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From left: Heather DiFrancesco and Alyssa Friesen were among the dozens of volunteers who served up waffles at the Maranatha Christian Fellowship Church in Winkler last Saturday to raise funds and awareness for the refugee families settling in the area this spring.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The first Syrian refugees have already begun showing up in the Winkler-Morden area, and the communities are doing their part to make sure their first days

in their new home are welcoming ones.

On Saturday, a Winkler group that is sponsoring a family of seven held a waffle breakfast to drum up awareness and donations.

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Syrian families find safe harbour in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Two Syrian refugee families are starting their new lives in Morden.

A family of three and a family of four arrived in the community last week.

They came through the sponsorship of three local churches who had to act quickly when the arrival date was suddenly bumped up earlier than had been expected.

"We only heard about a week ago the folks were arriving this week," Rev. Suzanna Bates commented in advance of picking up the families at the Winnipeg airport late on Feb. 4.

"We were first told our application could take several months and then we were told by the end of February they would be here, so there was a little time. Then last week we were told they're coming next week. So things really progressed extremely quickly."

Bates said the families were resting through the weekend and are declining interviews at this point as they get settled into their new home.

"I think they have had quite a journey," she said, suggesting it was all rather over-

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Community eager to welcome newcomers

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Co-organizer Alyssa Friesen says the morning raised just over \$3,200, in addition to a tableful of new and gently used household items and clothing for the family to use when they arrive sometime later this month.

"We really had no expectations," she said, noting about 150 people came out to enjoy breakfast at the Maranatha Christian Fellowship Church. "I think the bigger thing that we were happy with is just that it got out to the community ... that these families are coming. Not just ours, but the other ones, too."

There are actually several local groups—made up of churches, businesses, and concerned individuals—sponsoring refugee families to the Pembina Valley.

Three of those families have already arrived in Winkler over the last few weeks, while two more should be coming within the next month.

"We want to make people aware that they are being fully integrated into our community," Friesen said. "Eventually they'll be working in our

"WE'VE SEEN LOTS OF GENEROSITY."

community, their kids will be going to school here, they'll be part of community activities, sports.

"These people have been through quite a bit and this is starting a new life over for them," she added. "It's going to be overwhelming."

If the response the refugee sponsorship fundraising campaigns have received over the last few months is any indication, the community is eager to do its part to help ease the transition.

"We've seen lots of generosity and all the other groups that are supporting refugee families too have seen lots of generosity," Friesen said, noting the government asks sponsors to raise about \$19,000 to help refugees get started in Canada.

That's really not much to live on, though, so every single donation above that will really help these fami-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

About 150 people came out to a waffle breakfast in Winkler Saturday to raise funds for a family of seven Syrian refugees set to arrive in the city later this month.

lies get off on the right foot.

"That's why we're relying so much on donations for furniture and clothing and so on," Friesen said. "So that we have a good start and then we can kind of figure it out from there."

A sponsoring group's work doesn't stop when the families arrive, of course.

"There's organizing for the kids to go to school, getting them into lan-

guage classes and eventually finding work, setting them up with Regional Connections, all the health stuff—doctors, optometrists, dentists—and then helping them figure out how to adjust to life in Canada," said Friesen.

If you'd like to learn more about how you can help, check out the donation needs listed on the "Waffle Fundraiser Breakfast" Facebook page or contact Kara Wieler at 204-362-8044.

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Adult & Teen Challenge opens Winkler office

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Addicts in the Pembina Valley will now be able to get some of the help they need locally.

Last month, Adult and Teen Challenge opened up a new office in Winkler at 565 George Ave.

The Winkler office represents the Christian-based rehabilitation program's third location in Manitoba,

alongside rehab centres in Winnipeg and Brandon.

"About 40 per cent of our guys are from this area, from Altona, Morden, Winkler. And that's probably growing," said Living Free trainer and coordinator Chris Derksen. "There is a drug problem out here ... and there's a lot of families that are hurting and are in need.

"We also get a lot of community

support from this area," he added, "and so we just felt we wanted to be a resource for the community out here."

Now that they have a more tangible presence in the region, Adult and Teen Challenge is able to organize several support groups for people living with addiction of one kind or another.

"Our Concerned Persons group is for people that are connected with people that have addictions," Derksen explained. "So the parents of an addict, the spouse of an addict, and so on.

"It's all confidential and it's safe and it's a place where people can share and feel that they're heard," he said. "It's just to provide them hope and also give them the coping mechanisms on how to deal with a loved one who is an addict.

"There's a real connection" between people who have been or are all going through the same challenging situation, Derksen said. "Suddenly you feel, 'Somebody actually gets me and understands what I'm going through.' That's what that's for."

Derksen will also be running what's called Living Free Groups for functioning addicts who want help but aren't able to commit to one of Adult and Teen Challenge's 12-month residential programs outside their community.

"It's for people that have addiction problems but maybe they can't take a year to go somewhere ... but they still need help" he said.

For some people, the Living Free Groups can be the first step toward committing to a more intensive rehab program.

"If they come to the end of it and come to the conclusion that they're still living in their addiction and it's not getting any better, then they may have to uproot and take the year to deal with it," Derksen said.

Other support groups starting up

"ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF OUR GUYS ARE FROM THIS AREA ... WE WANTED TO BE A RESOURCE FOR THE COMMUNITY."



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Adult and Teen Challenge's coordinator Chris Derksen at the Christian-based rehab program's new Winkler offices at 565 George Ave.

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Drumming up an interest in fitness

By Lorne Stelmach

It might get a little loud, but just remember that the kids are having fun and getting fit at the same time.

A new program being offered to youth in Morden aims to help improve their fitness through drumming.

Drumming fitness combines the dynamic movements of dance with the energizing rhythms of the drum, using an exercise ball with drumsticks for a fun-filled brain and body workout.

"The combination of dynamic movement and drumming on a stationary fitness ball makes everyone and anyone a part of that beat," said Deanna Baker of the Fittwell Centre. "You do not realize you are exercising your mind in addition to your body."

A trial class taught last month by Baker went over well with students at École Morden Middle School.

"The drumming fitness was ac-

tive and engaging for the students. I heard many students comment about how much fun they had," said ÉMMS physical education teacher Ashley Moffat.

"The students loved the fitness drumming classes," agreed school music teacher Heather Clyde. "They were upbeat, energizing and so much fun."

Now, a weekly drumming fitness class is being offered by the City of Morden to students in Gr. 5-8 as an after-school program.

The program starts tomorrow, Feb. 12, and continues every Friday for five weeks. The first session is already full, so organizers are planning a second session to begin April 8.

City of Morden recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck, who had arranged for students to try drumming fitness out, said it was good to have the students experience the program first-hand.

Dueck hoped the experience will



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A new after-school drumming fitness program for Gr. 5-8 students is getting started in Morden this week.

encourage students to sign up for the after-school program

"We need to be creative at a time like this when only five per cent of kids age 12-17 are getting the recommended 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity per day," she said.

The program is being run with assistance through the City of Morden, Southern Health-Sante Sud, Fittwell Centre and the Morden Area Foun-

dation Women's Giving Circle.

To register your child, contact Dueck at 204-822-5431 extension 223 or e-mail sdueck@mordenmb.com.

An adult drumming class is also in the works and an open house will be held on Feb. 25 at the Access Event Centre at 7:30 p.m. for those interested in learning more. Contact Dueck for more information.

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A life without secrets

So I preached on lust the other day and I realized that it had been eight years since we had last talked about the topic of sexuality in the church.

Eight years! We live in a sex-obsessed culture, yet—and I'm going to make a generalized statement here—for the most part churches are silent on the topic of sexuality.

Sure, a youth pastor might approach the subject with fear and trembling and a permission slip from parents, but rarely is our sexuality addressed from the pulpit.

Our silent narrative leads to shame and denial about something that ought to be affirmed.

Worse yet, when we remain silent on the topic of sexuality we allow media and culture to determine our children's worldview or perspective on it.

I believe God wants the very best for us, a good and beautiful life, including that we have the very best possible sex. That sounds strange to hear doesn't it? God wants us to have great

sex? Let's remember that sex was his idea, it's not like Adam or Eve invented it in the garden and God was up in heaven looking down thinking, "Oh no! What are they doing?!"

It's not wrong to have sexual desire, in fact it's how God created us; it is good, a gift from our creator. It's the mechanism that God created to force us to put down the Xbox or PlayStation controller and meet someone!

Our sexuality should not be shameful, but the Bible also teaches that we must guard what is good. The high walls around sexual intimacy in the Bible, the boundary that sexual activity is reserved for marriage between a husband and a wife is there because God is protecting something sacred, beautiful, and precious.

Sexual desire is not the problem, lust is. There is a difference between sexual attraction and the intentional objectifying of another person for one's own gratification, lust. So many men and women have become trapped in living a double-life, filled with secret fantasies or worse, because of lust.

Lust or sexual addictions often have very little to do with sex; rather it's an easy way to fill a void in your life or to handle negative feelings you might have about yourself. Maybe you feel disconnected, alone, apathetic, you want adventure and fueling your sexual desire through pornography or strip clubs makes you feel alive.

In other words, lust or sexual addiction doesn't begin with the internet;

it begins in your heart. Jesus teaches that who we are on the inside is who we are. We can't fool ourselves into the religious mind-set that only our outward behaviour matters; that it's somehow okay to only watch PG movies but at the same time we have an X-rated fantasy life.

Jesus has won my heart; at the core of my being I have found love, a sense of purpose and worthiness, acceptance, joy, gratitude for the life I get to have.

I've built my life around who God says I am, and because of Jesus I love my life! Jesus doesn't just want you to look good from the outside, but to feel good from the inside.

When we leave behind the lies that people or society has told us about ourselves and become alive and responsive to the love and power of Jesus, we see lust or sexual addiction for what it is: a false and short-lived feeling of pleasure that ultimately harms our lives.

