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 Avaya Janzen and Aubrey, Laughlin, and Brjnn Palsson were hopping with excitement Saturday as they visited with the Easter Bunny at Rush Laser Tag & Entertainment in Winkler. Dozens of kids came out to hunt for treat-filled eggs in Rush's laser tag room (left).

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Gala highlights the 'Faces of Gateway'

By Lorne Stelmach

A fundraising event in support of Gateway Resources last Thursday offered a chance for the organization to show its clients in a different light.

The theme of *The Faces of Gateway* gala was highlighted in a number of ways throughout the evening.

Through video presentations and speakers, the aim was to put in the forefront the many people who are involved with the agency and the important contributions they make to the community.

"My biggest hope is that everyone realizes all the things that Gateway does," said CEO Kim Nelson. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase all of that."

This was Gateway's third annual major fundraiser but the first time they have done a gala, she added, as the fundraising committee wanted to do something unique this year.

Nelson said the money raised at the event (estimated to be upwards of \$5,000 as of press time) will be put to good use.

"All the funds raised go directly to Gateway, and they help us do any number of things ... our renovation projects, improve any of the programming, get the supplies and equipment that we need ... do maintenance on any of the homes that we own and operate," she said. "The funds are huge for us. Last year they helped us completely renovate the dining room and kitchen area."

Robin Baerg, a client at Gateway Resources, speaks on her community involvement as part of the Faces of Gateway presentations at the organization's fundraising gala last Thursday.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE



Nelson added that the evening was also important in that it allows Gateway to better connect with the community that they serve.

"Without the community support, without the individuals we support, we wouldn't be able to do what we do," she said.

"We have so many partnerships and

relationships with the community. It's nice to have this evening where we can showcase everything ... so they can see all the aspects of Gateway, not just the piece that they happen to be involved with us in."

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Whirlwind trip an eye-opener for GVC students

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was a trip of a lifetime for a group of local youth—one that included an unexpected royal encounter.

Seventeen students from Garden Valley Collegiate spent a whirlwind week in England and France this month.

They were there to join the thousands of Canadians on hand at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War and the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

The Winkler group didn't have the greatest seats for the ceremony itself—which included an address from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and musical performances from the likes of Morden native Loreena McKennitt—but it proved to be the perfect spot as dignitaries took their leave.

"When we originally got to the ceremony our spots, we thought, weren't the best because we couldn't see that well," said Jenn Smith, Gr. 11. "But then as they were exiting we were right next to the fence where they were coming out."

British princes William and Harry both stopped to chat briefly with the teens, much to their delight.

"Five minutes after the ceremony ended I just heard someone yell, 'They're coming' and they were there," said Chris Bruhn, Gr. 11. "I talked about hockey with Prince William for a little bit because he asked me what was on my hat."

"[William] asked me where we were from and stuff and then he asked [us] if we had been reapplying sunscreen because it was so hot out that day and he could feel that his nose was getting burned," added Smith.

"It was just really cool that we can say we met them," said Raina Adrian, Gr. 11.

Celebrity meet and greets aside, the trip proved an eye-opening experience for the teens as they visited a number of war battlefields.

"We went to one memorial that was a big deal for the Royal Newfoundland Regiment called Beaumont-Hamel," said Smith. "That place I got emotional at."

Beaumont-Hamel marks the site of the Battle of Somme, where nearly the entire regiment of over 700 Canadian soldiers was wiped out in the first half hour of fighting alone.

"Walking through the trenches there ... it was overwhelming," said Adrian.

"It was pretty crazy," agreed Bruhn. "Especially the cemetery with all the bodies that they couldn't identify

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GVC students spent April 4-11 touring England and France, where they got to visit several war memorials and be part of the Vimy Ridge anniversary ceremonies.



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Anonymous donor comes through for Salem

Winkler Care Home residents enjoying new electronic menu/activity boards

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The generosity of an anonymous donor is making life a little bit easier for residents of Winkler's Salem Home.

The personal care home recently installed six electronic menu boards throughout the facility.

The 42" LED panels, located close to each dining area, replace the erasable boards staff used previously to update residents, explains Salem Foundation special projects assistant Nancy Wiebe.

"The donor came in and expressed interest in providing something that would be of direct benefit to the residents," she says.

"This allows us to show lunch and supper and it's also a really neat method of [other] information,"

Wiebe says, noting the screen rotates between the day's menu, activities going on throughout the building, and photos of life at Salem Home and the world at large.

"When I first put pictures up ... there was one resident that came and I asked her, 'What would you like to see on there?' and she said, 'I would like to see Pembina Ave,'" recalls Helen Redekopp, Salem's nutrition services team leader and the person in charge of the boards.

"So I started taking pictures of Winkler and putting them on there and then just asking different residents" what they'd like to see, she says, noting the answers she got ranged from more sites around town to muscle cars to farm scenes—glimpses into the world beyond the

"WE LIVE IN A GENEROUS AND CARING COMMUNITY."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Salem Foundation chair Arlen Hildebrand with care home staffers Helen Redekopp and Marge Berft and one of six new electronic menu boards Salem was able to purchase thanks to an anonymous donor.

care home.

It's proven to be a big hit with residents, who often line up at the start of each day to see what's new on the boards.

"It's pretty amazing. They watch that more than they watch TV," Wiebe says, noting it's very much a way to bring the community to them.

It's also proven to be a valuable opportunity to give visitors a peek into life at Salem.

"It's great for folks walking in visiting to initiate conversation or just even know what they can be involved with with their resident," Wiebe says.

"It's a nice [conversation] starter,"

adds Redekopp.

Arlen Hildebrand, Salem Foundation board chair, sends his thanks out to the donor who stepped up to fund this project.

"We live in a generous and caring community," he says. "When you have a donor come forward wanting to support a project that will benefit residents ... it's very humbling.

"It's because of donors like this that residents' lives are improved and they are able to enjoy the best-lived experience."

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Learning About Catastrophe

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2 Peter 2:4-5

"For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgement, and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly..."



The great Flood at the time of Noah was more than simply the world's biggest rainstorm. Scripture paints the picture of an upheaval across the face of the Earth that combined floods, landslides, volcanoes and earthquakes. As the ground literally danced with earthquakes of unimaginable intensity, hills and mountains would have flowed like pudding.

Is it possible that modern science has been blind to evidences of such upheaval? A few generations ago, geologists who believe in evolution saw no notable evidence of any great floods on Earth. Gradually they began to conclude that much of our sedimentary rock is the result of great floods.

More recently, they have started to notice evidence that mountains can literally collapse and flow like pudding. Some landslides are simple landslides where part of a mountain collapses. But sometimes the collapse turns into a flow that travels for many miles, even across flat ground. Take, for example, the Blackhawk slide at the southern edge of the Mojave Desert. Here, a mass of marble fell 1.5 kilometers down and then flowed another 9 kilometers across the nearly flat desert. One description says that it looks as if the mountain simply turned to chocolate milk. Once scientists understood that this happens, they began to recognize evidence showing that this phenomenon is not unusual.

As our scientific knowledge increases, the history recorded in the Bible becomes more dramatically illustrated – not disproved!

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'They need to feel valued, they need to feel appreciated'

From Pg. 2

"We have placements in the community where everyone goes to work and enjoys their day ... without the community support we wouldn't be able to do any of the things that we do."

That aspect was highlighted with business representatives on hand to speak on their workplace experiences with Gateway clients.

"He really is part of the team ... has a great attitude ... always happy to be there," Hometown Service's Bob Derksen said of employee Keith Peters. "It's good for everybody ... a win-win situation."

"We definitely value the work she does for us," Pembina Valley Humane Society shelter manager Rachel Dell said of Chelsey Bugden. "It's absolutely amazing for us ... Chelsey does a lot for us."

"I am proud to work at Gateway ... it makes me feel important ... get to learn a lot of things," said Bugden.

Connie Sarrasin of Dollarama paid tribute to John Bueckert, who worked for a number of years at the Winkler store before passing away last year.

"Having John work with us was

Local musical group Lakes and Pines performed as part of the Faces of Gateway evening last week, which is estimated to have raised over \$5,000.

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an absolute privilege," she said. "He was the kindest most gentle man I've probably ever met."

Sarrasin recalled Bueckert as having an incredibly strong work ethic, but his contributions went way beyond that.

"He taught me so much over the last few years ... and I miss him dearly," she said.

"He never complained ... and was al-

ways willing to give 110 per cent into everything he did.

"He taught us a lot just with his gentle spirit and just the way that he interacted with people. We are also much better for having known him."

There is an important message there about how we treat others, Sarrasin concluded.

"We saw him not as having any disability—we saw him as having abili-

ties ... and I think it's really important that we see beyond disability and we recognize the abilities.

"They are just like us in all ways. They need to feel valued, they need to feel appreciated and loved ... and when we are treated with that kind of respect, we just blossom.

"When we do treat others like that, we are rewarded, and we can see them flourishing."

Corn & Apple Festival planning gets underway

By Lorne Stelmach

It will be back to business as usual for the Corn and Apple Festival this summer.

After ramping up Morden's annual August bash for its 50th anniversary last year, organizers are looking to work within a more normal budget and operations this year, including more regular levels of supplies such as the free corn and apple cider.

"We're going back to the original numbers because last year we knew would be very high," chairperson Lynda MacLean said as the festival committee held its first meeting of 2017 last week.

That's not to say it won't be the bash it always is, she said, adding, though, it will be nice for everyone involved to be a little more back to normal.

"Last year was so big and there was so much going on during the year that this year we're just really just enjoying the festival," said MacLean.

"There's no real big projects going

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on, nothing extra. Last year, we built a bunch of new booths and things like that," she noted.

"Last year was so crazy with people, with projects ... that this year we're just kind of sitting back and relaxing so that everyone can just enjoy."

The festival takes place the weekend of August 25-27, which is a bit later than last year, and MacLean thinks that can work to their advantage.

"Last year, even though it was the 50th, we do believe that a lot of the people came because the weather was far too perfect," she suggested. "We're pretty confident that if the weather is nice again, we're going to have very big crowds again."

With planning now underway, good news for the festival is the City of Morden is maintaining its funding level after having increased it in 2016 for the milestone anniversary. An additional two per cent increase on top of that has the city's contribution projected to be at almost \$68,000.

"That's awesome for us ... they support us, they're wanting us to go forward ... putting money into the festival," said MacLean.

The festival has an overall budget of around \$315,000, with other key sources of revenue being from street space rentals and sponsorships. The latter is a big focus for the organizing committee at the moment.

"Something we're trying to do is match people with projects [rather

than just straight financial contributions]," she noted. "If there are things within the committees they are wanting ... think about who would be a good person to approach.

"A lot of money comes from that sponsorship," she said in stressing its importance. "It's integral ... though we also try to get grants."

Meanwhile, some budget areas like entertainment have been scaled back to normal levels, but MacLean doesn't see that as having a detrimental impact.

"We normally spend \$50,000 to \$55,000, and we can still get great entertainment," she said, adding that this year's headline acts will be

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Finding quiet moments in the chaos

Ever have one of those years where it feels like every spare moment is busy, and when it is not busy you are busy planning the busyness ahead?

Yup.

