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A little shopping music

Students of the Douglas Kuhl School of Music set up shop at the Co-op grocery stores last weekend to raise funds for their Cadenza Summer Music Week day camp taking place in July. At left: Chalise and Shayla Thiessen delighted shoppers in Winkler Friday morning. Below: Aiden Losch picked up a busking shift in Morden that evening. For more photos and to find out how much the kids raised, see Pg. 7.

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Newcomers take in our favourite pastime

By Ashleigh Viveiros

What's more Canadian than a hockey game?

Not much, which is why getting the

chance to enjoy a Winnipeg Jets home game last week was such a treat for a group of southern Manitoba newcomers.

Thanks to the generosity of Sport



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A group of seven recent immigrants to Canada—including five Syrian refugees and two youth from Columbia—got the chance to take in a Winnipeg Jets game last week thanks to the generosity of Sport Chek, which supplied box seats, and other community groups that helped cover the costs of transportation.

Chek, Jumpstart, Build a Village, and Altona Youth for Christ, Regional Connections was able to bring seven immigrant children to the MTS Centre to watch the Jets take on the Nashville Predators March 8.

Winnipeg lost the game 4-2, but that didn't stop the kids from having a blast, says Carina Sager, volunteer and integration coordinator at the Winkler Regional Connections offices.

"They were super, super excited the whole time," she said. "Some of them have seen the Altona Maroons play, but never an NHL game like this."

"They got to experience the Winnipeg Jets like some people can't ever afford to, in a box," she added. "They got to share a little bit of their culture with us, and then we got to share a little bit of ours with them."

The group included five recent Syrian refugees and two Columbian immigrants, ranging in age from 14-18.

They're all participants in the Jumpstart I Love to Skate program that's

been running in Altona the last few weeks, Sager explained.

The program, sponsored by Canadian Tire in Winkler, gives immigrant kids the chance to learn one of our nation's favourite pastimes by equipping them with free skating gear and getting them out onto the ice every week.

"They meet with the coaches and other kids and get to practice those skills," Sager said. "It just helps them integrate into the community and learn about a sport that is so important to Manitoba culture and Canada."

I Love to Skate sessions have also been held in Winkler in the past. This current Altona session attracted 35 participants originally hailing from all over the world.

It was tough deciding which of the new skaters to take to the Jets game, but Sager said they targeted the ones for whom the program made the biggest impact.

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Bowlers raise \$34K for Big Brothers

By Lorne Stelmach

Just as important as raising funds at Bowl for Kids Sake was that people were having a good time doing it.

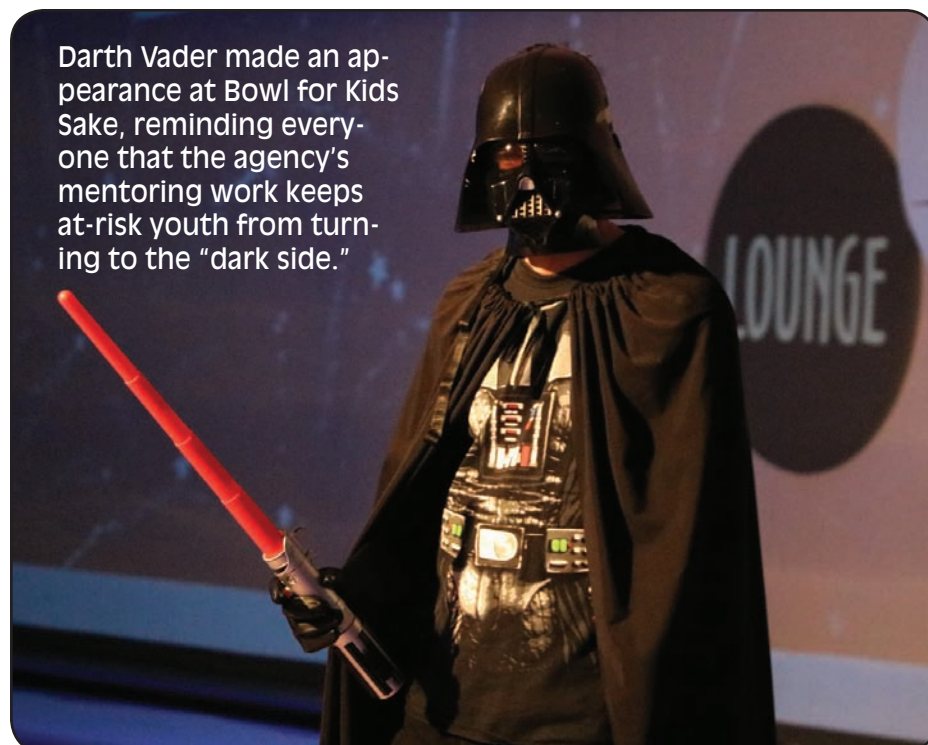
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler executive director Michael Penner believes they succeeded on both counts.

"It was a wonderful, fun, great day. Everyone who was there looked like they were really enjoying themselves," Penner said of the March 12 event held at Valley Bowling Lanes in Winkler. "Some of the teams dressed up in some elaborate costumes,

which was really neat to see that level of participation. I couldn't be happier with how it all turned out."

In all, 48 teams of four registered for the *Star Wars* themed event, which raised \$34,500 for the mentoring agency.

"That's up a bit from last year, so that's a super place to be," Penner said, thanking all the bowlers who came out as well as the many corporate sponsors who made the day possible. "We just have such an incredible amount of community support and sponsorship. Without them, we wouldn't be able to do what we do.



Darth Vader made an appearance at Bowl for Kids Sake, reminding everyone that the agency's mentoring work keeps at-risk youth from turning to the "dark side."



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Nearly 200 bowlers came out Saturday to take part in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler's Bowl for Kids Sake. Above: The first game of the day had bowlers doing some crazy things out on the lanes. Left: Several teams had members dress up for the *Star Wars* themed event, including this group from Red River College.

"Our mentoring programs wouldn't be able to grow like they are. We would have to cut back, so it's really good to see the support that we have and the belief that the communities have in what we do."

He added Bowl for Kids Sake is the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year, so it makes quite an impact.

"It counts for a significant portion of our budget each year, so we're just really happy that the support is there."

At the event, the first game of the day in each two-hour slot featured crazy bowling, which had participants bowling a different goofy way each frame, including backwards and with their non-dominant hands.

The second game counted for the scores, which mattered especially for bragging rights in some instances. There were several team challenges, including those between management and staff at Monarch Industries as well as internal challenges at Grandeur Housing, Meridian, and Winkler Canvas.

"A new one for this year was Choice Real Estate put out a challenge to other local realty offices, and Crocus [Realty] did answer the call," said Penner, noting some of the long-standing

challenges have a trophy they play for each year. "It's kind of fun to see that healthy competition."

The top individual fundraiser for the Bowl for Kids Sake this year was Phyllis Rempel, who brought in over \$1,300 in pledges.

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Winkler's own Louis Tanguay (centre) received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Curling Canada at the Tim Hortons Brier in Ottawa over the weekend for his work organizing the 2015 Scotties.

A large, muscular white bull, likely a Friesian or similar breed, stands in a grassy field. The bull is facing left, showing its profile. It has a very thick neck, a broad chest, and a powerful build. Its coat is white, with some darker patches on its hindquarters. The background is a lush green field with a fence line visible in the distance.

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

Louis Tanguay stepped into the national spotlight during the Tim Hortons Brier in Ottawa last weekend to accept Curling Canada's Volunteer of the Year award.

And though he's humbled to have been singled out as our nation's top volunteer for his work in organizing the 2015 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Winkler, Tanguay is quick to point out it was a team effort that made the event such a resounding

success.

"At the end of the day, there were over 300 volunteers," he stressed. "I benefited from a great volunteer base and excellent sponsorship and all the people of Winkler who showed up to attend."

Winkler's Scotties proved to be one of the most successful ones ever, attracting sold out crowds and producing a profit of over \$100,000.

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Co-op celebrates furniture expansion

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Co-op proudly showed off its Co-op@Home expansion last week.

The store celebrated the grand opening of two floors of new sales space for furniture and decor with a ribbon cutting March 10, wrapping the ceremony up with donation to Katie's Cottage.

"We've got just over 9,000 square feet of furniture showroom here, from mattresses, carrying the top brands, into furniture, carrying about four different brands ... very successful lines, very good quality product," said manager Al Ruttan, noting these new additions round out the store's offerings, which also include appliances, electronics, and computer services. "Co-op@Home has really become the one-stop shop to take care of your entire home."

The expansion was completed just

before Christmas and also included the addition of a new 8,000 sq. ft. warehouse on the Main St. building's western side.

Feedback toward the expansion has been very positive thus far, Ruttan said.

"We're looking forward to a very successful year in sales in here," he said.

One of their first big customers was Katie's Cares, who recently went on a shopping spree to furnish the Katie's Cottage respite home going up across the road from the Boundary Trails Health Centre this spring.

At last week's ceremony, Co-op presented the charity with \$10,000 towards those purchases, many of which were made at steep discounts.

"Obviously it's incredibly near and dear to a lot of people's hearts in our community, so this is our way of supporting it," Ruttan said.

Co-op's suppliers also came on



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From left: Winkler Co-op's Evan Toews, Harv Giesbrecht, Al Ruttan, and George Klassen were joined by Mayor Martin Harder and Co-op@Home staff in cutting the ribbon on the store's new furniture expansion, which includes two floors of sales space and a new warehouse.

board to help Katie's Cares out. Whirlpool discounted some of its appliances, as did Sealy Canada, who also donated a free bed to the cause.

Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer says Co-op's support in furnishing Katie's Cottage is much appreciated.

"Working with this group of people

was amazing," she said. "The most important thing for me was that we stay local. All our stuff that we have purchased, whether it is furnishings or decorative, we have stayed right here within our communities so that we can give back that way to support southern Manitoba."



At the Co-op@Home ribbon cutting last week, Winkler Co-op gave back to Katie Cares with a \$10,000 donation toward the furniture and appliances they recently purchased from the store to outfit the Katie's Cottage respite home.

Correction

In the March 3 edition of the Voice, a story on the social media efforts of the Winkler Police Service included an incorrect number for how many Facebook followers the department has.

The correct number is 2,418 followers, as of press time. WPD also has about 1,000 Twitter followers.

We apologize for the mix-up and any confusion it may have caused.

> TANGUAY, FROM PG. 4

"I thought it would be good, but I didn't think it was going to be that good," Tanguay said. "I certainly thought we'd make some money, but I didn't think we'd make that much money."

The excess funds went right back into the community, supporting numerous sporting groups and community programs.

As for Tanguay, this is the latest in a long list of accolades he's received in connection with his work with the Scotties, including both the Curl Manitoba Volunteer of the Year award and the Winkler Citizen of the Year award.

"I've said it before: I didn't do this to get any awards," Tanguay emphasized, adding that he's been an avid curler his entire life—including several stints on the Winkler Curling Club executive—and so co-chairing the Scotties organizing committee was a fun way to be able to give back.

Tanguay's commitment to both his community and the sport of curling is why Curling Canada chose him for this year's honour, said Scott Comfort, chair of the national awards committee.

"If it weren't for awards such as

this, people like Louis, who pour their heart and soul into the sport of curling, wouldn't be recognized for their efforts, which is why we take such delight in this annual honour," he said. "Volunteers are the foundation that keep our sport alive. They are selfless and dedicated, and without them, curling would not have such a spirit of fellowship and giving."

Tanguay said his week at the Brier alongside his wife, Elaine, was "a fantastic experience."

The couple got the chance to attend all the curling draws as well as the Hall of Fame banquet where Ina Forrest, Darryl Neighbour, Earle Morris, Bob Weeks, and Pierre Charette were inducted.

Tanguay was then presented his award on the ice in between the sixth and seventh ends at a match on Saturday.

"The ceremony was short as the curlers needed to get back to the game," he said in an email on Monday. "They mentioned Winkler and our successful Scotties in 2015 ... all volunteers were also acknowledged and they were truly appreciated by the crowd."

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City square could be a great addition to downtown

I am writing this letter to endorse the City of Morden and Chamber of Commerce on the possible City Square. What a great idea. You are on the right track on helping to promote and bring businesses and customers to our city.

My sister owns a number of Tim Hortons in Dayton, Ohio. When Walmart build a new store down the road from Beaver Creek, a suburb of Dayton, it slowed down the area, so they built a city square that brought life back to the area. For those of you that want to look it up on the internet you can see what they have done, only in a far bigger scale than what Morden is proposing.

To have a stage downtown that on various days you can provide entertainment for kids and adults as well as food, craft and vegetable vendors, to mention a few—wouldn't it be great to go downtown on an afternoon to have lunch with all our ethnic citizens in the area to try their food? And, while downtown, why don't I go shopping! What does this do? Well, more business means more stores and fills the ones that are empty as well possibly hiring more people. Let's not forget that they are not knocking down the doors to set up shop in Morden. Let's try some new ideas.