Someone who believes at his or her core that they are worthwhile and important, loved and valued, will no longer be constantly looking for another life.

I encourage you to join me in finding the better life in Jesus, one without secrets.

- Terry Dueck is an associate pastor at the Winkler MB Church



By Terry Dueck

letters

A history of broken promises from Selinger

Elections are about making promises, but good government is about keeping them.

The Selinger NDP ran in the last provincial election on a promise they would not raise taxes. Greg Selinger then flip-flopped and brought in the largest tax increase in

Manitoba's history, first by expanding the PST and then by hiking it to eight per cent. In doing this, the NDP broke the trust of Manitobans and took more than \$1 billion out of their pockets.

Now the premier, under questioning from our Progressive Conser-

vative caucus and the media, has indicated further tax increases are possible.

Over the past several weeks, Selinger and the NDP have promised lavish new spending with pre-

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Nature Talk to share ins and outs of creepy crawlies

By Lorne Stelmach

Some may find them fascinating, others are creeped out by them. For most of us, though, insects aren't something we give much thought to.

But an upcoming Nature Talk sponsored by A Rocha hopes to make more people think twice about the world of bugs.

"I hope that people will see insects not just as bugs that need to get rid of, that they do have their jobs to do ... they have a purpose," said Luc Blanchette, who will present *A Bug's Life: Insect Ecology 101* Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Central Regional Library in Morden.

"That's one of the reasons why we wanted to have the talk on insects," agreed Jamie Fox, director of the A Rocha interpretive centre in the Pembina Valley.

"Hopefully, this talk can help people to see them in a new way and see the roles insects play. Hopefully, that fascination can replace the fear that

some people may have."

Blanchette, who is an entomologist, educator and naturalist, has long been involved with and a supporter of A Rocha.

His presentation addresses how insects are an easily overlooked part of our ecosystems.

After getting past the squeamishness many people have when it comes to creepy crawlies, insects are deeply fascinating and play some vital roles, Blanchette stresses.

"Just in Canada, there's something like close to 500,000 species of insects, so that's a huge number," he noted. "Many of them will go pollinating flowers for the fruits and vegetables that we eat. Some others actually have some uses in medicine.

"In other countries, insects actually are a staple food. And also for the study of genetic diseases, many of the diseases that humans have, insects can have also."

Blanchette will touch on some of the characteristics that make bugs



A ROCHA PHOTO BY RUTH HIEBERT

Naturalist and entomologist Luc Blanchette, shown here on Birding Day last summer, presents *A Bug's Life: Insect Ecology 101* at the Morden Library Feb. 18 as part of A Rocha's Nature Talk series.

unique and how they fit into our ecosystems. His presentation will include pictures as well as samples from his collection.

This evening presentation is open to all ages and intended to be equally interesting for youth and adults alike.

For A Rocha, presentations like this tie in well with its mission as an international Christian organization which, inspired by God's love, engages in scientific research, environmental education, community-based conservation projects and sustain-

able agriculture.

It's about the transformation of people and places by showing God's love for all creation, Fox said.

"The best way to get people to care about creation or nature and the outdoors is to help them learn about it and also experience it," he said. "We want people to see creation in new ways and hopefully that excites and motivates folks to want to spend more time outside and to get more out of it too."

Several addictions support groups starting up

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include one being held at the Christian Life Centre in Morden for men dealing with pornography addiction, and another for graduates of Adult and Team Challenge's programs.

"They come back to the area and it's really tough for them to reintegrate back into life, because they've done a lot of changing but in many ways their environment has not," Derksen said. "So in many ways it's about for them having support, having community, having people who understand what they've gone

through ... we want to make sure they don't fall through the cracks."

The Winkler office is currently open Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday. Demand has already been so great that's it's likely they'll need to expand those hours in the future.

"Who knows how this will grow and evolve?" Derksen said, noting they'd also like to partner with local schools to reach out to students about the dangers of addiction.

"This is a problem that everybody knows about, but nobody wants to talk about it. It's

like that deep, dark secret of the community," he said. "And yet we know it's going on and you take away the power of the problem when you talk about it and are honest about it.

"We're out here humbly saying that we're here to help." You can reach the Winkler Adult and Teen Challenge office at 204-332-1932.

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hound mixes," she said. "We also have cats and kittens in a variety of colours."

You can learn more about the Pembina Valley Humane Society, including how you can volunteer or make a donation, online at pvhsociety.ca.

The shelter also holds its annual general meeting at the Morden Library on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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election announcements. What they're not telling Manitobans is that to pay for all this new spending, their upcoming tax hikes will have to be at least as huge as their previous PST broadening and increase. For Manitobans, this could mean a nine per cent or 10 per cent PST.

In the period between their November Throne Speech and Jan. 19, the NDP made new spending commitments in excess of \$6.6 billion. The money has to come from somewhere. And this Selinger government is increasingly facing the consequences of its

waste and financial mismanagement, as is clear through the recent lowering of Manitoba's credit rating—the first such downgrade for the province in three decades. Yet, they still don't get the message.

The Selinger NDP has lost the trust of Manitobans, and Manitobans will issue their verdict at the ballot box on election day when they deliver the message it's time for a change for the better.

Cameron Friesen, Opposition finance critic, MLA for Morden-Winkler

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Young filmmakers eager to show their work

O'ba Yo Film Festival takes over Winkler concert hall on Louis Riel Day

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The first O'ba Yo Film Festival on Monday will give Winklerites the chance to check out the skills of some very talented young local filmmakers.

Students of Garden Valley Collegiate's film course will be showcasing their work at the festival, which runs on Louis Riel Day from 2-9 p.m. at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

In between showings of classic episodes of *I Love Lucy* and *The Ed Sullivan Show* will be a range of student projects, including short films, sports mash-ups, mock television show openings, commercials, and more.

"It's going to be great for the kids to see their stuff up on the big screen in

front of an audience," said film GVC teacher Darren Crane.

"Because it's the family holiday I think it would be great for a family to say, 'Hey, my kid might be doing this someday' or kids can come and be inspired: 'this is something I can do?'" Crane added. "I don't know if we have the next Steven Spielberg, but you never know unless you give them that opportunity."

Crane will be picking films from the last few semesters' worth of student work, which gives him plenty to choose from.

"I want to show a wide variety of what we do here," he said, adding that he's constantly blown away by his students' creativity and enthusi-

asm.

Gr. 12 student Levi Thiessen is hoping to show his film *School Trek: The Last Generation* at the festival.

In the four-minute sci-fi parody, Thiessen turned Garden Valley Collegiate into a Federation starship and then demonstrated not just his comedic timing but also countless technical filming elements.

"Every new film I do you've got to learn something different to make it more believable," he said. "Green screen, miniatures—all sorts of different things. Every new film is an opportunity to do new stuff."

Thiessen has been a film buff for years and says the high school film course gave him the opportunity to hone his skills with an eye to perhaps one day pursuing film studies at the post-secondary level.

"Ever since middle school, basi-

cally, I've been tinkering around with cameras and computers," said Thiessen. "It gives you a chance to express yourself ... bring out your individuality."

Of the film festival, Thiessen said he and his fellow students are pretty excited to be able to share their work with the community.

"It's nice to get some exposure," he said, urging anyone with an interest in homegrown talent to come check things out on Monday.

Also on the schedule for the day is a stop motion animation workshop hosted by Freeze Frame Manitoba in the concert hall's basement from 2-5 p.m. (space is limited, but you can call 204-325-5600 to see if there's still room).

The resulting claymation short will be shown in the auditorium upstairs around 5 p.m.

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New director of planning eager to take on role

By Lorne Stelmach

Landing a challenging new job in his hometown makes it all that much more exciting for Scott Toews.

The City of Winkler's new director of planning and engineering had his first day in the position this Monday.

For the 28-year-old, the role primarily offered a great way for him to advance his career, but it was a nice perk that it also offered a chance for a homecoming.

"It's a really great opportunity for myself in both ways," said Toews.

"Personally ... I get to move back home closer to my family and a lot of my friends who I grew up with," he said, "and professionally, it's a great opportunity. It's a management po-

sition and having an opportunity to learn something new and work with new people ... it's very exciting for me."

Toews takes over from Malli Aulakh, who had been in the role since last May.

Toews comes to new job after having served as a hydrotechnical engineer at Manitoba Hydro. He holds a Masters degree in engineering specializing in water sciences and especially in the areas of drainage and water management.

Toews said it will take a bit of time for him to get a feel for all of his new responsibilities and duties with the city.

"I'm interested in all components of engineering. That's why I went into it

in the first place," he said. "Any time I can expand my breadth of knowledge, I will take it."

He said it is exciting and challenging coming into a situation where the community is really growing and expanding at a rapid pace.

"There will be challenges and a lot of rewards that will come along with too," he said.

"Any time you can step into a role where the city is already growing at such an incredible pace, it creates a lot of opportunities for new projects. So it should be an exciting time."

He anticipates there will be a lot of discussion in the coming days and weeks with the mayor, council and staff.



Scott Toews began work as Winkler's new director of planning and engineering on Monday.

Impaired driver does his part to keep streets safe

It was probably one of the easiest collars Winkler police have ever made.

Just after midnight on Feb. 6, officers found a man seated behind the wheel of a vehicle parked in front of the Winkler Police Station and waving frantically as the police drove by.

When the officer approached the vehicle, the driver insisted he be arrested for impaired driving and breaching his probation order.

The man fully cooperated with police and the resulting breathalyzer showed readings of 140 and 120 msg%—well over the legal limit.

The man, who was on a three year probation order to abstain from alcohol, was arrested and charged with both impaired driving and breaching a probation order.

He was held in custody overnight and released for a March 8 court date in Morden.

