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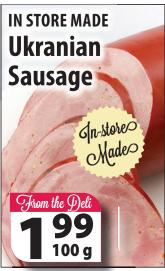




































### **CFDC** unveils new dino exhibit

### Display highlights the differences between dinosaurs and marine reptiles

**By Lorne Stelmach** 

A new exhibit unveiled Friday may be a sign of what's to come for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

With the museum having so much in its vast fossil collection, adding new displays and changing up existing exhibits is among the hopes for field and collection manager Victoria Markstrom.

"We're really looking to revamp our exhibits ... really trying to change the fossils that we have out," Markstrom said as visitors checked out the new display featuring a 22 foot long Allosaurus as an additional signature piece in the space that is also home to Bruce the mosasaur. "We have a very large collection and some really amazing fossils in our collections room I would love to bring out."

The new exhibit is the first of its kind

for the museum in that it features dinosaurs rather than the marine reptiles that the centre is known for.

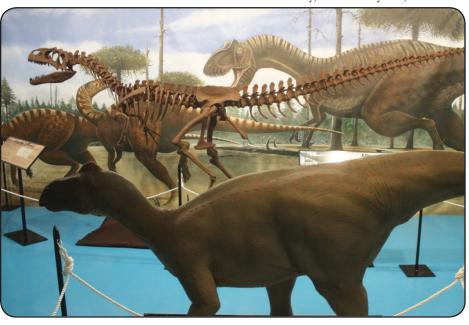
In addition to the Allosaurus, there is a scaled-down version of an Edmontosaurus as well as a three-foot long reconstructed femur fossil.

Markstrom hopes the display will be a draw for the centre while also playing an important educational role for visitors.

"We were finding a lot of our visitors were mistaking marine reptiles for dinosaurs. They were kind of lumping them together. They're both very different animals, so we really wanted to display that," she said.

"There's all kinds of other really amazing creatures that are just as fascinating, just as fearsome, just as powerful as dinosaurs ... but they kind of get overlooked," Markstrom continued.





#### PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre unveiled its new dinosaur exhibit last Friday, which includes a replica Allosaurus and Edmontosaurus to highlight the differences between them and marine reptiles.

"Throughout the rest of our museum, of course, we're very heavily into marine reptiles, so this is our first exhibit that's focussing on dinosaurs ... and showing people why they're different," she added. "It also highlights a lot of the features that dinosaurs had that made them thrive ... allowed them to survive and thrive."

Markstrom suggested the Allosaurus is a good choice for the display

because many of its features like its teeth, claws, and hind limbs were "all sort of adapted for hunting on land, and that made them a pretty fierce predator. A lot of the features in the skeleton of an Allosaurus are really tweaked so that it could be as efficient of a predator as possible."

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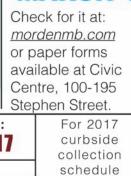


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# Lessons learned by Diamond Dogs in Cuba

Goodwill tour an eye-opening experience for Winkler players

### By Lorne Stelmach

It was baseball that got them there, but a local team came away from a week in Cuba with some valuable life lessons as well.

The Winkler U13 Diamond Dogs spent a week this month in Central America as part of the Cuba Goodwill Tour.

Having enjoyed a remarkable unbeaten season that was capped off with being named the Baseball Manitoba grassroots team of the year, the Diamond Dogs had a chance to give back to the game by delivering 600 pounds of baseball equipment and school supplies while in Cuba.

Team member Owen Goertzen remembers the looks on the faces of their Cuban counterparts when they The Winkler
Diamond Dogs
spent a week
in Cuba this
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600 pounds of
sports equipment and
school supplies to distribute while
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got the baseball equipment.

"We take for granted what we have ... and children there are less fortu-

nate," he said. "We take it for granted that we have a baseball field to play on and all the equipment we need. They share the same passion as we do but they have worse conditions than what we have."

His mother Darcie agreed that what the kids took away from the whole experience is just how good we have it here in Canada.

"We have things so easy here. You need baseball cleats, just go buy them. Out there, you don't have baseball cleats, you're just going to be wearing nothing ... or they'll be wearing sandals."

### MORE THAN BASEBALL

Eleven players represented Winkler on the tour, winning four baseball

games during their visit.

But it wasn't all about the winning and losing for these players, who also got to enjoy having former Montreal Expo great Bill Lee as a coach for the

Right from the opening ceremony and first game on the first day there, the trip was more about making connections and sharing with those less fortunate.

"It was fantastic. It was inspiring. You can take a lot away from that trip," said Allison Rempel, who helped organize and manage the trip.

"We are so blessed here with so many things, and they have less there, so it just opened our eyes to see

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### > DIAMOND DOGS, FROM PG. 4

the difference," she said. "It was awesome. We were immersed in their culture when we went to play our ball games. Just to be involved in their culture alone was enough to make you want to go there, never mind playing baseball on top of it.

"They have so much less, and yet they are so happy ... they are so happy and loving and just want to share. It's really refreshing to see such happiness."

There were many remarkable moments for the team, Rempel noted, recalling how they were applauded and cheered as they entered a stadium.

The most memorable moment, however, came on the second day when they travelled to a more remote region to play.

"It was just a pasture. You could see where the locals would play ball just by the outlines of the bases where they would run ... but it was not a baseball field at all," said Rempel.

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"It just brought the game back to the basics. There were no bases, so they went to the store which was right nearby, folded up white sacks, and put stones on top to keep them in place," she said. "The kids would hit it into the outfield—it went right to the goats and the chickens. There were tractors driving by, and all the locals just came out to watch.

"That was just a really special moment for all of us.



**SUBMITTED PHOTO** 

The Diamond Dogs with one of the teams they faced in Cuba. The kids played several baseball games, but the trip was really more about seeing how other people in the world live than it was about winning or losing.

It was pretty quiet when we got back on the bus ... that was such a unique experience," said Rempel.

"It was a good experience. That was kind of my highlight ... it was eye-opening," agreed Goertzen.

"We drove two and a half hours to play on a diamond that actually was a field. There were children and parents and goats ... dogs on the field ... but the boys played baseball, and it was plus 31 that day. It definitely doesn't look like the Winkler

"You have the children asking for your baseball cleats, your baseball gloves, your baseball bats, your helmets, your shirts, your pants ... they ask for everything because they don't have that," Goertzen said."The boys really seemed to take in all the players, the people watching, the culture ... they took that all in."

"There's so much you can take away from it," agreed Rempel. "It makes you humble. You can take away seeing how happy people are with less ... we can learn good lessons from that."

# Local schools get tech. vocational funding

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley and Western school divisions both received major funding from the province last week toward technical vocational programming in Morden and Winkler.

Morden Collegiate received \$108,688 for its welding program and its new pipes trades program.

Principal Marianne Fenn said the money will allow them to purchase a new band saw and a milling machine for the welding students to use and several threading machines and a battery press tool for the pipes trades course.

The MCI welding program has been around for over a decade now and the school constantly tries to keep the equipment students are learning on as state-of-the-art as possible, Fenn

"[These machines] are complementary pieces of equipment that really will allow that program to keep up with what is current in the industry," she said. "They're equipment that a student leaving our program would encounter in a job placement ... so it just helps to keep their capacity relevant to what's the current industry market looks like in terms of the work that they would be doing in a real shop somewhere."

For the pipes trades program, meanwhile, this funding helps them get a good start on building up the core equipment that's required to run the program successfully, Fenn said.

"That program is brand new, so, really, we were starting with nothing," she said. "These pieces really are the crux of that program ... they're essential pieces required for us to move forward in teaching students the basics of what they need to know about piping trades."

The two programs currently have about 30 students between them.

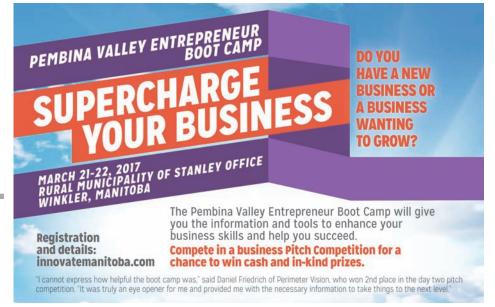
### \$38K FOR GVC

Meanwhile, Garden Valley Collegiate's automotive technology and heavy-duty equipment technician programs received \$38,649 in provincial funds.

Principal Scott Jantzen explained that will provide the automotive program with a new engine platform and a lighting and accessory system trainer while the heavy-duty equipment program will receive a specialized diagnostic scanning tool.

Funding like this is key to being able

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"THEY'RE REAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GET THE LATEST EQUIPMENT THAT IS BEING USED IN THE INDUSTRY."







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# Have we become spoiled?

when I feel like we have become trapped in the past.

Mostly I feel like this when I listen to the news or read social media and I am transported to when I was 13.

"Mum, can I go to Toronto on the bus this weekend with Brad?"

"Absolutely not ... why would you even ask? You're too young."

"C'mon, Mum. Brad's mum already

said yes and he's going with four other people from my class."

"I don't care what everybody else is doing—YOU not doing it."

"THAT'S **NOT** FAIR!!!"

By Peter Cantelon With those final words I would

stomp off to my bedroom and sulk for a few hours. And then life went on.

I raise this all too common scenario—which played itself out in my life, my kids' lives (currently), and no doubt if I have grandchildren will play out in their lives someday too because these days it seems to be playing itself out on the world stage as countries and leaders and their followers seem to be devolving into

"I don't think it's a good idea to ban Muslim refugees from other countries-it's just going to upset more people and incite more hatred."

"Oh, yeah? Well, lots of other countries ban people, so why can't we?"

This is played out online and throughout social media in multitudes of combinations over and over and over again. I have started imagining the conversation devolving to the point where someone shouts like Mum used to: "If Iran and North Korea jumped off a bridge, would you?"

You see, this is where we are at in our post-truth, fake news culture where we don't believe anything anymore if it does not suit us to. We are at the point where we are arguing without content.

In other words, we are just being dumb. We need a global mother to come in and take us by the mutual ears and drag us to our rooms, refusing to let us out until we stop acting like idiots.

While all of this sounds somewhat funny in a way, the consequences of our arguments as adults, as countries are not to be sent to our rooms without supper. Instead, at this high a level, the consequence is that people die.

Wars begin, others are inflamed, the rich get richer and the poor... well, the poor stay poor and hungry because they are trod on by our petty arguments about things we think are important but, in the grand scheme of things, are not ... not even a little bit.

I am not sure what has happened. It is not like we ever really got along that well over the ages but lately it feels as if we have severely regressed as people and cultures.

We have forgotten what it means to allow for differing opinions; to dialogue and, heaven forbid, compro-

We have forgotten the intrinsic value in every human life that does not merely suggest, but commands us to respect one another, no matter who we are, what we believe, and where we come from.

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"The Allosaurus is probably the star of the show ... I love all of the pieces in this exhibit, but the Allosaurus definitely draws you in. It is pretty spectacular, so we are very, very lucky to be able to house that specimen."

The exhibit has been in the planning and development stages for almost a year and now takes up the entire south end of the CFDC's Mosasaur Hall. It includes a new backdrop that depicts a Jurassic environment.

