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Clarity Vision Centre continues to grow

Big things are on the horizon for customers." Clarity Vision Centre as it begins its fourth year of operation in Winkler.

Though they've always featured a wide selection of eyeglass frames, the centre is gearing up to offer even more in the months ahead, says owner and optometrist Dr. Andrew Aiken.

"Even though we're a smaller clinic, we have a massive selection of frames," he says, noting they offer three price tiers to suit every budget.

As the business continues to grow, though-Clarity currently has offices in Winkler, Portage la Prairie, Selkirk, and Winnipeg—it allows them to place larger orders with more suppliers, further augmenting their already vast selection and allowing them to offer frames at even more competitive prices.

"We are starting to deal directly with manufacturers from Italy and China and Taiwan in order to start bringing down the cost of goods," Aiken says. "I think people will start noticing over the next year or so, even though we are priced very competitively now, that we'll continue to improve on that, providing more value for our

Clarity will also soon be introducing its own in-house brand of frames designed by Aiken.

"The idea is to produce very highquality, handcrafted, Italian-made goods with what I feel are great styles," he says, noting the line is named J Blom after his uncle and renowned Canadian artist James Blomfield.

Dealing directly with manufacturers will allow the J Blom collection to be both stylish and affordable.

"We're trying to bring a true craftsmen line without the price tag back to our clinics," Aiken says.

Even as it works to boost its retail offerings, Clarity Vision Centre continues to be dedicated to offering comprehensive eye health care.

"At Clarity, you're getting the highest quality eye exam you can currently purchase on the market at a price that is below the industry norms," says Aiken, adding they have invested in the latest optometric technology so that patients are getting the best modern care possible.

Also important to Aiken is ensuring his company gives back to the



Dr. Andrew Aiken with just a few of the hundreds of frames Clarity Vision Centre currently offers customers. They plan to expand their frame collection significantly in the year ahead.

community by participating in and sponsoring a variety of community events and non-profit agencies.

"To me, that's an essential part of doing business in any town ... it's the only way to do business, in my mind," he says. "People expect that from their

businesses, and they really should." Find out more about Clarity Vision Centre in person at 507 Main St., online at www.clarityvision.ca, or give them a call at 204-331-6300 to book an appointment.





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Morden's Chrissy Peters brings home two medals

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden athlete is receiving a hero's welcome after coming home with a pair of medals from the Special Olympics World Winter Games.

Chrissy Peters went to compete in Austria last week hoping to repeat her gold medal performance from the 2007 World Games in China.

Not only did she snag a gold medal in the 100M snowshoe race with a time of 44.94 seconds but she also picked up a bronze medal in the 200M snowshoe race with a 2:10.66 time.

"I feel really, really good. I did super good," said Peters after arriving back home last weekend.

Local Special Olympics coach Sabrina Klassen, who also attended as part of the Team Canada contingent, was proud of all the athletes but particularly of Peters.

"She trained super hard over the last four years," Klassen observed."And to win a gold in the 100 and a bronze in the 200 was amazing."

Peters was part of a team of 108 Canadian athletes at the competition along with 35 staff and coaches.

Team Canada was the third largest

"IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME."

team at the event, with athletes competing in alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, floor hockey, snowshoeing, and speed skating.

One of the world's largest sporting and humanitarian events to be held in 2017, the World Games in Austria was a nine-day competition that brought together 3,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and 1,100 coaches from 110 countries.

"It was an experience of a lifetime," said Klassen. "To see these athletes who have been training for the last four years go and put everything into it ... and see them bring some serious medals back home ... that was truly amazing."

Peters has been involved with the Special Olympics program for 10 years now and says it gives her the opportunity to stay active and has



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Chrissy Peters with coach Sabrina Klassen and the gold and bronze medals she won at the Special Olympics World Winter Games.

made her a more confident person. "I like snowshoeing ... I like racing ... practicing and training three days every week.

doing a lot of running," she said. Peters has put a lot of hard work into it over the last four years, usually

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Bowl for Kids raises \$32K for Big Brothers Big Sisters

By Lorne Stelmach

Organizers were pleased with the turnout and the final tally at the Bowl For Kids Sake fundraiser held Saturday in Winkler. There were 43 teams of four who took part to raise upwards

of \$32,000 for Big Brothers Big

Sisters of Morden-Winkler. "It's a little bit down, but it's very comparable results [to previous years]... so we're very happy with the outcome," said executive director Michael Penner.

The annual fundraiser goes a long way to supporting the operation and growth of the nonprofit mentoring agency.

"This is the biggest fundraiser that we do every year," said Penner. "We kind of gauge our financial success for the year based on this fundraiser. If it does well, then we know we'll be okay. This will definitely help us to keep our financial goals this year and help us to continue to expand our mentoring programs."

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"Batman" takes a turn at Bowl for Kids Sake in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters Saturday. The superhero theme saw many participants come dressed as their favourite heroes, including Big Bros. executive director Michael Penner (below) and bowlers (below, from left) Ruth Hiebert, Nicole Webber, Heidi Wiebe, and Kerri Greene.







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Bringing faith, science together

By Lorne Stelmach

The first speaker for the Diversitas series in 2017 presented a message March 22 that faith and science can and should be able to co-exist.

Dr. Patrick Franklin's address at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre's Aquasaur Theatre addressed whether Christian faith is obsolete in the scientific age, and he very much emphasized the enrichment that can result when faith

and science come together. "Faith is asking questions about who God is and what God is about ... and science is helping us ask questions about how does God go about doing the things he does," said Franklin, who is associate professor of theology and ethics at Providence Theological Seminary.

"Ask God to show what's going on ... and tone the volume down on fear ... fully confident that the God who wants to introduce himself to us is not going to lie to us through his creation."

Franklin presented some historical perspective to this eternal debate.

He noted that some people, like scientist Richard Dawkins, have been unequivocal in their stance that one cannot "be an intelligent scientific thinker and still hold to traditional religious beliefs."

Franklin disagrees, stressing the two perspectives needn't necessarily be in a perpetual state of conflict.

"Many scientists actually believe in God, or they believe in a higher power of some kind," he said, citing one study of scientists that supported that premise."Only 35 per cent believed that science conflicts with and undermines the legitimacy of religion."

Franklin also pointed to another U.S. study that found that 34 per cent of surveyed scientists identified themselves as atheists and 30 per cent as agnostics, while eight per cent stated they believe in some kind of higher power and 28 per cent believed in God.

"It gives us a complicated picture. You can't say scientists are either atheists or theists—they're kind of all over the map," he said.

Franklin went on to cite many well regarded scientists past and present who were people of faith in a variety of fields—from genetics to astrophysics—including one who was also an Anglican priest.

"These are the kind of people that I think are really helpful for us to engage with ... because they hold the integrity of both fields together so well," he said. "There are lots of people of faith who are making serious contributions in the sciences."

While science does provide us with powerful and accurate knowledge about reality, Franklin suggested it's not a comprehensive knowledge.

"We know about the benefits of science, but we don't always ask about the limits of science," he said, suggesting it can reduce our reality to something less than what it really is, and he quoted Nobel Prize-winning Austrian physicist Erwin Schrodinger:

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Teen dies of crash injuries

A 19-year-old RM of Stanley man was killed as the result of a head-on collision south of Winkler last week.

On March 22, just a few days after two vehicles collided on Hwy. 32, seriously injuring several people, another accident occurred at a rural road intersection about a mile and half west of the highway.

Police say an eastbound pickup truck collided with a southbound SUV.

The driver of the truck was thrown from his vehicle. He was taken to BTHC and later air-

lifted to Winnipeg in critical condition. RCMP reported Monday that he succumbed to his injuries over the weekend.

The driver of the SUV, a 34-year-old from Deloraine, was taken to BTHC with minor injuries. RCMP continue to investigate. They say alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

The female driver was wearing her seat belt, but it's unclear if the other driver was belted.

Police said the intersection is controlled by a yield sign to which the pick-up truck was approaching at the time of the collision.



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Much enrichment can result when faith and science come together, said Dr. Patrick Franklin in his March 22 address as part of the Diversitas speaker series.



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Do we have messed up priorities?

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offends hat VOU more: or ViO-Sex lence?

Well, I can tell you that a number of readers moved on as soon as they read the word"sex" in that first sentence. And even more when it came up again in the second.

us so much in comparison to violence?

Ask yourself why we are so comfortable with violence—in news, in our movies, on television, in music-but the

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mere mention of

Now, there are some readers out there who can proudly hold their heads up because they can say to themselves, "Hey, I hate sex AND violence."

to take a closer look at the things that



By Peter Cantelon

sex or a hint of sexuality causes us to run screaming to the nearest censor.

For the rest of us, however, we need

drive our odd censorships and discomforts.

Sexuality is an actual expression of our human nature, but what about violence? It could be argued that while sexuality is expressly required for the continuation of the species, violence is decidedly not in the sense that if we somehow found a way to stop all violence the human race would not only continue but likely thrive.

It is a puzzler.

Obviously one of the big reasons we cringe when sex comes up in culture is a certain deep-seated sense of shame. Sex makes us uncomfortable because it forces us to think about things we want to keep hidden and secret for some reason.

On the flip side, most of us (myself included) can watch movie after violent movie and not only be fine with it but perhaps come away exhilarated.

When challenged by the violence in, say, Braveheart or The Passion of the Christ we can point to "historical accuracy" as the rationale. However we cannot seem to use the same rationale for sex, which, I am pretty sure, has an historical precedent (seeing as you and I exist).

We can be fine with our kids watch-

ing Power Rangers, Transformers, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and more but cringe when a shirt comes off.

This is so odd to me, this need to cover things over with figurative fig leaves.

And this is only the sexuality some consider"normal." Look at what happened recently with Disney's Beauty and the Beast when they included a very subtle reference to a character being gay. Why, the entire nation of Malaysia tried to have Disney edit out the scene that had two men dancing.

Not many raised an issue, however, over a young woman in a relationship with a literal horned beast ... so strange.

Once again the contrast between sex and violence (which ironically often go together in culture) could not be starker in the sense that sex and sexuality are expressions of a drive toward creation while violence is an expression of a drive toward death.

Ultimately I think what I am saying is that we may have our priorities severely mixed up when it comes to sex and violence.