Other items of note in the Winkler and Morden weekly police reports include:

- Feb. 1: A 2015 black Chevrolet truck was vandalized while parked at Morden's Access Event Centre for most of the day.

Upon leaving at day's end, the owner found a dent on the passenger's side above the back wheel. It appears to have been made by a hockey stick or skate.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

- Feb. 2: A local was defrauded of several hundred dollars after falling

victim to a computer scam.

The victim told police that they had called a toll-free number that showed on their screen in a pop-up they were unable to exit from.

Upon calling the number they were asked for personal information and a credit card number to pay for the process of clearing the virus. The victim complied and was defrauded of \$551.63.

Then, several weeks later, the same thing occurred, only this time the amount charged to the credit card was \$607.00.

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Fire destroys house

By Lorne Stelmach

A mother and child escaped without injury, but their Morden-area home was extensively damaged in a fire last Thursday.

The Morden fire department was called to the home located just southwest of the city around 1:30 p.m.

"The fire had gained quite a foothold in the garage by the time that we got the call," said Fire Chief Andy Thiessen.

The mother was home with a child at the time and "could smell smoke and went to investigate and opened up the garage door and got hit with a bunch of smoke and heavy heat," said Thiessen. "She slammed the door shut and kept it confined to that space as much as possible ... evacuated the home with the child and called us."

The attached garage had been add-

ed on to the home, Thiessen noted.

"It encompassed a window that went from the garage into the house, and smoke and flames got into the house through that window. Otherwise, we maybe could have protected it ... but it got into the rest of the house. There is very heavy smoke damage throughout the whole house and, of course, water damage as well."

Firefighters were on the scene until after 8 p.m. that night and returned Friday to check for flare-ups.

An investigator from the Office of the Fire Commissioner came out and assisted in pinpointing the likely cause of the fire.

"We've nailed it down to an extension cord that was plugged into a secondary fridge in the garage ... it wasn't a large extension cord either, it wasn't a heavy duty one. That's where we think it started," said Thiessen.



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"Welcome them as neighbours"

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler-Morden area is in the midst of welcoming several refugee families from Syria this spring, but they are certainly not the first refugees to have come to the Pembina Valley to create a new life for themselves.

Flory Bahati emigrated to Canada and Winkler in 2013 after calling a Ugandan refugee camp home for nearly a decade.

"In my country we don't have peace," the Congo native says. "We have war. We have people fighting every day for years. So I was looking where I could get peace."

Bahati fled his war-torn home after losing two brothers and his parents to the fighting.

"I was running, hiding in the bush, the forest until I found a way to go to Uganda," he says. He arrived there in 2004 and spent the next nine years trying to survive and plan for a future.

"The life in the camp is not easy," Bahati says. There are too many people, too little space, and no work to be had. "You have just a small plot of land to cultivate for beans and maize."

His wife, fellow Congo refugee Ikeza Mumblamba, has lost family members to illness due to the conditions at the camp.

"They are getting some first aid, medical, but not very good," Mumblamba says. "They get some food. But it is not really okay in the camp."

That made what Bahati had to do when he came to Canada all the more heartbreaking: he had to leave Mumblamba behind.

The couple had met while singing at the camp church. They fell in love and were wed, but hadn't been married more than a couple of weeks when Bahati's application to move to Canada was unexpectedly approved.

Because of the terms of his sponsorship—taken on by a friend who had made it here years earlier—he couldn't take Mumblamba with him, not right away.

"It happened very quickly. I had

to let him go," she says. "I said, 'I'll be waiting for you.' I was so sad. I was so afraid. I didn't know if he would be able to come back, if I could come to him, what would happen. It all took a very long time."

Bahati spent the next few years finding work and establishing himself in Canada (today he's employed at Meridian Industries in Winkler), saving money for Mumblamba's sponsorship, and then waiting for her immigration paperwork to very slowly work its way through the system.

"I was trying to sponsor her but it was not easy for me," Bahati says. "It was not easy [being apart]. Not easy leaving her in Uganda ... there is no peace there, either. Life is very, very hard."

After almost exactly two and a half years spent half a world away from each other, the couple were finally re-

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whelming for them. "It must be a lot for them to take in at this time."

The three churches—Morden Mennonite Church, Pembina Parish United Church and Pembina Mennonite Fellowship—felt called to be part of the answer to the plight of the refugees.

"For us, it's a very clear motivation drawn from our faith," said Bates. "If there was no refugee welcome or refugees in the time when Jesus was born, we simply wouldn't have a Christian faith."

Bates said it would be hard to comprehend what it all must be like for these families.

"Absolutely impossible. We simply have no idea. We can make all kinds of guesses. We try to imagine what things must be like for them. I'm sure that our guesses aren't even close."

A support committee made up of more than 20 members from the churches met Jan. 19 to plan for the arrival. The committee was told the application process could take up to six months before the families would arrive, but they were then

fast-tracked.

"I think we were preparing for just about any kind of eventuality," Bates said.

"For example, how tired these people must be just from the travel alone, goodness knows what they've been through before that ... possible trauma, all kinds of anxiety, worry ... they're stepping into the unknown."

"We can't possibly begin to imagine. So I think we were working hard to make the welcome as warm and authentic as possible, to provide what we think are going to be their needs as these people are arriving."

Their first priority for the transition process was to find a temporary home for them in Morden.

"We have housing for at least a month," said Bates, noting they were still looking for more permanent solutions for the families. "We will need longer term rental accommodation for the two families."

They were also open to any and all donations to support the refugees. Everything from furnishings and clothing is needed as well as arrangements for transportation,

medical care, schooling, and much more.

"Some donations are already coming in, but again we would be very grateful ... financial donations or household things," said Bates.

The three churches agreed to raise an amount of \$20,000 each for the refugee sponsorship.

Bates said they were immensely grateful for the support of the local community in reaching their goal.

"It has been amazing to see how people have pulled together to make this happen ... how people have opened their hearts to this."

If you would like to donate to the ongoing support of these refugee families, get in touch with Morden Mennonite Church, (204-822-7450), Pembina Parish United Church (204-822-4508) or Pembina Mennonite Fellowship (204-362-1285)

"We are really excited about this. It's really got people moving. There's been such a generous outpouring," Bates said. "People want to be involved, they're open, they're willing. People have been extremely positive about this."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Flory Bahati and wife Ikeza Mumblamba spent years living in a refugee camp in Uganda after fleeing their war-torn native Congo. Today they call Winkler home and say they appreciate the chance to live their lives in a peaceful nation.

united at the end of last October.

Today Mumblamba is taking English courses to fine-tune her language skills before she starts looking for work.

The couple continue to adjust to life in Canada and in Southern Manitoba,

but say it has rapidly become home to them.

"The first time I came to Winkler, it was so quiet," Bahati recalls. "But I

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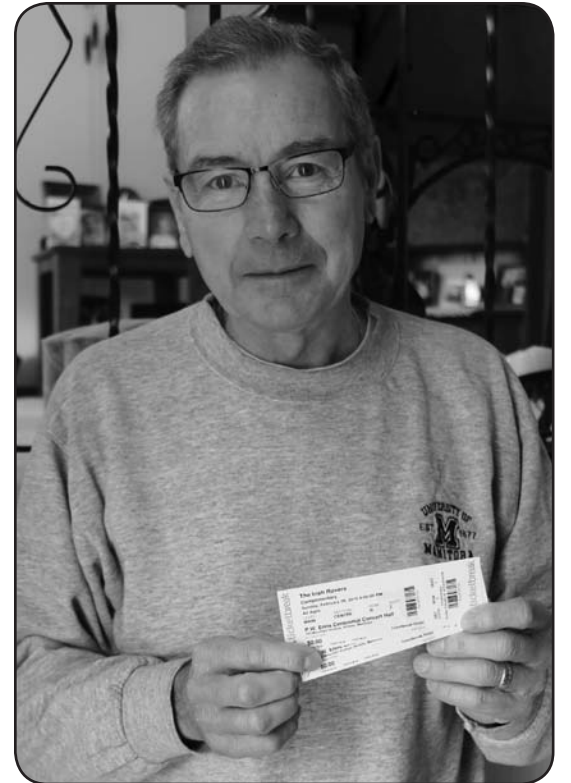


Congrats to our contest winners

Arnold Law (right) and Betty Wieler (shown at left with husband Pete) were the big winners in our Irish Rovers ticket contest, earning a pair of tickets each to the group's Feb. 28 show at the P. W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler. Law and Wieler correctly answered that Jimmy Ferguson co-founded the

Irish Rovers alongside George Millar back in 1963. Enjoy the show!

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Post partum depression support group formed

By Lorne Stelmach

It is hard to define the extent of the problem of post partum depression.

So many women struggle in silence, and it is something that can go undiagnosed in some instances.

"We do know that it is a struggle for some women ... we know post partum is having an impact. So we want to be helpful to those who are struggling," says Linda Marek, executive director of the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

Starting Feb. 16, the centre is hosting Hoping Together: A Postpartum Depression Support Group.

It is a six week program for all women who are struggling with postpartum depression as well as for pregnant women who have struggled with depression.

She hopes the support group will help reach women who are carrying this load alone and need to break the silence about what is happening.

Taking that first step is very brave, she says, and they want the group to be a safe, supportive, encouraging space for women to share their experiences as well as to learn, grow and take steps towards health and healing.

"We're hoping that it will help them move towards healing," says Marek. "We know there

aren't quick fixes for some of these things, but we think that having a supportive place ... knowing that you are not alone, learning some new coping skills ... we think that this could be a helpful part of someone's healing process.

"Whether it's a mild struggle or a difficult struggle for them, anyone is welcome to come."

Hoping Together will run Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Morden. Women interested in participating are asked to contact the centre—call or text 204-362-0797—to register.

The program is supported with a grant from the Morden Area Foundation Women's Giving Circle.