The exhibit was made possible thanks to the donations of Adolfo Cuetara, who also constructed the centrepiece dinosaur, and Joseph Brown, as well as a grant from the Manitoba Signature Museum program.

For Cuetara, who has over 20 years of experience building dinosaurs for museums around the world, it was exciting to see his work on display now in Morden, where he moved from Spain two years ago.

"This is very exciting because people always ask for dinosaurs," he said. "It will help to understand the differences between marine reptiles and dinosaurs."

He said they started pursuing the idea about a year ago, and it involved a lot of work with pieces in the museum's collection as well as some of his own.

"We were putting some pieces from the museum, some pieces I had ... all together ... maybe six months of work," he said.

"For me, it is very important. I was making similar work before in Spain ... and now to be able to do the same here in Morden for me is very exciting," said Cuetara. "I feel that this is the first of a lot of events ... for me, it is the beginning of something."

### > TECH VOC FUNDING, FROM PG. 5

to equip these programs properly, he said.

"If you look at our facilities, a lot of our high-end equipment has come from these types of grants from the province," Jantzen said. "They're real opportunities to get the latest equipment that is being used in the industry so that our students can receive training that will actually directly apply when they do their work experiences with local businesses."

GVC's automotive program currently has 32 students, while the heavy-duty program, which operates from GVC Tec, has about 25.



# Morden's Finley Wheeler named Loran Scholar

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden student is one of just 33 youth from across the country to be chosen as a 2017 Loran Scholar.

Finley Wheeler was among those selected from 84 national finalists for the Loran award, which provides the Morden Collegiate Gr. 12 student with a scholarship valued at \$100,000 as well as access to mentoring and leadership programs.

"I'm still kind of bouncing off the walls ... I'm pretty excited about it," Wheeler said after returning home from Toronto, where he went through the final selection process earlier this month.

"When I found out, I was pretty ecstatic. It was very exciting news not only for me but also my family," he said. "It's quite the opportunity. I'm very excited for what's been presented in front of me. I think it's a really unique and cool experience that I'll be able to enjoy."

Each Loran award includes an annual stipend of \$10,000 and matching tuition waiver, access to \$10,000 in funding for summer internships, one-on-one mentorship, and annual retreats and scholar gatherings.

The 28th class of Loran scholars was whittled down to 33 from an initial pool of 4,438 applicants who were judged on character, commitment to serving their communities, and their long-term leadership potential.

It started for Wheeler with an indepth online application followed by a trip to the University of Manitoba for the regional selection process that included two one-on-one interviews and an interview in front of the panel of judges.

From there, Wheeler was chosen to be among nearly 400 semi-finalists and then selected to be among the 83 finalists.

All told, each of the 33 Loran scholars was interviewed or assessed by up to 12 different people over the course of three months. In Toronto alone, Wheeler had seven interviews, so it was an intensive and rigourous pro-

"It was a nerve-wracking experience ... but definitely positive for sure," he said, adding it was a chance also to make some great connections. "We were in a room with past scholars ... so it was really cool to talk to those people."

Wheeler was cited for a range of community involvements, including being a certified hockey referee and captain of the school hockey team.

He also sings and acts as the student supervisor for the Central Manitoba Youth Choir and volunteers at the Corn and Apple Festival and at the middle school level.

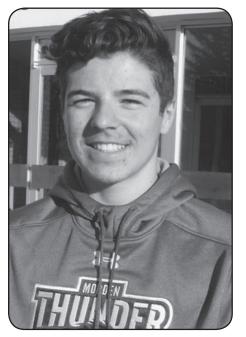
In addition, he undertook his own business venture that involved teaching swimming lessons from a back yard pool in Morden—a point he felt may have been a key factor in his selection.

"I think my entrepreneurial abilities kind of caught their attention. I also think I do well enough talking to people ... with those interviews, it's getting to know the kind of person you are."

Now Wheeler can start to think more about his future plans and where this will all take him, with the Loran scholarship setting him up with an academic counsellor as well as past scholars.

He planning on going into engineering and is considering a number of schools, including UBC, McGill, Queens, or Dalhousie University.

"I'm looking forward to going out and experiencing a different part of the country," he said.



**VOICE FILE PHOTO** Morden Collegiate Gr. 12 student Finley Wheeler has been named one of 33 Loran Scholars.





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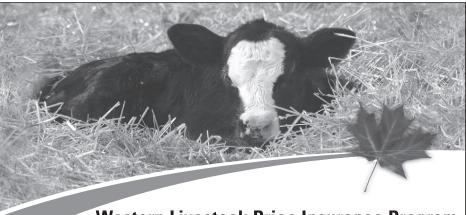
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# Honourable mention for **ÉMMS** kids

Students collect batteries, markers for recycling

### By Lorne Stelmach

Two Grade 5 classes in Morden may not have earned the top prize in a recycling contest, but they still have the reward of having made a difference with their efforts.

The École Morden Middle School classes of Becky Williams and Barb Price had been collecting used markers and batteries for recycling since last fall, with the students taking aim at a top prize of \$1,500 for recycling the most batteries.

"We didn't collect the most batteries, however we received honourable mention for our battery drop box,"

EMMS students Jadyn Thiessen, Tamika Wieler, Cameron Martens, and Daniel Arusoanov show off the creative drop box that earned the school an honourable mention in a contest to collect used batteries for recycling.



said student Jadyn Thiessen, who noted hundreds of batteries have been dropped off at the school since September. "We ended up with 18 boxes that kept about 900 pounds of batteries out of the landfills."

The main idea behind the project was promoting the idea that kids can get involved and make a difference in their communities.

With the help of their teachers, a creative drop-box was fashioned to collect all sizes of batteries.

In addition, the students also took part in collecting markers for the ColourCycle program of Crayola, which recycles material from the markers into a fuel product. The company says that just over 300 recycled markers can produce one gallon of fuel or enough to power an SUV for 15 miles.

So far this year, the students have collected two and a half boxes of markers.

"We are pretty sure that there are more markers out there that we can collect to keep them out of our local landfill," said Cameron Martens.

Tamika Wieler added that they also want to continue to collect batteries for recycling as part of their good deed club.

"We encourage people to still bring in these batteries," she said.

You can help the students' efforts by dropping off your markers and batteries at the school or sending them in with any ÉMMS students.

## Work slated to start soon on Plum Coulee arena

# RM firming up plans to rebuild arena, community hall damaged by fire

By Lorne Stelmach

Planning is moving ahead for renovations and upgrades to the Plum Coulee Community Hall in 2017.

The work is being done in the wake of the fire which damaged the build-

ing last May, and it offers an opportunity to make some beneficial changes to the facility.

It's not only important to the community but "to the surrounding area as well ... so there is keen interest in this project," suggested RM of Rhine-

land Reeve Don Wiebe.

The municipality held an information evening recently to present their ideas for the renovations to the community hall and arena.

"We were fortunate to bring two architects who are helping us with the redesign," noted Wiebe.

"They showed us what they would be able to do in community hall in terms of repositioning the kitchen and redoing the heating system so even the acoustics would be better," he said.

"The inside will be reconfigured ... just kind of making that space more user-friendly," he added, further noting they were looking to redesign the entrance area and improve the stairway as well as part of the work.

"That's going to make it look a lot better ... and it will still seat about 200 people," Wiebe said. "When we showed it to the community, there was a lot of support."

In addition to looking at being able to have ice year-round, the plan also calls for a major redesign of the dressing rooms. stressed the RM is restricted to working within the existing footprint of the building rather than exploring any kind of major expansion.

"We're not in a position to add all kinds of expenditure to this project ... it becomes a question of what we can afford," he said. "There was a lot of good response ... some suggestions that they wish we could do a bit more, but we are staying within our budget parameters."

The municipality is borrowing \$300,000 towards the project on top of what is being covered through the insurance payout.

"The costs are largely born by the insurance ... but we do have some costs," Wiebe said, citing a few extra enhancements such as work on the ice surface.

The RM is uncertain of what the total cost may be for the project as of yet, but Wiebe suggested they are looking to get work underway as soon as possible.

"We have a plan that we could start in February," he said. Which should mean the arena is back up and running by the next hockey season.



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While people have made a few minor suggestions to the plans, Wiebe

# Council approval paves way for Salem expansion

By Lorne Stelmach

The proposed expansion of Salem Home cleared planning approval, but not without concerns from area residents.

A couple of neighbouring property owners to the Winkler personal care facility appeared last Tuesday before city council as it considered a rezoning of about a half dozen adjacent lots, which are currently residential and need to be changed to institutional use.

The lots that needed to be acquired to make room for the expansion are directly to the east of Salem on 14th St.

"WE'RE TRYING

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14TH STREET."

"We're trying to reduce the impact along 14th Street," said Salem Home board member Bill Zacharias, who touched on their plans for what will be an independent building linked to the current facility by a hallway.

He suggested there would be minimal impact on the area in terms of increased traffic and reduced parking,

and he added they were looking at a condo-style development that will help the building fit in with the character of the neighbourhood.

Parking and traffic were high on the list of concerns of 14th St. homeowners, who also asked about the possible impact on their property values and whether Salem is looking at further expansion in the future.

The hearing was told there are future plans for a third building, but that is not being considered any time soon.

As for the other concerns, councillors suggested those can be dealt with in the development process, though Coun. Andrew Froese agreed that Salem Home needs to ensure there will be ample parking.

Council also suggested property values would not really be impacted.

"I truly don't believe that would be the case," said deputy mayor Henry Siemens, who added council would aim to ensure the development is done in a way where they could "make certain that what we're promised is what we're getting."

### INDUSTRIAL LOT PRICE INCREASE

City council also reported on a number of matters discussed at the Feb. 2 planning committee meeting.

• A two per cent price increase was proposed for the Clover Creek industrial park lots on the east side of Winkler with a slightly higher increase for those with frontage on Eastview Drive.

There was also discussion on the need to acquire more land for future development and to start conversations

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with land owners.

• There was also discussion on doing a comprehensive review of development fees.

Currently a fee of \$7,500 per acre is charged for development in the area serviced by the Northlands sewer line. The fee review would reassess costs incurred in a development including roads, utilities, intersection improvements,

drainage, street lights, and walkways.

 Another discussion looked at how the city could address short term rental needs. There was support for the idea of allowing "AirB&B" type rentals, with a suggestion there be a three night minimum as well as it being subject to a conditional use and business licensing, which can be reviewed and renewed annually.



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If your HRV is bringing in too much fresh air, your home can become too dry. This can make the air uncomfortable in both winter and summer. You will also be making your air conditioner or heating system work harder than it needs to, which will increase your energy costs.

#### Don't shut the unit off for long periods

Shutting off or unplugging your HRV permanently is not a good way to save energy. This can result in high humidity which could lead to problems with condensation, mildew, and mould.

### Set the controls for the right humidity level

To achieve the right balance of humidity, the dehumidistat should be set just low enough to prevent condensation on the windows. Any lower will make your house drier than it needs to be. Any higher will create the potential for excess moisture problems. You may need to adjust your control settings throughout the year as the temperature outside and inside change to maintain your required humidity levels.

