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# Cops and councillors

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During a presentation to Morden city council last week, Sgt. Sean Aune of the Morden Police Service helps Coun. Doug Frost try on some of the gear used by the regional support tactical team. For the full story, see Pg. 3.

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# BTHC Fdn. purchases ultrasound, bariatric bed and lift

## Boundary Trails ICU and ER benefiting from new devices

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Thanks to the generosity of countless donors over the past year, staff in the Boundary Trails Health Centre's emergency room and intensive care unit have several new pieces of medical equipment at their disposal.

Funds raised by the BTHC Foundation at its golf tournament last summer and its fall gala covered the costs of a new POCUS (Point of Care Ultrasound) and a bariatric bed, lift, and scale.

The bariatric equipment allows the hospital to better accommodate larger patients, explains Joel Nelson, ER/ICU client service manager.

"The bariatric bed and lift is really for that population that is—the bed is rated for 700 pounds, as well as the lift—so the population that needs a little more space," he says, pointing out that the bed is also wider than a traditional medical bed but can be collapsed to be used for average-sized patients as well.

"It's equipped with an air ride mattress so it can be inflated, deflated for helping turn patients as well as to reduce pressure for patients lying in bed who can't move well on their own," Nelson says.



BTHC ER/ICU client service manager Joel Nelson and BTHC Foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett with the new bariatric bed and lift and portable ultrasound recently purchased for the hospital thanks to community donations.

The bed also includes an overhead handlebar to help people lift themselves up in the bed and a scale to make it a easier to weigh immobile patients.

"It just adds to the patient care experience, being able to manage that sort of thing," Nelson says.

"For our area, this is something that's really nice [to have]," he adds. "The day we got it we had somebody

that needed it."

BTHC does have one other bariatric bed available for use in another department, but it is over two decades old, Nelson notes.

The new portable ultrasound unit, meanwhile, is something that will help doctors more quickly access patients requiring urgent medical attention. It's a significant technological upgrade over the old portable ultrasound in use at the hospital.

"The ultrasound itself is used more for bedside diagnostics," Nelson explains. "That's kind of the wave of the future for physicians to start looking at trauma patients ... they can do lots of different testing on the patient right at the bedside rather than having to wait for a test or sending them

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down to an ultrasound department.

"As opposed to a 30 minute experience, it's a four to five minute experience at the bedside," he says, pointing out the value of the time saved in the case of a trauma patient that might be bleeding internally, for example.

All this equipment was on BTHC's wish list of items not otherwise covered by provincial funding.

That's where the BTHC Foundation comes in, says executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett, who notes that letting the public know exactly what pieces of equipment their donations are going to purchase each year has proven to be a big success on the fundraising front.

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# Regional support tactical unit stops by city council

By Lorne Stelmach

Dealing with situations ranging from drug and firearms searches to the arrest of high risk individuals, a specialized unit supported by the Morden, Winkler, and Altona police departments is meeting what unfortunately is an increasing need in the region.

Representatives of the Morden Police Service touched on that as part of a presentation to Morden council on the regional support tactical team.

"In a perfect world, you wouldn't need a team like this, but that, sadly, is never going to be like that," said Cst Jon Goertzen, a team co-ordinator, following the address to council Jan. 27.

"Ten times this past year it's been used ... eight to ten the past couple of years," he noted. "It seems like it is increasing ... with the meth and the drugs comes violent crime, and that's why we train to these levels to deal with the stuff that comes here."



Now in existence for about six years, the regional support tactical team was one of the first of its kind in Manitoba in terms of being a co-operative effort of three police services. It includes four officers each from Morden and Winkler and one from Altona.

The officers received their initial training from the Winnipeg Police Service, and the team as a whole does ongoing training, including physical and firearms testing twice a year.

Goertzen said that rigorous level of training and testing is necessary in order to guarantee everyone's safety in every situation.

"We keep procedures that are above and beyond," he said.

"With all the different calls that come in, with the drugs and with the meth ... the regional team takes those high risk events as well as search warrants to a different level, which brings a lot more safety."

Goertzen also noted the team has benefitted substantially from provincial support through the Criminal Property Forfeiture Act, which channels proceeds from seized property towards such uses as victim compensation and equipment for police.

"We probably wouldn't have of this without them," said Goertzen, gesturing to some of the specialized tactical gear he brought along for the presentation. Goertzen estimates the team has received upwards of \$180,000 in grants for equipment. "The province is going above and beyond with giving us the funds to buy this different equipment, time and time again."

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES SET

After councillors had a chance to try on some of the tactical team's gear, their attention turned to other matters, including sorting out committee appointments for the year ahead.

Mayor Brandon Burley said council's



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE  
Members of the regional support tactical team attended last month's City of Morden council meeting to discuss the role the unit plays in fighting crime in the community. Left: Mayor Brandon Burley tries on some of the team's specialized tactical gear.

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# Jammies and stories



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The South Central Regional Library branches celebrated family literacy last week by hosting pyjama parties featuring a variety of guest readers. At the Winkler library Jan. 28, Police Chief Ryan Hunt (left) and Fire Chief Richard Paetzold (above) joined branch librarian Randall Klassen in sharing their favourite stories. In Morden that same night, Mayor Brandon Burley joined teacher Carl Klassen and Janine North from the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre as readers.

## Got a BTHC story to share? The foundation wants to hear it

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Boundary Trails Health Centre

Foundation is marking 20 years of service in the community this year. In honour of the milestone, the

non-profit agency—which serves as the fundraising arm of the regional hospital—plans at its fall gala to look back at the last two decades of care at BTHC, says executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett.

To do that, they're turning to BTHC patients for help.

"What we're asking is that past patients or families that have had experiences at the Boundary Trails Health Centre be willing to share their stories with us so that we can highlight them at our gala," says Samatte-Folkett.

Selected stories will be professionally video recorded to be shown at the banquet in October and possibly at other events or online to promote

the work of the foundation.

"We're looking for everything: the heartfelt stories where you had some care and everything turned out wonderful, and also the palliative care stories, Samatte-Folkett says. "We'd also like to highlight some of the births that have happened here. We'd love to get the story of the first child born at BTHC and to see where they are now."

"We want to celebrate everything that Boundary Trails has done for our communities as a whole."

If you'd like to share your BTHC story, reach out to Samatte-Folkett at 204-331-8808 ext. 2 or [office@bthc-foundation.com](mailto:office@bthc-foundation.com).

### > BTHC FOUNDATION, FROM PG. 2

People like to know "exactly what they're contributing to," she says, noting last year's golf tournament raised about \$35,000 to cover the bulk of the costs for the bariatric equipment, while the gala raised \$95,000 toward the ultrasound.

"This year we had phenomenal sponsorship support and community support with coming to the golf fundraiser," Samatte-Folkett says. "And the banquet was a huge success; we surpassed any donation amounts of the past."

"But we can't do it without the support of our sponsors and of the community members who take the time to come to our events," she stresses.

"They commit year after year, and that is what makes the foundation successful."

For Nelson, it's amazing to see the community taking such an active role in improving the quality of health care at the hospital.

"It's fantastic," he says. "The fact that they can provide that help and new diagnostic equipment to better patient care in the facility is wonderful."

The BTHC 2020 golf tournament takes place at the Minnewasta course on Aug. 20. The gala will be Oct. 23.

Registration and ticket information will be available online at [bthcfoundation.com](http://bthcfoundation.com) in the months to come.



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# Local woman raising funds to send books to Kenya

By Lorne Stelmach

Her passion for books and reading came from her parents very early on in her childhood in Kenya, and it very much remains with Rosemary Zahn to this day.

It is also recognizing the difference it could make in the lives of children back in her African hometown that is inspiring the liaison worker at Morden Collegiate to spearhead an effort to send a large shipment of books there.

"I love books a lot. My father was a great reader, and my mom was a school teacher," said Zahn, who hopes to raise about \$8,000 by the end of March to cover the shipping costs of her Kenya Library Book Project.

"My dad used to buy extra books for himself, and he would have them laying around the house ... so even as a kid I would just pick a book and look at the pictures and try to read ... and then he would read newspapers every day."

"So I guess he really shaped me in terms of reading," said Zahn, who recalled taking some of their books to school and seeing the excitement amongst her peers. "Everyone was really interested, and they would gather around, want to know, want to borrow, and I loved to share."

It was through books that Zahn was first introduced to the country she today calls home.

"That's what brought me to Canada," she recalled of seeing photos and reading stories of the country. "I wanted to explore that curiosity through reading a book. That's how powerful books were for me."

While kids in Canada are fortunate to have libraries full of books to explore, children in Kenya aren't always so lucky.

"I thought ... if the kids in Kenya or in my community had access to books like this, how well would they do? Because they do so well with what they have, with the little they have," Zahn said.

Upon seeing some of the books that were left-over after the local library's annual used book sale, Zahn was inspired to create the Kenya Library Book Project.

"I'm a dreamer," said Zahn, who still visits Kenya regularly and sees the need there. "I feel I should do something ... I come back to Canada and see the abundance."

The end result was that last year there was an estimated 42,000 pounds of leftover books that were packed up and stored in a trailer.

Now that trailer is going to be needed for other purposes and so the project is working to raise the money and work out the logistics for sending the books overseas.

Zahn has been making presentations at local schools trying to get the word out. She is optimistic as support begins to come in.

Among those people lending a hand are Cassandra Newman and her Maple Leaf School Gr. 1 class.

On Feb. 13 from 7-8 p.m., there will be a coffee house at the Morden library where the students will share short stories, poems, and songs in celebration of literacy and I Love To Read Month.

During the first couple weeks of February, local businesses are also being visited as part of looking for sponsors for a class read-a-thon.

For every dollar raised, the class will read one minute during the last two weeks of February.

Then, on Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a book sale in the Maple Leaf gym. They are currently collecting book donations.

The proceeds from all of these events will go towards the Kenya Library Book Project.

You can also contribute online on the project's GoFundMe page ([gofundme.com/f/library-book-project-for-kenya](https://gofundme.com/f/library-book-project-for-kenya)) or through the campaign's account at the CIBC in Morden.

Zahn said she is buoyed by the encouragement she's received thus far.

