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Reid Carruthers, Braeden Moskwy, Derek Samagalski, and Colin Hodgson had a perfect week at the 2018 Viterra Championships in Winkler, going 6-0 heading into the final game against Team McEwen and then winning the championship final 7-6 to earn the right to represent Manitoba at the national men's curling championships in Regina next month. See inside for more Viterra coverage.

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Carruthers defeats McEwen in Viterra championship final

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The 2018 Viterra Provincial Men's Curling Championship ended with a clash of the titans.

The top-seeded Mike McEwen and Reid Carruthers faced off at the finals in Winkler Sunday afternoon.

After falling to McEwen in the championship game the past two years running, Team Carruthers pulled off a 7-6 win to earn a seat at the Brier next month.

"I was trying not to get too excited about playing in the final and the thoughts of getting to go to Regina and getting back to the Brier," said Carruthers after the game. "But I guess after two years of McEwen winning and beating us and deserving to go, it was one of those things where we had to work a little bit harder and it tastes a little bit sweeter after not going for a few years."

Sweet as well, perhaps, was getting the chance to beat McEwen himself, as he unexpectedly returned to the ice to throw third stones for the final game after being hospitalized for most of the tournament with a nasty case of chickenpox.

"Seeing Mike out here today I was almost speechless and at the same

time we had mentioned in the meeting that we might see him," said Carruthers, whose team had been flawless with six wins heading into the final. Team McEwen, meanwhile, skipped by third B.J. Neufeld for much of the week, had conceded to Carruthers 7-3 in the 1-2 qualifier before beating out Team J.T. Ryan 6-2 to earn the right to defend the title.

"I had texted [McEwen] this morning and got one line back," Carruthers said. "We normally text a lot, so it made me wonder: does that mean this guy is getting suited up?"

"Sure enough. It shows a lot about his character, his courage to put himself out there after not playing and leaving it all on the line," he said. "It put the pressure almost a little bit more back on us because now we've got to play against the No. 1 team in Canada with their skipper back."

Still, it was clear Team McEwen weren't quite at their best.

"You could kind of tell that if Mike was feeling normal they would have put a lot more pressure on us," Carruthers said. "He played really, really well considering the circumstances he was put in."

The match saw McEwen battle back from Carruthers' lead of 6-3 after



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Team Carruthers were flawless all week and headed into the final against Team McEwen with six wins under their belts. They extended that streak to seven by downing McEwen 7-6 to take the title.

seven to make it 6-6 heading into the final end.

There, Carruthers used his last rock to get the winning point.

Carruthers alongside Braeden Moskow, Derek Samagalski, and Colin Hodgson will represent Manitoba at the Brier March 3-11 in Regina.

McEwen, Neufeld, and teammates Denni Neufeld and Matt Wozniak still have a chance to make it to the Brier if they win the event's wildcard play-in game March 2.

That would suit Carruthers just fine.

"There's a very, very solid chance," he said. "If that's the case, there's going to be two Manitoba teams just like there was at the Scotties, and that's pretty cool."

COMMUNITY STEPS UP

As with the Scotties three years ago, Winkler was firing on all cylinders as host of this provincial championship.

Carruthers lauded the community for its support, noting the crowds were solid throughout the week.

"I knew coming to this event there's a good chance, and even hearing from the Scotties the last time it was here, that we'd have great crowds," he said.

"I was really impressed with how many people were coming out, even braving the cold. And the hospitality has been awesome. All the locals have been super supportive not only of just our team but the other curlers in general. Hopefully we get to come back and play here again soon."

Curl Manitoba president Debbie Schween expressed her gratitude to the more than 300 volunteers, thousands of fans, and corporate sponsors for making the event an unqualified success.

"You all helped to make these 2018 provincial championships so special," she said.

"To all the amazing volunteers and the Winkler Curling Club, thank you for your hospitality and amazing energy and passion this week."

Host committee chair Louis Tanguay said he's proud of how the community stepped up once again for a major sporting event.

"We thought the attendance would be a little bit stronger, but overall it was good," he said on Monday, acknowledging that attendance was down somewhat from the Scotties. "The curlers, certainly, indicated their appreciation for everything we did. They were saying it was a world-class event. There's been a lot of great comments."

Organizing a small army of volunteers to pull off such a competition smoothly is always a challenge, but Tanguay said it went off without any major hitches.

"We want to thank each and every one of the volunteers and we also want to thank the business community for embracing the event," he said. "And, of course, we want to thank the spectators and fans who came out to support us. These events don't go on without city support, without business support, and without the fans."

The host committee was still crunching the numbers at press time, but it's expected the Viterra Championships generated upwards of \$100,000 for the community.

"Certainly a large portion of it will be going to the curling club for future upgrades," Tanguay said, adding they also plan to contribute to other projects in the community, funds allowing.



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Mike McEwen spent most of the tournament in hospital suffering from chickenpox, but took to the ice for the championship final Sunday afternoon.

New incubator mall in the works for Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

A new City of Morden project aims to help give birth to more small business in the community.

Officials last week touted the benefits that will come from the new retail incubator mall in the Pembina Connection development on the east end of Morden.

"It's the small business that is the driver of our economy really," said Chad Sheldon, business development specialist with the City of Morden.

"This is creating, potentially, 15 new businesses. I would project, probably to start, it would be in the neighbourhood of 20 to 25 new jobs," he noted. "Ideally, they'll grow their business, they'll grow their clientele and hopefully grow their staff and create some jobs as well."

The 2,000 square foot space purchased by the Morden Community Development Corporation will be able to house up to a dozen retail spaces and three food vendors.

The retail incubator mall is being funded with \$53,000 through the MCDC and \$50,000 from the City of Morden.

Another \$25,000 is coming through the provincial Partner 4 Growth program. Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen noted that program is very much aimed at this kind of project "to grow a local economy, to provide opportunity for

businesses to get ahead.

"We're looking to make opportunities for some businesses locally to succeed here, perhaps faster and perhaps even stronger than they otherwise would have without this opportunity."

"IT'S THE SMALL BUSINESS THAT IS THE DRIVER OF OUR ECONOMY."



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Morden Deputy Mayor Irvin Wiebe along with business development specialist Chad Sheldon and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen in the new Morden retail incubator mall under construction in the city's east end.

Sheldon said their goal with the incubator mall is to create an environment where they minimize the risk for new businesses.

He sees this being an ideal solution for maybe some existing small businesses or someone who's been kicking around the idea of opening a new

business.

"We want to provide them space at a very reasonable cost and take away some of the roadblocks that there are to starting a business," he said. "That will include some business mentor-

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A small taste of life in poverty

By Lorne Stelmach

Unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand what many families face, but just over 100 people spent a couple hours in Winkler Friday getting an idea of that reality.

They participated in a community action poverty simulation organized in partnership with Garden Valley School Division, its teacher's association, and Central Station Community Centre.

Participants assumed various roles and went through four 15-minute sessions each representing one week in which they were confronted with the difficult choices that must be made to provide for your family and home.

"Sometimes you need to walk a mile in their shoes, so to speak. We absolutely have families that really struggle here," said Lori Penner, community development co-ordinator for Central Station.

The simulation offered scenarios that unfortunately are all too real for about 4.9 million Canadians who are

living either in poverty every day or just above the poverty line but with incomes that are still low enough to qualify for programs like income assistance.

"Each participant in the program is assigned a family ... we provide them with a scenario for their family and instructions on what they need to do," said Penner.

Volunteers played a variety of roles—social service agencies, a grocery store, a clinic—and the families were confronted with choices to make at each station with the limited resources available to them.

"We're trying to really simulate families living in poverty, whether you are the working poor or possibly on assistance or struggling with disabilities or perhaps mental health issues," Penner said.

"We were noticing in the first 15 minutes or the first scenario that nobody was visiting the medical because that was the least priority ... food and shelter was first," she noted.

"Even the people who are employed needed to get to work and needed to



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Over 100 participants faced a variety of scenarios and had to make difficult choices as part of the community action poverty simulation Friday at Emerado Centennial School in Winkler.

do their seven minutes in their scenario. So it's a lot of pressure. They're living under a lot of pressure, trying to get to the next thing."

Joel Swaan, a member of the Garden Valley Teacher's Association, played the role of a local criminal in the neighbourhood.

He was struck by how easily it can be

for people to make desperate choices when facing desperate situations.

"It is amazing how desperate people can get and how quickly ... for a means to get by and what they will do to get there," said Swaan, noting how it made him think about "what opens

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doors for kids ... when they get some choices that are negative."

He came away with an appreciation for how those of us who do not live in poverty take so much for granted.

"We have people who are in need of assistance, and it's good for us to open our eyes to the world that's out there and see how we can help to make it a better place for families, not just in a general way but to see the specific needs of people who come into our schools and our stores ... find specific ways to help specific people.

"Poverty can be well hidden ... there are people out there who are suffering in silence," Swaan said. "I think one of the things that is our goal in society is to normalize the idea that some people are suffering and that we have a community obligation to help those people so there isn't a stigma attached to being poor."

The Access Credit Union's Rob Un-

ruh played a 36-year-old father with a daughter who was also living with his mother-in-law on a very limited income.

Unruh noted "the challenge of making your resources last when you're not even considering any of the luxuries of life.

"You're really just considering the basic necessities," he said, citing the example of not having money to go to the grocery store for food.

"I think what I take away is certainly a lot of empathy for people in situations that are a struggle," Unruh said, adding it encourages you to show compassion for your neighbours in the community or give your time to those organizations that help like the Central Station.

"There are a lot of people in our communities who are between a rock and a hard place and just need a hand up now and then just to get above the



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Participants in a poverty simulation in Winkler last week discuss the hard choices that must be made when living with a limited income.

water, take a breath and hopefully make it."

"We are a vibrant community, and it is a generous community," concluded

Penner, "but we need to be working together to help these families move forward."

Genesis House hosting quiz night March 8

By Lorne Stelmach

Genesis House will hold two events over two days to mark International Women's Day next month.

A quiz night March 8 will follow a March 7 lunch and learn workshop focusing on creating resilient leaders.

"I think it really is a timely topic with what's all happening in the world," suggested executive director Ang Braun.

The workshop at the Quality Inn in Winkler takes place Wednesday, March 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Shannon Gander of Life Work Wellness will offer information to help increase self-awareness, engage in strategies for skillfully managing stress, and highlight approaches for leaders to support resilience in staff and bolster mental

health.

Participants will hear about the latest trends in resiliency and leadership, learn about the impact resilient leaders have on staff, improve skills for increasing resilience as a leader, and tips on how to increase the resilience of your staff to avoid turnover.

"Usually, we try to put a focus on leadership, either building up leadership or in this case we're looking at how to build resilience in leadership, said Braun, who stressed the session is open to all members of the community.

"We find lots of business people come out ... and men and women—this is just not a women's event," she stressed. "It provides a good opportunity for my staff and the agency to get some extra education, but it also brings a value to the community."

"IT CAN COVER SUCH A WIDE ARRAY OF TOPICS."

Saskatoon man gets five years in bowling alley beating death

A sentence has been handed down in the fatal beating that occurred at Winkler's Valley Bowling Lanes in September 2016.