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## Making the pitch for a city-wide fiber optic network

By Lorne Stelmach

A project that envisions making the City of Winkler a technological hub with a complete fiber optic network for faster internet service is now looking for the investment to make it happen.

Representatives of Valley Fiber made their pitch at a meeting Monday that also saw Mayor Martin Harder also voicing the city's support for the project.

Noting the City of Winkler's ongoing frustration with its internet service, Harder said they have already seen Garden Valley School Division successfully put fiber optics in place.

"We thought why wouldn't this work for the city of Winkler? We do believe we are leaders," he said. "Winkler is not only a growing community but a forward thinking community."

Valley Fiber CEO Hank Wall explained their plans for the project would involve an individual fiber optic line being brought to every home and business within city limits.

He said they believe this is the best option that will offer the highest performance and reliability possible.

He touched on a number of key differences such as involving infrastructure that goes underground as well as offering individual dedicated lines to every property that will provide far superior service.

"We're looking at long term investment to do this right the first time for generations to come," said Wall, suggesting the project will not only create jobs but also attract more business to the city.

"Winkler will be the hub," he said, adding this could make Winkler "the Silicon Valley for southern Manitoba."

Wall noted Valley Fiber has applied to the province for a special tax credit that would be available for those who invest in the project.

They estimated the cost of the initial build-out would be in the range of \$15 million. They believe it could be completed within three years, if funding comes through.

The City of Winkler will certainly be

doing its part, Harder said.

"We will be investing half a million dollars into locating infrastructure to get it to every single facility that the City of Winkler owns," he said, adding they have also designated a property for Valley Fiber to use for a data centre.

Harder made the case that this was an investment not just for this one particular enterprise but for something that will benefit everyone in Winkler.

"This is a business that is coming here to benefit the balance of the businesses and the community as a whole," he said.

"We have determined that the ability to spend into this is an entirely different picture than if we were to invest in a particular business coming to Winkler," he added. "We believe that the incentives that are in place for this particular business are here for the benefit of all of Winkler rather than just one particular business."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Valley Fiber CEO Hank Wall fills in potential investors Monday about his company's hopes to install fiber optic lines throughout all of Winkler.

# Morden police board looking for public feedback

By Lorne Stelmach

The community is being offered a chance to have their say on policing in Morden.

A survey being launched next week by the Morden Police Board is an opportunity for residents to have input and share their safety concerns for the community.

Board chairperson Rich Harries said it is important for them to engage with the community to understand how the Morden Police Service is doing and what the priorities and expectations are when it comes to overall safety and security in the city.

"We want to give people the opportunity to tell us what we're doing well but also what we can improve upon," he said. "That's primarily the reason ... to engage the community ... engage the citizens of Morden in our future planning, but also really it's a report card on how we're doing."

The survey will be available from March 1-31 online at www.mordenmb.com or in printed format at the Morden Civic Centre, police station, PDO building, and the Access Event Centre.

Harries said police boards have been in place for a few years now, so now that they are more established they can change their focus.

"What we've done in the last three years is more foundational, formalizing the operations of the police board ... we haven't been able to spend as much time on guiding the operations of the police service," he said. "It's a good time to increase that engagement and really be more proactive and forward-thinking."

He suggested it is vital that they get a feel for how the community feels they are doing, what their expectations are, and what should be priorities for the department. For example, should there also be more focus on community policing or more on educational outreach like drug information evenings?

"We can take that into account then not only kind of in our current activities but our future planning as well," said Harries, adding they want to get a sense of "how safe or secure people feel within Morden."

Police Chief Brad Neduzak said they're hopeful that the survey can really provide them with some good direction from the community.

"We want to hear from the public as to how we are doing ... good or bad ... and to hear any suggestions on how we can do things better or improve," he said.

"Where we can focus our efforts and time ... any safety issues that come to light that maybe we are missing out on ... maybe we feel that something is important to the public, but maybe the public thinks otherwise. It's important to direct our energies to where the people feel it is important.

"Some people might think there's a drug issue in the community, some people might feel traffic is more important. Some might feel the education aspect is important, to be in the schools and talk to different groups."

The survey will go into some detail on all these things, but Neduzak added they also don't want it to be too onerous and time consuming for people.

He added they also hope it doesn't become a forum for people to air personal grievances, noting they always encourage and welcome residents to meet with them if they have such concerns.

"If they feel they really have some constructive criticism or suggestions on how to improve our service in general ... it can help us to do our jobs better."

# Jane's Party rocks gallery

Toronto pop rock group Jane's Party entertained in Morden with an intimate show Sunday afternoon at the Pembina Hills Gallery. Having also performed in Winnipeg at Festival du Voyageur, the group now with four CDs to their credit was brought to Morden through Dead Horse Entertainment.

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### AN ARTIST'S LIFE

## Bach, music theory, and the professional teacher

capacity is an unregulated profession. Anyone can advertise and teach, no matter whether they hold a post-secondary degree in music or have completed only the elementary grades in piano.

Since the basic concepts of music are quite simple, students may ap-

pear to learn well from a variety of teachers and, of course, particularly the beginning levels, the perand sonality empathy level of a teacher is just as if not



**Bv** Candace Hamm

more important than teaching qualifications.

At the same time, even beginning levels of music contain concepts where a trained teacher can make all the difference for a student. This can especially hold true when it comes to two of the most commonly disliked aspects of music study: J.S. Bach and music theory.

What does Johann Sebastian Bach

have to do with teaching and a need for professional development? Everything! You see, Bach is a perfect example of a composer who is often seen as boring or outdated, particularly to young music students entering their first Royal Conservatory books. Furthermore, many teachers shy away from Baroque music, preferring to only teach what is necessary for exams or to give a student an 'overview' of stylistic periods.

On the other hand, the great majority of western music in the modern world can directly trace its roots back to Bach. Teachers with pedagogy training, who have studied and continue to study Bach in their ongoing training, will learn several important components of Baroque music that will not only enable students to understand and to play it correctly, but can also transform a run of the mill piece into an enjoyable tune.

For example, did you know that Baroque music is for the most part based on dance forms? Or that in most cases the music is to be played quite detached?

Did you know that Baroque music is organized in such a way as to allow for repeated patterns, making memorization of this music much more simple? Baroque piano music is to be played without crescendos or decrescendos, instead employing a device called 'terraced' dynamics. Singers will find that they have many specific vocal performance practices to follow, as will other instruments.

When a teacher understands Baroque music and passes this understanding on to their students, the result is a piece of music that has suddenly become lively, easy to memorize, and enjoyable.

The case of the no good, terrible, awful music theory is another aspect of instruction that plagues many teach-

When the subject of theory comes

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### **Churches come together for Day of Prayer**

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Several local faith communities are coming together to mark the World Day of Prayer next week.

The service rotates annually between area churches and this year takes place at the St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church on Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

"It's an ecumenical initiative that was started quite a few years ago," says organizer Cheryl Crossman, explaining similar services will be taking place all over the world that day. "Each year they choose one country to be in solidarity with. This year it's the Philippines."

As such, the service, entitled Am I Being Unfair to You, has been created by women in the Philippines to highlight some of the struggles they face when it comes to economic justice.

"So we'll be examining those issues ... we're hoping to make people more aware," Crossman says, noting the service and the refreshments that follow will also be a celebration of the culture of the Philippines.

This event is a great way for churches to put aside their differences and celebrate their shared

Christian faith, Crossman says.

"It's not just our church that is planning it," she says. "We have some of the Mennonite churches, Anglican, United ... it is a time that we can come together and see the strength of what we do believe as one instead of our differences."

The event has been held in Morden for several years now and often draws upwards of 50 people from the various participating churches.

All are welcome to attend.

If you'd like to learn more about World Prayer Day and other related activities, head to www.wlcc.org.





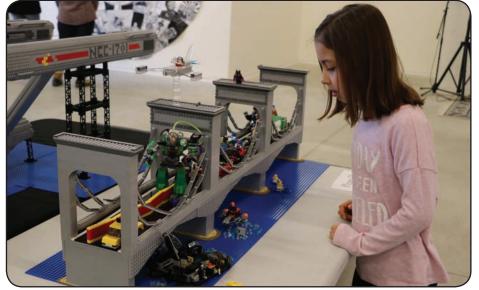
Organizers say upwards of 750 people came out for the inaugural Winkler Comic Con on Monday, which offered a packed-full lineup of events at Garden Valley Collegiate, the Winkler Arts &

Culture Centre, and the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall. Clockwise from above: Members of the River City Jedi group demonstrate their lightsaber skills; Brock Becker, 11, caught the Golden Snitch and won the Cosplay Contest for his age group; the art gallery complemented its comic art exhibition with several Lego displays and Lego-building stations; a few young cosplayers await the judges' decision in the costume contest; playing a modified version of Quidditch outside in the rain; upstairs in the gaming area, con-goers could run through demos of tabletop games like Warhammer.



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Left: Pearl Bueckert won first place in the amateur adult division of the Cosplay Contest for her Jack Frost costume. Right: Volunteers dressed the part to play Ticket to Ride, one of several board games available to play upstairs in the con's gaming area, which also included PC and console gaming all day long and tournaments in the evening.



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Mild weather brought out a large crowd Saturday to take in the festivities of the ninth annual Morden Multicultural Winterfest. Events indoors included a wide array of displays, food, and entertainment to celebrate the many cultures that call the Morden area home. Outdoors was all about celebrating our Canadian winter, with street hockey games, quinzee building, snowshoeing lessons, and a fire for roasting marshmallows.







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Morden hosted its second annual Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics on Saturday. Forty participants took an icy dip for the cause, with many coming decked out in funky costumes, including the Manitou fire department (above).

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# Taking the plunge for Special O

By Lorne Stelmach

For those participants who were back for the second annual Polar Plunge in Morden Saturday, there was much to be thankful for this time.

When they jumped into the tank of water last year in the fundraiser for Special Olympics, frigid weather made it much more painful than it was this time with above zero temperatures and sunshine.

"The weather co-operated quite a bit more than it did last year," said Cst. Scott Edwards, who was among the organizers of the event with the Morden Police Service.

"I think that even had something to do with the amount of people who came out and watched," he added. "That makes a world of difference to have the people supporting it and cheering you on."

There were 40 participants this year whose fundraising efforts were being estimated at around \$26,000.

"We had about the same number of plungers last year," noted Edwards."We're hoping to grow it ... we'll keep going ... maybe we'll get more out next year."

He said a new tank that was manufactured locally by Maverick Industries worked out well, and he hopes that its portable design could help get more Polar Plunge events to start up across the province in the years ahead.

"We can roll it out to a lot of different communities next winter, which is the plan," Edwards said, noting that only Morden and Winnipeg hosted plunges this year.

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# March 3 & 4 2017 morden & district chamber of commerce



## **Home & Life Show** shines a spotlight on local biz

By Lorne Stelmach

Having just recently opened a year ago, the Morden Discount Centre was a last-minute addition to the Home and Life Show in 2016.

The response last year was enough to convince owner Annie Giesbrecht to not only be part of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce's show again this year, but to be one of the featured exhibitors as well.