"I go home sometimes and I'm just exhausted, but it's a good kind of exhaustion because I'm overwhelmed by the encouragement," she said.

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**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE**  
Rosemary Zahn with some of the books she hopes to ship to kids in her hometown in Kenya.

"Some teachers have also said, 'We believe in this project and we will support you ... I'm optimistic it will happen. I'm really grateful.'"

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goal to give everyone as broad a range of experience as possible during their four year term.

"Annually, we intend to rotate these around," he said.

Gord Maddock will serve as deputy mayor for 2020, Doug Frost will head up the operations committee, and Garry Hiebert will lead the corporate committee.

Other committee appointments include:

- Police board: Jim Hunt and Gord Maddock.
- Regional landfill: Hank Hildebrand and Nancy Penner.
- MSTW Planning District: Doug Frost and Jim Hunt, with Nancy Penner as alternate.
- Pembina Valley Water Co-op: Nancy Penner, with Hank Hildebrand as alternate.

- Tabor Home board: Hank Hildebrand.
- Agassiz Medical Center: Doug Frost.
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## I, racist

I grew up in '70s and '80s Canada explicitly thinking, "I am not racist. Canadians are not racist. That's an American problem. That's a South African problem."

I was. I am.

You cannot overcome a diseased way of thinking if you cannot or will not see it in yourself first.

In these days of outrage on all sides, seeing words like racism sometimes cause people to say "nope" and turn the page. These people, usually those who have not been the object of racism for generations or who have forgotten what their grandparents had to deal with, are tired of being told that their choices, and even their neutrality, still contribute to systemic racism designed to lift some up at the expense of others.

Usually you can hear it in exasperated phrases like, "How much more do they want!?!?" or, "My people made it through adversity. Why can't they!?!?" or the famous, "They shouldn't complain—things are way better for them now...maybe they should go back where they came from!"

"I'm not a racist, I'm just telling it like it is. I'm not a racist, I'm a pragmatist. I'm not racist, I'm a realist." Or my particular favourite: "It's just a joke! Can't you take a joke?"

No—you're racist. I'm racist. It's time to start recognizing it instead of spewing defensive, garbage philosophy.

Why have I turned back to this particular rant at this particular time?

Well, I came across a new book by Canadian journalist Desmond Cole called *The Skin We're In* and it was the fact that this book is specifically about racism in Canada that triggered me.



**By Peter Cantelon**

The very first thought that burst into my head before I could shove it back and get it into the subconscious where I felt it belonged was the aforementioned "Canadians are not racist." Ridiculous.

Growing up in small town Ontario, there was racism all around me. There was outright racism against Italians and Irish which came through in opinions about criminal behaviour, alcoholism, and humour. It goes with-

out saying that people were quite comfortable expressing racist ideas and attitudes about black people and Jews. Pakistani people were targets, as were Vietnamese people. Canada's Indigenous people were a huge target. It was everywhere.

As a child, you merely listened to and observed these things from the sage adults. You absorbed it and often repeated it at school amongst peers or against peers depending upon the situation.

There is no sound scientific basis for racism. None. Not even a little. So, where does it come from?

Well, for one thing it comes from our need for a strong good versus evil narrative. We crave heroes and to have heroes you need villains. To have gods you need monsters, etc. In order to sustain this simplistic worldview, we create villains. We see evil embodied in people so we can be the

ones who overcome it.

I have seen it again and again and again. We are not content with complex narratives that reflect reality. We desperately want to answer the question, "Whose fault was it?" so we can know who we should hate, avoid, cast out, and gossip about.

We change the narrative to suit our need for villains. We have done it since we started sacrificing upon altars. Need rain? Sacrifice the enemy.

The village well has gone sour? That weird healer at the edge of town must be a witch—burn her. Your country's economy has collapsed and unemployment has skyrocketed? Blame the Jews. It makes you want to vomit, but it seems to be an endless cycle.

You want to deal with racism? Start by looking in the mirror. Ask yourself

the hard questions. Listen to your humour (humour is the first delicate probe we use to see if the people around us are likeminded). Walk back public comments. Call yourself out and apologize for it when it leaks. Seek out relationships with the people you fear. Learn about their history and community.

It is not enough to call it out in others. We need to start with ourselves.

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# Celebrating community

Morden Multicultural Winterfest offers host of activities next Saturday, Feb. 15

By Lorne Stelmach

Now in its 12th year, the annual Morden Multicultural Winterfest has become well-established as one of the community's must-see events.

"We try to have something that is new every year, and I think people put it on their calendars and look forward to it," said Shelly Voth, immigration co-ordinator for the City of Morden and a member of the festival organizing committee.

The festivities take place this year on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Access Event Centre, both inside and out.

"The people who come to Winterfest generally are really just a good cross section of all of Morden," Voth said of the celebration of not only the winter season but the multiculturalism of the community.

"There's absolutely a lot of growing diversity in Morden, so that makes Winterfest even more exciting because every year then there's more people, there's more countries represented, and it's a bigger celebration," said Voth. "It's not just meeting your

neighbours but allowing those neighbours to share a little bit of their lives with us.

"The purpose of Winterfest is to not only celebrate the cultures in Morden and to celebrate winter but also just to celebrate our community," she added. "There will be lots of things to keep people busy. It's a free family event for anybody who wants to come."

Outdoor winter activities will include horse drawn sleigh rides, hockey games, and the fifth annual Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics. Inside, the community hall will be filled with cultural displays, food, and entertainment.

"There will be many cultures represented," Voth said. "Formally, I believe there will be 16 different cultures displaying things from their countries. There will also be representation in the food and the entertainment.

"I think many people will be showing up from many different places and celebrating their cultures."

Schedule updates and other information can be found on the Morden Multicultural Winterfest Facebook page.



## VOICE FILE PHOTOS

From horse drawn sleigh rides to colourful cultural displays, Morden's 12th annual Multicultural Winterfest offers something for everyone as it takes over the Access Event Centre inside and out on Saturday, Feb. 15.



# Public schools funding announcement has mixed local impact

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The provincial government was touting increased dollars for public schools last week, but at least one local school division is bracing for its funding level to drop.

Education Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced on Thursday that the Manitoba government will increase public schools funding by more than \$6.6 million for the 2020-21 school year (0.5 per cent over the year before) to a record total of \$1.33 billion.

"This investment in our public schools demonstrates our government's commitment to students' success," said Goertzen. "This funding is the most ever committed to public schools in Manitoba's history. Since 2016, funding to elementary and secondary education has grown by nearly \$33 million."

The government will ensure all school divisions receive no less than 98 per cent of the operating funding they received last year, Goert-

zen said, noting that "like all levels of government, school divisions need to make choices and carefully prioritize spending decisions."

The minister further noted that school division administration expenses topped \$65 million in 2018-19 and that divisions across the province currently have an accumulated operating surplus in excess of \$98 million.

Aside from provincial funding, school divisions receive revenue through local education property taxes. Manitoba divisions have been directed by the government to limit increases to education property taxes to a maximum of two per cent for the 2020-21 school year.

## THUMBS DOWN FROM TEACHERS

The funding announcement got a big thumbs down from the Manitoba Teachers' Society, who point out the government's funding fails to keep

pace with both inflation and increasing enrolment.

"No matter how you look at it, a 0.5 per cent 'increase' doesn't even play catch up to roughly two per cent inflation and a one per cent increase in student enrollment," said society president James Bedford. "Teachers face increases in enrolment and more diverse student needs than ever. This announcement is not robust enough to address these issues.

"We could very well see cuts to student programs, more school closures and teacher layoffs, and fewer supports for special needs students."

## LOCAL IMPACT

Within hours of the announcement, Garden Valley School Division stated that the government's funding plans for the year ahead will result in an estimated reduction of \$114,000, or about 0.4 per cent, less than the current funding levels for Garden Valley.

The Province of Manitoba currently

supports about 68 per cent of the cost of educating a student in GVSD. The remaining 32 per cent is provided primarily by local taxpayers.

Meanwhile, Western School Division will actually see a slight increase in provincial dollars for the 2020-2021 school year.

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# Bowl for Kids looking for teams March 14

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley's biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up next month.

Bowl for Kids takes over the VB Entertainment Centre in Winkler on Saturday, March 14.

The new, larger bowling lanes have room for more teams than ever, says Big Bros. executive director Jenelle Neufeld.

"With 18 lanes and four time slots, we could have 72 teams," she says, noting that if they get the 48 teams—a full house at the old lanes—that they had last year it'll still be a big win for the mentoring agency, which made good use of the \$36,000 Bowl for Kids 2019 raised.

"As far as I know that's the biggest year that we've had," says Neufeld, who came on board with the agency last summer.

Neufeld would love to hit those heights again this go around, but is

setting her sights on raising at least \$32,000 through team registrations, sponsors, and pledges.

"Surpassing that goal is always the hope, of course," she says.

It's early days in the campaign, but Bowl for Kids already has about 20 teams signed up and numerous sponsors.

"So we're definitely still looking for anyone who wants to get involved," Neufeld says, noting there are several levels of sponsorship, including lane sponsors and event sponsors.

Registration for a team of four is \$260. Pledge sheets are also available should participants want to fundraise above and beyond their team fee.

"That would be greatly appreciated as well," says Neufeld, noting there will be a prize for top fundraiser.

Every team will get two hours of bowling, including one regular game and one "crazy bowl" game for fun. Everyone also gets a free event T-shirt.

Bowlers will have crack at a variety of prizes, including what Neufeld hopes will be an extensive silent auction.

This year's theme is Disney, so everyone is encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character.

"It's a pretty broad theme," Neufeld says, pointing out that the Disney company owns an awful lot of pop



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Bowl for Kids 2020 takes place at the VB Entertainment Centre in Winkler on Saturday, March 14. There's room for up to 72 teams in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley.

culture properties. "So people can just take it and run with it. We're not putting any stipulations on it."

## LONG-LASTING IMPACT

Bowl for Kids makes it possible for Big Brothers Big Sisters to match kids with caring adult mentors.

"This money is going towards those matches that we have out in the community and the time that it takes to intentionally match our Bigs and Littles," says Neufeld. "We really take the time to get to know the Big and the Little to make sure that it's an optimal match."

