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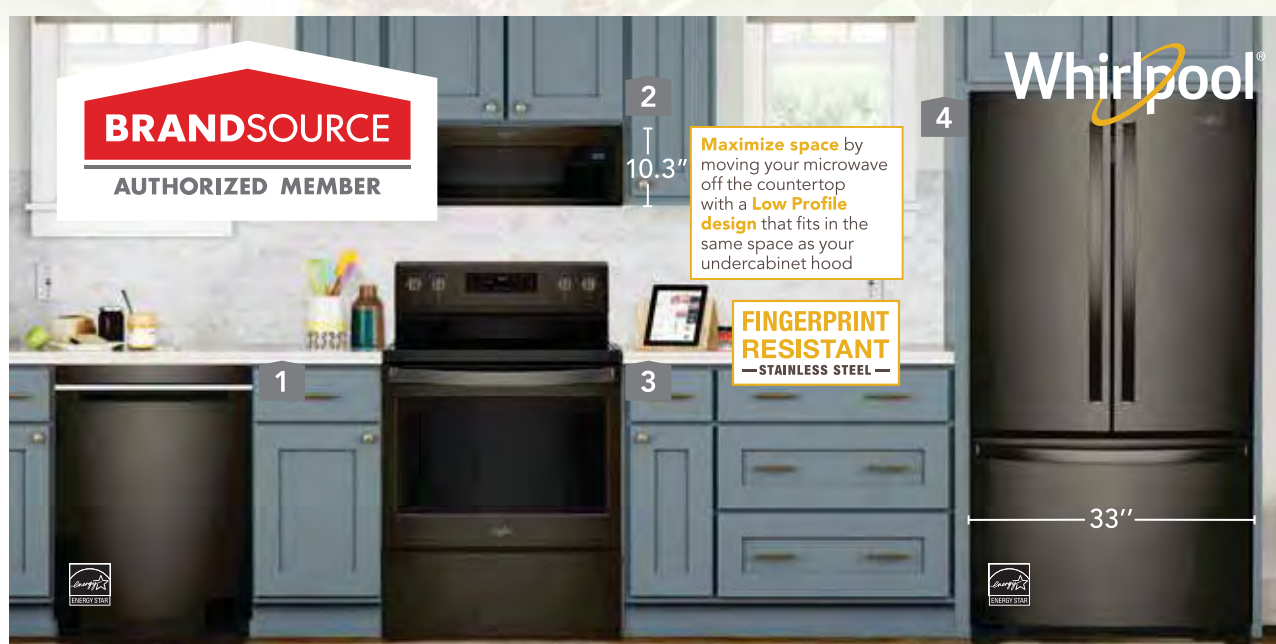
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# Thumbs up

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The Cultural & Educational Center LEADER in Morden marked International Women's Day Saturday with a program of song, music, games, and dance at the Morden Activity Centre. "Our teachers and children celebrated the important contribution women make in our community and our lives. It was also a colorful and delightful celebration of our culture," said Olga Vorobyeva, founder and director of the LEADER program, which offers children aged 3-17 classes revolving around Russian and German language and culture.

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# Access CU makes its merger case to members

By Lorne Stelmach

Directors of Access Credit Union say they are cautiously optimistic about a proposed amalgamation being put to a membership vote next week.

The merger of Access with Crosstown Civic Credit Union in Winnipeg will be voted on next Thursday, and board chairperson Curt Letkeman sees the circumstances being quite different this time around than how it was with the failed merger with Assiniboine Credit Union four years ago.

"They came a long way in trying to make it a partnership, but there was still that perception that they're twice our size," Letkeman said at a members forum in Morden last Wednesday—one of four held throughout the region, including in Winkler the night before.

"There's a better culture of connection this time around," suggested

Letkeman. "There's the fact the credit unions are the same size, there's the fact the board representation will be equal."

"People don't necessarily view it as a takeover; they view it as a partnership," he said. "There's a good relationship between the two organizations ... we have many similarities."

Access Credit Union serves southern Manitoba with 17 branches and 260 employees with over \$2.85 billion in assets and more than 54,000 members. It is the fourth largest credit union in Manitoba.

Crosstown Civic Credit Union serves Winnipeg with nine branches, 160 employees, over \$2.58 billion in assets, and more than 31,000 members. It is the fifth largest credit union in the province.

If the amalgamation is approved, the new entity with \$5.7 billion in assets would be second to only Steinbach Credit Union in Manitoba with



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

From left: Morden city councillor Jim Hunt chats with Access Credit Union's Rich Harries and Curt Letkeman at one of the financial institution's members forums held last week regarding the proposed amalgamation with Crosstown Civic Credit Union.

\$6.3 billion in assets.

The new board would have five representatives from Access and Crosstown, with Letkeman to serve as vice-chair and Ingrid Loewen of Crosstown to be chair.

Access Credit Union's Larry Davey would be the CEO of the new entity, as the Crosstown CEO is already planning on entering retirement. The two current corporate offices would

remain open.

Whether it's factors like the increasing costs of technology or the increased competition from non-traditional financial services, Letkeman made the case that growth and change is needed in order for the credit union to be able to not only maintain but increase the value for its members.

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# Zodiacs put their “skillz” to the test

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate students put their technical vocational skills to the test last week at the third annual GVC Skillz Competition.

On March 3, 75 students in the Winkler high school’s business, clothing and design, video production, digital photography, foods and nutrition, technology, and art programs were tasked with completing real-world challenges under tight deadlines.

“These seven challenges are all with our technical vocational area,” explained organizer and business teacher Rhonda Kezema. “It’s real-life learning, learning to work with others, meet a deadline, and use the skills they’ve learned in class.”

For most of the courses, the students arrived at school in the morn-

ing knowing very little about the details of the challenge about to be put before them, requiring them to think fast and work hard to complete it before the day was out.

In the clothing and design competition, students were tasked with designing and making miniature Barbie outfits out of a variety of supplied fabrics.

It was Gr. 10 students Lea Kraemer and Laurena Pohl’s first time taking part in the competition, and they were enjoying the challenge.

“We did a fashion fest last year where we had to design our own gowns and this year we thought it would be fun to do this one,” said Kraemer.

The biggest difficulty, Pohl said, was “trying to make stuff work” on the fly. “It’s pretty hard when you don’t



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Foods and nutrition students Madalyn Wiebe and Lauren Wolfe whip up something tasty in the GVC Skillz Competition last week.



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Above: Clothing and design students Lea Kraemer and Laurena Pohl hard at work sewing doll clothes they designed earlier in the morning. Right: Business student Nathan Lepp puts the finishing touches on a new logo he created for a Winnipeg food truck.

have the right templates to start with,” she said.

One classroom over, the foods and nutrition students were all over their kitchens preparing appetizers, a main dish, and dessert for the judges.

Teacher Kirsten Carman explained the kids did have a bit of time to prepare—each team was given a mystery ingredient in advance to build their dishes around—but the time crunch was still very real.

“They came in and the energy level in this room went through the roof. They are having a really good time,” she said.

“This is an opportunity for these students to take it one step beyond what we’d normally do in class,” Carman added. “They get to experience teamwork. They get to experience the opportunity to adjust the skills they’ve learned.”

Upstairs, Gr. 10 business student Nathan Lepp was hard at work de-

signing a logo for a Winnipeg food truck as part of a larger rebranding and promotional project for the business.

“I’ve been interested in business and, honestly, the idea of not really making a business but redesigning a business sounded super interesting and also a great way to see what I really can do,” he said, noting he’s taken several business courses and was enjoying putting all he’s learned into practise. “It really a cool way to see what I can do with what I’ve been learning so far.”

The Skillz Competition winners will be announced at GVC’s schoolwide assembly next week.



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## Healing through forgiveness

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Genesis House women's shelter marked International Women's Day with a celebration in Winkler on Sunday.

The afternoon included monologue performances from Sarasvati Productions and a presentation from guest speakers Wilma Derksen and daughter Odia Reimer.

Derksen is the mother of Candace Derksen, the 13-year-old Winnipeg girl who went missing on her way home from school in 1984. Candace's frozen body was later found tied up in a storage shed not far from her home.

Her mother and sister shared their family's journey of forgiveness and healing.

Derksen recalled the horrible days after Candace went missing and, weeks later, when her body was finally found.

A father of another murdered child met with the family to let them know what to expect. His trauma had utterly destroyed his life, physically and emotionally.

"Murder takes the child," Derksen said. "The aftermath of murder also takes your life."

It was then she and her husband, Cliff, realized they had to make a

choice.

"We choose forgiveness, whatever that means," she said. "We didn't know who the murderer was, we had no clue, but we said we choose to forgive, we choose to go a different direction. That [father] went that direction, we'll go this direction ... there's power in choice."

"The natural choice is to succumb and to let trauma take over," Derksen said. "Forgiveness or resilience, whatever word you want to use, is to choose something different and say, 'I'm not going to go down the negative path. I'm going to go down the positive.'"

It ultimately comes down to choosing to live—truly live on—rather than letting tragedy take your life, Derksen stressed.

"It's a choice to live after trauma, and I'm glad I did," she said. "Life is worth it."

Choosing the path of forgiveness doesn't mean there isn't anger nor that the road is easy, noted Reimer, but she, for one, found good role models on that path in her parents.