We could set this city square up on a trial basis and if it does not work in one to two years then remove it. I look around and see city squares all over in major centers like Winnipeg and in third world countries like Mexico that

are busy every day.

To address the parking issue, there are a lot of open properties in the downtown that could be accessed by talking to the owners. For example, the Arlington, old Shell bulk lot, old Texaco bulk lot, and the Anglican Church and Lutheran Church parking lots.

For the handicapped, we could have designated spots downtown for them to park in, but we need to address some of our buildings that people with disabilities cannot access.

Also, maybe some of the business owners could find parking spots elsewhere, not in front of their own stores.

As for moving it to Morden Park, you missed the point that they are trying to bring business downtown.

The latest letter to the editor claims that the city and chamber are not listening to the people. Well, they sent out a survey asking for their thoughts and input if this were to go ahead.

Let's start looking at ideas in a positive note and not always shooting down ideas and calling them stupid.

Would it not be great to see all our stores full and lots of people downtown shopping again like it once was?

Gord Maddock,
Brew N Sip, Morden

Shopper grateful for locals' honesty

There are still good people in Winkler/Morden.

On Saturday, March 5, I dropped my purse in the parking lot as I was putting my bags in the van. Thank you so much to the person who turned in my purse to Walmart Customer Service

around noon. Everything was intact. What a relief to have my purse and everything in it back.

Thank you again.

Mary Anne
Schmidt

Thank you for arts coverage

Congratulations to the *Winkler Morden Voice* in giving arts and culture a prominent place in your paper.

I recall having a conversation with your editor about looking forward to a time when arts and culture would get the press it deserves.

The March 10th issue has two pages devoted to arts and culture. Thank you for supporting this important issue.

Jake Bergman,
Winkler

Wake up before someone gets hurt: lower speed limit needed

In the last six months as a business/retailer, we have been involved in two different discussion periods.

1. Parking downtown. After a number of meetings and surveys done, I think we have come to the conclusion that we have ample parking providing that the retailers/business owners and employees look at their own parking habits and move away from the store fronts, which has been a positive move.

2. The discussion of the city square. I am not sure whose ill-preconceived

idea this is. It does not appear to be the Chamber or the Corn and Apple Festival. Or is it the city planner, city manager or city council? Leave it rest. The Corn and Apple festival does a splendid job of setting up the stage for the festival!

3. I would like you to take a few minutes to ponder the heading "Wake up before someone get hurt!" I've been a business man for some 30-plus years in the Stephen St. strip. Had the privilege of walking or running and sitting on the benches on the sidewalks. I

have noticed that there is very little respect for speed limit or lack thereof, in fact someone will get hurt if we do nothing about it. Slowing down to 30 km/h will help our traffic flow through the business section in a positive way, people can walk at their leisure, and no more intersection concerns.

I expect I have created a problem as the City will say Stephen St is provincial jurisdiction. So then talk to the province! Do it now!

Ron Wiebe, Morden

> Got something you want to get off your chest?

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Music for the masses

Winkler and Morden Co-op shoppers were generous to the buskers from the Douglas Kuhl School of Music as they performed at the stores March 11-12. The kids received \$1,000 from public donations (\$600 in Winkler and \$400 in Morden) and another \$2,450 from several local businesses who matched a portion of the funds raised. At right: One big sponsor of both the busking event and the music school is the Kuhl Family from Southern Potato, represented here by Keith Kuhl. The Kuhls' donation brings the school about a third of the way to their \$25,000 goal, covering the costs of the honorarium for five of their 13 teachers. Below: Ian Fehrmoore tickles the ivories at the

Winkler Co-op store Friday evening.



> NEWCOMERS, FROM PG. 2

"We did the ones that were older and really, really enjoyed the skating, were really invested in the program," she said.

The Winkler-Morden-Altona area has been welcoming a lot of newcomers in recent months, especially Syrian refugees.

All told, seven families have moved here from the war-torn country—17 adults and 29 kids—and the region has pulled together to help them settle in, Sager said.

"The community has been very welcoming," she said.

Helping newcomers integrate into their new communities is a big part of what Regional Connections does, but they need your help.

The agency is currently looking for volunteers for a number of programs, including men's group leaders in Winkler, community tour guides in Morden, and the Language Buddies program in Morden.

To find out more about the volunteer opportunities available, email Sager at carina@regionalconnections.ca.

The kids pose with Mick E. Moose, the Jets mascot, in their box at the MTS Centre last week.



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Here are some things to consider when using an HRV.

- If the unit is set to run continuously, you could be drying out your house more than you want, particularly in cold weather.
- Be careful not to over-ventilate as that could result in increased heating/cooling costs, and uncomfortably low humidity.
- During the winter, set the dehumidistat just low enough to prevent condensation on the windows.
- During the spring/summer, running the HRV continuously or too often may contribute to hot, humid air in the home and the air conditioning will run more frequently.
- Shutting off or unplugging your HRV permanently is not a solution. This can result in high humidity levels which can lead to mould and mildew growth and unhealthy living conditions.

All of the above recommendations can be managed with an HRV auto controller which will help you keep your home comfortable, at the correct moisture levels and help you save on your energy bill. Lastly, check your maintenance manual for important information on how to maintain your unit for maximum efficiency.

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Pregnancy centre hosts winter picnic

By Lorne Stelmach

She came to Canada to have a family life she could not have back home in China.

China's one child policy established under leader Deng Xiaoping in 1979 to limit the communist country's population growth was originally going to be a temporary measure. It continued, however, into the new century, only having been lifted in the past year.

It may have succeeded in reducing population growth in the country of 1.3 billion by as much as an estimated 300 million people over its first 20 years, but it also led people like Bessie Xu to abandon their homeland.

"It drove me to move to Canada," said Xu, who spoke at the March 12 winter picnic fundraiser for the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre. Over 140 people attended the event, which raised upwards of \$8,000 for the agency.

As guest speaker, Xu outlined how the one-child rule worked and the impact it had on millions of families, including her own.

The policy limited couples to one child, though it was not an all-encompassing rule because it had been restricted to ethnic Han Chinese living in urban areas. Citizens living in

rural areas and minorities living in China were not subject to the law.

It was estimated in 2007 that 36 per cent of China's population was subject to the restriction, with an additional 53 per cent being allowed to have a second child if the first child was a girl.

The only option seen for someone like Xu was to leave China so they could have the kind of family they wanted.

"In China, my husband and I worked in a state-run organizations ... under the policy, it was impossible for us to have more than one child," she said.

Winkler became their choice to start a new life since they had a sister already living here. Xu and her husband settled in the Pembina Valley in 2011.

It was a decision they have not regretted, she said, noting that here they have also been able to enjoy a quality of life here that was not possible in China.

"I decided to move to Canada because here I could breathe cleaner air, and here the living environment is not that crowded," said Xu.

"And I think my daughter can enjoy less high stress academic system. And, what's more important is that I could have one more child."



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Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre executive director Linda Marek (right) with winter picnic guest speaker Bessie Xu on Saturday.

Their desire to have another child also led to her connection with the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

"That year I came here, I was pregnant, and I heard from my sister that I could get help from the care centre," she explained. "During my pregnancy, I got a lot of help from the organization ... so I appreciate the assistance and the care from the community. I really appreciate it ... based on my own experience of getting help from the centre."

Centre executive director Linda Marek said they appreciated Xu sharing her story, and she was encouraged by the full house on hand for the fundraiser at the Westside Church in Morden.

"There was an international perspective to what's happening for women and families around the world," said Marek, but there was the local perspective as well of someone who benefitted from the centre.

Noting that Xu heard about the centre from her sister, who found out about it through Regional Connections, Marek observed it was also a good example of co-operation among different organizations.

"We are connected ... they send people to us ... and when we've needed help with language issues, we've been able to get in touch with them," she said. "I think we work well with a lot of other community organizations and groups because we are often serving the same people."

Garden Valley approves \$47.7M operating budget

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Garden Valley School Division board of trustees approved a 2016-2017 budget that's pretty much on par with what they presented to the community during consultations last month.

Trustees gave final approval to a \$47.7 million operating budget at their meeting March 8.

Rising assessments across the GVSD catchment area—including jumps of 14 per cent (Winkler), 19 per cent (RM of Stanley), 25 per cent (RM of Rhineland), and 64 per cent (RM of Roland)—meant the division is able to take in what it needs from taxpayers without raising the mill rate.

In fact, the board opted to lower the rate 11.41 per cent to 15.99 mills. The special levy increases from just over

\$17.2 million to \$17.9 million.

"We were happy to shave down that mill rate a bit ... we can't control assessments, but we can control that," said board chair Laurie Dyck.

As a result, the average Winkler homeowner will see their education taxes drop, as will business owners. A home assessed at just over \$278,000 will pay about \$28 less in taxes this year, while a business of \$500,000 will see a drop of just over \$51.

It's a different story out on the farm, however. Skyrocketing assessments there means landowners will see education taxes on a \$1.5 million property jump over \$1,000, while a property worth closer to \$6 million will pay over \$4,200 more in taxes.

Funding from the province covers about 67 per cent of Garden Valley's operating costs, with local taxes cov-

ering about 31 per cent.

Dyck said the trustees always strive to be responsible with the tax dollars the division receives.

"We don't want to frivolously just make up projects to spend money on," she said, stressing the budget is in line with the division's five-year strategic plan. "The strategic plan and the budget have to work hand in hand. There's no point to a strategic plan if you don't support it."

The 2016-17 goals from that plan (which were also approved at last week's meeting) include focusing on student literacy, numeracy, and further developing professional learning communities for teachers.

As such, the budget calls for \$179,100 to be spend on literacy initiatives, including expanding classroom libraries, hiring a literacy program coordi-

nator, and professional development for teachers.

Another \$98,500 is being set aside to focus on starting up the division's new numeracy initiative, including the hiring of a coordinator.

The division will also be spending about \$100,000 to revitalize the oldest hallways in Winkler Elementary School, \$10,000 for a work room renovation at Parkland School, and \$12,000 to renovate the J.R. Walkof School staff room.

Beyond these projects, the budget also includes \$180,000 for information technology equipment upgrades; \$500,000 for new buses; \$150,000 to maintenance services for new vehicles, a fire alarm upgrade at W.E.S.,

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• WINKLER CITY COUNCIL

Winkler freezes spending in 2016 budget

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler's financial plan for 2016 is virtually unchanged from last year.

Council introduced a new budget that freezes spending and will not take any more in municipal taxes from residents.

"Spending will remain flat, and the mill rate comes down, so I think it's a good place to be," Mayor Martin Harder said after the financial plan got first reading at the March 8 city council meeting.

Harder said he believes recent councils have always done a good job of achieving a balanced budget, but added "the biggest accomplishment this year is the fact that we don't need to increase the taxes either."

He suggested they aimed for a hold-the-line financial plan because their perception was that the local economy has not been as robust as in past years.

"We've seen some of those declines over the last year ... businesses who have had to go to work share or else had to lay some people off ... and generally the economy is a little bit tighter right now," said Harder. "We felt that it wasn't fair for us to just simply throw caution to the wind ... say we're going to do all these projects and add this expense when the rest of the community has to pull

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back a little."

The plan calls for the city's general operating budget to stay at just over \$15.1 million following increases that had ranged from four to eight per cent in the last five years.

A key factor allowing the budget freeze was reassessment drove up property value about 12 per cent in the city, while another additional two per cent growth in total assessment came from new development.

That allowed Winkler's mill rate used to set municipal taxes to remain one of the lowest among Manitoba's major urban centres, declining 11 per cent this year from 16.03 to 14.26.

For the average taxpayer, that means a \$200,000 residential property reassessed at \$224,800 in 2016 (using the average increase of 12.4 per cent) will see the municipal portion of its tax bill at \$1,442.70 compared to \$1,442.74.

A \$300,000 commercial property reassessed at \$335,700 in 2016 (using the average increase of 11.9 per cent) will see the municipal portion of its tax bill decline from \$3,125.85 to \$3,112.04.

About 64 per cent of the city's revenue comes from the municipal tax levy (\$9,620,947), with 36 per cent from other sources (\$5,528,543).

Other revenue includes 18 per cent from other sources at \$2,675,188, 12 per cent from provincial tax sharing at \$1,852,155, and about three per cent each from areas like protective fees

and fines and recreational services.

The largest area of expenditure comes under protective services, which represents 24 per cent of the budget. It increases seven per cent to \$3,672,047.

About 15 per cent is money transferred to reserve funds, which decreases by 11 per cent to \$2,367,818. Recreation and cultural services account for close to 14 per cent of the budget with a 13 per cent increase to \$2,092,854.