There are currently 20 kids involved in the agency's traditional and in-school mentoring programs. A cou-

ple dozen more youth have taken part in the Go Girls group program in the past year.

A dollar given to Big Brothers Big Sisters is a dollar invested in our community's future, Neufeld says.

"The money gets put right back into the community and raising our Littles to grow up to be contributing members of society," she says. "Mentoring ignites the potential in the youth and the kids."

If you'd like to put in a team, sponsor the event, or make a donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters, reach out to Neufeld at 204-325-9707, via email to [jenelle.Neufeld@bigbrothersbigsis-ters.ca](mailto:jenelle.Neufeld@bigbrothersbigsis-ters.ca), or head online to [pembina-valley.bigbrothersbigsis-ters.ca](http://pembina-valley.bigbrothersbigsis-ters.ca).

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## Manitoba gov't announces free provincial parks entry for February

The provincial government is encouraging Manitobans to enjoy all the winter activities our provincial parks have to offer by providing free park entry for the entire month of February.

"The beauty of our provincial parks does not disappear in winter, so why not take advantage of this great opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors," Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard said last week. "It's a great chance to get the family together and leave the hustle and bustle of our busy lives behind to soak up all that our provincial parks have to offer."

Vehicle permits are not required in any provincial park in February, but Snopasses are still required for snowmobiles using groomed trails in the parks, and entrance fees still apply in national parks.

There are groomed trails in 13 pro-

vincial parks across the province for a variety of activities, including cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, fat biking, snowshoeing, and hiking.

Paint Lake, Spruce Woods and Turtle Mountain provincial parks also offer

outdoor skating areas, hockey rinks, and toboggan hills.

Trail grooming reports are updated online at [manitobaparks.com](http://manitobaparks.com) every Thursday throughout the winter.

Park interpreters are offering sev-

eral guided experiences this winter in the Birds Hill, Spruce Woods, and Whiteshell provincial parks. Event details are available at the Manitoba Parks website.

## > SCHOOLS FUNDING, FROM PG. 7

After crunching the numbers, the division stated that it will receive an additional 4.8 per cent in provincial funding over the current school year for a total of approximately \$542,000.

About half of the increase is due to a 7.8 per cent increase in student enrolment in Morden while the rest comes from an increase in equalization funding.

But it's not all roses for WSD.

"The block funding for students with exceptional needs has been

frozen for the last four years," the division noted. "Western School Division is seeing a rapid increase in students with exceptional needs that are new to the division. Budgeting for supports needed for these students is challenging due to the freeze in this funding."

Both school boards are currently working on their 2020-2021 budgets with an eye to approving them by the end of March.

Before that, trustees want to hear

from the communities they serve.

WSD is hosting a budget exhibition in the Morden Collegiate gymnasium on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. to showcase some of the students, staff, and programs its budget dollars go to support. A draft budget will be released at the event.

GVSD is hosting a public budget consultation meeting on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at Pine Ridge Elementary School.



# Firefighter manpower

Morden Fire & Rescue members gathered Friday for the arrival of a new fire truck. Following a tradition that goes back to the time of horse-drawn fire engines, firefighters used their manpower to push the vehicle into the fire hall. "It's representing when they had the horse drawn pumps ... the horses would bring the pump to the front door but then the firefighters would have to push it back into the hall. It's just a fun tradition," explained Chief Andy Thiesen. The new truck replaces a vehicle from 1986 and features a number of safety upgrades. This 2019 model can carry eight firefighters and all of their required rescue tools. It is capable of use for hazardous material, water rescue, and high angle response and can also serve as a portable command post.

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# Winkler council paves the way for Clover Creek expansion

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler city council is clearing the way for continued expansion of its Clover Creek industrial park area.

It comes with council's move at its Jan. 28 meeting to approve new roads in the area east of Eastview Drive and directly south of PTH 14.

Russet Road will run eastward parallel to the highway while two new connecting roads—Norland Drive and Burbank Road—will run south.

Mayor Martin Harder said it was a reflection of the continued strong growth they see coming for the city, including significant interest in new industrial development.

"It's a continuation of the further expansion of the existing road structure in order to create lots that will be available for further industrial expansion," he explained. "It's exciting ... it's in line with what our long term plan is that's going to open up the rest of that area."

In another sign of the growth, year-end development statistics were also heralded at last week's council meeting.

The year-end building permit report of the MSTW (Morden Stanley Thompson and Winkler) Planning District showed 2019 was another banner year for development in the city.

"It was pretty exciting to see those numbers come in at just under \$50 million," Harder said in reference to the total value of new development.

It fell short of 2018, which was a record year, but those numbers were boosted by two major projects that got underway that year.

"It's actually ahead of the pace ... the previous year was a record, but

we had the Meridian Exhibition Centre and the new Pine Ridge school," Harder said, noting that those projects alone carried a value of around \$40 million. "So those kind of skewed it. But, other than that, as far as the investment from private investors, [2019] would definitely be close to a record if not a record."

The building permit report also showed new single family housing starts increased from 57 in 2018 to 73 in 2019 and the value of the develop-

ment increased from \$12 million in 2018 to \$16.2 million in 2019.

Also at last week's meeting, council approved a revised waste collection bylaw.

It was a routine housekeeping matter that simply extends the areas for pickup due to the city's ongoing expansion.

"As you continue to grow, you continue to have more areas where you have to do garbage pickup," said Harder.

Winkler has a contract with Penner Waste for the collection of solid waste and compost as well as the processing of compost materials, while Gateway Resources handles the collection and processing of all recycling materials.

The estimated annual cost is \$433,290 for 2019, rising to a maximum of \$590,850 for 2023. The special service tax levied annually for residential properties is \$110 in 2019, with the rate going up to a maximum of \$150 in 2023.

## Genesis House hosting two Women's Day events

The Forgiveness Project presentation, '80s trivia night on tap for March

By Lorne Stelmach

Genesis House will mark International Women's Day with two different events next month.

One is more about information and awareness while the other aims to have a bit of fun, but there is a common thread between them, suggested executive director Ang Braun.

"I think both of these events are going to be fun and both of them will make you think, but just in different ways," she suggested of the pair of events planned around International Women's Day March 8.

The first one on that day at the Bunker in Winkler will include Wilma Derksen and her daughter Odia Reimer speaking about their experience of trauma and resilience.

Derksen, whose daughter Candace was murdered in 1984, went on to create The Forgiveness Project.

Braun said they have been very interested in exploring ideas around issues of restorative justice or surviving trauma, and she suggested this session will offer a powerful message of resilience built around "where they are today and how that has shaped them and changed them."

"They're a family that has really gone through a significant trauma and been able to survive that trauma successfully and actually remained a strong family and a strong advocate for other victims. That's a message that the shelter really stands behind and we're excited to bring that message to the community."

The afternoon will also feature two

monologues by the group Sarasvati of Winnipeg. It all takes place March 8 at 2 p.m. at the Bunker. Tickets are \$15 and are available on Eventbrite until March 3.

Also to mark International Women's Day will be an '80s themed quiz night March 12 hosted by Manitoba quizmasters Robin and Maria Allan.

The evening will consist of a variety of trivia, including some visual and musical quizzes and a special quiz on the theme of feminism.

Participants are invited to make the most of the event by dressing up in their favourite '80s garb. Best prizes will be handed out for best dressed and top team score.

The quiz night takes place Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Access Event Centre. Registration is \$20 per person on Eventbrite.

"It's going to be just pure fun ... a bit of fun competition and a great team building opportunity," said Braun.

# arts & culture

## PHAC show an exploration of artistic evolution

By Lorne Stelmach

His creative work has continually evolved, and that is evident with the exhibit of Wes Hildebrand featured through February at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

The show *WH - in Black & White* includes a majority of black and white drawings but it also varies with portraits, building renderings, and pieces from his projects done as an interior designer.

Hildebrand does believe that the exhibit reflects "how my work has changed or evolved over the years ... it's a little bit of everything.



The Pembina Hills gallery in Morden hosts artwork by Wes Hildebrand through February.

"I'm including some stuff that I've done a long time ago, like 30 years ago, when I was actually still in design school," said Hildebrand, who calls Morden home. "I'm also am going to have a design component ... pieces of my design projects so that people can get an idea of some of the work that I did."

Design has been the common thread in everything he has tackled over the years, and Hildebrand said creating has always been a big part of his life.

"I feel like I've been an artist most of my life, as long as I can remember, in one form or another ... in either drawing or painting or just making and building stuff as a kid on the farm."

After high school, he studied interior design at the University of Manitoba—a career field he felt could also satisfy his desire to create.

"Although most of the emphasis there was on design, there was a visual art component to it in terms of renderings for projects ... that was long before renderings were done by computer," Hildebrand said. "There are very few fine artists who actually make a living at it, so I decided that this would be something that would

still sort of satisfy the creative urge and hopefully could making a living at it as well."

His work as an interior designer eventually took him to California. For a time, creating art for himself took a back seat to his career.

"I did some art work occasionally, but it really got to be more something I would do for a client or for a project ... there was always an artistic component to it," said Hildebrand.

"Close to ten years ago now, I decided that I needed art to be a bigger part of my life, so I really started to focus a little bit more on creating just pure visual art ... so back to my drawing skills, back to some watercolour, some acrylic painting.

"Really, my focus in the last couple years has been mostly drawing ... in the last couple years, my style has been evolving a little bit, becoming a little bit more refined," he suggested. "It's just changed over the last couple of years, just become a little crisper and cleaner looking and maybe even a bit more graphic."

Pulling pieces together for his show at the Morden gallery was a welcome challenge for Hildebrand.

"It's a fairly intense experience ... you're putting your stuff up there to be judged; whether that's the purpose or not, it is going to be judged. That's not an easy thing because everybody has an opinion," he said.

"It's a good experience though. I've done it once before; I was part of a joint exhibit in Winkler," Hildebrand noted, adding the experience led him to observe that "different people respond to different pieces.

"So I guess I'm expecting a similar thing here. Some people will be just more naturally attracted to certain things," he said. "People will respond however they respond, so I'm looking forward to it."

Looking ahead, perhaps this exhibit will be a catalyst for the next evolution of his artwork.

