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Chris Dick of Carman and friend Norman Buhler of Winkler study winning teams on the Grey Cup, which made a stop in Winkler on its tour of rural Manitoba last week. For more photos, see Pg. 2.

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Above: Members of the Winkler Flyers pose with the Grey Cup during the Winkler stop of its tour of rural Manitoba last week. Right: Sara Hercun, daughter Isabelle, and son Winston of Winkler pose together with Bombers mascot Buzz.



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Youth share their concerns, dreams for the future of Winkler

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local youth were given the chance last week to weigh in on some of the challenges facing our community.

The Winkler Community Foundation in partnership with the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge hosted its second Vital Conversation on Feb. 20.

This time around, the forum asked youth age 16-29 to share their thoughts on what Winkler can do to make itself a more attractive place for young people over the next decade. Joining the teens and young adults at the discussion table were a number of community and business leaders.

"Today we're exploring, listening to young people to hear what their thoughts are; where they see constraints, where they see things that are going well," said Myra Peters, executive director of the foundation. "We want to hear how they see Winkler and what they'd like to see from Winkler in the future."

The afternoon included brainstorming sessions focused on four areas: mental health, transportation, housing, and post-secondary education.

These areas were identified as challenges for the community in the foundation's 2018 Vital Signs survey.

The participating youth echoed the concerns outlined in that survey, noting the lack of affordable housing for young, single-income households and sparse post-secondary options in the area both contribute to young adults feeling they must leave the community to succeed or, in some cases, stay and settle for less than reaching their full potential.

Similarly, the lack of public transportation throughout the Morden-Winkler area puts a strain on the wallets of lower income people and makes it difficult for youth to access the social or work opportunities

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available to them in the region.

Forum participants also said they'd like to see more done to reduce the stigma of mental illness and increase the ease of accessibility of support services.

Grade 12 student Caleb Vallelly appreciated the opportunity to be heard on these matters.

"I think being taken seriously is definitely something that students struggle with," he said. "We get looked at as kids ... when students want change and they try and go about making it, it's hard to actually do that because of the barriers that we're hit with."

"I think it was good to see that people, some people, care enough to hear what we have to say. I think that's awesome."

He's optimistic some of the ideas the groups came up with will be pursued by community leaders in the years ahead.

"I can be hopeful that they will ... things like this can take time. Hopefully if I come back from univer-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Young adults age 16-29 were invited to brainstorm alongside community leaders last week at the Winkler Community Foundation's second Vital Conversation.

sity and some of these things are changed, that's a goal. It doesn't have to happen right away," he said, noting, however, that many of these issues will only grow as the city continues to do so. "The more problems we can control and take care of now, it leads to a better community, I think, in the future."

All sentiments echoed by fellow

participant Connor Wiebe.

"It's definitely a great opportunity to be able to voice our opinions because I think a lot of times it feels like maybe we aren't heard," he said. "And especially with the way the community's going to grow. When it grows we need to have representa-

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CITY OF WINNIPEG PHOTOS
Above, from left: Morden Mayor Brandon Burley, Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman, and Winkler Mayor Martin Harder with their croki-curl trophies. The event held at The Forks last week pitted municipal leaders against each other.

Morden, Winkler mayors bring home the hardware

Burley clinches second, Harder takes third

By Lorne Stelmach

It's more about connecting than competing, but the leaders of both Morden and Winkler gave it their best recently at what has become a new winter tradition.

Mayors Brandon Burley of Morden and Martin Harder of Winkler were second and third at the annual Croki-curl Tournaspiel held at The Forks in Winnipeg last week.

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman took home the top trophy this year in this combination of curling and crokinole.

"We represented pretty well because there were only the two southern mayors there ... and we brought home two-thirds of the hardware," noted Burley. "It was a fun time."

"It's just a fun occasion. It's just a fun way for us to connect," said Harder.

The event grew substantially this year with a dozen Manitoba mayors and other competitors taking part—

up from just three a few years ago.