Perhaps we should be way more offended when someone pulls out a gun as opposed to something else.

Next Diversitas speaker in May

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"I am very astonished that the scientific picture of the real world around me is deficient," said Schrodinger. "It gives a lot of factual information, puts all our experience in a magnificently consistent order, but it is ghastly silent about all and sundry that is really near to our heart, that really matters to us. It cannot tell us a word about red and blue, bitter and sweet, physical pain and physical delight; it knows nothing of beautiful and ugly, good or bad, God and eternity."

The Diversitas series will continue May 24 with Dr. Elliott Hanowski speaking on secular and atheist movements in Canada.

Following that in July will be Dr. Ruth Ashrafi speaking on Israel. Wrapping up the series in September

> BOWL FOR KIDS, FROM PG. 4

Bowl for Kids saw teams bowling in two hour slots throughout the day, many coming in costume to celebrate this year's superhero theme.

"The day was a lot of fun, lots of teams were out and it looked like they were all having fun, too," said Penner. "And of course all of the money goes

to our mentoring programs ... helps support the mentoring relationships," he added, noting the day also offered a chance to raise awareness of the

will be Dorota Blumczynska speaking on immigrants and refugees in our province.

work Big Brothers Big Sisters does in the community.

"We're there to inform as well about our mission ... why we're raising this money and where it goes," said Penner. "I'm very happy with the support and the interest ... people were talking to me after about our programs and what it means to be a mentor, so that was really nice to see as well."

Community 'Party for Chrissy' set for April 9

From Pg. 3

"My training helped me to get the gold medal," she said, adding that the conditions in Austria posed some challenges. "Their snow was very hard ... they had a deep hill. I almost did a wipeout.

Having the chance to experience and tour part of a different country was also a big highlight for Peters in and of itself.

"I got to meet a whole bunch of dif-

ferent friends in Austria," she said, adding she would love to go again.

"I'm very happy to be back home now," said Peters, who noted it was nice to feel like her hometown was proud of her. "Thank you very much to everybody for their congratulations to me ... I want to say thanks to everybody for helping me."

Morden is gearing up to celebrate-Peters' accomplishments with a special community party and dance on Sunday, April 9 from 2-4 p.m. at the Access Event Centre.



SUPPLIED PHOTO

Morden's Chrissy Peters on the race track in Austria last week. The Special O athlete brought home both a gold and a bronze medal.

Stanley to weigh Winkler, Morden concerns

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler and Morden have no reason to fear their municipal neighbour's plans for the highway corridor.

As the RM of Stanley weighs a corridor bylaw aimed at serving as a guide for sustainable and planned development in the highway zone between Winkler and Morden, the two cities have raised some questions about it.

They obviously have an interest in what type of development takes place in the area, but Reeve Morris Olafson suggested at the meeting of Stanley council last Thursday that they have the best interests of the region in mind.

"We are not looking at big industry along the way," he said.

Olafson said it is important to have an overall plan to guide development in the corridor because there is a lot of interest in the area. They also, he said, want to be sensitive to the interests of Winkler and Morden.

"There is a plan for how this development should look ... we don't want to see an auto wrecker in the middle of a commercial section," he cited as an example. "So that's where the control comes in."

The bylaw will come back to council for final approval soon and Olafson suggested what he termed as minor concerns from the two cities can be easily addressed. council gave final approval to a \$6.6 million budget for 2017 that sees spending increase two per cent.

Olafson suggested they mostly held the line in spending in most areas, though they had to increase their reserve funds for equipment.

He said drafting their financial plan"is not a big shot in the dark ... we know what we are going to spend throughout the year for most things.

"I think we are trying to be as prudent as we can," Olafson suggested. "We are maybe going to fall behind a little bit if we go into the sewer projects we are going into ... that is a huge animal ... we are talking millions."

"I'm happy with the budget," he concluded. "To run a RM of our size with six and a half million dollars ... not



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Healthy-Child Coalition – Central Region is now accepting funding applications for 2017-2018. Funding is available to community-based organizations providing parent-child programs and activities that focus on parenting, nutrition and physical activities, family literacy and capacity building.

Application deadline is APRIL 30, 2017

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Email hcc.centralregion@gmail.com www.healthychildcentralregion.ca bad ... when you consider all the things that are going on." The bottom line of the new financial plan is residents

will be paying a few dollars more in municipal taxes than they did last year.

On 80 acres of farmland assessed at \$450,000 the municipal taxes will go up \$12 to \$1,178, while 80 acres valued at \$250,000 will pay \$6 more at \$654.

On a residential property assessed at \$250,000 the municipal taxes will increase \$12 to \$1,133, while a property valued at \$200,000 will pay \$9 more at \$906.

Attention Residents of the Rural Municipality of Thompson

Share Your Views concerning the proposed expansion of a cattle feedlot

The Manitoba government has received a proposal from Birkland Farms to expand its Feeder Cattle operation from 2800 to 4500 animals (2153 to 3461 Animal Units) at NE 8-4-5 WPM, approximately 6 miles north of Morden.

If you would like to share your opinion concerning this proposal, you are invited to contact the Manitoba government by sending either a letter or an email to (TRC@gov.mb.ca) no later than April 29, 2017. After this date, the proposal will be dealt with by the Livestock Technical Review Committee.

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry.

For more information

If you would like more information on this topic, please visit **http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/livestock/public_registries.html** or the Rural Municipality of Thompson, 531 Norton Avenue, Miami, Manitoba.

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations 604-800 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3G ON4 Fax: (204) 945-5059



COUNCIL PASSES BUDGET Also at last week's meeting, Stanley



This year's Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition headliners are tribute band Aerosmith Rocks (left), rising country star Gord Bamford (right), and Christian punk rockers Hawk Nelson (below). The 2017 festival runs Aug. 11-13.



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

Harvest Festival & Exhibition announces stage headliners

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition's main stage is going to be a rocking place this summer.

The festival unveiled its stage headliners this week, keeping to the timehonoured tradition of classic rock on festival Friday, country on the Saturday, and Christian music on the Sunday.

Anchoring the Aug. 11 entertainment will be Aerosmith Rocks, Canada's top Aerosmith tribute band.

"They are like watching the real band," says festival director Deb Penner, adding with a laugh, "some people even say they're better than the real band."

The band says they strive to capture the essence of what is Aerosmith: brash, bold musical excitement smattered with a healthy dose of sex appeal.

They cover the group's biggest hits from their '70s heyday right through to today.

Next up, on Aug. 12, rising Canadian country music star Gord Bamford takes the stage.

"He is a bigger name, certainly up and coming. One of those acts that maybe in a year or two would be out of our price range," says Penner. "So it's really exciting to get him just at the tipping point [of his career]."

Bamford is one of the most decorat-

ed artists in Canadian country music with 24 Canadian Country Music Association awards and multiple Juno nominations. He's also the only twotime winner of the Country Music Association's Global Country Artist Award (2013 and 2015).

His seventh studio album, Tin Roof, was named the 2016 CCMA Album of The Year.

Rounding out the weekend on Aug. 13, then, will be Hawk Nelson, a Christian rock and pop punk band from Ontario.

"We actually had them at the concert hall back when they were just starting their career," Penner says. "In the meantime, they've recorded seven albums and are doing very, very well."

Hawk Nelson have won two Canadian GMA Dove awards in addition to numerous GMA and Juno nominations.

"It's going to be another great show," Penner says. "We love to really have some energy leading up to the fireworks on the Sunday evening and I'm sure they're going to provide that."

Penner noted that with Canada celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, the festival made an effort to feature only Canadian performers.

"To support Canadian artists specifically in a year like this I think is important," she says. "We have so much talent in this country and you see more and more of it all the time.

"We are happy to have another strong lineup that should appeal to practically everyone," Penner adds, noting additional entertainment announcements will be made in the weeks ahead.

NEW ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR

Musical entertainment aside, the festival's organizing committee is already well on its way toward pulling together this year's schedule.

One exciting thing to add to the line-up is Winkler being an official ParticipACTION 150 Play List tour stop. The display will give people a chance to try some fun sports and activities they may have never experienced before.

Also new this year is a visit by the Vancouver Aquarium's AquaVan.

"They're bringing with them portable aquariums and marine life that the kids will be able to check out ... touch a star fish, see sea cucumbers," Penner says. "It will be a neat little education thing and we're very excited to have it."

To stay on top of what's going on at this year's festival, head to www.winklerharvestfestival.com.



Salem Home hopes to raise \$29K for bathing room renos

Care home hosts Faspa, Fellowship & Song fundraiser April 2

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Donations made to the Salem Foundation this fall and winter have taken a big bite out of the personal care home's bathing rooms renovation project, but they still have a ways to go.

Salem Home has raised nearly \$25,000 over the last few months to install new anti-slip flooring in two of their bath spaces.

"The new anti-slip will give us much improved safety," says Nancy Wiebe, special projects assistant for the Salem Foundation. Wiebe notes the flooring in those rooms has been repaired and replaced piecemeal over the past 30 years, making for a patchwork design that has long since lost any non-slip features it may have once had.

The installation of the new flooring is slated for April, and while it will make a huge difference in the lives of both staff and residents, additional upgrades are needed to truly make the bathing rooms a relaxing environment.

"Residents deserve dignity in every aspect of their care," said Arlen Hildebrand, Salem Foundation chair. "Their bathing experience should be calming and refreshing ... and their bathing room should be a warm, welcoming space."

To that end, the foundation hopes to raise another \$29,000 to transform its five utilitarian-looking bathing rooms into something with a more homey feel.

Those plans include installing cabinets where residents can store their personal bathing items and towel warming racks to provide them with a comforting towel when their baths are done.

They also want to further create a calmer bathing space with the addition of colourful plants, towels, and paintings alongside soft music and restful images playing on LED panels. Salem CEO Sherry Janzen points out that many of the home's residents—upwards of 92 per cent—live with some form of dementia that can cause bath time to be a fearful and stressful experience.

tressful experience. at 3:30 p.m. with "If we can make it inviting and performances



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Salem Home hopes to raise \$29,000 to complete its bathing room renovations. About \$25,000 has already been raised to put in new anti-slip flooring, but the project also calls for other touches to make the rooms feel less insititutional and more homey.

soothing and warm colours, feel warm, at least the anxiety of having a bath is lessened," she said. "And it gives the staff a fighting chance to be able to convince those residents that don't want a bath to have a bath."