"We are so thankful that the Women's Giving Circle approved this

grant," says Marek. "When women are well and healthy, it's not only better for them but their families and our communities as well."

You can learn more about the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre online at www.pvpcc.com or stop by their Winkler or Morden offices.

Couple finally finds peace in Canada

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love it. I love that it's so quiet. And the people are good people, friendly."

"But it is so cold," Mumlamba laments, laughing. She is still very much not used to Canadian winters.

Canadian kindness, on the other hand, is something she very much appreciates.

"They are nice people," she says.

"Canada is a good country, a peaceful country" Bahati adds. "I'd like to say thank you to [the] Canadians that accepted us here."

Mumlamba's family is still in Uganda, while Bahati's surviving brother remains in Congo. They would like to

bring them all to Canada one day, but aren't sure how they will manage it.

"It's not easy to sponsor someone," Bahati says, pointing to the costly financial requirements of sponsorship. "But I would like to do it, because it is not easy for them to live there."

"I miss them very much," adds Mumlamba. "They want to get somewhere where they can get peace, make a home. It takes so long. There are people who have been [in the camp] 15 years."

As our community prepares to welcome a new group of refugees, Bahati has advice for both the newcomers and the locals alike.

To our area's newest residents, he encourages them to get involved and

do their part to grow the community.

"They have to work, get jobs to improve the economy of Canada, because that benefits everyone," he says, adding he, for one, also hopes to pay his good fortune as a new Canadian forward. "In Canada I dream to have a good life and try and help some people, other refugees in the world. I think about that a lot, to help people."

As for the rest of us, the best thing we can do is continue to demonstrate the generosity our nation and our region is so well known for, Bahati says.

"And just show them how to live in this community. Teach them how to go in the good way. Welcome them as neighbours."

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Coig brings their Celtic flair to town

Second-last SMC series concert takes place in Morden Feb. 21

By Lorne Stelmach

There's a little bit of home with the members of Coig wherever they journey with their music.

The Celtic music itself, of course, speaks to their east coast roots, but the performances of the Cape Breton band also seem to always draw all the expats.

"A lot of east coasters come to the show. They make themselves known," band

member Darren McMullen commented in advance of their Southern Manitoba Concerts series performance in Morden Feb. 21. "There's usually a good chunk of people from home excited to get a little music from home."

Coig (pronounced Ko-ig) is an exciting ensemble regarded as one of Cape Breton's most captivating young bands.

Originally coming together for a promotional tour for the Celtic Colours International Festival, it proved to be something special, and the group decided to continue as a band.

With a combined total of over 30 nominations and awards, each member has released their own successful solo albums and toured both at home and abroad.

Their debut album *Five* was released in 2014 to rave reviews and earned the band the Canadian Folk Music Award for Traditional Album of the Year.

It's a genre of music with wide ap-

peal, especially so here in Canada, McMullen has found.

"I guess maybe it's traditionally done in small communities, in people's houses, so there's maybe more of a home feeling to it," he suggested.

"When people hear this music, they sort of associate it with family, friends gathering. It's certainly a welcome feeling for people who have had to leave home.

"We played over in Europe in the fall, and there's a really big scene there for Celtic music as well. The people

seemed really into there," he added. "And we play a lot of New England and the eastern states. It seems to be everywhere we go that people seem to really dig it."

Celtic music is something that many east coasters come by naturally, often having grown up with it.

"There's a lot of it around," said McMul-

len, noting Halifax's claim to fame that it has the most live music in the country. "At home, you could find this kind of stuff just about every weekend somewhere in a pub or at a dance."

The focus of Coig's music largely remains on the more traditional, but

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Celtic group Coig perform a Southern Manitoba Concerts series show at the Morden Access Event Centre on Feb. 21. Rush seating tickets will be available at the door for \$35 each.

their respective musical talents—be it as vocalists, fiddlers, or guitarists—allows them to stretch the boundaries a bit.

"As far as the band goes, it will always be mainly traditional I think, but we throw some contemporary songs in and try to add different instrumentation," McMullen said.

"And we all still have solo things on the go as well ... not so much as we used to because the band has really been getting busy.

"We just want to keep travelling around and making records and playing music."

When touring, it is nice to have a

variety of venues large and small, but they do particularly like hitting smaller communities and settings.

"We've all done different types of tours, and sometimes you get on a tour with an act that's maybe a bigger act, and you end up doing large theatres.

"Then you don't really get to chat with anybody and you don't feel as much of a connection as you would at a smaller venue. So it gives you a more laidback feel then, and it feels more like being at home, playing the

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Benefit concert for Imagination Library

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Toss in a dash of country, a sprinkle of rock, and you get the *A Little Bit of Country, A Little Bit of Rock 'N Roll* benefit concert at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

Tickets are on sale now for two shows March 4 and March 5 at the Winkler concert hall, with proceeds going to support the Winkler Imagination Library early childhood literacy project.

"It's going to be a lot of fun for all ages," says performer Wendy Gayle. "Come down and hear some good music."

Gayle will kick things off with a tribute to country legend Loretta Lynn and then wrap the show up with some tunes from Dolly Parton.

In between, Penner and his band will pay homage to the music of Johnny Cash and Merle Haggard, while the Pylons bring the rock with songs from The Eagles and Credence

Clearwater Revival.

Gayle says they hope to raise upwards of \$5,000 for the Imagination Library with this concert. If it's a success (and tickets are already selling quite well), the hope is to make this benefit concert an annual event.

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Tickets on sale now for the next Art Bar

By Lorne Stelmach

Art may generally be a personal, individual endeavor, but it is also very much a social occasion at an art bar painting party.

The Pembina Hills Arts Council has been offering painting parties for well over a year now, and they've been very well received.

"It seems to have been quite enjoyed. I think people look forward to them," said program and outreach coordinator Margie Hildebrand.

"It's a very social thing. People usually come with a group of their friends," she noted.

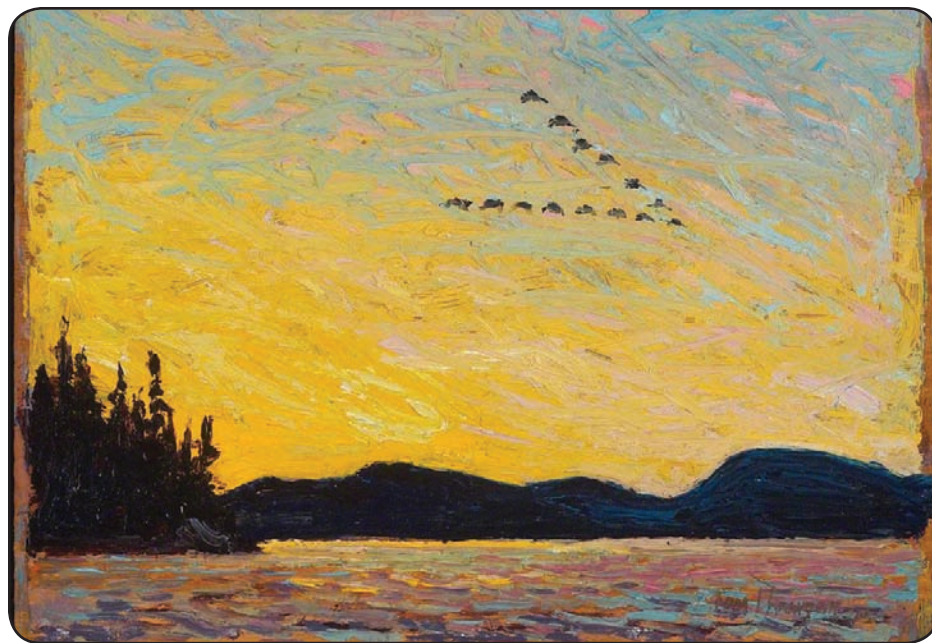
It's an enjoyable social night out where you will create a painting from scratch under the guidance of a skilled artist.

"There's an artist who guides you through the painting, and you get a glass of wine or two to sip on while you're working," Hildebrand said. "We do it right here in the gallery space. We have three more artists who will be assisting ... helping people along if they need."

"You don't have to be an artist. Hopefully, you learn a little something along the way, though. There's no pressure ... it usually is something quite achievable."

Past art bar painting parties have featured varied works—everything from a Vincent Van Gogh floral work to one with a skull and candle motif for Halloween.

The next art bar set for Friday, Feb. 26 will have artist Bonnah Rachul lead participants in doing the piece *Round*



The Pembina Hills Art Council's Feb. 26 Art Bar will have participants going home with their own version of Group of Seven artist Tom Thomson's Round Lake, Mud Bay painting.

Lake, Mud Bay by Group of Seven artist Tom Thomson.

Space is limited to about 24 people, so anyone interested needs to come into the gallery to pay and register in advance, said Hildebrand.

The cost is \$65 for participants, who must be 18 or older.

To find out more, stop in the gallery in downtown Morden or go to the Pembina Hills Arts website.

Winkler Police warn of new survey scam

Winkler Police are warning local residents about a new scam that has popped up in our area.

The department received a report of a man who attend-

ed a Winkler residence stating the purpose of his visit was to conduct a survey.

The male asked several questions regarding the complainant's opinion on local air quality and whether anyone in the home had asthma or allergies.

Several days later, the complainant received a phone call

stating they had been awarded a free trip for completing the survey.

The complainant terminated the call without providing further information. The phone number on the call display could not be verified.

Police remind residents not to give out any personal information under these circumstances and to call the department immediately at 204-325-9990 if anyone presents in person to conduct a survey of any kind.

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venues we would play at home," said McMullen.

"Having a variety is good. It keeps the tour interesting."

When they hit the stage in Morden, their message to the local crowd will be a simple one:

"I just hope that they have a good time. You have to balance the music with entertaining the crowd as well," said McMullen.