Justin Leslie Bird, 29, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of 25-year-old Zachary Straughan. Late last month in a Portage la Prairie court, Bird was sentenced to five years.

With credit for time served, Bird will spend a little under three years in prison. His sentence also includes a 10-year weapons probation and

he must submit DNA to a database.

Both Straughan and Bird were from Saskatoon and were in Winkler for work at the time of the attack.

An argument over a \$16 tab escalated to the point where Bird struck Straughan in the head, throat, and back with a pool cue.

Straughan, a father of four, later died of his injuries in hospital.

Anyone interested can register by phone at 204-325-9957 ext. 2221 until Feb. 22. The cost is \$40, which includes lunch.

PUT YOUR TRIVIA SMARTS TO THE TEST

Genesis House is also marking International Women's Day Thursday, March 8 with a trivia night at St. Paul's United Church in Morden starting at 7 p.m.

Manitoba quizmasters Robin and Maria Allan of Stonewall will host the evening with a variety of trivia categories.

Braun said they were looking for a new kind of fundraiser this year, and, with quiz nights growing in popularity, this seemed the perfect fit.

"We retired the family dance and we needed to do something different," she said, suggesting it will offer some fast-paced fun.

"It can cover such a wide array of topics ... and they do also try to include Canadian content a lot of time. They already have one quiz specifically focused on female superheroes ... so we thought it seems like a good fit," Braun said, adding that participants are invited to make the most of the event by dressing up as their favourite superhero.

Registration is \$20 per person and you can register as individuals or in teams by March 2 by calling 204-325-9957 ext. 2221.

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Kings and queens of our castles

All of her life my mum had a dream that one day she would own a home instead of rent. This never happened for her and, like her, so many others may never achieve this dream.

Why is this so important?

To some people it isn't. My sister rents a condo—always has and always will. Why? She does not want the responsibility of maintenance, upkeep etc.

"But what about equity?" I would ask.

"What good is equity if you never spend it? What good is equity if you just use it to buy a bigger house and get more debt?"

She has a point, I suppose.

I "own" my house. I say "own" because the bank lets me think I own it.

The average price of a house in Manitoba in 2017 was \$284,000. The average price of a house in Toronto was \$746,000 and in Vancouver it was over \$1 million.

I suppose paying an extra \$700,000 for a house is worth it for a mountain

and/or ocean view in Vancouver.

"It's not just those things, man!" the insulted trans-Canadian immigrant says indignantly from their café seat in Vancouver.

"Of course! I forgot about the constant rain."

Home ownership seems an increasingly distant dream for many unless you move to New Brunswick where the average home price in 2017 was \$174,000.

For a lot of people the issue isn't mortgage payments. Heck, most monthly rents are much higher than a mortgage. The average monthly rent for a two bedroom apartment (not a house) in Winnipeg last year was more than \$1,100; in Toronto more than \$1,400 and in Vancouver more than \$1,500.

Insanity.

The real stumbling block for most people is the down payment. Depending upon where you live it can be pretty hard to scrape together even the minimum payment of five per cent of more than \$14,000 for the average house in Manitoba.

Heck, as of the time I am writing this there is a recently renovated 2 bedroom house (not an apartment) for sale in Morden for \$139,000. If you can scrape together a \$7,000 down payment and manage to get approved (a whole other editorial) you will see an average monthly mortgage of about \$768 ... way less than rent AND you build equity.

However if you happen to be one of the nearly six million people who live

in the Greater Toronto Area where an average two bedroom house/condo will cost you almost \$500,000 you have to scrape together a \$25,000 minimum down payment for a more than \$2,000 per month mortgage. This is where it is actually cheaper to rent.

Herein lies the irony that renting is often more expensive than home ownership and home ownership is often not available to those who need to keep their monthly costs down the most ... a.k.a. the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

This is why I was happy to hear about the region's new Habitat for Humanity chapter whose mission statement is:

"By mobilizing volunteers and community partners, Habitat for Humanity Manitoba works with people from all walks of life to build safe, decent, affordable housing for purchase by low-income working families."

Now, there's nothing wrong with renting if that is for you. Some people swear by it. Especially if you live in a market like Toronto or Vancouver where rent can be lower than a monthly mortgage.

Frankly the only difference between most renters and "owners" is that while renters may not own the home the average home owner probably only owns about 10-30 percent of their home (the rest being owned by the bank).

Still, I am happy to live in Manitoba where home ownership is a little more within reach compared to many other places.



By Peter Cantelon

> INCUBATOR MALL, FROM PG. 3

ship and just helping them navigate the business process and polish their business acumen."

Rent will be dependent on the amount of space needed but will be kept to a very reasonable rate, Sheldon said. There will be some flexibility, as well, with the time frame, extending to up to a maximum two-year stay.

"One of the roadblocks for new business is often having to sign a long term lease before your business concept is proven, so we're going to

take that roadblock away and allow people a little easier entry and exit into their space," Sheldon said.

"Ideally, the situation is they become financially independent and realize the small space that we provide them that they're renting ... their business has outgrown it, and they'll need to look for additional space," he added.

Construction on the site is expected to start this month. The application and selection process should be completed in time for a late-April

opening.

The final number of vendors will depend on the business models and how much space they need, but Sheldon said "we will accept as many as we can to fit into that small space."

"The whole intent with this project is that as people grow their business and become financially independent and move to additional locations, there will be somebody else ready to take their spot in the incubator mall and start their business."

Pregnancy care centre hosting beef raffle

By Lorne Stelmach

Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre is raising funds to help complete its new location in Winkler and work on a new one in Morden.

The organization hopes its Beef for the Build ticket raffle could raise up to \$5,000 towards its two building projects.

"A little while back a local producer contacted us wanting to donate their beef to hold a raffle," explained executive director Linda Marek.

"Knowing the quality of this grass fed beef just made it a really easy yes for us to participate, and all of the funds raised will be used for our capital project," she said. "We are looking to expand and relocate our Morden space this year. The generosity of this producer and the folks who are purchasing tickets will help make that happen."

Marek said they are looking at capital project costs of about \$90,000 for the current year.

Last fall, the centre moved into a new space in Winkler and they are now looking to move upstairs from the lower level of Boundary Trails Place in Morden.

"We relocated the Winkler office last year and there's some finishing touches we would like to do yet," said Marek. "As well, in Morden, we're moving into a brand new space ... so there's some significant dollars needed there."

"We thought let's join the two projects and get both spaces finished and furnished how we would like them to be," she said.

Board chairperson Konrad Loewen said the moves will allow the centre to further develop and expand programming while better meeting the needs of their clients.

"Over the past while, this has been on the radar," he said. "The board has considered different locations, but we have found a space that we believe will move the centre forward. All that we need at this point is funding."

"When we look over the past few years at the client numbers and the annual increase in requests for services, we really needed to take a look at what we have, what we need, and what might be coming up," added Marek. "A move to a larger space makes a lot of sense. The whole reason we feel the need to move is to continue providing excellent care for



PVPCC board chair Konrad Loewen and executive director Linda Marek are selling Beef for the Build fundraising raffle tickets this month, including at the Pembina Valley Local Food Market Feb. 8 and Feb. 22.

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our clients."

The raffle, with a draw date of March 10, offers a grand prize of 90 pounds of beef. There are also secondary prizes of 60, 30, and 15 pounds of meat.

Tickets are one for \$5 or five for \$20 and are available at both the Winkler and Morden locations, the Pembina Valley Local Food Market Feb. 8 and

Feb. 22 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and the Morden Chamber of Commerce office or by calling or texting 204-362-0797.

In addition, you can support the centre's projects with a cheque marked "Capital" mailed to Box 2504, Winkler, MB, R6W 4C2 or by donating online at www.pvpcc.com.

Police tactical team deployed at Winkler home

The Regional Support Tactical Team was called into action in an investigation at a home on 14th St. in Winkler last week.

On Jan. 30, shortly after arresting a female woman outside the home, Winkler police and support team officers executed a search warrant on the house, finding no additional occupants inside.

A search of the home resulted in the seizure of ammunition, a small quantity of methamphetamine, and two replica firearms.

The 24-year-old female resident will be charged with possession of a firearm without a licence and possession of methamphetamine.

She was released on a Promise to Appear with an Undertaking to abide by several conditions. She is set to appear in Morden Provincial Court in April.

The Winkler Police Service and the Regional Support Tactical Team sent

out their thanks to the members of the public who were inconvenienced during this incident while pedestrian and vehicular traffic was diverted from the area.

"Our officers are grateful for the consistent cooperation from the public as we continue to investigate the illegal acquisition of firearms in our community," police said in a statement.

Other items of note in the weekly police reports include:

- Police were called to Superstore Jan. 30 about a couple caught shoplifting.

An 18-year-old male and 16-year-old female, both residents of Winkler, were charged with theft under \$5,000 with the man facing an additional charge for breach of probation. The girl will be dealt with through alternative measures.

- A Winkler man contacted police Jan. 31 about someone known to him



A woman is facing fire-arm and drug charges after police found these items in a house search Jan. 30.

WINKLER POLICE PHOTO

having threatened him and his family. Police attended the accused's home and arrested him for uttering threats.

- Winkler police are investigating a complaint of identity theft.

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The second annual Sledge Hockey Game in support of the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Manitoba takes place at the Winkler arena Feb. 19. Left: Organizers Nancy Spenst and Adam and Tessa Memme with some of the stuffed animals they'll be selling at the game for Katie Cares, Ronald McDonald House, and the Winnipeg Children's Hospital. Above: Last year's game raised about \$1,700.

Sledge hockey fundraiser back for another year

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Manitoba takes over the Winkler arena Feb. 19 for its second annual Sledge Hockey Game.

Taking to the ice will be Morden Minor Hockey players of all ages playing against the Intermediate Sledge Hockey Manitoba team.

"So it's skill against able-bodied," says organizer Nancy Spenst, SBHAM president.

The Morden players might know their way around the ice on skates, she adds, but sledge hockey is a whole other beast.

Instead of skates, players use double-blade sledges that allow the puck to pass beneath. They also use two sticks, which have a spike-end for pushing and a blade-end for shooting.

Spenst was first introduced to the sport when watching Evan Hesom, son of past SBHAM president Connie Hesom, play.

"I thought why can't we showcase something like this in Winkler?" she says.

Last year's inaugural game was a big hit, with 160 people filling the stands and about \$1,700 raised.

"It was overwhelming," says Spenst. "We want it to be an annual thing now," adds fellow organizer and association vice-president Tessa Memme. "People last year, as they were leaving, were asking us if we

were going to do it again."

Admission to the game is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Doors open at 1 p.m. The game starts at 1:30 p.m.

Dropping the puck will be Braden Pettinger, a former junior hockey player who was injured and paralyzed during his first game playing for the Portage Terriers two years ago.

New at the event this year, stuffed animals donations will be available for purchase for \$6 each. The toys will be donated to Katie Cares, Winnipeg Children's Hospital, and Ronald McDonald's House, while funds raised from their sale go to the association.

For children living with spina bifida or hydrocephalus, a cuddly friend can bring a lot of comfort during long hours spent receiving medical care.