So spending my life in the tourism industry means we have seasons. Lately those seasons seem to starting earlier and earlier ... which is a good thing but also a very time consuming thing.

I was having a coffee meeting this morning with staff and it occurred to us that we are basically going to be heads down busy until the end of September.

The thought of this makes one want to run screaming for the nearest

beach or secluded backyard.

On the other hand, busyness has usually been my friend. I am the kind of person who thrives in chaos and craziness. Quiet, solitude makes me nervous and, if I am not careful, becomes a black hole of inactivity which consumes all things in its path due to its ever increasing gravity.

I am not sure why this is the case. Ever since I was a child I have been annoyingly fidgety and incapable of sitting still, to the great frustration of my parents.

With these things in mind, I think it is important for people to find their quiet place. It is important to find a protected zone where we can shed the things that we use to distract ourselves from ourselves and to simply sit and be.

It is easy for me to say this and much harder for me to practice. I am notorious for finding my "quiet place" but bringing along a phone, a laptop, some music, a book. Now, on the surface these things may seem like great tools to assist in the time of solitude. The reality is very different for me (and I am sure others).

Certainly it is hard to defend bringing a laptop or mobile device. There

is little to no defence of this. Frankly devices should be left behind.

Music, on the other hand, seems like a reasonable thing. The problem is I tend to use it as a distraction, listening to the lyrics and so on. If I try to avoid this with classical music then I start focusing on the flow and instrumentation.

The reality is it seems like I need to be placed into a soundproof isolation chamber so that I can find that time of solitude and self-reflection that I think we all need.

I tried to actually secure an isolation chamber for myself once by spending time with the monks at Assumption Abby in North Dakota. I almost succeeded, but my large, echo-filled room kept me awake at night. In the end, I left early.

It is difficult to be quiet.

It is even more difficult to quiet the mind.

Nevertheless, I think these times, even to try and fail at securing them, are important to us.

Who knows, maybe I will find the time in October when things start quieting down in my life.

Only time will tell.



By Peter Cantelon

> VIMY RIDGE, FROM PG. 3

or that they never found ... there was just rows and rows of it. There aren't really words that you can say about that to describe it."

The group also enjoyed some of the more lighter aspects of the trip—riding on a double-decker bus in London, stopping by the Eiffel Tower in Paris, touring the French countryside—but seeing history come to life by visiting sites such as Vimy Ridge and Beaumont-Hamel remain stand-out moments.

"For me, probably my favourite part of the trip was going to Omaha Beach," said Bruhn. "That's where D-Day happened ... I've always read about it and just actually being there and seeing where it all happened, all the craters and stuff you still see in the bunkers, that was crazy."

The experience has given the teens a new perspective on the Remembrance Day ceremonies they attend each year.

"Most people don't take it nearly se-

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Hildebrand notes that while the foundation loves to recognize the generosity of its supporters, anonymous donations like this are always welcome as well.

"There's more people out there that

> FESTIVAL, FROM PG. 5

announced shortly. "Last year, we just decided to get a bit more ... we don't normally have such big headliners ... [but] the entertainment still is going to be good."

In the meantime, the festival com-

mittedly enough," Bruhn said.

"But it's people's lives you're talking about and they gave it up for their country," added Adrian.

would like to be anonymous and see their funds go to something," he says, "We encourage people, if they're wanting to give money, they don't have to tell us who they are. We will gladly accept a donation like that.

mittee is still in the process of hiring a new executive director and also needs to fill a few key positions, including the children's tent, street space, vendor relations, first aid and volunteer relations recruitment.

Morden Court hosts Law Day Open House April 28

By Lorne Stelmach

The Manitoba Bar Association is hoping to see you in court next week.

It is again hosting Law Day across the province, with the Morden Provincial Court hosting the event for a second year next Friday.

A celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Law Day is a chance especially for kids to have "a positive interaction with the legal system," said Stacy Nagle, executive director of the Manitoba Bar Association.

It is open to the general public, but Nagle said students in particular may benefit because they have no real concept of the court system and how it works.

"Rules are made for a reason and if you don't follow them this is what can happen," she said.

"For the students, we're hoping that they start to think a little bit more about what the consequences of their actions might be," Nagle added. "For the other people in attendance, who maybe have never been to the Morden Court, it's just a positive way to

see the justice system at work."

The Morden Law Day 2017 goes from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The morning will feature a mock trial presented by Ecolé Morden Middle School students from 10-11:15 a.m. where Peter Rabbit will stand trial for the theft of lettuce, french beans, and radishes.

The open house will also include the opportunity to learn how roadside breath samples are taken and then used in trials and how it effects a driver's license status.

Local police, sheriff officers, and a crown attorney will also be on hand to answer questions about their roles in the justice system.

Nagle said they were pleased with the response to the first Morden Law Day last year when it attracted about 75 people.

"I thought it was wonderfully attended, and I thought the students did a fabulous job presenting the mock trial," she said. "I thought there were excellent questions from the audience as well.

"We're hoping for more of the same again this year."



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The Morden Provincial Court once again opens its doors to the public for the second annual Law Day Open House next week Friday. Mock trials, Q&As, and demonstrations will be held that morning to give people a glimpse into the Canadian justice system.

Friesen presents 'road to recovery' budget

By Lorne Stelmach

The new provincial budget introduced by Finance Minister Cameron Friesen last week earned mixed reviews.

The financial blueprint that includes a 2.1 per cent increase to core government spending in 2017-18 was dubbed the road to recovery by the Morden-Winkler MLA.

"We believe that the approach we are choosing is a moderate one ... one that will be a balanced approach ... and get results for all Manitobans," said Friesen.

"It's still contains some very big ideas, and we have to cover a lot of ground because it's a challenging environment that we find ourselves in," he continued.

"Some of our provincial neighbours are pursuing different paths involving stark decisions, choosing either higher taxes or pursuing increased spending," Friesen said, suggesting the province avoided "such drastic measures ... while maintaining our government's commitment to making Manitoba the most improved province in all of Canada."

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation, however, suggested the budget could have cut spending in order to shrink the deficit faster.

"The deficit is projected to get a little smaller and that's good, but this is very, very slow progress," said prairie director Todd MacKay. "The problem is spending is still going up, and cost-control is always critical for slaying deficits."

Manitoba is projecting an operational deficit of \$840 million for the coming year, which is down from \$872 million last year, he noted. The deficit is shrinking because the government is counting on revenues to rise by

three per cent this year and next year, though, while the government plans to increase spending by \$541 million.

"Spending less money is the way to slay a defi-

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Derksen to share story of forgiveness, healing

By Lorne Stelmach

One woman's journey to healing and forgiveness will hopefully help others who are on a similar path.



Wilma Derksen is the guest speaker for the Pembina Counselling Centre dessert fundraiser next week.

Since the abduction and murder of her daughter Candace in 1984, Wilma Derksen has influenced victims, offenders, and the community by telling her story. She will share it once again as part of a fundraiser for the Pembina Counselling Centre.

The author, artist, and life coach will speak at the dessert fundraiser April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Winkler Mennonite Church.

The heart of her message for the last three decades has been forgiveness and how it has helped her family weather the aftermath of murder. She goes into it further with her new book: *The Way Of Letting Go: One Woman's Walk Toward Forgiveness*.

"Over the years, I have always used my own story as an example of dealing with the challenges that face anyone facing trauma of any kind, but it is all in the book now," said Derksen, who wanted to take a different approach with this presentation. "So this time, since many have asked ... I am going to use my husband's story

and his amazing art work to show his parallel journey through the trauma.

"By doing this, I want to illustrate the fact that we do it all differently, but we all need to incorporate forgiveness or letting go in our journey to healing.

"When I tell our story, I always hope to shed light on the subject, but I mainly want to encourage and comfort my listeners," Derksen said. "I hope they come away with the message that they are not alone. This is a universal daunting subject, but it is overcomeable."

Event co-ordinator Danita Janzen suggested this message very much connects with the mission of the Pembina Counselling Centre.

"Wilma Derksen is an amazing woman," said Janzen, who added the evening is also an opportunity for people to be introduced to the centre and what they offer people dealing with life's challenges.

"I think that we really just want to give people an idea as to what the

looks like ... to journey through those different emotions ... what that looks like for them and how it can potentially impact them in their lives," said Janzen.

"Maybe they know of someone who is going through something ... and they would have an opportunity to have a resource in the community that they can use for themselves or for people that they know."

The fundraising aspect serves an important role as well.

"A lot of people who come may not necessarily have benefits through work, or they may not be able to pay the full fee," Janzen said.

"The purpose is to be able to offer people a sliding fee scale ... so they are able to come to sessions without having to pay the full fee or to have a reduced fee that fits their budget a little bit better," she explained.

"They don't have to worry about the stress of finances in addition to what is going on in life."

> PROVINCIAL BUDGET, FROM PG. 7

cit, but Manitoba is increasing spending by more than half a billion dollars," said MacKay.

"Hopefully more money will come in and that will make it easier to balance the budget, but it's risky to bet the budget on increasing revenues. Here's the reality: the government needs to cut spending."

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business was also disappointed with the plan.

"Manitoba entrepreneurs were looking for three things in this budget ... sustainable spending ... creating a more competitive tax environment ... and further reductions to red tape," said Jonathan Alward, director of provincial affairs for Manitoba.

"Small businesses are concerned the Manitoba government hasn't taken enough action to curb unsustainable spending," he suggested. "By increasing 2017-18 expenditures by 3.1 per cent, we fear this approach will make it extremely difficult to balance the budget by 2024. Let's not forget, today's deficits turn into tomorrow's taxes."

Friesen, however, stressed the need for a more moderate and responsible course based on reduc-

ing taxes and restraining government spending while investing in front-line services

"Manitobans set priorities, make plans, and come to decisions about their personal budgets every day, based on what they can afford. They expect no less from their own government," said Friesen, suggesting the budget "sets out a strong plan for our province as we work to correct our course and steadily pursue improvements year over year.

"Manitobans deserve a better plan, one that focuses increased spending in the areas that matter most to Manitoba families," Friesen stressed, suggesting the budget "is open, transparent and accountable to all Manitobans ... to ensure that Manitoba remains a wonderful place to live and invest."

A few highlights of the budget include:

- Investment to Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living, includ-

ing \$107.5 million in new spending. That includes an increase of \$1.7 million for universal newborn hearing screening, an additional \$8.8 million for expanded dialysis treatment, and \$1.6 million more to mental health services. The budget also includes a further \$9.4 million for new cancer drugs and \$6.5 million to further reduce ambulance fees.

- Funding for 501 new licensed child-care spaces and 50 new home-based child-care spaces this fiscal year and increased operating grants for home-based child-care providers.

- \$12.8 million in funding for affordable housing and \$85 million to further support employment income and rental assistance clients

- A funding boost to Manitoba Education and Training with an overall increase of \$36 million, including measures that will focus on reducing barriers to post-secondary education for low-income students.

There are also increases to direct

bursary support and the transformation of the Manitoba Bursary Program into a grant available to students earlier during their studies.

The budget also reflects an investment of \$1.3 billion for the K-12 education system, including a guarantee no school division will receive less than 98 per cent of its prior funding.

- An increase of \$12 million to Manitoba Justice, including commitments to reduce backlogs and integrate restorative justice.