Transportation services represent 12 per cent with a one per cent decrease to \$1,901,840. Another 12 per cent is for fiscal services, which has a six per cent decrease to \$1,859,650. General government services take up nine per cent with a four per cent increase to \$1,432,790.

Other lesser areas of spending include environmental health at \$874,000, economic development at \$437,094, environmental planning at \$364,900, and public health and welfare at \$131,497.

Council also approved a capital budget of \$9,089,624, with half of those funds coming from general reserves and the remainder divided among other reserves and revenue sources.

Major capital expenses for the year begin with \$1.8 million (less grants) for road work, including the Clover Creek industrial development,

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Council approves funding for WA+C

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler city council will help the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre meet a budget shortfall in its first partial year of operation.

Council approved a request at its March 8 meeting to provide a \$15,000 grant to Winkler Arts and Culture.

President Ray Derksen said preliminary estimates had their 2016 budget short that amount for the operation of the building for the last half of the current year.

Work is well underway on renovation of the former Winkler utilities building. The first phase of transforming the 6,000 sq. ft. facility into an arts centre comes at a cost of over \$600,000 and should be completed by summer.

Meanwhile, city council also finalized its support for the Winkler Business Improvement Area committee for 2016.

The committee will receive a levy of \$71,210 for the year with a \$70,000 grant then in turn going to the Winkler Chamber of Commerce.

An additional \$5,000 one time grant was also approved to assist the chamber with developing more communication initiatives with its membership.

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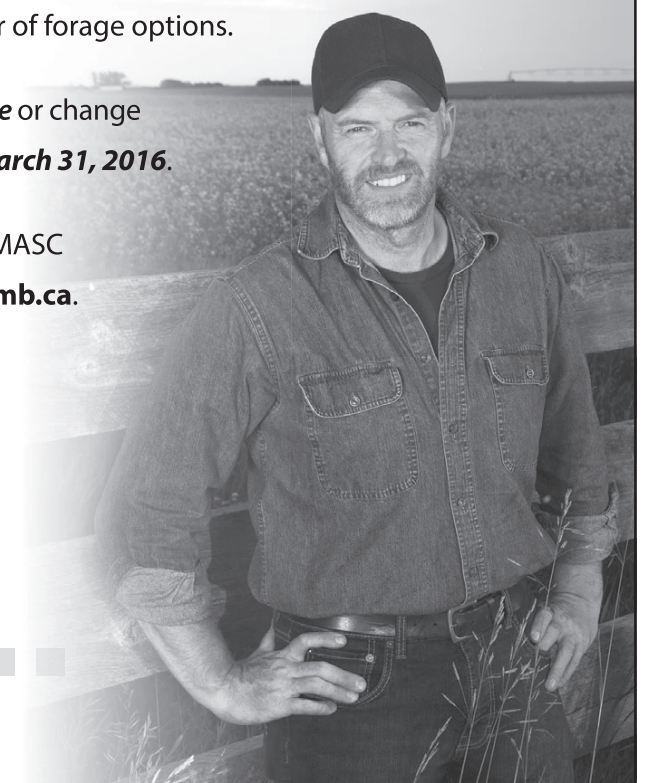
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PVCD tackling erosion along Dead Horse Creek

By Lorne Stelmach

It's one of Morden's features that help earn its reputation as one of the most beautiful communities in southern Manitoba.

The Deadhorse Creek, however, also presents challenges which the Pembina Valley Conservation District is helping to address.

"It's a beautiful thing to have a creek in your backyard, but it's also a tremendous liability and can be a source of real concern," said Cliff Greenfield, manager of the PVCD, which is working with the City of Morden and the RM of Stanley on bank stabilization projects.

There are a range of issues related to "having a fairly good sized creek going right through the middle of town ... and it goes through private areas as well as public areas ... so that presents some concerns.

"We're trying to help the city and the residents with these issues. We've got some expertise in stabilization and water management and those kinds of things."

The district has completed a number of projects to date including modifying portions of the creek at Brookside Way and the footbridges

including near Livingston Nature Park and at Stanley Park.

The banks were re-graded and rock rip rap were placed along the shoreline. Willow stringer poles were also planted at two meander bends along the creek.

All of this is aimed at addressing stream bank erosion caused by the forces of water, wind and ice that over time wear away or move the soil.

Having a diverse plant community along the banks is the best defense against erosion, as the roots below the ground and the stems, leaves and branches slow down the erosive force of the water.

Even without human influence, streams may meander and in the process cause banks to erode. Although a stream channel may appear to be stable, over a period of time most will adjust or shift location.

Randy Dow, an engineering technologist with the PVCD, said the district has established a good working relationship with the City of Morden and RM of Stanley to tackle these ongoing issues along the creek.

"More work is planned for this upcoming year," he noted.

Greenfield added they are also trying to work with a number of private



PVCD PHOTO

Rocks installed on the banks of Dead Horse Creek in Stanley Park (above) and in Morden will help stop erosion and improve bank stabilization. More work is slated to be done on the creek this summer.

residents living along the creek.

That has been made easier now with newer developments, he said, as the city has kept ensuring access to the creek area in mind.

"With some of the new subdivisions, the city changed their policy, which I think was really positive, that they're now saying there's a right of way beside this creek. So it takes away a lot of the risks from private residents, which makes a lot of sense," he said.

Greenfield also noted they are working on a study to determine what more needs to be addressed in the years ahead and what the poten-

tial cost may be.

"If you want to stabilize this creek ... and basically you do now because the houses are really so close in the developments taking place ... there isn't any room to allow the creek to meander like it naturally would want.

"So it has to be fixed, and it has to be armoured ... and we're trying to determine how much that may cost over the next 20, 40 years.

"We're trying to be proactive and work with the city on identifying those spots that are starting to move more."

Industrial park development a priority: mayor

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Hwy. 32 and Pembina Ave. intersection improvements, Northlands Parkway West, and Circle K Drive.

Other key projects include \$500,000 for land for the recreation multiplex project, \$172,000 for new equipment including a police vehicle, and \$100,000 for development of the skate park area including a basketball court, though that project is dependent on fundraising supporting it. There are also funds targeted for other projects, including playground equipment, an outdoor rink, and walkways.

There is also a separate water and sewer utilities budget of \$4,219,135.

PRIORITIES

Harder said one key priority for council in the year ahead is to continue to progress on development of

the industrial park area.

"In order to get the expansion and industrial development, we need to make sure that property is ready to be occupied. We're anticipating some of our growth will definitely come from there."

He added they are also still working towards having a longer term plan for

waste water treatment and disposal to take to the provincial and federal governments for funding assistance.

"And of course our recreation expansion is still on the radar as well," Harder said. "Even though the funding may not come from this year, there's a lot of work that we still need to do in order to be ready for it."

In the end, Harder said he believes the city has shown a strong track record of good financial management.

"We haven't really gone out and spent money unnecessarily. This council is no different ... I've been on three councils and all of them have been pretty prudent, and councils before have been in the past."

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and doorway accessibility improvements; and \$32,000 in support of the Winkler Family Resource Centre, the Imagination Library program, and the division's Community Connections program.

PAC FEEDBACK

Dyck noted that they received the most public feedback from their

parent advisory council budget consultation meeting, where attendees stressed the importance of addressing student mental health/anxiety issues and the need for additional clinical services and guidance counsellors.

"We definitely heard things about student wellness ... that's one of the things we definitely have to keep a pulse on, see how that's doing," she

said, adding that each school will be taking a look at the programs and services it provides along those lines. "We know that it is being addressed by our schools. They're very aware of, for example, student anxiety."

A full break-down of the budget is available online at gvsd.ca.

Senior centre hosts brainstorming session

By Lorne Stelmach

What do the people who use it most want from the Morden 55 Plus Activity Centre?

That was the question at the heart of a brainstorming session held there last Friday afternoon.

"Basically, it's about how the centre can grow," said executive director Yvonne Kroeker, who hoped the informal session would provide them with some short and long term direction.

The event was led by Lynda MacLean of the Morden Area Foundation, with Cheryl Link offering some perspective on the history and development of the centre.

Link stressed the idea of the centre playing an important role in improving the health and quality of life of its members. In leading the discussion, MacLean encouraged participants to think big.

The session attracted close to two dozen people, with many of the ideas based on the possibility of expanding the current facility.

A number of people commented on improving the technology at the cen-

"IT'S THEIR CENTRE AND THEY SHOULD HAVE A VOICE."

tre, including having an Internet café area and getting better sound and projection systems.

Other ideas ranged from having a television viewing lounge to having a reading area or even a book club, as well as more arts and crafts offerings.

All of those in attendance also stressed that there should be more partnerships and networking with other centres in the region and province.

In the end, the hope was that these kinds of ideas could get more people interested and involved.

"We should have more people coming in through the door," suggested Fred Mayor.

Kroeker said the idea for the brainstorming session came about because they recognized it is very important



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden 55+ Activity Centre executive director Yvonne Kroeker (standing, left) and facilitator Lynda MacLean led discussion at a brainstorming session held last week.

for the members to be involved and to have a say in the centre's aims, programs, and services.

"They need to have a voice, have some input because they are the members ... this is their centre, so let's have feedback from them," she said. "We can take a good look at what we are going to do ... where do they want to see our centre go ... do they want to see us do more fundraising for anything ... are there new projects in mind."

"We need to get the people involved. At the end of the day, it's their centre and they should have a voice."

Kroeker noted they have an annual

membership meeting, but it doesn't always get as many people out as they would like.

She said they hope the members will see this as something that is important enough to want to get involved.

"We're trying to raise the level of awareness ... to be more aware of what's all going on at the centre."

Kroeker said they will take into consideration what they heard at the forum as they make plans now for the year ahead.

Find out more about the senior centre at www.mordenseniors.ca.

Western SD students scoring above average

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden early years students are learning to read as well or at a level even slightly better than the provincial average.

That is the general result of an annual assessment done last fall with Gr. 3 students in reading and numeracy in both the English and French Immersion programs. It also assessed Gr. 4 French Immersion students for reading in French.

"It gives us a good snapshot of how we are doing in relationship to the province ... and how we are doing from year to year. You can see the trends," said Cyndy Kutzner, assistant superintendent with Western School Division.

The assessment gauges how students are progressing and uses four categories: those who are significantly below their grade, those who need ongoing help, those who are approaching the expectations, and those who are meeting the expecta-

tions.

Kutzner said those students needing ongoing help or way below expectations are usually a very small percentage—maybe one to three per cent in general.

"Those approaching expectations are kids that are probably going to get there before the end of the year," she said.

"When we report to the board, we'll say we're happy if the kids are within range of approaching or meeting. The ones that we want to put interventions into place for are the ones that are outside of that."

"The kids that are meeting expectations, we don't need to put any interventions in place. The kids that are approaching expectations, the teachers are not worried about in terms of their progression or growth, but they may need to make some adaptations," Kutzner continued. "So are they progressing the way we want them to or are they going to be at risk of flipping down into the ones who aren't get-

ting it?"

The results break down as follows for students who are approaching or meeting expectations:

- Gr. 3 reading in English for English program: 90.2 per cent; provincial average of 83.4 per cent.

- Gr. 3 reading in English for French Immersion program: 93.3 per cent; provincial average of 93.6 per cent.

- Gr. 4 reading in French for French Immersion program: 97.7 per cent; provincial average of 89.3 per cent.

- Gr. 3 numeracy in English: 91.68 per cent; provincial average of 86.58 per cent.

- Gr. 3 numeracy in French Immersion: 93 per cent; provincial average of 94.63 per cent.

Western still compares well—above the provincial average—when you look at just those students meeting expectations, though some disparities emerge.

For example, when looking at Grade 3 reading in English, 80 per cent of the French Immersion students met

expectations compared to just 65 per cent of English students.

"That has always been the trend," said Kutzner, who also noted that English students come in at 66 per cent for numeracy while 58 per cent of French Immersion students met expectations.

"Generally, every year we're quite happy with the results," she said, though they have "noticed a little bit of a trend in our French Immersion ... where the numeracy is slipping a little bit."

"They are learning the same math," she said. "So we are looking into that. We would like all of our kids to be learning at the same level."

"We're still above the provincial average, so we're not worried that our kids are struggling too much, but we would like the results to be a little closer to what our English results are."



A helping massage

Massage therapy students Kendal Funk, Eric Olfert, Heidi Brodland, Viktor Bauer, and Betty Redecop were offering \$5 massages in support of the Morden Healthy Minds breakfast program at the Home & Life Show March 4-5. The college students, supervised by Linda Menzies of Morden Massage Therapy, gave nearly 60 massages, which adds up to an awful lot of cereal and milk to help local kids start off their days right with a healthy meal. The students will continue their practicum hours at MMTC, offering \$29 massages, all funds from which go to local charitable organizations and projects.