"I'm starting to look at doing something new," said Hildebrand. "I'm not quite sure what that's going to be, but I would like to go in another direction now."

An opening reception for *WH - in Black & White* takes place this Thursday, Feb. 6 from 7-9 p.m. at the Pembina Hills Gallery in downtown Morden.

## PVHS hosting 'Spayghetti and No Balls' supper

By Lorne Stelmach

Fresh off the success of its inaugural Strikes for Strays event, the Pembina Valley Humane Society has another new fundraising venture coming up this month.

Dubbed the Sawatzky's Furniture Spayghetti and No Balls dinner, it is another step in the organization's efforts to really step up its support to meet both their short and long term needs.

"We're ramping up our fundraising to continue to care for the animals we have and also to build on our sustainability. We're also looking towards our future needs," said Holly Thorne, public relations chair for the humane society.

"We need to do whatever we can to ensure our sustainability, so we have come up with a couple new events this year we haven't done before.

We're really just trying to broaden our horizons in our fundraising efforts to try and attract as many people as we can to support us."

The first annual Huron Windows Strikes for Strays brought in \$4,450, Thorne noted, and their hope is the Sawatzky's Furniture Spayghetti and No Balls meal on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Boston Pizza will also raise around \$4,000.

The event will have two sittings at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., with each costing \$25 and including spaghetti, garlic toast and caesar salad. There will also be a chance at each to win a pair of front row tickets to a Winnipeg Jets game courtesy of MIG Insurance and a jersey from Boston Pizza.

Support tickets are also available for only \$15. These tickets do not include dinner, but all purchasers will be entered to win a prize from Boston Pizza and other community

supporters.

"Supporting events like Spayghetti and No Balls can help us continue to advocate for animals and their health needs," Thorne stressed, adding their aim is not only to raise funds but also awareness of the need to spay and neuter pets.

"Not only does spaying or neutering your pet help control the overpopulation of animals in our communities, but it also helps reduce disease in animals," she said. "Spaying your female pet prevent uterine infections and breast tumors, which are malignant or cancerous in about 50 per cent of dogs and 90 per cent of cats. Neutering prevents testicular cancer and some prostate issues."

Tickets to the dinner are available at the shelter at 462 Jefferson Street in Morden, the Sawatzky's locations in both Winkler and Morden, and online at [pvhsociety.ca](http://pvhsociety.ca).

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# Community invited to help create mosaic works of art

By Lorne Stelmach

A project of the Pembina Hills Arts Council is bringing a number of components together that have the key organizers behind it excited and eager to share it with the public.

The Manitoba 150 Flora and Fauna Mosaic Project will not only be creating pieces of public art for the Morden gallery but also involving the community in creating them.

For artist Sharon Loepky—who spearheaded the idea and will be heading up the creative side of things—the project is an exciting new challenge.

“This is all just a big learning process. I have never ever done a project like this. I have not been involved in public art very much before,” Loepky said while starting work on one piece recently.

“It morphed from what it first started out to be to what it became,” she added. “I’m going to be very curious to see what the end result is ... we don’t quite know what will happen, but it will happen.”

“It evolved into this great and wonderful big project that would involve public art sculptures outside the gallery,” said Tricia Dyck, program and outreach co-ordinator for the arts council.

The project will involve a series of forms that were created by students at the Morden Collegiate welding shop. In the coming weeks, they will be taken to a number of locations

throughout the community (including next weekend’s Winterfest) to give people an opportunity to contribute a portion of tile mosaic to those pieces.

The overall theme will be around the flora and fauna of the province, which led to the connection to this year’s Manitoba 150 celebrations.

The project has received support from the Morden Area Foundation as well as the City of Morden toward the eventual installation of the pieces outside the downtown gallery.

“We have a few other sources as well that are going to help with some of the funds to finish the project,” Dyck noted.

“We’re very excited with the idea of having a piece of art outside our building,” she added. “It’s offering this beautiful piece of art that can be enjoyed by the public and passersby, both in the way that it’s functional seating ... and it’s also an art installation.”

Loepky said they especially like the various ways the community will be involved, starting with the creation of the forms by the welding shop.

“We told them we wanted some really nice organic shapes that would be somewhat reminiscent of tree trunks,” she explained.

Given that the pieces will be installed outdoors, Loepky noted that “we had to do a lot of work on how we do this so that these things will work in our climate.”

Their brainstorming then led to the flora and fauna theme, which they felt

would suit the setting for the mosaics and their designs.

“Each of the nine pieces are going to represent different flora and fauna of Manitoba. So it’s all coming back to Manitoba, and we want to celebrate our great province in this way, and we’re kind of letting the sculptures speak for themselves about where we live,” said Dyck.

She added the idea of having some form of public art in the vicinity of the gallery is particularly a welcome aspect from her perspective.

“It’s been brewing for a long time in my head. Morden has beautiful public art already ... this is just another format, another way that we want to hopefully spread a love for art into our citizens. It’s going to be an invitation to stay a little while on the street

and to come on in to the gallery.”

The other exciting part for her will be taking the pieces around to different locations, including Legion House, Homestead South, Maple Leaf School, Morden Collegiate, and to Winterfest to get a broad range of people involved.

“We want the community to be engaged in this project,” Dyck stressed. “So while Sharon is going to do amazing designs and the legwork ... we do want everyone in Morden to have an opportunity to put some mosaics on the pieces.”

“Anybody who wants to will be able to at least even have a token participation, others may be working at it for a few hours,” said Loepky.

The plan is for the finished pieces to be unveiled on Manitoba Day May 12.



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Pembina Hills Arts Council program and outreach co-ordinator Tricia Dyck looks on as artist Sharon Loepky works on a piece in preparation for the Manitoba 150 flora and fauna mosaic project. The general public will have a chance to participate at next weekend’s Winterfest.

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## Heart disease: an underdiagnosed issue in women

Every February, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada organizes Heart Month to help raise awareness about the warning signs and risk factors associated with heart disease and stroke. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, heart attacks remain a leading cause of premature death, especially among women. Here's what you should know.

### What's the problem?

Heart attacks in women are often misdiagnosed. One reason for this is that they frequently experience different and subtler symptoms than men. But even classic heart attack indicators such as chest pain and shortness of breath may be attributed to something else, with medical staff often dismissing these markers as signs of benign conditions. Anxiety, digestive issues or reproductive and menstrual problems may be pointed to, and women, especially those who are younger, might explain away their own symptoms in this manner.

According to a report by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, early signs of heart attack are missed in up to 78 per cent of women. They're also far less likely to undergo a post-hospital electrocardiogram, a basic diagnostic test routinely prescribed to men who may be at risk of heart disease.



### What's the solution?

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, about two-thirds of heart disease research focuses on men. This is likely the reason why a number of our tests and treatments are less effective for women. For this reason, further research is needed and raising awareness about the issue is the first step.

In addition, women must advocate for themselves and should learn to recognize red flags such as shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness and chest discomfort that radiates to the arm, jaw, neck, shoulder or back.

Most importantly, symptoms should never be ignored, and women who are at risk of a heart attack are advised to talk to their doctors to learn more.

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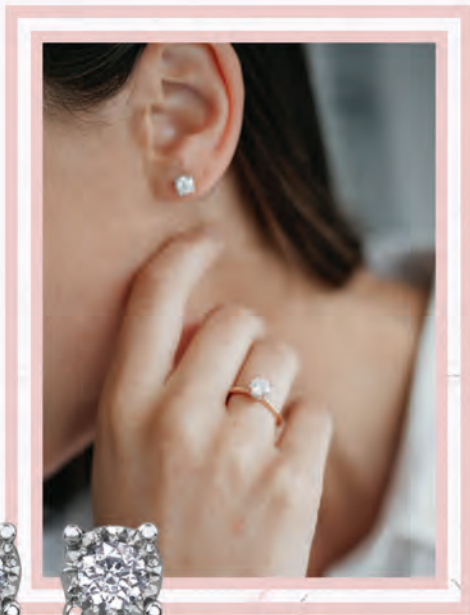
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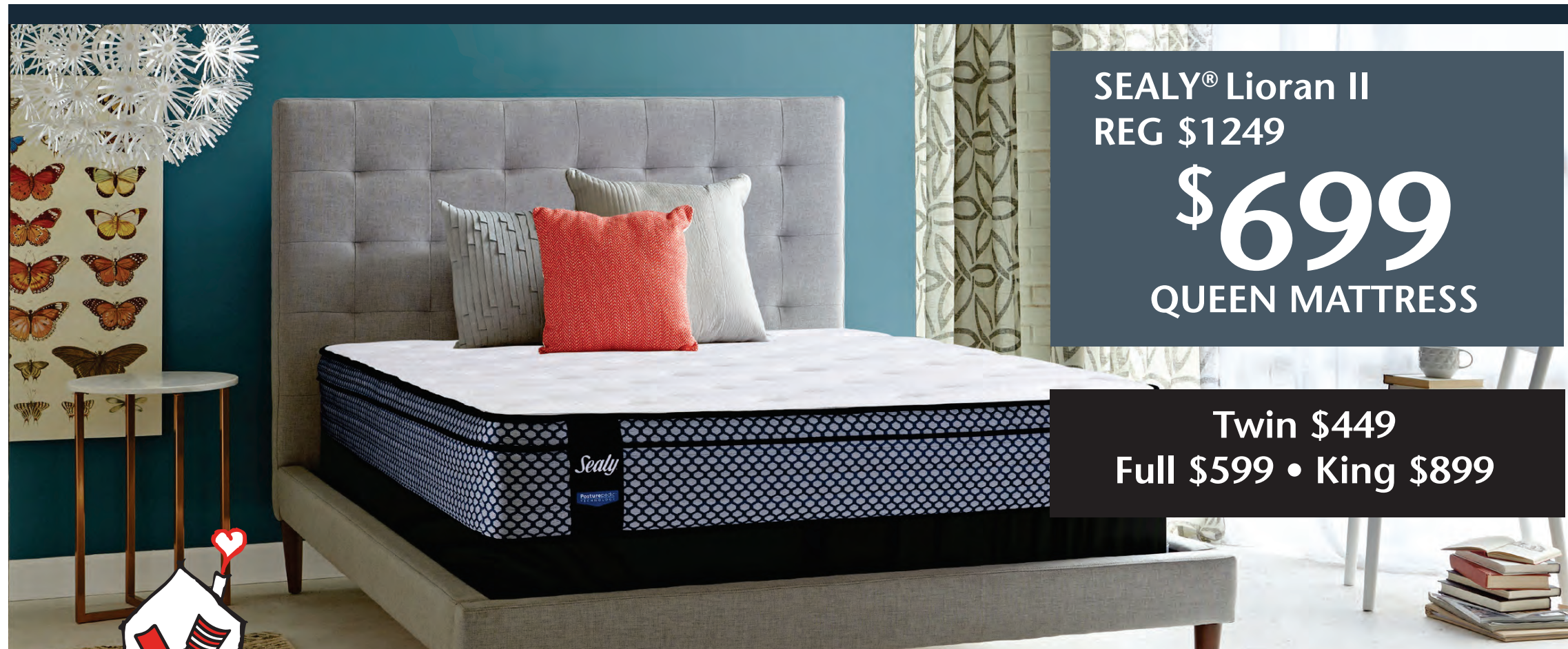
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# Celebrate Valentine's Day

In modern context, Valentine's Day is celebrated as an occasion when lovers express their love towards each other. It falls on February 14 and coincides with the day on which St. Valentine was martyred. The popularity of Valentine's Day is immense and it is observed as holiday in several countries including Canada.