"We actually give a lot of credit to the Home and Life Show for the success of our business so far," said Giesbrecht. "The timing was perfect, so there wasn't a chance I was talk to so many people." going to miss out on it this year.

"Thousands of people come through there and get to see what we do ... it's great to be able to showcase what we sell and what we

That is very much what the chamber hopes the annual show set for March 3-4 can do for local businesses.

It serves as a showcase of the variety of businesses in the community and offers a

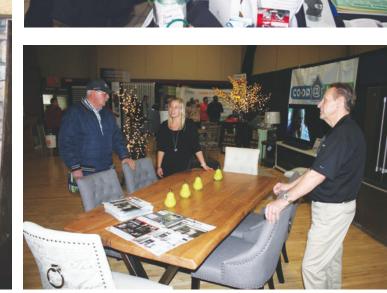
great opportunity to visit numerous businesses under one roof and see what they have to offer, said Candace Olafson, chamber executive director, who noted last week that the show was almost fully booked.

"We probably have just a couple spots to squeeze a few last minute exhibitors in ... we're very pleased with the exhibitors that we have," said Olafson, who added that a majority of them return each year, so it's clear businesses recognize the value of it. "They often come back again ... we hear really good feedback from them ... having the ability to

The show's more than 40 exhibitors will display everything from camping and gardening products to health and beauty, home decor, furniture, appliances, outdoor sports, and much more.

It runs Friday, March 3 from 3-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Morden Access Event Centre.





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Canada's annual tax season will be kicking into high gear, and by now you've probably received your T4 statement. Whether you prepare your own tax return or not, make sure you check your T4 carefully, says an expert from ADP Canada, the country's leading provider of outsourced payroll and human resources business solutions.

"People who ignore their T4 are taking a big risk," says Don McGuire, ADP Canada. "Even a small mistake on your T4 can impact your ability to pay your taxes on time or cause a delay in receiving your tax return."

ADP Canada offers three tips for avoiding a "taxing" T4 headache:

### 1. Make sure your employer knows where to find you.

Although employers are obligated to issue a T4, they're not required to track you down if your address has changed. Be sure to always let your employer know if you move or change your mailing address.

#### 2. Be a clock-watcher.

If you haven't received your T4 by late March, contact your employer immediately. If your T4 isn't going to arrive in time to file your tax return, attach a note to the return with your employer's name and address and an explanation of what you are doing to get your T4. Use your pay stubs and/or statements to calculate income, tax and EI payments, and attach them to your return.

#### 3. Check the boxes.

Several areas found on a T4 statement are common to virtually all employees, including Box 14 (employment income), Box 16 (Canada Pension Plan contribution), and Box 18 (Employment Insurance payments). Always compare the amounts found in your T4 boxes to the corresponding information that appears on your last pay stub of the year — they should be the same.

"By taking just a few minutes now to make sure your T4 is in order, you'll avoid a taxing headache later," says ADP's McGuire. The Cadenza Summer Music Week gives music students a place to come together to learn and perform. This vear's session runs July 3-7.



# Cadenza music camp spots filling up quickly

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Summer may still feel like a long ways away, but registration for the Douglas Kuhl School of Music's annual Cadenza Summer Music Week is already filling up rapidly.

"We're actually a third full already after just a week of posting registration information," said organizer Rochelle Drudge last week.

Cadenza has a limit of 90 students, so Drudge urges people to apply sooner rather an later if they wish to be a part of this year's session.

The program invites students of violin, cello, bass, viola, and piano to share in five days of collaborative and creative music making.

This year's camp runs from July 3-7 at Winkler Elementary School and will include as guest teachers/performers jazz pianist Mike Janzen and conductor Doug Friesen.

Both accomplished Toronto musicians have roots in our area.

"One of focuses of DKSM is to connect and collaborate with musicians from across Manitoba and Canada, especially when they have an original connection with Winkler/Morden or the wider southern Manitoba area," said Drudge, noting their stories serve as great inspiration for young performers who hope to pursue careers in music.

Inspiration is a big part of Cadenza, in fact, whether it comes from the instructors or from fellow music students.

"Our hope is that kids are inspired in music and they have a lot of fun exploring other aspects of music, maybe one they haven't been introduced to," Drudge said, noting that this year's theme is improvisation.

In addition to improv classes, the week will include sessions in chamber music, composition, music theory, orchestra, technique, and more.

"The idea is just to have kids explore others aspects of musicality: playing with other kids in chamber groups, improv composition, fiddling ... whatever it is that they might not get in individual lessons," said Drudge. "It's quite motivating for many students to have that other experience to look forward to each year, to explore music, to do new things, meet new people."

This will be Cadenza's fifth summer of programming and it's already carved out quite a name for itself not just in Manitoba but across the country.

They've brought in guest instructors from all over Canada every year, who have all been greatly impressed by what the program is able to offer students.

"Everybody so far that I've invited, from B.C. to Newfoundland, they've all been amazed at what our program is doing. There's unique aspects that they've never seen anywhere else and they're excited to come be part of it," Drudge said. "We are offering something that is not found everywhere."

Early bird registration is due in by March 24. The final registration deadline is April 7. Bursaries are available to help offset costs.

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Every day, motorists encounter pebbles or other small missiles that bounce up from the road and come in contact with their windshields. Many deflect with no problem, but under high speeds, debris can cause chips, dings, and even cracks in the windshield.

Cracks easily spread from road vibration and heat and can compromise the integrity of the windshield. If your car's I windshield is cracked and it shatters I during a collision, you and your passengers are at great risk of injury. In addition, police officers can write tickets if windshields appear to be unsafe. So it's in drivers' best interests to repair damaged windshields promptly.



### Wet weather driving tips

Driving in the rain can be more hazardous than driving in the snow, particularly because drivers fail to realize the dangers wet roads can impose. After averaging 10 years of statistics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that 46 percent of weather-related crashes happened during rainfall, but just 17 percent occurred while it was snowing or sleeting.

Drivers often think rain is no big deal, but while it's not necessary to avoid driving when the raindrops begin to fall, exercising caution when the roads are wet can decrease the risk of being in an auto accident.

· Slow down. Wet roadways cause tires to lose traction, as friction is reduced between the rubber and the asphalt. It's possible to lose up to one-third of traction in the rain. To compensate, slow down to reduce sliding and stopping distances

- · Improve visibility. Turn on windshield wipers and lights when it is raining. This makes it easier to see the road and makes your vehicle more visible to other motorists.
- · Leave more distance between cars. In addition to improving your reaction time, giving others more space can improve visibility by reducing the amount of mist or splashing caused by other ve-
- · Stick to daytime driving. If possible, when it is raining, drive only during the day. Glare from wet roadways and headlights at night can further compromise poor visibility.
- · Watch for wind gusts. Anticipate gusts when traveling through windy road corridors or over bridges.





### What to do, who to call WHEN YOUR CAR GOES





### Tips For Finding The Right Autobody Repair Shop

When it comes to autobody collision repair, you want to make sure you are getting the best quality at the best price. Sometimes it can be hard to determine if your vehicle was fixed correctly or not until it is too late and the work is already out of the repair warranty. This can be troubling. Auto collisions are stressful enough as it is and having your vehicle repaired incorrectly can add even more unneeded and unwanted stress. Here are a few tips to help you find the autobody collision repair that you are looking for.

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that have been in business for quite some time are often companies that have a great track record with happy customers. This is usually a sign they do quality work and will fix your vehicle properly. A lot of times these companies are family owned or second generation. This can be another indicator that they will do a great job at fixing your vehicle.

Autobody collision repair shops often rely on their past customers to pass along their work. If you know of someone who has in the past used a repair shop, it may be worth your time to check into using that business. If they are keeping their customers happy for long periods of time it can be a great way to tell they are a business that will properly repair your vehicle.

### Simple maintenance projects

One of the ways to keep vehicles running strong for years on end is to adhere to the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule. Although there are many factors drivers cannot control, including recalls, weather and road conditions, proper maintenance is something drivers can control, and maintaining a vehicle can be very simple.

Motor oil lubricates the engine and keeps it in good working order. Old oil becomes more viscous and can lose its efficacy. While changing motor oil is important, motorists should follow the owner's manual or the factory maintenance schedule regarding how often it needs to be changed, as all vehicles are not alike. The old myth that cars and trucks need oil changes at set intervals has changed as digital check capabilities have evolved.

Car computers can now keep track of more than just mileage. Computers now track starts and stops and trip durations to determine when cars need oil changes.

Coolant helps prevent vehicles from overheating and also prevents the water that it mixes with in the radiator from freezing or boiling. Coolant is nearly as important as motor oil in vehicle maintenance. Coolant is typically comprised of a 50/50 mix of distilled water and antifreeze. These two substances work together to maintain a proper ratio of heat energy and prevent eventual breakdown and destruction of the engine.

Coolant is usually changed once per year or at 30,000 miles. This keeps the coolant working properly and will help prevent corrosion and deposits from forming inside the cooling system. Coolant levels might be checked during a fullservice oil change appointment.

Many modern car batteries do not require a lot of maintenance. However, one problem that may occur is a buildup of minerals or corrosion from leaking battery fluid on the contacts. In such instances, use a battery cleaning brush to clean the contacts and then replace the

Maintaining a vehicle in adherence to manufacturer guidelines can prolong the life of the car, improve its safety and increase its trade-in or resale value.



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# Things that mar an automotive paint job

Most people purchase a car for its looks and performance. However, unless the auto is kept in a garage and never driven, it is impossible to keep it in pristine condition. In many cases, damage to the clear coat or enamel paint on the car is something vehicle owners

A car owner who decides he or she wants the car to remain in the best shape possible will have to take an active role in maintenence and damage prevention. One of the key things to remember is to never allow any substance to remain on the paint for too long; otherwise the risk for damage increases. Also, it may be very difficult to clean if the offender is allowed to sit on the paint. Here are some other factors to consider.

- UV light: Just as UV light can affect skin, hair and other parts of the body, it also can affect the paint on a car. UV rays oxidize the paint and cause a white, powdery film to form on the car. Washing the car frequently enough and applying the best quality wax will help keep UV rays from penetrating through the paint.
- Over sprays: Life does not stop to allow cars to drive through, particularly when it comes to construction zones. It's possible for a car to be doused in paint

spray, tar, concrete, and other chemicals the damage to be permanent. that are routinely used in construction. • Bleach: Although a bleach-and-wa-Do not allow these substances to harden ter solution is often heralded for its abilon the car. Rinse promptly with auto- ity to clean many things, it should not motive soap. Try to avoid construction be used on a car. Bleach is an oxidizer zones whenever possible.

- rainwater (and other sources of water) can dissolve paint over time. The U.S. Geological Survey has said that water is a universal solvent because it can dissolve more substances than any other liquid. Whenever the car becomes wet. it should be dried with a towel or chamois and not allowed to air dry.
- Natural substances: Tree sap, bird droppings and splattered insects contain compounds that can erode the paint on a car. Avoid parking under large trees where sap and bird droppings may be prevalent. In terms of bug splatter, try to wash it off as soon as possible to alleviate damage.
- Eggs: Oftentimes, rambunctious children think it is funny to egg a car. However, the enzymes and sulfur content in eggs can cause paint and clear coat to dissolve, leaving white spots in the wake of the egg. Because egg can be sticky and very hard to remove once dried, it is helpful to wash it off as soon as possible. It takes only a few hours for

and it will pit metal and discolor paint. • Rain: Both acid rain and regular Be careful with pool chemicals as well,

as chlorinator is usually regular household bleach.