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Youth charged in faked delivery driver hold-up

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Last week's gunpoint robbery in Winkler turned out to be a hoax.

The police investigation into the apparent robbery of a pizza delivery driver at the Parkland hill revealed that the caller, who is a youth, fabricated the story in collusion with a friend before staging the event in order to keep the money.

Police say the youth has taken responsibility for his actions and is charged with public mischief for leading police into a false investigation and with fraud and theft under \$5,000.

The second youth is charged with robbery, wearing a disguise with intent to commit a robbery, use of an imitation firearm in commission of an offence, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, and carrying a concealed weapon.

In addition, a search warrant was executed at a residence on Gemstone Bay, where it was believed officers would find a firearm used in the offence.

Three imitation weapons were seized at the home, all hand guns, as well as a quantity of marijuana, a quantity of marijuana resin, a number of items used to facilitate the production of cannabis marijuana resin, and a prohibited weapon (nunchucks).

A 20-year-old male along with the second youth mentioned above are now facing several drug and weapons charges.

Police say they believe that the proceeds from the robbery were earmarked to purchase marijuana for

the purpose of producing the marijuana resin, a concentrated and more potent form of the drug.

All three of the accused have been released pending their court dates.

Other items in the Winkler Police Service's weekly report include:

- March 7: A resident of Southview Drive reported culprits entered his yard sometime during the weekend and cut down his fruit trees. There are currently no suspects in this offence.

- March 7: Shortly before 10 p.m., officers received a call from Walmart reporting that three people walked out

of the store with two shopping carts full of merchandise without paying.

The suspects were seen leaving the parking lot in a Dodge Caravan and travelling down P.R. 428. They were arrested by Carman RCMP within the hour.

Recovered from the vehicle was merchandise valued at more than \$2,100 belonging to Walmart and Superstore in Winkler.

Charged with the thefts are one adult female from Bacon Ridge and an adult male and female from Ebb and Flow.

All three were released on a Prom-

ises to Appear for court in Morden.

- March 11: Shortly after a family in crisis reported their father for serious domestic violence against their mother, officers attended the home and arrested the man without incident.

He is now facing several assault charges for a series of incidents that began earlier in the year.

The accused has been released on a Promise to Appear with an Undertaking bearing the usual conditions in these circumstances to protect the victim and witnesses.

His first court appearance is scheduled for May 10 in Morden.

Last chance to nominate Outstanding Volunteer

By Lorne Stelmach

This may be your chance to say to thank you to someone you know who goes above and beyond to help out in the community.

The deadline for the Morden Area Foundation's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award is fast approaching. Nominations are due in by March 31.

Executive director Lynda MacLean said nominees can be anyone whose exemplary volunteer efforts have demonstrated dedication, leadership and citizenship in any way.

"It can be anybody. It doesn't have to be somebody who leads the biggest organization and has the biggest position," she said. "It can be

somebody who walks around picking up the litter. It doesn't have to be a big thing ... just something that makes an impact in some way.

"Lots of people fly under the radar. You don't know that there's all these volunteers doing these things. Those are the ones I would love to get nominated."

The nominees can be any individuals who have exemplified volunteerism, and their contribution must have been made as a result of a personal, voluntary commitment and not part of their employment.

Their service to the community or to one or more community organizations will have occurred over a period of time and not focused on a single event or activity.

All nominees must reside in the City of Morden or the immediate surrounding area in the RM of Stanley.

The nominations will reviewed by a committee of former Volunteer of the Year recipients. The winner is chosen based on length of service, legacy created, impact on the community or organization and the breadth of the impact.

The award will be presented at a reception in April.

The nomination form is online at www.mordenfoundation.ca. For more information, call MacLean at 204-822-5614 or e-mail at info@mordenfoundation.ca, or stop by MAF offices at 100 - 379 Stephen St.

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24th Street Wailers to perform in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Music fans enjoying the shows brought to the area by Dead Horse Entertainment owe a debt of gratitude to the 24th Street Wailers.

Darren Klassen met the band at the Brandon Folk Festival and they are a big part of the reason why he started DHE when he brought them to Morden in the fall of 2013.

"There's a reason why they were my first show to have in town, and I'm very honoured to keep having them back," said Klassen in advance of the group's March 31 show at the Morden Legion.

Klassen said it is also exciting to get them back at a time when the band is really making a name for themselves not only close to home but further

beyond.

"They really are ... they're getting quite a bit of recognition, not just in Canada but places like the southern states where blues is very popular," he said.

"They're a great group of young musicians writing a lot of their own material. It is really exciting. I'm a big fan of music, and I'm a big fan of the style of music they make."

Having originally met in music school, the members of the 24th Street Wailers were influenced by the sounds from the freewheeling period in the '40s and '50s when the blues gave birth to rock and roll.

Led by frontwoman and singing drummer Lindsay Beaver, the band is filled out by Michael Archer on upright bass, Marc Doucet on guitar,



SUPPLIED PHOTO

The 24th Street Wailers perform at the Morden Legion March 31.

Jesse Whiteley on piano, and Jonny Wong on wailing sax.

The Wailers have been touring non-stop recently, playing over 650 shows across the United States, France, and Canada in the past four years and sharing stages with legends like Jimmie Vaughan.

Their 2014 album *Wicked*, was nominated for the Canadian Juno Award. The group has since released *Where Evil Grows* to rave reviews.

The show at the Morden Legion March 31 gets underway at 8 p.m. Tickets are available for \$20 online or at Computer Remedies in Morden.

Other upcoming shows for Dead Horse Entertainment include Doc Walker in support of Donate Love April 8 at the Access Event Centre, Martyn Joseph April 19 at the Kenmor Theatre, and Ben Caplan July 6.

• AN ARTIST'S LIFE

How AMAF helps keep community festivals going

As the festival season continues around Manitoba, the organization known as Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals (AMAF) will be heavily involved in each of the local festivals.

Families who have students recommended to provincial finals will be the most likely to hear the name in their lessons, but AMAF is an organization deserving of more recognition as it strives to keep festi-



By Candace Hamm

vals alive around the province.

Local festivals are given valuable support through AMAF, which in turn then also provides artistic support across the province to a large network of organizations.

According to its website, the Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals is a "non-profit organization that represents amateur community arts festivals across the province. Its purpose is to promote and encourage participation in, growth and development of, and appreciation for the creative and performing arts in partnership with local festivals."

AMAF provides support to each of its member festivals with a standardized set of rules and regulations, opportunities for province-wide competition, and opportunities such as recommendation to national festivals, composition competitions, and choral workshops that are not available at the local level.

With disciplines ranging from piano to organ, from dance to wood-

winds, and from spoken theatre to musical theatre, AMAF showcases a wide variety of artistic activities each year.

Twenty-nine member festivals (including both the Winkler and Morden festival of the arts) reach thousands of budding artists across the province by providing opportunities for workshops and adjudication from qualified professionals.

Each year, students whose performances evidence a high level of preparation and skill are recommended from each festival to represent their region at the AMAF provincial finals in late May.

The venue for this competition currently alternates between Brandon and Winnipeg. Participating students receive adjudication from highly skilled artists, an opportunity to win scholarships and other prizes, and for some, an opportunity to be recommended for the national festival held each year in varying locations across the country.

Recommendation to provincial finals is considered a significant achievement for the local festival student!

The cost of entering your local festival is kept as low as possible through sponsorships and donations from organizations across the province who care about investing in the arts and keeping opportunities such as local and provincial festivals alive for future students.

Take the time to thank the discipline coordinators and committee members from your community arts festival who volunteer many hours to keep these events running.

If your students are recommended to provincial finals, give a special thank you to AMAF, which plays such a large part in keeping festivals alive and well.

For more information, please visit amaf.mb.ca.

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Diveritas talks modern parallels to the past

Discussion series screens Chaplin's 'The Great Dictator'

By Lorne Stelmach

The Diversitas series of speakers and events continued Saturday in Morden with the presentation of the film *The Great Dictator*.

Organizer Peter Cantelon said close to 40 people were on hand for the film, which is an American political satire written, directed, and starring Charlie Chaplin.

It offered a stirring condemnation

of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, fascism, anti-semitism and the Nazis at a time when the United States was not yet formally at war with Nazi Germany.

It was a much smaller crowd than the 160 on hand for Dr. Idris Elbakri of the Manitoba Islamic Association late last year, but those in attendance enjoyed the chance to see the parallels between Chaplin's concerns in the 1940s and today's political climate.

"The feedback I heard was very positive. I think it connected well with people," Cantelon said.

He noted one person who is an American currently living in Morden had an interesting perspective on it.

"She mentioned how very much the film and the subject matter reminded her of what's going on in American politics right now ... with Donald Trump and the rhetoric."

The point of Diversitas is to be a

platform for education and discussion around a belief that the diversity of humanity makes us stronger, not weaker.

The series' next event features Jonathan Niemczak, president of Pride Winnipeg, speaking May 14 on the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or questioning) community.

Other subjects tentatively include First Nations in July, mental illness in September, and feminism and women in November.

Festival of the Arts continues with piano, sacred music

By Lorne Stelmach

The 41st Morden Festival of the Arts continues next week with a busy piano session.

The piano entries increased to 190 this year from 158 a year ago.

Featuring all levels from beginner to Grade 10, there will also be a variety of classes including Canadian composers, Baroque composers, popular, 20th and 21st century composers, classical sonata, romantic composers, sonata, French composers, Classical composers, baroque sonata and sacred.

They take place March 21-23 at the Christ Lutheran Church. Morning sessions begin at 9 a.m., afternoons at 1:15 p.m. and evening sessions on Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The sessions will be adjudicated by April Gibson, an active workshop and master class clinician who has taught piano, composition, and piano pedagogy for decades.

Also coming up is the festival's sacred evening on Sunday, March 20 at 7 p.m. also at the Christ Lutheran Church featuring piano, vocal and strings with sacred selections including solos, duets and ensembles.

The festival pauses for Easter and spring break and then continues mid-April with vocal and choral sessions before wrapping up with the Hi-Lites Concert on May 1.

All festival sessions are open to the public for an admission of \$2.

CAA launches Worst Roads campaign

Hwy. 32 already high on the list

By Ashleigh Viveiros

CAA Manitoba is once again on the hunt for our province's worst road.

CAA launched its annual month-long Worst Roads campaign last week, inviting Manitobans to nominate the roadways they think deserve the dubious title.

"Our roads are more than a way to get from A to B—they drive our economy," says CAA Manitoba president and CEO Mike Mager. "We rely on our streets and highways for trade and tourism, yet many routes are riddled with potholes and poor lane markings."

"A recent AAA survey that said pothole damage has cost U.S. drivers \$15 billion over the last five

years; I shudder to think of what road conditions have cost Manitoba motorists and businesses."

Over 20,000 votes have been cast in previous Worst Road campaigns, and CAA Manitoba works with municipalities and the province to ensure roads nominated each year are on government's priority lists.

"This campaign isn't about complaining—it's about making a positive difference," says Mager. "Whoever is in government in weeks from now will be faced with the reality that our roads need a lot of work. We're here to help give the public a voice, and provide recommendations and collaboration to improve the infrastructure that we rely on every day."

Hwy. 32 through Winkler—which the city has been lobbying to have four-laned for over a decade—has made the campaign's top five list

the last two years running, clinching the number two spot in 2014 (losing only to Winnipeg's St. James St.) and taking fifth place last year.

When the campaign launched last week, Hwy. 32 quickly cracked the top ten list, coming in at eighth place behind roads in Winnipeg, Brookdale, and Carman (Main St. South). As of press time, though, several more Winnipeg streets had knocked it further down the list.

You can vote for the Worst Road online at caamanitoba.com/WorstRoads, the CAA Manitoba Facebook page, or through the CAA app.

Voters are able to pinpoint specific stretches of the road they feel is the worst and identify the infrastructure issue, such as traffic congestion, potholes/crumbling infrastructure, pedestrian/cycling safety, and poor traffic light synchronization or lane markings.

Corn & Apple social raises \$5K

By Lorne Stelmach

The Corn and Apple Festival got a good financial boost for its 50th anniversary celebration this year.

The Feb. 27 fundraising social brought in about \$5,000 for this summer's festival.

At the March 9 festival planning meeting, chairperson Lynda MacLean said they were very happy with the response from the event, but also stressed they are still looking to raise more to give the festival more of a boost during its milestone anniversary year.

There were discussions about doing a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Block Party in June in addition to selling a special edition Pandora apple charm and Corn and Apple watercolor prints by local artist Diana Persson.

Planning is also underway for a special festival history book, with the committee calling on the community to submit their festival memories.

Meanwhile, MacLean noted they were hoping to gather festival volunteers past and present sometime this spring for an extra special and

extra large group photo.

The idea was to gather the group on Eighth St. and have a photographer capture the image from the roof of the Pembina Hills art gallery.