"This year it expanded to having 12, so it was neat to have a broader representation, including a councillor from the City of Calgary," Harder said.

"It was an awesome event. I sure appreciated them hosting it," he added. "I think it's a game that many other communities including even our own could expand on it and make it a part of the recreational activities of the community."

"It was a really good time ... and it was nice to be at The Forks," said Burley, who agreed he'd love to see the game catch on here.

Aside from the competition, Burley noted it was also beneficial for them to have a meeting earlier in the day of city mayors and have the chance to talk about a variety of issues facing their communities.

"It's a good time for some face to face," he said. "And we do it with something that's fun."



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PVWD forms its new board, appoints Howatt as chair

By Lorne Stelmach

It's been reshaped and renamed, but it will continue to be business as usual for what is now the Pembina Valley Watershed District.

The name change from conservation district as of Jan. 1 also came with a change to its boundaries based on the regional watershed instead of municipal borders. Those revisions brought about a new board structure, which is now in place after a Feb. 19 meeting.

Heading it all up will be chairperson Bill Howatt, who is also chair of the lower Pembina River sub-district, one of five that make up the new district representation.

"It's quite a diverse group of people. I'm looking forward to working with them," said Howatt, whose vice-chairperson will be Bob Giesbrecht, an RM of Stanley council rep and now chairperson of the Deadhorse Buffalo sub-district.

Howatt said the opportunity for them to offer more programming and access funding has never been greater under the province-wide changes.

"It is a similar mandate ... as far as doing the conservation on the landscape," he said. "As far as the amount of funds that are available now ... there's more programs available now than there have ever been, and so it's quite an opportunity as far as districts

now to get a lot of work done.

"It's business as usual, absolutely, that hasn't changed a whole lot," he added. "Now they've given us a little more freedom to work with non-agricultural people and First Nations, which is a real opportunity here."

Howatt also welcomed the new boundaries, which meant losing some longtime partners to the north but gaining new ones to the west.

The new district will include five sub-districts: upper Pembina, Badger/Wakopa, central Pembina, lower Pembina, and the Deadhorse/Buffalo.

"IT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL ..."

The PVWD will have 10 members to start including the rural municipalities of Argyle, Boissevain-Morton, Cartwright-Roblin, Killarney-Turtle Mountain, Lorne, Louise, Pembina, Prairie Lakes, Stanley, and the City of

Morden.

"Before, we had different types of land and different types of systems ... that hasn't changed a whole lot," said Howatt, but the change makes sense in terms of how all of the habitats and eco-systems in that expanse are connected in some form. "It's long and narrow. It follows the watershed, all the way from between Killarney and Boissevain at that end and right through to the eastern edge of the RM of Stanley and everything in between, so it's quite an expansion of the dis-



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The new Pembina Valley Watershed District board includes (back, from left) Rob Adams, Troy Stozek, Bob Giesbrecht, Bill Howatt, (front, from left) Grant Matchullis and Colin McInnes.

trict."

That expansion is being supported with some increased funding opportunities from the province in the form of conservation trust endowment funds to provide a continuous investment towards sustainability.

"The interest from these funds will go to projects like riparian fencing and watering systems in partnership with livestock producers, shelterbelt planting to increase aquifer recharge, promoting of poly cropping to increase soil health and many others," said Howatt. "We hope to see lots of these projects and incentive payments on the ground in the coming years."

"More needs to be done, especially

in terms of water retention right on the top of the escarpment. That area there is really quite a delicate area; if it's not handled right, it can cause all kinds of issues."

The sub-districts and their representatives are as follows:

- Upper Pembina River: chair Rob Adams, vice-chair Dustin Flanagan.
- Central Pembina River: chair Colin McInnes, vice-chair Ross Ballantine.
- Lower Pembina River: chair Bill Howatt, vice-chair Grant Matchullis.
- Badger: chair Troy Stozek, vice-chair Randy Hodge
- Deadhorse-Buffalo: chair Bob Giesbrecht, vice-chair Glen Holenski.