"We as adults with spina bifida, we know what effect that can have on you of getting something while you're

in the hospital recovering and having surgery," says Memme. "It's a traumatic experience. This is something you can hold and hug and make you feel better."

The afternoon will also include a penny auction featuring a range of prizes donated by local businesses, a 50/50, and concessions for sale.

After the dust has settled on the game itself, people will have a chance to try their hand at sledge hockey.

"People will be able to try out the sleds," says Memme, encouraging everyone to come see just how much skill this modified form of hockey requires.

Funds raised from the day go to help the association assist families living with spina bifida or hydrocephalus cover medical bills, recreation programs, and other related costs.

Donations to SBHAM can also be

made online at sbham.ca or by calling Spenst at 204-362-7224.

VALENTINE'S DINNER

Can't make the sledge hockey game? You can still come out to support SBHAM by buying a ticket to their Valentine's Day Dinner Fundraiser hosted by the Buhler Active Living Centre.

The Feb. 14 supper takes place at the South Railway Ave. complex at 6 p.m. and will feature Martin's Famous BBQ baby back ribs, live musical entertainment from cellist Melanie Schwarz, a cash bar serving mocktails (non-alcoholic drinks), and prizes for best dressed couple and individual.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$150/table of six and are available at the Buhler Active Living Centre office or by calling 204-362-7224.

> POLICE, FROM PG.7

A woman told police Feb. 1 she believed her ex-boyfriend stole her social insurance number and used it to rent an apartment in Ontario because she had received a phone call from a collection agency advising she owes over \$800 for an outstanding utility bill for the apartment.

• Winkler police were called Feb.

1 about a woman assaulted and threatened at an apartment on Imperial Bay.

She told officers she was kept from leaving a man's apartment while he made several advances on her. She hit him in an attempt to escape, but he struck her in the neck before she was able to flee.

The 46-year-old man is charged

with assault and uttering threats.

• Winkler police were called Feb. 4 to a home on Stanley Avenue after a woman was assaulted by her husband.

Police say the man was intoxicated and uncooperative. The 39-year-old was charged with assault and uttering threats.

Morden Area Fdn. serving up coffee and awareness

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Area Foundation is aiming to get the word out about its work to mark its milestone anniversary this year.

Events such as a series of coffee gatherings this month that began with one at Elks Place Jan. 31 are focused mainly on raising awareness in the 25th anniversary year of the foundation, though raising money would be a nice bonus.

"These coffee times are very casual. The concept is just to get the foundation in people's minds," said executive director Lynda MacLean.

"It's about raising awareness for our 25th celebration ... to get out there in the community," she continued. "Raising money is always a goal, but this was also more to let people know what all we have done over the last 25 years ... then maybe they will want to jump on board as well.

"As the year progresses, there's other places that we want to go and talk and get the word out to different age

groups and different venues."

Foundation board members past and present are offering a 10 minute presentation and taking questions about everything from the endowment fund and grants to specific projects supported by the foundation.

Past director Lenore Laverty noted the achievements of the foundation include having an endowment fund of over \$1.6 million that has given back over \$1 million in grants to the community.

Just as important for the foundation, she added, is bringing people together to support the community and to serve as a catalyst to make things happen.

There are a number of things that work in the foundation's favour, Laverty said, including the lasting legacy provided through its endowment fund and grants.

"That long term view is important. Our slogan is 'We are here for good forever,'" she said.

"Also, the Morden Area Foundation has a very broad perspective," La-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Lenore Laverty, a past director of the Morden Area Foundation, addressed residents of the Elks Place last week about the work of the organization as part of efforts to highlight the agency's 25th anniversary year.

erty added, noting the wide variety of projects and groups supported by the organization. "It reflects all of the interests of the community at large."

Laverty also stressed that all donations to the foundation add up to make a real difference.

"Any gifts, large or small, are going to work for the community," she said.

"It's amazing the outreach that the foundation has ... the benefit and the dollars that go back into the com-

munity," added past director Nancy Penner, who also highlighted initiatives such as the Power of the Purse luncheon and the Women's Giving Circle.

As part of the anniversary year, the foundation is promoting a 25 Club, encouraging people to make donations of \$25 or multiples of that amount.

Deadline nears for Gordon Wiebe scholarships

The deadline for the second round of Gordon Wiebe Post-Secondary Scholarships—worth a cumulative total of upwards of \$73,000—is fast approaching.

The Winkler Community Foundation is accepting applications for the three streams of awards until Feb. 28.

The scholarship program expects to grant 15 new awards to Winkler area students this year and to honour eight existing awards ranging in value from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

Current and prospective students can apply to one of three streams:

- Make It a Reality Award. This \$20,000 award over four years of schooling will be presented to one recipient. It's intended to help transform the recipient's life opportunities.

- Ongoing Education Support Awards. Seven awards of \$2,000 renewable for up to two years will be presented to high school graduates, including mature students, who are preparing to return to school or are currently enrolled in their first post-secondary program of study. Former Winklerites who may now live elsewhere in Canada are still encouraged

to apply.

- Garden Valley School Division Awards. Students of NPC and GVC will apply through their high school for these eight, one-time \$2,000 awards.

The foundation seeks applicants who show care for their community, willingness to lead, and/or excellence in their work.

To be eligible for awards, applicants

must be 30 years old or under and planning to pursue their first degree or diploma through an approved post-secondary program within Canada.

Application information and materials are available at winklercommunityfoundation.com/what-we-do/scholarships.

Since distributing last year's awards, the foundation has heard back from

recipients about the impact the scholarships have had as they embark on their educations.

"I have been dreaming of going to university since I was in kindergarten. It has been my lifelong goal, and I wouldn't have been able to achieve this without your generous scholarship," noted GVSD Award recipient Isabel Wallace.

Morden Festival of the Arts begins

The 43rd season of the Morden Festival of the Arts kicks off next week with the band session.

It goes next Tuesday, Feb. 13 starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Westside Community Church.

The four participating bands are the Winkler Elementary School Gr. 8 band and the junior, intermediate and senior bands from Morden Collegiate.

Working with the band students as

adjudicator will be Paul Moen, who has taught extensively in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Manitoba for over 35 years, including as the band director at Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler for 20 years.

He has performed both as a clarinet soloist and with the Cincinnati Community Orchestra, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and the Winnipeg Wind Ensemble, and he has adjudicated numerous festivals in

Manitoba and Saskatchewan as well as guest conducted in band camps and honor bands.

The festival will continue next month with the strings session March 11-13 at the Church of God.

For more information, including a detailed performance schedule, visit www.mordenfestivalofthearts.cfsites.org or contact Erika Dyck at 204-822-6825.

Boston Pizza supports Big Bros in a big way



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

By Lorne Stelmach

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler is a beneficiary this year of the annual February fundraising of the national Boston Pizza Foundation.

Local BP manager Mike Rose (at left in photo) presented a \$10,000 donation Monday to Michael Penner, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler.

Funds were raised through customer donations of \$2 or more for paper hearts and \$1 for every sale of special feature desserts.

The campaign concludes Feb. 14 with \$1 from the sale of every heart-shaped pizza sold going to charity.

Boston Pizza expects to serve more

than 60,000 heart-shaped pizzas on Valentine's Day.

Since 1990, the Boston Pizza Foundation has raised and donated more than \$24 million to improve the health and well-being of children and families through the support of five national charities: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Kids Help Phone, Live Different, JDRF and the Rick Hansen Foundation.

"It's nice for us to see them actually hit our local Big Brothers Big Sisters with a cheque ... it's coming back locally," said Rose.

"It's really a much needed boost for our organization to really help us to kind of push to the next level and mentor more kids," said Penner.

City funds available for downtown facade projects

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is again offering help for businesses looking to spruce up their storefronts downtown.

The facade improvement program was introduced last year and is available again for businesses on Stephen St. and North Railway St.

The program provides cost-shared funding for building improvements in the downtown up to a maximum of \$5,000.

"Council is committed to making Morden's downtown sector a prime

shopping centre for residents and tourists, and updating these façades is a big step in achieving that goal," said Mayor Ken Wiebe.

Fringe Salon on Stephen St. added several new features to its facade after receiving funds last year, and manager Helen Wall appreciated the support of the city.

"It's huge for us ... they paid for almost half of the cost of the project," she said, noting their improvements came in at about \$12,000.

"They made it very simple," she

"COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO MAKING MORDEN'S DOWNTOWN SECTOR A PRIME SHOPPING CENTRE ..."

added. "It was just a really, really good experience and we were just very excited to get it."

The salon added a new front awning to replace the old canvas one and also gave the rest of the front a fresh new

look.

"It really gave it a more modern look ... and we had some concrete blocks done also to add to the more modern industrial kind of look," said Wall, suggesting it now has much better street appeal. "The building used to be a lumber yard and that's what it still looked like from the outside, so we just wanted it to look more sophisticated. We're very, very pleased with it."

In addition to Fringe Salon, several other projects which were completed before the grant became available were approved for funding retroactively.

Applications for funding can be made to the city planner Martin Sandhurst, who works with the applicant on their submitted design for renovation. The Morden Community Development Corporation committee then decides which project to fund.

Projects will be considered by the committee each month beginning in February and ending in October on a first-come, first-served basis.

Any applications not approved in spring may also be considered again later. Previously completed facade projects may also be submitted for consideration if they were finished between July 1, 2015 and Sept. 1, 2017.

Bilingual Bop at Maple Leaf School



The Maple Leaf School gym was packed with children dancing and having a good time at the Bilingual Bop Feb. 1 in Morden. Also including a bit of zumba, face painting, and a bedtime story, it was the second annual fun family event hosted by the Canadian Parents for French Morden chapter. "We just put on a fun French dance for any kids ... they can come practise French or learn some French while they have some fun," said organizer Sara Convery.

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Packed-full lineup for second annual Winkler Comic Con

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Geeks of all stripes will be in Winkler Louis Riel Day for the second annual Winkler Comic Con.

Garden Valley Collegiate is Con HQ once again on Feb. 19, with additional activities planned for the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre and the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

"It went so well last year that we're doing a lot more of the same this year," says organizer Deb Penner. "Instead of trying to do too much too quickly we're going to grow at a nice pace that's comfortable for us and hopefully make it a little better every year."

"We've improved on some things

based on the constructive criticism we got," she adds. "The vendor layout in the gym, for example."

The gymnasium will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. hosting over 40 vendors of everything from pop culture collectibles to artwork, as well as several booths set up by cosplay groups from around the province.

Some of those cosplayers will no doubt be taking part in the Cosplay Contest, which runs from 4-5 p.m. on the gymnasium stage.

Last year's crop of contestants certainly didn't disappoint.

"It was so cool. I was just amazed" at the quality of costumes, Penner

says. "It just makes it such a neat even when, for one day, you can see people walking around with these amazing costumes."

The contest includes categories for 12U, 13+ amateur, 13+ professional, and look-a-like. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place finishers. Registration is at the con entrance.

Beyond the gym, panel discussions lined up for the day include the Mandalorian Mercs talking about costume and prop building at 11 a.m., Chris Hadley demonstrating makeup

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VOICE FILE PHOTO

Cosplayers, comic book fans, and lovers of all things pop culture will be in Winkler Feb. 19 for the second annual Winkler Comic Con.



