak Saturday as they host Interlake before then welcoming Yellowhead to Morden Saturday.

# Twisters extend win streak to seven

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters extended their current winning streak to seven games this weekend by doubling up the Stonewall Jets.

The 4-2 win Sunday kept the Twist-

ers at the top of the major junior standings with an eight point lead on the second place Raiders.

It sets up a big game Sunday in Morris as the Twisters welcome the last team to have beat them back on Jan. 4 when the Raiders edged Pembina

Valley 3-2.

This weekend, the Twisters came out strong on home ice against the Jets as they grabbed a 3-1 lead after 20 minutes.

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# Trio of Miami skiers bound for Winter Games

By Lorne Stelmach

The small town of Miami will be playing a big part on the ski team that will be among the Manitoba contingent at the Canada Winter Games.

Three of the 17 athletes competing in alpine skiing are classmates from Miami School.

Twins Jared and Karly Friesen will be joined by Lori Stepler in competing in the four alpine skiing events that include slalom, GS (giant slalom), super G, and ski cross. Amanda Creith of Manitou is also part of the ski team.

"Our school has often had big ski trips when we go to Asessippi," said Stepler in contemplating how Miami may have produced perhaps more than its fair share of competitive skiers for Team "Toba.

"It will be a fun experience to go as a team and go out there for Manitoba," said Jared, while his sister Karly added, "We all get along pretty well. It's almost like a family."

Taking place in Red Deer, Alberta from Feb. 15 to March 3, the Canada Games are this country's largest multi-sport event for young athletes.

They feature 19 sports and over 150 events as well as a major arts and cultural festival. There will be up to 3,600 athletes, managers and coaches involved as well as more than 20,000 visitors.

Team Manitoba is sending 208 of the province's best young athletes along with 46 coaches, 14 managers, eight



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Miami's Karly Friesen will be joined by her twin brother Jared, fellow Miami youth Lori Stepler, and Manitou's Amanda Creith on Manitoba's alpine skiing team for the Canada Winter Games next month.

tech support and 20 mission staff to participate.

"I'm really excited to be going," said Jared, adding that it was extra special to be going alongside his twin sister.

Skiing has been part of his life for as long as he can remember.

"I started skiing when I was about one and a half," Jared said. "I have been skiing for a long time, and I've been working really hard to try to get there, so I'm really happy that I'm able to go."

He enjoys skiing equally for leisure as well as competitively.

"There's so many things you can do with it you're skiing," he said. "My favorites have to be slalom and ski cross. With slalom, there's always something to work on. It's always fun to train. It's a lot more fast paced."

Karly said she was grateful for the support and encouragement of her parents as well as her brother.

"It's a great opportunity ... I'm really excited for it," she said.

"I was 18 months old when I first got on skis," Karly noted. "It's just a lot of fun. Being kind of free on the hill is always a lot of fun."

GS is a favourite event for her because "it's a little bit faster than slalom ... which I like because I like the speed ... and it's not as complicated."

Karly is no stranger to competition—she takes part in perhaps eight races a year—but the national Games is something special.

"You can learn a lot when you go on trips like this ... you can learn a lot of stuff, and it's a great opportunity."

Stepler is also eager to get a taste of the national spotlight.

"I went to the Manitoba Games last year and I thought it would be really cool to go the Canada Games," she said. "It's going to be a very good experience. I'm very excited about it ... I'm super duper excited about it."

She credits her teammates for getting her involved in the sport.

"The Friesen twins are the ones who got me into racing, so I've got them to thank for that," Stepler said, explaining she's been skiing since she was about seven with the club in La Riviere, but only started racing about three years ago.

Her favorite events are slalom or GS.

"I've never actually raced Super G or ski cross before, so that will be pretty interesting," she said. "I ski slalom and GS the most ... those are the ones we've trained for ... I find I like GS the most because it's fun and it's fast. It's really exciting. You're going super duper fast, and it's just really exhilarating."

# One more game to go for Royals, Redskins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Both the Winkler Royals and the Morden Redskins stumbled in their second-last games of the season last week.

Winkler fell to the Notre Dame Hawks 7-1 on Jan. 24. Phil Letkeman scored the Royals' lone goal. Devon Wiebe took the loss in net, despite making 37 saves.