Salem hopes to raise a good portion of the needed funds from its spring Faspa, Fellowship & Song celebration taking place at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church Sunday, April 2.

The fundraiser

gets underway

from Glorybound and the Christians of the Gospel Faith Church Instrumental Group. Faspa follows from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Admission to the event is by donation, with all funds going toward the bathing room upgrades.

"The community has been very supportive so far," said Wiebe, "and we need that continued support to complete this."

PUBLIC NOTICE

NPC Youth in Philanthropy looking for grant applications

May.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy group have spent the school year fundraising.

Now they're looking to grant those funds to deserving local non-profit projects.

The students have put a call out for applications for their 2017 grants.

YIP member Robyn Harder, Gr. 9, says they've raised enough to distribute \$1,000 this year.

"We raise this money ourselves and then we give it away," she said, noting they hosted bake sales and other similar fundraisers.

In the past, YIP has supported non-profits like the Pembina Valley Humane Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Salem Home, to name just a few

"The application can be from anyone in the Winkler area that is a not for profit organization,"Wiebe explained."They can be a school, a charity, anything ... as long as it goes back into the community or helps somebody."

The selection process is very much a group decision, Wiebe said.

"We all sit down together to look through the applications and decide as a team who we want to give the money to," she said.

This is Wiebe's first year with YIP. She got involved because it's a tangible way for her to make a difference.

"I wanted to help people in the community by doing charity work,"Wiebe said, adding that she and her YIP peers are very pleased with how the year's efforts have gone."So far we've done pretty well and I'm pretty happy with it, but I hope to see us do more in the future."

Grant application forms are available at the NPC office or by emailing angela.klassen@ gvsd.ca. Applications are due in by April 18. The grants will be distributed sometime in Pesticide Control Program

Public Notice is hereby given that the Manitoba government intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Program during 2017 within the province roadway right of way. The Program is needed to control invasive plants and noxious weeds on road allowances within the Municipalities of:

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Norfolk-Treherne	Alonsa	municipalities

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If you have comments or concerns the public may send written submissions to the specific control program within 15 days of the publication of this notice.

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Miami youth sew 50 bean bags for ASD support group

By Lorne Stelmach

Two students from the Miami area are making a difference in their community with their 4-H project.

The Miami Activity 4-H Club's Zenith Vanstone, 10, and Teagan Schellenberg, 11, recently made 50 bean bags to donate to the Southern Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) special needs group.

"Community service is an integral part of the 4-H program," said leader Tania Vanstone and proud mother of Zenith, "and the girls felt that this was a great opportunity to give back to their community and help enrich the lives of citizens living with autism."

"It feels good to do things for other people," agreed Zenith." My brother is autistic, so it means a lot to our family.

"People who have autism are important people in our communities, and they can offer a lot to us," she added. "When we spend time with people with autism, we learn how to be kind and helpful. They are teaching us the lesson, really."

Vanstone and Schellenberg undertook the sewing project as part of an educational unit introducing them to fibres and fabrics.

They cut, sewed, filled, and finished the bean bags, which will be used for games and activities offered by the ASD group.

"COMMUNITY SERVICE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE 4-H PROGRAM."

The donation was a most welcome one for the support group, said member Dianne Munro.

"It's fantastic. I can't tell you how wonderful it is to have these kids involved," she said.

Munro said it was meaningful to see kids wanting to do something to help out other children. These simple beanbags can make a real difference in providing a way for youth with ASD to play and engage.

"It helped them at the same time, and it helps us," said Munro.

The donation comes as Autism Awareness Day is being marked across the nation this Sunday.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex neurobiological condition that can affect the normal function of several aspects of the body.

It impacts normal brain development, leaving most individuals with communication problems, difficulty with typical social interactions, and a tendency to repeat specific patterns of



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Miami Activity 4-H Club members Zenith Vanstone and Teagan Schellenberg recently presented the 50 beanbags they made as part of their 4-H project to Hailey Rempel on behalf of the Southern ASD special needs group.

behaviour. There can also be a markedly restricted repertoire of activity and interests.

Children and adults with ASD usually have particular characteristics in common, but the conditions cover a wide spectrum and individuals with autism vary widely in their needs, skills, and abilities.

Given how much it can vary from one person to the next, Munro said it is important that people learn more and understand about the behaviours and how it impacts kids living with this disorder.

"We need to have a lot more awareness out there for our kids because autism is getting to be more diagnosed now ... and I think the area needs a lot more awareness," she said. "Our kids are as equal as everybody else's kids ... just because they have autism ... they are the same as everyone else."

Munro noted the group tries to do a number of events and activities in the region throughout the year to create a sense of community and also raise some awareness.

"Last year, we did summer camps ... we try to do quite a few things together," she said, adding they would like to build up their group more. "There's 45 of us, but there's a lot more than that who are in the area."

Domestic assault call leads to multiple arrests

By Lorne Stelmach

What began as a domestic assault complaint in Morden ended with both the victim and the accused in custody last week.

Police were called around 4 a.m. March 19 by a woman saying she had been kicked in the face by her husband.

Officers attended the residence and spoke with the woman, who was crying but had no visible injuries. They learned the couple had gotten into an argument which led to the assault.

As police were speaking with her, the woman became uncooperative and started yelling at police as they found the suspect in a bedroom intoxicated and sleeping it off. He was placed under arrest, and as they led him out, the woman continued to yell at the officers. The accused was held overnight but meanwhile further investigation revealed the woman was on conditions at the time herself as a result of an assault charge and that she was in breach of the conditions of her release.

As a result, she was also arrested and remanded into custody pending a court appearance.

Other items of note in the weekly police report include:

• Morden police were called March 15 about a break-in at a garage on Nelson St.

Suspects entered the garage and went through a vehicle parked inside, taking several items. There was no damage to the garage or vehicle, both of which were left unlocked.

Anyone with information can call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com, or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

• Police responded to a fight in progress in the Rock's Bar & Grill parking lot March 18 around 2 a.m.

Officers spoke with witnesses who had seen two individuals arguing, taking off their shirts, and starting a fight. Several other people tried to break up the fight.

A number of minor injuries were sustained by those involved but neither of the main individuals wanted to press charges. Nonetheless, the instigating pair were both fined for disorderly conduct.

• Morden police on patrol around 2 a.m. March 25 saw a vehicle on Mountain St. pull over to pick up some passengers, but a check of the license plate came back as inactive.

Officers followed the vehicle north on Mountain Street and then it turned on to Wardrop Street and began to speed up. Police signalled the vehicle to stop, but it sped through an intersection past a stop sign, accelerated, and went through another intersection with a stop sign.

When the vehicle then entered a bay and had no exit, it came to a stop, and officers questioned four passengers in the vehicle.

The driver admitted he didn't have a driver's license. Police say he also had a strong odor of liquor about him He was asked to step out of the car, but fell back in the vehicle.

The 18-year-old from Roland has been charged with impaired driving, driving while disqualified, and driving without insurance.



Alzheimer Society office moves into Buhler centre

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba South Central office has settled into its new home in the Buhler Active Living Centre.

The society's regional base moved shop from its long-time home on Main St. to the seniors housing complex on South Railway Ave. earlier this month.

Coordinator Kathy Fehr says it was a change that just made sense.

"It's a fantastic move for us," she said, noting that the facility is also home to the Winkler Senior Centre. "First of all, these are our people. These are the ones we're trying to help and support, not just in Winkler but all of south central Manitoba.

"It's also a much more accessible space—there's no stairs," Fehr added. "It's win-win all the way around."

The Alzheimer Society office is tucked in amongst the facility's other offices at the northwest side of the

building.

The office's phone number remains the same (204-325-5634) and you can also reach Fehr via email at alzsc@alzheimer.mb.ca.

They offer the same services they always have: support and resources for caregivers and families coping with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

"Our goal is to support the supporters, the caregivers, because they're the ones that are really getting burnt out and they often don't have a place to go to and have somebody to listen to them," Fehr said.

Education and awareness are also major components of the Alzheimer Society's work.

"We want to remind people that we are here and that we do need financial support, not for us so much as for the research, because there's so many people being diagnosed and the research dollars just aren't there to find a cure," Fehr said, pointing out



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Alzheimer Society of Manitoba regional coordinator Kathy Fehr at the south central office's new home in the Buhler Active Living Centre.

that over 20,000 Manitobans have Alzheimer's disease or another dementia. Forty-three per cent of Manitobans have a family member or close friend with the disease.

If you'd like to support the cause, the Alzheimer Society's annual Memory

Walk campaign is coming up in June. Walks are slated to be held in several communities across southern Manitoba.

More details will be released in the coming weeks.

CAA looking for Manitoba's worst roads

By Lorne Stelmach

With CAA Manitoba running its worst roads campaign again this spring, Winkler Mayor Martin Harder looks forward to the day when the city's 1st St. will no longer be in the running.

In fact, Harder makes the case for the city's main route to be up for a new honour added to the campaign this year.

"Traffic-wise, I think of that would be the most improved road," he said. "I would say from a lot of the comments I've heard now that it is the most improved road rather than the worst road."

Voting for the sixth annual campaign is open from now until April 17.

More than 660 roads were nominated in Manitoba last year and, for the first time in the campaign's history, highways in rural communities bumped long-standing Winnipeg streets from the list, with Carman's Main Street North taking top honours.

Three years prior, 1st St. in Winkler had earned its way onto the list, though Harder noted it wasn't clearly defined which section of road was being cited (1st St. in town or Hwy. 32 south of it).

A combination of issues are always coming into play with that road, he added.

"The traffic flow was a disaster, and the road itself was a disaster," he said. "Some of it was attributed to 1st St., some of it was attributed to Hwy. 32." Intersection improvements started this year in one section of the road were a good step forward, Harder said.

"The quality of the road ... the rest

of it ... it's still a disaster," he said, admitting noting there are some other Manitoba roads that are far worse. "When I drive through Carman, Hwy. 32 is okay.