"Because they chose it and it was working for them to some degree, then I got to go along for the ride," she said. "I often say that I got my inheritance early—I got the privilege



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At Genesis House's International Women's Day celebration Sunday, Wilma Derksen (left) and daughter Odia Reimer spoke about their family's journey of forgiveness in the wake of tragedy.

of walking behind. Mom has led the way.

"It's like she's walking in the snow in front of us and we get to ... follow in her footsteps. And sometimes we get to give her a push when she can't make it."

Healing for Reimer has also meant doing something hands-on with her grief.

In the years since her sister's death, Reimer has explored what happened and the impact it's had on her and her family through art.

She's created several art pieces on the topic—hundreds of crocheted tear drops, a photography exhibit following Candace's last walk home—to try to make her peace with what happened.

During the trial of the man who would eventually be found guilty and then later acquitted of Candace's death, Reimer spent every day in court crocheting coloured circles to reflect her emotions. Cream stitches meant she was doing okay while the more common red and black colours reflected pain and anger at what she was hearing.

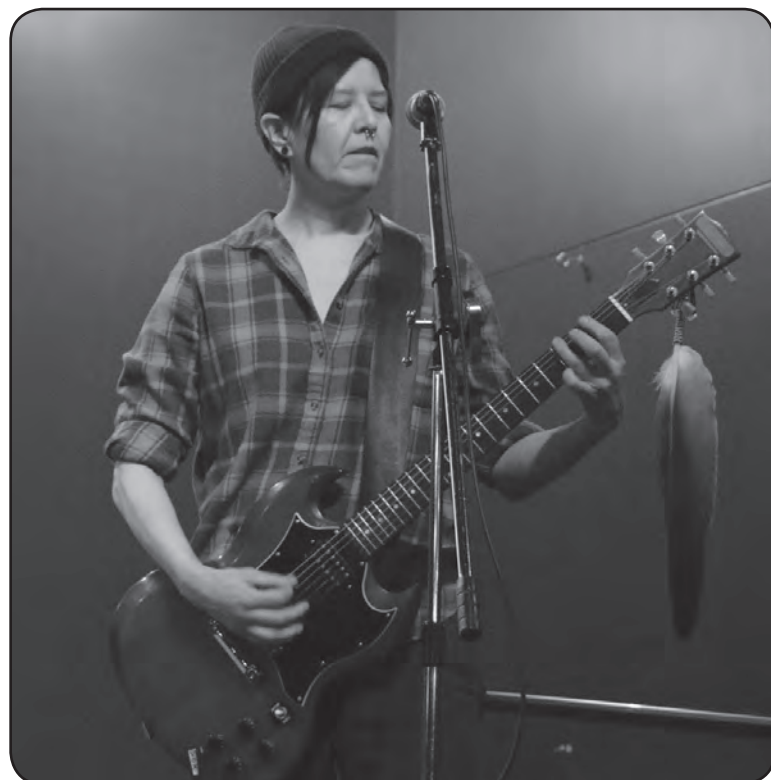
"It was the best decision I ever made by far in terms of this trial," she said. "It kept me focused. I actually had to process emotionally every sentence that was being said ... I was constantly asking myself how was I doing in the midst of whatever they were saying. And so I dealt with it immediately, I acknowledged it."

When it comes to justice, Derksen feels true justice is gained by overcoming evil rather than succumbing to it.

Once asked what it would take for her to feel that her daughter's death had been avenged, Derksen realized, deep down, she'd want to see 10 child murderers die, "and I would have to pull the trigger."

Upon further reflection, though, Derksen knew that wouldn't bring peace, but simply more pain.

"I realized that these 10 child murderers that I had wanted to kill would have 10 mothers. The violence would continue. Violence doesn't end with violence. You can't use violence to stop violence. We need to do love. We need to choose another way."



Wanda Wilson (left) and Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie of Sarasvati Productions performed spoken word and musical monologues on the topic of "Changes."

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"THE NATURAL CHOICE IS TO SUCCUMB AND TO LET TRAUMA TAKE OVER. FORGIVENESS OR RESILIENCE ... IS TO CHOOSE SOMETHING DIFFERENT."



# Power of the Purse pools funds to support local projects

By Lorne Stelmach

The Power of the Purse fundraiser through the Morden Area Foundation's Women's Giving Circle fell short of its target Saturday, but that doesn't disappoint Lynda Lambert.

The executive director of the foundation is always just pleased to see women come together for the event each year, however much is raised.

"There was a bunch of new people there this year ... some who were a little bit younger and also some who hadn't been there for a few years came back," said Lambert, noting a number of the regular participants were not able to take part this time around. "I thought this year was a really good year to come back because it just went so smooth this year. This was really, really good this year."

Power of the Purse began five years ago with the aim to raise and grant out \$10,000 within 100 minutes via 100 women donating \$100 each.

This year Lambert had hoped to draw 150 women to raise \$15,000 in celebration of Manitoba's 150th anniversary.

Instead, the Power of the Purse saw 105 people come out for the brunch itself and another 10 commit to donating to the cause.

As always, three organizations were invited to make a pitch for a portion of the funds.

John Rempel, executive director of Youth for Christ in Morden, told a story from the perspective of a girl who might come to them for assistance as part of his request for support for what he called "dignity bags" containing a range of feminine hygiene products.

He pointed to research that estimates the average woman in her lifetime may spend around \$6,000 on such products, and though it is something that most will take for granted, some young people don't necessarily

have the money or resources.

"Our hope at The Warehouse is to assemble at least 25 dignity bags," Rempel said. "Each will contain basic feminine needs that many of our young ladies are unable to afford ... and we would like to outfit them with a stylist handbag of their choice."

YFC requested \$3,500 to help cover the costs of the dignity bags.

Cathy Ching, director of library services for the South Central Regional Library, made a pitch for \$5,000 for tablets for a seniors literacy initiative.

Many seniors not only need larger print books, which can be harder to find, but also find it difficult to get down to the library in person due to mobility issues, Ching said.

"We can bring the library to them," she said, explaining the tablets will be set up with a selection of books and could be loaned out for an extended period. Their hope is to get 10 tablets and perhaps even involve volunteers to deliver them to the users.

"You can be their connection to the community," Ching urged Power of the Purse participants. "It's not just about the books. It's about having human contact and engagement and conversation, even if it is just about



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Power of the Purse fundraiser brunch drew 105 women on Saturday, each bringing with them \$100 to donate to local causes.

the weather."

Finally, Lambert herself asked participants to consider donating up to \$7,000 to the Power of the Purse endowment fund.

The fund is now at about \$93,000, so she was looking to push it over the \$100,000 mark. She stressed how this fund can have a ripple effect in the

community.

"Supporting this fund is the answer because the annual interest earned on this fund will impact women and children forever and ever."

Lambert did not yet have a breakdown as to how much each organization will be receiving from the event at press time.

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He suggested this amalgamation will bring a number of benefits to its members, ranging from interest being paid out monthly rather annually to patronage bonuses.

The credit union will gain in a number of ways such as having better buying power, and he stressed having greater financial strength in turn will make them better positioned for local investment.

"And the financial strength gained by an amalgamation would allow us to ensure that we can keep our rural branches open," Letkeman said. "A concern that everybody has is what's going to happen to our branch. We're assuring people that the same people who serve you today are going to serve you the day after amalgamation if it's successful."

"People are afraid of losing something; they don't necessarily always know what something is, but it's more of an unknown apprehension. So we're trying to reassure people it's business as usual, but you're going to have better features, more opportunities, and there really is nothing to be concerned about," he stressed.

Letkeman said the feedback from their members about the amalgamation has mostly been pretty positive.

"I think they understand why we're looking to do something," he said. "They understand that a presence in Winnipeg would be beneficial to a lot of our members."

"There's lots of competition in the marketplace and it's getting tougher and tougher to be profitable, and being able to gain some economies of scale allows you to keep that profitability up and at the same time serve our communities," Letkeman said. "I think most people understand the business side of it. Lots of people value that feeling of community, and what we're trying to ensure is that a strong credit union is committed to communities."

One member at the Morden meeting asked about quantifying some of the benefits of the merger and wondered, for example, how it might impact interest rates. Directors couldn't offer specifics, but Letkeman stressed that "we always want to provide the best rates possible for our members."

Another person asked whether the

credit union had exhausted other avenues for growth and wondered how competitive it would really be in the Winnipeg market and how much more efficient the new entity would be over the old.

"We know these amalgamations are going to happen," said Letkeman, whose presentation noted a prediction that Manitoba will see the number of credit unions in the province reduced to 25. "The competition is real, and credit unions have to become more efficient ... and we're trying to be more proactive."

Voting on the merger takes place on March 19. A two-thirds majority vote will be needed for the amalgamation to move ahead.

The credit unions are working to make voting easier than ever for members.

"One of the real benefits that we have this time around which we didn't have five years ago is that people can vote electronically," Letkeman said. "So they don't actually have to go to a meeting."

If the amalgamation is approved, the target date for the merger to take effect is July 1.

## Clarification

Our story on the Boundary Trails Nordic Club last week at one point referred to the group as a "skiing fraternity."

To clarify, the club is not a men's only group but also includes a number of avid female skiers.