"It's about being true to the music but still being light-hearted enough that you're having fun, and we hope everyone is having fun."

Individual tickets for rush seats for the show at Morden's Access Event Centre will be on sale for \$35 a half hour before the concert, which gets underway at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21.

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Make a date with some of your single friends for an evening out at a restaurant or a bar. You can celebrate the many advantages of friendship, a less intense feeling than love but just as essential to the good life. The camaraderie of co-workers is also worth celebrating with a simple Valentine's "happy hour". A small chocolate heart left on every desk is another gesture sure to be appreciated.

We all know how important a loving family is, but when was the last time you told your mother, father, or grandparents that you loved them? Perhaps the time has come to buy a little something for these family members, such as chocolates, flowers, or a CD. Don't forget to give them a kiss and a hug as well! If you're not very good at that sort of thing, why not write a few heartfelt words in a specially chosen card. They're sure to keep it close to hand, treasuring your kind thoughts for them every time they open it.

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perfect time to confess your love — and perhaps it's just what your loved one is waiting for.

As long as love exists in this world, such declarations will never go out of style. An expression of love is sure to profoundly touch your cherished one,

whether you're in the throes of your first love, have had your heart broken a few times, or you're several years into a marriage.

There is no time like now to declare your feelings. Of course, not everyone finds it easy to express their emotions. If you're afraid that words will fail you or that your declaration of love will fall flat, keep it simple. Use your own words and speak from the heart without following a preset text. Say what you love about him or her, talk about the things they have done that you admire, and let them know how they are unique in your eyes.

If shyness is holding you back, send an e-mail or a hand-written letter, the truly romantic option. A different solution is to offer a CD of a song, the words of which are a perfect expression of your feelings. Another way to express your love is by giving a truly personal gift, showing that you know and appreciate your loved one in every possible way. This will give emphasis to your words, engraving them in your true-love's memory for eternity.

The problem of what to give



Have you ever noticed that people tend to give gifts that they would love to receive themselves? If you're stumped on what to offer your loved one this year, try to remember what he or she has given you for Valentine's Day in recent years. It's a great way to start your search for a suitable gift.

If the woman in your life has given you thoughtful gifts that are symbolic of love and relationship, then it's most likely that she would like to receive something similar. She's sure to be thrilled with a gourmet candlelight supper and romantic music to set the mood, together with a traditional gift such as chocolates, a dozen red roses, or a bottle of her favourite bubble bath. If your budget is tight, you could create a photo arrangement of the two of you or write a love letter — little touches that show her how much you love her. After all, isn't that the point of this special day?

On the other hand, if the man in your life has given you practical gifts with no hint of romance, such as kitchen utensils or bath towels, maybe that is the type of gift he'd like to receive. You might think he'd enjoy a gift certificate for a spa, but perhaps you'd be better off concentrating on his passions: electronic gadgets, sports items, woodworking tools, and the like. Your gift will encourage him in his interests and he will probably appreciate it as a loving gesture he can relate to.



Valentine's Day is a celebration of love as well as friendship, so don't forget to share a special thought for your friends, co-workers, parents, and children.

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Your FARM



Pulse crops a boon to producers, consumers alike

By Harry Siemens

Lentils, while it doesn't have the acres in Manitoba that farmers have in Saskatchewan, are still a great source of protein for meals across the world.

According to the federal government's latest outlook on this ever-increasing crop, Canadian lentil exports for the August to November period totalled a record 1.36 Mt—65 per cent more than the amount exported during the same period in 2014.

India imported the largest portion to date at 0.7 MT, followed by Turkey and Egypt as other top markets.

Total Canadian lentil exports for 2015-16 are forecast to rise to a record 2.4 MT due to strong world import demand.

The supply of lentils in Canada is estimated to be marginally lower than last year as lower carry-in stocks more than offset the increase in production.

With lower supply and an increase in exports and domestic use, carry-out stocks are expected to fall and continue to support prices throughout 2015-16.

The overall average price range is forecast a record \$970-1,000/t due to record prices for both red and all green lentil types.

Chandra Shekhar, farm and business writer for the *Hindu Times* in India and pulse crop consultant, says when asked whether things are happening in the Indian pulse crops: "A lot is happening. India has had two back to back weather events in 2015 that reduced harvest size."

Last spring, India's pulse crops were damaged by unseasonal rains and hailstorms, Shekhar says.

"We had a two million tonne crop loss. Following that, during July to September 2015, the country faced El Nino induced dry conditions that reduced the crop harvest in September/October 2015 despite higher planted acreage."

As a result, domestic prices escalated rapidly in India.

"The Indian government came under pressure from consumer groups and media," Shekhar says. "So stock limits were imposed, pulse cargoes (held beyond the stock ceiling) were seized, and investigations into unethical trading practices initiated. Because of drastic government action, speculators have now turned cautious, prices have cooled a bit, aided by continuing imports."

Brennan Turner, president of FarmLead.com, when presented with Chandra's comments, says India imported close to 4.0 million tons during April-December 2015 and further imports of 1.5 million tonnes for January-March period are projected.

"So, India's imports have expanded by least one million tons this year and Canada has been a major beneficiary with large supplies of yellow peas and lentils," says Turner.

He says, plain and simple, India has had two below average pulse crops and so needed to import more grain to accommodate their growing demand. Intervention by the Indian government has stabilized the volatility of the market a bit, hence the lower prices in Canada recently.

"Those prices undermined a little by the appreciation of the Canadian Loonie from its drop below 70 cents USD," says Turner. "There's expected to be a gap of roughly 6-7 MMT between domestic production and domestic demand of pulses in India this year, hence the obvious re-

quired increase in imports."

He says, overall, the market outlook for pulse crops remain solid, with lentil prices expected to maintain an average price in 2016 near two times their 10-year average, with pea prices not far behind.

The real question, though, is with El Nino conditions evaporating, monsoon rains seen by India in June-September will be more critical than ever to a pulse grower's marketing plan, as those rains will help determine the field conditions that Indian farmers can plant crops into, he adds.

Prices could fall back on optimism for better pulse production in India in 2017.



Here, there, everywhere

> HARRY SIEMENS

There was a time I'd travel all over attending farm meetings, soil conservation events, company product introductions, commodity group get-togethers, summer and winter fairs, and community hall sing-alongs.

I think I've had a meal in, spoken at, and talked to farmers in just about every large and small hall, upstairs curling rink public room, and chamber and town council rooms that existed at that time.

Still, I can't be everywhere at once. Which is why last month I attended the Banff Pork Seminar and last week the Manitoba Swine Seminar, but I had to miss Ag Days in Brandon.

However, travelling via Skype around the world, connecting with almost 4,500 people on Twitter and over 5,000 on LinkedIn is making travelling a little less time consuming and costly, to say the least.

However, with the big events like the BPS, Ag-Days, and now Crop Connect this week, it is good to see so many of the groups and farmers in one place.

CropConnect runs for two days in Winnipeg and includes the Manitoba Canola Growers Association, Manitoba Corn Growers Association, Manitoba Flax Growers Association, Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers, Mani-

toba Oat Growers Association, the National Sunflower Association of Canada, and Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association.

The event offers a wide range of speakers, access to crop specific information, a trade show, a banquet, and the AGMs for all seven participating organizations.

Wow, what a gathering of people all in one place, giving one the opportunity to hear, see, touch, look at the different products, talk to so many old friends, and meet new ones, many whose grandfathers I know quite well, too.

Over the years, while my goal and purpose remain the same, the method of covering and reporting have changed.

I pick and choose as to which speakers I want to hear, and what are the points I want to make as I ask that person questions during one-on-one interviews.

It will be interesting as to what the attitude of the industry-wide event will be with the oil price saga affecting everyone to some extent, as well as the volatility in the Canadian looney creating a volatility in the commodity prices.

I'm told, tacking on the exchange to the cost of the top of the line John Deere tractor, a farmer is looking at \$700,000 to \$850,000 Canadian.

As one hog farmer told me in Banff: were it not for the weak Canadian dollar, the hog prices in the last quarter of 2015 would have wrecked causing great havoc once again for the hog industry.

However, the 40 to 42 cent advantage making the cost of that JD tractor almost out of site,

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Agriculture

Replacing plasma protein with Hyper-Egg Antibody

By Harry Siemens

Eggs came into their own when the PED virus forced plasma off the market in 2014.

"Orders for our Hyper-Egg Antibody products increased dramatically in the weeks after CFIA officials found the PED virus in porcine blood plasma," says John Hare of J. H. Hare and Associates Ltd. "For cautionary reasons, many Canadian feeders quickly removed porcine blood plasma from their pig starter diets and, interestingly, the frequency of new PEDv cases in Canada since then has decreased."

Hare says blood plasma is a high protein animal by-product forced into piglet starter rations at about three times the cost of comparable protein sources. It usually results in higher initial feed intake and better ADG for newly weaned pigs, especially in lower health status barns.

"The reason for these gains are an initial taste preference baby pigs seem to have for blood and more importantly, the digestive health benefits coming from the protective globulin protein fraction in plasma," he says. "Unfortunately, the benefits of this immunity can also come with the hazards of disease transmission."

Hare says Hyper-Egg Antibodies

are also a good source of immunoglobulin and specifically those protecting against E. coli bacteria common in young pigs.

"In performance trials, Hyper-Egg Antibodies when used as directed, show equal or better results to plasma after four weeks in the nursery," says Hare. "Mortality caused by E. coli is reduced substantially by Hyper-Egg over blood plasma. The cost for using Hyper-Egg Antibodies with an alternative high quality protein is \$0.86 per pig. The cost of using blood plasma is \$0.90 per pig."

"We have a product that's been around probably for 15 years until the PED virus came, sort of was a hard sell in the fact people didn't understand really where it fit into the baby pig market," he adds. "Suddenly, when people look at alternatives to blood plasma, for feeding baby pigs,

they were thinking okay, we're taking a plasma protein out, what are we going to substitute with."