On Valentine's Day, lovers exchange gifts and valentine cards. People also donate to charity and gift candies on this day. Flowers are the most popular gifts for Valentine's Day. Among flowers, rose is most liked and gifted. It is said that red rose is gifted to express love where as yellow rose and other flowers are gifted for pure friendship.

This day is closely marked with mutual exchange of love notes or valentines between the lovers. Previously, handwritten love notes and love poems were exchanged, but later from 19th century onwards-mass scale production of Greeting Cards started. This development also gave rise to the commercialization of thus far a sacred Valentine's Day.

The main symbols of Valentine's Day are the heart shaped outlines and the figures of winged Cupid. Numerous gift items flood the gift shops, as Valentine's Day gets closer. Customized valentine cards are also a major attraction of the gifts shops. Greeting Cards sites come with new and fresh valentine e-cards. E cards cover wide themes on valentine like valentine kiss cards, valentine flowers cards, valentine teddy cards, valentine friends cards etc.

Valentine cards are a popular thing to convey the tender emotions of individuals. After Christmas cards, valentine cards are the most circulated cards. This day is more popular in women than men, a source says. A vast amount of information is circulated through various mediums on unique Valentine day ideas and tips, party destinations, gift shops, flower centers etc. Newspapers, TV channels and radio channels air programs and stories related to this day from weeks before the actual Valentine's Day.

From a week before 14th February, celebration of valentine week begins. Each day has different theme like 7th Rose Day, 8th Propose Day, 9th Chocolate Day, 10th Teddy Day, 11th Promise Day, 11th Kiss Day, 13th Hug Day and finally Valentines Day on 14th.

Lovers wait for Valentine's Day impatiently. A lot of people propose their feelings of love for the first time to their sweethearts on this day.



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## Flyers secure playoff berth

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers cemented their second place ranking in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League standings this past week with a trio of wins.

The Orange and Black earned their spot in the playoffs by downing the last place Neepawa Natives 4-2 on Jan. 28.

Neepawa drew first blood in the game's third minute, but goals from Carson Pawlenchuk and Sullivan Shortreed pulled Winkler into the lead heading into the first intermission.

The Natives got the second period's only goal to tie it up, but then Jackson Arpin and Grady Lane doubled the Flyers' score for the win in the third.

Dylan Meilun made 15 saves as the Flyers outshot the Natives by a wide margin: 41-17.

The victory, combined with the Winnipeg Blues falling to the Steinbach Pistons that same night, officially clinched Winkler's playoff berth alongside the Pistons, Terriers, and Stampers.

The team celebrated by adding two more wins to their record over the weekend.

On Saturday, they beat the visiting Swan Valley Stampers 3-2 in overtime.



Nathan Poolman goes after a rebound in front of Blizzard netminder Danick Rodrigue in Winkler's 4-3 victory Sunday.

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Down 2-0 midway through the game, Winkler was kept in it thanks to goals from Garrett Szeremley (who deflected in a shot from Griffin Leonard) and Shortreed as well as the goaltending prowess of Dorrin Luding, who made 33 saves.

Shortreed came through for his team once again in overtime, getting the game winner with a rebound shot just 38 seconds into the extra frame.

The Flyers outshot Swan Valley 44-

33 overall.

Extra time was needed again the next day when the OCN Blizzard came to town.

This time around it was Winkler who were up 2-0 early on, with goals coming in from Connor Gallagher and Ian Tookenay.

OCN responded with a pair of their own before the first intermission for a 2-2 tie that lasted all the way into the third period.

There, Eric Fawkes pulled the Flyers into the lead, only to have OCN's Riley Zimmerman score a shorthanded goal six minutes later to tie things at three each.

In overtime, Drake Burgin scored at the 4:38 to win it 4-3 for Winkler.

The Flyers outshot the Blizzard 59-22. Meilun had 19 saves.

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The Flyers teamed up with the Falk Fehr Foundation to host a Family Day Sunday featuring free kid's admission to the game against OCN, dressing room tours, and a chance to meet the Flyers as well as former NHL player Justin Falk. Left: Falk with fans Ezra Peters, Caleb Neisteter, and Carson Driedger. Right: Flyers forward Eric Fawkes signs his autograph during the skate with the Flyers after the game.





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## Talking tax-free savings accounts

In this column, we will go into detail about Tax-Free Savings Accounts, most commonly referred to as TFSAs.



**Chris MacPherson, CHS**

In an effort to encourage Canadians to save for their future, the government came up with the TFSA and it comes with some generous tax rules. The main advantage is it allows for your investments to grow, tax-free. This means the interest and dividends do not get taxed every year like in an unregistered account. This leaves more money in the account to continue growing. And, NO TAX is paid upon withdrawal on any growth, dividends or interest—EVER.

Now, if you were paying attention to what I just said, and it made sense to you, you might be wondering: "Why don't people put all their money in TFSAs then?" The answer is they would if they could.

Imagine you were a millionaire and you put all your millions into a TFSA, never having to pay tax on it again—the government would go broke! So, when they rolled out TFSAs back in 2009, it came with a limit on how much can be put in each year.

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See the below graph showing how we got up to \$69,500. If you turned 18 after 2009, then the year you turned 18, you get that year's full contribution, plus all future allowed amounts.

I often tell my clients that their soon to be adult children are in a neat place. If they do nothing else right, except fill their TFSAs every year and invest it properly, they should still be millionaires in their TFSA when they retire, and pay no tax on it. Because the growth in your TFSA does not count as income, it won't affect your ability to qualify for Old Age Security (OAS), which can be a concern for some, more successful, retirees.

Now what is the best use for a TFSA? In my opinion: anything. I often refer to it as the Totally Flexible Savings Account ... see what I

did there? You can use it for safe investments with short term goals, or go more risky for longer term goals like retirement. You can even bet on some penny stocks. Imagine putting \$1000 on a penny stock and hitting it big. Your \$1,000 could be worth \$500,000, and all the gain is tax free. See, it's only the contributions that are limited. Your growth is unlimited.

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If you have any questions, comments, need help with your situation, or would like a free copy of my book *6 Simple Steps of Personal Financial Management*, please reach out to me at [chris.macpherson@manulifeseurites.ca](mailto:chris.macpherson@manulifeseurites.ca)

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# Top-ranked Twisters double up on St. B Riels

By Lorne Stelmach

A pair of goals by league leading scorer Elijah Carels helped propel the Pembina Valley Twisters to a 6-3 win over the St. Boniface Riels Friday.

A second period powerplay goal and another into an empty net with just under two minutes remaining lifted Carels to 29 goals on the season. He remains atop the scoring race with 56 points through 32 games.

Jeremie Goderis, Brendan Keck, Quade Froese, and Nico Vigier also scored for the first place Twisters, who held period leads of 1-0 and 3-2 on the ninth place Riels.

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With that, Winkler's record at press time was 33-11-2-3 for 71 points, putting them just three points behind the Pistons in first place and three ahead of the Terriers in third.

Luke Zacharias made 26 saves in net as Pembina Valley held a slim 31-29 edge in shots on goal.

It was the lone game of the week for the Twisters, who remain in first at 26-6-2 for 54 points, which is seven ahead of St. Vital, nine up on Transcona, and 12 in front of St. James.

This week the Twisters were headed to Charleswood Tuesday to take on the Hawks (results were not available at press time) and then on Saturday they host St. James in Morris.

They start off next week with a game Sunday in Winnipeg against Fort Garry Fort Rouge.

This week the team took on the Kings in Dauphin Tuesday (results were not available at press time) and then host Neepawa Friday night and travel to play Portage Saturday.



## Off to provincials

Team McGillivray earned their ticket to the U18 provincial curling championships in Minnedosa next month after coming away from the South 2 U18 Regional competition in La Salle last weekend undefeated. The team includes (from left) Winklerites Trevor Heide (lead), Brennan Kezema (second), and coach Conan Kezema alongside third Grady Currie of Portage and Thomas McGillivray from St. Adolphe.

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# Female Hawks head into final weekend on a winning streak

By Lorne Stelmach

A pair of weekend wins over the two teams below them in the standings has the female Pembina Valley Hawks taking a three game winning streak into their final two regular season games.

The points picked up in two 4-0 victories over Central Plains and Interlake won't improve on Pembina Valley's sixth place standing, but it does give the team a big boost with the playoffs approaching.

"It was definitely a good weekend for us. Our work ethic was there. We're battling, we're being creative, and those are all things we need to continue," said coach Shanley Siemens.

"We've got two more games left in our regular season, and it's good to have three wins in a row now ... that's definitely positive for the girls. We're scoring some goals and doing some positive things heading towards the playoffs."

Tria Enns made 17 saves for the shutout Friday as the Hawks finished strong with three goals in the third period for the win over Central Plains.