Of the 150 participants in this year's Distance Challenge, 74 were female. The ladies averaged a distance of 28 kilometres per skier at the event, with 17 skiing over 100 km.



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## Preparedness is good—panic not so much

**H**ave you been tempted to shop online for a completely sealed, bright yellow hazmat suit lately? Of course you have if you have been keeping up with the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) panic that is sweeping the globe these days.

Heck, the way things are being presented the entire planet is going to have to lock themselves in their basements for three years simply to avoid the possibility of infection.

Look, I get it. We want to remain vigilant and ensure proper precautions are taken to avoid the spread of this virus. Nobody should be put at risk, especially our most vulnerable.

However, the constant 24 hour media coverage can place the whole

population in a state of near drug-induced paranoia. Soon people will be newspapering over their windows after sealing their entire house in Saran Wrap and then sitting in a rocking chair with a shotgun trained at the front door to prevent infected visitors from showing up.

"But you have to take this seriously! Won't someone please think of the children!!!"

Preparedness is great. Panic is destructive.

For instance, did you know that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control on estimates that between 291,000-646,000 people die every single year worldwide from the flu? Seriously. The population of Winnipeg wiped out annually from the flu.

In roughly two months Covid-19 has killed 2,800 people or 1,400 per month while the flu kills as many as nearly 54,000 people per month. As of press time there were just over 82,000 cases of Covid-19 globally. The flu infects approximately 1 billion people annually.

So why all the panic? Mostly coverage and fear of the unknown.

We know a lot about the flu and develop vaccines against the most dangerous strains every year. We know comparatively little about Covid-19. It may be airborne transmissible ...

or maybe not. It may have a mortality rate several times higher than the seasonal flu ... or, once again, it may not. There is simply not enough information available yet. However, while I write this, a trial vaccine has already been announced by Moderna Therapeutics, so that is something to hope for.

I am not advocating for people to let their guards down. I am saying that this round the clock constant coverage is going to create unnecessary panic and it needs to stop.

In the meantime, the rest of us need to cover our mouths when we cough, wash our hands regularly, and stay alert regarding the health of ourselves and those closest to us. All things we should be doing all the time anyhow.

Finally, a little perspective: I just read an article describing the discovery of the largest explosion ever detected in our universe. How big was the explosion? Scientists say you could fit 15 Milky Way galaxies (our galaxy) end to end in the blast zone, a space more than 1.5 million light years across.

You're welcome for distracting you from the Covid-19 virus with the possibility of our galaxy blowing up. There are no vaccines against total cosmic annihilation (yet).



**By Peter Cantelon**

# Letters

## Concerns about Access Credit Union merger proposal

After listening to the presentation last week at both Winkler and Morden Access Credit Unions merger meetings I feel compelled to speak to both members and the community at large.

The lack of answers to questions posed by members was deeply concerning to say the least. First off, there seems to be a number of members that are asking why another

merger vote? Did we not clearly state five years ago with a majority voting NO to a merger? Is it the N or O our board has not understood?

Statistics from the financial reports of other Manitoba credit unions already show we are not the most efficient credit union [ed. note: ACU's efficiency ratio in 2018 was 65.40 per cent. Cambrian CU, in comparison, had a ratio of 49.85 per cent that year, while Assini-

boine CU hit 63.9 per cent]. Why are we not working at being more efficient? If we get our ducks in a row, we may be able to compete.

Our CEO already lives in Winnipeg and has for some time. Where is our day to day representation? It seems as though the thoughts of merger are front and center on his mind, leaving

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# Pregnancy care centre reports on a challenging year

The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre is weathering some challenges as it works to continue to help men and women impacted by pregnancy.

PVPCC reported on a difficult financial year at its recent annual general meeting.

They were anticipating a small deficit, but the final numbers indicated a \$12,000 shortfall for 2019, says executive director Linda Marek.

"We know there are some economic challenges in the region so this was not entirely surprising," she said. "We have some fixed expenses, so there is no wiggle room in some parts of the budget."

"For the 2020 year we have reduced our marketing and training sections to try balancing things out," Marek said. "We are so thankful for those folks who have found a way to support this local mission on a monthly or annual basis. Businesses, families, churches and places like United Way, they make a huge difference and we are so grateful."

The need for PVPCC's services remains, with over 100 different women and men coming to the agency for help with pregnancies both planned and unexpected in 2019.

The centre, which has offices in both Winkler and Morden, met with approximately 40 new clients throughout the year.

Most people come to the centre for pregnancy options information, prenatal/childbirth education, parenting

education and support, abortion grief support, pregnancy tests, and baby items like diapers and formula.

"The joy we see on their faces when someone brings in their baby, and the desperation we hear in their voice when they call in—this is what inspires us to keep going," said Marek.

"Each situation has its unique challenges, but every client has strengths and a huge capacity to love and mature and grow through the difficulty."

"It is a privilege to connect with each person and walk with them during and after

their pregnancy or parenting experiences."

None of it would be possible without the centre's team of dedicated volunteers, who last year put in over 900 hours of work.

"Overall we have much to be thankful for: a passionate team of staff and volunteers, clients engaging with big questions, a solid board of directors,

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From left: PVPCC board of directors Andy Schmidt, Glenda Schwarz, Davis Wieler, and Hugh Froese. At its AGM recently, the agency reported a \$12,000 deficit for 2019.

and a community that believes in this mission," said Marek.

"We anticipate 2020 may have some challenges, but the women who find themselves pregnant and unsure, they are our priority and we are unequivocally committed to women and

men being empowered in their pregnancy decisions. Because even one woman living with regret because she didn't have access to information and support is one woman too many."

Learn more about PVPCC online at [pvpcc.com](http://pvpcc.com).

## Inquest called in death of Morden man

Manitoba's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has called an inquest into the death of Matthew Fosseneuve, a 34-year-old Morden man who died after an altercation with Winnipeg Police nearly two years ago.

On July 28, 2018, police responding to a disturbance call arrived to find a combative male.

A Taser was deployed and the man,

Fosseneuve, was restrained but continued to struggle before then becoming unresponsive.

Resuscitation efforts failed and Fosseneuve was pronounced deceased at the hospital after prolonged CPR.

An autopsy determined the cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia due to dilated cardiomyopathy. Contributing factors were methamphetamine

toxicity and physiologic stress of recent physical struggle and restraint. The manner of death was deemed accidental.

The inquest will look into the circumstances surrounding Fosseneuve's death and determine what, if anything, can be done to prevent similar deaths from happening in the future.

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us literally in his rear view mirror.

Urbanizing us to Winnipeg only takes away our hometown values and this includes our say for our community and our money. Do we really need Crosstown Credit Union for that?

When a member asked at the meeting what are the negatives to the merger, Mr. Speaker said they hadn't found any. We find this to be incorrect.

Along with our say there is the matter of being dictated to by another group of people that do not understand a farming way of life. And that's what this community after all was built on.

Another matter of concern: Access stated that Winkler has almost no

room for Access to advance in our community. How is this even correct? One of the fastest growing communities in Canada and no room to grow financially? What?

Why is the board so keen on going to Winnipeg, a city that is reducing public services to manage its public finances, struggling to contain fallout from various addiction crisis, and served by many credit unions already?

I along with many others in the community feel as though our credit union has neglected local financial opportunities to the point that Rose-nort Credit Union was able to open branches in Winkler and Altona, and is doing well.

Is our credit union really hearing

its members and the community in which we all live? I smell skunk!

PLEASE!!! Do what you can for your community. Exercise your right to

vote on March 19th online or at your local credit union.

John R. Klassen, Winkler

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# A little bit of everything at Morden Lions Toy Show

Show takes place  
March 21-22

By Lorne Stelmach

It's been drawing people here for two decades now and the annual Morden Lions Toy Show is still going strong.

The show never fails to fill the Access Event Centre hall with people who have a passion for classic toys.

The draw for the event set for March 21-22 is simply that collectibles transcend all ages, said organizer Donald Holenski.

"We have a lot of the same displayers but also usually a few new ones," he said. "We get about 650 people give or take ... it can vary from year to year ... but we have vendors coming from Steinbach, areas east of the Red River ... some people from towards Yorkton

and Davidson, Saskatchewan and all points in between.

"We can have 80 plus tables from farm toys, die-cast toys of all kinds and some flea market tables as well," said Holenski. "We have sports cards people who usually come out as well."

New this year will be The Bunker youth ministry with a slot car racing demonstration featuring a 27 foot drag racing track.

"I saw it at the Winkler toy show and I thought we needed something different like that," said Holenski. "It has the lights like a real race track ... they zip down the track like there's no tomorrow."

"We also have two farm displays coming," he added, noting the one vendor is coming from out west. "His home roots are in Morden but he's in B.C. He phoned me and wanted to come out and set up a farm display."

Proceeds from the show's admis-



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Morden Lions Toy Show will have something for the young and young at heart when it takes over the Access Event Centre community hall March 20-21.

sion fees go back into the community through the work of the Lions Club.

"We have lots of projects on the go ... we're a small group, but we have lots of service projects," said Holenski.

The Morden Lions Toy Show runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 22.

# Registration on now for WAC's spring workshops

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture is launching its spring session of art classes this month.

"We're hoping to provide something for everybody that wants to take art classes, so we're trying to make sure that they're always something for both adults and for kids," says WAC

board member Jenessa Kehler, who says the gallery's education program is a top priority for the organization.