Hare says that, at first, producers substitutes all kinds of so-called equal products but they weren't getting the performance they wanted.

"Part of the reason for that is when you take plasma out of your ration, the immunoglobulin factor that was actually stimulating those pigs to perform better, is no longer there," he says.

"That is what we do ... we can do what plasma does, and better because we're a specific antibody against E. coli, which is the main problem that baby pigs face in the environment when born, especially when weaned because now they have no protection that was potentially coming from mother's milk."

Hare says the first 10 to 14 days post

weaning is when people see that drop in performance because, first of all, the pigs are stressed, grouped with a whole bunch of other pigs in a pen that they've never been with before, they aren't eating properly, and they're subjected to the environment filled with E. coli.

"The antibody that we offer as an alternative to blood plasma, you feed it, you put it in your starter feeds, and it is a great way to get pigs back to the performance they've seen in the past," he says. "We have many customers since that PED occurrence that tried various other proteins recommended as alternatives to plasma and from a nutritional point of view, yes, they were probably comparable to the plasma, but from the immunoglobulin portion or the disease prevention portion, they weren't."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 20

also kept hog producers from losing a tonne of money.

The grain, pulse and oilseed croppers also gain the benefit on the price, but when selling to a local hog farmer or to the feedmill, there is a saw-off, too.

The demand for food and the crops

farmers product, the livestock they raise continues as the world population increases.

The key is to get it to the people who need it most, and they often have corrupt governments that makes that more difficult, and often they can't really afford to pay what it costs to pro-

duce, market, and transport that crop to where it needs to go.

And yet land prices for now, after skyrocketing in the last five years, seem to stay at that high level, and farmers keep on growing, raising, and producing what the rest of us need to sustain us.

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1 tbsp (15 mL) grated lemon rind
2 tsp (10 mL) baking powder
1/2 tsp (2 mL) baking soda
1 egg

1 1/4 cups (300 mL) 1% buttermilk
2/3 cup (150 mL) brown sugar
3 tbsp (45 mL) vegetable oil
2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla extract
1 cup (250 mL) fresh raspberries or frozen raspberries

Directions

Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Spray a 12-cup non-stick muffin pan.

In a large bowl, combine all-purpose and whole-wheat flour, Canadian Brick cheese, 1/2 cup (125 mL) oats, lemon rind, baking powder and

baking soda. In another bowl, whisk together egg, buttermilk, 1/2 cup (125 mL) brown sugar, oil and vanilla extract. Pour over dry ingredients and lightly incorporate. Gently stir in raspberries.

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Flyers win streak hits a wall vs. Virden

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers split a pair of home games over the weekend.

Things started off strong on Friday as they hosted the Swan Valley Stampede.

After giving up the opening goal to Swan Valley five minutes in, Winkler clamped down and went on to make it a 4-1 game before the midpoint of the second period, with Jeff Michiels and Nolan McGuire scoring in the first and Scott Gall and Cam Whyte contributing in the second.

Swan Valley managed to score a second goal off a powerplay 10 minutes into the middle frame, but that was the last they got, despite yanking their goalie in the final minutes of the game in a last-ditch effort.

That decision gave Winkler's Branden Bilaney the chance to score on the empty net to cement Winkler's win 5-2.

Winkler outshot Swan Valley 44-24, with Connor Slipp guarding the Flyers' net and making 22 saves to improve his record to 16-3-1.

Winkler went 1-for-5 on the power play this game and 4-for-6 on the penalty kill.

The tables were turned the next night when the Virden Oil Capitals came to town and put an end to Winkler's five game winning streak by handing them their second loss in 10 games.

Playing in front of family and friends during the team's annual Parent/Billet Weekend, the Flyers were well ahead on shots through each period, but found themselves stonewalled by Virden netminder Sean Kuehn throughout.

Virden, meanwhile, got a single goal in near the end of the opening period, and it was enough to earn them the 1-0 victory.

Nathan Warren made 17 saves on 18 shots in net. The overall shot count was 37-18 in Winkler's favour.

The Flyers power play generated a significant amount of chances that they ultimately failed to capitalize on, going 0-for-7. Winkler also went 5-for-5 on the penalty kill.

With that, Winkler remains in third place in the MJHL standings with a 34-12-3 record and 71 points.

They trail the first place Portage Terriers



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Winkler's Thomas Mansbridge and Virden's Bradley Reichardt battle for puck possession in the Flyers-Oil Capitals game last Saturday in Winkler. Virden got the win 1-0. Right: Future Flyers hopefuls show off their skills during the game's first intermission.

(92 points) and the second place Steinbach Pistons (79 points), and have a ten point lead on the fourth place Virden Oil Capitals.

Coming up this week, Winkler plays against the Natives in Neepawa on Friday and then hosts the Dauphin Kings Saturday.

They then hit the road for a trio of away games against Waywayseecappo Feb. 16, Winnipeg Feb. 18, and Dauphin Feb. 19.



NPC Nighthawks down Canadiens 66-47

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks sent the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Canadiens packing 66-47 Monday night in SCAC boys varsity basketball action.

The Nighthawks started strong, taking a lead of over 10 points early on before struggling in the middle to let the Canadiens pull ahead. They boys bounced back, though, in the fourth to re-take the lead and the game.

Meanwhile, in Zone 4 boys hockey, the Nighthawks didn't fare quite so well, falling to the Carman Cougars 6-0 Feb. 3.

Fellow Winkler team the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs also posted a loss last week. They fell to the Portage Trojans 3-2 in overtime on Feb. 4. Tristan Peters scored both goals for GVC while

Brady Klassen went the distance in net, making 34 saves.

The Morden Thunder had a much better week: they bested the Tigers 5-2 on Feb. 5 and then creamed the Aces 4-1 on Monday. Scoring in Monday's game were Evan Wuerch, Jordan Blatz, Brendan Turnbull, and Brayden Jonasson. Luke Sheldon got the win in net.

The final regular season games take place this Friday. The Thunder host the Tigers in Morden, the Zodiacs travel to play the Aces in Altona, and the Nighthawks host the Trojans in Winkler.

As of press time, the Thunder were in second place behind the Mustangs, while NPC and GVC were in seventh and eighth place, respectively.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

NPC's Frank Hernandez drives to the basket past CPET's Sean Keller in Monday's game. Winkler got the win 66-47.

Female Hawks make it four straight with 3-0 win

By Lorne Stelmach

It's a battle to the finish with the top four teams in the Manitoba AAA Female Midget Hockey League all still jockeying for position.

The Pembina Valley Hawks couldn't have chosen a better time, then, to go on another winning streak.

They not only made it four wins in a row Saturday but yet another by shutout in blanking the Eastman Selects 3-0 in St. Adolphe. The scheduled Sunday afternoon game with the Westman Wildcats was postponed due to the weather.

The Hawks have outscored their last four opponents by a combined 19-0, so coach Dana Bell obviously likes what he is seeing from his players.

"Everybody is so close in the standings ... and every point really counts right now for us," he said. "They know the last four games are high pressure games for us. We want to hold that second spot, so we're treating every game like it's the last playoff game

right now."

Taylor Reimer earned her fourth shutout of the season Saturday as the Hawks outshot the Selects 43-17.

Hannah Petrie collected a rebound to put the Hawks up 1-0 at 10:58 of the first period.

In the second, after Chelsea Dearsley got a couple of good whacks at the net, Katelyn Heppner poked it in to make it 2-0.

The Hawks sealed the deal in the third when Mackenzie Hutchinson feathered a pass to Sage McElroy-Scott into the neutral zone and put her team leading 32nd goal of the season into the empty net with seven seconds left.

"Everything went well as a team. Everybody was going hard," Bell said. "For the first two periods, we definitely controlled the play, outshot them. We kind of tapered off in the

third a little bit, but the end result was we came out on top."

The win allowed the Hawks to maintain their hold on second place, improving their record to 20-4-1 for 41 points.

The Yellowhead Chiefs edged the Winnipeg Avros 2-1 Saturday for an impressive first place record of 21-1-2 for 44 points. In third place are the Westman Wildcats at 17-5-4 for 38 followed by the Central Plains Capitals in fourth at 18-6-1 for 37 points.

The Hawks could take a stranglehold on second place this weekend when they host Westman Friday, Norman Wild Saturday, and Central Plains on Sunday.

Midget Hawks win two in a row

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks midget team certainly had something to celebrate last weekend as they collected five points and won games back to back for only their second time this winter.

The Hawks, which have been in a rebuilding year this season, took a pair of games from the lowly Norman Northstars 6-2 and 10-3 Friday and Saturday and then very nearly made it three straight before falling 3-2 to the Kenora Thistles in a shootout Sunday afternoon.

"It was our plan to jump on them early and see if we could take them out of the game in the first couple of periods," coach Rylan Price said of their approach to Norman.

"The Friday night game, we didn't really do exactly as we

wanted ... but we finished strong," he said. "On Saturday, we started hot right from the start and we ended up scoring a lot of goals."

With just two weekends to go in the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League regular season, this was a welcome boost for his squad.

"They worked together," Price said. "We started playing as individuals rather than working as a team. Then on Saturday, we addressed that and made sure we played as a team the whole 60 minutes."

Pembina Valley connected for a pair of shorthanded goals Friday, including the second period winner by Spencer Kaminsky, who collected a hat trick for the Hawks.

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Bonspiel winners

Twenty-five teams from Winkler, Altona, Morden, and Roland took over the Winkler Curling Club Feb. 4-7 for the 2016 Winkler Men’s Bonspiel.

At the finals on Sunday, the Klassen rink (above, at left) of Jesse Klassen, Louis Tanguay, Jarryd Klassen, and Hank Klassen downed Vic Klassen’s team to win the 1st Event.