"I am very thankful for the changes that are taking place," he continued. "We have full intentions of continuing to work with Manitoba Highways and do our part this year in preparation for the road to be redone. It still needs four laning, there's no question about that, but as far as the traffic, it has gotten a lot better."

CAA Manitoba officials noted there has been some good infrastructure investments happening to improve some of the worst roads.

"We still have more work to do, however," said president and CEO Mike Mager."If you asked any driver, they would tell you many of our other roads are still in unacceptable condition.

"That's why CAA Manitoba runs this campaign every year ... to get feedback to pass along to the government about where your concerns and priorities stand."

Voters can pinpoint specific stretches of road they feel are the worst, be it due to traffic congestion, potholes and crumbling infrastructure, or pedestrian and cycling safety

Mager added that in recognition of the work being done to improve Manitoba's roads, CAA decided to add the "Most Improved Road" designation to the campaign this year. It will be selected from the roads that have ranked on the top 10 list over the years and then voted on by participants.

Manitobans can make their nominations at caamanitoba.com/WorstRoads.

YIP garage sale raises \$350

By Lorne Stelmach

Youth at Morden Collegiate ushered in spring last week with a fundraising garage sale that will benefit the community.

The Youth in Philanthropy group had hoped to hit the \$500 mark with their sale held March 22-23, but they were still satisfied with bringing in \$350.

"They certainly learned what it took ... it was a lot of hard work to make it happen," said teacher Phillip Duncan, who serves as the group's advisor."And all of the donations that we collected that didn't sell went to the thrift store as well ... so everything that we collected still was recycled back into the community."

The half dozen students involved undertook the organization of the sale and appealed to the community as well as other students and school



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Displaying some of the wide variety of items that were available at the Morden Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy fundraising garage sale March 22-23 were teacher advisor Phillip Duncan and students Chloe McLeod and Lexi Reimer. The sale raised \$350 for the group's grant fund.

staff to help by providing donations of gently used clothes, knick-knacks or other items.

Youth in Philanthropy works under the umbrella of the Morden Area Foundation. Duncan said it is a good partnership that not only teaches the students about community but involves them in giving back through an annual granting process where the group decides where to donate their funds.

"It matches the money we raise to give back in grants as well, so that is awesome," he said.

He noted they were still considering a couple more fundraising ideas for this spring yet, but their attention will soon turn to the grants. They will be accepting applications for funding through the Morden Area Foundation until early May.

Last year the kids granted out \$6,600, which included matching funds from the foundation.

"It varies, but it is usually somewhere between six and eight grants," Duncan noted.

Flood risk lessened in Red River Valley

Manitoba's flood risk is down slightly in some areas of the province, though much depends on the weather conditions of the next few weeks.

Infrastructure Minister Blaine Pedersen presented the province's final flood outlook last week, noting that the risk of overland flooding in the Red River Valley has reduced somewhat since February, though it remains moderate to major in other regions.

"The province's Hydrologic Forecast Centre continues to monitor precipitation, spring melt and inflows from the northern United States and the Souris River basin to the west," said Pedersen.

"At this time, the Souris River basin continues to be of concern, while favourable weather conditions have eased expected flows in the Red River Basin," he said. "Based on the current outlook, the chance of closing PTH 75 during the spring runoff is low."

The potential for spring runoff is generally normal to above normal throughout all watersheds, with the exception of the Souris River basin which has above normal to wellabove normal runoff potential.

At this time, it is anticipated the province's major flood infrastructure, including the Red River Floodway and the Portage Diversion, would be activated under unfavourable weather conditions.

As of last week, with unfavourable weather, the outlook suggests major risk for watersheds in the southwestern region, the Eastern region, and the Winnipeg River; moderate to major risk for the Pembina, Roseau, and Assiniboine rivers; and moderate risk for the Interlake region, Fisher River, the Red River, northern Manitoba/ The Pas regions, and the Saskatchewan, Carrot and Swan rivers.

The forecasted flood levels for the Red River from Emerson to the floodway inlet with normal weather conditions would be similar to 2013's flooding. Unfavorable weather conditions could put it closer to 2010's levels.

The Pembina River, meanwhile, would be at levels similar to 1998 with good weather and lower than 2011 with poor conditions.

Following a municipal tour of potentially affected areas throughout www.gov.mb.ca/flooding.

southwestern Manitoba, Pedersen noted the province plans and prepares for flood risk predicted with unfavourable weather conditions and the scenario of highest flood risk.

"We want to make sure the lines of communication between our government, local municipalities and emergency officials are open and effective," he said. "As we approach the spring melt, our number one concern remains the safety of all communities and Manitobans."

The province will provide daily flood information to municipalities once runoff commences which they can use to fine tune flood preparations.

More information is available at



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GVSD superintendent honoured by **MSBA**

Garden Valley School Division superintendent Vern Reimer was honoured by the Manitoba School Boards Association this month.

Reimer received the Presidents' Council Award at the association's annual convention gala on March 16. The award celebrates exemplary service and outstanding achievement, innovative thinking, personal initiative, and lasting and pervasive impact in the field of public education.

Reimer, who has spent the entirety of his 31 year career with GVSD, was acknowledged for his commitment to public education as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and, currently, superintendent.

The GVSD board of trustees said that he has "exemplified the importance of relationship in all aspects of the learning process from the classroom to school administration to the board table and out into the community."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO GVSD superintendent Vern Reimer (right) received the Presidents' Council Award from MSBA president Ken Cameron earlier this month.



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Magic and wonder coming to Manitou

The Wonderist Chris Funk to perform at Manitou Opera House on April 8

By Lorne Stelmach

An evening of magic, mystery and music featuring The Wonderist Chris Funk will support the Manitou Opera House.

This April 8 event is a fundraiser for the Manitou Opera House Foundation in support of substantial work that included an addition to help make the grand venue fully accessible to everyone.

The work has been done, but the fundraising continues, noted Al Thorleifson.

"We've raised over \$1.1 million, and we need to raise just over \$70,000 more to completely fund the entire project," he said. "We want to get rid of that debt, so this event is just one more invitation to people to come on down and help us pay off the expenses of the addition and see some wonderful entertainment at the same time."

Funk has performed throughout North America, including a breakthrough performance on *America's Got Talent*.

His show, entitled *Redefining Wonder*, has been described as an engaging and visceral multimedia experience that uses live feed camera and interactive video to allow audience members to see details up close.

His act includes borrowed objects which disappear and reappear in unusual places, cards which mysteriously float out of their deck while a violin concerto plays, cartoon-like visual effects, and mind-blowing mysteries that keep audience members scratching their heads.

"We we're really pleased that he agreed to come," said Thorleifson. "It is a bit unusual for us to get some-



thing of this type ... we do tend to focus more on small groups and individual musicians.

"He came highly recommended to us and it's great that he was available. We decided let's try this for something different ... we wanted to expand our horizons."

The evening will begin with Jason Vanwynsberghe, violin teacher at the Manitou Opera House, in a joint performance with the Sanders Family Orchestra. They are performing under the name Viva Voce. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for 18 and under and are available by calling Richard at 204-825-8406 or Lindy at 204-242-4287, at Sam's Foods in Manitou, or at the door. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

Thorleifson said they are happy to show off what all has been accomplished with the Manitou Opera House, which he said has always been a wonderful auditorium with great acoustics but was not fully accessible until now.

"In the last year since we opened the accessibility wing, we have actually had a number of bookings where they said this is a beautiful place but it's important that it is also accessible for everybody."



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"Vern has been a humble but courageous partner with the GVSD board in leading the division through some challenging times of growth," the board said in a statement. "His unwavering belief in leading, living and serving from an abundance perspective, rather than from a perspective of scarcity, has ensured that we all come to the table with something to offer, and we all leave the table knowing the utmost effort is being made to ensure education is delivered in Garden Valley School Division the most equitable way possible."

Reimer could not be reached for comment on the award as of press time.







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"We can look at the refills, be it getting in contact with their doctor if they need more refills ... line up all their medications so they run out at the same time." he said. "We can sit down with them and do a medication review ... explain what each medication is for."

Another service they offer is compression garment fittings. Store technicians are trained in proper measurement to help you find the right fit, Buhr said.

Pharmasave also hosts a variety of to see that customer satisfaction."

specialized health clinics throughout the vear. Their next one focused on osteoporosis risk is coming up April 19.

"We'll have an ultrasound machine and be able to test people and get in touch with their doctor if they are at risk For pharmacy manager Ray Buhr, of- of developing osteoporosis," explained

Beyond the pharmacy department, the store strives to stay on the cutting edge when it comes to their retail offerings.

"We do have a lot of suppliers and that means we can carry fashion from different lines of clothing as well as handbags and jewelry," said store manager Charlene Friesen.

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Some benefits of growing older

Many people are quick to think of growing older in a negative light. Although there certainly are some side effects of aging that one may wish to avoid, people may find that the benefits of growing older outweigh the negatives.

Seniors are a rapidly growing segment of the population. In the United States, the Administration on Aging states that the older population - persons 65 years or older - numbered 46.2 million in 2014 (the latest year for which data is available). Statistics Canada reports that, in July 2015, estimates indicated that there were more persons aged 65 years and older in Canada than children aged 0 to 14 years for the first time in the country's history. Nearly one in six Canadians (16.1%) was at least 65 years old.

With so many people living longer,

it's time to celebrate the perks of getting older rather than the drawbacks. Here are some great benefits to growing old.

• Higher self-esteem: The insecurities of youth give way as one ages, and older people have less negativity and higher self-esteem. A University of Basel study of people ranging in ages from 18 to 89 found that regardless of demographic and social status, the older one gets the higher self-esteem climbs. Qualities like self-control and altruism can contribute to happiness. • Financial perks: Seniors are entitled

to discounts on meals, museum entry fees, movies, and other entertainment if they're willing to disclose their ages. Discounts are available through an array of venues if one speaks up. Seniors also can enjoy travel perks, with slashed prices on resorts, plane tickets and more. The U.S. National Park Service offers citizens age 62 and older lifetime passes to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites for just \$10 in person (\$20 online or via mail).