- Infrastructure investment forecast to reach more than \$1.7 billion in 2017-18, one of the highest total infrastructure expenditures in Manitoba history.

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Reinfeld Coffee & Chat a big hit

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The sound of laughter—kid and adult alike—echoed in the common room at the Reinfeld Community Hall last Wednesday as a group of moms gathered for their monthly Coffee & Chat.

The Winkler Family Resource Centre outreach program is nearing the end of a successful first run of bringing parents and pre-school age children together for an informal morning of games, snacks, and social interaction.

“We started last October and we meet the second Wednesday of the month,” explains Nelly Nikel, who heads up the program alongside Anna Nikel.

The resource centre had originally tried to run one of its other programs for pre-schoolers in the village last year, but had only two families sign up.

The hope, Nelly Nikel says, was that a more casual drop-in activity would give Reinfeld moms a chance to see what the resource centre was all about.

“The kids play, there’s talking and snacks, things like that,” she says. “It’s kind of to get them to come here, feel comfortable and get to know each other, and then we hope to run other programs here in the future ... be-

The Reinfeld Coffee & Chat program is winding down its successful inaugural run. The monthly event brings moms and kids in the community together for games, snacks, and social interaction.

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cause there’s lots of moms with small kids here and for some it’s a challenge to get to Winkler.”

So far, the Reinfeld Coffee & Chat has been a hit, with several families coming out each month.

But organizers would love to see more parents and kids stop in for the remaining two sessions before the summer.

“Sometimes I feel like going door to door and telling them about it,” laughs Nikel. “Some of them just don’t know that it’s here ... I hope we can get the word out more.”

“It would be great to have more [people] and to maybe have it more often,” she adds.

The monthly get-together has certainly been a great experience for Martina Peters, who has been taking part with her three-year-old daughter these past few months.

“I did this before in Winkler and I’m very happy that it’s in Reinfeld now because I live here,” she says. “It’s fun for the kids ... my daughter just loves to come.”

And so does she, Peters admits.

“It’s very good to drink coffee with friends,” she says, laughing. “It’s a time to get out of the house, relax, the kids have fun.”

These types of programs can have a

big impact on kids and parents alike, especially if they’re new to the community, notes Anna Nikel.

“We have a family that just moved from Germany a couple of months ago and the kids, they’re very shy because they don’t know anybody,” she says. “I think this is very good for them to come out and mingle, play with others, learn to be comfortable with other kids ... that’s a huge benefit of interacting like this.”

If you live in Reinfeld and would like to check out the remaining Coffee & Chat sessions, they take place on May 10 and June 14 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the community hall.

There is no fee to attend and all parents with pre-school age children are welcome.

BUSY SPRING FOR WFRC

In addition to the Reinfeld Coffee & Chat, several of the resource centre’s other free programs for pre-school children and their parents are slated to begin new sessions next month.

“Our last session of programming happens May and June, so registration will be coming up soon,” says executive director Cathy Savage.

Program and registration information will be available online at winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com or on

the Winkler Family Resource Centre Facebook page in the next few days.

Also next month, Savage will be settling into the WFRC’s new office in Central Station.

The recent renovations at the community centre carved out a sizeable space for the resource centre, which operates many of its programs from the facility.

“It’ll be great,” Savage says, noting she’ll be there from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays starting early in May. “I’ll be accessible to all the families and the facilitators, everything. It’s going to be fantastic just to be there on a regular basis and be a part of everything that’s happening.”

Closer at hand, the centre’s third Mom 2 Mom Sale takes place at the Southland Mall in Winkler this Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The sale gives parents a chance to shop for gently used maternity, baby, and children’s clothing, toys, games, books, and more—while also getting rid of stuff their families no longer need.

As of late last week, the event had 20 tables signed-up (including vendors such as Discovery Toys, Stella & Dot, and SweetLegs) with registration fees all going toward the resource centre’s programming.

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Nominations open for Winkler Citizen of the Year

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation has put a call out for nominations for the city’s top citizen.

The 2017 Citizen of the Year award will be presented at the foundation’s annual banquet on Sept. 29. Nominations will be accepted through June 6.

It’s a chance to recognize and share

the story of someone who has left their mark on Winkler, says foundation executive director Myra Peters.

“We’re looking for someone that has given back to their community and have made an impact, made our community a better place,” she says.

“Whether that be through volunteering or through community building—there’s just so many ways to

look at it,” Peters adds. “We’re really looking for inspiring people that have taken action and made a difference.”

There’s certainly no shortage of individuals worthy of recognition for the work they do on behalf of the community, but the awards committee needs people to step up and nominate them.

“There are so many people in our

community that shine, that inspire us to do great things and we think it’s important to say thank you to them,” says Peters. “We really encourage community members to nominate individuals that have inspired them.”

Nomination forms are available online at winklercommunityfoundation.com or at the foundation’s office in City Hall.

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Manitou's Jake Goertzen wins conservation award

By Lorne Stelmach

Jake Goertzen sees conservation as something that more or less came naturally to him growing up in rural Manitoba.

The Manitou resident, however, also sees that it is more important than ever to teach kids about it in this day and age.

"I grew up on a farm ... and as kids on the farm we all sort of learned this stuff just in our everyday life. The kids now are not in the rural area as much ... they don't experience it," said Goertzen, whose efforts have earned him the 2017 Pembina Valley Conservation District Award.

The award, created in memory of the late Mike Cabernel, is presented each year to recognize an individual, organization, family or business who actively promote wise farm management and conservation practices.

Goertzen was cited for a long resume of lifelong involvement in various areas related to conservation in the region.

"It means a lot to me. It's great recognition for everything that I've done over the years," he said of receiving the honour.

"You go through life ... you do things you have to do, and sometimes you can get to things that you want to do," Goertzen added, noting one of the latter things for him has always been the Binney Siding Nature Preserve and particularly the site's annual water festival for students.

"Of all the things I am involved with, I find this day and my work with Binney Nature Preserve the most rewarding," he said. "You have 200 plus kids come out there, and you try to teach them a few things, and hopefully some of it sticks with them."

It was in the 1980s while farming at Snowflake with his wife Lorna and sons Jeff and Darren that Goertzen began to step up his community involvement. He was on the board of the Pembina Soils Association and actively promoted and took part in some of their programs.

He brushed out some flat areas in a quarter section of valley land and

planted various types of grasses and then fenced the paddocks and rotationally grazed them, which he found enhanced his grazing capacity.

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Goertzen will be recognized at the Manitoba Conservation District Association conference in Brandon.



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PVCD chair Murray Seymour was joined by Linda VanDeynze in presenting the 2017 Conservation Award to Jake Goertzen along with Eric Cabernel, representing the family of Mike Cabernel, the conservation champion whose name adorns the trophy.

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Jake Goertzen can be found every year volunteering his time talking to students at the water festival held at Binney Siding Nature Preserve west of Manitou.

Getting abstract at Winkler Arts & Culture

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Esther Hildebrand has a clear goal with her artwork: to evoke a feeling within those viewing it.

The abstract artist from Crystal City isn't trying depict true-to-life scenes of people or places, but rather, through a vibrant mix of shapes and colours, capture the essence of a variety of emotions.

"So often people say, 'What do you see?' and I will return the question and say, 'What do you feel when you see it?'" says Hildebrand, whose art is on display at the Winkler Arts and Culture gallery all this month.

"People often think they have to see something in it," Hildebrand says, noting, however, that abstract paintings aren't *Magic Eye* patterns that hide secret images within—they're open to each viewer's interpretation.

"I don't create a piece with the intention of people having to see something and that it's a failure if they

don't," she says. "Just look at it and see how it makes you feel. Is it warm? Is it cold? Does it invite you to investigate the piece more?"

"It's amazing that people will see something behind it that I never even knew was there."

That freedom is what drew Hildebrand to abstract painting in the first place a decade ago.

"Abstract art is my magnet," she says. "I think it's because of the freedom, that I'm not restricted to having something look like something."

"Not only that, but I also love playing around with colour. I go by absolutely no rules or restrictions. But, at the same time, I can feel when it's not right. And the beauty of paint is that you can paint over it until it's just the way you want it."

As a result, Hildebrand's work runs the gamut in size, colour, and composition, making it difficult to point to any common theme when she exhibits her pieces.



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The Symphony of Art exhibition at Winkler Arts & Culture features a variety of abstract pieces from Crystal City artist Esther Hildebrand.

"I just call it a symphony of art," she says.

She hopes art fans who may feel they prefer more traditional forms of art will give abstract a chance.

"I would invite people to at least give it a try," she says. "Take a piece home and try it. Put it on your wall

... you might all of the sudden find that it works in terms of colour, how it makes your room feel."

You can check out Hildebrand's *Symphony of Art* exhibition at the gallery until April 29.

You can also see more of her work online at www.ehilabstractart.com.



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Morden Collegiate drama students take the stage

By Lorne Stelmach

Teacher Phillip Duncan enjoys being able to take more of a hands-off role with his students at Morden Collegiate.

Which is why having the after-school drama class be able to take charge of pretty well all aspects of their upcoming production is rewarding.

"That's what I really love about the show ... we've gotten to the point where everything about the show is student produced," said Duncan, who teaches the backstage theatre class.

"And those 22 students are the students who are creating the set and all the props for the piece," he noted, adding a student from the school's graphic arts program produced the poster and promotional materials.

"I've never taught students how to build things until this year ... so it is so great to see kids who aren't afraid ... to get right in there and actually build things."

The theatre troupe presents *The Great All American Musical Disaster* April 26-28 at 7 p.m. each evening in the MCI theatre.

Tickets are available for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in advance at the school office or at the door if not sold out.

The show details the high jinks of film producer Junior Dover Jr., who induces every major Hollywood star, a few has-beens, and even a maybe to appear in his latest movie by tailoring separate scripts to meet each star's personal requirements.

So each star assumes he or she IS the whole

picture, with the other greats relegated to supporting roles—an assumption that leads to all kinds of madcap stage frenzy—and Junior tries to stay one jump ahead of disaster.

"Sometimes we do a musical, more often it's a comedy," Duncan noted of the troupe's performances. "And even though this year's show is called *The Great All American Musical Disaster*, this is not a musical ... it's really high in comedy."

The students involved in the production are all quite enjoying their roles.

"I like that he's more energy, he's crazier, he's got a lot going on," Matthew Gray said of his lead role of Junior.

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Passion Play puts out call for volunteers

On-stage and behind the scenes roles open

By Ashleigh Viveiros

July may seem like a long ways off, but the next few months are going to fly by for the volunteers behind Manitoba's Passion Play.

Rehearsals for the 18th annual production detailing the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ get underway next month, and director Belita Sanders says there's still room for people to get involved both on stage and off.

"We are definitely still on the lookout for people," she says, noting the entire production is put on by a small army of dedicated volunteers.

While many return year after year, this season there has been some turnover, Sanders noted, and so the show is holding open auditions over the next few weeks.

"Usually we have a lot of our cast coming back and sometimes we don't hardly have to put out an audition appeal," she said. "But this time there seems to be a little bit of a shuffle, some people taking some summer time off, and so we do have a few roles available."

If the stage limelight is not for you, the show is also looking for musicians to fill out the orchestra and volunteers to work a variety of backstage roles.