"We would like to put it into the memories book then if possible," she said.

Meanwhile, anyone interested in helping out with the festival can consider filling one of the committee positions that remain vacant: stage and canopy setup, youth stage, and float driver co-ordination.

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Minnewasta kids give back

By Lorne Stelmach

A project has helped Gr. 3 students at Minnewasta School in Morden better comprehend the issue of homelessness.

Each year the Gr. 3 classes at the school do a giving project of some sort, often raising funds for charitable projects overseas.

This time around they decided to keep it more local, says teacher Rhonda Thomson.

"We brought it a little closer to home this year," she said, "hoping they would make the connection that even here in our province there are lots of people who don't have their basic needs met."

Since fall, the kids have been collecting toiletry products for the people at the Siloam Mission homeless shelter in Winnipeg. They've also hosted four cookie sales and raised about \$300 to purchase socks, which they filled with the toiletries to be handed out to



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Gr. 3 students at Minnewasta School in Morden recently filled about 300 pairs of socks with toiletry items they collected for the homeless at Siloam Mission in Winnipeg.

those in need at the shelter.

Thomson said they ended up with about 300 pairs of socks, which were purchased from Giant Tiger with a bit of help from the Morden business.

"We didn't expect this to get that big ... so we were happy with the overall results," she said.

Thomson stressed it was good for

the students to be directly involved in fundraising and organizing the project, with some help from their parents in baking cookies.

While the logistics of organizing a student field trip to Siloam Mission didn't quite pan out, the teachers will be delivering the packed-full socks to the mission themselves, she said.

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St. Patrick's Day, or St. Paddy's Day as it's colloquially known, is fast approaching - that fun, festive day in which people celebrate Irish heritage regardless of their ethnic background, and don anything with the color green, from shamrocks to simple green T-shirts. People of all ages can join in on the fun! If you want to enjoy the typical St. Patrick's Day festivities and still stay within your budget, the luck of the Irish is on your side.

The fact is that St. Patrick's Day can be celebrated rather frugally without having to compromise on the good times. Numerous cities across the country, especially in areas in which there is a large and vibrant Irish community, have St. Patrick's Day parades and concerts that are often free to the public and a blast to attend.

Check out the following ways you can enjoy your St. Patrick's Day celebration inexpensively while still enjoying yourself:

Go out to dinner with friends, or invite your closest friends over and do some karaoke to traditional Irish songs.

Be on the lookout for free St. Patrick's Day events. Parades, concerts, fairs - they are usually plentiful on this day, and they are a lot of fun, especially for the kids. You can sample Irish treats, and learn more about Irish heritage, without having to spend a dime.

Decorate your home to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day holiday with your family, especially your kids. Taking your kids to fairs and arts and crafts shows can be a little pricey, so getting creative here is key.

You can use materials you have around the house, or make cool designs using your computer and hang them up around the house to get your kids in the St. Patrick's Day spirit!

Instead of a night out on the town, have a house party instead. You can download some Irish songs to play at the party, and have a fun house party with your friends. No need to drive anywhere.

Getting an expensive, silly outfit to wear on St. Patrick's Day is unnecessary. Save your money and get creative with clothing you already have - wear a green T-shirt with green shoes and a green hat, or design something on your own. If you don't have any green items, borrow some from a friend. Have fun with it!

St. Patrick's Day, while it is an all-inclusive holiday in which anybody, regardless of their heritage can join in on the celebration, does NOT have to be celebrated.

Take advantage of St. Patrick's Day sales. Many stores drop coupons on or around St. Patrick's Day, and while many offer discounts on Irish garb or green items, some even discount other products as well. If you need items around the house, shopping on St. Patrick's Day is not a bad idea if you're looking to save some green.

Keep things simple. Instead of enjoying all of the debauchery St. Patrick's Day has to offer, revel in the historical significance of the day. Go online and research St. Patrick's Day, download traditional Irish songs, or go to the library and read books about St. Patrick's Day or Irish history.

As you can see, saving green on St. Patrick's Day is relatively easy if you get creative and plan your partying wisely. By decorating your house and getting your kids involved in creatively celebrating St. Patrick's Day, you'll save a ton of money on expensive arts and crafts and Irish treats. Lastly, the key to enjoying a frugal St. Patrick's Day celebration is taking advantage of the free festivities out there. Free concerts and parades are plentiful around town, and most them are kid-friendly and fun for everyone in the family.

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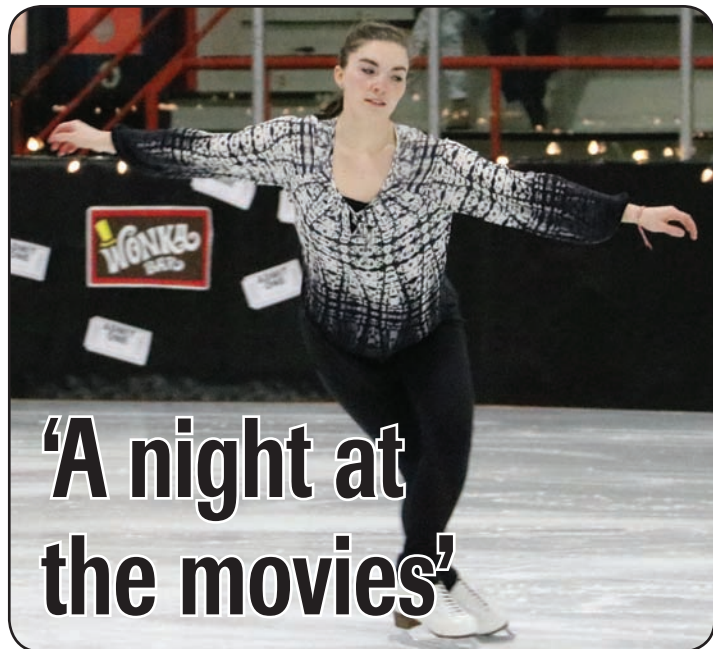
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Fossilized Fence Roadblocks Evolutionary Dating from Creation Moments Radio Program

Luke 19:40

"And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."



Here at Creation Moments we have mentioned a few examples of fossils that, without argument, were formed recently. We have been trying to show that when you see a fossil or hear the word, you should not automatically think millions of years. In an attempt to maintain the illusion that fossils automatically must be millions of years old, evolutionists dismiss the examples of young fossils as freaks of nature. However, there are many examples of recent fossils. It was low tide when a circular rock was discovered on a western Australian beach. A little over two feet in diameter, the wheel-shaped rock weighed 165 pounds. It was hard and solid,

even ringing like a bell when struck. Examination proved that the rock was a dense high-calcium sandstone. Even before it was cut open for study, the rock seemed unusual. Once it was cut open it became clear that this was fossilized fence wire. Further analysis identified the wire as "Number 8" fence wire that was used at a nearby sheep station between 1920 and 1970. It was standard practice that after 10 years, old fence wires were replaced. The old wire was coiled and often thrown into the sea. This fossil could have been only about 30 years old and not more than 80 years old!

The existence of fossils does not disprove the Bible's account of history that dates the Earth at only about 6,000 years old. If fossils can form in a relatively few number of years, 6,000 years are more than enough time to form all the millions of fossils discovered.

Prayer: Lord, protect me from being misled by those who doubt Your Word. Amen.

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The Winkler Skating Club hosted its annual spring carnival on Saturday, giving its skaters the chance to show off what they've learned this winter. The kids dressed up to fit the theme of "Night at the Movies," including routines revolving around the Pink Panther films (top), Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (above), and Annie (above, left), to name just a few. The evening also featured a performance from skater Deidra Russell (top, left). The 21-year-old is the top Senior Ladies skater in Manitoba.

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MWF seeks to put an end to spotlighting

By Lorne Stelmach

A campaign aiming to get the province to ban a dangerous hunting practice has been gaining momentum.

The Manitoba Wildlife Federation has taken the lead in calling for the ban on spotlighting in the populated portions of Manitoba to protect people, pets, farm animals and property in the wake of an incident last fall.

Current Manitoba hunting regulations state night hunting is legal for aboriginal hunters only, however, they are not permitted to discharge a firearm in areas "where it is dangerous to do so." Night hunting or spotlighting is banned for non-aboriginals.

The MWF has emphasized the spotlighting ban is critical, especially in agricultural regions of Manitoba near people, farms and livestock.

Since initiating a public relations campaign against the practice of hunters using a spotlight at night to shoot wild game, the MWF has received a huge response both from within the hunting community and Manitobans in general.

"It's generated a lot of feedback, a lot of comments ... and it's been overwhelmingly positive," said managing director Rob Olson.

Noting that there has been "quite a few comments from aboriginal hunters as well," Olson suggested "there's a general groundswell of support that spotlighting, in this day and age ... especially in the southern part of the province ... doesn't work, doesn't make a lot of sense to people."

"We had a few First Nation hunters ... a bit upset I guess that we hadn't consulted with more aboriginal people before forming our position on this," he added.

"Part of the point of us pushing this right now is to make those consultations happen because we were frustrated the province wasn't consulting ... we're trying to create that conversation."

'ALL TOO COMMON'

Victor and Doreen Sliworsky of Winnipegosis were abruptly awakened Sept. 10 when a rifle bullet came flying through their window frame, missing Doreen's head by a mere two feet.

The Sliworsky's son-in-law and

"HOW MANY MORE TRAGIC ACCIDENTS HAVE TO HAPPEN BEFORE GOVERNMENT WILL ACT?"

family spokesperson Wayne Lytwyn said the incident has adversely affected everyone in the family.

"Spotlighting, or night hunting, is an all too common occurrence in rural Manitoba," he said. "Not only does it pose a significant risk to public safety, the damage done by poachers and night hunters is costly and disturbing."

MWF board member and hunter education instructor Fred Tait agreed it's time for the Manitoba government to stop spotlighting once and for all.

"Allowing anyone to hunt at night in the built-up areas of the province flies in the face of universally accepted safe hunting practices and puts people in danger," he said. "How many more tragic incidents have to happen before government will act?"

Joining the MWF in the call to ban spotlighting are the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Manitoba Beef Producers and Manitoba Natural Resource Officers Association. At least 19 rural municipalities had passed anti-spotlighting resolutions.

Another issue, according to the Manitoba Natural Resource Officers Association, is that there were at least 13 vacancies on the conservation officer



roster of about 120 officers, so a commitment is needed from the province to more adequately and properly support conservation officers so they can provide more enforcement.

Olson added there needs to be continued emphasis as well on safe practices and training as the key to safe hunting.

"One of the fundamental principles of safe hunting is knowing your target, but how can you possibly be sure

of your target at night?" said Olson, who noted there has been encouraging feedback from both the NDP and Conservatives in the lead up to this spring's election.

"We're quite hopeful. There's been a ton of interest ... I think that bodes well for change."

For more information on the Night-Watch campaign, check out mwf.mb.ca/nightwatch.

Living with Alzheimer's workshop Sat.

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba's annual *Living with Alzheimer's Disease or Related Dementias* takes place at the Boundary Trails Health Centre this Saturday.

The workshop, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., features presenta-

tions from local professionals on the disease process from a medical, family, and individual perspective, legal and financial considerations, helpful community resources, caregiver tips, and home safety.

Registration is \$20, which includes

lunch and resources.

Regional coordinator Kathy Fehr says she can sign people up for the event as late as Friday.

You can reach her at 204-325-5634 or alzsc@alzheimer.mb.ca.

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Rick Denison (right) recently passed the Canadian Tire Jumpstart ball on to incoming Winkler chapter chair Michael Penner after seven years in the role.

New chair for Winkler Jumpstart chapter

Last year, 195 young people across the Pembina Valley were given a sporting chance thanks to the local chapter of Canadian Tire Jumpstart.

Since the program came to Winkler in 2006, more than 1,350 kids have received financial assistance from the community to take part in sport, dance, or other organized physical activities.

This kind of success is in no small way part of the reason the local chapter will miss the leadership of Rick Denison, but is excited to be led going forward by Michael Penner.

Denison decided to step down from his role as chair late last year after filling the position for seven years.

In his time heading up the program, Denison oversaw the increase in the local budget and fundraising so that the chapter is today helping three times the number of kids it was when he first took over.

"Seeing the need can be heart-breaking," he said, "but knowing you are helping in a small way to get kids active and feel a part of something bigger is very rewarding."

Picking up where Denison left off is

Penner, who has sat on the Winkler Jumpstart board for three years. He is the executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler.

"It is a good fit for me in my role with Big Brothers Big Sisters as I am close to many who need the help and encouragement to get into sport and recreation," Penner said. "The benefits of sport are more than physical. There are a host of things that develop in a person when they are part of a something bigger ... like teamwork, sportsmanship, getting along with others and listening skills. And, just realizing that in this world things work better when you work with others and don't always go it alone."