World Day of Prayer service in Morden March 6

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Several Morden churches are joining forces to take part in the World Day of Prayer festivities next month.

The Morden Church of God (141 6th St.) plays host this year to the international, inter-church service on Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

World Day of Prayer has been celebrated globally for nearly 100 years and by Morden churches (who take turns hosting the service) for decades, says local organizer Helen Falk.

"We get a chance to help people with this," she says. "It is prayer and action, and that action part is very important."

Offerings received through the World Day of Prayer go to support projects that empower women and children all over the world.

"It's very much like a mission project that way," says Falk.

Thanks to World Day of Prayer offerings, the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada has been able to distribute over \$2.5 million over the past 35 years.

The theme for this year's service is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk." It focuses on the challenges the women of Zimbabwe have faced.

Falk stresses that everyone is welcome to attend.

"It is an opportunity to show the

love and compassion that unites us as Christians," she says. "It's such a fruitful partnership between different denominations to reach out to women touched by injustice all over the world."

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tion by the people who are going to see it grow and be able to lead that growth in the future.

"It's hard to always think of solutions for a lot of these topics, but we came up with a bunch of great ideas," Wiebe added. "The one that really stuck out to me the most was an idea for youth housing."

To help battle the high cost of housing, Wiebe's group suggested

the community look at building dorm-style apartment complexes with shared spaces to provide young adults an affordable place to begin to live independently.

"I think that there's a lot of people in this community that would flock to those areas," Wiebe said.

All these identified challenges and suggested solutions will be compiled into a report for community leaders

to consider moving forward.

"We hope that between the community leaders that we brought in and the youth, that partnerships can be formed and ideas can go to the next level," Peters said.

The community foundation will also be taking these ideas into account when making decisions about future granting priorities, she added.

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Simple equation: we are what we learn

Manitoba's unseasonably warm weather may have melted snowdrifts, but there has been no such thaw in the austerity of our provincial government—at least not where public education funding is concerned.

Recently, the province announced a scant half of one per cent “increase” in funding for the 2020-21 fiscal year, a number that falls below both the rates of inflation (two per cent) and student growth (one per cent).

No matter how you do the math, we’re losing ground. Fast.

One wonders: why the need to keep us in the cooler? The province’s finances have improved, and the auditor general has stated that the budget is already balanced. Federal transfer payments are set to increase once again, and the economic outlook for Manitoba remains strong.

Countless Manitoba teachers have told me how three years of austerity have affected their classrooms. I hear about larger class sizes and reduced numbers of educational assistants and clinicians to support our most vulnerable students. In addition, surveys of Manitoba Teachers’ Society members reveal an increased need for teachers to purchase food and supplies for students out of their own pockets—some spending as much as \$1,000 a year. These same teachers are now into their second year of frozen salaries.

Those member survey results also

peg job satisfaction for teachers at the lowest point ever recorded. No surprise, given that satisfaction from teaching is directly related to having the classroom resources needed to do the job. As those resources are eroded, so too is our ability to ensure that every student has a successful experience in school.

Manitoba’s public schools and its educators are doing more and more, because school trustees are listening to parents who expect more for their children. Or, put more succinctly, because Manitobans expect the best possible future for our youth and our province. Ultimately, our children will shoulder the burden of austerity in education funding, to the detriment of their futures—and ours, as well. We are what we learn.

This spring, we shall see the recommendations from the provincial government’s K-12 Education Review Commission, recommendations that may transform public education in Manitoba. The commission’s stated goal was to improve student learning, and I remain cautiously optimistic its findings will aim to strengthen classrooms for the benefit of all.

The question is, will the government see fit to fund those recommendations adequately?

Recently, Andy Hargreaves, a storied educator noted the world over for his work in support of excellent,

equitable education, spoke to teachers at the invitation of the University of Manitoba’s faculty of education. He shared research into the effect of unaddressed poverty on test scores, social mobility and economic growth. He saw potential for Manitoba to improve on all counts, arguing eloquently for enhancing social and economic prospects with robust childhood education as the catalyst.