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CIBC in Morden supported the Morden and District United Way recently with a donation of \$3,143.50. The branch raised the funds through events like a bake sale and staff contributions from casual Fridays. "CIBC over the years has been a major partner with the United Way," said United Way president Alex Fedorchuk, noting the bank over the past 12 years has contributed over \$50,000 to the campaign, which supports dozens of local non-profit organizations.



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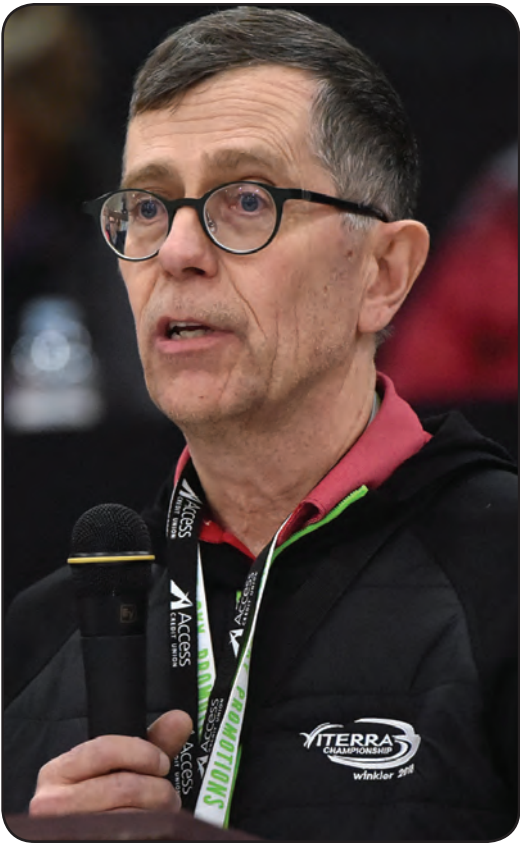


Viterra a success

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Winkler's hosting of the 2018 Viterra Championship last week was a big hit, with thousands of fans coming to enjoy high-level curling as the province's top men's teams competed for the Manitoba title and a spot at the national championships. Clockwise from above: Reid Carruthers and Mike McEwen (front) eye the ice in the final match, which Carruthers won 7-6; host committee chair Louis Tanguay said the event wouldn't have been such a success without the support of the community, hundreds of volunteers, and corporate sponsors; the Asham Stompers provided a lively show in the curling club Friday

night as part of the week's stage entertainment; fans cheer on Carruthers; Team McEwen, the top-seeded team, spent the week without their skip, as McEwen was hospitalized with chickenpox. He was released from hospital the morning of the final and returned to the ice.





Clockwise from above: Curl Manitoba president Debbie Schween thanked Winkler Curling Club president Brent Haney for the club's help in organizing the Viterra Championship; representing our community by throwing the rock at the Viterra opening ceremonies Jan. 31 were (from left) Abe Suderman, Henry (Hank) Klassen, Ross Derksen, and Brennan Kezema; Winkler junior curlers proudly

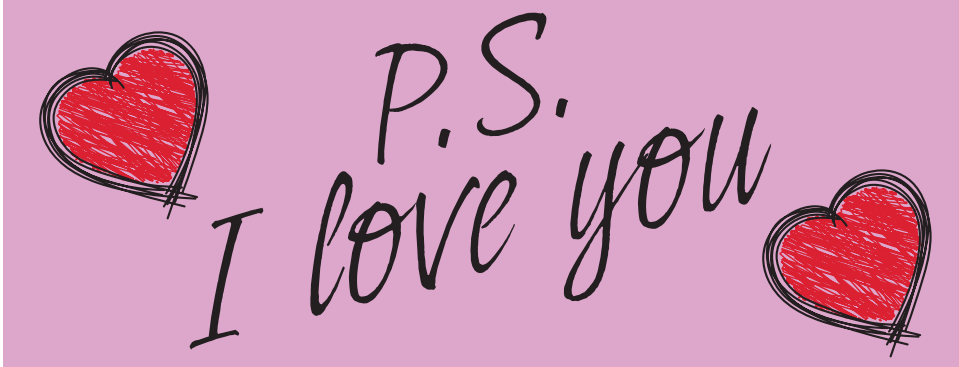


acted as flag bearers at the ceremony; the Winkler arena was transformed into a five-sheet curling rink for the tournament; people like Myra Peters, Dan Peters, and Nicole Dyck were among the 300-strong army of volunteers who made the event a success.



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Make your declaration of love unforgettable with these five tips

You’ve been seeing someone for a while, and you can tell that the attraction is mutual. You’ve discussed your values, your interests and your goals, and the chemistry is undeniable. You find yourself thinking about him or her all the time. You’re both completely free. Why not take advantage of Valentine’s Day to declare your love? Follow these five tips to avoid making a faux pas.

1. THE LOOK

Wear clothes and accessories that suit you. Make especially sure that your breath is fresh, and check your smile in the mirror before professing your love. A piece of let-

tuce stuck in your teeth could seriously cramp your style. Romantic? Not!

2. THE SETTING

If the urge to say “I love you” for the first time overcomes you during an evening out with friends (and after one too many drinks) or while you’re waiting in line at the store, for goodness’ sake, don’t do it! Your best bet is to express your feelings in a quiet place where you won’t be disturbed.

3. THE MOMENT

Announcing your love during work hours — or worse, in the middle of the night — is



not the best idea. The object of your affection should be 100% present, both mentally and physically, or your romantic intentions might fall flat.

4. THE WORDS

Depending on your love interest’s personality, you could simply utter the three big words or choose to take it up a notch by reciting a poem or singing a song. What matters most is that you speak from the heart and with sincerity.

5. THE GIFT

Consider a symbolic gift to accompany your declaration — a decorative object reminiscent of an interest you share, a personalized piece of jewelry, or a bouquet of flowers, for instance.

Three reasons why long-term couples should celebrate Valentine’s Day

Those who think that Valentine’s Day is just for new couples are definitely mistaken. People in long-term relationships have just as much to gain from a day dedicated to celebrating their love. Valentine’s Day is meant for all couples, old and new.

1. To shake things up

Long-time couples tend to fall into a routine, returning to the same spots over and over or simply staying home most of the time. Dare to be different. Step out of your comfort zone and discover what your region has to offer. A little novelty is never a bad thing!

2. To nurture your bond

When is the last time you told your significant other how he or she makes you feel? Take advantage of Valentine’s Day to express just how much you appreciate your sweetheart. Remember — it’s the little things that make relationships last. Give your Valentine a heartfelt card, an engraved piece of jewelry or even an original poem as a token of your lasting love.



3. To rekindle the flame

As the years go by, those secret looks, winks, cuddles, kisses, massages and similar intimate gestures can become increasingly scarce in long-term relationships. You’re both aware that you should put more effort into each other, and Valentine’s Day is the perfect excuse to dress up, hit the town with your sweetheart and watch the sparks fly.



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techniques at noon and again at 2 p.m., artist GMB Chomichuk presenting Making Comics Talk at 1 p.m., and artist Justin Currie presenting The

Journey from Idea to the Printed Page at 3 p.m. The school's theatre room will be showing anime all day, including

Black Clover, Noragami, and My Hero Academia. Finally, The Zone upstairs will be Gaming Central from 10 a.m. to 10

p.m., with tournaments scheduled for Yugioh, Wii U Smash Bros, War-Hammer: Age of Sigmar, WarHammer 40K, Magic: The Gathering, and Settlers of Catan.

Off-site, the concert hall hosts special guest Charles Ross, who will perform his One Man Star Wars show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the 90 minute show are included with every con admission (\$10 at GVC) or \$10 at the door.

"The big comic cons all have special guests. They have people like William Shatner signing autographs. We're still a few years away from that," Penner says with a chuckle. "But we wanted to do something special that would get people's attention ... something different and unique."

Ross has performed his show to accolades all over North America and Penner says they're thrilled to be able to bring it here for local Star Wars fans.

"We're very excited about it. All of us who have seen bits and pieces of it on Youtube, we all agree he's hilarious. It's going to a fun night."

The WAC, meanwhile, is once again hosting the con's free family centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including a comic book art exhibition, Lego creation displays, Lego building stations, and free popcorn.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With less than two weeks to go until the big day, organizers have put the call out for volunteers for Winkler Comic Con 2018.

Help is needed for event setup and cleanup. Volunteers get free con admission and a T-shirt for their efforts.

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Kenmor, opera house hosting a whodunit

By Lorne Stelmach

A farcical murder mystery takes to local stages this weekend and next in support of the theatrical venues in Morden and Manitou.

The Candlewick Players presentation of *Exit the Body* by Fred Carmichael will benefit the Kenmor Theatre in Morden and the Manitou Opera House.

There is a choice of just the play this weekend at the Kenmor or a Valentine's Day dinner theatre in Manitou next weekend.

"There's not a strong romance theme to this particular play, but at the same time it's a good entertaining piece where couples can come out and have a good laugh," said director Richard Klassen.

"You find out there's been the robbery and there's different people ... you don't know who is after the diamonds and who's the bad guy and who's the good guys," Klassen explains. "As you get into the play, it becomes a little bit more difficult with the ins and outs and the timing of people coming into the room. It is a little more difficult that way, but at the same time that adds to the comedy."

Klassen, who had ordered the script last year, says the show come with a local historical connection.

"Oak Valley Productions, years ago, when they did a Valentine's dinner theatre, had done the sequel to it which

was called *Exit Who*. It was something we were thinking we may want to do down the road again," he said.

"We're always looking for different types of plays from year to year," Klassen added. "And I know some of the actors were really drawn to this one."

The production has a strong experienced cast hailing from across the Pembina Valley.

"We've got a good group of actors ... I've worked with all of them before, and I'm excited to work with this group," Klassen said. "They're all extremely fun to work with, extremely keen in terms of their ability to act on stage. All of them have a significant amount of experience."

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door for this Friday and Saturday at the Kenmor Theatre or by calling 204-822-7469.

Tickets by reservation only for the dinner theatre next weekend in Manitou are \$40 per person or \$305 for a table of eight. Reservations can be made by e-mail to richard@candlewick.ca or calling 204-825-8406. Full show details are available at candlewick.ca.

The Morden shows will support con-

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The cast of *Exit The Body* were in dress rehearsals last Saturday in preparation for the Candlewick Productions presentation of the farcical play *Exit The Body* this weekend in Morden and next weekend as a Valentine's dinner theatre in Manitou.

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Cheering on the hometown boys

By Lorne Stelmach

The competition ended for them after two games, but a Morden foursome still took pride in being part of the Viterra provincial men's curling championship in Winkler last week.

The Morden-based team skipped by Ryan Thomson fell 6-3 to Dennis Bohn and 11-5 to JT Ryan, both of Assiniboine Memorial in Winnipeg.

"We learned some things," said Thomson, whose foursome included third Kyle Peters, second Mark Georges, and lead Evan Gillis. "If we ever have an opportunity to go back, I think we learned some things that we could take into that the next time."

Against Bohn, Thomson fell behind 3-1 after four ends and then trailed 6-2 after eight ends, scoring singles in the second, sixth and ninth ends.