The Redskins faced off against Altona Saturday night and earned their sixth loss of the season.

Morden played catch-up most of the night, with Karl Fey's second period goal getting the Redskins on the board, though behind 2-1.

The game was 3-2 thanks to a Jared Leiding goal midway through the third. Altona got one more for insur-

ance ahead of Jordan Valentino scoring Morden's final goal of the night with four seconds on the clock.

Reed Peters went the distance in net in the 4-3 loss, making 29 saves.

Earlier in the week, on Jan. 24, Morden beat Carman 2-1 in overtime.

After two scoreless periods, Carman drew first blood in the seventh minute of the third. Tyler Grove then got

the tying goal with six seconds to go in the game and then scored the winner 36 seconds into the extra period.

Morgan Wall made 31 saves as Morden outshot Carman 45-32.

The top of the SEMHL standings are tight when it comes to points. Carman is in first with 27 followed by Warren, Portage, and Morden (12-6-0-1), respectively, with 25 points,

though the Mercs and the Islanders do have a game or two in hand over the Redskins.

Winkler, meanwhile, is in seventh and last place at 2-17 for the season for four points.

This Saturday the Redskins play their final home game against Notre Dame. That same night, Winkler plays in Altona.

# High school sports round-up

In Zone 4 high school hockey last week, the NPC Nighthawks narrowly bested the PCI Trojans 7-6, the Morden Thunder bowed to the Pembina Tigers 3-1, and the GVC Zodiacs fell

to W.C. Miller 4-3.

In varsity girls basketball, the Thunder were defeated by the Sanford Sabres 57-19 in Zone 4 while NPC's ladies bested St. Norbert 37-35 in the

SCAC.

On the boys side, Sanford beat Morden 77-48, GVC fell to Carman 72-56, and NPC lost to St. Norbert 72-65.

# Drews clinch last Viterra berth at Manitoba Open

By Ty Dilello

After falling 8-7 in a double extra end to Trevor Loreth in the Winnipeg regional finals, it was looking like the Tyler Drews rink would be missing out on a trip to Virden for this year's Viterra Championships.

The Manitoba Open was the team's last chance if they wanted to head to provincials. When the smoke was all cleared, a 9-1 record was good enough for both the *Winnipeg Free Press* event title and, more importantly, a berth to the Viterra Championship.

The Drews rink consists of two pairs of brothers: Tyler and Josh Drews and Darryl and Andrew Evans. And although they curl out of the Fort Rouge Curling Club in Winnipeg, the Drews brothers originally hail from Lundar, while the Evans brothers are from Somerset. For Andrew Evans, the new addition to the Drews rink, this is his first men's provincial berth and one he will likely savour for a long time.

It was the semi-final of the *Winnipeg Free Press* event against Sean Grassie's Deer Lodge foursome where Drews punched their ticket to next week's Viterra Championship.

A close game early on, Drews trailed 2-1 after four ends and then came up

short on a draw in the fifth to give Grassie a 4-1 lead. Drews would start to mount the comeback in the sixth when they popped a deuce. A steal for Drews in the seventh brought the game to a 4-4 tie with Sean Grassie holding the coveted last rock in the final end.

The eighth end was fairly wide open with a center guard in Drews favour. On Tyler's final stone, he drew his rock around the tee line behind the center guard. There was a problem however, as the rock was only maybe a third buried behind cover. Grassie was second shot, so all he needed to do was pick the rock Tyler just threw to win the game. Fortunately for Drews, Grassie's rock overcurled and wrecked on the guard, giving Drews the 5-4 win and the coveted provincial berth.

After the game, team Grassie's third, Devin McArthur, quipped, "We kind of blew that game, but hats off to them. They earned their berth fair and square and I'm sure we'll be seeing them in Virden."

With their berth locked up, Drews went on to win the *Free Press* event final the following evening at the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club, defeating Charleswood's Darren Perche



**SUBMITTED PHOTO**  
From left: Tyler Drews, Josh Drews, Darryl Evans, Andrew Evans, and Ron Westcott are off to the Viterra Championships.

in convincing fashion.

The 32-team Viterra Championship field is now complete with the Manitoba Open in the books.

In addition to Drews, Granite's Robert Daudet and Charleswood's Darren Perche claimed the other last-chance berths at the Manitoba Open.