Reasoning and problem-solving skills: Brain scans reveal that older adults are more likely to use both hemispheres of their brans simultaneously - something called bilateralization. This can sharpen reasoning skills. For example, in a University of Illinois study, older air traffic controllers excelled at their cognitively taxing jobs, despite some losses in short-term memory and visual spatial processing. Older controllers proved to be experts

at navigating, juggling multiple aircrafts simultaneously and avoiding collisions.

• Less stress: As people grow older, they are able to differentiate their needs from wants and focus on more important goals. This can alleviate worry over things that are beyond one's control. Seniors may realize how little the opinions of others truly mean in the larger picture, thereby feeling less stress about what others think of them.

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Celebrating literacy

The Winkler **Family Resource** Centre's Literacy Fair was a huge hit last Friday. **Clockwise from** left: Madissyn Parent, 8, and Connor McMahon, 7, get into a lightsaber duel; guest readers shared their favourite stories; the superhero smash station was a big draw; the gym



was full of other fun carnival games, as well; checking out the free books up for grabs. Organizer Cathy Savage said she was thrilled to see so many people come out to celebrate family literacy. "I would say the superhero theme was a complete hit," she added.



A twist on SCCR's annual fashion show

By Lorne Stelmach

Tickets go on sale next week for one of South Central Cancer Resource's biggest annual fundraisers.

Organizers are giving the SCCR fashion show a bit of a twist this year, dubbing the May 3 event the Spring Indulgence Vintage Edition Fashion Show.

"We are taking a different spin on things this year," explained administrative co-ordinator Tracy Peters. "We are doing a vintage edition, and so we are getting clothing from Ragpickers from Winnipeg. I think it's going to be absolutely fabulous.

"We are going to have a lot of interaction this year as well," she added. "We have some students from the drama department who are getting dressed up as well and will be interacting with the crowd.

"I may be scared for next year because I won't know how to top it," she added with a laugh. Now in its fifth year, the fashion show usually brings in between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for the agency.

This year there has also been a focus on more sponsorship to give it a further boost.

"We have changed it up a little bit," said Peters. "We're doing table sponsors this year. They are taking care of

 be able to take home more ... more can go right into our programs."

That is of primary importance to the organization as it needs to keep raising more dollars to support a growing demand on its programs.

"Unfortunately, the need is always growing," said Peters, noting the costs for things like the volunteer driving program continue to increase year af-

ter year.

"We're also starting different programs because of things like our fashion show and our golf tournament. The different things we are putting on are doing so well, we can open up and go down different avenues with our programs for cancer patients.



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SCCR's annual fashion show fundraiser returns May 3 with a vintage theme. Tickets go on sale on Monday.

"Unfortunately, without doing all these things we would not exist," she said. "Fundraising is huge to us, and volunteers are huge for us. We want to make sure that people continue to know we are here and that we can help them."

The fashion show evening will include live music, dessert, wine and prizes.

Tickets go on sale at the SCCR office on April 3 for \$40 each. They are also available in tables of 10. Peters urged people to get their tickets quickly, as the event often sells out.

"I hear that the lines are to the street and that within 24 hours we are usually sold out, so it's really great to be working on something that everyone wants to be a part of," she said.

"You know it is community serving community ... and the community has come together and given money to help others in their time of need."

Helping grieving kids see they're not alone

Camp Bridges accepting applications

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UP A LITTLE

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual weekend camp for bereaved children and teens returns for a 12th year this spring.

A joint initiative of the Southern and Prairie Mountain RHAs, Camp Bridges grew from the reality that youth cope differently with grief than the average adult.

"For children, they can especially feel quite alone when a death happens," said Heide Wiebe, regional director for seniors and palliative care for Southern Health. "We find that often children feel isolated when someone close to them dies. They likely haven't experienced death a lot in their life yet ... and especially they probably haven't experienced the death of someone close to them."

Camp Bridges, which will run May 26-28 at Camp Wannakumbac

near Clear Lake, gives youth a safe, supportive, and fun environment where they can be free to share their thoughts and feelings with peers who are going through a similar experience.

"It can create an environment and an atmosphere where kids can realize that they are not alone and they can build bridges ... hence the name of the camp," said Wiebe. "I think the big benefit ... really the goal of what we are trying to accomplish ... is to help children create connections with other children who may have experienced the death of someone close to them."

The location alternates each year between the two health regions. Camp Bridges 2016 was held at Pembina Valley Bible Camp and hosted 42 youth between the ages of seven and 17.

The camp offers spots for 50 chil-



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Camp Bridges, which took place at the Pembina Valley Bible Camp last year, runs May 26-28 at Camp Wannakumbac near Clear Lake. Applications are available now and will be accepted until May 5.

dren and is free of charge thanks to support from local communities.

"We rely on donations from generous donors, from community members who feel there is value in providing this service," said Wiebe. Anyone wishing to make a donation or seeking more information about the camp should contact their regional palliative care representative, who can also provide camper applications, which are open until May 5.

Author shares stories of women's struggles

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Winkler man hopes the book he's penned will make a difference in the lives of women forced to sell themselves to survive half a world away.

Wesley (Wezi) Ngwenya has spent several years gathering the stories of sex workers in his

native city of Lusaka, Zambia. It all started when he

returned to Africa after studying abroad in the U.S.

"After I went back home I noticed there were a lot more women on the streets, more than I had noticed before," Ngwenya said.

"I sort of knew what had happened of

course because, even me, someone who came back with two college degrees, I struggled to find a job ... I realized that if I was a woman, how much would that [life] have been pushed on me?

"I was curious—what makes these women ready to brave those kinds of dangers?" Ngwenya said. "And so I started talking to some of them and I realized there was so much more to many of them. This was not work they wanted to do, but they had to."

When faced with sex work or seeing

their children go hungry, these woman do what it takes to keep a roof over their families' heads.

"For a lot of these women, who may have dropped out of school and then they had kids or their husband died ... and in a country where the unemployment rate can be as high as 80

[per cent], the chances of them really finding a job or breaking through that barrier is very slim," said Ngwenya.

Ngwenya, who was himself orphaned at as a teenager but had a strong family support system to rely on through the hard times, felt called to share the stories of those who were not so

"Many of these women didn't have such a support system and in some cases those who should have supported and protected them ended up abusing them," he said.

"It was a very difficult subject to talk about and even to read ... but I also felt, when I was writing this, I had the government in mind, the people in power that write policy ... those people need to hear about the challenges that these women face."

Before moving to Canada in 2013,

Council gives green light to downtown development

By Lorne Stelmach

Another new mixed use development in downtown Morden got the go-ahead from the city on Monday.

Council approved the conditional use order to allow the mixed-use building with commercial and residential components at 113 Stephen Street.

The plans for a second floor residential use in the proposed new building between 2nd St. and 3rd St. on the south side of Stephen St. is a conditional use in an area zoned for central commercial use.

The proposed new development also required a variation order to adjust the total lot area, rear yard and side yard spacing as well as reduce the required parking spaces for the commercial use from four to two spaces.

While not formally objecting to the proposed development, a representative of Canadian Lumber to the west of the site asked for consideration to be given to a number of issues, including dust and noise control as well as drainage.

The plans call for a 1,445 square foot residential space above 2,720 square feet of commercial space on the main floor, and a planning report to council highlighted the interest in introducing residential opportunities into downtown Morden.





PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Wesley Ngwenya hopes his new book, Nightlife, will get people talk-

ing about how to help sex workers in Nambia find other paths. Ngwenya interviewed over 40 women poorer women, but then you s

for this project, which eventually became the book *Nightlife*.

Nightlife shares the experiences of 25 women, sometimes in graphic detail as it attempts to convey the hazards that prostitutes face on the streets of Lusaka.

"They come from many different backgrounds, with children and without, some college-educated, others without really much education. I think probably the youngest is 17," Ngwenya said. "I wanted to show the whole spectrum, because initially I thought it was probably mostly poorer women, but then you see that there are many circumstances that led them there."

Nightlife is currently available as an ebook through Amazon.

Ngwenya also hopes to make the book more widely available in Zambia to help "reenergize the conversation" about what can be done to help the nation's sex workers find other ways out of poverty.

"That's definitely the goal, is to really get people to talk about these women in this circumstance so that we can find ways not to put them harm's way anymore," he said.

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Roasted pepper spinach and feta flatbreads

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Directions

4 servings / 23 min Prep 15 min / Cook 8 min These toasty flatbreads

create a super lunch - a little like pizza with a twist!

Ingredients

1 cup (250 mL) unsalted cooked or drained rinsed canned chickpeas

1 1/2 cups (375 mL) baby spinach leaves, divided

1 small clove garlic

2 tbsp (25 mL) freshly squeezed lemon juice

1 tbsp (15 mL) tahini or other nut or seed butter

Pepper

1 roasted sweet red pepper (about 3/4 cup/175 mL strips)

4 6- to 8-inch (15 to 20 cm) whole wheat pita breads

4 oz (120 g) lower fat feta cheese,

crumbled or 3 1/2 oz (100 g) regular feta cheese, crumbled

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). In a food processor, combine chickpeas, 1 cup (250 mL) of the spinach, garlic, lemon juice and tahini. Process until fairly smooth, adding 1 to 2 tsp (5 to 10 mL) water, if necessary, to make a spreadable hummus. Season to taste with pepper.

Pat roasted red pepper strips dry. Arrange pita breads on a large baking sheet or 2 sheets, as necessary. Spread with hummus, dividing equally. Arrange strips of roasted red pepper on top; sprinkle evenly with cheese. Bake for about 8 minutes or until pitas are toasted and toppings are hot.

Remove pitas from oven and sprinkle with remaining spinach.



OCN take two game series lead

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers are playing catch-up this week after dropping the first two games of their semifinal series against the OCN Blizzard.

The Blizzard, who finished the regular season in third place behind the second place Flyers, blanked Winkler 2-0 in game one on Saturday.

OCN struck first on a powerplay nearly seven minutes in. It was a lead that held all the way until the final minutes of the game.

Despite firing eight shots on net in the first and second periods and 14 in the third, Winkler just couldn't crack OCN netminder Brett Epp.

On the other side, though, after that first goal OCN was stonewalled by Winkler's Troy Martyniuk for the remainder of the game as he saved 30 shots in all.

Winkler pulled Martyniuk in the final minute in an attempt to tie and force an extra period, but instead the Blizzard got their second goal on the empty net with 26 seconds to go to take game one.