Other chapter members include Jordan Driedger, City of Winkler parks and recreation, Stephanie Dueck, City of Morden parks and recreation, Carina Sager, Regional Connections, Leanne Traynor, Sport Manitoba, David Dunseath, Canadian Tire, and Carol Enns, Mark's Work Warehouse.

For more information about the Jumpstart program, visit jumpstart.canadiantire.ca or call 1-844-Yes-Play.

Helping children deal with loss, grief

By Lorne Stelmach

It's a chance for youth who have suffered a loss to realize that they are not alone.

Southern Health and Prairie Mountain Health are again teaming up for the 11th annual Camp Bridges Weekend for bereaved children and teens this spring.

Camp Bridges 2016 will be held at the Pembina Valley Bible Camp May 27-29.

"The goal is to provide a place for children who have experienced the death of someone significant to come together and realize they are not alone in their grief, that they are not alone in their experiences," said Heide Wiebe, regional director for

palliative care for Southern Health.

That's done through a variety of activities designed to help the kids share grief and honour memories in a caring community environment.

One activity, for example, might involve kids tying a memory about a lost loved one to a balloon and then collectively releasing them.

"The focus of the camp is to do some guided memory activities for the children while allowing them opportunities to connect in an informal, fun kind of way," Wiebe said.

Camp Bridges is intended to complement existing bereavement services for children and teens by providing a weekend of caring and sharing, she added.

The feedback they have received in

response to past camps has all been very positive and encouraging.

"Coming to the realization that they are not alone in their experiences ... has been incredibly valuable and has helped them move forward in a really positive way," said Wiebe.

"I think a lot of children who experience death of someone who has been significant to them do feel alienated and isolated.

"They might see other children at hockey games with their moms and dads ... maybe they are there with only a mom or dad."

Camp Bridges 2015 was held last year at Camp Wannakumbac and hosted 50 youth between the ages of seven and 17.

"We have 50 spots and they are full

every year," Wiebe noted.

The camp relies on donations to allow campers to attend at no cost.

"Our camp is run solely on donations," Wiebe said. "We volunteer our time to provide the camp, and we do ask for donations to run the camp. If we didn't get the donations, we could not provide the camp for these children."

Anyone wishing to make a donation or wanting more information may contact their regional palliative care representative or Wiebe at 1-204-388-2038 or hwiebe1@southernhealth.ca

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Flyers take first three from OCN

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers were on track to knock the OCN Blizzard out of the playoffs earlier this week after taking the first three games in the MJHL series.

Game four Tuesday up north was do or die for OCN. Results were not available at press time, but if they managed a win, game five is slated to take place back in Winkler this Friday.

The Flyers kicked off the post-season with a victory on home ice March 10.

Winkler had a firm hold of the game throughout, scoring three unanswered goals in the first courtesy of Nolan McGuire, Tristan Keck, and Lawson McDonald.

In net, Nathan Warren slapped away 10 shots in what proved to be a scoreless second period for both sides.

In the third, Jordan Williamson scored on the power play 58 seconds in to make it 4-0 for Winkler.

OCN upped their game somewhat in the final frame, getting 13 shots to Winkler's 14 after trailing the Flyers 22-38 in shots through the first two periods, and finally made good on one about eight minutes in.

That was all she wrote, though, for both sides, giving Winkler a decisive 4-1 victory to start off the series.

It was a similar sort of game the very next night in front of a hometown crowd once again.

This time around, Zak Hicks and Scott Gall got Winkler on the board in the first period.

Warren, having denied all eight of OCN's first period shots, went on to slap away the 15 they sent in the scoreless second.

The Blizzard lit up the net midway through the third period, but a goal from Keck two minutes later kept them at bay for the 3-1 Winkler win.



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Winkler Flyers forward Tristan Keck scored a shorthanded goal early in last Thursday's playoff game against the OCN Blizzard, but not on this attempt on OCN's Emelien Boily. Winkler took the game 3-1, following on the heels of a 4-1 victory the night before. The Flyers also won game three 5-2 on Monday.

Shots were much closer this game, with Winkler eking out ahead 37-33 and Warren going the distance in net, making 32 saves.

Monday was the first time OCN had home ice advantage, but it didn't seem to do them much good at all.

Keck had a two-goal first period, scoring 18 seconds in and then again short-handed at 15:47.

Connor Slipp was a wall in net

through the first frame, but OCN found a chink in his armour six minutes into the second and again four minutes later. In between, Cam Whyte scored, giving the Flyers the lead 3-2 heading into period three.

There, it was all Winkler, with Scott Gall bolstering the lead by one more off a power play at 10:29, and then Connor Harmonic scoring on the Blizzard's empty-net after they

yanked their goalie in a fruitless last-ditch effort to close the gap. That gave Winkler the win 5-2 and a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Elsewhere in the league, the Portage Terriers lead their series with the Selkirk Steelers 2-0, the Steinbach Pistons were up 2-0 over the Swan Valley Stampeders, and the Winnipeg Blues/Virden Oil Capitals series was tied at one each.

Thunder, Zodiacs fall at provincials

The local teams worked hard but unfortunately didn't find much success at the provincials this weekend.

The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs varsity basketball boys team saw their banner hopes come to an end at the hands of the Fort Richmond Centurions.

The Centurions downed the Zodiacs 72-34 in the first round of matches at the 2016 Milk Provincial AAAA Basketball Championships, which took place in Winnipeg March 11-12.

Also in Winnipeg last weekend was the Morden Thunder boys hockey team, who were competing in

the AAAA Provincial High School Hockey Championships.

The Thunder were eliminated after falling to the Oak Park Raiders 7-2 and St. Paul's Crusaders 4-2. The Raiders went on to clinch the title by defeating the Vincent Massey Trojans 3-2 in the final.

Team Zacharias wins U18 championships

The Central Region's Team Zacharias won the U18 Curling Championship in East St. Paul March 6 after downing Team Friesen 4-3 in the finals. The ladies finished second in their pool with a 2-1 record before beating Team Jensen from Parkland 6-2 to make it to the final round. Team Zacharias is made up of (from left) coach Sheldon Zacharias, skip Mackenzie Zacharias from Altona, third Morgan Reimer from Morden, second Emily Zacharias from Altona, and lead Jenessa Rutter from Carman. The team will now represent Manitoba in the U18 Opti-mist International Championship in Edmonton March 30 to April 3.

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Lady Hawks' season comes to an end

By Lorne Stelmach

History repeated itself for the Pembina Valley Hawks, though they would rather not be reliving it.

The Hawks' title hopes in the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League came to an end in the semi-finals at the hands of the Central Plains Capitals for a second year in a row.

In the end, the second place Hawks didn't generate enough offence as they were blanked 1-0 March 9 in Portage to lose the series 3-1 to the third place Capitals.

"It was tough. You walk into that dressing room after ... for me, I had nothing prepared for losing that game. My next speech was about Saturday's game and how we were going to carry on," said coach Dana Bell. "The emotion was really high. It was a tough evening all around."

A first period goal by Chelsea Hallson only eight seconds into the game was all the Capitals needed to take it and the series.

Capitals goaltender McKenna Wild stopped all 21 Pembina Valley shots for the game four shutout, while Halle Oswald faced 17 shots in the Hawks' net.

"You lose a game 1-0, and the only goal is scored on the first shift of the game ... and you battle the next 59 minutes hoping you're going to get one back, and it just wasn't there," Bell observed. "We couldn't get a bounce if our life depended on it last night. We had opportunities, it just didn't happen."

Bell suggested the girls "played with some nerves ... and it showed the first couple of shifts."

"The puck was bouncing lots. It seemed like every time it was on our sticks, it was on its side."

He said the team now can only try to focus on the positives from not only this series but the entire season.

"It definitely wasn't the end result we were looking for, but for me, for the coaching staff, there was a lot of positives there all year for us," he stressed.

"We were in it right through the whole series. You're looking at one goal games really except for game two," he added of the Hawks lone series win of 5-1. "It could have gone either way. You had goaltending on both ends that was great."

Bell noted they had set a lot of goals for the year, including excelling on the powerplay and penalty kill, and the team had a lot of success on those fronts.

"We finished off with a 98.2 per cent on the penalty kill ... that's huge for a team."

The playoffs had started promising for the Hawks in eliminating the Nor-

man Wild in three straight in their quarter-final with wins of 7-2, 4-0, and 6-1.

For the second straight year, however, the league final will pit Central Plains against the first place Yellowhead Chiefs, who advanced over the fourth place Westman Wildcats in a four game semi-final after sweeping the Interlake Lightning in the quarter-final.

Sage McElroy-Scott led Pembina Valley in playoff scoring with four goals and 10 points, while Chelsea Dearsley contributed four goals and eight points. Katelyn Hepner had two goals and seven points, while Makenzie McCallum also had seven points, including four goals.

Oswald had a strong playoff despite finishing with two wins and two

losses. In her four games, she allowed only four goals for a goals against average of just under one and a .964 save percentage. Taylor Reimer won two of her three games with a 2.00 goals against average and .878 save percentage.

Bell hopes to be back for next season, which will be special with the Hawks being the host team for the Esso Cup national championship in Morden.

As for the roster, eight girls are graduating and will not return, but there could be a core group of 11 who could be back and give Pembina Valley a strong base to build on.

"That's one thing ... we're not lacking," Bell said. "We have a good crop of female athletes here, and I see good things for the team next year."

"WE HAVE A GOOD CROP OF FEMALE ATHLETES HERE, AND I SEE GOOD THINGS FOR THE TEAM NEXT YEAR."

Redskins facing Beavers in finals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Carman and Morden face off this week for the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League title.

Last week, the Beavers knocked the Portage Islanders out of the semi-finals four games to two to earn a spot up against the defending champion

Redskins, who had previously ousted the Altona Maroons four games to one.

Game one of the final series took place in Carman on Tuesday. Game two is in Morden this Thursday, March 17, at 8 p.m.

Carman beat out Morden in the regular season standings this winter, tak-

ing first place with a 17-3 record and 34 points—well up on the third place Redskins, who were 11-8-0-1 for 23 points.

The two teams faced each other three times this year, with the Beavers coming out ahead with wins of 6-3, 4-2, and 7-3.

Winning to be inducted into Softball Hall of Fame

By Lorne Stelmach

A former Mordenite who built a successful career in softball is receiving the ultimate honour from her sport.

Melissa Winning will be among the 2016 inductees into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame this spring.

Now living and working in Winnipeg, Winning said her individual success was entirely attributable to being part of some amazing teams over the years.

"I've been very fortunate to be able to play with some amazing and talented softball players ... both in Manitoba and also in Edmonton," she said.

"It's an honour. Anytime you're being rewarded for something, it's an honour," continued Winning. "I wouldn't be here without my teammates though. It's an individual honour, but my teammates definitely made me look good out there during the years I played."

Winning was cited in her nomination as a dominant catcher and hitter whose softball intelligence, dedica-

tion, and passion for the game was immense.

Early on, she spent one year as catcher with the Morden Fighting Saints in the Southern Manitoba Ladies Softball League and then another with Smitty's Obsession in Winnipeg.

From there, she had a successful run, starting with winning national gold with the Smitty's seniors in 1996 and then silver medals with the Smitty's juniors in 1997 and 1998.

Overall, she was part of Smitty's seniors winning a silver and five gold in 1996 and 1999-2003, as well as three silvers and one bronze with Edmonton's Calahoo Erins between 2005-2008.

Winning said having opportunities to go to national championships and being part of winning titles were highlights of her time on the field.

"Any time you get to play at the level of the nationals is always exciting," she said.

But again, she stressed it was her good fortune to be part of some ex-



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Morden native Melissa Winning will be inducted into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame this spring.

traordinary teams.

"I've been lucky to be able to catch for some great pitchers," said Winning. "I would always get a thrill when I was able to catch and call pitches ... at the same time, you're taking control of the game."

Winning added she has taken some important life lessons from her time in the game, including the importance of working together as a team.

There is much about it that she misses, she said.

"Now that I've been away from it for about five years, I've kind of missed the people. Seeing your teammates on a regular basis ... I definitely miss that part of the game."

Winning will be among those honoured at the 15th annual induction banquet in Winnipeg May 7.

New head, assistant coach for Winkler Storm

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm are welcoming a new head coach this season, though he's by no means a newcomer to the



Reinaldo Oliveira is the Winkler Storm's new head coach. He'll be joined on the bench by assistant coach Randy Dueck.

team.

The men's soccer squad announced last week that Reinaldo Oliveira has taken on the role. He'll be joined on the coaching bench by newcomer Randy Dueck as assistant coach.

Oliveira was coach of the South Central Hurricanes ladies team last summer and had played upwards of a decade with the Storm through the 2000s.

And while he doesn't take to the field anymore, he's eager to lead the team from the sidelines.

"I think we have good players and we can make that effort and bring them to the Premier [division]," Oliveira said.