"Education and the gallery shows are our two main priorities and I think education is almost more important than the showings in some ways," she says. "We want to be able to offer more to the community."

Interest in the classes remains high

across all age levels and mediums, Kehler says, noting their fall sessions were completely full.

Spring session workshops include:

- Early Dismissal Clay Owl Program: Every early dismissal day, children age seven and up can come to the gallery to paint a small pottery piece from Clay Owl Studios. Registration is \$15.

- Arrrt Explorers: This spring break art camp runs two sessions a day (mornings for ages 7-9, afternoons for 10-12) March 30 to April 3. Art projects will be based on the theme of treasure hunting. Registration is \$50.

- Cross Stitch Tutorial: April 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is \$50 and includes a cross stitch kit to follow along with the demonstration.

- Felt Workshop: Learn to create an essential oil diffusing succulent. April 15 from 7-9 p.m. Registration is \$55. 18+ only.

- Playing with Watercolour: Explores different types of watercolor and painting techniques. April 17, 7-9 p.m., and April 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration \$70.

- Playing with Watercolor Part 2: Builds upon the skills learned in part one. May 1-2. Registration is \$70.

- After School Art: The Sound of Colour. Students will learn how sound and colour relate by working with different art materials while listening to music. Tuesdays, May 5-26, 3:45-5 p.m. Ages 7-10. Registration is \$40.

Register by phone at 204-312-7991, email to [admin@winklerarts.com](mailto:admin@winklerarts.com), or online at [winklerarts.com](http://winklerarts.com).

Kehler says they'd also love to hear from both potential students looking for specific kinds of workshops and artists interested in hosting classes.



## A skate with the MP

The Access Event Centre was a busy place Saturday, not only with the Home and Life Show but with Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen on hand to host free public skating in the afternoon. Whether on skates or not, people also had time to talk shop with Bergen.

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# Shoppers customers support women's mental health

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Shoppers Drug Mart customers made it possible for the store to give \$3,213 to the Pembina Counselling Centre last week.

The funds were raised through Shoppers' fall "LOVE YOU" campaign, which gives customers the chance to donate at the till in support of a local organization dealing with women's health.

This year's focus was on women's mental health, which made the Pembina Counselling Centre the perfect recipient, said front store manager Mike Agnew.

"Mental health is a tough subject to talk about, to admit that we have, but it's much more prevalent than we would often think," he said, adding that having a place like the counselling centre in the community helps a lot of people. "To be able to support that is wonderful.

"We just want to thank our customers for the tremendous support that they give us every year," Agnew said.

"Thank our staff for how much they get behind the program every single year."

Pembina Counselling Centre executive director Chris Derksen said the funds will go to support the organization's sliding fee scale.

"We rely on our community partners like Shoppers Drug Mart and other donors to support us," he said. "We do have client fees, of course, but that doesn't cover all of our expenses and that's deliberate because we don't want cost to be a barrier to people getting help.

"We're very grateful for this. This money will go towards our programming, paying for our counsellors so that they can help the people in the community of the Pembina Valley."

The need for the PCC's services continues to grow. Last year they saw over 3,000 clients.

"So there is definitely a need and a demand for people seeking help and counselling," Derksen said. "It's one of those things that is taboo to talk about, however there's been a shift in



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Shoppers Drug Mart staff presented Chris Derksen and Paul Penner from the Pembina Counselling Centre with over \$3,200 in customer donations last week.

our culture where people are starting to open up about the struggles that they're dealing with, which is won-

derful, and we're just so thankful that we can be available within the community."

# Conference on sustainable energy in Morden April 8

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden plays host to the Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association's (ManSEA) sixth annual conference and AGM next month.

The event has been held in the past in Winnipeg, Brandon, and Portage la Prairie, but this year organizers decided the heart of the Pembina Valley was the perfect spot, says organizer Randy Baldwin.

"We decided we wanted to branch out into a new part of Manitoba to attract a different crowd and thought the Pembina Valley was a logical place to go since it's a very innovative and dynamic area," he says.

Innovation is certainly a theme for the conference, which will feature guest speakers sharing how they've used renewable energy to replace fossil fuels.

"We'll be talking about electric vehicles, geothermal heat, solar panels, and biomass conversion to heat as well," Baldwin says.

Kicking off the day at the Access Event Centre on Wednesday, April 8 will be Curt Hull, director of Climate Change Connection, with his presentation *The Greta Thunberg Effect: Manitobans have something to learn from a Swedish teenager*.

"He's really going to set the stage

about why we should all be concerned about climate change and what we should be aware of what we can do to change the situation," says Baldwin.

Another interesting set of speakers on the schedule are representatives from the Prairie Rose School Division and Lowe Farm's SIN Enterprises sharing how they installed the first biomass boiler as a primary heat source in a Manitoba public school in St. Eustache.

The session on electric cars led by Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association president Robert Elms should also be quite interesting, Baldwin notes, as it will touch on what Manitoba needs to do to catch up when it comes to using greener modes of transportation.

These and other speakers along with the various displays set up in the hall should appeal to anyone interested in learning about living a more sustainable life.

"We really think it's of interest to

everyone, but particularly to people who have a high level of energy use," Baldwin says. "Maybe to heat large buildings, maybe to operate truck fleet—there's a whole range of things that might come into play."

To register for the conference or see the full list of speakers, visit [mansea.org](http://mansea.org) or email [info@MANSEA.org](mailto:info@MANSEA.org).

Early bird registration runs until March 27. Discounted student tickets are also available.

## Winkler, Morden police reports

- March 4: At 12:01 a.m., Morden Police received a complaint that a suspicious vehicle kept driving by the caller's house and shining a flashlight into the house. Police patrolled the area but did not find a vehicle matching the description.

- March 4: A teenage female disclosed to Winkler Police several incidents of inappropriate behaviour by three males known to her. The female did not wish to proceed with charges. This file is still under investigation.

- March 5: Morden Police received

a call from a mother stating that her 17-year-old son was walking home from school when he was approached by a male in a red car. The male started to ask the teenager if he believed in God, but the teenager, who was uncomfortable with the situation, said he had to leave. The mother and son were unable to provide police with more details about this person.

- March 6: A male attended the Morden police station office to report a fraudulent cheque that he received in the mail.

The man had posted an ad on a social media account selling a display case for \$500. He was contacted by an individual and a few days later received a cheque from a legitimate business for \$3,650.

The scammer stated that \$500 was for the display case and \$50 was for the inconvenience of returning the remaining funds.

The male recognized this as a scam right away and reported the incident. He is not out any money.

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The Morden chamber hosted dozens of local businesses at its annual Home & Life Show last weekend. Right: First-time show vendors Shea and Kanya Dasee Letkeman at their Sanook Massage and Spa booth.

# Spotlight on local businesses at Morden Home & Life Show

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Home and Life Show last weekend offered both the familiar as well as some newer faces in the business community.

For all involved, the annual showcase organized by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce was a welcome opportunity to promote themselves.

"This is big for us, to be able to showcase in the community like this," said Shea Letkeman, who serves as the business manager for the new Sanook Massage and Spa.

He works with his wife Kanya Dasee Letkeman, who is a registered Thai massage therapist from Thailand and who worked in Thai massage at various hotels and spas over a period of about eight years.

The couple came to Canada last May and their business is now set up at 65C Stephen Street.

"I think this is invaluable to us," said Letkeman, noting that they are still getting their name out there and that they are in location that is not necessarily going to get a lot of walk-

in traffic. "So especially as a new business, this is the perfect way for us to get exposure."

Now in its ninth year, the Home and Life Show featured dozens of varied exhibitors and attracted hundreds of people over the two days.

Part of the show for a fourth time, Marilyn Ducharme of Cara Clark Bedding said she's glad to be involved every year.

"I'm a people person ... and I just love sharing our product with everybody. I think our products are great," said Ducharme.

"This is the best bang for your buck locally and I just love it, want to share it. I'm here to promote, and if I get one sale, it's great, that's the way that I look at it."

Back at the show again as well was Home Hardware, and owner

David Janzen agreed that it is very worth their while.

"I think it's great. It's a great way to connect with people. It's a good way to remind customers that we're here," he said. "And especially now that we moved to building centre, we can talk about some of the other products that we haven't talked about previously here."

**"IT'S A GOOD WAY TO CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY."**



The show provided an opportunity to visit a variety of businesses under one roof and see what products and services they have to offer the area.

**PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE**



We've had some of our building supply guys here over the course of the two days.

"It's always a bit of work to get ready for and prepare for, but it's worth it. It's a good way to connect with the community."

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Police followed up with the company, who was already aware their name was being used in fraudulent activity.

- March 6: Winkler Police received a report regarding a teenage male who, on multiple occasions, was threatened with a weapon by an adult known to him. Police seized the weapon from the adult. This investigation is ongoing.

- March 6: Winkler Police received a report regarding a male youth who had been assaulted by a teenage male at a local business. The investigation continues.

- March 6: Winkler Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle and formed grounds to believe that the three occupants were in possession of a controlled substance.

During a search of the vehicle, police located a quantity of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. All three individuals were arrested for possession of methamphetamine. Two of the individuals were also charged with breaching a release order condition. All three individuals were transported to the Winkler Police Service and later released on undertakings.