"We're always looking for people to work on-site," Sanders said, explaining that could include helping out with tickets or the technical aspects of the performances. "There's lots to be done."

"We also are looking for some peo-

ple that are willing to help market, help to spread the word on social media and get posters out there."

Basically, if you have any interest in being involved, the Passion Play can find a role for you, she stressed.

If you'd like to get involved, contact Sanders at 204-242-3107.

REACHING NEW AUDIENCES

Sanders, who has been involved with the Passion Play since its start, says the show has become a tradition for many people, but they still reach new audiences each year.

"We get really touched when we hear that there's still over 60 per cent of the people [coming] that have never seen us before and they're coming for the very first time and they're so impressed," she said. "It's so beautiful that that is still happening."

"And then you hear people that are returning and they're seeing it again and they're bringing family and friends," Sanders said. "The story is close to hearts ... they want to come back and hear it again."

"It's an opportunity to support people that are bringing the Gospel to life in a unique way," she added. "So we do feel that it's still something that's worthwhile to continue to bring to Manitoba."

This year's Passion Play runs July 8-9 and July 14-15 at the Oak Valley Productions stage in La Riviere.

More details can be found online at passionplay.ca.



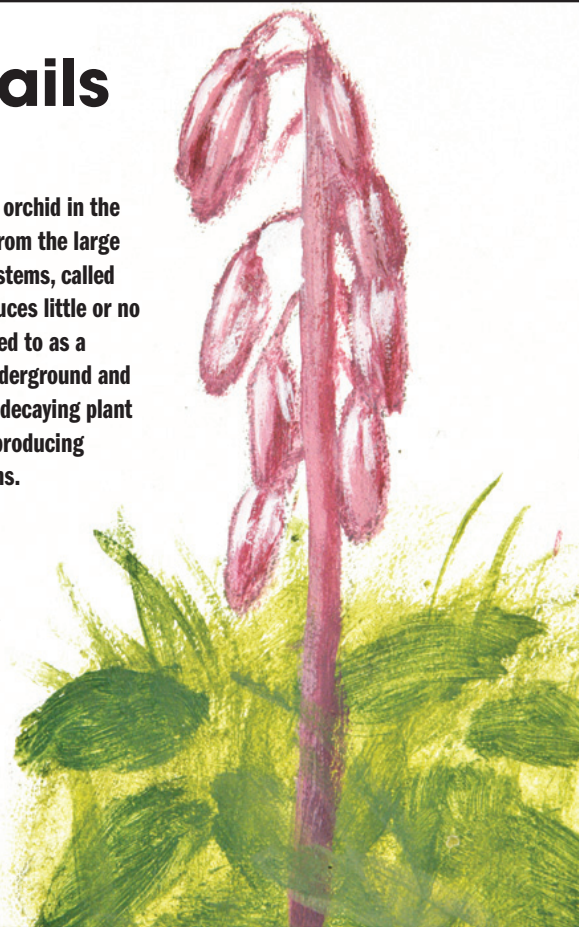
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Manitoba's Passion Play, which runs in July, has put out a call for actors, musicians, and other volunteers to help bring the story of Jesus Christ to life.

On the Trails

Spotted Coralroot is a rare native orchid in the Pembina Valley. It gets its name from the large coral-like roots, or underground stems, called rhizomes. It has no leaves and produces little or no chlorophyll. Sometimes referred to as a subterranean plant, it can grow underground and go unnoticed for years, feeding off decaying plant materials and fungi, without producing any above ground stems.

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"I like her because she's kind of stupid," Lauren Craig said of her character, Gigi. "She only cares about her looks ... I just think it's a really fun kind of character to play."

"My character is just a tough, rugged macho honcho," Colton Giesbrecht said of Flint. "He is THE guy, the manliest man ... but deep down, he isn't so manly."

Being able to put on a production like this is the ultimate reward of being involved in the backstage theatre program, the students say.

"I like being able to just be someone else ... and see if I'm able to

push myself far enough to be able to actually be that person," said Gray.

"I really like this program. It teaches you direction, it teaches you how to follow instructions ... really just improves your range of imagination too," said Giesbrecht.

Duncan added he ultimately wants it to be a fun learning experience for the students.

"Being in the theater is a fun endeavor more than anything," he said. "And I want to instill a love of theatre in these kids, a love of performing just for the sake of performing."

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CN Rail continues to move grain at record-setting pace

By Harry Siemens

Canadian National Railway invested in new high-horsepower locomotives in 2016 that pull heavier and longer trains which benefit the entire grain and supply chain.

On April 11, in a statement on Twitter, the company said it shipped 486,000 tonnes of grain from Western Canada the previous week with zero backlogs.

In an interview last month, CN's director of marketing David Przednowek outlined the recent record-setting grain movement.

"[It was] a bit of a slower start in

the fall time, August into early September, when we had a bit of a late harvest to start there," he said. "There were a lot of challenges through the fall and there's still a lot of crop out there, unfortunately, especially in the west. But since then, once demand picked up in September, we've set record volumes for grain movement on CN ever since, and that's including right through the winter."

Historically, an average of 4,000 cars a week was considered a good number.

"This year we've had weeks in excess of 5,000 cars moving record shipments of grain out of Western Can-

ada," Przednowek says. "It looks like we're gonna have a record March as well."

Late last year, Przednowek said CN had put the whole aspect of grain first and it shows. He said then and again this spring that the railroad wants to move grain and that involves ev-

erybody in the supply chain making improvements, whether it's terminal infrastructure, destination, and improving loading assets in the country.

"More and more we're seeing a bigger percentage of shipments in unit

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APRIL IS DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Why dental hygiene is essential for overall health

The importance of maintaining clean teeth and healthy gums goes beyond having fresh breath and a white smile. Many people are surprised to discover that oral hygiene plays an integral role in overall health.

Research indicates that oral health mirrors the condition of the body as a whole. Also, regular dental visits can alert dentists about overall health and pinpoint if a person is at a risk for chronic disease. An oral health check-up also may be the first indication of a potential health issue not yet evident to a general medical doctor.

Heart disease

According to the Academy of General Dentistry, there is a distinct relationship between periodontal disease and conditions such as heart disease and stroke. Joint teams at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom and the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, found that people with bleeding gums from poor dental hygiene could have an increased risk of heart disease. Bacteria from the mouth is able to enter the bloodstream when bleeding gums are present. That bacteria can stick to platelets and subsequently form blood clots. This interrupts the flow of blood to the heart and may trigger a heart attack. Brushing and flossing twice daily and rinsing with mouthwash can remove bacteria and keep gums healthy.

Facial pain

The Office of the Surgeon General says infections of the gums that support the teeth can lead to facial and oral pain. Gingivitis, which is an

early stage of gum disease, as well as advanced gum disease, affects more than 75 percent of the American population.

Dental decay can lead to its own share of pain. Maintaining a healthy mouth can fend off decay and infections, thereby preventing pain.

Pancreatic cancer

In 2007, the Harvard School of Public Health reported a link between gum disease and pancreatic cancer. In the ongoing study, 51,000 men were followed and data was collected beginning in 1986. The Harvard researchers found that men with a history of gum disease had a 64 percent increased risk of pancreatic cancer compared with men who had never had gum disease. The greatest risk for pancreatic cancer among this group was in men with recent tooth loss. However, the study was unable to find links between other types of oral health problems, such as tooth decay, and pancreatic cancer.

Alzheimer's disease

Various health ailments, including poor oral health, have been linked to a greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. In 2010, after reviewing 20 years' worth of data, researchers from New York University concluded that there is a link between gum inflammation and Alzheimer's disease. Follow-up studies from researchers at the University of Central Lancashire in the United Kingdom compared brain samples from 10 living patients with Alzheimer's to samples from 10 people who did not have the disease. Data indicated that a bacte-



rium - *Porphyromonas gingivalis* - was present in the Alzheimer's brain samples but not in the samples from the brains of people who did not have Alzheimer's. *P. gingivalis* is usually associated with chronic gum disease. As a result of the study, experts think that the bacteria can move via nerves in the roots of teeth

that connect directly with the brain or through bleeding gums.

These health conditions are just a sampling of the relationship between oral health and overall health. Additional connections also have been made and continue to be studied.

How to ease your dental anxiety

Few people relish the idea of going to the dentist. Dentists prod and poke sensitive areas of the mouth, but their efforts are for the benefit of their patients.

Fear of the dentist's chair is not uncommon, and that anxiety prevents millions of people from seeking proper preventative dental care. The consequences of succumbing to those fears extend beyond pain or lost teeth. Diseases of the mouth have been linked to other ailments, including diabetes, stroke and heart disease.

A fear of the dentist may stem from past unpleasant experiences, such as a dentist with a poor chair-side manner, while others may fear the lack of control they experience while in a dentist's chair. According to Ellen Rodino, PhD, who has studied dental fear, lying down with a dentist hovering above you can be off-putting. Couple that with the discomfort many people have when instruments that interfere with their ability to communicate are placed in their mouths, and fear of the dental chair does not seem so unreasonable.

Easing fears at the dental office involves communication with the dentist and his or her staff, as well as finding a dentist with whom you feel comfortable. Working through your fears of the dentist is an important step toward getting the oral health care you need.

Gagging

According to the Canadian Dental Association, authors of the study, "Gagging and Its Associations With Dental Care-Related Fear, Fear of Pain and Beliefs About Treatment" found patients who have a higher frequency of gagging problems during a dental visit are more likely to experience higher levels of dental care-related fear and fear of pain. They also may have more negative beliefs about dental professionals and dental treatment.

Patients should discuss their propensity for gagging with the dentist or hygienist in advance. Some dentists can recommend nose breathing and other relaxation techniques. Distractions, such as televisions in

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fears of the dentist's chair. On your next dental visit, bring a pair of headphones and some favorite music to listen to while you're in the chair.

Pain

Some dentists cause unnecessary fear in patients because they assume every person in the chair has the same pain threshold. One person may be able to tolerate a tooth extraction without numbing, while another may need pain relief for a routine cleaning.

Fearful patients should make their needs and fears known. Speak to your dentist about what can be done to deal with the pain. Discuss the procedure and find out if novocaine or another pain reliever can be used. Although use of nitrous oxide, commonly known as laughing gas, has diminished in dental practices, a dentist may offer medication to relieve anxiety or even sedate patients who are especially nervous.

Pain may be more tolerable if you ask the dentist to take frequent breaks or use a numbing agent on your gums. Dentists may prescribe a sensitivity-relieving toothpaste prior to certain dental procedures if your teeth are sensitive to hot and cold.

freedom when choosing a dentist. In either case, people should interview dentists and get recommendations from others to find a provider that will keep comfort and care in mind. Especially fearful individuals may need to use a dentist who specializes in sedation dentistry to make their

visits more tolerable.

Avoiding the dentist because of perceived pain or other fears is unnecessary. Advancements in today's dentistry coupled with open communication can alleviate situations that cause anxiety.

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the examination room, also can help to relieve anxiety and the likelihood that you may gag while in the dentist's chair.

Dentist also may opt for smaller cleaning instruments or take other measures to reduce the likelihood of stimulating a gagging reflex.