Last season the Storm finished fourth in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 1st Division with an 8-2-5 record—not nearly enough to move up to Premier.

Winkler has made it to the top MMSL division before, but hasn't been able to survive there, consistently ranking at the bottom of the standings and having to move back down to 1st Division.

"Looking back in 2007, 2008, we

went to the Premier, but we weren't able to stay. It was a tough league. And in 2014, it also happened—we played Premier, but we only won two games," he said. "I really hope we can move up, but we have to sustain it, we have to be able to stay there ... we're going to have to work hard."

Oliveira says he's going to put what he learned under the tutelage of the three Storm coaches he played under to good use this summer.

"From Henry [Enns], he's the kind of guy who [created] unity with the guys. So that's the kind of thing I want bring as well. And the hustle. He'd push us hard."

"From Wes [Hamm], he was very strategic and very big on commitment," Oliveira said. "And from Werner [Dyck], he has a passion for soccer and he made sure the guys put in the effort."

"All these things I want to pull together ... and apply on the Storm this year."

Some team members have been keeping sharp this winter by competing in an indoor soccer league in Steinbach, but Oliveira says the real work begins when they can take it outside as soon as the fields are dry.

"We want to get out there as soon as we can," he said, noting practice and tryout information will be posted on the team's Facebook page soon.

Oliveira expects a lot of veteran players to return, but there will be space for some new talent, as well.

"Pretty much we're going to have lots of

players from last year. We have a base team already. It's not something new we have to start," he said. "But we will have a few spots. There's always room for new players. We'll be looking at their attitude and their skills and how they can help the team grow."

The Storm will start their season in late May.

"WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK HARD."

Getting in sync

By Lorne Stelmach

Most people likely see skating as an individual or maybe a two-person sport.

For two skaters from the Winkler and Morden area, however, they have been drawn to it as a true team sport.

Winkler's Ashley Martens and Sarah Remple of Morden are now finding success on the ice as part of the University of Manitoba's Ice Intrepid synchronized skating team. Also on the team is Carman's Katie Vankoughnet.

"It's a great environment," said Martens. "I like being able to skate with a group ... it's a great group of girls. I've heard stories about synchronized skating teams ... some of the drama that goes on ... but I feel like our team is very committed, and we draw strength from each other a lot."

"I used to be just a single competitive skater," said Remple, adding she enjoys "the aspect of a team, because it is so different. You don't have to be just relying on yourself ... you rely on others as well."

Remple previously skated with the Pembina Pizzazz from age eight to 16 and came to the Ice Intrepid looking for a new challenge. She wants to skate with the team at least one more year yet.

"I just want to see how much I im-

prove and try to get as far as I can in this sport," she said.

Remple had been at a national competition once before with the Pizzazz and says it's been exciting to get back to that level again with the Intrepid, who this season scored a national best at Winterfest in Toronto and qualified to compete at the national championships in Waterloo.

But it takes a lot of work to get there, she noted.

As one of 16 team members, an on-ice routine that usually goes four to five minutes has a lot go into it, so it requires a good degree of dedication and training.

"We practice three times a week at 6:30 in the morning," said Remple, who commutes from Morden to Winnipeg the night before.

Martens has been skating since Gr. 1 and has been with the Ice Intrepid for three years. She skated individually growing up, but also spent some time with the Pembina Pizzazz.

She says she's just always had a passion for skating.

"I tried not skating one year but I went back ... I could not say no."

The draw for her with synchronized skating is having that support going into competition.

"It's the support. Going into a competition, you are with a group of 16 other people, whereas when you go



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Winkler's Ashley Martens and Morden's Sarah Remple are finding success on the Ice Intrepid synchronized skating team this season.

to a singles competition, it's just you and your coach.

"So you feel the support from everybody. If you make a mistake out on the ice, they won't hold it against you. It happens ... you just feel the pressure is lifted a lot more, and it's a group effort."

There are some technical differences as well.

"In singles, you do lots of jumps and spins. In synchronized skating, we do a lot more formations, like a block where you have lines of four people in four lines. Or you have just a really

long line or even a circle," Martens said.

"So you have those formations while doing different steps with your feet. Those steps can be applied to singles, but the way it's done here is different and a lot more intricate."

"You have to trust everyone else ... you just have to get to your spot," she said. "You have to trust completely in the people around you."

The Ice Intrepid will next take to the ice at the Crocus Competition this weekend in Portage la Prairie.

Twisters take first three

By Lorne Stelmach

It wasn't pretty and especially not a sparkling defensive display, but the Pembina Valley Twisters still got it done.

A wide open game three in their Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League quarter-final against the St. James Canucks ended with Justin Fernando's winning goal at 7:23 of the first overtime Sunday in Morris.

The 7-6 win gave the Twisters a commanding 3-0 lead in the series with their first chance to end the quarter-final coming in game four Tuesday in Winnipeg. Results were not available at press time.

Pembina Valley opened the series with a tight 2-1 victory in game one March 8 followed by a 4-1 win in game two March 10.

The momentum swung back and forth Sunday as Alex Tetrault, David Remi and Colin Grenier had Pembina Valley leading 3-1 early in the second period.

The Canucks, though, scored three within three minutes midway through the frame to take the lead before Bryce Dusik evened it at four after two.

The dramatic finish then started with St. James scoring a pair at 14:38 and 17:30 of the third to seemingly take control of the game with two and a half minutes left.

Grenier, however, notched his second of the game at 18:44 and then Matt Mazinke tied it up again with 30 seconds remaining in regulation.

Shots ended 32-31 in favor of the Twisters with both teams yanking their starting goaltenders. For Pembina Valley, Morgan Wall was lifted after allowing four goals on 15 shots, and then Gavin Klassen earned the win in stopping 14 of 16 shots.

Special teams made the difference in the first two games of the best of seven series.

The Twisters connected twice on the

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Dangerous dust

Workshop speaker talks dust and explosions

By Harry Siemens

John E. Bachynski of EPM Consulting says every three days there is a dust explosion in North America. The more dust there is, the more fuel there is, and the greater chance of a catastrophic secondary explosion causing major damage and injuries.

Presenting as a keynote speaker at the ninth annual Biomass Workshop hosted by Manitoba's Bioenergy and Bioproducts Team in Morden last Friday, Bachynski says all that damage comes mostly because of the process.

"Processes that deal with the dust that inherently have sparks and flames from overheated bearings to sparks generated through a circuit or a saw," he says. "So when you talk about the explosions, if they are controlled explosion with the proper safety devices, it doesn't become a tragedy. We only have the tragedies when the explosion occurs where there is not the facility does not have safety precautionary equipment."

In his message to a full house at the Access Event Centre, Bachynski told people equipment costs money, but manual cleaning doesn't.

"If we can tell people to eliminate the fuel, and that is what we call collected dust, if we eliminate as much as we can through manual cleaning, while we're waiting for new dust extraction to be installed or modify the existing one, and put the proper explosion protection devices on, then we'll be that much safer."

If a company's facility has an explosion risk, it is not practical for most production facilities to shut down because a loss of production means a loss of money. They have to look at the risks and take special precautions as an interim measure before they stop operation.

Walking into a granary as a farmer and seeing two inches of dust collected on the top of two by fours is never a good thing, Bachynski says.

"If that was to become disturbed through any, whether a large wind, something hits the building, anything disturbing even a small amount

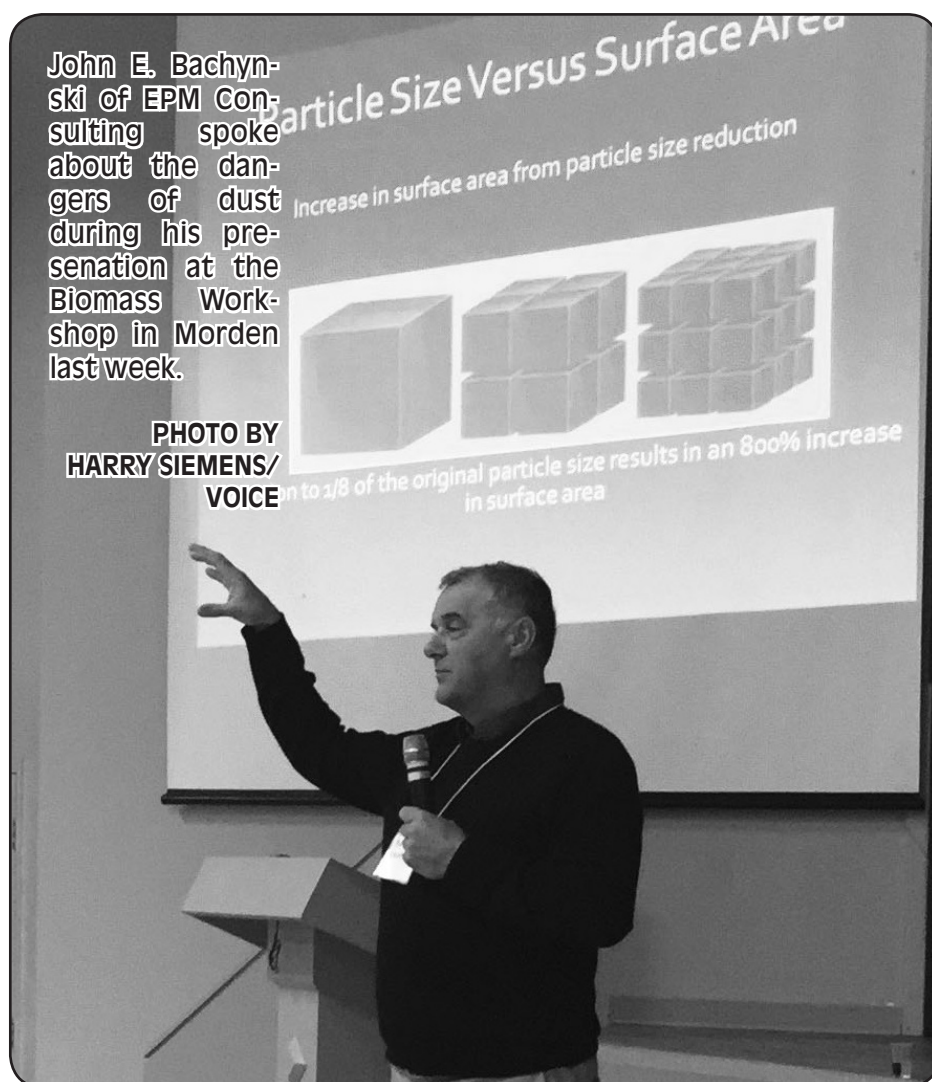
of dust, hits a flame, the pressure wave from that small amount of dust will then be the force that dislodges all the other dust," he says. "First, the primary explosion, and then the catastrophic and a secondary explosion."

Manual cleaning is by far the biggest cost effective method of keeping a place clean, Bachynski stresses.

"Because with manual cleaning, if we used the 1/8 of an inch where underneath 1/8 we're safe," says Bachynski. "Using that as a starting point, going into a facility and it is three inches thick, the 1/8 of an inch could cause a fire ball, which we've all been around, but not a secondary explosion. If you have three inches of dust laying around, no doubt there will be a secondary explosion. We clean that three inches down to nothing, and then we continue to operate, as time goes by, 1/8 becomes one inch, becomes two inches, and becomes three again."

One of the things Bachynski encourages people to do is to place a common pie plate on a flat surface in the different areas of the facility to determine the rate of dust accumulation for 24 or 48 hours.

"Now we know the rate of accumulation in these more dangerous areas,



so we do more cleaning in these areas," he says. "If the current dust extraction equipment isn't working, or you want to put in a new one, what you do is run the test again and demonstrate to people you're actually

making a difference. There will always be a fine layer of dust, but when we started this, we had two to three inches of dust per 24 hours, now we

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By Harry Siemens

Coming home from Winnipeg on Saturday I noticed some winter cereal fields not greening up. On this ride home taking No. 3, I presume most if not all, is winter wheat. I put out the message on Twitter asking whether the brown patches were normal.

Scott Perkin, grain, oilseed, sunflower, soybean and cattle producer from Elgin says it's not a problem yet

"Not yet ... the longer it stays dormant the better. Most critical time is next six weeks for winter wheat,"

It's spring seeding time for some

he says. "While fine right now, there was some snow cover and not a crazy cold winter but a lot of freeze/thaw cycle now would hurt."

That means if it gets warm and then drops down and freezes with some of that crop in water and no snow cover, it would do damage.

The number of acres seeded to winter wheat in Manitoba fell to about 200,000 last fall and held steady in Saskatchewan at about 240,000.

The advantage of seeding winter wheat and of course doing it in fall is that should the conditions not be right for good winter wheat

development, the farmer has a second chance of re-seeding it in the spring. It has cost him the seed, time and fuel, but he does get a second chance.