The return on this investment is astounding, he tells us, evidenced by greater social mobility, reduced crime, increased graduation rates and improved public health.

“All high-performing societies commit themselves to strong public investment in education,” said Hargreaves. “Spin it any way you want—you cannot have high student performance without it.”

Manitobans by the thousands attended the commission’s consultation meetings last year, speaking passionately to their desire for education that lays the groundwork for student success and a stronger Manitoba. The teachers society participated with them, recognizing the importance of dialogue that translates into positive change.

Now we await the report with hope, recognizing the opportunity before us to raise up our children and their

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Women encouraged to stand up, speak out

Working Towards Parity lunch and learn tackles the topic of advocacy

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Over 50 women gathered at Winkler Arts and Culture last week for a noon hour of empowerment and inspiration.

The second *Working Towards Parity—Women Speaking Up* lunch and learn session organized by Genesis House and the Winkler chamber filled the Park St. art gallery on Feb. 20.

The day's topic was advocacy, and guest speaker Hannah Drudge, a university student pursuing studies in politics, kicked things off with a call to action.

"I'd like to suggest that we need to be approaching political advocacy from the standpoint of what I like to call the everyday advocate," she said.

"We hear so often about individuals doing really big things: stopping pipelines, petitioning government, starting a movement," Drudge continued. "Don't get me wrong; that's

really, fundamentally important and the people who do these things are absolutely heroes.

"But, the reality is that most of us don't do any one big thing. Rather, most of our lives are the culmination of small, everyday decisions that we make."

To that end, Drudge encouraged the assembled women to bring their inner political activist to bear in their daily lives.

"This is crucial if we're going to build a politically engaged and informed system," she said, urging women to take a moment to determine what they believe and educate themselves about those beliefs.

"The most crucial thing is to be educated," Drudge stressed. "Stay

up to date with what's going on in politics. Know how our political system's processes actually work. Surround yourself with quality information and journalism.

"Be aware of and question if necessary the biases and blind spots of the

"MOST OF OUR LIVES ARE THE CULMINATION OF SMALL, EVERYDAY DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE."



Former Regional Connections executive director Laurie Sawatzky discussed her lobbying efforts to grow local settlement services for immigrants into what it is today.

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Hannah Drudge kicked off last week's *Working Towards Parity—Women Speaking Up* lunch and learn with a call to action, encouraging women to educate themselves and get more involved in politics.

authors you're reading. And, just as important, be aware of and question if necessary biases and blind spots that you bring as well."

When you find an issue you feel passionate about, don't be afraid to step up and speak out about it, Drudge said.

At the same time, be open to debate.

"Be educated about your beliefs and root them in fact and in kindness rather than in speculation and exclusion that we so often see today," said Drudge. "Be firm in your beliefs, but hold them lightly enough that you're willing to engage in healthy debate about them"

There are still far too few women involved in politics at all levels, Drudge lamented, and those that do embark upon that path all too often find it an uphill battle.

"It is still angering to me to know that if I chose to have a career in politics it will be inherently, statistically harder for me because I am a woman," she said. "We need institutional change to deal with this. But we also need more women to feel that there is a legitimate space for them to occupy in politics."

And that brings things back to women engaging in everyday political activism, getting involved and ensuring their voices are heard.

"Not only will it benefit our politics—because I believe that politics

is always improved when there is increasing diversity of voices—but it will also help to change the culture of politics in Canada so that, hopefully, if my female children or grandchildren choose to go into politics they won't be seen as a women in politics but simply in politics."

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Following Drudge's call to action was a presentation from someone who made a career out of lobbying for the necessary supports and services for the marginalized in our community.

Laurie Sawatzky spent nearly two decades working with immigrant settlement services, helping to grow Regional Connections into the one-stop shop for newcomers to Canada that it is today.

When she started out working with the local English as a Second Language program in 2002, Sawatzky never imagined she would become such a vocal advocate for the people she served, not just locally but also on provincial and national stages.