## Synchro skaters shine

Three teams from the Pembina Pizazz Synchronized Skating Club competed Jan. 19 at the Manitoba Synchro Championships in Carberry. The teams skated very well and received a gold assessment for beginner (above), gold for the juvenile (left), and fourth for pre-novice (above, left). The teams are comprised of members from Wahalla, Altona, Winkler, Carman, Swan Lake, Pilot Mound, and Morden. The girls next compete at the Prairie Regional Competition in Tisdale, Saskatchewan Feb. 1-2.

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# Agriculture

## Lamb producers stepping up to meet demand

By Harry Siemens

The Manitoba Sheep Association (MSA) was on hand at the Prairie Livestock Expo in Winnipeg last month to promote the growing industry.

Sheri Bieganski is the acting chairperson, the southwest director, and a cattle and sheep producer at Shereff Stock Farms near Carberry, which she runs together with her husband Jeff.

Bieganski is the fifth generation farmer on the property that houses their farm. While primarily cattle, they incorporated sheep into their farm six years ago.

"We wanted to diversify a little bit, and it's snowballed," she said. "Today we're at about 250 breeding ewes, and our ewes are purebred Dorsets, purebred Poll Dorset, and a handful of purebred Suffolk, so it's grown very quickly."

Bieganski said the market is growing with demand for lamb in Canada stronger than ever.

As a result, producer numbers are on the rise as well, with the MSA seeing 127 new members in the past year.

"We've never seen that before, making us ecstatic," Bieganski said. "[There's] so many people that are seeing the potential in our industry and the growth, and we're trying to help them out wherever and whenever we can, but it's something that we're working on and we're always trying to progress and do new things."

Bieganski said one reason for the renewed interest has to do with young people coming back to the farming lifestyle and wanting to start small.

Sheep are easier to get into than cattle, she noted, involving less capital.

Consumers are also leading the charge.

"They want to eat a lot of lamb meat and some mutton," Bieganski said. "[There's] also the fibre part of it, we all know wool comes from sheep. And there's a lot of that younger generation going back to handicrafts. They want to know where their clothes come from, make their clothing and to know where their food comes.

They want to buy local. So it just all fits together, it's just one big circle."

While lower-quality cuts of lamb served up decades ago left some generations with the perception that the meat doesn't taste good, today's consumers know better.

"There are a lot of cuts and choices, so many different things you can do with lamb," Bieganski said. "Lamb, when you eat young lamb, say 100 to 120 days old, it's very, very mild. It doesn't have a strong flavour, whereas if you're eating mutton, it can have a stronger taste. But the beauty about it is some people like the mild flavour and some people like the strong flavour. So it just depends on your taste, how you want to prepare it, and there are so many different ways you can make it."

Bieganski's flock is strictly a purebred registered flock, so they sell a lot of rams, ewes, ewe lambs for breeding. The animals that don't make the cut for breeding stock go for the butcher market.

"We have a few different buyers that we sell to depending on the time of year because we also lamb at different times throughout the year to try to hit those markets," she explained. "We try to capitalize on the Christmas and Easter markets when the prices are higher. There are other ethnic holidays throughout the year where the



Manitoba Sheep Association acting chair Sheri Bieganski at her family farm near Carberry.

prices fluctuate, so we try to take advantage of that by lambing different times throughout the year.

"There are lots of different ways you can come at raising sheep. It's not quite as, I don't want to say stringent as beef, but there's a lot of options for people to look at."

With increasing demand, there's so much growth potential for the sheep industry in Canada because Canadian producers are supplying only 35 to 40 per cent of Canada's domestic

lamb market.

"So many people come to us and say I want some local lamb. Where can I find it?" Bieganski said. "We're trying hard to make that connection between consumers and producers so that they can get the fresh local and keep plugging away at it."

"We've got a great group of directors at the table right now. Everybody's working hard, and the future is up to us, and we're very optimistic."

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ther sense of understanding, and share knowledge."

The deadline for registration is March 29. The artwork will be set up at St. Paul's United Church in Morden April 23 for judging April 24-25. A formal public reception will take place April 25.

The selected pieces will tour the region starting with Morden in May, Portage in June, Holland in July, and

Carman in August.