There are many things that can damage a car paint job. Although it's impossible to shield the car from everything, there are precautions that can be taken.











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Participants and volunteers made the Morden Polar Plunge on Saturday a big success. The event raised upwards of \$26,000 for Special Olympics Manitoba.



# **Event raises over \$26K**

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support coming from Morden, Edwards said, especially with a local program having started in the community recently, which he pointed out is definitely a great motivation for local fundraising efforts.

"That was the goal ... raising funds and raising awareness ... Morden was without a program for Special Olympics Manitoba for a while," he said.

The event also got a big thumbs up from those who braved the icy water.

"It's exhilarating, and it's for a good cause," said Chevonne Bell, whose husband Devin Bell was part of the organizing committee.

She said her team of four, who raised around \$1,000 in pledges, were glad to be supporting a local program.

"It's nice to see that a new program has started in Morden," Bell said. "We know a lot

of special kids who are close to our hearts, and it's nice that we can do things to involve them ... make them feel special."

Kris Reynolds was part of a crew from the Manitou fire department who last year came dressed as superheroes and this year outfitted themselves as members of the rock group KISS.

"We came last year dressed up ... this year, we decided we needed to top that," he said as the group proudly displayed their mock guitars. "We made these costumes last night ... grown men making toys and jumping in the water"

"It's a lot of fun. It's a really good cause ... and with the police doing it, it seems to just follow suit for us to do it too. We're happy to help out," said Reynolds, who added they raised just over \$2,000. "It's a great fundraiser for them, and there are local athletes in the area that we're supporting too."



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There was some fun competition at the Winkler Arena Monday as a team that included local firefighters went up against an experienced sledge hockey team in support of the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Manitoba. In the end, the Sledge Hockey Manitoba team won the exhibition contest 9-4. More importantly, though, the event raised awareness and also brought in \$1,250 for the association.

# **Friendly competition**



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## **Lady Hawks** sweep series

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks are on to the next playoff round after making short work of the Central Plains Capitals in three straight games.

The Hawks completed the sweep of the best of five quarter-final series with 3-1, 3-0, and 6-3 wins this past week, and they now face the Winnipeg Avros in the semi-finals expected to get underway next week.

The Hawks grabbed the momentum in the series a 3-1 win in the opening game last Wednesday in Morden.

It was scoreless through the first with goaltender Lacey Friesen keeping Central Plains in the game as shots on goal were 19-5 for the Hawks.

Pembina Valley got on the board in the second period, and that held until a late goal with just under two minutes left made it 2-0. After Central Plains then broke the shutout with 1:18 remaining, the Hawks added insurance with four seconds left.

Alyssa Alderson, Mackenzie Heide, and Makenzie McCallum all scored for Pembina Valley, while Halle Oswald made 19 saves with shots 35-20 in favour of the Hawks.

Oswald then turned in a 27 save shutout Friday, while Friesen faced 36 shots by the Hawks, who drew first blood with a pair of second period goals as they really turned on the heat with 19 shots on net.

Scoring two in the shutout was Kelly-Rae Zdan, with Sage McElroy-Scott also contributing with a single.

The Hawks closed out the series Sunday by again by coming on strong in the second period, staking themselves to a 3-1 lead on their way to the 6-3 victory.

Oswald had a lighter workload, stopping 17 of the 20 shots she faced, while Toni Conrad led the Hawks' attack with a pair of goals and a three point night. Other goals came from Alderson, McCallum, Hannah Petrie, and Brooklyn Platt, while Mackenzie Hutchinson chipped in a pair of assists.

The second place Hawks are now



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Hawks goaltender Halle Oswald keeps her eye on a point shot in Sunday's match against the Central Plains Capitals, which Pembina Valley won 6-3 to take the quaterfinal series in three games.

preparing for the third place Winnipeg Avros. The schedule was still being finalized at press time.

Pembina Valley won three of their four regular season games with the Avros, who advanced with a three

game quarter-final sweep of the sixth place Norman Wild.

The other semi-final was still to be determined, as the Yellowhead Chiefs and Eastman Selects still needed game four to decide things.

The winner of that series will take on the first place Westman Wildcats, who dispatched the last place Interlake Lightning in three straight.

# Flyers fall to Steinbach Pistons

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A few days break wasn't enough to give the Winkler Flyers the boost they needed to down the first place Steinbach team.

The second place Flyers fell 4-2 at the hands of the Pistons Monday afternoon in their final meeting of the regular season.

Even with five players on the injured list, Winkler mostly held their own in the opening frame, sending six shots in answer to the Pistons' 11, with Troy Martyniuk letting one slip past him with 3:35 to go in the period.

Winkler's Nolan McGuire returned the favour with a powerplay goal 6:21 into the second, which the Pistons answered by retaking the lead just a couple of minutes later.

Braden Billaney evened the score at 2-2 a second shy of four minutes into the final period. After Steinbach made it 3-2 five minutes later, Winkler pulled Martyniuk for the extra man as the clock wound down. But the move backfired and instead it was the Pistons who scored an empty-netter to double up on the Flyers for the win.

Overall, Martyniuk made 35 saves as Steinbach outshot Winkler 39-32.

The loss came nearly a week after Winkler trounced the Virden Oil Capitals on Feb. 14.

The Valentine's Day rout got started with goals from Mitch Dyck and Coltyn Bates in the first period, while Martyniuk slapped away all 18 shots that came his way in net.

Virden upped their game in period two, firing 22 shots on Martyniuk, who let one past him in first two minutes but then stood strong for the remainder of the game.

In answer, Brett Opperman scored unassisted for Winkler 26 seconds after Virden's goal. Ian Mackey made it a 3-1 game with a short-handed marker at 11:36.

Mackey added another goal to the

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# Hawks end season in fourth place

By Lorne Stelmach

Two losses that ended their regular season gave away their shot at third place, but a seven game winning streak before that has given the male Pembina Valley Hawks some confidence as their playoff hunt begins this weekend with the Brandon Wheat Kings.

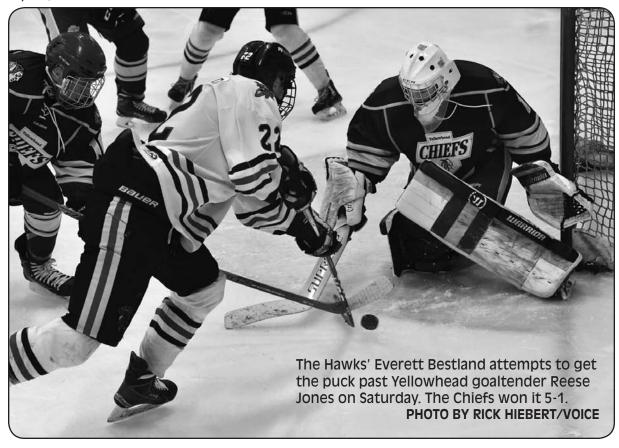
Earlier last week, the Hawks had won a seventh straight in edging the Southwest Cougars 4-3 in Souris. The weekend then saw them fall 5-1 to the Yellowhead Chiefs Saturday and 4-2 to the Eastman Selects Sunday.

"We played some games where I didn't think we played our best and we came out with wins. We weren't able to do that this weekend," said coach Rylan Price. "We need to find our stride and get up to the speed when need it ... that just has to do with our puck movement."

The fourth place Hawks now face fifth place Brandon in a best of five quarter-final that gets underway in Morden Friday then continues in Brandon Sunday and is back in Morden for game three Tuesday.

The Hawks, who finished at 28-15-0-0-1 for 57 points, split their four game regular season series with the Wheat Kings, who ended at 26-16-0-1-1 for 54 points, and Price was confident about their chances.

"We know what Brandon's going to bring ... we know that they're not the most physical team, and that's an area of the game that we like to make ours ... with our speed and skill, and if we add that physical aspect, we'll do all right against Brandon. It should be a good series"



It was a close game last Wednesday against the Cougars with the shots 37-31 in favor of the Hawks, who got a 28 save performance from netminder Martin Gagnon.

Owen Wiebe scored twice for Pembina Valley, which also got goals from Cade Kowalski and Kolton Shindle as the Hawks broke a 2-2 deadlock after the first period with two quick goals in the second period. League leading scorer Elijah Carels contributed three assists.

The Hawks fell behind 3-0 Saturday against the

second place Chiefs before Travis Penner got the lone Pembina Valley goal with under five minutes left. Yellowhead put it away then with two empty net goals.

Aaron Brunn made 25 saves as the Chiefs outshot the Hawks 30-26.

On Sunday, Caleb Unrau scored a pair of second period goals for the Hawks including a powerplay marker, but the Selects connected on a powerplay of their own as well as shorthanded marker while outshooting Pembina Valley 33-20.

# Do-or-die for Redskins; Royals knocked out

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The first round of South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League playoffs saw Winkler knocked from the running and the Morden hanging on by a thread as of press time.

Heading into Tuesday evening's game four, the Morden Redskins were down two games to one in their quarterfinal battle with the Warren Mercs.

Warren, who came in fourth in the regular season standings (one up on Morden), dominated in game one Feb. 14 with a 6-2 victory. Scoring for the Redskins was Nick Doyle and Tyler Peers, while Reed Peters took the loss in net.

The Redskins bounced back in game two Feb. 16. Doyle had a three goal night while Peters made 53 saves in net in the 3-2 Morden victory.

The pendulum swung all the way back the Mercs' way two nights later, when Warren won game three 6-1.

That game, Reid Burak scored Mor-

den's lone goal midway through the third period, while Warren scored a trio of goals in both the first and second frames.

That made Tuesday's game in Morden do or die for the Redskins. Results were not available at press time.

If the Redskins won, the deciding game five takes place tonight, Feb. 23, in Warren.

Meanwhile, the seventh place Winkler Royals were bounced out of the playoffs by the second place Portage Islanders in three straight games.

The Islanders began the series with a 6-2 win last Thursday night. Winkler scorers included Mark Hildebrand and Marlin Froese, while Matt Krahn was between the posts.

Game two on Friday was a much closer affair, but still ultimately went Portage's way.

Craig Cornelsen drew first blood with an unanswered goal in the opening frame. Portage responded with two in the second and one more in the third.

A second goal from Cornelsen with less than five minutes to go brought Winkler within one of tying, but they couldn't quite make good on their chances, and the game went to the Islanders 3-2.

Krahn made 49 saves as Portage outshot Winkler 52-20.

Portage put the final nail in on Sun-

day, taking game three 6-1 to advance to the semi-finals.

Scoring Winkler's lone goal that match was Phil Letkeman in the dying minutes of the opening period. Portage scored twice in each period on Krahn in net.