Scoring for Pembina Valley were Mikaylie Bibault, Jasper Devloo, Cam-

bre Martens, and Tessa Odell. The team held a 35-17 edge in shots on goal.

On Saturday, Enns earned a second straight shutout with 21 saves.

The Hawks came out strong with a 3-0 first period lead. Pembina Valley goals came from Abbey Bourdeaud'hui, Abbi Conrad, Alysia Matthews-Johnston, and Quinn McLaren.

## Hawks sweep doubleheader

By Lorne Stelmach

Sweeping a weekend doubleheader with the Kenora Thistles helps the male Pembina Valley Hawks keep pace in the race to the regular season finish line.

Pembina Valley followed up their 6-4 win Saturday afternoon with a 9-1 rout of last place Kenora Sunday afternoon in Morden.

It improved their record to 28-8-4-0 for 60 points, which keeps them in fourth place but in a tight pack. They are just behind Yellowhead at 62 and the Winnipeg Thrashers at 60 (with a game in hand), but right behind them are Southwest at 58 points.

The Hawks improved to 10-13-3 for 23 points, while Central Plains and Interlake fell to 3-20-3 for nine points each. The Winnipeg Avros have first place locked up at 43, but still battling for position are the Winnipeg Ice and Westman at 36, Yellowhead at 34, and Eastman at 31 points.

The Hawks host the Westman Wildcats in Morden Saturday and then end the season in Portage Sunday af-

ternoon against Central Plains.

Siemens sees a potential benefit in them being able to just go out there and play their game.

"We're locked in place ... so there's no pressure in terms of our last two games dictating where we end up in the standings, so we can just try to build that momentum and get that level of confidence we need going into the playoffs."

"There's four teams that are in the vicinity, so all of these points are going to matter down the stretch here," said co-coach Jeff Andrews

"It's going to be up to us to be as consistent as we can be and stick to our game plan if we're going to set ourselves up, and we're eyeing that second spot; we feel that's a place we can get if we're consistent down the stretch."

That consistency is something he especially stressed going into the two games against Kenora, which has struggled this season with just two wins through 42 games.

"It's real important to stay focused and try to play our game and not pick

up any bad habits," Andrews said, noting they made a number of mistakes in the first game and "kind of left our goaltender out to dry ... but as the weekend wore on, we got better."

In game one, the Hawks only held period leads of 2-1 and 5-3 despite holding a humongous 75-27 edge in shots overall.

Scoring for the Hawks were Daniel Isaak, Kaden Dyck, Roux Bazin, Justin Keck, Derek Wiebe, and Mitchell Hlady. Goalie Brock Moroz made 23 saves.

In game two, the shot tally came in at 65-35 for the Hawks, who ran away

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# SEMHL survivor series set to begin this weekend



SEMHL PHOTO

Winkler Royals team captain Marlin Froese was honoured with the SEMHL's Dale Rempel Man of the Year Award last weekend. Presenting the trophy was teammate Brendan Heppner and Lynn Rempel.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's do or die for the Winkler Royals and Morden Redskins as the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League enters the post-season.

Morden finished the regular season Friday with a 5-4 shootout loss to the Portage Islanders.

Goals from Mike Rey and Phoenix McElroy-Scott gave the Redskins an early 2-0 lead, but Portage managed to tie things up before the first intermission.

Cole Penner returned the favour in the second, scoring for Morden 13 minutes in to send the game into the final period tied at 3-3.

There, Penner pushed his team into the lead with his second of the night just 51 seconds into it, but Portage managed to tie once again less than a minute later.

After a scoreless overtime, it was Portage who got the edge in the resulting shootout to win it all.

Morgan Wall stood tall in net for Morden, making 52 saves off 56 shots on goal while his teammates fired 54 at the Portage net.

The loss gave Morden a record of

5-11-1-1 for 12 points and seventh/last place in the league.

The Winkler Royals, meanwhile, finished in sixth place with a 5-11-2 record after losing their last game against Altona Saturday night.

Mark Hildebrand scored the lone Winkler goal in the first amongst an onslaught of four goals from the Maroons.

Brett Harder in the second and Marcus Neufeld early in the third chipped away at Altona's lead to make it 4-3, but they were the last Winkler shooters to find their mark, while the Maroons added two more to win 6-3.

Altona outshot Winkler 46-37. Goalie Travis Klassen made 40 saves for Winkler.

With that, the top three teams in the league—Carman, Warren, and Altona, respectively—all have a bye to the playoffs, while the lower rankings have to battle it out for a seat at the table.

Winkler takes on the fifth place Islanders in Portage in game one of the survivor series on Friday while Morden travels to play the fourth place Hawks in Notre Dame Saturday.

# Nathan Payne named MHSAA athlete of the week

The Rural High School Athlete of the Week is Nathan Payne of the Morden Thunder basketball varsity team, the Manitoba High School Athletic Association announced Jan. 29.

The 6'3" guard and co-captain helped the Thunder to a 3-1 record in their home tournament Jan. 17-18.

Payne averaged 21.3 points, 8.3 rebounds, 6.3 assists, and 4.6 steals that weekend. This included a triple double against Treherne in which he had 29 points, 13 rebounds, 10 assists, and five steals while shooting 7 for 9 (77.77%) from the three-point line.

"Nathan is a tenacious defender who does all the little things that pay off at the other end of the court in fast breaks," said Thunder coach Ashley Hoitink. "Our stats don't truly show

how disruptive he is because we don't factor in the amount of deflections he gets. Nathan is a leader on the court and constantly motivates his teammate with his effort."

The Thunder boys and girls varsity basketball teams were on a break last week, but the Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate teams did take to the court.

The male Zodiacs beat Carman 90-62 in an exhibition game Thursday. NPC's boys lost to the Canadiens 82-54 Monday night while the girls won their match 50-46.

In Zone 4 hockey, NPC lost to the Thunder 10-1 Thursday and then fell to the Pembina Tigers 5-2 Friday. Morden went on to lose to the W.C. Miller Aces 5-0 Monday. The Zodiacs lost to the Mountain Mustangs 4-1 Friday night.



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The Morden Thunder's Nathan Payne was named the rural athlete of the week by the Manitoba High School Athletic Association last week.

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with this one after taking period leads of 2-0 and 5-1.

Michael Hlady and Keck each had hat tricks while other goals came in from Andrew Boucher, Cameron Brunn, and Derek Wiebe. Reid Dyck got the win in net with 34 saves.

After a Wednesday meeting with the Winnipeg Bruins, the Hawks head north to Thompson for a weekend doubleheader

against Norman.

With just four wins to their names, the Northstars are in 12th place right now, but Andrews is again warning his team to not let down their guard.

"They're down in the standings, but they're a team that could beat some teams in our league," he said. "So you've got to be focused and ready to go."

# Winkler Wizzard off to the Special O Canada Winter Games

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Winkler woman will represent not just her community but the entire province of Manitoba at the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games later this month.

Chelsey Bugden, a member of the Winkler Wizzards Special O team, will compete in snowshoeing at the Games taking place in Thunder Bay, Ontario Feb. 25-29.

It's a sport Bugden has been honing her skills in for awhile, though this will be her first time at nationals.

"I'm very excited," says Bugden, adding she's most excited about "doing my best and meeting new friends and staying fit."

She first tried snowshoeing years ago when she was involved with the Morden Special O team, the Morden Bravehearts.

"I love running on the snow," Bugden says, adding that it can be a challenge to keep one's balance "and not to fall."

Bugden qualified for the national competition by winning gold at provincials early last year.

"I just pushed myself to run," she says, adding she loves Special Olympics because it gives her a chance to "get out of the house" and explore lots

of different sports.

Joining Bugden at the Games will be Sabrina Klassen as head coach of the snowshoeing team. A long-time volunteer with Special Olympics, this will be Klassen's first time serving as head coach of a provincial team at nationals.

"I'm super excited about it," she says. "I applied for it almost two years ago and then it was right before Christmas of 2018 that I got a letter stating I had been selected. It was a great Christmas present."

Klassen, who heads up the Winkler Special O snowshoeing and track teams, says this is a big step up for her as coach.

"I'm looking forward to taking on a bigger challenge," she says.

The impact Special Olympics has on both the athletes and the volunteers who support them can't be overstated, Klassen says.

"It gives athletes an opportunity to be part of the community, getting to see their skills shine," she says. "People might not think they're able to [compete] but they really are capable of doing it."

"The community has always been such a great support," she adds. "And these athletes are actually representing our community, which is huge."

**"I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST."**



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Team Manitoba snowshoeing head coach Sabrina Klassen and athlete Chesley Bugden are headed to the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in Thunder Bay later this month.

Other locals headed to the Games include Altona area athletes Jonah Ginter and Kira Owen, assistant snowshoeing coach Shania Ginter from Altona, and mission staffers Jordan Driedger from Winkler and Chris Sumner from Altona.

In all, Team Manitoba includes 60 athletes and 25 coaches and support staff.

They'll be competing in a variety of

sports, including five-pin bowling, alpine and cross-country skiing, curling, floor hockey, speed skating, and, of course, snowshoeing.

The event is a qualifier for the Special Olympics World Games, which is something Bugden would love to be part of, though she's not counting her chickens before they hatch.

"I'm going to do my best," she says.

# Morden hosts provincial firefighter bonspiel

By Lorne Stelmach

Firefighters from across Manitoba were in Morden last weekend to show off their curling skills.

The city hosted the Manitoba Firefighters Curling Championship Friday through Sunday, and Morden fire Chief Andy Thiessen said it was a great opportunity to welcome people from all over to the community.

"It's also just a good way for them to get to know other firefighters from across the province and just have a good time," said Thiessen.

Seventeen teams, including one local foursome, were in Morden last weekend to compete in the 61st annual Manitoba Firefighters Curling Championship.

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"The overall intent is just to have some fun but also to help support a good cause," he added. "Most of the proceeds that this bonspiel raises goes toward muscular dystrophy."

There were 17 teams participating in the bonspiel, which is now in its 61st year and acts as a qualifier for the national firefighter curling championship.

"So they've been doing this for quite a while ... it's become a good tradition," said Thiessen.