As well, 10 pieces from this show will be chosen for the Rural & Northern Juried Art Show in Winnipeg for September, while the remaining show will be featured at Winkler Arts and Culture in October.

Winkler Arts and Culture will also be hosting the Manitoba Art Network's Manitoba Showcase event in October, providing an ideal oppor-

tunity for additional exposure of the selected art pieces.

Submitted pieces for the juried art show must be original concepts and completed since November 2017. Artists can enter a maximum of three pieces

For more information on entering a piece, contact the Pembina Hills Arts Council or Winkler Arts and Culture.

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Elijah Carels scored a pair of goals to put him at 22 for the season, while also scoring were Sven Schefer and Jeremie Goderis, whose team-leading 29th goal has him second overall in the league.

Pembina Valley went 0 for 5 on the powerplay while the Jets were 2 for 4. Shots on net were 41-27 for the Twisters, with Martin Gagnon getting the win with 25 saves.

With that, the Twisters were at 27-4-3 for 57 points. Chasing them are the Raiders at 49, St. James Jr. Canucks at 47, St. Vital Victorias at 44, and, at 42, the Transcona Railer Express, who will be next up when they come to Morris Tuesday.

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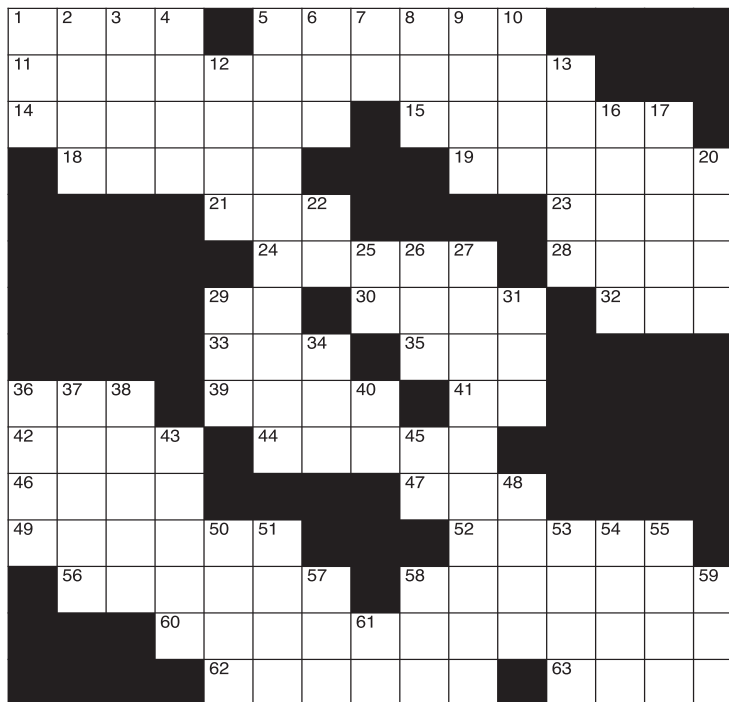
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24. Proverb
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29. Injury treatment
30. Red Sox ace
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56. Jewish salutation
58. Fruits
60. Poorly educated
62. Microorganism
63. Depicted

### CLUES DOWN

1. Ballplayer's tool
2. Hairdo
3. From a distance
4. Belt one out
5. Revising a text
6. More (Spanish)



7. Beloved Spielberg alien
8. BBQ dish
9. Provoke
10. Within
12. Canadian flyers
13. Smugly smile
16. Buffalo
17. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
20. Grab
22. Rural delivery
25. Equally
26. It's sometimes passed
27. Citizens who are qualified to vote
29. Greek letter
31. Body part
34. Boxing result
36. Newts
37. Predatory semiaquatic

### reptiles

38. Cockatoo
40. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
43. Leguminous east Indian tree
45. News reporting organization
48. A nemesis of Batman
50. Legal term
51. Not all
53. A way to greet
54. Knot in a tree
55. Satisfy
57. Russian space station
58. A baby's mealtime accessory
59. Stitch together
61. \_\_\_ and behold

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## OBITUARY



### John Klassen 1937 – 2019

On Thursday, January 24, 2019, John (Bergen) Klassen of Winkler, MB went home to be with his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

He was born on June 15, 1937 to his parents, John E K and Maria Klassen. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith on May 21, 1956 at the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church in Altona. John married his love, Justina Heppner on July 21, 1957 and they were blessed with five daughters.