Facing Ryan, a former junior champion who eventually fell to two-time defending champion Mike McEwen in the semi-final, Thomson gave up three in the first and then scored two in the second.

After giving up two in the third, he replied with singles in the fourth and fifth to trail just 5-4, but the tide turned with Ryan getting three in both the sixth and eighth ends.

The provincial title eventually went to Reid Carruthers with a 7-6 win over McEwen in what was the fourth time the two have met at the provincial finals.

This was Thomson's first time at the championship as the skip, having previously been there twice as part of the David Hamblin team along with



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Morden Curling Club's Team Ryan Thomson fell in both their games at the Viterra provincial men's curling championship last week. Though they lost to Team Bohn 6-3 and to Team Ryan 11-5, Thomson said the tournament was a valuable learning experience for the team.

Georges. This was the first time for Peters and Gillis.

"We were happy to make it there," said Thomson, noting they had picked up Peters just before the regional playdowns. "Evan and Mark and I have curled together for quite a few years ... and we got close before and we've lost games that would have got us into the provincials."

Thomson said they knew it would be a challenge for them going up against some of the strongest and most competitive curlers not just in Manitoba but in Canada.

"We obviously didn't play our best. We weren't super sharp, but I guess

that's to be expected on your first time maybe? We hoped to do a little better," he said.

"We didn't have our best games ... in that kind of a competition, you're playing really good teams, so you just can't have an off day," Thomson continued. "It was starting to come together ... but you get those tough teams, you really have to play well. We had hoped to win a game, but we wanted to just go out there and have fun."

In the end, it was a good experience, and they especially appreciate being able to compete close to home.

"It was a great atmosphere in the

rink there," he said. "It was awesome to play in Winkler because we had so many people we knew came out to watch."

Thomson wasn't the only local at the event: Winkler's own Bev Woelk, in his first crack at the provincial title, played as second with Team Julien Leduc out of the Granite Curling Club in Winnipeg.

Woelk's team started strong with a 5-4 win over Team Grassie. They went on to fall to Team Bohn 7-3 and then beat Team Fisher 9-7 before being bounced out of the running by Team McNamee 7-2 Friday afternoon.

Flyers drop two out of three on the road

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers got a key win over Waywayseecappo Sunday, following on the heels of two losses in their three game road trip.

The team's first game up north was a close affair in Swan Valley Friday night.

Swan Valley were up 1-0 heading into the second period when Winkler's Brett Opperman and Matt

Christian scored in a five minute stretch to give the Flyers the lead. It was short-lived, though, as the Stampede got the tie-breaker with 32 seconds left to go in the period.

A hard-fought final period saw both

sides trying to find the game-winner, but it was Swan Valley who succeeded, scoring at the 19 minute mark to take the game 3-2.

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Redskins best Royals 4-3; rematch in Winkler Sun.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins had a winning week in the SEMHL, dropping both Winkler and Portage.

Saturday night's game saw the Redskins playing catch-up as Winkler's Caleb Unrau scored the first period's lone goal and then Mark Hildebrand and Jared Unrau made it 3-0 for the Royals in the back end of the second.

Morden finally got on the board at 16:30 of period two thanks to Keith Bially, while Nicolas Doyle and Dallas Holenski got to work in the third tying things at 3-3. Doyle went on to get the game winner midway through the frame.

Matt Krahn guarded Winkler's net, making 37 saves, while Morgan Wall slapped away 36 on the other side of the rink.

Morden won by a much wider margin the next night in Portage.

The Islanders bookended the first period with goals, but in between Morden's David Victor, Jared Leiding, and Jay Fehr scored.

Fehr and Bially made it a 5-2 game in the second. Portage got two more before the second intermission, but Fehr and Quinton Thiessen cemented the 7-4 win with a goal apiece in the third.

Wall was in net once again for mor-

den, making 23 saves as Portage outshot Morden 27-26.

Morden is tied for second in the standings with Warren, with both teams having records of 11-7 for 22 points. They trail the first place Notre Dame by six points. Winkler brings

up the rear in seventh and last place at 4-15 for eight points.

This weekend Winkler travels to Altona Saturday and then hosts Morden for both teams' final regular season game of the year on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Orange and Black in fifth place

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Winkler fired 43 shots on net while goaltender Aaron Brunn made 50 saves off of 53 shots in the Flyers' net.

The Orange and Black failed to get any traction at all the next night in OCN, skating off the ice with a 2-0 loss to add to their record.

OCN's goals came early in the first and midway through the second, while Troy Martyniuk made 26 saves in net for Winkler as the Flyers outshot the Blizzard 31-28.

Which brought things to the road trip's final game Sunday in Waywayseecappo.

Winkler hit the ice determined and finished the first two periods up 1-0 (Cole Kirkup) and 3-0 (Coltyn Bates and Christian) before the home team finally got one past Martyniuk seven minutes into the final period.

The Flyers responded in kind, with Bates scoring his second of the night three minutes later and Christian capping off the 5-1 win with a last-second goal.

Winkler outshot OCN 42-17.

With that, Winkler drops to fifth place in the MJHL standings with a 29-20 record for 58 points. That ties them with the fourth-place OCN (26-16-5-1) in points.

Filling out the top three spots are Steinbach (80 points), Virden (68), and Portage (66 points).

This week the Flyers played in Winnipeg Wednesday and then host OCN for two games Feb. 9-10. Next week Tuesday, Feb. 13, they travel to play Selkirk.

Local soccer clubs launch regional program

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Youth soccer clubs across the region have joined forces to create a new,

unified soccer organization.

Over the past decade, families across the Pembina Valley have taken part in the separate Winkler Wild, Morden

United, and Pembina Valley Panthers soccer programs.

Now, those teams together will operate under the new South Central Youth Soccer (SCYS) banner, explains SCYS technical director Chad Bergen.

"This is something that's been in conversation for the past few years," he says, noting the leaders of the various clubs found themselves doing much of the same work when it came to team and event organization. "We decided it was pretty redundant ... it's time that we blend some of these things together."

"We're just trying to organize things and provide a better experience for the kids that are involved."

The SCYS teams will involve leagues within our region as well as teams that play in the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association premiere division.

Locally, SCYS is looking to create coed leagues in the U15, U12, and U10 age groups to play during May and June.

"It's between Winkler, Morden, Carman, Elm Creek, Notre Dame, and hopefully Altona's going to be joining us this year," says Bergen of the regional league, adding that that's where the Winkler Wild and Morden



United team names will live on.

For the WYSA, meanwhile, the SCYS plans to put together U15, U13, and U12 boys premiere teams. These teams will require tryouts and will train and play from May through September.

Online registration for the SCYS is expected to begin soon. Details will be posted on social media at www.facebook.com/southcentrallyouthsoccer and @scysoccer on Twitter.

There will also be an in-person registration night on March 6 from 6-8 pm at the Winkler Arena lobby.

For more information, contact Bergen at chadwick.bergen@icloud.com.

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR							MANITOBA AAA BANTAM								
HOCKEY LEAGUE							HOCKEY LEAGUE								
	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Steinbach Pistons	49	39	8	1	80	244	106	Cougars	32	22	7	0	47	169	102
Virden Oil Capitals	50	33	15	2	68	215	153	Chiefs	31	20	10	0	41	146	100
Portage Terriers	48	31	13	1	66	196	129	Rangers	32	19	10	2	41	152	130
OCN Blizzard	48	26	16	5	58	169	150	Hawks	31	15	13	1	33	123	116
Winkler Flyers	49	29	20	0	58	162	133	Capitals	34	8	24	1	18	108	204
Selkirk Steelers	48	25	19	3	54	162	166	Wheat Kings	33	7	25	0	15	86	158
Winnipeg Blues	48	23	19	4	52	171	180	Wolves	36	6	28	0	14	132	300
Swan Valley Stampede	46	21	20	5	47	145	155								
Neepawa Natives	49	21	25	2	45	173	199	MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA							
Dauphin Kings	49	12	35	1	26	119	223	HOCKEY LEAGUE							
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	50	7	39	3	18	116	278		GP	Reg W	Reg L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts
								Winnipeg Avros	29	16	5	-	8	-	48
								PV Hawks	30	17	8	-	3	2	42
								Westman Wildcats	28	13	9	-	3	3	35
								Yellowhead Chiefs	30	11	10	-	3	6	34
								Eastman Selects	29	13	11	-	-	5	31
								Central Plains	30	9	15	-	2	4	26
								Interlake Lightning	28	2	23	-	2	1	9
								HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY							
									GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
								W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	21	17	4	0	34	143	51
								Morris Mavericks	22	16	5	0	33	106	74
								Northlands Parkway Collegiate							
								Nighthawks (Winkler)	20	13	6	1	27	90	74
								Prairie Mountain Mustangs	20	13	6	0	27	106	92
								Morden Thunder	22	12	10	0	24	94	73
								Cartwright/Nellie McClung/							
								Pilot Mound Tigers	21	10	11	0	20	78	87
								Carman Cougars	22	6	14	2	14	68	86
								Garden Valley Collegiate							
								Zodiacs (Winkler)	21	4	14	1	11	59	129
								Portage Collegiate							
								Institute Trojans	21	4	16	0	9	71	149
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Hawks clinch second place, await playoffs

Pembina Valley earns first round playoff bye

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks clinched second place and now await their first round playoff opponent.

They will be facing the seventh place Interlake Lightning after securing second by winning two of their final three games on the weekend.

A 2-0 shutout of the third place Westman Wildcats Friday locked up their spot, then they closed out their regular season schedule in falling 2-1 in overtime Saturday to the first place Winnipeg Avros before halting a Yellowhead Chiefs comeback Sunday by winning 6-5 in extra time as well.

Coach Dana Bell said his team played well throughout what was a second consecutive three game weekend, taking five of the possible six points.

"We played very good on Friday night against Westman. Everyone bought in early, and we kept to our game plan and came out with a big win, securing second place," he said.

"We managed to salvage a point out of it Saturday ... again, everyone bought in and played great," Bell con-

tinued, then lamenting though how they almost gave the game away Sunday after leading 5-1 after two periods.

"It was very obvious that [the Chiefs] changed their game plan in the third and came out aggressive, playing the body ... unfortunately, we fell for it and played a lot of the period short-handed," said Bell, adding that "5-0 is never a good lead to have, as you get comfortable ... in the end, we got the win in overtime though."

Halle Oswald earned another shutout Friday with a solid 36 save performance against Westman, while

Tessa Odell scored both goals for the Hawks, who were outshot 36 to 32.

Sage McElroy-Scott scored the lone Pembina Valley goal Saturday in the third period to salvage a point and take the Avros to overtime. Shots on goal were 28 to 26 for the Avros with Oswald taking the loss on 26 saves.

Makenzie McCallum paced the Hawks Sunday afternoon with a hat trick, while Breanna Millions contributed a pair. The other goal came from McElroy-Scott, while Kadynce Romijn made 32 saves with the shots ending up 37-32 for the Chiefs.

The Hawks ended up at 20-80-2 for

42 points, second only to the Avros, who were at 24-5-0 for 48 points with one game to go, and they will get a first round playoff bye.