- March 8: At approximately 6:45 a.m., Winkler officers were dispatched to a residence regarding a disturbance between several individuals.

Two of the individuals had left prior to police arrival, and one of the males involved was no longer welcome inside the home. The male agreed to depart the residence, but later returned on several occasions and continued to cause a disturbance.

Police advised the man that if he returned to the residence again he could be arrested for breaching the peace, after which no further complaints were received.



# Morden Legion putting up 15 more banners

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Legion is going further with a commemorative banner project that began last year.

The organization recently received the support of council to help add 15 more banners to the existing 25 that were hung up in 2019 as another means of honouring local veterans.

"It all worked out very well. We're quite pleased with it," said Ken Wiebe, who spearheaded the initiative. "We had just absolutely great response; you wouldn't believe the positive feedback that we had. Everybody that saw the banners on the street thought it was a great tribute to our veterans."

The first 25 banners put up downtown last year for about a month around Remembrance Day feature images of area residents who have

served our country stretching back to the First World War through to today, through both war and peace.

"We managed to put some of them in very strategic locations," said Wiebe, explaining a few included an image of a poppy to signify the person died in service, such as Ralph Spencer, who died on Juno Beach, and Harvey Kinsmen, who was killed in Normandy. Those two banners were hung near the community cenotaph.

Many others, purposely or through coincidence, were hung near the homes or businesses of the people they honour.

Now the Legion hopes to put up at least five more banners downtown and another 10 at the Access Event Centre.

Wiebe is confident they will be able to easily sell out the additional banners,

which can be purchased by family members or other sponsors.

It costs \$300 to sponsor a memorial banner. The banners will all go up in late October and be taken down just after Remembrance Day.

"We would like to have them all sold before July," Wiebe said. "I'm quite certain we can do it; we've already had some interest."

People who are interested can contact Wiebe directly or through the Morden Legion.

Potential sponsors will need to submit a photo of the person to be honoured and a little bit about of their service history. The only requirement otherwise is that they be members of the community, or at least from a family with a strong connection to the community.



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# Candlewick, PSSD students bring Fiddler to the stage

By Lorne Stelmach

Candlewick Productions is turning to the beloved tale of *Fiddler on*

*the Roof* for this year's Prairie Spirit School Division musical.

The award-winning tale of Tevye the dairyman and his family's struggles in a changing Russia is a staple of musical theatre with its humour, warmth, and honesty, suggested director Richard Klassen.

The story has real depth aside from the great music, he said, noting how

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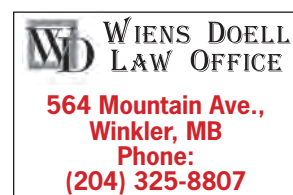
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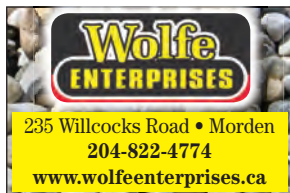
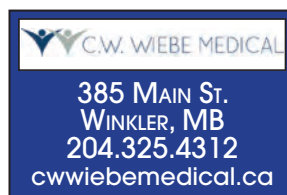
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# A vehicle for unity

It's more about the mission than the merchandise at the Adult and Teen Challenge Super Thrift Pembina Valley.

The Winkler store works through the gifts of clothing, furniture, household items, electronics, or vehicles to help put hope within reach of those struggling with addiction.

"It's much more than a thrift store. We like to call it a ministry centre," said manager Steve Keesic.

Adult and Teen Challenge is part of a ministry that was started in the 1950s in the United States by pastor David Wilkerson and has since grown to over 125 countries and 1,400 centres.

The agency operates a men's home in Winnipeg, women's and men's homes in Thunder Bay, and a women's home in Brandon along with Super Thrift stores in Winkler, Brandon, and Thunder Bay.

"Our vision for this area is that we will be able to have a men's home in the future. We're hoping maybe even this year we can get a start," said Keesic, noting they have seen a real need here. "We know we need a centre because 10 of the guys who are in Winnipeg are from the Pembina Valley area, and four of the ladies who are in the women's home are from the Pembina Valley area."

"We've seen 15 or 16 people come into this store completely by happenstance, asking for help, knowing somebody that is familiar with someone who came through Adult and Teen Challenge and has gotten healing."

The thrift store helps support initiatives like the regular weekly concerned person's groups operating locally.

"It's really growing a lot as well," said Keesic, who added they also have a graduate house in Winkler where four people who have been through the program can continue to receive support as they work to keep their lives on track.

"Teen Challenge is really stepping up into the next level," he said. "There's a lot of awesome things that are happening here."

"Every day, we see someone coming into the thrift store just wanting to talk ...



*Adult and Teen Challenge Super Thrift Pembina Valley manager Steve Keesic says they are so much more than a thrift store. The storefront allows the organization to reach out to individuals struggling with addictions and help them get their lives back on track.*

and we are actively involved in the community," Keesic said, explaining that they do things like presentations in local high schools and are also involved in a number of local churches.

"We invest right back into the community ... and it's really awesome when we see change happening in people."

The Super Thrift store is also offering experience while generating revenue to support its programs.

"We have hired 13 people from the area ... and we have people from a range of denominations," noted Keesic. "It's really cool what all is happening, and it is growing. God is using Teen Challenge as a vehicle for unity."

You can find Adult and Teen Challenge Super Thrift Pembina Valley online and on social media or in person at 390 1st Street.



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## Check out Friesen Sales and Rentals for your spring yard project equipment needs

Anyone with yard or landscaping projects in mind with spring on the horizon would be well advised to check out Friesen Sales and Rentals.

Located in the Hwy. 3 corridor east of Morden, the business offers a large selection of home and outdoor equipment for residential users.

"A lot of people think that we are only agricultural," says owner Ike Friesen, who notes that while the business got its start with agricultural and heavy duty machinery, in recent years it has grown its rental catalogue to better meet the needs of all kinds of customers.

"We have things like lawn aerators, we have lawn edgers as well ... and there's garden tillers, wood chippers, and even trimmers," he says, adding they also carry everything from post hole augers to compactors to automotive tools.

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3. You're not immune to error.

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The Douglas Kuhl School of Music filled the Winkler EMMC last month with music for its annual winter concert, *Forte!* in February. Above: Allegro ensemble students, the school's youngest performers, take the stage. Right: Vocalist Alyssa Hildebrand performs alongside the Post Road ensemble.

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it touches on such themes as people being driven out of their communities "or even just in general how people treat each other.

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This is now the ninth year Candlewick has teamed up with students for the high school musical production. There will be about 40 involved on stage with perhaps another 10 or

so backstage working on everything from building sets to sewing costumes.

The students receive school credit for their involvement, Klassen noted.

"So we up the ante a bit and give them a few more responsibilities, and we've got a good crew then," he said.

"We've opened it up to some of the other high schools in the area, so we've got students coming from St. Claude and Notre Dame as well as Manitou, Crystal City, and Pilot Mound. That's

really opened up the variety of students that we have involved ... when you get such a wide variety like that and you put them together on stage ... and then you put that into doing something like *Fiddler on the Roof*, an old classic, it's a lot of fun."

One challenge this year is having more students involved who are new to the dramatic arts.

"Last year we had a lot of returning students who had been with us for a number of years," Klassen said. "It's a

fresher group this year; they're not as experienced, but they are a lot of fun. They are enthusiastic, and they want to get on stage and they want to perform. When you get them going, some of those harmonies are really nice."

The musical runs March 19-21 at 7 p.m. nightly and then concludes with a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee March 22 at the Manitou Opera House.

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The younger Giesbrecht graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1998 and received his C.A. designation in 2001.

He spent a decade cutting his teeth at Grant Thornton LLP before returning to Morden in 2008 to join the family firm, which formally changed its name to K.J. Giesbrecht, Chartered Professional Accountant in 2009.

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# sports & recreation

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## Hawks knock out Bruins

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks are in the final four in the hunt for the Manitoba AAA title after dispatching the Winnipeg Bruins in four games in the quarter-finals.

The seventh place Bruins had staved off elimination with a 4-3 overtime win in game three last Tuesday, but the Hawks bounced back with a solid 7-0 victory in game four Thursday.

The second place Hawks are now taking on the fourth-ranked Southwest Cougars in a best of five semi-final that got underway Monday in Morden.