Also battling for a seat in the semifinals are the Carman Beavers and the Altona Maroons (Altona led that series 2-1 as of press time) and the Notre Dame Hawks and the Stonewall Jets (the Hawks were up 2-1).

The next round of playoffs should get underway in the coming week. Head to semhl.net for the updated schedule.

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pot a few minutes into the final frame, while Gino Lucia made it an even six with less than five minutes still to go.

Overall, Virden outshot Winkler 54-47. The Flyers went one for five on the powerplay, while Virden was zero for

four.

Ahead of Tuesday night's game against OCN Blizzard, Winkler's record stood at 38-14-3 for 79 points and second place. That ties them in points with the Selkirk Steelers, but Winkler

has a few games in hand. They trail the first place Pistons by 12 points.

Coming up, the Flyers travel to Winnipeg to face the Blues on Saturday and then hosts the Neepawa Natives on Tuesday.

# Twisters win big off the ice for CancerCare MB

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Twisters are looking to shake off a three game losing streak this week.

On Friday, the Morris-based team were handed their second loss in a row courtesy of the visiting St. James Canucks.

St. James were up 3-0 before Pembina Valley got on the board with a goal from Alex Tetrault nearly two minutes into the final period.

That was closely followed by goals from Corey Mazinke and Matthew Hadley.

The back half of the period didn't go their way, though, as the Canucks got two more past Matt Kohlmann in the Twisters' net for a 5-3 victory.

Things didn't get any better for Pembina Valley two nights later up against the River East Royal Knights.

The wheels fell off the cart in the first period, where the Knights scored seven goals off of 17 shots, while Pem-

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bina Valley managed just one (courtesy of Wyatt Sabourin) out of 13.

Both teams scored twice more, once in each of the remaining periods, with the Twisters' goals coming from Steve Young and Brendan Keck.

Overall, the game

was evenly matched in shots on net at 37 each, but victory went to the Knights 9-3.

Kohlman started off in net for the Twisters but was pulled in the final five minutes after making 24 saves but giving up eight goals. He was replaced by Derick Keddie, who let one goal past out of five shots.

The losses give Pembina Valley 50 points for a firm hold on third place. They're 23-12-4 for the season thus far, and though tied in points with the St. James Canucks, they have a few games in hand. They trail the first place Stonewall Jets and the second place Charleswood Hawks by seven

Pembina Valley had their first crack at turning things around on Wednesday as they faced the Jets. Results were not available at press time.

This weekend the team travels to play the St. Boniface Riels on Friday and then hosts the Hawks Sunday. They also host the Raiders on Tues-

### SUPPORTING CANCER CARE

Even as the Twisters work to find their footing on the ice once more, they were winning big off of it earlier this month.

The team joined forces with the Red River Mudbugs from St. Jean and the

> Morris Mavericks high school team for this year's Cancer Care Fundraiser.

At games played the first weekend of the month, the teams managed to raise \$22,712 for CancerCare Manitoba.

**Twisters** hosted an annual cancer fundraiser for years-it

was started by the late Dale Rempel of Rempel Insurance in 2009, a year after he was diagnosed with cancer but this year was the first time they invited the other teams to take part, said Twisters co-owner Pat Schmitke.

"This year we changed it up a little bit and we combined our efforts," he said. "We did a silent auction, which



**SUBMITTED PHOTO** 

The Pembina Valley Twisters teamed up with the Red River Mudbugs and the Morris Mavericks to raise \$22,712 for CancerCare Manitoba earlier this month.

was great. We also did a big 50/50 draw that generated almost \$2,000."

Other big money-makers revolved around a few challenges issued by players and coaching staff.

"The coach of the Twisters, Ryan Dyck, challenged the players that if they raised \$1,100 he would get a wacky haircut," Schmitke said, noting that he issued a similar challenge, setting the goal at \$2,200.

Twisters forward Corey Mazinke also got in on the fun, promising to shave his head if \$4,000 in donations

"He had-had-really long hair,"

Schmitke said, laughing. "That snowballed into a big effort from the coaching staff, the ownership, the players, people involved with the team to really raise money to get Corey to lose his hair. The end result was he raised

Mazinke and teammate Bryce Dusik both had their heads shaved as a result, as did the others taking part in the challenges.

Considering this year's goal was \$20,000, Schmitke said they were

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# Winkler and Morden square off for 150 Challenge

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The gauntlet has been thrown: which community, Winkler or Morden, can be the most active this spring and summer?

The two cities are teaming up—and squaring off-for the ParticipAC-TION 150 Community Challenge March 1 to July 29.

The competition challenges participants to tackle as many of the 150 activities listed in the ParticipACTION 150 Playlist as they can.

The list is designed to get people off the couch and out being active, and it includes everything from street hockey to dancing to pillow fighting.

"I've never seen a list that is so broad to give everyone an opportunity to do something different," says Winkler recreation programmer Jordan Driedger.

When you complete an activity, post a photo or video of it on social media using #Morden150 or #Winkler150.

The community who checks off the most activities will be crowned cham-

"There is some community pride on the line here," says Driedger, who adds, however, that the real winners will be the participants themselves. "We're really hoping that people will have fun trying some new things."

If that's not enough incentive, there will also be monthly prizes for the most activities and a grand prize for whoever completes the most over the 150 days.

Both cities will be shining a spotlight on existing recreational offerings over

the next few months through social media and community newsletters.

They also plan to introduce a few new special events and programs.

"We're hoping to do some kind of after school or evening program for kids to try out some new activities, as well as a few other things," Driedger says. "We're just working out the details right now."

For the complete ParticipACTION 150 playlist and registration information, go to www.participaction.com.

# Morden Thunder to face Mustangs in round two

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In Zone 4 boys hockey last week, the Morden Thunder made short work of the Tigers to move on to round two of the playoffs.

Morden, who finished first this season, crushed the Tigers 7-1 on Feb. 13 and 6-1 on Feb. 15.

The NPC Nighthawks, meanwhile, saw their championship hopes dashed by the Altona Aces, who won game one 5-3 on Feb. 13 and then took game two 5-4 on Feb. 16 to sweep the series.

The semi-finals get underway this week as Morden takes on the Mustangs and Altona faces Carman.

Head to zone4hockey.mb.ca for the latest schedule and scores.

### NIGHTHAWKS HOST TOURNAMENT

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate varsity boys basketball team hosted their invitational tournament last week-

The Nighthawks found themselves on the losing end of things in game one against the Ross L. Gray Raiders, last year's champs, on Friday.

That 83-74 defeat put them up next against the Prairie Mountain Predators, who they beat 71-61 to earn a spot in the consolation final against the Niverville Panthers.

NPC's Nio Tuikuka goes for a breakaway layup in Friday's game against the Ross L. Gray Raiders, which the Raiders won 83-74.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

That hard-fought game went Niverville's way 73-71.

Ultimately earning the tournament's trophy was Ross L. Gray, who defeated the Carman Cougars 71-41 in the final.

In Zone 4 basketball, the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs teams crushed the Altona Aces on Valentine's Day. The girls won their match 84-31, while the boys won 84-63.

The Morden Thunder girls also had wins last week, beating Carman 51-20 on Feb. 14 and the Sabres 70-27 on Feb. 16. The boys had mixed results, falling to Carman 49-78 but then beating the Sabres 70-61.



# **Legion hosts bonspiel**



### PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

In keeping with 65 years of tradition, the Morden Legion took over the Morden Curling Club Saturday for its annual bonspiel. This year's event saw an increased number of teams take part—28 in all—including several high school teams. Final results could not be confirmed at press time.

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### **Manitoba Hockey Standing**

| MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE        | GP | W  | L  | OTL | PTS | GF  | GA  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| Steinbach Pistons                    | 54 | 45 | 8  | 1   | 91  | 232 | 108 |  |  |
| Winkler Flyers                       | 55 | 38 | 14 | 3   | 79  | 206 | 137 |  |  |
| Selkirk Steelers                     | 58 | 38 | 17 | 3   | 79  | 208 | 170 |  |  |
| OCN Blizzard                         | 55 | 36 | 16 | 3   | 75  | 186 | 140 |  |  |
| Portage Terriers                     | 55 | 34 | 18 | 3   | 71  | 235 | 177 |  |  |
| Winnipeg Blues                       | 56 | 27 | 24 | 5   | 59  | 188 | 190 |  |  |
| Virden Oil Capitals                  | 56 | 23 | 25 | 8   | 54  | 153 | 190 |  |  |
| Swan Valley Stampeders               | 54 | 18 | 31 | 5   | 41  | 146 | 214 |  |  |
| Neepawa Natives                      | 53 | 16 | 31 | 6   | 38  | 144 | 206 |  |  |
| Dauphin Kings                        | 56 | 15 | 35 | 6   | 36  | 132 | 209 |  |  |
| Waywayseecappo Wolverines            | 54 | 13 | 37 | 4   | 30  | 156 | 245 |  |  |
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| HOCKEY LEAGUE                        | GP | W  | L  | 0TL | PTS | GF  | GA  |  |  |
| Stonewall Jets                       | 40 | 29 | 10 | 1   | 59  | 197 | 121 |  |  |
| Charleswood Hawks                    | 41 | 26 | 10 | 5   | 57  | 136 | 99  |  |  |
| Pembina Valley Twisters              | 39 | 23 | 12 | 4   | 50  | 161 | 133 |  |  |
| St. James Canucks                    | 41 | 24 | 15 | 2   | 50  | 159 | 146 |  |  |
| St. Vital Victorias                  | 41 | 20 | 15 | 6   | 46  | 162 | 168 |  |  |
| Raiders Jr. Hockey Club              | 40 | 20 | 16 | 4   | 44  | 164 | 122 |  |  |
| Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins              | 41 | 20 | 17 | 4   | 44  | 158 | 162 |  |  |
| St. Boniface Riels                   | 41 | 18 | 18 | 5   | 41  | 151 | 165 |  |  |
| Transcona Railer Express             | 41 | 17 | 23 | 1   | 35  | 142 | 167 |  |  |
| River East Royal Knights             | 41 | 6  | 35 | 0   | 12  | 106 | 253 |  |  |
| SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| PLAYOFFS - Quarter Final             |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |  |  |

GAME 1 - Notre Dame Hawks 6 vs Stonewall Flyers 1 GAME 2 - Notre Dame Hawks 8 vs Stonewall Flyers 3 GAME 3 - Notre Dame Hawks 1 vs Stonewall Flyers 2

GAME 4 - Feb. 21 No score at press time

PLAYOFFS - Quarter Final B - Carman Beavers vs Altona Maroons

GAME 1 -Carman Beavers 5 vs Altona Maroons 0

GAME 2 -Carman Beavers 2 vs Altona Maroons 6

GAME 3 - Carman Beavers 6 vs Altona Maroons 2 GAME 4 - Feb. 21 No score at press time

PLAYOFFS - Quarter Final C - Winkler Royals vs Portage Islanders

GAME 1 - Winkler Royals 2 vs Portage Islanders 6 GAME 2 - Winkler Royals 2 vs Portage Islanders 3 GAME 3 - Winkler Royals 1 vs Portage Islanders 6