"Everything that was accomplished stemmed from a desire to make a difference in someone's life," she stressed, sharing emotional stories of the life-changing impact learning

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James Bedford is president of The Manitoba Teachers' Society



Buhler Active Living Centre gives back

The Buhler Active Living Centre's Mike Chute presented Kathy Fehr of the local Alzheimer Society office with a donation of \$3,500 on Monday, representing the proceeds of the centre's annual Valentine's Day Dinner Fundraiser. The sold-out evening welcomed 125 people Feb. 14. Chute said they selected the society as this year's recipient because they wanted to support the work it does with people coping with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. "It's obviously very needed," he said. Fehr noted the funds will help cover the costs of continuing programming in the region. "I'm grateful that they selected us," she said, stressing this donation helps not just Alzheimer patients but also their caregivers, friends, and families.

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Access Credit Union members to vote on merger

ACU board approve business case for merger with Crosstown Civic Credit Union

Access Credit Union and Crosstown Civic Credit Union's board of directors have decided to move ahead with the next step of a potential merger.

The two boards announced last week that they have completed their due diligence and unanimously approve the business case for a merger.

As a result, both organizations will be asking their members to vote on the partnership next month.

"Through our due diligence process, our final recommendation to the membership is to proceed with a member vote," said Curt Letkeman, ACU board chair. "Both credit unions have a strong commitment to putting the needs of their members first, and together, we believe this new organization will serve its membership even better."

"Mergers represent a significant effort for both organizations and I'm pleased about the way in which our due diligence was conducted," noted Ingrid Loewen, Crosstown Civic board chair. "We believe that this merger is in our members' best interests in creating a strong, sustainable credit union."

"We look forward to communicating the tangible benefits of this merger to our respective members as quickly as possible."

Both credit unions will be inviting their members to vote on the merger proposal on March 19, at which point a two-thirds majority vote will determine if the merger will proceed.

Access Credit Union serves Southern Manitoba with 17 branches, 260

employees, over \$2.85 billion in assets, more than 54,000 members, and is the fourth largest credit union in

the province.

Crosstown Civic Credit Union has nine branches in Winnipeg, 160 em-

ployees, over \$2.58 billion in assets, more than 31,000 members, and is the fifth largest credit union in Manitoba.

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to read and write in English had on immigrant students over the years.

Sawatzky eventually found herself heading up settlement services as a whole, working tirelessly to bring everything newcomers needed to thrive in their adopted homes under one roof.

"I began to have a vision for a service where we weren't the barrier, where we didn't turn people away ... where we didn't have to say, 'Oh, you have to go to another office' or 'You have to go see someone else' or 'You have to do that,'" she said. "Because there's a language barrier and with all the newness of a new country and the adjustment, it didn't make any sense to me that you'd have to leave [Regional Connections for help]. We needed to walk alongside them."

It took a lot of lobbying, diplomacy, and plain old hard work to help funders see the value of that vision, but it paid off. Today, Regional Connections has offices in Winkler, Morden, and Altona offering a wide array of supports and services to newcomers.

"It all came from the clients' need," Sawatzky said. "What do you need? How can we help? That is how things were built and how it still continues

to grow."

Sawatzky retired from her role as executive director of Regional Connections a few years ago but remains involved in immigration services as a consultant.

Looking back on her years as an advocate, she said she learned a lot about both what it takes to get things done and what she herself was capable of accomplishing.

"I didn't know I would be capable of doing some of the things that happened," she said, noting she'd always considered herself a shy person, more comfortable with a book than speaking in front of a crowd.

"But what happened to me in this job was that it took me out of myself because I was a voice for someone else."

"I learned that advocacy looks different depending on the stakes. It can range from adding your voice to a letter of support to action," Sawatzky said, adding that sometimes people feel their small actions

can't make a measurable difference. "But, you know, I found out you can. That even one small thing makes a difference."

Her advice to others hoping to leave their mark on the world?