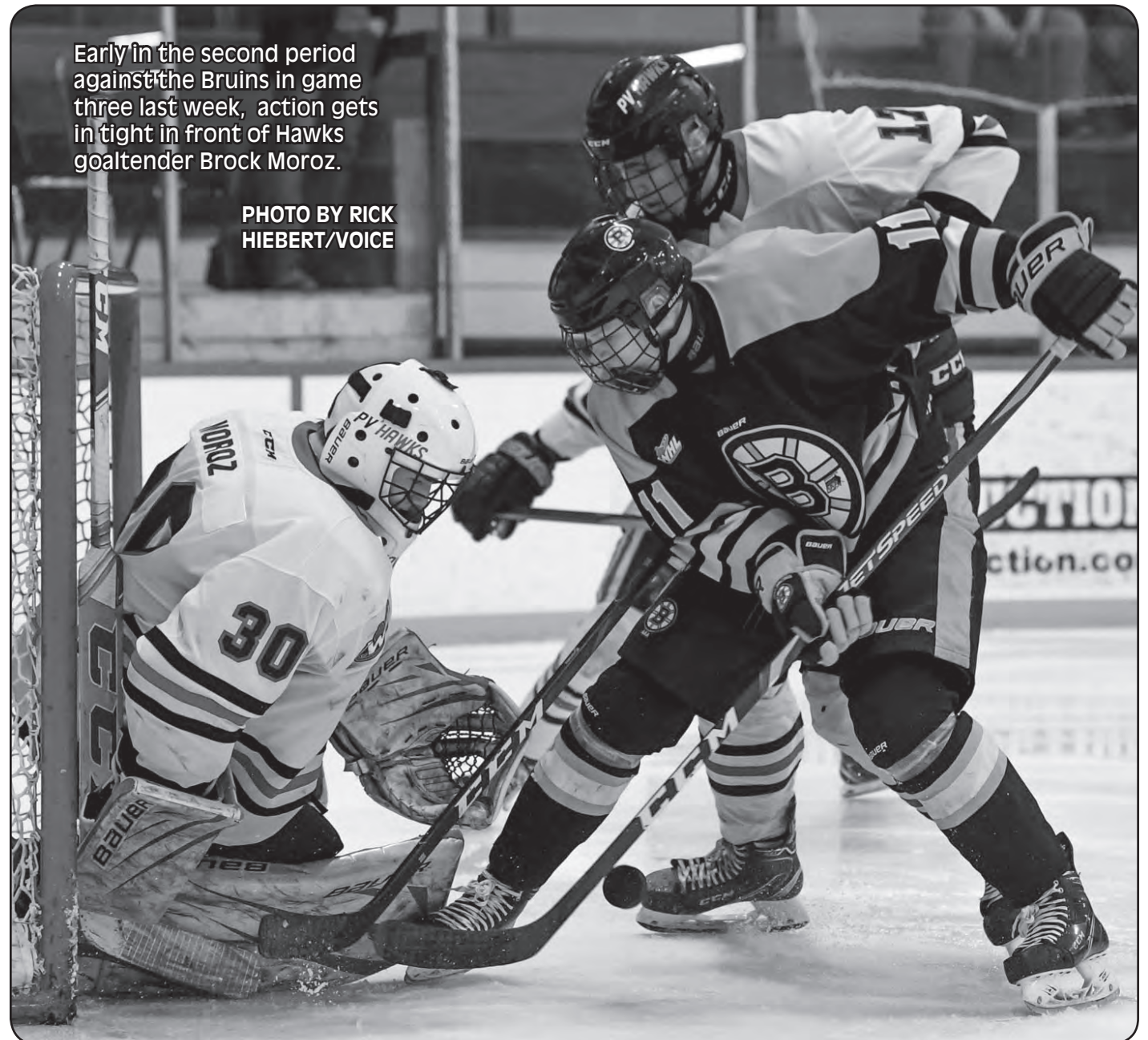
The Cougars took a 2-0 lead heading into the first intermission, but the Hawks fought back in a big way with three unanswered goals in the second courtesy of Riley Goertzen, Justin Keck, and Mitchell Hlady.

Period three saw Caelan Russell make it 4-2 for Pembina Valley at the 8:30 mark. While Southwest managed one more two minutes later, it wasn't enough. The game went to the Hawks 4-3. Reid Dyck made 45 saves as the Cougars outshot the Hawks 48-31.

Game two takes place in Souris Wednesday while game three is back in Morden Friday. If needed, game four will be in Souris Sunday and game five in Morden next Tuesday.

The Hawks and Cougars were pretty evenly matched through the regular season, with Pembina Valley winning the first two before Southwest took the last two games.

"We're expecting a real tough series from a real good structured hockey team that's going to push us, and we're going to have to be ready," said



Early in the second period against the Bruins in game three last week, action gets in tight in front of Hawks goaltender Brock Moroz.

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co-coach Jeff Andrews.

"They got better as the season wore on ... they did a way better job of being more consistent than we did," he added. "For us, staying consistent and following our game plan is what we will need to do if we're going to be successful."

Meanwhile, Andrews was happy with how the Hawks closed out the quarter-finals in game four last week.

"I thought we had a real good game," he said. "We had some guys that carried our team offensively, and we got a strong goaltending performance ...

but our goaltending has been consistent all season long. So I was real happy to close out a scrappy team and excited for the second round."

Game three slipped away from the Hawks, who led 3-1 in the third period until the Bruins scored twice in 14 seconds with just over three minutes remaining. It then went into a second overtime until Winnipeg won it at the 1:30 mark.

Roux Bazin, Goertzen, and Hlady scored for the Hawks. Brock Moroz made 38 saves for Pembina Valley while Matthew Kieper was heroic in

the Bruins' net in stopping 68 of 71 shots.

Dyck then earned a 38 save shutout for the Hawks in game four.

Bazin paced the attack with a hat trick as the Hawks expanded a 1-0 first period lead to 5-0 after 40 minutes despite being outshot 38-31 overall. Andrew Boucher scored twice, with the other goals coming from Goertzen and Derek Wiebe.

While the Hawks now take on the Cougars the Winnipeg Wild face the Eastman Selects in the league's other semi-final series.

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# Royals honoured

Two Winkler Royals were honoured with league awards from the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League.

At the team's windup Feb. 28, Remi Laurencelle (left photo at right) was presented with the Regular Season MVP Award and the Rookie of the Year Award.

Laurencelle finished the season with 42 points, averaging over two points a game and coming in third in the league.

Also honoured was Michael St Croix (right photo), who took home the SEMHL's Most Sportsmanlike



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Player Award. St. Croix's 28 points had him finishing in the top ten in the league. He on-ice conduct earned

him only four penalties all season.

The SEMHL championship finals continue this week between the War-

ren Merces and the Portage Islanders.

Warren took game one 3-1 on Sunday.

## Flyers bounce back with a vengeance in game two

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers dropped game one of their quarter-final series against the Virden Oil Capitals last week, but evened things out in game two a couple nights later.

Friday night's opening salvo between the third place Flyers and the sixth place Oil Capitals was a hard-fought affair that needed double overtime for a decision.

Neither side gave an inch through the entire 60 regulation minutes. Winkler goalie Dorrin Luding made 31 saves in that time while across the rink Virden's Ethan Peterson fended off 48 shots from Winkler's offensive lines.

Winkler outshot Virden once again in the first extra period, this time 6-5, but once again neither goalie let anything slip past them.

It all came down to double overtime where, despite winning the shot battle 4-2, Winkler failed to crack Peterson in net, while Jack Einarson slipped one past Luding 2:02 into it for the 1-0 win.

Winkler certainly made up for the

lack of scoring in game one with an overabundance of it in game two in Virden Sunday night.

The Flyers skated into the first intermission tied 3-3 thanks to early goals from Sullivan Shortreed and Griffin Leonard and one from Carson Pawlenchuk with four seconds left on the clock.

Shortreed and Ian Tookenay scored two unanswered goals in the second to take and bolster the lead and then Pawlenchuk got his second of the night with an empty-netter at the end of the third to cement Winkler's win 6-3.

Virden outshot Winkler 48-34, but Luding and Dylan Meilun stood tall in net.

Luding made several saves in the match's first six minutes before having to step out after a couple collisions at the net. In came Meilun, then, who went on to stop all-comers.

Game three was scheduled for Tuesday back in Winkler. Results were not available at press time.

The series continues with game four in Virden Thursday, game five in Winkler Saturday, and games six and seven, if needed, next week Monday and Tuesday.

Heading into the playoffs last week, Winkler head coach Kelvin Cech said they're taking nothing for granted in going up against a team who has given them a run for their money this season.

In their six games against the Oil Capitals in the regular season, the Flyers managed two wins, two regulation losses, and two shootout losses.

"They're good. They're fast. They have real strong top end players and their goalie has stymied us a couple times this year, so they're really dangerous," Cech said. "There's a couple of things we need to be aware of with them, but, really it's about us ... for our guys the preparation has been 60 games and these guys have worked so hard to get better every single day.

"It's going to be about what we can go out and do while being aware of what Virden can do as well."

## Twisters taking on Hawks in first round

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters begin the quest to defend their MMJL title this weekend.

They kick off their best-of-seven quarter-final this Friday against the same team that they dispatched last year in the first round on their way to their third title in league history.

In 2019, Pembina Valley swept the Charleswood Hawks in four straight before taking care of the Stonewall Jets in six games and then vanquishing the St. James Canucks in a seven game battle.

The Twisters finished the regular season this year in first place with a 35-7-3 record for 73 points—a comfortable nine ahead of the second

place St. Vital Victorias.

They wrapped up the regular season last Sunday with a 3-0 shutout of the Hawks on home ice in Morris, giving the Twisters four of the five regular season meetings with Charleswood.

Luke Zacharias earned the 41 save shutout for the Twisters, who were outshot 41-35.

Special teams made the difference this time with the Twisters going two for five on the powerplay and killing off all six of their penalties. Travis Penner and Elijah Carels scored in the first period while T.J. Matuszewski wrapped it up with an empty netter with 14 seconds remaining.