The Blizzard outshot Winkler 31-30 overall. The Flyers went 0-for-2 on the powerplay and 2-for-3 on the penalty kill.

Winkler got their overtime in game two, which was another hard-fought affair.

After a scoreless opening frame that saw Winkler send 16 fruitless shots OCN's way and the Blizzard respond with just four, it was OCN who scored first on a powerplay once again a few seconds shy of two minutes into the second period.

Eight minutes later Winkler's Nathan Peabody scored his team's first goal of the series, working off passes from Brett Opperman and Jeff Michiels.

With Winkler outshooting OCN 25-13, the game headed into the final pe-



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Winkler goaltender Troy Martyniuk stops a point blank scoring opportunity by OCN's George King in Saturday's playoff game. The Flyers fell 3-2, giving the Blizzard a two game lead in the semifinal series.

riod tied at 1-1. There, OCN regained the lead nearly five minutes in.

It took Winkler until 18:06 to get that one back when Michiels slammed home a deflected Billaney shot to force overtime.

The extra time didn't swing Winkler's way, though, as OCN's Jeremy Dumont scored the game winner just 50 seconds in for a 3-2 victory for the

Blizzard.

Martyniuk took the loss in net, making 22 saves as the Flyers outshot the Blizzard 38-25. Winkler went 0-for-5 on the power-play and 1-for-2 on the penalty-kill.

Game three of the best of seven series took place Wednesday in OCN. Results were not available at press time. The series continues with game four Thursday, March 30. If necessary, the series will return to Winkler for game five on Saturday, game six in OCN Monday, and game seven back in Winkler next week Wednesday.

In the league's semifinal series, Portage and Steinbach were also tied at a game each heading into Wednesday night's match.

Winkler Rec. hosting Playlist camps

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Parks and Recreation is running a series of camps designed to get kids up off the couch.

The city's recreation department

is hosting three, one-week activity camps for children in Gr. 2-4 in conjunction with the ParticipACTION 150 Playlist initiative.

"The whole point of these activity camps is to get kids active, give them an opportunity to try new things, give them an activity to do after school," said Jordan Driedger, Winkler recreation programmer.

Local skier finishes in top 30 at nationals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Levi Warkentine didn't quite get the results he was hoping for at the 2017 Canadian Cross-Country Ski Championships last week, but he still had a blast competing against the best in the nation.

The 19-year-old had hoped to improve on the top 30 finishes he earned at last year's nationals with a few top 20 rankings this time around.

Instead, his best finishes were a pair of 28th rankings in the 10k and 30k skate races (last week's story in the Voice mistakenly had him finishing 17th in a race, but that was an early aggregate score).

"Things went all right for me," Warkentine said on Monday. "I had two good races and then two okay races.

"The competition was quite stiff, so I got two top 30s but no top 20s," he added, noting he was up against about 50 skiers in his division and in the 1.2 km classic sprint missed out on qualifying for the heats by just three seconds. "The local club skiers there in Canmore, this is their course and all the skiers that were based in Canmore were racing extremely well."

Warkentine said he was battling persistent leg cramps throughout the week that really put a damper on his efforts.

"It was just hard to push through these last couple races," he said. "I couldn't go full out ... which was a little frustrating."

Still, there are certainly worse ways to spend a few days than skiing the slopes in Alberta, and Warkentine said he and his Team Manitoba teammates had a lot of fun off the courses. "It was still super fun to be out in

the mountains and racing there," he said."I was travelling with the provin-

Levi Warkentine, 19, competed at the 2017

Canadian

Crossast Canada in Ski On Champiee onships re in Canmore, Alberta last week. He ranked 28th in two events.

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cial squad and they're a great crew to be around. I also had my team from Thunder Bay out there, so we had some good experiences in the mountains."

Warkentine has been competing this winter for Lakehead University,

where he's studying environmental management.

Now he says he's focusing his sights on getting ready for the Canada Games taking place in Red Deer, Alberta in 2019.

Twisters looking for first semifinal series win

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters were looking to get back into their MMJHL semifinal after dropping the first two games of the best of seven series last weekend.

The fourth place Twisters found themselves in this hole by getting doubled up 6-3 by the second place Stonewall Jets Friday and then dropping a 5-4 overtime decision Sunday.

Game three went Tuesday in Stonewall. Results were not available at press time.

Game one saw the Twisters trying to play catch-up as they fell behind 2-0 after one and 4-0 partway through the second period.

Brendan Keck got Pembina Valley on the board with two minutes left in the middle frame, but the Jets fired two more in the less than a minute for a 6-1 lead going into the second intermission.

Fraser Mirrlees on a powerplay and then Steven Baker closed the gap in the third, but it was too little, too late. Shots on goal were 34-32 for the Twisters, who used both their goaltenders this night. Morgan Wall came in at one point but lasted only five minutes after allowing in three shots in a row. Matt Kohlman took the loss in stopping 26 of 29 shots overall.

Game two became a marathon that finally ended in the third extra period after 34:35 of overtime.

Mirrlees as well as Alex Tetrault, Everett Bestland and Michael Wirth scored for Pembina Valley, who forced overtime after trailing 3-2 at the second intermission.

Kohlman went the distance in goal this time with 70 saves overall as the Twisters were outshot 75-66 including by a 36 to 21 margin through overtime.

Pembina Valley hosts game four in Morris Saturday and, if the series is extended, game five will be back in Stonewall Sunday followed by game six in Morris next Wednesday.

In the league's other semifinal series, the first place Charleswood Hawks came into the week trailing the sixth place Raiders two games to zero.

Hawks named to all-star teams

By Lorne Stelmach

As the female Pembina Valley Hawks prepare to battle for a national title, several members of the Manitoba AAA championship team recently earned regular season honours.

Three Hawks were named to the league all-star teams last week.

Forward Makenzie McCallum and defenseman Mackenzie Hutchinson are on the first all-star team, while forward Sage McElroy-Scott earned a spot on the second all-star team.

McCallum and Hutchinson are joined on the first all-star team by Ashton Bell of Westman, Tatum Amy of Yellowhead, Lauren Warkentin, and the Interlake's Kerigan Dowhy.

Rounding out the second team is Norman's Kali Cummings, Shaelyn Vallotton from Westman, and Winnipeg's Emilie Masse, Sophie Vandale, and Lauren Taraschuk.

Along with being the top scorer, Ashton Bell of Westman was named the league MVP for the second season in a row. Bell led the MFMHL in scoring with 53 points in 22 games—16 points clear of any other player in the league. Bell also was tops in goals with 35.

The Hawks captured their first provincial title in three years and seventh overall in impressive fashion earlier this month, completing a nine game unbeaten run through the playoffs with a final sweep three game of the Wildcats.

Earning honours for her playoff performance was Hannah Petrie, who was named the league's Player of the Week for the week ending March 19.

The Carman native in her second year with the Hawks had two gamewinning goals in the final, including two minutes into the second overtime of game three to clinch the championship for the Hawks.

The Hawks now await the 2017 Esso Cup national female AAA midget championship taking place in Morden April 23-29.

Agriculture Learning how to apply manure put

Learning how to apply manure nutrients adds value

By Harry Siemens

Doug Redekop, president of Precision Pumping in La Broquerie, said livestock manure applicators have stepped up their attention to biosecurity in the wake of the arrival of PED in North America.

Applicators are much more focused nowadays on ensuring their equipment doesn't give the virus the opportunity to move, he said.

In a recent interview Redekop also compared two distinct years, 2016 and 2004, both very wet seasons.

However, he believes that things have changed, making the wetter 2016 pumping manure season a little bit better than 2004.

"I think the big thing is our willingness and ability to adopt new technologies. That has been critical to our success," said Redekop. "And also recognizing that we don't want to hire just anybody. We want to hire and foster only the best people."

There was a time when manure was mostly and out and out waste. Now, over time, it's turned into a commodity.

"It's very critical. I know that the agenda on part of the integrators is to gain value for the manure, and every year to try to do better than the year prior," says Redekop. "When I worked for Maple Leaf going back to the late '90s and early 2000s we were writing up deals for value added and how to gain monetary value for the manure. We set the stage back then. We haven't really gained a lot of ground since then in value-wise, but in education, the customer is buying into that value."

Redekop offered some ideas and forward-looking thoughts.

"I think the big thing in my mind, especially after coming through a wet year, we need to be able to apply the nutrients when the crop needs it the most," he said. "That in my mind is ultra critical to us going forward."

"We need to adopt equipment that will allow us to go in-crop to apply manure into standing crop," he added."We've done it before, we need to grow that window of opportunity to spread manure in standing crop."

Redekop is excited about the hog industry going forward.

"I see real opportunities. I watch

the integrators identifying and cultivating new opportunities in new marketplaces, and I see that we need to restart the engine that we had going 12 years ago in order to help them satisfy their needs at the plant," he said.

There was a time when people started to integrate manure into the ground. The equipment was at one point quite archaic.

"One thing I think that's helped a lot is we're now adopting new methods of mixing and agitation," Redekop said. "Mobile agitators and lagoons have certainly helped us deliver a more consistent product to the field.

"I'm also extremely excited about John Deere—they've have a new near Infrared technology sensor that they're implementing in Europe that I'm certain is going to be here sometime in the near future. This new technology will allow us to see the value of manure as it's passing through the line.

"We talk about using either manure separation either in a non-mechanical or mechanical form to isolate phosphorus and be able to haul those nutrients a distance so we can manage those better," said Redekop. "I think that's definitely an interesting thing going forward. But also, we're talking about applying manure in crop, whether it be wheat, or corn, or soybeans where we can actually apply the nutrient in row as the crop needs it."

Redekop said research shows how for every bushel of yield the crop needs about 1.15 pounds of nitrogen. And if they apply it when the crop really needs it, that could cut the input cost by about 30 per cent.

India putting foot down on fumigants

By Harry Siemens

India's decision to reject an exemption on pest treatment in Canadian pulse shipments is one of the bigger challenges facing the pulse industry today.

Jonathan Driedger, a senior market analyst with FarmLink Marketing Solutions, said lentils are sensitive to this Indian pulse policy and so, similar to the peas, there's an element of buyers maybe being a little cautious, sitting on their hands a little bit.