PLAYOFFS - Quarter Final D - Warren Mercs vs Morden Redskins GAME 1 - Warren Mercs 6 vs Morden Redskins 2 GAME 2 - Warren Mercs 2 vs Morden Redskins 3

GAME 3 - Warren Mercs 6 vs Morden Redskins 1

GAME 4 - Feb. 21 No score at press time

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|   | Wild                              | 44 | 35 |

### PLAY-OFFS - Pembina Valley sweeps series 3-0 Game 1 - Pembina Valley Hawks 3 vs Central Plains 1 Game 2 - Pembina Valley Hawks 3 vs Central Plains 0

Game 3 - Pembina Valley Hawks 6 vs Central Plains 3 PLAY-0FFS - Westman Wildcats sweeps series 3-0 Game 1 - Westman Wildcats 6 vs Interlake Lightning 1 Game 2 - Westman Wildcats 8 vs Interlake Lightning 2 ame 3 - Westman Wildcats 11 vs Interlake Lightning 1

### PLAY-OFFS - Eastman wins series 3-0 Game 1 - Eastman Selects 0 vs Yellowhead Chiefs 2 Game 2 - Eastman Selects 1 vs Yellowhead Chiefs 0 Game 3 - Eastman Selects 5 vs Yellowhead Chiefs 2

Game 4 - Feb. 21 score not available at press time PLAY-0FFS - Winnipeg Avros sweeps series 3-0 Game 1 - Winnipeg Avros 3 vs Norman Wild 2 Game 2 - Winnipeg Avros 4 vs Norman Wild 1

### Game 3 - Winnipeg Avros 3 vs Norman Wild 0 HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY (Playoffs)

Morden Thunder defeated C/NM/PM Tigers to win best of 3 series

Miller Aces defeated NPC Nighthawks to win best of 3 series

Carman Cougars defeated PCI Trojans to win best of 3 series

Prairie Mountain Mustangs defeated Morris Mavericks in best of 3 series Feb. 22, 24, 25 (if necessary) Morden Thunder vs Prairie Mountain Feb. 21, 24, 26 (if necessary) Miller Aces vs Carman Cougars STATS AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

# Agriculture CETA gets European Parliament approval

By Harry Siemens

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau welcomed the European Parliament's approval of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement and Strategic Partnership Agreement last week.

"CETA sets a new bar for progressive trade agreements that create good, middle class jobs, give consumers more choice, and protect both workers and the environment," he said in the wake of the approval on Feb. 15.

Canada and the EU will now complete their respective legislative and regulatory processes that will bring virtually all significant parts of the agreement into force by spring 2017.

Trudeau also welcomed the positive vote on the SPA, which will strengthen the already strong cooperation between Canada and the EU on a wide range of issues, including human rights, international peace and security, and the environment.

"Today's vote is an exciting milestone on the way to bringing the benefits of these progressive free trade and partnership agreements to Canadians and Europeans," he said. "These agreements set the stage for an even stronger relationship with the EU, which will create greater opportunities for the middle class on both sides of the Atlantic."

There are always realities to big signings like this.

The Canadian Meat Council's Ron Davidson fears unresolved technical issues could delay the movement of Canadian pork and beef into Europe under CETA.

Davidson said several technical issues still need to be resolved before Canadian beef and pork processors will be able to take full advantage of the agreement.

"In the case of pork it would be the application of the Canadian health mark," he said. "There have been ongoing discussions with the EU for the better part of a year now on the application of the Canadian health mark, as that would greatly facilitate our exports to the EU rather than having to apply a health mark in the cold storage. When the product is in

cold storage it doesn't necessarily all go to Europe."

Davidson said companies may decide to take some of that product and ship it to other markets and product can come out of the area that's reserved for the European Union.

However, nothing goes in there and Canada would like to be able to make use of the Canadian health mark. Until that gets approved it would be very difficult for pork to take advantage of the agreement.

"We see absolutely no reason why the issues that are affecting pork can not be resolved before that," Davidson said. "We need to have them set up well before that date so the commercial pipelines can begin to be set

Davidson added that in the case of beef the primary issue is Canada's use of antimicrobial interventions.

The beef and veal industry is working with the Canadian government to undertake additional research which will be used to apply to the European Food Safety Authority for approval, but that will likely take several

# Top young farmers to be honoured

By Harry Siemens

Two young couples are in the running for this year's Manitoba's Outstanding Young Farmers Award.

Clint and Shannon Desjardins of Laurier and Brent and Kirsty Oswald of Steinbach have been nominated to represent Manitoba this year.

Each couple completed a lengthy

nomination form and will appear before a panel of judges before the winners are announced at the Manitoba OYF banquet on March 4. The winners will go on to compete at the national level in November.

The awards program, which is open to producers between the ages of 18-39, recognizes farmers that exemplify excellence in their profession and

promote the tremendous contribution of agriculture. Two national winners are chosen annually.

### THIRD GENERATION FARMER

Clinton Desjardins grew up on his family ranch, Cattle Drive Ranch, in

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# Siemens It all starts with the seed

By Harry Siemens

The Canadian farming industry celebrated the first national Canadian Agriculture Day last Thursday.

In Winnipeg, it was part of a jampacked full Victoria Inn Crop Connect day as part of a two-day event getting farmers and industry people alike coming from across Manitoba to celebrate and learn.

The varied parts of the agriculture industry may be quite different from one another, but yet they all share the same major focus: they all need to make a living, a profit.

And to do that, they all need to work on their specific management aspects, production practices, and unique techniques, all while making sure it fits together to feed a growing population here at home and abroad.

I'm so proud and yet so humbled by the fact I've had the privilege since I grew up on my mom and dad's farm northeast of Plum Coulee to watch my father.

He loved the smell of freshly tilled soil, to see those first seedlings break through the ground, get out the sprayer and kill those yield-robbing weeds, to look for the first head, ear or blossom shoot forth, make the first round with a new swather and watch it lay down the ripe grain and just the proper way, and then to see that first new fresh grain hit the hopper of the combine, rush off to the elevator, test for moisture content, and head back to the field.

My father tried to instill in me the love of farming. Yet, when a specific job as a farm broadcaster came up, he also realized that while I may not have loved the actual work on the farm, I did have a love for farming, and a love for farmers.

The Manitoba Beef Producers encouraged their members to share their story on Canadian Agriculture Day. That to me is the key to the future of farming as we know it today. We can have all kinds of professionals speak to farmers about farming and how to tell their stories, but it is the farmer that has to tell his or her own story, warts and successes alike.

Surveys show that consumers still trust the farmer the most, so if you want to know how and why a farmer does a certain thing, ask him to tell. And Mr. Farmer, be ready to tell your story from the heart.

At the MBP's recently concluded 38th AGM, attendees heard numerous times that the beef industry has a great story to tell, and all stakeholders, from industry through to producers, need to tell that story.

My suggestion to them is not only throughout Agriculture Day, but 365 days of the year their members need

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### > YOUNG FARMERS AWARD, FROM PG. 27

Laurier and is the third generation to own and operate the business.

He's grown the ranch, which started with 35 cows in his grandfather's time, to 800 cows and 40 bulls today.

When Clint and Shannon got married in 2005 they owned 160 acres and have since bought the family ranch and two other ranches, bringing the total size of the ranch to 1,800 acres of private land and over 24,000 acres of Crown lease which is used for summer grazing.

Shannon grew up in the town of Ste. Rose, where she worked in her father's small engine repair shop doing the bookkeeping.

She graduated from high school and went on to college getting a diploma in accounting, making that a huge asset to the ranch as raising good cattle and growing good crops is only part of today's ranching.

Shannon quickly learned what it took to be a rancher's wife when Clint went out to work in the oil patch for five winters. She had to feed the cows when Clint was off working in Alberta making extra money to grow the ranch and pay bills.

"We, along with our children Alexa and Brooklyn, know that if you want to be successful, you have to work hard and put in long hours," says Clint. It is also important to the Desjardins to know that there is a life work balance. Alexa and Brooklyn learned a saying from their dad that is repeated daily: "You take care of your cows and they will take care of you"

### ALL HE EVER WANTED TO DO

Brent Oswald is the vice-president of Cottonwood Holsteins Ltd. He married his wife Kirsty in August 2006 and the couple of have two children, Taylor and Brenden.

"The original farm was homesteaded by my grandparents in the early 1930s," he says, explaining his parents

took over the farm in the '60s and he came on board as an owner in 2008.

"Cottonwood Holsteins is a mixed dairy and grain farm. We are milking 135 cows in three Delaval robots, and grain farm just shy of 2500 acres," says Oswald. "As my parents have phased out of the day-to-day activities, an increased emphasis on investing in equipment to boost efficiencies has become a major focus."

Oswald says his focus is always to get better before bigger.

"Because of this attention to detail we are routinely weighing off corn trials at 200+ bushels per acre," he says. "This year we almost managed to hit 70 bushel soybeans, weighing off a variety at 66.9 bushels per acre. On the dairy side, we had a cow produce 96.22 litres of milk in one day, her daily average was over 90 litres per day for a span of three weeks.

"It is these advances, and new benchmarks that we are achieving that keep the passion for farming in me burning strong."

Oswald knew from a very young age that all he ever wanted to do was farm, and it's all he's ever done.

"I look forward to the rest of my farming career, enjoying it while raising my children in the lifestyle that is second to none," he says.

### > SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 27

to pull back the curtain on their farms and post photos showing daily life on the farm.

"As we heard from Dr. Cody Creelman, social media has become an important and accessible tool for producers to tell their story and promote the industry," said president Ben Fox. "Canadian Agriculture Day is a perfect time for members to get active and share the great story our industry has to tell."

"This is a terrific opportunity to show the general public what takes place during an average day on the farm and see that the people who produce their beef are often families just like theirs," said MBP general manager Brian Lemon.

The Canadian Seed Trade Association, meanwhile, celebrated Agriculture Day with the launch of its Better Seed, Better Life program.

How fitting. Yes, seed is the start of it all, but only the start.

Through Better Seed, Better Life, CSTA will engage in dialogue with Canadians on the role of seed as the foundation for the food and drink we enjoy, the clothes we wear, and the

fuel in our cars.

"CSTA congratulates Agriculture More Than Ever for bringing the sector together on this first national Agriculture Day. CSTA members believe that the conversations started today must continue all year, and that is why we have launched Better Seed, Better Life," said president Brent Derkatch. "Seed is a compact package that carries the innovation that the world's farmers will need to feed, fuel and clothe a population that is forecast to reach over 9 billion in 35 years."

### > AN ARTIST'S LIFE, FROM PG. 11

up, the number one question most parents and students have is: "Why?"

Why is the study of music theory necessary? The answer to this question, again, is not an answer that will be found outside the world of pedagogy and professional development.

Music students need to understand theory because it's is one of the most powerful memory strategies available.

Furthermore, understanding how music works allows the student to recognize building blocks within their pieces. Music feels familiar, chords are recognizable.

Music theory will teach the student about the dance forms of Baroque music and the repeated motives of Beethoven. Students can then understand why music from the Orient sounds different than western music, and recognize the signs and terms needed to really make a piece come alive.