"One of the most courageous things you can do is identify yourself," she said. "Know who you are, what you believe in, and where you want to go."

"Have courage, have optimism ... have diplomacy, be kind, be patient, and believe in your message," Sawatzky said. "And sometimes I said 'no' isn't an option. There's got to be another way."

We're going to make this happen. We're going to figure it out."

The next lunch and learn session is March 19 on the topic of overcoming obstacles. Admission is free. Lunch is provided and childcare and transportation are available. To register, call 204-325-9957 ext 2222.

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- The description of the accident
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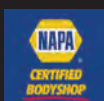
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1. Tow truck driver

If you can't drive your car following an accident, a tow truck will be needed. By default, the driver will take your vehicle to an impound lot or another safe place for storage until it can be repaired. You can also request that your car be taken to the garage of your choice. You may want to ask your insurance company which auto repair shop they usually work with.

2. Mechanic

When your car is taken to the garage, it's usually put under the care of a mechanic. This professional will be in charge of diagnosing and fixing any mechanical issues. Whether you have a busted tail-light, misaligned wheels or an engine

problem following your collision, your mechanic and his or her team of specialists will be able to get your car ready for the road.

3. Auto body technician

After an accident, the body of your car is likely to be dented and scratched. An auto body technician will be able to restore your car's appearance by taking out dents and bumps, touching up the paint job and detailing it for you before handing you back the keys.

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It isn't uncommon for the windshield to become damaged in an accident. Even hairline cracks need to be repaired, as they'll become worse over time if not treated. An auto glass expert will determine whether your windshield should be repaired or must be replaced, and he or she will also restore the glass. When your car leaves the shop, it will be safe to drive again and may even be in better shape than it was before.

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2. Distractions

It's dangerous to make calls, watch videos, send text messages or apply makeup while driving, and in some cases, it's also illegal. Stay focused: always remember that you're operating a machine that can kill.

3. Alcohol and drugs

A driver who has been drinking or is under the influence of psychotropic drugs will have slowed reflexes and blurred vision. In these circumstances, the chances of missing a curve or colliding with another vehicle — or even hitting a person — are greatly increased.

4. Reckless driving

If you floor the gas, zigzag sharply or pass in a no-passing zone, you're increasing your risk of a traffic collision. Reckless driving is better left to stuntpeople on movie sets!

5. Poor maintenance

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Home & Life Show shines a spotlight on local businesses

By Lorne Stelmach

A wide array of businesses and services will be showcased next weekend at the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce's Home & Life Show.

The trade show takes place Friday, March 6 from 3-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Access Event Centre. Admission is free.

Now in its ninth year, the show has grown to become a hugely popular community event, says chamber executive director Candace Olafson.

"We get about 50 exhibitors ... it's a full house," she says, noting the weekend draws upwards of 2,000 people each year.

For the exhibitors, it's a great way to connect with people and attract potential new customers.

"We have some exhibitors that really enjoy the show each year and really enjoy meeting

and talking to people who come out to the show," Olafson says. "And they're bringing new things and new products that they have to show. There's some new exhibitors as well, so it's always a good mix."

For shoppers, it's an opportunity to explore the offerings of a variety of businesses under one roof.

"It's a great showcase of local businesses," says Olafson. "It is a little bit of everything from the home—that might be flooring, draperies, kitchen cabinets, countertops or home builders—to lifestyle—that could include everything from financial services to health and beauty or health and wellness."

"We're really looking forward to another great show," she says.

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Complexity in simplicity

Art Talk seeks to help people better understand what goes into abstract art pieces

By Lorne Stelmach

Colour field painting is not only a less known medium but also a misunderstood style of art, and a presentation at the Pembina Hills Gallery last Thursday aimed to address those perceptions.

In the big picture, it is about stretching the boundaries of our mind sets about what is art, suggested Tricia Dyck, programs and outreach co-ordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

"I see this as an opportunity to educate people on how to observe and look at and interpret art," said Dyck, who led the gallery's latest monthly talk on colour field painting and in particular the work of artist Helen Frankenthaler.