The local team of Bruce Friesen, Dan McCausland, Scott Hildebrand and Cory Heide struggled to pick up a win, but a forfeit gave them the chance to finally earn a victory in the end and win the fourth flight.

"I wasn't sure how well we were going to do, but we were going to give it a valiant effort," Thiessen said.





# Wizzards take on Zodiacs

PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Winkler Wizzards Special Olympics team were at Garden Valley Collegiate Monday night to challenge the male and female Zodiac basketball teams to a friendly match. Left: Two Wizzards attempt to get around a Zodiac player. Above: Niko Friesen high-fives the entire GVC team. Below: Special O athletes cheer hard as one of their own scores. The Wizzards have taken on several teams from the community this season, including those from Hometown Service, Winkler Police, the female Pembina Valley Hawks, and Golden West Radio.



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# Weekly police blotter

Morden police are investigating a Jan. 29 incident involving a youth wearing a balaclava and hiding behind a rock near a school bus stop.

A caller told police that when the school bus stopped and children started getting off, the youth jumped out from behind the rock and swung a baseball bat at some of the kids.

Police were told the youth seemed to know some of the kids on the school bus and left with them, but she was

concerned as her young children were also on the bus.

Police patrolled the area but were unable to locate the youth. They continue to investigate the matter.

Other incidents of note in the weekly police reports include:

- On Jan. 28, Winkler police stopped a vehicle for speeding through a school zone on Roblin Blvd. Going 56 kph in the 30 kph zone earned the

# Pelican Lake committee honoured with conservation award

The Pembina Valley Watershed District in partnership with the Manitoba Department of Agriculture and Resource Development honoured the Healthy Lake Committee with the 2020 Conservation Award last month in Pilot Mound.

The award, created in memory of Mike Cabernel, is presented annually to an individual, organization, family, or business who actively promotes wise farm management and conservation practices.

Since its creation by the RM of Prairie Lakes in 2012, the Healthy Lake Committee (also known as the Pelican Lake Healthy Water and Fish Committee) has spearheaded numerous projects connected to water stewardship, fish habitat maintenance, and improving water quality and the overall health of Pelican Lake and the

surrounding watershed.

Notable projects in recent years include installing a micro-bubbler aeration system and two aeration fields to battle algae blooms and fish die-offs that were affecting the health of the lake.

The Healthy Lake Committee will be recognized for their work at the Manitoba Conservation District Association Conference in Brandon later this year.

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The Pembina Valley Watershed District presented Pelican Lake's Healthy Lake Committee with the 2020 Conservation Award last month. From left: Brianna Cullen, Gerry Paradis, Linda VanDeynze, Eric Cabernel, and Randy Hodge.



# Bergen eager to get back to work as Parliament resumes

By Lorne Stelmach

Holding the federal Liberal government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to account remains Candice Bergen's focus as Parliament resumed gets back to work after the holidays.

The Conservative MP for Portage-Lisgar says she also welcomes the opportunity for her party to pursue more of their priorities under a minority government.

"What we're learning is we can get things done in opposition and we're going to do that," Bergen said as Parliament resumed Jan. 27. "We're going to use that to try to help the government find some solutions to problems that they've caused.

"We wish we were in government. We want to be in government, and that's what we're working towards so we can straighten out some of these things that have been wronged."

Bergen got to work on the task at hand last week after putting an end to speculation that she was weighing a bid for the leadership of the Conservative Party.

While she declined to address the issue when speaking to the *Voice*, a post on her Twitter feed did.

"Thanks everyone for the encouragement, but I've decided not to enter the leadership race," stated the tweet, which linked to a news report where Bergen suggested she felt she could best serve caucus and the party in her

role as Conservative House Leader.

To that end, Bergen noted the Conservatives are already acting on the opportunities available to them.

"I know in a minority Parliament, we do have a greater ability to pass motions for example or stop bills if that's what we want to do because the opposition parties form the majority," she said. "It's given us the ability to get a couple things done. We get an opposition day approximately once every 10 days or so, and both of our opposition day motions have passed.

"The Conservatives have been able to, first of all, establish the committee on Canada-China relations and really look at the huge challenges that we're facing because of the Liberal

handling of the relationship with the Chinese government."

Another successful motion asked the auditor general to look at the Liberal's infrastructure spending and come back with a report in a year.

"One of the things I know I'm hearing locally and the Parliamentary Budget Officer has said is although the Liberals are apparently spending money, the money is not getting out, and infrastructure funding has really, really dried up and been a problem," said Bergen.

She stressed her party is focused on getting the nation competitive again and building a more sustainable economy.

"We've been doing a lot of work finding out where this wasteful spending is happening, and we're going to expose it," she said. "It's incredibly irresponsible."

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driver a \$391 fine. She also received a verbal warning for not producing her driver's licence.

- Morden police were called Jan. 31 to an accident at the intersection of Thornhill St. and Route 100.

A Honda Civic was going west on Thornhill and turning left on to Route 100 when a grey Pontiac Grand Prix going east on Thornhill struck the passenger side of the Honda Civic.

There were no injuries, but both vehicles had to be towed from the scene. No charges were laid.

- Winkler police were told Jan. 28 about an incident the previous week where a vehicle drove through an activated pedestrian crosswalk while

two male youths were crossing. They youth were able to provide a vehicle description and licence plate number. Police continue to investigate.

- A local business called Morden police Jan. 31 about a man who was hanging around and wanting to go into areas that were off limits.

This was the second time the man had attended the business that afternoon, say police. Officers arrived and told him to leave.

- Morden police were called Feb. 1 at 1:30 a.m. by a resident concerned about an unknown person knocking on their door. Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

- A resident of 3rd St. in Winkler Jan. 28 reported that a suspicious

man appeared to be hiding in nearby yards but then ran away after being confronted. Police patrolled the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

- While on patrol Feb. 2, Winkler police saw a vehicle parked on a residential street with smoke billowing out of the windows and four occupants seated inside.

Upon speaking with the group, police noted the odour of marijuana and drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle.

One of the passengers admitted the marijuana was his. He was subsequently issued a ticket for consuming cannabis in a motor vehicle, which carries a fine of \$672.

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# Agriculture

## Dealing with residue, ruts, and compaction in the spring

By Harry Siemens

Horsch product manager Jeremy Hughes told farmers at St. Jean Farm Days last month that the current year's harvest starts with the stage set after the last.

"When we start harvest, we're already setting the stage for next year's crop. So like this year, for example, the combine started hitting the field, making some ruts, the residue, whether it's processed properly or not," said Hughes, who is based in Fargo, North Dakota. "All of that process of pulling the grain off the field is your first pass of seedbed preparation for the next year. No matter if you're in a no-till environment, conventional till environment or whatever, harvest sets the stage for the next harvest."

He told Manitoba farmers they're fortunate for taking off most of the crop, but showed a slide that showed corn in the fields from the North Dakota border-right through Texas. Whether dry, wet, or just right soil moisture content, the soil structure sets the stage for the next crop.

"I think soil structure is something we talk about, but I don't know how much attention to detail that we put into it," Hughes said. "We see 60,000-pound combines running across the field, 2,000-bushel grain carts pulled by 50,000-pound tractors running across the field, trucks pulling our Super Bees and running around. All these steps in the field can have an impact on our soil structure.

"There's a little bit of this misconception that the frost takes care of all of our woes. And we know that that's not the case, and we need to be conscious of that. That's the big thing. Can we eliminate all compaction? No, because we've still got to get in the field, and we've got to get a crop in, but farmers need to look at different techniques, the different tools in the toolbox to be able to help eliminate the compaction we can."

Next, Hughes said farmers need to use the residues properly.

That is a huge topic in the U.S. right now when it comes to 200-bushel corn stalks being left in the field.

"How can I process that and get it into a place where I can get the benefit out of it for the next harvest? So I harvest it, I process it during harvest, tillage, whatever, but that residue is going to be a benefit or a negative for the following harvest," Hughes said.

"We're finding today is a lot of farmers, especially when I call, like monoculture areas, say like corn on corn and we're starting to fight this a little bit with canola on canola here in Western Canada as well. Take a monoculture system; residue use is more critical because of bad bugs, pathogens harbour in there just as much as the benefits of the micronutrients and organic matter."

Hughes told farmers timing is everything.

"I know it's an old cliché, but it rings so true in farming. I see so much po-



Horsch's Jeremy Hughes stressed to farmers at St. Jean Farm Days that last year's harvest sets the stage for this year's.

tential left on the table, so much money left on the table every year simply due to timing," he stressed. "And we talk about planting time and seeding time in general, but how much time do we screw around during planting season just because of lack of preparation?"

The costs of delay in planting can cost producers thousands of dollars.

"It's something that's not going to be the same every year," Hughes said. "It's just a practice that you got to put in place to maximize the moment."

He said seed placement is enormous no matter the crop; producers need to make sure they have the right seed depth, moisture, and functional furrow integrity.

"So this year we've got a lot of challenges ahead of us, not only here in Manitoba but also in a lot of other areas, especially where there is still crop on the ground that needs harvesting before planting can happen,"

said Hughes. "We have to focus in on some ruts in the field, some straw or stalks out there. What are we going to do? It could be vertical tillage. It could be compact discs. It could be a number of different things that we do, multiple paths, whatever, to prepare that field for planting, but at the end of the day, we want to be able to get a condition put together where we accelerate the decomposition of that residue. You get the benefit out of it, at the same time providing the proper cradle to put our seed into."

It's not just about getting across the fields and completing planting; you've got to do it right.

"I hear a lot of producers say, 'Oh, I just got to get it done, just got to get over it ... I'm just going to drag this across the field and it's like a magic wand, and I'm all good,'" Hughes said. "Sometimes that pass we make in the field, if we don't have the right tool, can do more harm than good."

## Province announces new legacy farm award

A new category has been added to the Manitoba Farm Family Recognition program, Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen announced in Brandon last month.

"Agriculture has changed greatly over the past 150 years and it's important that we recognize those families that have been involved in the industry for generations," said Pedersen. "With technology advancing at such a rapid rate, it's exciting to think of where we may be 150 years from now, but it's important that we don't forget our past."