Sounds

The sounds of cleaning tools and drills elicit fear in many people. But ignoring or avoiding such sounds can help men and women conquer their

Rushing

Patients can help themselves relieve anxiety by choosing appointment times that are convenient and at times when they're less likely to be rushed. An early-morning appointment or a weekend appointment may have patients in and out faster, which cuts down on anxiety-inducing wait time.

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Winkler Cricket Club hosting fest

By Lorne Stelmach

A local club is working to promote and build the game of cricket in the area.

The Winkler Cricket Club is planning a cricket festival next Saturday to give the community a chance to get a feel for the game.

"We invite the entire community to come participate in this ... see how cricket is played ... see the competition," says club president Zahid Zehri. "We think people are interested ... this event is going to be the foundation ... our plan is to gradually get the cricket club more established here."

The afternoon of cricket will get underway at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 29 at the Winkler arena.

The local club started about two years ago and has done well in its initial tournament play through the Manitoba Cricket Association, finishing as runner-up in 2015 and then earning a third place finish in 2016.

Zehri estimates they have between 15-20 players to draw on regularly, but they expects those numbers to continue to grow.

"Some of them are very committed ... they have a passion ... so they always take the time ... seven to nine are always available," he suggests.

Zehri sees the club gaining more support in the area as people come to be more familiar with the game.

"It's not as known on this side of the ocean ... but on the other side of the ocean there's billions of people who love it," he pointed out.

Cricket will gain ground here, as well, as more people come to this region from other areas of the world.

"We are expecting to get more players from different countries," Zehri says. "As people get to know we have a cricket team established here, people are trying to contact us."

To further help grow the game here, the club is working with the City of



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Morden's Ryan Hunt gave it his all at the Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association performance last Friday evening at the Pierson & Area Indoor Rodeo. In addition to bull riding, the two-day rodeo also included barrel racing, ranch horse competitions, Little Buckaroos rodeo events, and more.

Winkler and Garden Valley School Division to develop an official cricket pitch.

Team representatives met recently with school trustees about the idea, and there is already an agreement in place for the city to lease the undeveloped land adjacent to Northlands Parkway Collegiate for the pitch.

Zehri says they would also like to establish a local academy to help youth get into the game.

"We're going to have one certified coach who can go into the high schools and also teach them," he says. "We want the kids to be able to try cricket and to enjoy it."

Mandeep Saini, Winkler Cricket

Club coach, agrees there is good potential for the game in this region.

"We are doing pretty good ... I think we are gaining ground here," he says. "We want to establish our club here and coach kids ... I'm trying to do my best job to promote cricket in the area."

Start your engines

ALH Motor Speedway kicks off the racing season on Sunday, April 30

By Lorne Stelmach

Another racing season is gearing up to get underway at the ALH Motor Speedway.

Promoter Al Hildebrand was anxious to get things going for a seventh season at the track west of Morden, though it also begins on a sombre note for competitors and fans.

The racing community is mourning the death of racer Brad Wall, who was killed in a motor vehicle accident south of Winkler last month.

"He was a very avid racer ... very enthusiastic about it ... he lived and breathed racing," says Hildebrand, who hopes to pay tribute to Wall sometime this season with an event similar to the track's annual Darren Baker Memorial races.

The ALH Motor Speedway is among 50 tracks sanctioned by the Wisconsin and Minnesota based Wissota association, which also includes tracks in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Ontario, and Alberta.

Racing will go most Sundays this summer starting at 4 p.m. The first racing day of the season is Sunday, April 30.

"The pits open up ... spectators can come in earlier," says Hildebrand. "It's generally three hours of racing with an intermission in between."

As always, there will be various classes, from pure stocks and street stocks to A-mods and B-mods. A new favourite back from last year is the slingshots.

"We started them last year and will be doing that again ... that's for the young kids ... that was a real crowd favorite," says Hildebrand.

"They are racing a car that's very similar to the big ones, it's just that it's a miniature version. It's just shrunk down for their size. They run at 40 hp. engine," he explains.

"It's five times, I think, that the super trucks will join us this year as well," he adds. "So we've got a full contingent. I think we're putting on at least 14 or 15 races this year."

Much depends on the weather, of course, including the track conditions, says Hildebrand.

"The track is good. Last year we had a few frost boils and stuff like that," he says.

"We add clay to it all the time ... as the drivers wear it off ... we keep add-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Al Hildebrand of the ALH Motor Speedway outside Morden says the track is ready to go for the first day of races on Sunday, April 30.

ing clay throughout the season. A few years ago we refinished the whole track ... so it doesn't get too worn down."

Hildebrand says he wants to offer the racers a track that won't be as much about the horsepower.

"This whole track is set up with drivability in mind ... it's not about the horsepower. The big horse power doesn't really matter," says Hildebrand, who believes the track has established itself well now among the racing community.

"Usually we have anywhere from a low of 50 to 75 cars a race. Last year, I

think we had 73 cars for opening day," he says.

"Racers come from all over the place. We've have them from Ontario, Saskatchewan ... a lot come up from Winnipeg, naturally ... quite a few are coming up from the States as well.

"Last year was the best year that we have had," he adds. "We are excited about the new season. It's going to be a banner year I believe.

"I think of the race fans and racers are really enthusiastic to get going and are ready for the season."

For more information about the races, head to alhmotorspeedway.com.

Bird watching workshop in Winkler next week

By Lorne Stelmach

A crash course next week on bird watching is also aimed at helping build interest for a local project in Winkler.

A Rocha is partnering with the Winkler Horticultural Society for the introduction to bird watching workshop Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Winkler Library.

"This workshop is partly intended to prepare local residents for a possible bird sanctuary area in Winkler's north east corner," explained A Rocha director Jamie Fox.

The workshop will also include presentations by the society on the bird sanctuary project as well as plans for a butterfly garden in the city.

The sanctuary is intended to attract and support bird populations while providing a more natural space for

residents to enjoy. It will include walking paths, benches, nesting cages, and a boardwalk.

Fox said they are keen to support and help promote the project, as it ties in with their mission as a Christian-based conservation organization.

"Usually around this time of the year, we do an event around bird watching," he said.

It can be a challenging hobby to get into in earnest, though, when it comes to learning what to look for to knowing what you are seeing.

"Birds are beautiful creatures, and they're interesting ... and they all have their unique personalities," said Fox, noting this area seems to be regarded as a good region for birds.

"We do get a wide variety of birds and especially at this time of year when there is a lot of traffic ... and

some that are more rare and uncommon."

This is a key time for bird watching with so many birds returning to southern Manitoba.

Some will stick around all summer, while others are just passing through, and Fox suggested this workshop will be beneficial if you've ever wondered what those birds are, where they came from, or where they're going.

The talk will be facilitated by Luc Blanchette, an expert birder and educator, who will introduce people to the birds they are most likely to see and explain when and where to spot the less common ones.

He has been associated with and a friend of A Rocha for quite some time, Fox noted.

"He's been connected with us for quite a while," he said. "Last year, we

had him do a talk on insect ecology, and that was very fascinating, and he's a very interesting and engaging speaker."



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Winkler students medal at Skills Manitoba

By Lorne Stelmach

Two Winkler vocational students were among the best in their fields at a provincial competition last week.

Daniel Banman Janzen and Calvin

Wiebe earned medals at the April 13 Skills Manitoba competition at Red River College in Winnipeg.

Banman Janzen brought home a silver medal in the outdoor power and recreation equipment category while

Wiebe won bronze in the electrical installation competition.

"It's like nothing I've ever done before," says Wiebe, a student at Northlands Parkway Collegiate, which runs the RRTVA electrical program.

Wiebe was tested on a standard residential wiring project as well as another that reflected a bit more of a commercial application. He also had to wire a number of different devices, including a doorbell.

The Gr. 12 student says the competition was a great challenge.

"The stress is totally different than anything you normally encounter because you have your time limit, your goal is to complete the project as accurately as possible," says Wiebe.

He adds it feels great to have earned the medal and believes it will open doors in the future.

"Even just getting to go to Skills Manitoba is great for the resume," he says. "It's a great experience ... and I think any employer will see that as a favorable thing."

Banman Janzen, who is also a student from NPC but does his vocational training at Garden Valley Collegiate, also gave the Skills Manitoba

experience the thumbs up.

"It was great to do it," he says. "It was a good experience."

Banman Janzen explains he had to complete a number of tasks, including a valve adjustment and compression test, labelling components of a carburetor, and taking apart an engine and putting it back together.

"We did some practice here in class, took apart an engine and did the measurements we were going to do there ... also did a little reading on carburetors," he says. "Valve adjustments I hadn't done that much ... definitely learned something."

Another half dozen students from the region also competed in the 20th annual event, including Evan Klassen of W.C. Miller and David Thiessen of GVC in automotive service, Tristen Malvaney Letkeman of École Reg. St. Jean Baptiste in nail technology, Tobias Schlegel of GVC in carpentry, Eric Warms of GVC in outdoor power and recreation equipment, and Joshua Nickel of GVC in workplace safety.



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Skills MB medalists Calvin Wiebe (left) and Daniel Banman Janzen.

Diamond deal is no golden opportunity, police warn

The Manitoba Securities Commission (MSC) and the Winkler Police Service are warning about a potentially fraudulent scheme that has cropped up in our area.

The two agencies issued a joint warning last week about PayDiamond.com, an internet-based distribution company purportedly operating from Hong Kong.

Evidence indicates the company may be operating a so-called pyramid scheme.

In a pyramid or ponzi scheme, investors are promised high returns. They operate by paying interest to investors with money brought in by new investors. These new investors are attracted by stories of people claiming to be getting high returns, and in some cases by receiving small amounts of money back in the early stages of the scheme.

However, these schemes inevitably collapse and investors lose money.

PayDiamond's model is to raise money from investors and pool it in a fund to purchase raw diamonds which the company purchases, cuts, polishes, and markets.

Investors are called "affiliates" and buy-in at between \$200 and \$36,000

for terms up to 50 weeks. Investors are supposed to receive a weekly payment until the end of the term when the diamonds are sold and profits are split with the affiliates.

"There is a heavy emphasis on recruiting new investors," says Len Terlinski, MSC investigator. "An 'affiliate' is paid based on the amount invested by people he or she recruits. This is a red flag."

"Additionally, the 'affiliate memberships' maybe be considered a trade

in a security, and PayDiamond is not registered to sell securities in Manitoba."

MSC has recently received calls about the legitimacy of PayDiamond, while the Winkler Police Service has received reports of local residents who have been recruited into the scheme.

"We are aware of a Winkler resident who has recruited at least five individuals into the scheme," says Cst. Chris Kalansky. "This individual has

convinced friends and family to invest in PayDiamond, and has profited through recruitment fees.

"This is a classic pyramid/ponzi scheme model."

Members of the public are advised to contact MSC or local police if they believe they have been targeted by a fraud attempt. MSC's anti-fraud line is 1-855-FRAUD-MB.

The public can also visit recognizeinvestmentfraud.com for more information on common scams.

Police board assessing survey results

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Police Board is going through the results of a month-long survey done on policing in the community.

The survey was available through the month of March to give residents an opportunity to share their safety concerns and expectations for policing in Morden.

Board chair Rich Harries says they are still reviewing the results of the

survey and will assess things further at their next board meeting in June.