In the 2nd Event, the team of Vern Wall, Jim Hiebert, Andrew Rempel, and Albert Klassen (photo at left) bested Gary Unrau.

And in the 3rd Event, the Derksen rink (above) of Chris Dixon, Ross Derksen, Reg Derksen, and Lance Derksen (missing from photo) defeated Gary Berg.

Redskins take third, Royals finish in fourth

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League regular season came to an

end last weekend.

The Morden Redskins wrapped up their season on a high note with a 9-2 victory over the visiting Notre Dame

Hawks on Feb. 6.

The opening period was all Morden as Tyler Peers, Jay Fehr, Clint Olson, and Ramsay Fehr made it 4-0 in a 10 minute stretch. Reed Peters kept the Hawks at bay in net.

Notre Dame finally got on the board seconds into the middle frame, but Fehr and Peers drowned that lone goal out with two of their own to make it a 6-1 game heading into the final period.

There, Peers and Kelby Friesen bolstered the score to 8-1 before Notre Dame got a second past Peters. Fehr then went on to score a hat trick with 16 seconds to go.

Overall, Peters made 30 saves as his teammates outshot the Hawks 45-32.

Earlier in the week, on Feb. 3, the Winkler Royals dropped their final regular season game to the Altona Maroons 7-3.

Scoring goals for Winkler was Mitch Doell with two and Blake Forsyth and

Caleb Suderman with singles.

Winkler was within two of tying after Doell’s second goal 17:09 into the final period. They pulled Matt Krahn from net for the man-on advantage, but that only resulted in Altona getting an empty-netter to seal their win.

Overall, Krahn made 29 saves as Winkler narrowly outshot Altona 37-35.

With the season done, the standings have Carman in first place with 34 points, Altona in second with 26, Morden in third with a 12-6-1-1 record and 23 points, and Winkler in fourth with 11-9 and 22 points.

The upcoming playoff dates had yet to be set at press time, but the pairings will be Altona against the last place Warren Mercs, Morden versus sixth placed Notre Dame, and the Royals against the fifth placed Portage Islanders. Carman has a bye to the semi-finals.

Manitoba Hockey Standings									
MANITOBA JUNIOR									
HOCKEY LEAGUE									
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		
Portage Terriers	53	45	6	2	92	242	111		
Steinbach Pistons	50	38	9	3	79	202	120		
Winkler Flyers	49	34	12	3	71	206	126		
Virden Oil Capitals	49	30	18	1	61	165	111		
Winnipeg Blues	50	25	18	7	57	179	147		
Swan Valley Stampede	51	21	25	5	47	147	175		
OCN Blizzard	51	22	27	2	46	154	185		
Selkirk Steelers	49	20	27	2	42	169	202		
Dauphin Kings	49	17	29	3	37	148	203		
Waywayseacappo Wolverines	50	13	33	4	30	127	212		
Neepawa Natives	49	10	38	1	21	105	252		
MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR									
HOCKEY LEAGUE									
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	36	26	7	3	55	136	95		
Charleswood Hawks	35	23	7	5	51	138	93		
St. Vital Victorias	36	21	12	3	45	139	119		
Pembina Valley Twisters	35	20	11	4	44	146	117		
St. James Canucks	37	21	15	1	43	141	129		
Stonewall Jets	35	18	15	2	38	134	118		
St. Boniface Riels	39	17	19	3	37	134	152		
River East Royal Knights	36	15	18	3	33	108	124		
Transcona Railer Express	35	13	20	2	28	121	153		
Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins	36	6	28	2	14	84	181		
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA									
HOCKEY LEAGUE									
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		
Carman	20	17	3	0	34	111	62		
Altona	20	12	6	1	26	85	64		
Morden	20	11	8	0	23	77	68		
Winkler	20	11	9	0	22	70	78		
Portage	20	11	9	0	22	90	93		
Notre Dame	20	6	9	5	17	76	93		
Warren	20	2	15	1	7	83	134		
AAA MIDGET									
HOCKEY LEAGUE									
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		
Eastman	40	37	0	1	77	204	83		
Wild	39	32	5	1	66	166	73		
Thrashers	39	28	9	1	58	187	94		
Yellowhead	39	26	7	1	58	139	95		
Central Plains	41	22	13	2	50	133	110		
Kenora									
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		
Brandon	39	19	19	0	39	110	123		
Southwest	40	18	19	1	39	128	134		
Parkland	39	17	18	0	38	147	158		
Pembina Valley	40	8	28	1	20	92	181		
Interlake	39	8	31	0	16	99	201		
Norman	40	3	35	2	8	108	251		
AAA BANTAM									
HOCKEY LEAGUE									
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		
Brandon Wheat Kings - B1	32	28	4	0	56	201	50		
Central Plains Capitals - B1	30	19	10	1	39	156	131		
Yellowhead Chiefs - B1	31	16	10	3	37	137	122		
Parkland Rangers - B1	30	16	13	1	33	154	155		
Pembina Valley									
PV Hawks - B1	31	11	15	3	27	142	163		
Southwest Cougars - B1	32	10	21	1	21	101	122		
Norman Wolves - B1	32	1	31	0	2	51	319		
MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA									
HOCKEY LEAGUE									
	GP	W	L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts		
Yellowhead Chiefs	24	18	1	-	3	2	44		
PV Hawks	25	18	4	-	2	1	41		
Westman Wildcats	26	16	5	-	1	4	38		
Central Plains	25	16	6	-	2	1	37		
Winnipeg Avros	28	10	11	-	4	3	31		
Eastman Selects	25	6	17	-	1	1	15		
Norman Wild	25	4	19	-	1	1	11		
Interlake Lightning	22	-	21	-	-	1	1		
HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY									
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		
Prairie Mountain Mustangs	20	20	0	0	40	153	38		
Morden Thunder	22	15	5	1	32	118	66		
Portage Collegiate									
Institute Trojans	22	15	7	0	30	94	66		
W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	21	12	7	1	26	85	74		
Morris Mavericks	22	11	8	1	25	97	77		
Carman Cougars	21	9	12	0	18	55	81		
Northlands Parkway Collegiate									
Nighthawks (Winkler)	21	6	14	0	13	52	97		
Garden Valley Collegiate									
Zodiacs (Winkler)	22	5	15	1	12	53	139		
Cartwright/Nellie McClung/									
Pilot Mound Tigers	23	4	16	2	11	33	102		
STATS AS OF TUESDAY, February 9									

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City accepting noms for Outstanding Sports Volunteers

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is widely recognized as a great sport community, and it is in large part thanks to the people who put in the time to make it happen.

Recognizing those who have served sport in Morden is the aim of the Morden Outstanding Sport Volunteers Wall of Fame program, which inducted its first honorees in 2011.

"It's a way of saying thank you to the volunteers who help make Morden such a great sports community," said Clare Agnew, director of community services.

The nomination deadline for the 2016 awards is March 1. Selections are made each year in time for Volunteer Appreciation Week in April.

"It can be anyone who has been really active ... that's what we're looking for," said Agnew. "There's a lot of work that gets done behind the scenes to make things happen."

Nominations are assessed on the significance of their achievements or contributions, the consistency, dedication or contribution to sport over time, and personal qualities.

There have been two inductees each year after six were named in the initial year.

Criteria for induction include a minimum of two of or a combination of

the following:

1. Minimum of 15 years of commitment to sport as a coach, manager or organizer.
2. Instrumental on raising funds to build and/or upgrade a recreation or sport facility.
3. Instrumental in building and/or upgrading a recreation or sport facility.
4. Acting as a mentor to other coaches or officials.
5. Coached when their child was not

on the team, above a parental responsibility, for a minimum of 10 years.

6. A combination of administrative and coaching responsibilities on a continuous basis for a minimum of 15 years.

7. Demonstrated the qualities of good sportsmanship.

More information as well as nomination forms are available through the City of Morden website or by calling Morden Community Services.

Twisters drop four in a row

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters have fallen another notch in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League standings as they hit the final weeks of the regular season.

The Twisters dropped a fourth game in a row Friday in falling 5-2 to the St. James Canucks.

The defeat not only dropped them into fourth place at 20-11-4 for 44 points—one back of the St. Vital Victorias— but also leaves them just one

up on the now fifth place Canucks.

Trailing 1-0 after the first period, the Twisters survived a second period onslaught that saw them outshot 21-9 yet only trailing 3-2 thanks to a pair of goals from Matt Mazinke.

The backbreaker in the third was a shorthanded goal at 15:48 by the Canucks, who then put it away with an empty netter with 10 seconds remaining in the game.

Shots on goal overall were 40-39 in favour of St. James. Morgan Wall took

the loss in net for Pembina Valley with 35 saves.

The Twisters have three games this week to try to get back on track with the three teams bringing up the rear of the standings in the 10 team league.

The schedule began Tuesday with Pembina Valley in Winnipeg to face the last place Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins.

They then meet the Transcona Railer Express Friday and River East Royal Knights Sunday afternoon.

> HAWKS, FROM PG. 25

Other goal scorers were Wyatt Sabourin, Caleb Unrau and Brendan Keck shorthanded. Aaron Brunn made 28 saves in net for the Hawks as they outshot Norman 38-30.

Pembina Valley blew the Saturday game wide open with a five goal second period that extended a 3-0 first period lead to 8-2.

Unrau had a pair of goals and a four point night, while Garrett Szeremley also scored twice along with picking up an assist. Daniel Nychuk and Keck chipped in a goal each and three point nights as well, with other markers from Kaminsky, Sabourin, Travis Penner and Everett Bestland.

Pembina Valley outshot Norman 47-27 including 22 in the second period, and Matthew Thiessen picked up the win with 24 saves.