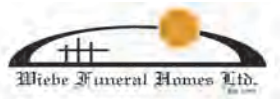
John leaves to mourn his passing his daughters, Darlene, Esther (Lyle) son, Kyle, Grace (Dave), their children, Emily, Tim (Emily), Eryn and Chris and son-in-law, Merlin Thiessen, children, Johann and Sam; also, four sisters, two brothers, in-laws and their families. He was predeceased by his wife, Justina in 2014; daughters, Ruth and Jean; his parents; two sisters and four brothers; two nieces and one nephew.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2019 at the Winkler Mennonite Church with interment at the Hochstadt Cemetery.

We the family, would like to thank the doctors and staff at the St. Boniface Cardiac Unit as well as the doctors and staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, the many friends and family and New Hope Mennonite Church family for their prayers and the care given to Dad though this time.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in John's memory to Gateway Resources in Winkler.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler  
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## OBITUARY



### Eva Fehr (nee Heppner) 1925 - 2019

Eva Fehr, 93, of Winkler, MB formerly of Altona and Rosetown passed away peacefully on the morning of Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Salem Home.

Eva was born to Peter and Elizabeth Heppner on February 12th, 1925 at their home South of Plum Coulee. She received her education in Rudnerwiede. She was baptized upon the confession of her faith June 11, 1946 in the Sommerfeld Church by Bishop Peter Toews. She was faithful to this commitment all of her life. She later transferred to the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. On October 28, 1956 she married John Fehr, and they were happily married for forty-five and a half years. Together they were blessed with two sons, Melvin and Ken. They farmed in the Rosetown area and enjoyed life in the country-side. She was a very loving and caring mother and grandmother.

She kept busy with gardening, cooking, baking, helped with getting parts, delivering meals to the field and helping John and the boys on the farm where ever she could. They retired to Altona in 1984 and lived there for 13 years. In 1997, they moved to Winkler and resided at Crocus. Here, she helped take care of John, and often had family and friends over for faspa, and afternoon coffee. She was a mentor to many, as she always had a positive outlook on life and never failed to put a smile on your face. She always offered her encouragement and prayed for those she loved. She was our prayer warrior. Eva enjoyed puzzling, knitting, crocheting, playing games on the 7th floor of Crocus, bible studies and having a good visit over coffee. In February of 2018, her health began to slowly deteriorate. She was hospitalized for several weeks but was able return home for two weeks before being hospitalized again. She remained in hospital until she was placed into the Rock Lake Health District Personal Care Home in Pilot Mound on August 14, 2018. Despite being so far from home she really enjoyed her time there and received wonderful care from the staff. She was then moved to Salem Home on December 13, 2018. She was excited to be back in Winkler, and family was grateful to have her close to home again. We were able to share what would be our last Christmas with her. She enjoyed the company, and watching her great-grandchildren run around playing with each other. She even made the comment that she had a beautiful family and was very blessed.

Left to mourn and cherish her memory are her loving son, Ken, wife, Eleanor, a daughter-in-law, Lynette Fehr, husband, Ben Dyck, six grandchildren and their spouses and 10 great-grandchildren. She also leaves to mourn a sister, a brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, many nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her husband, John, her son, Melvin, as well as her parents, a brother and a sister.

Eva is now resting in Heaven, where she has been ready to go for some time now. Her wish was to go in her sleep, and we are grateful for this to come true. She will be sadly missed by all whose lives were touched by her. May she rest in peace.

Memorial service for Eva was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 28, 2019 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

We the family would like to thank the Wiebe Funeral Home, the Boundary Trails staff, Dr. Dreyer, the Rock Lake Health District Personal Care Home staff, Salem Home staff, Dr. Dhala, the deacons for their visits, the ministers, and all those were part of Mom's funeral. We would also like to thank all the people for the phone calls, texts, flowers, cards, food, visits, and prayers. Mom, Grandma, Oma, Great-Grandma - We will always love you.

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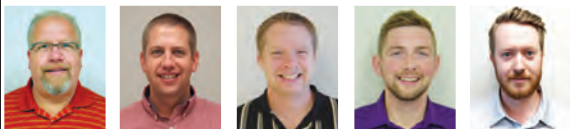
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