In general, though, the 274 responses were largely positive towards local police, he says, and people by and large said they feel safe here.

"A few of the priority areas that kind of came to the surface would appear to be things like drugs and distracted driving."

Harries says the survey offered a good chance for the board to engage with the community to understand

how the Morden Police Service is doing and what the priorities and expectations are when it comes to overall safety and security in Morden.

"I think a reassuring or nice thing to see, from our perspective, was that 88 per cent we're satisfied with their experience with the Morden Police Service," he says.

Harries suggests it is vital that the board get a feel for how the commu-

Agriculture

Ukraine, Russian crops looking good

By Harry Siemens

Crop scout Mike Lee says the crops in Ukraine and Russia are looking good.

The reporter with @AgronomyUkraine (agronomyukraine.blogspot.ca) recently toured the two nations assessing winter wheat and plans to be back doing a spring crop tour next month.

"We covered about ... 2,000 kilometers, 2,500 kilometers to get a good look at the winter wheat crops across Russia and Ukraine," said Lee of his Black Sea tour a few months ago.

He said while still pretty early in the season, it's a little bit further advanced than normal, meaning a weather window with the crops just emerging from under the snow makes things look a little bleak.

"Leaving aside the cosmetic brownness and sad-looking crops it's basically all okay, really," he said. "There's been no significant winter kill."

"There was some question marks about southern Ukraine and southern Russia because there was a period in January and February where the snow had melted, and there was some very cold weather, so there was a concern," he said. "But there's nothing of any significance anywhere. We do have some thoughts on the condition of the crop going forward, but as it's come out of the winter right now it looks okay. It could be better. It always could be better, but there are no major issues at this stage."

"Last year was a record crop out of the Black Sea, record crop out of Russia, and high-yielding crops out of Ukraine, and the crop condition is in a similar situation as it was this time last year," Lee added.

"Going forward I just don't see the same record crop that we're going to see in 2017 that we saw in 2016. I think there was a combination of weather events through 2016 that we're unlikely to repeat in 2017."

"Also, the farmer in me thinks that we're overdue a difficult season," he said. "We've had some fairly good years in the Black Sea, and I remember it wasn't that long ago ... where we had some fairly hot dry summers and crops getting burned off and fairly severe conditions. We soon

forget after a period of several good years on the run that that's normal."

Lee said soybeans are being pushed across the two nations by their governments.

They're very keen to get farmers into growing soybeans, he said, and the hectares have increased in recent years to upwards of 2.2 million in Ukraine.

It's still a relatively small crop compared to wheat, corn, sunflower, but it's also a more technically demanding crop to grow in the Black Sea, Lee noted.

"I've grown it ... and we just couldn't get it to yield. It looked great, pro-

duced all the leaf, it merged and everything. When we came in to combine it, it was always very disappointing."

He thinks there an issue with last year's Russian crop because everyone seems to quick to say there is no quality problem, but that tells him there could be one.

"There's a big crop there, and it hasn't shifted at the pace you would have expected it to have done, and there's a lot of carryover stocks sitting in sheds as we speak," Lee said "The official take on it is that the ruble exchange rate has made it uncompetitive and farmers have been hanging

onto it. They're going to need to start shifting it because they'll need the space. They'll need the storage space."

Lee said producers can contact him through his website or follow him on Twitter at @AgronomyUkraine.

"We're taking subscriptions for the rest of the season, and the reports were written up now," he said. "The next plan is middle to end of May we're going to do another run around the Black Sea, this time to look at the condition of the wheat as it's moved on, but also to look at the condition of the spring planted crops, in particular, corn, sunflower, and soybeans."



By Harry Siemens

G3 announces two new elevators

In late March, G3 Canada Limited (G3) announced it will construct two new primary elevators in Saskatchewan.

The sites are located approximately five kilometers north of Melville and seven kilometers west of Saskatoon.

Even as it gets those projects going, the company is also hard at work on its export grain terminal, G3 Terminal Vancouver, at Lynnterm West Gate in the City of North Vancouver at the Port of Vancouver.

Had former ag minister Gerry Ritz under the Harper government not removed the croaky old Canadian Wheat Board monopoly and given new life to grain handling and movement business, this may never have happened, at least not this quickly.

"Growing our origination footprint in Saskatchewan is the next step in G3's plans to build a highly competitive coast-to-coast grain handling network," said company CEO Karl Gerrand in regards to the elevators announcement. "These two new locations are being constructed with the same state-of-the-art truck delivery and rail shipping features as our other new facilities, which are key components of G3's excellent customer service offering."

G3 said the new elevators will

feature high capacity drags under the drive shed, enabling trucks to unload quickly and will be on CN Rail lines with 134-car loop tracks, providing G3 with rail access to its Thunder Bay and St. Lawrence River terminals, and to G3 Terminal Vancouver once it becomes operational in 2020.

The new elevators will have 34,000 tonnes and 42,000 tonnes of storage capacity.

Construction on the elevators will start this month and is slated for completion before the 2018 harvest.

"It's exciting times for us as we continue to build out our coast-to-coast enterprise," said Gerrand. "We're very pleased and proud of what we've got going off the east coast to Canada, but where our real opportunity lies in on West coast flow."

"The Vancouver terminal is our crown jewel of our enterprise," he added. "It's going to be something that's going to change the flow of grain off the west coast of Canada. We believe it'll be transformational for our industry."

"Introducing the power on the loop-to-loop model, which is going to add incredible velocity to moving grain off the west coast, we believe it will shave significant cycle time in the movement of grain from farm to

port as much as perhaps 40 per cent reduction in cycle time."

Gerrand said that's based on the loop-to-loop design technology they're implementing, which no one else in the industry will be capable of.

"Of course, you know there's lots of loop tracks being built in western Canada, but no one has the loop at the export facility," he said. "Being able to leave that locomotive on, leave the power on so you don't have to go through that three, four-hour disconnect and re-mobilize. Keeping the trains intact, the full 134 car train, significant to the industry as far as moving grain."

The two new facilities will bring G3's total locations to six, including four in Saskatchewan and two in Manitoba.

"We chose these two new locations specifically because they can tend to flow eastward as well as westward in Canada," Gerrand said. "We've we have 10 to build, but we wanted to do the two most eastward ones first, and that's why Melville and Saskatoon West came up."

Gerrand said being a new kid on the block they're trying to find their place in this market.

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Mordenites facing drug trafficking charges

Two Morden residents are facing charges after a traffic stop led to a drug bust last week.

Police stopped a suspicious vehicle April 11 around 9 p.m. near the corner of Wardrop Street and Birchwood

Drive.

After further investigation, police seized a quantity of pre-packaged cocaine from inside the vehicle. The regional support tactical team then executed two search warrants early

Morden Police seized over 40 grams of cocaine in a drug bust last week. Two Morden residents now face possession and trafficking charges.

MORDEN POLICE PHOTO



the next morning.

Officers seized over 40 grams of cocaine, four cell phones, a scale, packaging materials, cutting agent, and a small amount of money.

Shannon Fontaine and Jennifer Giesbrecht, both from Morden, have been charged with drug possession, possession for trafficking, and possession of goods obtained by crime.

Both were released to appear in court in May.

Other items of note in the weekly police reports include:

- Morden police received a complaint of mischief April 13.

A vehicle parked near the back lane connecting 16th St. and 17th St. in Morden had a black marker used on its side.

Residents in the area have also noticed other small acts of mischief.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com, or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

- Police received a report from a Morden resident April 15 of a suspicious vehicle parked in their bay.

Upon speaking with the occupants, police detected a faint odor of marijuana and found a small amount of the drug.

Two people were given warnings.

- During the past week, Morden police issued nine notices to motorists including five for drivers using their cell phones or other devices while driving a vehicle.

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> POLICE BOARD SURVEY, FROM PG. 20

nity feels the department is doing and what should be priorities moving forward.

"It coincides nicely with us kind of going back to our strategic plan and

really trying to strengthen that document ... as far as even some measurables that might be in there," he says. "This now gives us a good baseline for doing that."

> CN RAIL, FROM PG. 15

train and a heavier emphasis on a port, so those shorter cycle trips mean that overall we can get the equipment back to destination or back to origin a lot faster," said Przednowek.

"We've seen a change in the mix over time. It's meant less long hauling and more movement, more emphasis by the grain companies on the movement to port, and all those things that meant being able to come up with a bigger spotting program.

"Our operations team has done an excellent job through the winter, even with a couple of bad storms of course."

Przednowek said marketing and selling grain becomes vital when everyone steps up to the plate to improve the entire system and create more grain movement.

"I know there are some challenges this year with quality. Certainly the poor weather in the fall meant a lower quality grade profile, especially for some commodities like, certainly a lot

of old crop off grade lentils still out there, a lot of lower grade durum," he said. "We had some pretty bad quality, particularly out west this year. So that's meant some challenges. And it's meant that certainly through the fall time and into the winter, we didn't see as strong a wheat movement; and we saw other commodities come to the fore."

Przednowek said a great example is soybeans with farmers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan looking to plant

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 21

"We know we're going to be a smaller player, but we want to be one that's highly efficient and one that can move grain in a very efficient way," he said. "We're trying to value what's really important to the farmer.

"When a farmer shows up, we want to be able to unload their grain as fast as we can. We're right now unloading

2,000,000 acres in Western Canada this year.

"We've seen strong soybean movement right through. Of course, that's tailing off now with the South American crop coming to the fore and moving the market, but where some commodities have been slower, we've had stronger movement in others and net overall, we're moving these strong volumes of grain," he said.

"We got Thunder Bay all cleaned up now as well, so that's gonna mean a

trucks in under five minutes, in some cases under three minutes," Gerand said. "We'll never be the biggest player, we just are trying to carve out a niche in this market where we can provide some value to the farmers and where they can see some value.

"Not to mention, our farmer equity trust is available to the farmers. It's

bump year at the opening of shipping for grain shipments east."

Things get even better long term.

G3 Grain's construction of an export grain terminal in B.C. will speed up the system, Przednowek said.

"That's gonna be a real game changer in this business," he said. "This facility, once it comes online in a couple of years time, is gonna have three loops, they're gonna be able to accept unit trains and that's gonna mean quicker cycling of assets through a port."