With a goal and two assists, Carels took the league scoring title with 82 points, including 38 goals. The high-

powered Twisters had four of the top ten with Jeremie Goderis at 18 goals and 62 points, Matuszewski at 20 goals and 56 points, and Nicolas Barmey at 20 goals and 53 points.

Meanwhile, Zacharias and Martin Gagnon were second and third among goaltenders. Zacharias had a 2.30 goals against average and .925 save percentage while Gagnon had a 2.47 GAA and .918 SP.

The quarter-final gets underway Friday in Morris and Sunday in Winnipeg. The Twisters then host game three on Tuesday while Charleswood hosts game four next Friday.

The other series have St. Vital facing Fort Garry Fort Rouge, Transcona taking on the Raiders, and Stonewall against St. James.

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# Cech behind the bench at hockey World Cup in Sochi



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Winkler Flyers head coach Kelvin Cech has been selected to be assistant coach of Team MJHL for the Junior Club World Cup.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Flyers coach Kelvin Cech will be behind the bench with Team MJHL at the 2020 Sirius Junior Club World Cup (JCWC2020) in Sochi, Russia this August.

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League, in partnership with the Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL) and Hockey Canada, announced the coaching and support staff for Manitoba's entry into the international competition last week, and Cech has been tapped to serve as assistant coach alongside Gord Burnett of the Winnipeg Blues. Leading Team MJHL as head coach will be Paul Dyck of the Steinbach Pistons.

This will be Cech's first time coaching at an international competition of this caliber and he's excited for the opportunity.

"It's all about learning," he said. "Getting to work with Paul Dyck is pretty cool ... we had a great time working together at the MJHL Showcase, and with Gord Burnett as well. So just to learn from these guys, see how they operate, will be great."

"It's also great exposure for our league, for the MJHL to be recognized like that on the international stage," Cech added. "And for the Flyers, too. It will be great to wear my Flyers golf shirt all over the place."

Once the league's playoffs are over, Team MJHL's coaching staff will turn their attention to selecting the best players to represent them at the competition, which will feature teams from eight countries.

Canada was represented at the event last year by a team from the Alberta Junior Hockey League. They lost the gold to a team from Russia in the final.

JCWC2020, which is an IIHF sanctioned event hosted by the Kontinental Hockey League, takes place Aug. 21-28.

Cech's involvement means he will miss the Flyers' training camp

at the end of August, but he says he has faith in both his fellow coaches and the work they do prior to camp.

"It is one less body, it's one less set of eyes, but we've just got to make sure we're all on the same page with what we want to get out of training camp," he said. "They'll be just fine."

**"IT'S ALL ABOUT LEARNING."**

## Zodiacs, Thunder off to provincials

In high school varsity basketball action this past week, both the male and female Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs downed Brandon in the interzone playoff game Friday night. The ladies won their match 50-49 while the boys won it 76-68. Both teams will now compete in the provincials starting this weekend.

The Morden Thunder boys, meanwhile, won their Zone 4 AAA playoff match against Sanford last Tuesday night 68-44 while the Thunder girls fell 63-46.

Morden's boys also won their interzone game against the Neelin Spartans 80-67, punching their ticket to the provincials in Ste. Anne next week.

In the SCAC, the Northlands Parkway Collegiate female Nighthawks beat the Barracudas 50-22 in the first round of playoffs but then fell 61-51 to the Canadiens.

Likewise, NPC's boys beat Léo-Rémillard CSLR 75-65 but then got knocked out by the Windsor Park Royals 68-63.

### • HEALTH CORNER

## Sleeping pills: many harms, few benefits

**D**o you ever have a hard time sleeping? You're not alone. Stats-Canada estimates that 10-15 per cent of Canadians have some degree of insomnia, or difficulty sleeping.

Wouldn't it be great if there was a pill you could take to fall asleep easily, stay asleep through the night, and awake refreshed and ready to face the day?

Unfortunately, no such pill exists. The sleeping pills that are on the market—benzodiazepines and "Z-drugs" (lorazepam, clonazepam, temazepam, zopiclone, etc.)—do have a small benefit in terms of reduced time to fall asleep and increased time spent asleep. However, the benefit is tiny.

In a British Medical Journal study of 2,417 people looking at the effect of sleeping pills compared to placebo

or pills containing no medicine, the difference in total sleep time over the night was only 25 minutes. Well, 25 minutes is better than nothing, you may say, but at what cost does this extra sleep come?

Sleeping pills increase the risk of the following problems: car accidents, falls, broken bones, memory problems, infections, daytime fatigue, dementia, depression, and premature death.

Use of sleeping pills about doubles the risk of being involved in a car accident. In a study where people took driving tests the morning after taking a sleeping pill, 11 hours later they performed as poorly as those with a blood alcohol level of 0.05 per cent, the legal limit.

The chances of falling, and the injuries that come with that, are about doubled for those taking sleeping pills.

Large studies comparing those who use sleeping pills to those who do not have found that the rate of dementia is 1.5 to two times greater for those who have used sleeping pills. While this does not conclusively prove that sleeping pills cause dementia, is it a risk worth taking for an extra 25 minutes of sleep?

Studies done the morning after a sleeping pill show that people perform poorer on tests of memory, attention, and concentration. At first,

this may not make sense. Shouldn't a better night's sleep mean better performance the next day? It really depends *how* you get the sleep. Think of a person who has had too much alcohol. They will fall asleep easily, and stay asleep, but the next day they will certainly not be feeling well rested!

So, if sleeping pills cause more harm than benefit, what can you do about insomnia? First is basic sleep hygiene: no caffeine, sleep in a dark, quiet, cool room, avoid screen time before bed, exercise early in the day, and limit your alcohol intake.

There is also very good evidence that cognitive behavioural therapy can enhance sleep without any of the side effects of medication. This is a form of psychological treatment that involves changes to your lifestyle, sleep habits and beliefs about sleep. Your doctor can refer you for this.

There are also many resources you can access on your own. Dalhousie University has put together a website full of information on insomnia treatment: [mysleepwell.ca](http://mysleepwell.ca)

Even though these medications can cause significant harms, it's important to speak with your doctor before stopping them. Often you will need to slowly wean yourself off, rather than stopping abruptly.



By Dr. Dan Hunt

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# Agriculture

## Forage seed production a good alternative

By Harry Siemens

There was so much to see, so much to learn, and so many people carrying their respective company banners at CropConnect held in Winnipeg last month.

Among them was Imperial Seed's David McGregor. His company focuses on the multiplication and processing of proprietary forage and turf seed. A network of seed growers throughout Western Canada produces the seed, and the company cleans and processes it to required standards.

"We multiply seed for companies all over the world, including Germany, the United States, and Canada who ship them foundation seed," said McGregor as he manned his CropConnect exhibit. "We place these contracts with producers across Western Canada and multiply that seed."

Like any other business or company, to survive and thrive the forage seed business must introduce new products.

To that end, McGregor said there are always new varieties within the species. Companies will market their different alfalfa varieties, which Imperial Seed then multiplies for them, or grass seed varieties. There's always something new, but they also keep growing and processing the current varieties for years.

"I think we're at a time in agriculture where farmers are looking for something different, something new," said McGregor.

With the uncertainties of some of the other crop growing commodities, some dropping significantly, his company still contracts the production a

guaranteed sale at a guaranteed price, making it a little more attractive.

McGregor suggests forage seed production is competitive with any other commodity. The earnings are comparable, he said, and during an especially wet year with some of the grasses the profit could be much higher than in grain production.

Growing forage seed requires no special equipment, standard with grain production. There are some different techniques, McGregor said, but any grower across western Canada could get into forage production.

Looking ahead to the 2020 planting season, he said they're looking forward to starting with moisture this year. Grasses need to start with some spring moisture to get a good start. With a short dry cycle for several years, they welcome moisture.

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By Harry Siemens

## Celebrating agriculture

Early indications are that Canada's Agriculture Day observance on Feb. 11 was a great success.

It featured agricultural activities in communities across Canada and discussions on social media intended to connect those who produce food with those who consume it.

My good friend and mentor Orion Samuelson together with Max Armstrong are two of the guys that influenced me probably the most when it came to farm broadcasting. Orion once told me, "If you eat, you are involved in agriculture. Don't forget that."

Yes, we have all the cliches about how milk comes from the grocery store, but, at the same time, agriculture is so important.

I'm not going to spew a whole bunch of statistics and those kinds of things. You can get them elsewhere. But one statistic at least and maybe more: 1.5 per cent of Canadians and Americans, perhaps a little bit more

in the U.S., produce our food. 1.5 per cent of the population provides food to the world.

So agriculture, number one, is produced by only a handful compared to the rest of us people.

Number two: I, for 49 years and counting, am an advocate of farmers around the world. I've had the privilege of visiting and interviewing farmers in England, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Mexico, and across the U.S., to name a few. Also of course across this great country, though not east of Ontario. Hopefully one day.

Yes, farming is so important. Let's never, never forget it.

Yet we have so many attacks on agriculture in general. We have people attacking farmers and coming on their farm and protesting and making things difficult for those who produce the food.

We need to take our hats off to farmers because they are the best environmentalists this world has ever known. Why? Because they live

off the land.

Yes, we have our Prime Minister wanting to tax the daylight out of agriculture, and he probably will. He wants to carbon tax us and yet he knows nothing about the environment and what it means to live off the land compared to what our farmers know. So we have the attacks on agriculture, and it's right to the point that out whenever we can.