The other first round playoff matchups should be third place Westman against the sixth place Central Plains Capitals and fourth place Yellowhead against the fifth place Eastman Selects.

The Hawks head west this week for a tournament in Calgary.

"We will have some fun and use this time for some team bonding and get ready for the first round of the playoffs," said Bell.

Twisters struggle with losing streak

By Lorne Stelmach

Only the sad sack River East Royal Knights—with five points through 36 games—are at the moment keeping the Pembina Valley Twisters out of last place in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

Their slide in the standings has come with what is now a seven game losing streak after the Twisters were blanked 5-0 Saturday by the St. James Canucks.

Pembina Valley has picked up only

two points during the losing skid from a pair of overtime shootout losses, and they have now dropped 11 of their last 13 games going back to early December.

The Twisters were in the game Saturday and only trailing 2-0 until St. James put it away with three unanswered goals in the latter half of the final frame while firing 19 shots on net.

Pembina Valley was stymied by Canucks netminder Tyler Wiess, who stopped all 46 Pembina Valley shots

on goal Saturday, while Griffin Dyck stopped 37 of the 42 St. James shots he faced.

It was the lone game of the week for the Twisters, who have seen their record drop to 13-19-4 for 30 points, which leaves them three back of St. Boniface, six back of Fort Garry Fort Rouge, and seven behind St. Vital.

Pembina Valley hit the road for three games this week starting with the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins Tuesday, the Transcona Railer Express Friday, and the Knights on Sunday.

Hawks hoping for home ice wins this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks are hoping being back home in Morden this week will help them shake off a bad road trip last weekend.

The Hawks came up empty in dropping a pair of shutouts by falling 3-0 to the Yellowhead Chiefs Saturday at Shoal Lake and then losing 2-0 to the Parkland Rangers Sunday in Dauphin.

Coach Rylan Price said it was a

tough weekend for his team, noting they also ended up a bit short on the bench.

"We were playing three guys short, so we were behind the eight ball right off the bat," he said. "But we couldn't find ways to score, despite having a lot of high quality scoring chances."

The Hawks were only down 1-0 until halfway through the third period Saturday until Yellowhead converted on back-to-back powerplays to put the game away.

Jeremy Dutcawich got the 24 save shutout for the Chiefs, while Martin Gagnon stopped 27 of 30 shots until Brock Moroz came on for the final 5:16 and faced one shot.

The game Sunday was also decided late with the Rangers breaking a scoreless deadlock with just under four minutes to play. They then added a final second empty net goal.

Moroz kept the Hawks in the game with 41 saves as the shots ended up 43-30 in favour of the Rangers.

The Hawks are now at 21-16-0-2-2

for 46 points and are in a sixth-place tie with Yellowhead. They are three up on the Southwest Cougars and three back of the Winnipeg Thrashers with seven regular season games to go.

Pembina Valley faces two key games this weekend with the teams they are most closely battling with for position in the standings: the Thrashers Saturday and the Eastman Selects Sunday. Both games are in Morden.

The Hawks then hit the road to face the Southwest Cougars in Souris Feb. 14.

Zone 4 playoffs next week

In Zone 4 hockey, the NPC Night-hawks downed the Pembina Tigers 5-4 and the Morris Mavericks 5-2 last week.

The Morden Thunder wrapped up January with a 4-3 victory over Morris and then kicked off February with

a loss to Carman 3-1 and a win over Altona 8-3.

GVC's Zodiacs, meanwhile, started the month with a 5-3 loss at the hands of the Mavericks.

The Zone 4 playoffs begin next week.

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Agriculture

Clearwater Colony sticking with RWA

By Harry Siemens

Back in February 2017, Garry Wollmann shared his story with fellow producers and industry representatives at the Manitoba Swine Seminar in Winnipeg.

Wollmann is the barn manager at Clearwater Hutterite Colony where they operate a 700 sow farrow to finish farm producing up to 17,000 pigs, which went under a special contract and premium to HyLife at Neepawa.

In October 2015, the colony began raising pigs without antibiotics and began shipping RWA pigs in April 2016, taking three years to get there.

The reason the colony decided to go RWA because of known changes coming regarding in-feed antibiotic goals making it desirable to wean their operation off of antibiotics as quickly as possible.

Recently, Wollmann talked about how things are going.

"Very well up to a certain point last May when the new strain of PRRS [Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome] that's in Manitoba and it set us back quite a bit," he said. "We just tried to manage to it the best we could. We lost a lot of pigs because of it."

"The productivity in the sow herd went down tremendously for a couple of months, and it's back to normal now. But there's a hole in there, in November and December, where we only shipped half the pigs that we normally would."

Wollmann said they didn't change anything but decided to wait out and hope that it got better every week. And after the first few weeks, it did; the sows began feeling better and eating.

"And then it slowly rolled through

the rest of the barn, through the nursery and the finishing pigs. The finishing pigs were running a temperature where they weren't hungry for a couple of days, not eating what they should so our days to market went up. But overall, the mortality went up but not as much as it could have," said Wollmann. "Some of the herds that have experienced that PRRS strain has had higher mortality than we did. We were able to manage through it and come out the other side, and the light that we saw at the end of the tunnel wasn't a freight train; it was just a small, little mini-bike that was coming our way."

The most crucial factor is the colony did not have to resort to using antibiotics.

"We maintained our RWA status, but we did use a lot of aspirin which you're allowed to do to try to control

the temperatures on the sows just to get them to feel better so that they started eating again," Wollmann said.

During this stressful time, HyLife at Neepawa, the processor taking all those RWA pigs under a special premium, decided to end their RWA program, giving them the one year notice.

"Two of their flows that were producing their RWA pigs got hit with the same strand of PRRS that we had, and they felt that they couldn't manage through it without going back to empty the barns that housed the pigs. And they had been struggling with raising pigs without antibiotics for a bit as it was before that, so they just decided it's not worth their time and effort to try and maintain that program," Wollmann said. "We gave them notice on May 2, 2017 we would like to get out of our supply contract."

They gave us an offer that we could go out and look for a different processor that puts a contract in front of us; they would allow us to leave our supply contract which you have to give notice for a year."

Thunder Creek Pork in Moose Jaw, SK came back with an offer which the colony presented to HyLife but decided a shortage of pigs and didn't release them from the contract until it expires on April 30, 2018.

Currently, they are producing RWA pigs for HyLife but not at a premium and will stay with the RWA program because the contract from the other processor is still in effect and they want the pigs; they want the RWA pigs, and they will pay a premium as soon as HyLife allows them out of their supply contract.



By Harry Siemens

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Follow the rules for UAV flying

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tinued improvements to the Kenmor Theatre, which this past year included a new dance floor, lighting improvements, and exterior renovations.

"This year, we're using funds to finish that off ... hopefully, depending on how much we raise, we would like to eventually get a new curtain," noted Klassen, adding the Manitou production, meanwhile, will help the opera house pay off its recent expansion project.

"It's a little bit extra money per year now to operate the building as well, so the Valentine's dinner theatre goes a long way to helping make that a reality."



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Enbridge recently supported the Morden Christmas Cheer Board with a \$5,000 donation that went through the Morden and District United Way. Board member Ron Peters received the donation from Enbridge rep. and United Way board member Andrew Plett along with fellow directors Harvey Kinsmen and Alex Fedorchuk.

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Here's How It Works:

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

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

Sudoku Answer

E	L	S		S	E	L	B	S											
S	I	M	A		T	N	A	N	E		D	E	F	E					
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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Elaborate silk garment
5. Fleet
11. Egyptian deity
12. Hundredth anniversary
16. Chew the fat
17. Doctor of Medicine
18. Large, edible game fish
19. Revitalization
24. Personal computer
25. Unfettered
26. Clumsy persons
27. Japanese classical theater
28. Part of a ship
29. Rate of movement
30. How much
31. Image taken with a camera
33. Sharp mountain ridge
34. Czech capital
38. One who treats poorly
39. By right
40. Relating to odors
43. As soon as possible
44. Israeli Olympic swimmer
45. Scored perfectly
49. Financial ratio (abbr.)
50. Unpleasant emotion
51. Sign of the zodiac
53. Promotional material
54. Your parents' parents
56. Monetary unit
58. Farm state
59. One of Hollywood's Bridges brothers
60. Not the plaintiff
63. "Night Train" novelist
64. Martens valued for their fur
65. Discount

CLUES DOWN

1. Bone in the lower back
2. Goddess of wisdom
3. Comedic honors
4. A way to grasp
5. Apex
6. British soldier

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10			
11						12						13	14	15
16						17				18				
19				20	21			22	23				24	
25							26					27		
28						29					30			
				31	32					33				
34	35	36	37						38					
39						40	41	42						
43					44						45	46	47	48
49				50					51	52				
53			54					55						
56		57					58				59			
60					61	62					63			
			64								65			

7. Manganese
8. Indicates position
9. Decompressions in scuba diving (abbr.)
10. Soon
13. Blood type
14. Clever reply
15. One who travels by luxurious boat
20. Once more
21. Rural delivery
22. Mexican dish
23. Nigerian City
27. Is not (Span.)
29. Italy's longest river
30. Grand __, vintage
31. Monetary unit
32. The man
33. Basics
34. Poster
35. Small remains

36. Gelatinous substance
37. A narrow opening
38. Artificial intelligence
40. Algerian coastal city
41. Canned fish
42. Milligram
44. Carrot's partner
45. Single-celled animals
46. Movie theater
47. Necessitate
48. A state of not being used
50. Small folds of tissue
51. Gallium
52. Trauma center
54. Commands to go faster
55. New England's football team
57. Pianoforte
61. Unit of loudness
62. Atomic number 13

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NOTICES

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

HEARING: Council Chambers at City of Winkler
LOCATION: 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB
DATE & TIME: Tuesday, February 27th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
GENERAL: By-law 2203-18 to amend the following sections of City of Winkler Zoning By-law 1938-08:
INTENT: Sections 6, 7, 11, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 33, 38, 43, 53, 54, 55, 57, and Appendices B and C.
AREA: By-Law 2203-18 will apply to the entire limits of the City of Winkler
FOR INFORMATION: Barb Dyck
CONTACT: City Manager
City of Winkler
Phone: (204) 325-9524



A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom upon request.

NOTICES

Rural Municipality of Stanley UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

Alterations to the **STANLEY CORRIDOR SECONDARY PLAN BY-LAW NO. 3-2017** being a by-law to further direct land issue and development in the Stanley Corridor

HEARING: Rural Municipality of Stanley Council Chambers at
LOCATION: 1-23111, PTH 14, Stanley, Manitoba
DATE & TIME: March 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
GENERAL: To adopt a secondary plan for the Stanley Corridor.
INTENT: A public hearing on By-law 3-2017 was held on April 6th, 2017. Alterations to the plan have been made and a second public hearing is being held to receive representations on the alterations.