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Friday, April 28, 2017
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- **Mock Trial** *R. v. Peter Rabbit* presented by Ecolé Morden Middle School from 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
- **Impaired Driving Investigations Q & A** - Learn how roadside breath samples are taken, used in trials, and their effect on license status (during Mock Trial Jury Deliberation)
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- Curtail M
- Amitrol 240
- Maverick
- 24D Amine

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

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1. Computer security philosophy (abbr.)
4. "Antman" actor Paul
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11. Stem
12. Public house
13. Outdated monetary units
15. Experiences again
16. Took possession of (Brit.)
17. Absolved
18. "His Airness"
21. Unhappy
22. The entirety
23. Meds without prescription
24. James Bond is one
25. Signal
26. Midwife
27. "The Who" guitarist
34. "Independence Day" actor
35. East Asian territory
36. Moved slowly
37. God of Assyria
38. Highland
39. Photographers' requests
40. Makes tractors
41. Witnesses
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2. Known for its sultans
3. Boston hoopster
4. An evangelistic meeting
5. Inconsistent
6. Challenged
7. Hideaways
9. Members of Mennonite sect
10. Cogently
12. Univ. of Maryland mascot
14. The Caspian is one
15. Greek letter
17. Law degree
19. Respected
20. Resin-like substance
23. A basis for
24. Popular horror movie franchise
25. Basements
26. Boxing promoter King
27. Plucked
28. Small amount
29. Shape-memory alloy
30. Metal plates
31. Resonated
32. Sickness
33. Coercion
34. Franz van ____, German diplomat
36. Type of ranch

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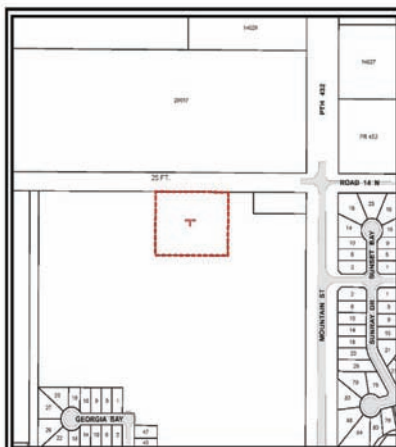
On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:
THE CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 4-2017
Being an AMENDMENT to the CITY OF MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 22-2008, AS AMENDED

HEARING LOCATION: Morden Civic Centre
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB
DATE & TIME: Monday, April 24, 2017 @ 7:00pm
FROM: "CR" Commercial Reserve
TO: "I" Institutional District
AREA: Minor Subdivision 4433-15-7463

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Haines,
P. Eng.; Planning & Engineering
133-7th Street, Morden, MB
Phone: (204) 822-4434

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the Morden Civic Centre 100-195 Stephen Street, during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made an extracts taken therefrom, upon request.



Schedule "A"

City of Morden

Lot 17 Block 2 Plan 54832

ME 1:4 7-3-5 WPM

Issued 27 Feb 2017

Legend

Person to be registered

Attached to and forming part of

By-Law No. 04-2017

Amending Zoning By-Law No. 22-2008

FROM: "CR" Commercial Reserve TO: "I" Institutional

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The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2182-17, of the City of Winkler.

THE GENERAL INTENT OF THE ABOVE BY-LAW NO. 2182-17, IS TO ZONE THE LAND DESCRIBED BELOW, NAMELY: **LOTS 1 & 2, PLAN 59497 MLTO IN THE W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 8-3-4 WPM** as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

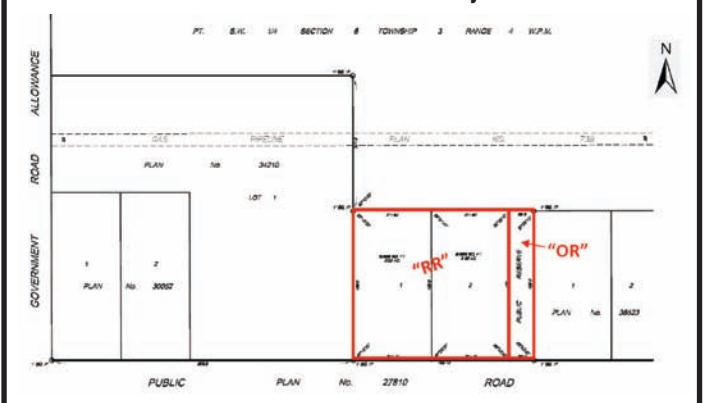
FROM: "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE
TO: "RR" RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND "OR" OPEN SPACE RECREATION ZONE



A copy of the above By-Law No. 2182-17, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office. DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 30th day of March, 2017.

Designated Officer
City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A" To By-Law 2182-17



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AUCTION

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SAT., APRIL 29 • 10 AM

3/4 mile south of jct. Hwy's 14 and # 3
This is at our annual auction Winkler/Morden site.



Please see our website www.billklassen.com Click on the Findlay auction and see line up selling order as you click the online button on the right side "Bidspotter" A nice line up of machinery as well. We have consignments coming in on this auction, JD 2130 with 145 loader, cab 1980 IHC 1724 single axle grain truck, only 73,000 one owner km's.

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AUCTION

1980 IHC 1724 3 TON TRUCK



MV 404 engine. 5+2 short fourth transmission. 8.5x14 Loadline box with roll tarp and hydraulic corner cleanout. 900x20 tires (excellent condition). 73000 km one owner Plumbed for end gate drill fill auger. Recent safety.

SAT., APRIL 29 • 10 AM

Findlay Farm Auction 3/4 mile south of Jct. hwy's 3 and 14 Winkler/Morden.

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AUCTION

LARGE MIX FARM AUCTION
FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • 10 AM

FOR GARRY AND CINDY KLASSEN AND FAMILY. GRAIN EQUIPMENT, CATTLE EQUIPMENT, ETC, 5 MILES SOUTH OF PLUM COULEE ON #306 AND 1 MILE EAST ON ROAD 8, YARD # 8015.



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AUCTION

GARRY AND CINDY KLASSEN FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

FRI., APRIL 21, 2017 • 10 AM

PLUM COULEE, MANITOBA

LOCATION: AT THE FARM - FROM PLUM COULEE JCT. HWY'S 14 AND 306, TAKE 306 SOUTH 5 MILES, AND 1 MILE EAST ON ROAD 8 NORTH, YARD # 8015.



1995 John Deere 8400 FWA, 1980 John Deere 4440 tractor. 2012 Case Maximum 110, fwa, w/L745 loader, Global carrier buckets, Cab, 3hyd 3pth, 2100 hrs. John Deere 20 HP 650 Diesel FWA, 3pth, pto Gear drive, compact tractor. 1998 Volvo Highway tractor, 430 hp S 60 series Detroit, 18 Speed, safetied. 1988 Kenworth W 900, Cat, 13 speed, Tri axle truck, 20 ft live box silage end gate, safetied. 1997 Lode King 53 ft Tandem axle high boy trailer, safetied. 1992 Load Line 30 ft tri axle End Dump, grain / silage end gate, safetied. 1998 John Deere 9610 combine. John Deere 7000 planter 8 x 36 w/ Trash coulters, dry fertilizer, reg. hitch. John Deere 9350 pan press drills DD, 3 X10' = 30 ft, on carrier. Just a partial list. Check catalog or website. Owners 204 216 1550. **Internet bidding on this auction begins at 10.30 am.**

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AUCTION

THOMAS AND MARY GEORGE FARM AUCTION

SAT., MAY 6, 2017 • 11 AM

HAYWOOD/ST CLAUDE, MANITOBA AREA.

OWNERS: 204-745-3819 FROM ST. CLAUDE, MANITOBA 3 MILES EAST ON HWY #2 AND 3 1/4 MILES NORTH ON ROAD 35W.



2006 New Holland model TL90ADT Serial #F4CE0454E, MFWD, 3pth, dual pto, and hyd, ROPS, with Q-40 Quickie loader, Joy stick, bucket with Grapple, manure bucket, bale spear, tractor hours are 3155 at listing. 1992 Ford model 7710 MFWD tractor, cab, 3pth, triple hyd, 18.4x34 duals 8161 hrs. 1986 Gehl Skid steer model 4610, Perkins diesel, operator gauge, with bucket Serial #074107. 2007 New Holland 1475 Haybine newer guards and knife, 16ft head, nice condition shedded Serial #Y613490245. 2006 New Holland BR780A Round baler, wide pickup, good unit shedded, Serial #5309. New Holland 269 square baler in good working order in shed. New Holland model 166 swath turner in shed. New Holland # 1000 square bale stacker hauler, 55 bale Cap. Lily 5 wheel side delivery rake Truck frame two axle large 17 bale hauler dual 900x20 tires, farm tractor hitch. Goose neck trailer. Yard only. 3pth hook up, triple axel, 8ftx24ft deck, with ramps. 3 ton truck frame trailer with 14' grain box and hoist with farm tractor hitch and hydraulics. Internet bidding will be available on this auction.

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AUCTION

JOHN DEERE 2130 DIESEL, 145 LOADER, CAB, 3 PTH NICE CONDITION



SAT., APRIL 29 • 10 AM

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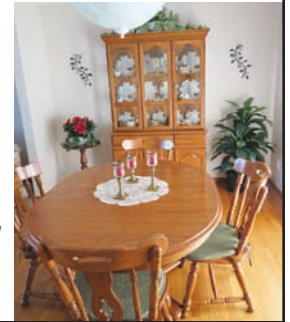
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AUCTION

LARGE GRAIN AND CATTLE FARM AUCTION

SAT., APRIL 22 • 10 AM
NORTH OF ALTAMONT OFF HWY 23 AND EAST ON MILE 31. NEXT TO ST. LUCIPIN VILLAGE



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AUCTION

GOOD FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

SAT., APRIL 29 • 10 AM
AT OUR AUCTION SITE 3/4 MILE SOUTH OF BOUNDARY TRAILS HOSPITAL, WINKLER/MORDEN.

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OBITUARY



Verna Earl (nee Calder)

December 30, 1923 - April 10, 2017

Verna Earl passed away peacefully, with family by her side at the Boundary Trails Health Center at the age of 93 years, on April 10, 2017.

Verna is survived by her daughter: Donna (Ron) Bremaud, their children: Ryan (Amanda), Anthony (Paige) Holden, Payton, Erin (Kent) Raymond, Alanna and Colton; her son: Gordon (Grace), and their children: Kevin (Jen), Ava, Preston, Chloe, Brian (Carla), Gemma, Rowyn, Kerri (Sam) Jerema, Oakley and Gabriella. Her sister Jean(Archie) Weiss and her brother Keith.

Verna is predeceased by her husband Harold; her parents; brothers Glenn (Peggy) and Ross; sisters: Ethel and Jerri (Doug).

Verna was a life member of the Morris United Church, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 111, and the Rebeccas. She loved the farm and was proud to be able to drive any piece of equipment. She loved music, travel, playing cards and spent many hours on the golf course. She was most recently a resident of Homestead South where she met many new friends. Family was deeply valued and she loved the visits from grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jason Zhang and the Boundary trails ER staff for their excellent care

The funeral service for Verna was held Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Morris United Church. Burial of the urn took place in the Morris Cemetery

Donations in memory of Verna may be made to the Heart And Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

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City Office: 325-9524

OBITUARY



Earla Grace Titchkosky

(nee Evanson)

1930 - 2017

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Earla Titchkosky, aged 87 years of Morden, MB on Monday, April 10, 2017 at her home.

She will be remembered and forever missed by her children, Debbie Hodgson (Brian), Lori Robinson (Bruce) and Shelly Love (Ron); her grandchildren, Linsey (Darren), Evan, Trent, Brett, Leah, Riley and Luke; her great-grandchildren, Mac and Lucy; her sister, Helen Rufelds; her brother-in-law, Carl Rufelds and many nieces and nephews and close friends. Earla was predeceased by her husband, Clarence Titchkosky (2011) and granddaughter, Kyla

(1990).