And then, of course, we have the attacks on animal agriculture, and directly, yes, some are promoting the protein plant-based, non-meat burgers. And hats off to those who properly do that, in selling more products that farmers grow, making it more available to other people. But telling us that you're making burgers, the meatless burger, is a misnomer. So that's an attack I feel on animal agriculture. Some would love to stop every hog farm, every cattle farm, every dairy in this country. Even in Hollywood, in the latest

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"WE MULTIPLY SEED FOR COMPANIES ALL OVER THE WORLD, INCLUDING GERMANY, THE U.S., AND CANADA ..."



# City seeks overseers for community gardens

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is looking for help to keep its two community gar-

dens going this year.

It has put out a request for a volunteer group or organization to oversee the gardens located on Grant Street

and 19th Street for 2020.

The city stepped in to fill the administrative void last year after the gardens had previously been organized by Many Hands Resource Centre, but this summer it wants a volunteer group to be responsible for the registration intake, plot assignment, and communications with plot renters.

"I think the city feels this is a great community initiative," said Shawn Dias, parks and urban forestry manager. "People like having the opportunity to grow their own food, but it also provides a really good networking opportunity for members of our community."

Dias noted the city will continue to support the gardens with in-kind labor such as tilling and wood chip pathways and financial support up to a maximum of \$2,000 in case there is a

gap between expenses and revenues collected from the rent of garden lots.

"We're willing to commit some staff time and resources," he said. "Where we're looking for assistance is the initial intake for plot renters, collection of fees and administration and communication with the plot renters."

"We don't want anybody to lose money doing it. We don't want to put anybody in a poor financial situation or deter people from wanting to volunteer," Dias stressed. "The city is prepared to assist with that if there is a cost over-run at the end of the day."

"We want to support them the best we can in order to keep those gardens going."

The hope is to have a group in place by mid to late April. Anyone interested in taking on this project can reach Dias at [sdias@mymorden.ca](mailto:sdias@mymorden.ca).



FILE PHOTO

The City of Morden has put a call out for a volunteer group to take over the administration of the two community gardens this summer.

## Farm safety conference in Morden March 20

The Manitoba Farm Safety Program (FSP), a program of Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP), is celebrating Canadian Ag Safety Week (CASW) by holding a free, one-day conference in Morden on Friday, March 20.

"The Manitoba Farm Safety Program is committed to offering accessible and practical learning opportunities to help producers improve safety on their farms," says Thea Green, KAP's program manager. "Farming is still one of the highest risk occupations in Manitoba. We want as many producers as possible to gain the skills and knowledge that will keep them safe on their farm. That is why we are making this year's conference free of charge with a lineup of expert pre-

senters."

The conference focuses on emergency preparedness and fire safety, and will have concurrent sessions on interest-based topics as well.

ABC Fire and Safety and the Office of the Fire Commissioner will present on agricultural fires and prevention

strategies. In the afternoon, attendees can choose between two workshops: mental health first aid with St. Johns Ambulance or technical training in harness use, chain and strap inspections, and lock out tag out with Elite Safety.

Ross Hearing will be on-site all day

offering hearing tests to attendees at no charge. Lunch will also be provided.

For more details, head to [manitobafarmsafety.ca/training-events](http://manitobafarmsafety.ca/training-events). Advance registration is required by March 17.

### > CROPCONNECT, FROM PG. 23

While doing business with customers in the U.S. and eastern Canada, Imperial Seed focuses production mainly in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

There are individual pockets across those provinces known for forage seed production. Typically the Interlake is a big spot for large production, as is the Parkland, northeastern Saskatchewan, and up into the Nipawin area. Southern Alberta is a big area for them as well.

People may confuse the word processing with grinding and crushing seed to gain a product. Not so with the processing of forage seed. Here it means cleaning the product to a certain quality of specifications the customer wants and then shipping it back to them as clean bagged seed ready for planting the next year.

They follow a specific grading system in Canada. For example, much like grain production,

there's Canada Certified Number One and the like.

"But we've been able to manage. We rarely run into too many processing issues," McGregor said. "We do our best as far as providing agronomic

### > SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 23

show of awards, the Oscars, talking about how sad it is when a cow gives birth to a calf so that we can have our milk.

I'll never forget how someone once told me about the sacrifice between the chicken and the pig and the cow, too.

The cow says, "Yes, I'm giving all this milk so people can drink it and be healthy."

The chicken says, "Yes, I'm laying the eggs so that everybody can have eggs for breakfast who wants it."

And then along comes Mr. Pig. He says, "Oh, you guys, I give the ultimate sacrifice when they put the bacon on the plate."

support to our customers. So we know if there's going to be an issue long before it reaches our plant so we can prepare, set up, and deal with the issue as it comes in."

Yes, agriculture is so vital. It's so important. The attacks, whether it's the carbon tax, whether it's protesting on a turkey farm in Alberta, whether it's complaining about this and complaining about that, so many of the complaints come from people with full mouths and full stomachs. Why? Because of the 1.5 percent of the farmers that put that food on their table.

So they would like to kill the right side with the left hand because the right hand feeds them, but they don't like the way some of those farmers do it.

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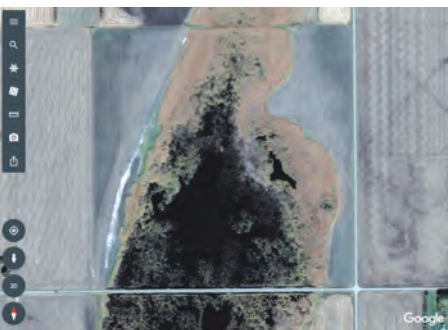
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## OBITUARY



### Harvey George Klassen 1945 - 2020

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Harvey Klassen, 75 of Winkler, MB went to his eternal rest.

Born February 3, 1945 to Jack and Anne Klassen in Headingley, MB, Dad's actual middle name was Gerhard from his Mom's Dad's name. Dad has two surviving brothers, Jack and Allan and one sister, Beverley. Dad and Mom had three boys, Daniel, Matthew and Timothy; six grandchildren, Elizabeth, Sarah, Presley, Noah, Lennon and Benjamin.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020 at the Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made in Harvey's memory to either Gospel Echoes or to the Southern Manitoba Prophecy Conference.

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## OBITUARY



### Gerhard (George) Hildebrand 1927 - 2020

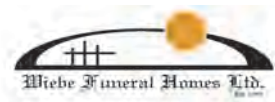
George Hildebrand, 92 of Winkler, MB passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 5, 2020.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret (nee Giesbrecht); three daughters, Cathy (Ken) Kehler, Lorena (Rick) Kehler, Lois (James) Hildebrand; one son, Dave (Janice Evans); daughter-in-law, Anna Neudorf and their families as well as his "adopted daughter" Anna Letkeman and her family.

Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Winkler EMMC 600 Southview Dr. Private family interment prior to the service at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's memory to The Winkler Villages for Older Adults (designated to the Rooftop Terrace).

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

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

## Sudoku Answer

[illegible]

### Crossword Answer

# CROSSWORD

## CLUES ACROSS

1. A team's best pitcher
4. Designer Jacobs
8. Hip joint
10. A dialect of English
11. Portrays
12. Panic
13. The head of a team
15. High priest
16. League of Legends locale
17. Protective folds
18. Treats allergies
21. Voodoo spirits
22. Single unit
23. Unit of measurement
24. Brew
25. Burundian franc
26. Self
27. Bengals great
34. Making letters overlap
35. Piece of pizza
36. Illegal drug
37. Card game
38. The highest point in the development
39. Oh, God!
40. Wives (law)
41. Monetary unit of Samoa
42. Supplements with difficulty
43. Valentine's Day color

## CLUES DOWN

1. Warm climate tree or shrub
2. Silky case spun by larvae

[illegible]

3. Still in existence
4. Light, two-stranded rope
5. Wear away
6. Beginnings
7. Essence
9. American Standard  
Code for Information  
Interchange
10. Path
12. Repeated tones
14. Expresses surprise
15. Monetary unit of Burma
17. When you hope to get  
there
19. Brighten
20. Fifth note of a major  
scale

23. Dark brown timbers of tropical trees
24. We all do it
25. Scrounges
26. Unit of energy
27. Begin to be
28. Midway between northeast and east
29. Distinctive practice
30. Succulent plants
31. Performer
32. Gas station term
33. Required
34. Soviet monetary unit
36. Eating house



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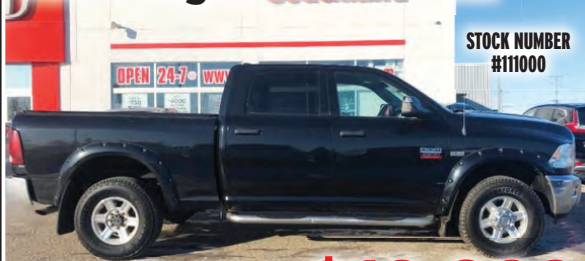
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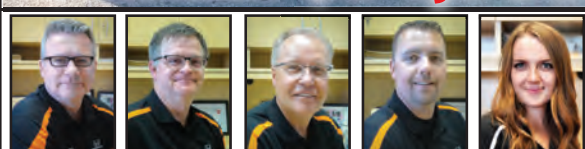
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