If it works for him, then he has winter wheat coming off a week or two earlier than the spring wheat, and spreads out his harvesting workload.

Farming is getting easier in some cases, but it isn't for the faint of heart, or the one who thinks it is still just a lifestyle.

I have no problem thinking of it

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Former Ag Minister stands by CWB dismantling

By Harry Siemens

Former Canadian Ag Minister Gerry Ritz, now trade critic for the Opposition, stands behind the work he did in helping to dismantle the old Canadian Wheat Board monopoly and the single desk selling system.

"Yes, doing away with the former CWB was a real team effort," he said in a candid interview recently. "We had several provinces involved on-side with it, plus all of the major farm groups on side. There are still some people looking back who want to farm like it's the 1950s. Fortunately 99.999 per cent have moved on and are doing really well marketing their own product at the time, place and price of their own choosing."

When federal NDP leader Tom Mulcair, asked in the House of Commons last month what the Liberal government was going to do to save the Canadian Wheat Board, it shocked Ritz because basically the Liberals said it is time to move on.

"I think we were all a bit shocked because the Liberals kind of piled on at one point as well, but I think farmers across Canada have proven that they have the ability and expertise to market their own product," he said. "They don't need a mandatory marketing agency which was actually holding them back. We were also getting calls from buyers around the world saying we need to buy what we want, not what you have at times, and that is all the CWB would sell them is No. 1 Hard Red Spring Wheat."

Ritz said even the major buyers around the world were threatening to move to other commodities, to other countries, because the CWB didn't have what they needed and wanted.

"Including Warburtons, who were always the poster child for the CWB as to how wonderful a job they did," he said. "I sat down with Warburtons when they first heard we were going to do this, they said, if you are going to make these changes, and we have the ability to come in and contract, come in and buy utility type wheats that are available and so on, we'll stick with Canada."

Warburtons has actually tripled their buying since the CWB was dismantled.

"It is a good news story regardless of the few disgruntled people that want to bring the past back," stressed Ritz.

Moving on to the David Emerson transportation review that came out in early March, Ritz says there is nothing in that report that really sur-

prised anybody.

"I think it is a good piece of work. I've read through it once, highlighted some of the recommendations," he said. "I'm still concerned the Liberals won't take it seriously. There is the basis for some fairly sweeping regulatory changes, legislative changes that will need making, when it comes to logistics we'll need in this 21 century to move the required grain to feed the people."

Ritz says it still boils down to definitions of adequate and suitable, commercial agreements with the typical penalties, and how you actually put all of that into play so that the whole system, the whole value chain, including the railways become a stronger chain.

That said, Ritz said the Liberals are known for letting reports gather dust and moving onto other things.

"I'm not ashamed to tell you, PM Harper gave us the lead on this because the bureaucrats at the department at transport were less than helpful," he said. "There were some good people over there, but the bulk of them seemed to think the railways were being picked on, and that is definitely not true."

"Everything we've seen, the crop logistics, working groups that I put together and the whole shippers group that had all of the bulk commodities at the table, that actually got the railways attention and the attention of Transport Canada, that there actually was a problem."

Ritz says it didn't matter who they talked to that had a agreements with CN and CP—those agreements really weren't worth the paper they were written on because they couldn't get engines with crews to move their cars.

"There was just a sad, sad lack of data that would allow everyone to plan and being able to look forward to what the needs were going to be," said Ritz. "The knowledge, knowing what is going to be required, by the grain companies, on any given week, and that knowledge getting back to the railways, the railways getting back to the grain companies whether it was 80 per cent need and people would actually gear up to 80 per cent and get ready to bring in that amount."

> DUST, FROM PG. 30

have a half an inch per 24 hours, we're safer longer, and that is really what has to happen with people."

He says the most dangerous dust is the dust at high elevation, 500 micron size.

"It is the driest, the lightest, and the easiest to dislodge and also the hardest to clean," says Bachynski.

"Some people will put a fan up in the rafters that rotates and blows the dust off those rafters so it can never accumulate. Others build a triangular-pointed cover, so not a flat surface, and again costs more, but dust can't collect."

Hot bearings have a high number of causes of explosions, so keep

those bearings clean, he urges.

"If you can get there to grease them, you can get there to clean them," says Bachynski. "By keeping dust off your bearings, you will eliminate the most common emission source for a lot of the fires and explosions."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 30

that way because there are many that still appreciate the fact that farming in part can still be a lifestyle, and their children can grow up on an acreage, if you like.

Getting back to winter wheat, Jake Davidson, the executive director of Winter Cereals Canada, agrees the fall seeded cereal crops have entered the period where they are at their greatest risk of winter kill.

"Starting in March, going through thaw, it depends on the spring we have," he says. "If we have a slow thaw and things run off and it's kind of nice and peaceful we'll be all right."

"If we get 10-12 above for a day and the snow melts and then it drops to 15 below and then warms up again and we the heat, cool, heat, cool, we lose our top cover of the snow on the surface, the first inch of the ground warms up in the sun in the day, it's wet. then it freezes at night, the crown of the winter wheat or any of the winter crops, fall rye, triticale, it's only an inch below the ground and if it's subject to too much of this freeze thaw freeze thaw freeze thaw, that's when we get winter kill."

Well, heading into Winnipeg on March 6, the snow cover was great. Heading in a week later, the snow

cover is gone.

Just as I was wrapping up this column, I get word that some farmers in Alberta are planting wheat, the air seeders are rolling. I'm not sure whether that is the best timing or not, because when we went through there in January, no snow whatsoever. Seeding in mid-March means they need to put it in the ground when they feel there is still moisture.

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man advantage March 10 as they scored twice in the first and second periods after giving up the opening score to the Canucks.

Fraser Mirreles, Bryce Dusik, Matt and Corey Mazinke all picked up their first goals of the playoffs, while Morgan Wall earned the win in net with 20 saves as Pembina Valley out-shot St. James 37-21.

In game one a few days earlier, Pembina Valley connected on both of their powerplay opportunities while blanking St. James on two man advantages.

Alex Tetrault tied the game at one at 13:29 of the second period with one of the Canucks off for holding, then a St. James goaltender interference penalty one minute into

the third led to the winning goal by Chad Millar at 2:13.

Wall was called on to make 26 saves as Pembina Valley had a 38-27 edge in shots on goal.

If the series was extended, game five will be back in Morris Friday. If it goes even further, game six is in St. James Sunday and game seven Tuesday in Morris.

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Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
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An election by the membership of Board members will take place, with the following candidates being proposed by the CFDC Nominating Committee, in compliance with the CFDC By-Laws:

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- Chris Leach
- Shawn Bugden
- Megan Banman
- Derek Wiebe
- Lee Kowalski
- Florian Lassnig
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3. Election of 3 Directors
4. Auditors Report
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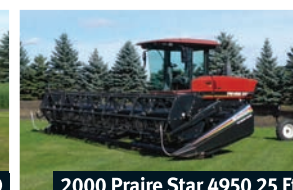
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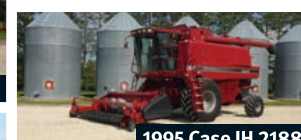
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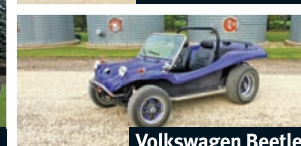
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OBITUARY



Gordon Elmer Klein

1941 – 2016

On Saturday, March 5th 2016, at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Gordon Klein, of Morden, MB passed away following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Gordon was born December 10th, 1941 in La Riviere, Manitoba, to Frank and Alma Klein. Gordon worked at the Agriculture Canada, Morden Research Station for over 34 years, starting in general labour and retiring as Grounds Supervisor in 1994, to focus on his landscape business fulltime. Like many Canadians, Gordon loved the game of hockey. He volunteered numerous seasons, coaching many teams within the Morden, (and later on) Winkler Minor hockey programs. Gordon enjoyed simple things; quiet time on the weekends, washing a vehicle in the driveway, watching a good

hockey game and taking Cody for a long walk.

Gordon was predeceased by his wife, Carol in 2013 and by his sister, Edna. Left to mourn Gordon's passing are his sons; Robert (Arlene), Steve (Brenda), grandchildren; Shaedyn, Lexington, Tegan, Reid and McKenna, mother-in-law, Kay Gunn, all from Morden and his dog, Cody (now in the care of Gina Bowen). Gordon is also survived by sisters; Darlene (Wayne Hosea) of Morden, Jean (George Thys) of Brandon, brothers; Ken (Maureen) of Tyndall, Larry (Terry) of Darlingford.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday March 11, 2016 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden. Cremation to follow with ash interment at Chapel Cemetery Columbarium at a later date. Both Gordon and Carol are missed. May they rest in peace.

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OBITUARY



William Clark Endall

1921 – 2016

On Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB, Bill Endall, aged 94 years went to his eternal rest.

Bill was born on a farm south of Minnedosa, the eldest of three children and farming remained in his blood for the rest of his life. His father had to go to the sanitarium in Ninette for treatment of tuberculosis when Bill was eight years old so he grew up very quickly and took very seriously his role as the man of the family. The twin ethics of hard work and responsibility were driving forces in his life but he also learned to have fun. He played baseball, loved curling and later, golf. Bill grew up with music and met Florence Baker at a dance. They were married on December 20, 1947 (he was fond of

telling people it was the longest night of the year) and worked together on the farm while raising their children until they moved to Brandon in 1957. Bill worked at the Hydro Generating Station in Brandon for over thirty years and Florence resumed teaching when their youngest child began attending school. The Endall home was known for its hospitality and generosity. Bill and Florence had many good friends and enjoyed countless games of bridge, dominoes and aggravation over the course of their marriage of fifty-seven years. After raising their children, they unhesitatingly took on the task of raising two grandchildren, Teena and Heather. Bill also served on several community boards and organizations over the years and was active in the Anglican Church.

Following Florence's death in 2005, Bill moved to Ruth and Brian's home in Morden then subsequently to Homestead South assisted living and a year ago to Tabor Personal Care Home. He retained his ability to make friends and his sense of humor until the end.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, William and Della, his sisters, Kathleen and Alma, his wife, Florence and his great grandson, Ethan. Left to remember him with gratitude and happy memories are: Ruth (Brian Minaker), Jack, (Linda), George (Jeanne) and Alan (Celine Pitre). There are eleven grandchildren: Teena, Heather, Chris, Karen, Katie, Becky, Cathy, Sadie, Della, Clayton and Crystal and twenty-three great grandchildren to miss him and recall his strong, positive influence. The family would like to thank the many caregivers who helped him in his later years, especially Dr. Kevin Earl, Mary Benson and her indefatigable bank of Home Care workers, especially, Myrna and Linda and the loving, compassionate staff at Tabor Home.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in the summer complete with a family picnic, as he wished. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's memory to either the CNIB, Tabor Home or to the charity of one's choice.

We can all learn from Bill's personal motto: If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well. Rest in peace, Bill; job well done.

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OBITUARY



Tina Hildebrand (nee Penner)

1928 – 2016

On Tuesday March 8, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Tina Hildebrand aged 87 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Morden went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters and two sons: Ruth (Ed) Enns, (Jason and Jolene), Margaret (Frank) Reimer (Reuben, Philip, Melita), Susan Medina, Ronald (Brenda) Hildebrand (Nicole, Kari-Lynn), Randy (Karen) Hildebrand (Isla, Isaac) as well as great grandchildren, Nicholas, Jayden, Emma, Madison, Logan, Abigail, Chloe and Braxton, one brother, one sister and five sisters-in-law. She was predeceased by her husband, Bernhard (December 20, 1980), her daughter, Linda (December 31, 2015), one grandson (stillborn), four brothers and four sisters.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday March 12, 2016 at the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with a private interment prior at Southside Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Leona Verna Friesen (nee Fehr)

1939 – 2016

On Tuesday March 1, 2016 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB, Leona Friesen aged 77 years went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing four sons, Gerald and Arlene, Jack and Debbie, Duane and Karen, Dan and Diana as well as eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren and one sister, Ruth (Melvin) Friesen. She was predeceased by her husband, Edwin in (2012) and her brother Isaac Fehr.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday March 6, 2016 at the Morden Mennonite Church with a private interment prior at Southside Cemetery. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Leona's memory to the Parkinson's Society of Manitoba.

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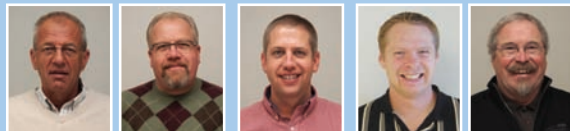


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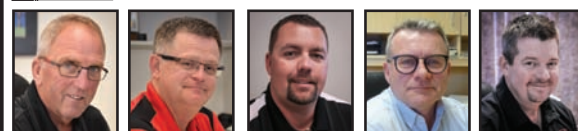
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