"I do often hear the sentiment when you look at art that is on the surface very simple ... there is a lack in how to understand that piece of art and how to talk about it," said Dyck. "When I think about colour field painting ... I would like to be able to empower people to be able to describe that and know a little bit more about that movement."

A style of abstract painting that emerged largely in the 1940s and 1950s, colour field painting was inspired by European modernism and is closely related to abstract expressionism. Many of its notable early proponents were among the pioneering abstract expressionists.

Color field painting can be characterized by large fields of flat, solid color, and it may place less emphasis on gesture, brush strokes and action in favour of an overall consistency of form and process.

During the late 1950s and 1960s, color field painters emerged, using formats of stripes, targets, simple geometric patterns and references to landscape imagery and to nature.

Helen Frankenthaler was an American abstract expressionist painter and was regarded as a major contributor to the history of postwar American painting. Having exhibited her work for over six decades, she spanned several generations of abstract painters while continuing to produce vital and ever-changing new work.

"Her works are very entrenched in intellectual thought and even philosophical ideas," suggested Dyck.

"My hope is when I show these pieces of work by this artist, where she is coming from with these pieces and her sources of inspiration, that it will open people's eyes and open people's minds to the idea of looking for those things in other art as well."

Dyck noted there can be a lot of variation within work that can be classified as colour field painting, and that is evident when you compare the work of someone like Frankenthaler

to one like the painting *Voice of Fire* by Barnett Newman.

Consisting of three equally sized vertical stripes, with the outer two painted blue and the centre painted red, the work was created as a special commission for Expo '67 and eventually purchased by the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa in 1989 at a cost of \$1.8 million, causing some controversy.

Dyck suggested the artists who pioneered this movement "were actually quite intentional about how they were painting and what they were doing with their art."

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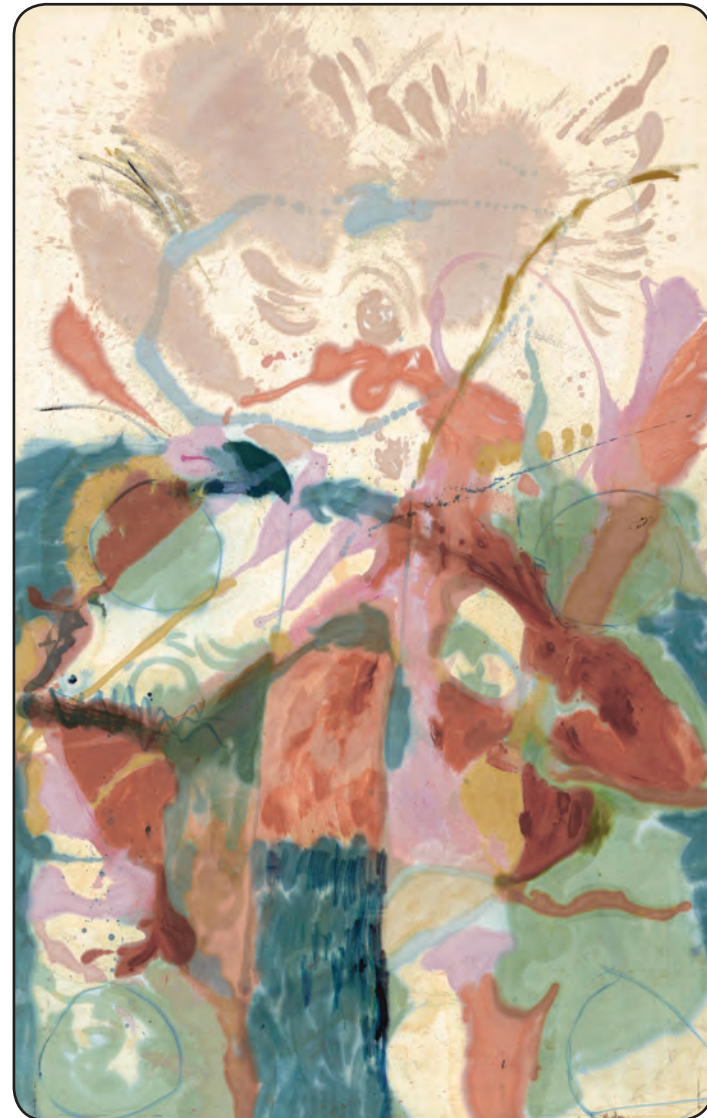