A well-trained teacher can present theoretical concepts in a non threatening, easy to understand manner that leads the student

into learning and enjoyment.

Moreover, the up to date teacher will be aware of the latest developments, including apps and games for music theory that can help students to find the fun in learning.

In short, music is in many ways the study of culture, history, feeling, mathematics, and language all rolled into one.

Studying music itself through private lessons is so rewarding, yet does

not prepare one for teaching. A music teacher needs to not only understand and enjoy music, but they also need to understand history, performance practices, teaching methods, and many other aspects of music that private lessons simply do not offer.

Music history and theory study, pedagogy training, and a commitment to ongoing professional development are integral to a good music teacher.

Parents and students should choose

a teacher who is committed to professional study, as teachers with a passion for music should consistently seek out further instruction and resources to further their skills.

These aspects of teaching can mean the difference between a student who enjoys music and one who plays only because they are expected to.

Reach Candace Hamm at ibcnu@mts.net

### > TWISTERS, FROM PG. 25

thrilled to have surpassed it by such a wide margin.

"It was a joint effort all the way around," he said, sending thanks out to the many regional businesses who provided prizes for the auction, as well as to everyone who gave so generously to the cause.

The money was gratefully accepted

by Sherelle Kwan from the Cancer-Care Manitoba Foundation.

"We were very thrilled with the success of it. They've been so wonderful in hosting this event over the years," she said.

Community fundraisers like this are integral to the programs and services CancerCare Manitoba provides to

Manitobans battling the disease, she said.

"They're crucial. A large part of our funding comes from our community support, which we're so grateful for," said Kwan.

"Donations change lives," she added, stressing that all the funds "remain right here in Manitoba."



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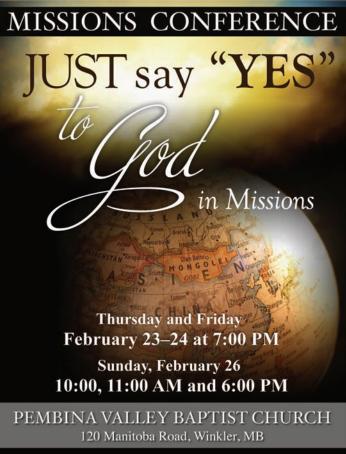
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#### March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

City of Winkler Council Chambers, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan.

Copies of the City's 2017 Financial Plan will be available at <u>www.cityofwinkler.ca</u> or at the Reception Desk at the City Hall for anyone wishing to get a copy prior to the meeting.



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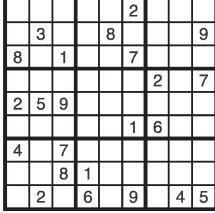
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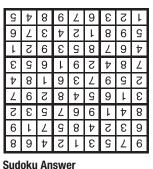
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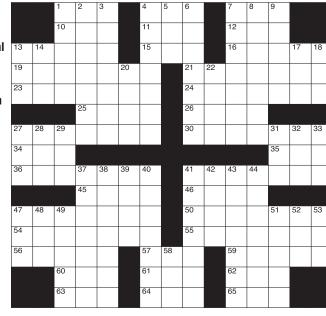
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### **CLUES ACROSS**

- \_ fi (slang)
- 4. Carolina Panthers' Newton
- 7. Documented organizational practice
- 10. A way to change color
- 11. Boxing legend
- 12. Football coach Parseghian
- 13. Rewards (archaic)
- 15. Colbert's network
- 16 Palm trees
- 19. Capital of N. Carolina 21. LA ballplayers
- 23. Does not sit
- 24. A way to intensify
- 25. Penny
- 26. Elements' basic unit
- 27. Muscular weakness (pl.)
- 30. Makes sense
- 34. Helps little firms
- 35. Go quickly
- 36. Found at the end of books 41. A way of carving
- 45. The back of one's neck
- 46. Israeli dance
- 47. They help golfers
- 50. Western landmass
- 54. Evokes
- 55. A Big Easy hoopster
- 56. Small valleys
- 57. Water in the solid state
- 59. Acquired brain injury behavior science (abbr.)
- 60. Don't let this get too big
- 61. Motor is one type
- 62. Negative
- 63. A hiding place
- 64. Negative
- 65. Excavated

### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Upright stone
- 3. Intestines (informal)



- 4. Distinguishing marks
- 5. Clergical vestment
- 6. Give cards incorrectly
- 7. Underground construction worker
- 8. Japanese art form
- 9. Franz van \_\_\_, German diplomat
- 13. Wife
- 14. Consume
- 17. Curve
- 18. Midway between south and southeast
- 20. Unit of heredity
- 22. Upon
- 27. Pressure unit
- 28. Australian TV station
- 29. Cool!
- 31. A person's guardian spirit
- 32. French river

- 33. Body part 37. Gratify
- 38. Watertight chamber
- 39. Dueling sword
- 40. Term
- 41. Having an attractive shape
- 42. Togo capital
- 43. Island nation
- 44. Arctic deer with large antlers
- 47. Dishonorable man
- 48. Equal to 100 sq. meters
- 49. Administered
- 51. Cake topping
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- 53. Autonomic nervous system
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#### OBITUARY

### **Joyce Bernice Geraldine Walters** (nee Boivin) 1929 - 2017

Bernice Walters, 87 years, of Winkler, MB, formerly of West St. Paul, passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Bernice was born to Edna (nee Graham) and George Boivin in Morden, MB, on October 10, 1929. She lived most of her life around Winnipeg and she retired to Winkler in 2001. Bernice is survived by one son, six daughters and their families. She was predeceased by Allan Edward Walters her husband of 62 years in 2012.

Cremation has taken place. The celebration of life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at the Maranatha Christian

Fellowship in Winkler.

At mom's request, in lieu of donations take a friend out for lunch.

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#### OBITUARY



### **Jacob Peters** 1920 - 2017

Jacob F. Peters, a lifelong resident of Plum Coulee and Winkler, at last got to make a final trip - this time to meet his Lord. Jake died February 15, 2017 in the early morning at Salem Home, having reached the age of 96 years, and after years of living with Alzheimer's. Throughout his latter years, he lived with dignity and good humour, rarely commenting on his diminished mobility or memory. Dad was born to Frank X, and Helena Peters at the family farm in the Hoffnungsort School District on December 30, 1920. He never lost his love of the land and farming. He attended Hoffnungsort School and left to work on the farm after Grade 9. With the outbreak of WWII, he expressed his faith by becoming a conscientious objector and working in lumber camps. He was

baptized in the spring of 1941 and accepted into the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Dad met Margaret in 1943 and, on October 27, 1946 they began their 71-year journey together. In 1954, they moved from the family farm to Plum Coulee, where they stayed until 1980. There they began to raise a fine crop of four rambunctious boys: Gordon (Ruth), Bob (Ronda), Ken (Daisy), and Mel (Audra). Jake joined his only sibling, Frank, to establish Peters' General Store. In his off-work time, he helped care for his aging parents, renovated the family home, sang in a men's quartet with Frank and two cousins, acted in Low German plays, joined the Kinsmen, and served on various committees. In 1967, Dad left the store to become the Superintendent of Maintenance for the newly-created Garden Valley School Division, beginning with overseeing the construction of the Garden Valley Collegiate. He was now employed doing construction and other outdoor jobs, which brought him great satisfaction. Mom and Dad moved to Winkler in 1980, became members of Grace Mennonite Church (Dad being the oldest member for the last years) and became active citizens of the community. He retired from the Division in 1987, and immediately threw himself into woodworking projects and traveling all over North America with Margaret and friends. Because of his concern for less fortunate people and his ever-present respect for everyone, a number of these trips included work projects with MCC, MDS and other charities. In 2008, the folks moved into Winkler Heritage Village as Dad's failing physical health made caring for a house and yard too difficult. About this time, Dad sadly began to show signs of memory loss. Nonetheless, he greatly enjoyed his relationship with other residents there. On Good Friday 2014, Dad fell at a family gathering, fracturing his right femur. After a two-month stay at Boundary Trails Health Centre, he became an interim resident of Prairie View Lodge in Pilot Mound, 45 minutes away from his beloved sweetheart. Though the care there was exceptional. in January 2015 he came home to Winkler, and was a resident of Salem Home until his passing.

Jake is survived by his beloved wife and helpmeet, Margaret, four sons and daughters-in-law. 19 grandchildren and their spouses and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Grace Mennonite Church in Winkler with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

The family extends its heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Cottonwood wing and Chaplain Wilbert Friesen at Salem home, Pastor Gerald Neufeld for his unfailing pastoral care and frequent visits with Dad and all the kind people who ferried Mom to and from Salem Home.

In lieu of flowers, we encourage donations to MCC, the Gideon Memorial Bible Plan or a charity

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#### **OBITUARY**



### **Arthur George Paetkau** 1956 - 2017

We are saddened to announce the sudden passing of Arthur George Paetkau, age 60.

Arthur George Paetkau was born June 23, 1956 to Abram and Katherina Paetkau in Winkler, MB. He was the youngest of six children and grew up in the village of Reinland, MB. Art graduated from Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler. He learned about agriculture as he farmed alongside his dad, and he continued to farm on and off throughout his life. Art learned to fly when he was 21 years old, this became a lifelong passion. He attended crop dusting school in Georgia, USA, then started Arty's Air Service in August of 1978 when he was 22 years

old. Arty's Air continues to operate 38 years later and is well known in the community. Art was an aviation pioneer, starting the first private air medical transport service in Manitoba. Art was always up for a challenge, and had many other businesses throughout the years, most recently EMSIPS, of which he was very proud. He was a great friend to his many business contacts.

Art married Rosemary Jean Power on June 4, 1983. They were blessed with three children, Christy, Keith, and Jenna. He loved spending time with his family, travelling, planning last minute holidays, and making great memories. He was looking forward to spending lots of time with his grandkids, teaching them to love life and adventure like he did. Nothing was more important to Art than his family and his many friends that he considered family. He loved a big get together and was the life of the party. Faith was important to Art, he and Rosemary were members of the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church.

Art had many interests, he was happiest when he was busy. Airplanes held a special place in his heart, and he bought and sold many of them throughout his life. He loved to fly, and shared his love of flying by being a mentor to many young pilots. He enjoyed classic cars, mostly Dodge, but had a soft spot for Chevy's too. Art loved sports, he was a great hockey player, loved golf, and was looking forward to going skiing soon. He was a proud Green Bay Packers fan; recently he started an annual tradition of going to watch them. The outdoors was time to relax for Art; he enjoyed fishing and boating with friends and family. Art was a great dad, husband, grandpa, and friend. We will miss him, and are so grateful for the chance to have had him in our lives.

Art is survived by his loving wife, Rosemary, daughter, Christy (Evan), son, Keith (Jessica), daughter Jenna, and grandchildren, Olivia and Max, three sisters, two brothers and their families. He was predeceased by his parents.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Winkler Mennonite Church with private family burial at Westridge Memorial Gardens prior to the service.

Donations may be made in Art's memory to Mission Aviation Fellowship of Canada 264 Woodlawn Road W Guelph, ON N1H 1B6.

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