AREAS AFFECTED: All that area designated as Stanley Corridor in the MSTW Development Plan and as shown outlined in a heavy broken line on the map below



FOR INFORMATION: Dale Toews, Chief Administrative officer
CONTACT: 1-23111 PTH 14, Stanley, Manitoba
T: 204-325-4101

A copy of the Secondary Plan and supporting material may be inspected at the office of the Rural Municipality of Stanley at the above address during the hours of noted above during normal office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

TENDER

FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE BY TENDER IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF DUFFERIN AND ROLAND

Sealed tenders in writing for the purchase of the property described below will be received by **McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP** as follows:

PROPERTY FOR SALE (owned by the Estate of Robert Findlay and Finn Farms Ltd.):

Title No. 2872843/4

NE ¼ 32-5-3 WPM

EXCEPTING - WATER CONTROL WORKS PLAN 1204 MLTO (Approximately 159.74 acres)

TITLE NO. 2872841/4

W ½ OF SECTION 21-5-3 WPM

EXC FIRSTLY: OUT OF THE SW ¼ - DRAIN PLAN 117 MLTO AND SECONDLY: OUT OF THE SW ¼ - WATER CONTROL WORKS PLAN 1578 MLTO (Approximately 317.67 acres)

TITLE NO. 2872835/4

SE ¼ 32-5-3 WPM

(Approximately 160.00 acres)

TITLE NO. 2819556/4

THE NE ¼ AND THE E ½ OF THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 11-6-3 WPM

EXC FIRSTLY: THE NLY 1320 FEET PERP

AND SECONDLY: ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS RESERVED IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN (Approximately 120.00 acres)

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
- Tenders must be delivered to **McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP** by **2:00 p.m., February 16, 2018.**
- Tenders must be accompanied by a **\$25,000.00** deposit cheque payable to "McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby". Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
- The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
- Successful tender is subject to Court approval.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The bidder(s) whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an Agreement for Sale covering the terms and conditions of the sale.
- Tenders may be placed on all or part of the lands
- Purchaser shall be responsible for taxes beginning on January 1, 2018.
- In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing, which shall be thirty days following Court approval of the sale or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by the possession date or under such acceptable conditions, the deposit paid shall be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

McCulloch Mooney Johnston Selby LLP

P.O. Box 1670

14 Main Street South

Carman, Manitoba R0G 0J0

(204) 745-2546

Attention: Chris Bowler

Please Mark Envelope "Findlay Estate Tender"

CAREERS

Greenhouse Assistant



(Full-time, Permanent)
Canola Breeding Program

Under the supervision of the Sr. Greenhouse Technician, the successful candidate will be responsible for assisting in the canola breeding greenhouse programs. **Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Planting, transplanting and maintaining canola plants
- Maintaining seed inventories
- Data collection
- Assisting in crossing programs
- Hand harvesting and threshing of greenhouse plants
- Integrated pest management
- Assisting with field activities as needed

To be considered for this position, you should:

- Have excellent attention to detail and organizational skills
- Be able to work independently as well as part of a team
- Some knowledge of plant biology and experience with Canola would be an asset
- Experience working in a greenhouse environment would be an asset
- Possess valid Class 5 driver's license
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada

Location and Transportation:

DL Seeds Inc. is located at 25028 Road 17, Off Highway #3 near Morden and Winkler. There is no public transportation to the site. Hours of operation are 8:00am-4:30pm.

Salary will be competitive, based on education, and experience.

Closing Date: February 23, 2018

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TENDER

INVITATION TO TENDER

Re: **Land in the Municipality of RHINELAND**

We invite **TENDERS** for the purchase of approximately 80 acres of cultivated farmland in the Municipality of Rhineland described as follows:

THE W ½ OF THE E ½ OF SE ¼ 17-2-3 WPM (Title No. 1784322/4)
THE E ½ OF THE E ½ OF SE ¼ 17-2-3 WPM (Tile No. 1695833/4)

A cheque for \$10,000.00 must accompany the tender as a deposit. Written tenders must be received by 2:00 p.m. on March 1, 2018. Deposit will be returned if tender not accepted.

Closing date for the sale shall be 30 days after the close of tenders, by cash or approved loan proceeds. Any loan advances paid after closing date are subject to payment of interest at loan rate during reasonable delay for registration of security. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all 2018 property taxes and GST or shall self-assess for GST.

The highest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

ADDRESS: WIENS DOELL LAW OFFICE
P.O. Box 1150
564 Mountain Ave.
Winkler, MB R6W 4B2
Ph. (204) 325-8807
Fx. (204) 325-8352
To the attention of Christopher G. Doell

COMING EVENTS

**GENESIS HOUSE
PRESENTS**

QUIZ NIGHT

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 8
7:00 PM**

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NOTICES

Public Notice

**Regarding a Local Improvement Plan –
By-Law No. 2208-18 for the Waste Water Treatment Facility**

The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 27th day of February, 2018 at 7 p.m. to the present the following local improvement plan:

Local Improvement Plan No. 39:

The City of Winkler is required to upgrade the Waste Water Treatment plant to meet current standards. In order to finance the cost of the upgrades, this local improvement is proposing to construct a new facility. Construction of the WWTF in the R.M. of Stanley at an estimated cost of \$46,700,000 less \$34,495,733 from Federal and Provincial funding and funding through the R. M. of Stanley agreement. The net amount estimated to be \$12,204,267 to be financed over a period of twenty (20) years at an estimated interest rate of 5.00%. The annual maintenance cost associate with the local improvement proposed herein will be covered under the City of Winkler Utility Operating Fund's annual budget.

The annual payment of \$979,301.96 will be raised by sewer utility rates (re-pay 75% of the debt) and the portioned value of all assessable property in the City of Winkler as a mill rate (re-pay 25% of the debt).

A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the local improvement plan.

All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.

Copies of the local improvement plan are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at www.cityofwinkler.ca.

Dated at the City of Winkler this 1st day of February, 2018, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of *The Municipal Act*.



Barb Dyck, City Manager
City of Winkler
204-325-9524

COMING EVENTS

**Grace Valley
Mennonite Academy
Dinner and Music
Fundraiser**

**BAKED POTATO AND
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Contact the Board:
Peter 204-325-4523
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CAREERS

Come and join the Gateway Resources Team!

Gateway Resources Inc is a non-profit organization assisting adults with intellectual disabilities in the Winkler/Morden area. We provide services in group residential settings and in day programs. We are currently seeking Direct Support Professionals in a variety of opportunities.

All applicants should have a genuine interest in assisting people with intellectual disabilities to lead full and rewarding lives. The following are basic requirements for all Direct Support Professionals:

- be 18 years of age or older,
- have a minimum Canadian grade 10 education or equivalent,
- Must have a valid Driver's License and use of personal vehicle.
- Have and/or be willing to take First Aid/CPR training and complete a Criminal Record Check.
- Complete an Adult Abuse Registry Check
- Be motivated and willing to work as a team and able to work independently
- Have strong verbal and written communication skills

Additional training that can be an asset in these positions:

- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention
- Health Care Aide

Direct Support Professionals-Residential

The successful candidate will support individuals in their home and community (e.g. meal planning, shopping, cooking, cleaning, banking, participating in community events). The focus of this role is for individuals to develop and maintain their skills and abilities in the every day tasks. Staff provide information, coaching, and work alongside individuals who need assistance.

We have opportunities for **full time, part time and casual work**. Residential positions can include days, evenings, nights and every other weekend.

Direct Support Professionals-Day Program

As a Direct Support Professional in our Community Living Program, you will engage participants in activities to develop skills and accomplish their goals. Some of these programs include life and safety skills as well as recreational opportunities. Promoting independent living skills is an important part of this position.

All applicants should have a genuine interest in assisting people with intellectual disabilities to lead full and rewarding lives. Ability to engage participants, assist in daily decision making, and good communication skills is necessary for this position. The successful candidate must be able to work effectively in a fast paced environment, be able to work in the community supporting participants and remain focused.

Day Program positions are full-time, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Apply via email or fill out an application form in our office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. When applying, specify if you are applying for full time, part time or casual and if you have restrictions on scheduling:



Patty Anne LePage
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Email pattyanne@gatewayresourcesinc.com

Resumes will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on February 19th, 2018. We wish to thank all those that apply for this position. We will, however, only be in contact with applicants we wish to arrange an interview with.

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OBITUARY



Abe Neufeld 1934 - 2018

Surrounded by family, Abe peacefully passed away on January 30, 2018 at the age of 83 years.

He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Marion; son Abe (Jan); daughters Susan (Bob), Marg (Paul), Kath (Rob), Pearl (Larry) and Barb (Randy); as well as seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Abe was predeceased by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. AV Neufeld; brother, Peter and sister, Marge.

Abe was born in Hochfeld on March 2, 1934 and baptized at the Sommerfeld Church in Winkler. Abe was a hard worker and jack of all trades: he was a farmer, truck driver, car salesman and finally he worked a seasonal job for Schweitzer-Mauduit as a field buyer,

reconnecting him with farmers. Abe and Marion vacationed in Mazatlán, Mexico for numerous years, which was Abe's 'happy place'.

The family would like to thank the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service and the doctors and nurses at the HSC and Grace Hospitals for the care they provided in the last two weeks of Abe's life.

Funeral service was held at the Morden Sommerfeld Church on Monday February 5, 2018 starting at 1:00 p.m. Interment followed at Chapel Cemetery.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in Abe's memory to Our Daily Bread Ministries P.O. Box 1622 Windsor, ON N9A 6Z7 or the charity of your choice.

Farewell to a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Budget Exhibition

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Gymnasium
February 28
Time: 7:00-8:30 P.M.**



OBITUARY

David Vernon Reimer 1976 - 2018



David (Dave) Vernon Reimer, age 41, passed away unexpectedly on January 26, 2018. He was born on March 20, 1976 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was a longtime resident of Roland, Manitoba.

Dave is survived by his wife of 23 years, Anna Reimer; his children, Jaeda Hoppe (Niko), Spencer Reimer (Matt Klassen) and Jackson Reimer (Mackenzie Adams); his parents, Ike and Anne Reimer; his brother, Andy Reimer (Judy); his nieces and nephews, Brooklynn Wiebe (Frank), Noah Reimer, Isaiah Reimer and Piper Schell; his great-nieces and nephew, Brooklynn, Nahlia and Beckham Wiebe; his parents-in-law, John and Mary Krahn; sister-in-law, Sandi Schell and many other loving relatives and friends.

For many years, Dave worked with his dad as a reflexologist at Southern Reflexology in Roland, Manitoba. At many a family gathering or group event, Dave would be approached by many of us nagging him for a massage and he was always so willing to give some relief to anyone in pain. He had a passion for hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with his family and friends. Those closest to Dave have some of the greatest memories on Dave's boat in his happy place, Minaki. Whether it was all the kids (big and little) that he would pull on the tube, sharing his love of fishing with anyone even remotely interested or just going for a ride enjoying the remarkable view and hearing all of Dave's outlandish stories, oh how he loved to tell stories. He had such a kind, generous heart and he had no greater love than the love he had for his wife and children. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Roland United Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Dave's memory to the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre.