Nicholas Hatley and Daniel Nychuk scored first period goals Sunday to give the Hawks a 2-1 lead that held up until Kenora tied it with just over two minutes left in regulation.

After overtime settled nothing, Kenora won took the extra point on the third shootout round with Bestland, Nychuk and Szeremley all missing their chances.

Brunn stopped 32 shots for the Hawks, with shots ending up 34-33 in Kenora's favour.

The Hawks remain 10th in the 12 team league with an 8-28-0-1-3 record for 20 points.

Pembina Valley hits the road this weekend to face Yellowhead Saturday and Brandon Sunday. The Hawks then close out the season with a homestand in Morden facing Parkland Feb. 20 and Yellowhead Feb. 21.

> POLICE, FROM PG. 9

The victim notified their bank and has cancelled the credit card.

Police urge people never to give out personal information to someone they do not know.

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• Feb. 3: At 9:27 p.m., a woman called Winkler Police to advise she was being followed around town by someone in a minivan, the driver of which was flashing their high beams at her.

Officers suggested she drive to the police station. Police waited and observed both vehicles arrive as they stopped in front of the main entrance.

The driver of the minivan produced identification upon request, at which time the officers noted an odor of beverage alcohol on his breath. A breathalyzer showed readings of 160 mg/%.

The 32-year-old male resident of

Winkler was charged with Impaired Driving and Driving over .08. He will appear in court next month.

• Feb. 4: A resident of Prairieview Drive in Winkler called to report his truck had been stolen from the street in front of his house.

The truck was later located in the R.M. of Stanley in inoperable condition.

The investigation continues.

• Feb. 5: A vehicle was observed by officers parked by the boat launch at Lake Minnewasta around midnight.

Police spoke with the two occupants of the vehicle and determined the driver to be on a zero blood alcohol concentration restriction.

A roadside screening demand was made and the test resulted in a warning.

Inside the vehicle were 12 cans of beer, which were destroyed at the scene.

The 29-year-old driver from Morden was issued a 72 hour suspension of his driver's license as well as a Provincial Offence Notice for carry liquor in a motor vehicle contrary to

the Liquor and Gaming Control Act.

• Feb. 6: Around 12:20 a.m., Morden Police received an anonymous call of a house party where some underage individuals were drinking and it was unknown if an adult was present.

Police attended the residence and observed several youth inside. As police entered, one youth ran to a back room to avoid police. It was determined this individual was on a probation order with conditions to abstain from the consumption of alcohol and to abide by a curfew.

The 17-year-old was arrested and released on a Promise to Appear in Morden Provincial Court charged with two counts of breach of probation and consumption of liquor by a minor.

Two other male youth, ages 16 and 17, were also charged with underage drinking.

• Feb. 6: A break-in to an apartment suite on Park Street in Winkler is under investigation. Several items including a computer and computer monitor are reported stolen.

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8	1	2	7	7	9	9	8	6
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Sudoku Answer

	Q	D	V			N	E	S
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G	V	B				C	B	V

Crossword Answer

CLUES ACROSS

- Basics
- Paper container
- Diving ducks of N America having a bluish-gray bill
- Spruce
- Sacred choral composition
- Ear lobe decoration
- S Am. wood sorrel cultivated for its edible tubers
- Wolf drama series
- Straight, bowling or bobby
- Cotton growing region in W. Central India
- Tax saving retirement account
- Expresses pleasure
- Synoptical
- Peseta
- Oceans
- Weekday
- Octagonal motif in rugs
- Beam out
- Escargots
- Mother of Apollo in ancient mythology
- Fed
- A sleeveless garment like cloak but shorter
- Yugoslavian River
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Representational likeness
- Plundered
- Clothier
- de Janeiro
- Peaceful relations
- Replaced union workers
- African people of Senegambia
- Every 24 hours
- 1/100 yen
- Summate

CLUES DOWN

- Gum arabic
- Crazy, loco, wacky

CROSSWORD

	1	2	3					4	5	6	
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45					46			47		48	49
50			51	52					53		54
55								56		57	
58									59		
	60									61	

- Unconnected
- Whirring sound
- Tartness
- A group of individuals
- Bard
- Buddy
- Not an amateur
- North-central Indian city
- Chit
- Reverences
- Inspire with love
- Endocrine gland
- Biblical name for Syria
- The woman
- Heroic tale
- Daddy
- Killing yourself
- In a way, discolors
- Artiodactyls

- Resistant to change
- Northeast
- Watering places
- A way to pave
- Value excessively
- Poplar trees (Spanish)
- Elk Grove High School
- Abroad
- Author George Bernard
- Old world, new
- Tiny insectivorous W. Indian bird
- British School
- Moroccan coastal region
- Radioactivity unit
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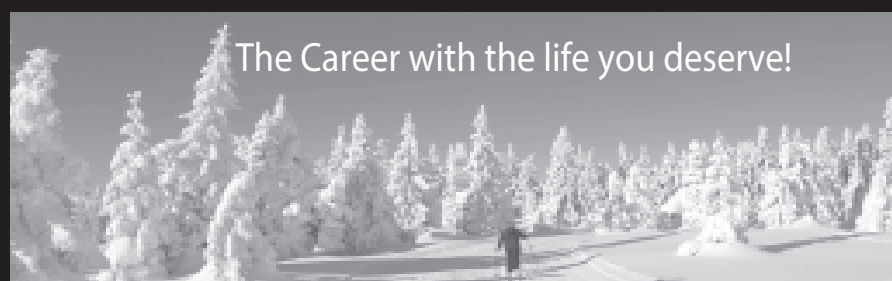
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OBITUARY



Jakob Wall 1939 – 2016

On Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre Jakob Wall, aged 76 years of Chortitz, MB went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Maria (nee Guenter); seven daughters, Mary and Willie Hildebrandt, Annie and Dave Friesen, Helen and Sheldon Kornelsen, Sarah Wall, Susie and Henry Klassen, Eva and Diedrich Fast, Tina and Isaac Dyck; five sons, Jake and Doris, John and Marlene, Peter and Helen, Abe and Colleen, Cornie and Carla; 38 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, as well as three sisters, four brothers and their families. He was predeceased by two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the German Old Colony Mennonite Church in Hochfeld with interment at the Church Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Jakob's memory to Cancer Care Manitoba.

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OBITUARY



Helen Irene Dyck 1948 – 2016

Helen Irene Dyck of Winkler, Manitoba passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Friday, January 29, 2016. She is survived by her mother, Mary Dyck of Winkler; her three daughters, Tara (Jo-Anne) Brown (husband, Donovan and their three children), Tracy Dyck and Tanya Dyck; her two older brothers, Jacob Schellenberg (and children) and Peter Dyck (wife Evelyn and their three children) and her beloved cat, Charlie.

Helen's legacy is not monetary wealth but the abundance of gifts she shared with those around her. The hardships and disappointments she experienced have helped her to understand others pain and be accepting of those around her. She never judged a book by its cover but was more interested in the person and their

story. This led to many interesting friends and adventures. Though she experienced hardships, her relationship with God was always a true beacon and source of peace and strength. It was quite late in life, at aged 63, that she was finally baptized by Kelvin Dyck in the Covenant Church in 2012. This was a lifelong goal of hers but she had never found a church and congregation that she felt accepted her as she was. She said, "I feel like I have searched my entire life for this church". Pastor Kelvin and his congregation have been an immense source of support for Helen, deepening her relationship with God and enabling her to become more than she could ever imagine. Till her last breath, she rejoiced in God and prayed her family would be fine without her and realize her final breath on Earth only meant her next breath would be in Heaven.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 2, 2016 at Faith Evangelical Bible Church in Winkler with interment at Winkler Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Sara Fehr (nee Fehr) 1930 - 2016

It is with great sadness that our family gathered to say good-bye to our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Sara Fehr, formerly of Winkler and Osterwick passed away at Tabor Home in Morden, MB on Saturday January 30, 2016 at the age of 85 years.

She was born in Mexico on December 31, 1930. She was predeceased by her husband, Diedrich Fehr in 2012; one son-in-law, William Klassen and two children in infancy.

She is survived by her six children, daughter, Mary Klassen; son, Diedrich and his wife, Nancy; son, Neil and his wife, Peggy; son, George Fehr; daughter, Sara and her husband, Dean Wall; son, Johann and his wife, Tara. "Chicken Grandma" also leaves behind 21 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren who will miss her

very much.

May her feet always find fertile soil to walk in, may her hands always have children and pails full of chickens to hold; may her heart be full and happy in the presence of her Lord and Saviour. Enjoy heaven. We will meet you there.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Alan Robert (Bob) Wilfred Kenneth Gionet 1954 – 2016

On Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Bob Gionet aged 61 years of Morden, MB passed away suddenly.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Pat (nee Meleck); two daughters, Jennifer and Kelly Klassen, Jaclyn and Al Smith; one son, Jeff and Kelley Gionet as well as seven grandchildren and one sister, June Gionet (Jack Hamm) and their family. He was predeceased by his mother, Katherine (nee Warkentin) in 2013.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday February 6, 2016 at Christian Life Centre with interment at Chapel Cemetery in Morden.

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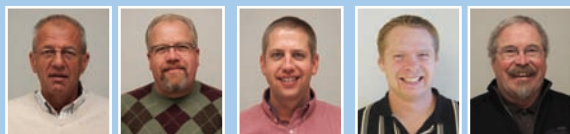
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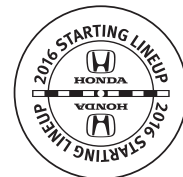
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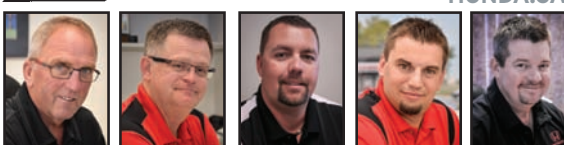
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