G. Chandrashekhar, the commodities editor at *The Hindu Business Line* in India, said that with a great pulse crop coming on in that country, now is the time for their government to become bold and set the deadline.

"India has been importing pulses for many years. The condition is that pulses have to be fumigated with methyl bromide at the origin, which

is the country of export," he said. "But some of the countries, like Canada, the U.S., France, have actually banned the use of methyl bromide as a fumigant. And they probably banned it more than 20 years ago. And therefore they requested the government of India, 10 years ago, to consider whether the imported cargo can be fumigated with methyl bromide on arrival at the

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Brazil meat scandal has global effects

By Harry Siemens

We never know for sure when we buy our food for our families as to how safe and healthy it really is.

That is why it is important in my humble opinion to as much as possible know the people, company, or organization we buy that food from. I'm not naive to think that is always possible, but, as much as it is, I pursue that avenue.

While people may wonder why I'm writing this piece and especially as it has to do with Brazil and the rest of the world, I believe it is good to draw attention to what is happening with Brazil and some of its meat processors.

My good friend Jim Long, a pork

commentator, said the gist of the event in Brazil and beyond, of course, is that allegedly some meat packers in that country bribed food sanitation inspectors to approve sales to domestic and foreign buyers.

The same allegations include details of smelling and expired meats that were improved by using chemicals and cheaper products like water and manioc flour.

That's gross, you may say, and it is, but, as is so often the case, a few bad apples spoil the basket full of mostly good apples.

The scandal has had big ramifications with China, a large market for Brazil's chicken, beef, and pork, which has banned all imports. The EU, Canada, the US, and others have also put in place various forms of import controls.

Brazil's trade associations for beef, pork, and poultry producers warned the scandal could have a massive effect on employment and the economy because the sector's exports represent 15 per cent of total exports. Brazil's total meat exports are around \$13 billion USD per year.

"Don't throw stones if you live in a glass house is our way of saying that when you are in an export position like the EU and North America in the pork industry, a few bad actors like in Brazil can jeopardize the whole industry," said Long. "Brazil needs export market access. So does

> INDIA FUMIGANTS, FROM PG. 25

Indian port.

"The government of India agreed ... but the fumigation has to be done at the port of discharge in India. And this has been going on for several years now, without any hitch."

Chandrashekhar, who advises the Indian government on commodity and farm issues, said, "Now, the government of India ... I would say has woken up, and says that under the Montreal Protocol, methyl bromide is not a fumigant that has been banned universally, but Canada, the U.S., and France have selectively banned the use of methyl bromide."

He said in India the export cargo has to be fumigated with methyl bromide at the origin. And therefore the plant quarantine authorities are saying March 31, 2017 is the cutoff date, after which any cargo that arrives in India without a certificate of fumigation with methyl bromide from the origin will not be allowed for clearance.

This causes some kind of suspense over what should happen from April 1 and on.

"The government of India is now insisting that countries like Canada should use methyl bromide," Chandrashekhar said. "But Canada is in a dilemma because methyl bromide is banned in Canada, but it is not banned in India. So that is the standoff."

Chandrashekhar said the government of India is emboldened this year to take this stand. They could not have taken this stand last year when they had a very serious shortfall in domestic production making them were substantially dependent on imports.

This year, because of favorable rainfall, domestic production has rebounded some 16.5 million tons in 2015-2016 to 22 million tons in 2016-2017, making the time right for the nation to enforce this existing law.

That said, Chandrashekhar says the Indian government and trade going forward after the deadline is also working on certain alternatives.

"One of the alternative fumigants both to the government of India and to the exporting countries is called aluminum phosphide. It's also called phosphine," he said. "Therefore, I can see there is a chance that the government of India will agree to or accept treatment with phosphine to avert a crisis situation."

However, if there is no decision in this matter, any cargo that comes into India without a certificate of fumigation at the origin is likely to be reject-

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 25

North America and the EU. Lack of market access is a big risk for all. The sad part is that independent swine producers in Brazil are having their financial position put in jeopardy due to these bad actors."

Long isn't sure what's happening, but if the product can't be sold due to bans, cattle can be kept as they don't need immediate slaughter.

Chickens? Swine? Not many systems have the ability to hold inventory for long and so things can get backed up real fast. If bans stay long, it could get to be a bigger mess.

"If bans cut Brazil's exports significantly for any length of time, we expect global meat prices will increase," he said. "Brazil is the world's largest exporter of chicken and beef, and a major pork exporter. We all live in glass houses, and no one has clean windows."

The conservative international trade critic and former Canadian ag minister Gerry Ritz agrees that Brazil is the

ed.

"I'm also working closely with the government of India and my advice don't take a very harsh or hard position," said Chandrashekhar. "We have a big rebound in production this year,

largest meat exporter in the world, with beef and chicken leading the way.

"A lot of their markets are closing their doors until they get to the bottom of exactly what's happened, what caused this, who's actually involved, and how deep the problem is,"he said. "At the end of the day, it's a huge hit for them, in that the U.S. is the major buyer of chicken, a lot of product going into the Europe, and then we see a lot of that product heading towards Japan and other markets."

He said Canada may now well have an opportunity to step up its market share while they scramble for product. In the short term there's enough product around that the industry will really not see much of a difference.

"But in the mid to long term, any time your markets get shaken with these types of allegations, it takes a long time to re-buy that consumer confidence," Ritz said.

Yes, I remember clearly going back

but who knows what is going to happen next year. And therefore, we need to take a more practical, pragmatic, long-term view and work out a solution that is win-win for everyone."

to 2003, the whole BSE issue here took the cattle industry years to recover.

When the United States closed its border to any cattle and beef, it virtually left the cattle in Canada worthless. The monetary losses and toll on humans was horrendous, sending many long-term cattle producers out of the industry entirely.

"So there are markets that probably will spend years reviewing because there are other markets that they can go to. The U.S. will be a major exporter. Right now we buy, I see numbers as high as 110 percent of their spent fowl, which of course means we're buying imports as well," Ritz said.

"And at the end of the day that's going to be used up in the U.S. in the midterm, and that will make a bigger marketplace for our chicken guys. We'll also maybe see some advantage in the Japanese markets and places like that around the Pacific Rim for our beef, talking in the coming months."

> PLAYLIST CAMPS, FROM PG. 23

"The cherry on top is getting more activities and getting more photos on our way to beating Morden," he added.

Winkler and Morden are in a friendly competition to see who can complete the most activities in the ParticipACTION 150 Community Challenge from March 1 to July 29.

Participants are encouraged to post pictures and videos of these activities on various social media platforms using #Morden150 or #Winkler150.

There are prizes up for grabs for the most active participants, in addition to bragging rights for the top community.

The first Playlist Camp takes place from 4-5:30 p.m. April 3-7 and will

include activities such as hockey, capture the flag, dodgeball, and many others.

To register, go to www.winkler.ca or call at 204-325-8333.

The camps are just one of several recreation programs starting up in Winkler this spring.

Here are a few other activities already up and running or slated to start in the next few weeks:

• The Winkler Curling Club invites the community to their drop-in curling week March 27-31. Anyone interested in trying their hand at the sport can still stop by the rink for free from 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. this Friday.

• Rookie Rugby returns to Winkler for another spring session. This pro-

gram is aimed to introduce kids age four to 16 to the sport.

Sessions will run on Saturday mornings from April 22 to June 24 at Lion's Park.

Registration is \$60 for Minis (4-6 years old), \$65 for Flag (7-14 years old), and \$75 for Tackle (two groups, 11-13 years old and 14-16 years old)

To register, go to www.rugbymanitoba.com.

• Hatha yoga classes begin their spring session on April 6. Classes run every Thursday night from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. at Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

Cost is \$12 to drop-in, \$50 for five classes, and \$90 for 10 classes. Youth (13-18) are half price.



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Special O coach nominated for Sport MB award

By Lorne Stelmach

It is fitting that Sabrina Klassen was away doing what she loves when the news came that she is up for one of the annual Sport Manitoba awards.

The local athletic leader with Special Olympics was at the World Winter Games in Austria as an associate coach for Team Canada when she learned of her nomination.

"It was a shock ... I'm speechless," said Klassen of her being up for Female Coach of the Year honours for her work with the Special O program in areas including snowshoes, track

and field, and basketball.

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I'M SPEECHLESS."

Sport Manitoba and Manitoba Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association each year select the top athletes and leaders in the province in individual and team categories. The awards will be handed

> out at a gala event in Winnipeg April 22.

Being part of it all seemed a little overwhelming for Klassen.

"It's an honour to be nominated. It truly is an honour for someone to have put my name forward and think that I'm doing

something worthwhile," she said. A person doesn't get involved in coaching for recognition, she added, stressing that is always just about a commitment to the athletes.

"It's always just about making sure that my athletes are getting the best training, so that they may have the opportunity of going to something like the World Games," Klassen said. "I just love coaching ... especially Special Olympic.

"I love being able to be around these athletes," she said, adding that there is as much she gets out of it for herself. "I've learned so much in the last 13 years. It's made me a better person, and I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. I will probably do this until I die.

"You're thinking you're teaching them a skill and really you're getting taught different things about yourself that you never thought. So it's made me grow as a person."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Sabrina Klassen is up for a female coach of the year award from Sports Manitoba.