Oh Mom, we will miss you so. You were our rock and #1 cheerleader throughout our lives. We will never forget your efforts to get your three young daughters looking their best for Sunday Church, complete with matching hats and gloves. And every warm day in the summer, you would take us to Colert Beach for a swim and a treat. You were such a devoted Mom. You were generous beyond words to all of us. You also embraced the "Grandma spoils grandkids" role very easily! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Mom married Dad in 1950 and spent the rest of her life in Morden. The community was most certainly her "happy place". She enjoyed meeting her friends for morning coffee and breakfast on the weekends. A summer highlight was always the family week spent at Clear Lake. She was the first to the table for the game of cards with the grandkids.

Mom and Dad travelled extensively during their time together - China, Italy, Hawaii, Las Vegas to name a few. They loved Folklorama and would make numerous trips into Winnipeg during the festival. Mom so enjoyed attending curling events throughout her life. In later years, she would be glued to her TV for each and every curling draw. The Winnipeg Blue Bombers have also lost a very loyal fan.

After Dad passed, Mom moved into Homestead South. Here she developed many wonderful new friendships. A big thank you to her friends and the staff for ensuring Earla was always so well cared for.

Memorial service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at St. Paul's United Church in Morden with ash interment at Hillside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Earla's memory to the St. Paul's United Church or Morden Tabor Home Building Fund.

Mom, we love you to the moon and back.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden
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OBITUARY



Susana (Susie) Wall nee Funk

December 22, 1920 - March 30, 2017

Susie Wall passed away peacefully on March 30, 2017 at the Tabor Home in Morden at the age of 96 years.

Susie is survived by two sisters-in-law: Margaret Funk and Susan Funk; many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Jacob Wall and her 12 siblings.

Over the years she had various hobbies such as gardening, sewing, knitting and crocheting. In the latter years while her eyes were still good she knit many toques, scarves, mitts and afghans and donated them to a local charity. She also loved baking and canning; the buns and cookies on the faspas table were always her specialty.

Susie and her husband Jacob were faithful members of the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Church.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Church. Burial took place in the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Hesom for her years of care, Plum Coulee Bergthaler Church family, Pastor Glen and Karen Siemens, the Tabor Home Staff for their great care, and Corey and Eldon of Morris Funeral Home.

Donations in memory of Susie may be made to Faith Mission (425 Roblin Blvd East, Winkler, Manitoba R6W 0H2).

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All eyes on Morden as city hosts Esso Cup



By Lorne Stelmach

All eyes will be on Morden next week as the city hosts the 2017 Esso Cup.

The National Female Midget Hockey Championship will put the city in the spotlight, and organizing committee chair Clare Agnew says we're more than up for challenge.

"People are getting excited about

it, and events are coming together," she says. "I think there is a lot of interest in the community and hopefully we'll be able to build that even more yet."

Planning for the tournament, which began nearly two years ago when Morden's bid got the nod, have gone smoothly thanks in no small part to the many volunteers

involved.

"We have lots of volunteers ... thank you to everybody who has stepped forward," says Agnew. "Our volunteers and the community have met the challenge once again."

The city has been abuzz in recent weeks with final preparations for the tournament, including getting the event logos and sponsor banners

up at the Access Event Centre and elsewhere in the community.

"More signage was going up ... even outside of Morden in the Pembina Valley because we were wanting to make sure that the province knew this event was coming," Agnew says.

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3:30 ATLANTIC vs PACIFIC
7:00 HOST vs WEST

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

12:00 ATLANTIC vs QUEBEC
3:30 WEST vs ONTARIO
7:00 PACIFIC vs HOST

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Even the rink's dressing rooms received an upgrade, she notes.

"Morden Minor Hockey partnered with the city to install cubbyholes in all of the dressing rooms ... so the dressing rooms are ready for the players."

Those players will include the home team—and provincial champions—the Pembina Valley Hawks battling against the top teams from Quebec, Ontario, and the Atlantic, Pacific, and Western regions for the national title.

There are three games daily from April 23-27, followed by the semi-finals on Friday, April 28 and the bronze and gold games on Saturday, April 29.

A packed-full week

While hockey is obviously the focus of the week, there are a host of other events going on to complement the tournament.

Agnew says they're very thankful for the many community sponsors who have stepped up to help make the week's festivities—both on the ice and off—possible.

That includes local platinum tournament sponsors Meridian and Sawatzky's Furniture and Appliances alongside the numerous event sponsors.

Things kick off on Saturday, April 22 with a players-only welcome night sponsored by Tim Hortons and Home Hardware and featuring live music, games, and food to



The Access Event Centre has been abuzz with activity in recent weeks as staff prepare the facility to host the best female midget hockey teams in Canada.

help the teams settle into their week in Morden.

The community is then invited to join in welcoming the athletes to town with a fireworks display sponsored by Red River Mutual at the ball diamonds that same night at 8:30 p.m.

"It is an opportunity for us to introduce the teams," says Agnew. "I want to make it a really big welcome for these players who are coming to Morden and kind of show them what our hospitality is like here."

Thanks to Access Credit Union, 250 Winkler, Morden, and Carman area students per day April 24-27 will get the chance to watch noon hour games through the Esso Cup schools program.

The kids will be treated to lunch and activities, Agnew explains, and there will be a different visiting team helping with the program each day, volunteering and interacting with the students.

Friday, April 28 begins with the morning awards banquet. Sponsored by Coffee Culture, the breakfast

features Olympic gold medalists Jennifer Botterill and Sami Jo Small as guest speakers.

The week wouldn't be complete without a tailgate party, so Morden Minor Hockey and Olympic Sports have teamed up to host one from 4-6 p.m. the final Saturday, April 29, just prior to the gold medal game.

After that final match, a volunteer appreciation party is being sponsored by Winkler/Morden Co-op. Volunteers can also enjoy the check-in area and lounge all week long sponsored by Giant Tiger.

It's going to be a busy but fun week of activities, says Agnew, and she encourages the community to come out and cheer on the local Hawks.

"The local team will be competitive, and that is always great for an event like this," she says. "The girls have been working really hard ... they have been back on the ice practicing and having exhibition games ... so I think the excitement has been building for them as well."

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Hawks sticking to the game plan at Esso Cup

By Lorne Stelmach

As they take to the ice this week to compete for the national female midget hockey championship, the Pembina Valley Hawks are going to stick with what got them there this season.

"I think we are going to approach it the same way we approached the league play," said coach Dana Bell.

"We set our goal on winning the provincials, and the girls went out and did that ... so we are not going to change anything, we are just going to do what works for us."

From the start, the Hawks knew they had a spot in next week's Esso Cup as the host team, but their goal was to earn their way there.

That they did, locking up second place in the regular season at 20-6-2 for 42 points, edging past the third place Winnipeg Avros at 40 points and trailing only the Westman Wildcats at 25-2-1 for 51 points.

The Hawks then powered their way to their first provincial title in three years and seventh overall in impressive fashion, completing a nine game unbeaten run through the playoffs with a three game final sweep of the Wildcats.

The Hawks faced tight games throughout but found ways to rise to the occasion with timely goals, solid defense, and outstanding goaltending from Halle Oswald, who earned four shutouts in the post-season.

"She definitely won us some games in the playoffs," said Bell, praising her commitment and work ethic. "She's a big game player. She works 100 per cent every game and every practice."

Looking to their Esso Cup run, Bell said the team will be focused on a number of key areas of play.



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"I think the big thing is our forecheck," he said. "When the girls are playing aggressive hockey, I believe they can be unbeatable."

"When they are sticking to their game plan, applying pressure all over the ice and in all three zones, that's when they are a top team."

"We are going to go out and play hard ... stick to our aggressive forecheck, get traffic to the net and try to bury some pucks."

Bell noted he has been able to do some scouting of the other teams in the months leading up to the tournament.

"Anybody that's qualified now I have watched them play a few times. I think I know what we are up against, and I think we know what we have to do," he said.

"I think for us the big part is we just have to stay disciplined. We have to stick to our game plan ... and play in the moment, don't look too far towards

"When the girls are playing aggressive hockey, I believe they can be unbeatable."

the next game," Bell added. "Stay in the moment and take it day by day, shift by shift."

There also is a mental aspect of staying focused amidst the environment of playing for a national championship, but Bell suggested that has been a strength of this team.

"Mental prep will be a big thing, and we did that all year long. We worked with the girls all year long on it, just trying to steer clear of the topic of the Esso Cup."

"Now we are here, and it's a new chapter," said Bell. "I know the girls are excited, they are ready to go. They know what they've got to do to win a national championship—it's just a matter of getting out there and getting it done."

The Hawks have their first game of the tournament on Sunday, April 23 at 7 p.m. against the West Region champions.

"We are going to go out and play hard ..."



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Winkler Golf Club head pro Greg Hesom and long-time member and former president Herb Dick are optimistic about what the year ahead holds for the club in its 50th year.

Winkler Golf Club marking 50 years

The Winkler Golf Club is celebrating its past this year while also continuing to look to the future.

As it marks its 50th anniversary in 2017, there is much to be proud of and also plenty of reasons to be optimistic for what lies ahead.

“The future for our golf course I think is really bright,” said Herb Dick, a long-time member who served as the club’s president for 25 years. “We really have a course that I think we can be extremely proud of ... and I can only see things continuing to improve and get better.”

The milestone comes in conjunction with Canada’s 150th birthday, so that helped the course land a grant through the Winkler Community Foundation that will help fund a special July 22 tournament.

“It’s just purely a celebration of the achievement and the milestone. That will be a special day,” CPGA head pro Greg Hesom said of the event. A fundraiser will also be held at the concert hall that evening featuring Cold Hard Cash.

“The rest of the season will be business as usual ... but the 50th will be in the background all year,” he added, noting there will be the regular array of tournaments including the Pro-Am in June and the Junior Tour.

Hesom said the course was in good shape for the opening of play last weekend.

“The course has wintered really well ... the greens look fantastic. We’re very lucky compared to some other courses ... we had flooding just on the one hole.”

As the season gets underway, Hesom is very proud of what has been achieved here.

“I think one of the things I have seen is just how much of a community course it is ... we have a huge amount of community support through the city as well as the corporate community,” he suggested.

“Without all the contributions, I think golf would be more expensive. We have really good rates, and that’s due to all the community involvement and community support.”

Dick said that has been there right from the start.

“When the course first opened to play, probably 80 per cent of all the work done on the golf course was done by volunteer help,” he said, pointing, in example, to the two retired farmers who spent their spare time cutting the grass.

The club and course has come a long way since then—from installing the first irrigation system in the mid ‘70s to the expansion to 18 holes in the ‘90s.

“When we expanded to 18 holes we certainly had some difficulties ... we realized that we needed to make considerable changes so that we wouldn’t keep falling behind,” Dick said.

He paid tribute to the commitment from the city and businesses who have made the club’s continued growth possible.

“Since then the city has continued to really step up,” said Dick.

As for the future, Hesom noted they had one project being eyed now possibly with a three to five year timeline.

“One of the big things we would like to get done next is a new clubhouse. I think that is something we will be concentrating on.”



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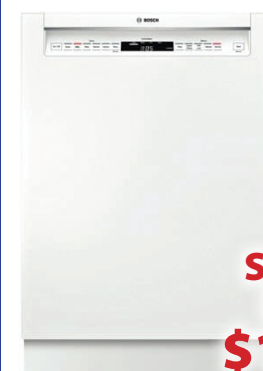
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