As part of Manitoba's 150th birth-

day, the Legacy Farm Award has been created to celebrate farm families that have 150 consecutive years as a Manitoba farm family. The Century (100 years) and Heritage (125 years) Family Farm Awards will still be available.

"Going back 150 years ago about 90 per cent of the population were farmers. These farms produced enough to feed their families, with limited surplus to trade or export," said Pedersen. "Now about four per cent of our population are actively farming and agriculture production is a key economic driver in our province."

Since the first Century Farm was recognized in 1981, there have been

more than 1,810 farms that have received the award. There have been an additional 97 farms that have received the Heritage Farm award since it was created in 2010.

To be eligible for the award, the land must have been held in continuous ownership by direct descendants of the original owner, with a minimum land area of at least 20.23 hectares (50 acres) over the life of the farm.

More information on the Manitoba Family Farm Recognition program can be found online at [gov.mb.ca/agriculture/farm-management/transition-planning/heritage-and-century-farms.html](http://gov.mb.ca/agriculture/farm-management/transition-planning/heritage-and-century-farms.html).

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DATED at the Town of Manitou, in Manitoba, this 27th day of January 2020.

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Attention: Andrew D. Hnatiuk  
Solicitors for the Administrators

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## LAND FOR SALE TENDER

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Conditions of tender: 1.) Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property. 2.) Any questions pertaining to the property should be directed to 204-362-0615 or email [epfarms@gmail.com](mailto:epfarms@gmail.com) or 204-362-2223 or email [prunner55@gmail.com](mailto:prunner55@gmail.com). 3.) Tenders must be received by Feb. 22, 2020. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF WINKLER - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

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,

February 25th, 2020 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. 2247-19, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2247-19, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

**All of Plan No. (Dep. 742/2019) MLTO in the SE 1/4 9-3-4 WPM, and All of Plan No. (Dep. 26/2020) MLTO in the SE 1/4 9-3-4 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:** "RS" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ZONE, AND

"RT" RESIDENTIAL TWO-FAMILY ZONE, AND

"OR" OPEN SPACE / RECREATION ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2247-19, 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 13th day of January, 2020.

Designated Officer

City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A" To By-Law 2247-19



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The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2249-20, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

**980 Platinum Road, legally described as Lot 3-5, Block 1, Plan 47444 MLTO in the SE 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

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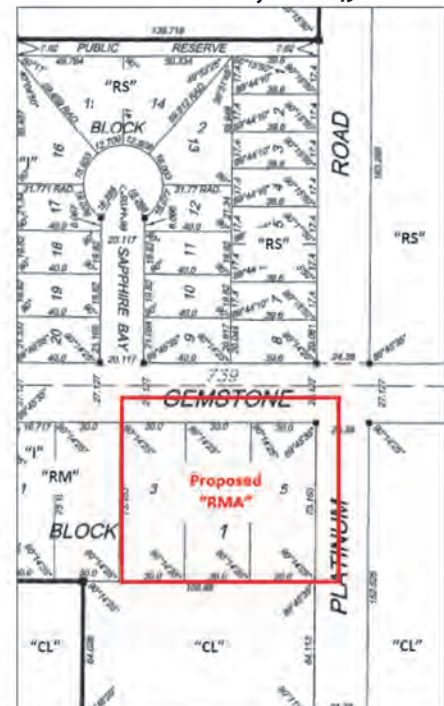
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Designated Officer

City of Winkler

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PC Progressive CONSERVATIVE

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## OBITUARY

## Isaac Ginther

1935 - 2020

It is with great sadness and much love that we mourn the passing of Isaac Ginther, of Morden, Manitoba, on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the age of 85 years.

Isaac had been battling dementia for the last two years and passed peacefully at Tabor Home with his family by his side. He was predeceased by his son, Allen Keith who was lost shortly after childbirth; his parents, Abram and Aganetha Ginther; his brothers, Abe, Jake (Mary), Pete (Rosalind) and his twin, John; his sisters, Tina (Pete), Nettie (Abe), Helen (Harold), Anne (Henry) and Martha (Jake).

Isaac is survived by his two sisters, Betty (Pete) and Mary (Bert), and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.



Isaac loved his family and found great joy in being a husband, father and grandfather. He married the love of his life, Susan on May 18, 1968, and they spent their lives together living in Morden. His legacy will live on through his two sons and their families; Norman and Nichol Ginther and Murray and Crissy Ginther and his grandkids, Noah, Halle, Nadia, Judd, Sawyer, Cade and Renn. Isaac centered his life around his family, his friends and his faith. He could be seen cheering (loudly) at his boys' baseball and hockey games as they grew up. He worked tirelessly around the house, cutting the grass, picking up acorns, raking leaves and shoveling snow. If ever anyone ever needed a helping hand, he was the first to offer. He always had time to meet someone at Dairy Queen for coffee and a treat. He enjoyed a good game of cards or a game of dominoes. He showed his love through his actions and made those around him feel special by his smile and his genuine interest in their life. He also had a strong faith community through the relationships he developed while attending the Morden Alliance Church.

Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Morden Alliance Church.

If family and friends so desire in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Isaac's memory to a charity of your choice.

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## EMPLOYMENT



## City of Morden Seasonal Employment

The CITY OF MORDEN invites applications for the following seasonal employment opportunities.

All positions may require availability for weekend and evening shifts.

Deadline for applications is February 28, 2020. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume together with required certificates and two references by email (listed below).

We thank all for applying, however only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

### BEACH/CAMPGROUND

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• Provide excellent customer service, handling retail sales, registering guests, general cleaning duties through-out the campground and store, basic computer knowledge is necessary.

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**Paddle Club Attendant** (July - August & weekends in May)

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• First Aid CPR certification is an asset.

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• Requires experience working with children, organizational abilities and current Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check.

**Summer Program Assistants** (July - August)

• Assists summer programmer in delivering summer programs including Park Days and Sports Camp.

• Requires experience working with children and current Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check.

**Swim Instructors @ Lake Minnewasta** (July - August)

• Current WSI Certificate - LSI preferred

• Standard First Aid with CPR/AED Level C required. Please include photocopies of all applicable certificates with expiry dates.

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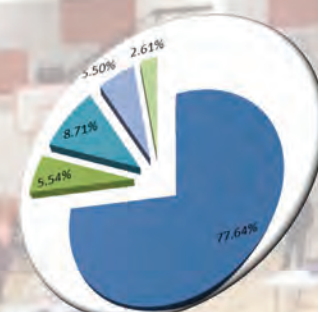
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## OBITUARY



### Ronald John Scapinello

January 30, 1939 - January 29, 2020

After a brief battle with illness, Dad left us to be with Mom. He will be greatly missed by his children, David (Joyce), Tracy (Bob Reid), Stephanie, Tori (Volker Schwarz), his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws and all those who included him as part of their extended families. He will especially be missed by his sister, Theresa McDonnell.

We would like to thank Dad's doctors and the wonderful team on GD4 at H.S.C. for their amazing care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating or volunteering for his "Rescue Family" Hull's Haven Border Collie Rescue, Cancer Care Manitoba or the charity of your choice.

At Dad's request there will be no formal services. We ask instead that you gather with those you love and raise a glass in memory of "Captain Ron".

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## OBITUARY

### Johanne Jacobson-Chute 1950 - 2020



Johanne Jacobson-Chute, born March 25, 1950, passed peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday January 29, 2020 at noon in the Villages at the Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler, MB. She is survived by her husband, Michael; her sisters, Karen and Ruthie and her children, Jennifer, Jamie, Erin, Steven and Andy and many nieces and nephews, too numerous to list. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters, Reggie, Evelyn, Barry, Lillian, Stacie, David and Sandra.

Johanne was a mother, a wife, a sister, an aunt and a good friend. She will be remembered by how she always changed the feeling in the room whenever she entered. She loved to dance. She loved to hug. She loved to talk. She loved to sparkle. Thank you for all the good you have given us in this life.

"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching; love like you'll never be hurt; sing like there's nobody listening and live like it's heaven on earth."

A private memorial service will be held on Saturday, February the 8th. A come and go reception will be held in her honour between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the Buhler Active Living Centre 650 South Railway Ave. Winkler, MB R6W 0L6.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Johanne's memory to The Villages for Older Adults Inc. mailed or dropped off at the Buhler Active Living Centre.

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

Sudoku Answer

G	N	H	B	S	V	D	R	D	E
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Crossword Answer

# X CROSSWORD

## CLUES ACROSS

- Indicates number of days
- When you hope to get there
- Hairstyle
- Black (Spanish)
- Expresses pleasure
- Away from wind
- Tech pros organization
- Wile E. Coyote is familiar with it
- Clean
- Saints' signal caller
- A way to hunt
- Poetries
- Automobile
- Secondary school (abbr.)
- Indicates before
- Male parent
- Short-billed rails
- It pays to keep yours
- On occasion
- David \_\_, US playwright
- Slang for cigarette
- Vaccine developer
- Returned to health
- Toni Morrison novel
- Period between eclipses
- Veterans battleground
- Gang
- A radio band
- Jaws of a voracious animal
- Elaborate garments
- Chinese province
- Checks
- Horizontal passage
- Steep hillsides
- Fertility god
- Dried-up
- Signs a name
- \_\_ Winger, actress
- German river
- Gov't lawyers
- Take something somewhere

## CLUES DOWN

- \_\_ Blyton, children's author
- Colleague

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- "The African Queen" writer
- Crater on the moon
- Toward
- Overhang
- Identifies something close at hand
- Sign language
- Unbroken views
- Ancient Greek City
- Stretch out to grasp
- Alcohols that are unfit for drinking
- Humorous stories
- Long song for a solo
- Barrels per day (abbr.)
- City of Lights
- A place to sleep
- Advanced degree (abbr.)
- The back
- Furniture-makers Charles and "Ray"
- Songs to a lover
- Gland secretion
- 10 meters
- Disfigure
- Stores grain
- Sacred book of Judaism
- Catch
- Promise
- Challenges
- Russian space station
- Banking giant
- Served as an omen
- Drenches
- Type of sword
- Minor planet
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Japanese ankle sock
- Obtain in return for services
- Waste matter
- A proposal to buy at a specified price
- Unit of loudness

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