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In care of arrangements
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OBITUARY

Isabel Currie Olafson (nee McDonald)

November 22, 1934 - January 25, 2018



Isabel Olafson, age 83, passed away peacefully at her residence in Morden, MB on Thursday, January 25, 2018 with Chris, her husband of 57 years by her side. Isabel is also survived by three daughters: Lori Olafson, Leanne (Gary) Moyer (grandchildren: Amy, Colleen, and Stephen) and Sandy (David) Mitchell (grandchildren: Grady and Kayla and grand-dog Toquie). She is also survived by her sister, Kathy (Duane) Engele; nephews, Keith and Kirby Engele, John and Jim MacDonald and their families and numerous cousins, especially Elizabeth from Scotland as they were in constant contact. Isabel was predeceased by her parents, Charles and Isabel McDonald; her brother and sister-in-law, Chuck and Joyce MacDonald and her husband's three brothers: Inge, Joe and Carl Olafson.

Isabel was born on November 22, 1934 in Simpson, SK. She started her schooling in Amazon, SK. Her family later moved to Watrous where she completed high school. After graduating from high school she worked as a telephone operator for the Saskatchewan Government Telephone Services. Later she took a three-year nursing program in Dauphin, MB to become a Registered Nurse. Isabel moved to Morden in 1958 with a couple of nursing friends to work at the Morden Hospital. Isabel met Chris in 1959 and they were married on November 10, 1960. Isabel worked many years at the hospital and then became a Home Care Nurse after leaving the hospital. She also was the coordinator for the Meals on Wheels Program for a time.

Mom was a very thoughtful, and caring person. She always put others before herself right till the end. She will be greatly missed.

We would like to thank Dr. Duff, the Palliative nurses, Karen and Shannon, Hospital Pharmacist, Betty and Pharmasave Pharmacist, Ray for their support during this difficult time. Mom also wanted to thank her Bingo table mates for their weekly time together.

As per Mom's request, no service will be held. Cremation has taken place and a private ash committal will be held at a later date at Wiebe Funeral Chapel Columbarium, Morden.

Donations may be made to South Central Cancer Resource or to Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation - Designated to Palliative Care.

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
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OBITUARY



Mary Giesbrecht (nee Martens)
1964 – 2018

It is with deep sadness we announce the death of our dear wife, mother and grandmother, Mary Giesbrecht. She died at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the age of 54. Mary was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer in September 2017. She waged a very brave battle however, her condition deteriorated as the disease progressed.

Mary will be dearly missed by her husband, Ken and her children and grandchildren, Stacy Schroeder (Rick; Ethan, Layla), Lisa Krahn (Matt; Jase, Grayson), Harold Rezansoff (Alex; Kyah, Kezzia, Cressida, Kodah), Keith Giesbrecht, Donaven Giesbrecht (Mary; Kyle, Delaney, Lorelei), Mike Giesbrecht (Jenn), Kris Giesbrecht (Danielle). Mary is also survived by her parents, Isaac and Edith

Martens, five sisters, three brothers, five sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law and their families. Mary was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Peter and Evelyn Giesbrecht and sister-in-law, Linda Giesbrecht.

Mary was born and raised in the Winkler area. She was baptized upon the confession of her faith and this faith sustained her throughout her illness. Mary and Ken were married June 26, 1993 and farmed in the Grimsby district south of Plum Coulee. Mary enjoyed the farm; she provided TLC to many of the animals and pitched in to help wherever necessary. Mary also did part-time bookkeeping and secretarial work outside of the farm. She had a green thumb when it came to gardening, especially the beautiful gladiolas she grew. Her hobbies included cross-stitching, reading and puzzling.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Rudnerweide Cemetery.

The family thanks everyone for the many prayers and support offered throughout Mary's illness and during this very difficult time of loss. The family also thanks the nurses and doctors at Boundary Trails Health Centre for their care and compassion.

Donations may be made in Mary's memory to the BTHC Foundation (designated to Cancer Care) Box 2000 Winkler, MB R6W 1H8.

"Oh give thanks unto the Lord;
For He is good;
For His mercy endureth forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34

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OBITUARY



Susanna Klassen (nee Heide)
1926 - 2018

Mom was born in Hochfeld on August 26, 1926 to Jacob and Susanna Heide. She was baptized on June 10, 1946 upon confession of her faith and married David Klassen on December 10, 1950. Mom and Dad were blessed with three children, Jake, Susan and Nettie. They started their family in MacGregor and moved to Schoenwiese to establish a dairy farm. They sold this farm and moved to Plumas in 1978 where they changed to grain farming. During their time in Plumas the family grew to include seven grandchildren who enjoyed going to Grandma and Grandpa's farm.

We have many fond memories of Mom. She was a very independent person enjoying many hobbies from sewing jean

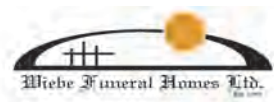
blankets, singing hymns, collecting dolls and more dolls, to cooking and baking, everything from noodles to perogies and especially cookies - Monster Cookies, for her children and grandchildren until their freezers overflowed. In July of 2016 she had her first stroke with a second to follow a week and a half later. Through all this, her determination and strong work ethic shone as she worked through the challenges now before her with a smile on her face knowing God is faithful. She regained her eating abilities, her mobility and her speech; however, was unable to return to her home safely and was paneled for care. After three months at Boundary Trails Health Centre, she was moved to Emerson Personal Care Home and this was home to her the moment she walked in! She loved the staff and the residents and as much as she wanted to be closer to family, the transition at first to Salem Home was difficult. As she became familiar with her new surroundings, she often spoke of the staff and the activities she enjoyed participating in and how she was enjoying her new home. Most special to her was the chapel time and the music groups who came, she loved to sing! On January 15, she had her 3rd stroke and as her physical challenges increased, her desire to go home to see her Saviour also increased. On Friday, it became evident that she would not be with us much longer and she passed away peacefully with family by her side on Tuesday, January 20, 2018 at about 9:30 in the morning at the age of 91 years, 5 months and 4 days.

Mom is survived by two daughters, Susan Enns of Winkler, Nettie and Ray Reimer of Steinbach; five granddaughters - Vic and Charissa Neufeld of Winkler, David and Jaclyn Lazarko of Winnipeg, Richard and Stephanie Wiebe of Steinbach, Jared and Jaymi Blatz of Steinbach and Allen and Janessa Penner of Steinbach. She is also survived by her great grandchildren - Seth, Spencer and Tanner Neufeld, Malia, Aubrielle and Davian Wiebe, Jazer, Junia, and Judah Blatz and Sasha Lazarko.

She was predeceased by her husband, David N. Klassen in August 2008; one son, Jake in January 1995; two grandchildren, Rachel and Jonathon Klassen in February 1988 and one son-in-law, Cornie Enns in April 2009.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2018 at the Winkler EMMC with interment at the Hochfeld Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Margaret Wiebe (nee Groening)
1930 - 2018

On Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Margaret Wiebe, age 87 took her final journey to be with her Lord and Saviour. Heaven just got a little bit brighter. Beloved wife of the late Leonard Wiebe, mom, grandma, great-grandma and friend passed away peacefully with her family by her side.

She is survived by one daughter and three sons and their families. She is predeceased by her husband, Leonard on September 18, 1996 and great-granddaughter, Carly on October 19, 2001. Mom was the last surviving child of 13.

Funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at the Morden EMMC with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Margaret's memory to the BTHC Foundation and designated to Palliative Care.

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OBITUARY



Peter Guenther
1926 - 2018

Dad was born on September 29th, 1926 to his parents, Jacob and Gertrude Guenther. Dad's beginning years were tough. At age seven, his infant sister, Elizabeth, passed away leaving him an only child. Then, at the age of 10, he lost his father. Dad told us of how heartbreaking it was when his uncle and aunt took him to the hospital to visit his father. His father had told him that "when I get out of the hospital, we are going to buy a John Deere Tractor and farm together." That evening, he made a special valentine for his father. This excited Dad as he has told us how eager he was to deliver this card but was told his father was too sick to see him. On Valentine's Day, his father passed away and Dad kept the valentine card till this day. He and his mother then moved to his

grandma and auntie's farm near Gnadenthal and lived there for seven years. At the age of 17, he and his mother moved back to Glen Cross to farm. Although his dreams might have been to pursue a job on the railroad, it only made sense that farming would be the better option in the given circumstances. Eventually, they bought a farm of their own near Gnadenthal. His mother lived on the farm until 1979 when she moved to Salem Home and later predeceased him in 1981. Dad attended the Rudnerweide Sommerfeld Church where he was baptized upon the confession of his faith on May 30th, 1950. In 1953, he married a beautiful brunette, named Helen Giesbrecht. They were married 64 and a half years and were blessed with six children including two sets of twins. Dad was a believer of strong work ethics which he also expected of his kids, but after a hard day of work there was often time for games in the evening. We have many fond childhood memories of Dad playing baseball, anti-anti over, no bears out tonight and give me a wink. During the winter months, he went to great efforts pushing the snow piles very high for tobogganing fun and kept the dugout cleared for family skating - straw bales were provided for tying up skates. Evenings were spent playing board games or visiting relatives. His passion for games later included playing with his grandchildren as well. He especially loved playing checkers and crokinole and enjoyed visiting and treating them to soft-ice cream cones. Mom and Dad retired to Winkler in September 1990, and later on to Sun Vista Condos in 2012. Dad enjoyed walking to the coffee shop or later driving with his coffee buddies to either Smitty's, Co-op, or McDonalds. He really enjoyed visiting the neighbors on both Redwood and at the condo. Lawn bowling also became a favorite pastime for Mom and Dad. Dad's love for geography was evident in his interest in studying maps. Dad vowed to never set foot on an airplane and kept that promise. He planned detailed itineraries that took them to various parts of the United States including Colorado, Washington DC, Texas, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Niagara Falls, and Western Canada. He loved the Rocky Mountains and spent a number of summer road trips with Mom, the favorite always being going to BC and seeing the Spiral Tunnel one more time. Outings became less frequent as his health declined, but he so enjoyed the many visits of his children and grandchildren. Dad was a humble man who took very good care of his possessions. Life became difficult as his health continued to decline and he became housebound. He was very grateful that Mom's assistance allowed him to remain living at their own home. His growth in faith was evident in the later years as his own independence decreased and his dependence on others and God increased. We all saw a new lease on life when Dad realized his knees would not carry him anymore, and recently purchased an electric wheelchair. He was looking forward to springtime, when he would take his new wheels to get the mail and visit neighbors. Dad was hospitalized on January 21st, 2018, and after a brief but painful struggle, he was released from his earthly body into the arms of Jesus on January 24, 2018. We imagine him running to greet his mom, dad, baby sister, and many friends, and will be waiting for us to join him one day. We love you Dad and already miss you so much.

Dad leaves to mourn his wife, Helen; daughter Elaine, daughter Verna, daughter Elma and Ernie Falk, son Edwin and Lois Guenther, daughter Debbie and Paul Doell, daughter Darlene and Doug Penner as well as his grandchildren, Ashley and Ryan Fehr, Mark and Janessa Guenther, Lindsay Guenther, Joel, Ryan and Jenna Penner, Graham and Spencer Doell, and Lynden and Adrian Falk.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Dr. Lane for his excellent care of Dad and also the rest of the hospital staff. We thank you all for your support.

Memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior at Rudnerweide Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Peter's memory to the Gideon Memorial Bible Plan.

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