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take a break

Here's How It Works:

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



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Be back later" 4. Hoover's office
- 7. Brew
- 8. Philo and Reglis are two
- ("Star Wars")
- 10. Actress Remini
- 12. Moghul emperor
- 13. Alaskan glacier
- 14. Constrictor
- 16. Prohibit
- **17. Ancient Brittonic tribe**
- 19. Chinese pastry
- 20. Razorbill is of this genus
- 21. Beloved holiday decoration 39
- 25. Dutch football club
- 26. Aggressive dog
- 27. Small piece of glass
- 29. "South Park" creator Parker
- 30. Leisure activity
- 31. Someone's story
- 32. Record-setting swimmer
- 39. Hillside
- 41. Unit of measurement
- 42. Famous for its potatoes
- 43. Insect secretion
- 44. Gate in Marrakesh
- 45. Cain and
- 46. A set of moral principles
- 48. Repair
- 49. Two-terminal
- semicondcutor device
- 50. Strongly alkaline solution
- 51. Former CIA
- 52. Satellite laser ranging

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sea
- 2. Cleans things
- 3. More skinny



CROSSWOR

- 29. ' death do us part
- 31. Sound unit
- 32. Men proud of their 8. Don't know when yet
 - masculinity
 - 33. Clergy member's vestment
 - 34. Hello
 - 35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
 - 36. Marks
 - **37. Derived from benzene**
 - **38.** Low-melting alloy
 - 39. Lost blood
 - 40. Quantitative relation
 - 44. Academic degree
 - 47. Many subconsciousses
- 27. Soft creamy white cheese
- 28. Renamed when EU was
 - incorporated

4. Supervises flying

6. Intestinal

- 19. Resembles a pouch

11. Chinese and Vietnamese ethnic group 14. Wild cattle genus 15. Rock formation

9. Soluble ribonucleic acid

5. Talk rapidly and excitedly

- 18. Makes up
- 20. Having an aerial quality
- 22. Windpipe

23. Million barrels per day

- (abbr.)
- 24. Bitterly regret



TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE WINKLER CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE LTD. The purpose of the meeting is to consider:

- 1. **Financial Statements**
- 2. Report of the Board
- 3. Election of 3 Directors
- 4. Auditors Report
- 5. **Appointment of External Auditors**
- **By-Law Change** 6.

Delete: #4.08(b) No Director is entitled to hold office for more than three consecutive terms Change to: No Director is entitled to hold office for more than four consecutive terms

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OBITUARY



Abram C. Wieler

1944 – 2017

Abram C. Wieler, 72, of Winkler, MB, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

A celebration of life was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church with Randy Smart of Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church, officiating. A graveside burial ceremony preceded at 1:30 p.m. at Westridge Memorial Gardens Abe was born in Rosengart, Manitoba to Cornelius and Eva on June 24, 1944. He went to school at Rosengart and graduated from Mennonite Collegiate Institute in 1962. He married Magdalene Siemens on October 30, 1965 in the Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. They bought their farm in 1965 and farmed suc-

cessfully until retirement. He was happily involved in many aspects of church, singing in choirs and quartets and many charitable organizations. Family was very important to Abe, hosting family meals, connecting with family and attending many grandchildren events.

Abe is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Victor, Ken, John and an infant sister. Abe is survived by wife: Maggie (Siemens), children: Preston (Myra) Wieler and their children, Benjamyn, Halle, Sam; Conway (Shanon) Wieler and their children, Cailey, Landon, Jay; Tara (David) Fehr and their children, Riley, Brayden, Adam; Janelle (Jonathan) Sawatzky and their children, Ty and Dane. Also left behind are brother and sisters: Helen Rempel, Tina Braun, Ella Zacharias, Eva Peters, Richard Wieler and their families.

Donations may be given in Abe's memory to GAIN: Water for Life Initiative 20385 64th Avenue Langley, BC V2Y 1N5.

The family of Abe wishes to extend our sincere thanks to paramedics, doctors, nurses of Boundary Trails Health Centre and St. Boniface Hospital.







Mary Heide May 11, 1931 - April 3, 2016 Dear Mom, We watched you suffer, We watched you sigh; But all we could do, Was just stand by. When the time came, We suffered too; For you never deserved, What you went through. God took your hand, As we had to part; He eased your pain, But He broke our hearts. If you could have spoken. Before you died; These are the words. You would have replied. "This life for me has truly passed, I have loved you all to the very last. Weep not for me. But courage take; And love one another. For my sake". We miss you and love you! -John Heide and family





IN MEMORIAM



Jake Olfert In Loving Memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away April 1, 2016 You did so many things for us, Your heart was kind and true; And when we needed someone, We could always count on you. The special years will not return, When we were all together; But the love within our hearts, For you will stay forever. -Lovingly remembered by wife Helen and family

IN MEMORIAM



John (Flitz) Thiessen May 20 1957 - April 2, 2012 Love you forever, and always missed by your family! -Darlene. Melissa, James, Jeremiah Wiebe. Shawna, Russ, Brielle, Jadah Wolfe





OBITUARY



Dorothy Nagazina (nee Kruschel) 1938 – 2017

Dorothy passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on Monday morning March 20, 2017.

She was born on August 5, 1938 to Adolf and Martha Kruschel. She married Don Nagazina on September 23, 1961. Together, they raised two children, Sheldon and Donna. Dorothy suffered a major stroke on November 29, 2010 and spent time at Boundary Trails Health Centre and a few months at the Deer Lodge Centre in Winnipeg but then was able to enjoy her family and friends in her own home until the time of her death. She will be lovingly missed by her family and friends.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Don; children, Donna (Ed), Sheldon (Anne); five grandchildren; one great grandchild as well as

her sister, Ruth Buhler; sisters-in-law, Frieda Krushel, Mary Anne Krushel and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents as well as her brothers, Herman (Susie), Ernie (Dorothy), Dave (Aloma), Leonard, Danie, sister, Ida (Fred) Bucholz and nephew, Robert Krushel.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at Hillside Cemetery at a later date.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden in care of arrangements wiebefuneralhomes.com

OBITUARY



David F Unrau 1927 - 2017

David F Unrau passed away the evening of Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Tabor Home in Morden. At supper on Friday he announced his desire to "go home" and within 24 hours his desire was granted.

Dave was born on January 29, 1927 to Peter and Aganetha (Friesen) Unrau. He was born on a farm near Valleyfield School where he and his friend Johnnie Warkentine claimed to have graduated from university. Dave's father passed away in 1945, when Dave was 18 years old. He continued to work on the farm and at other jobs so that he could eventually purchase the farm from his mother. In 1965, the farm was sold and Dave, his mother and his sister, Helen moved into Morden. That same year his

mother passed away. In 1972, Dave married Rose (Kroeker) Hoeppner and became "Dad" to her two daughters, Betty and Merna. In 1975, he became a proud Grandfather when Tim arrived. Dave and Rose lived in Brandon for a number of years where he worked as Maintenance at Fairview Home and then relocated to Medicine Hat, where he continued in the same line of work. He gladly welcomed Sherlyn to the family when she and Tim married in 1996 and was excited to become a Great Grandfather to Jonas in 2003 and to Lauren in 2006. Rose passed away in 2006 and shortly after that, Dave decided to move into the Tabor Units. He lived there until 2011 when he moved into Tabor itself. When Dave lived in Medicine Hat, he missed the Oak trees from Manitoba. In fact, he claimed that there were absolutely no Oak trees in Medicine Hat. He set out to correct this. While visiting in Morden, he picked five or six wild Oak saplings that were only about five inches tall and transported them back to Alberta. These were planted on the boulevard in front of their house and guarded closely. However, the deer would come to sample these morsels and it became difficult to watch the trees 24 hours a day. Eventually, only one tree remained. Tim and Betty returned to Medicine Hat in 2016 and while there they verified that a hardy?? Manitoba Oak still grows in Medicine Hat.

Dave was predeceased by his wife, Rose in 2006 and by all of his brothers and sisters. He leaves to mourn his daughters, Betty (Walter) Scott and Merna (Jerry) Weselak, grandson, Tim (Sherlyn) Weselak and their children, Jonas and Lauren as well as his nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment prior at Chapel Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at Tabor who loved and cared for Dave over the years. You are truly special and Dave appreciated all that you did for him. Donations in Dave's memory may be made to the Tabor Home in Morden.

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OBITUARY

Thomas Douglas 1941 - 2017

It is with great sadness that we announce that Tommy passed away in the early morning of Thursday, March 16th, 2017 at the age of 75. He will be lovingly remembered by his loving wife of 55 years, Ann; children, Colin, Graham (Dee), Lorraine (Rod) and grandchildren Matthew, Ethan, Nyah, Judy and Casey. He is survived by his siblings, Margaret, James, Alec, Irene, Anne and many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and many friends. He was predeceased by his loving parents, Ina and Thomas Douglas and siblings, William, John, Ellen, Frank, David, Joe and special brother-in-law, Chucky.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland on April 30, 1941, where he grew up in a big family. In 1960 he married the love of his life, Ann and had

three children. In 1967, our family immigrated to Canada in search of a new beginning. After arriving in Canada, he was employed by Joy Manufacturing and retired from CN Rail where he was a proud Union member. Tommy was a proud hardworking man and worked two jobs during his first seven years in Canada. This work ethic was instilled in all three of his children. Tommy and Ann moved to Morden three years ago and met many new friends through the Morden Legion, where he enjoyed snooker, chase the ace, bingo and the meat draw.

Tommy was all things Scottish, while he loved Canada and all that this beautiful country had to offer, his heart belonged to Scotland and his family there. In Canada, he created a beautiful life; he worked hard, sacrificed and surrounded our family with many special friends who were like family to us. He always had a smile on his face and was well loved by everyone who knew him. He genuinely cared about people! He loved many things: dancing, sports, a wee red wine, the Legion, ice cream and this Scottish guy loved perogies. Tommy was an accomplished soccer player and played for many Winnipeg teams with Thistle being his favourite.

Married to Ann for 55 years, theirs was a true love story. They were committed, loyal and lived a great life together right to the end. They were fortunate to travel back to Scotland many times, loved their two month stay in Mexico every year and made many happy memories at the cottage at Hillside beach.

While we are heartbroken, we are grateful to have had such a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. A great example of a life well lived.

We celebrated our love for Tommy at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 215 Legion, 3600 De Vries Ave, East St. Paul.

Thank you to the many doctors who looked after Tommy over the years Dr. Bob Kroeker, Dr. Pat Harris, Dr. Meghan Chatwin, and Dr. Denis Caners. The care you provided allowed us to have him with us longer and for that we are forever grateful. To the many nurses at Boundary Trails Health Center that looked after Tommy, we thank you.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Boundary Trails Health Center Foundation, Box 2000 Winkler, MB R6W 1H8.

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OBITUARY



On Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Lorne Penner aged 73 years of Winkler, MB went to his eternal rest. He is survived by his wife, Mary Anne; daughter, Shauna and Dennis Dyck (Riley, Regan); son, Derek and Marcy Penner (Molly, Max, Jack).

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017 at Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Lorne's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to the cancer care unit.

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