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Jacob's Ladder, 1957, by Helen Frankenthaler. This example of colour field painting was among those discussed at a PHAC art talk last week.

"Colour field painting in general is the removal of figuration ... so there's no specific outlines or representations of things," she explained. "When you remove that, it causes people to not have anything to grasp. That's sometimes where misunderstanding can come from."

"I would have been set to go the same as other people before learning about it and learning about the richness embodied within this movement," Dyck concluded, adding that's why she feels it is important to be exposed to many different art styles or movements. "I think we need to understand all of them or as much as we can about them ... then we know better why the next period of art came."

Prairie Singers take the stage in Winkler, Morden Sunday

A regional choir takes to the stage in both Winkler and Morden this weekend

Prairie Singers present their 2020 concert *And the Earth Sings* at the Winkler Emmanuel Mennonite Church and the Morden Mennonite Church on

Sunday, March 1. The Winkler show begins at 2:30 p.m. while the Morden concert is at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is one of "praise, wonder, lament, and hope," say organizers, who note it will include songs from the classical to the contemporary.

The choir, which features 34 singers this season, will be led by conductor Marilyn Houser Hamm and accompanied by pianist Samantha Klassen.

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Do you know about the various deductions, credits and reimbursements that apply to a given situation? For mere mortals, it's easy to get lost in the complexities of fiscal law. If you use software to prepare your tax return yourself, you must be comfortable using

computers and familiar with the minutia of fiscal jargon. If you aren't very good with computers, you can use the paper forms — at your own risk.

Just remember that a single omission or error can be quite costly and could even bring about legal problems. To avoid blunders, it's better to hand over your tax return to the experts — they know what's new in fiscal law. Thanks to their know-how, your refund will be maximized and you'll get it faster. Imagine the peace of mind you'll have!

The cost of having your income tax return prepared by a chartered accountant, tax specialist or specialized firm will depend on the complexity of your situation: for example, you may have investments or dependants, or perhaps you're self-employed. Whatever your situation is, contact a local tax professional to find out more.

Five reasons you should entrust your tax return to an accountant

Every year, when the time comes to complete your tax return, you wonder what would be the best way of going about it — ask a member of your family who's good with numbers, use some accounting software, or go see an accountant? One thing is certain: you can never go wrong with an expert. Are you hesitating because of the cost? Here are five reasons why an accountant is your best option.



1. You're not comfortable with numbers.

Completing a tax return requires some skill in bookkeeping and personal finances. You may waste a lot of your time

if you're not comfortable with numbers.

2. Your situation is complex.

If you're self-employed, a business or rental property (income property) owner, or if your life situation has changed recently (divorce, early retirement, illness, etc.), your tax return could give you some problems.

3. You're not immune to error.

While some software programs are easy to understand, completing a tax return is often more complex than it seems. One small mistake can be far more costly than the services of an accountant.

4. Maybe you don't know everything.

Taxpayers who file their own tax returns often omit such things as medical expenses, for example, and don't always know which refunds they are entitled to and which programs they are eligible for.

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Area dancers shine at international competition

By Lorne Stelmach

Local students from the Danceworks studio in Morden more than held their own last week at the North American Irish dance championship.

They all had strong showings in their categories at the Feb. 15-17 event in Minneapolis-St. Paul, and instructor Cathy Savage came home very proud of her students.

"I am blown away by how fantastic these dancers did," Savage said as the dancers gathered for a group photo last Wednesday.

"It was a fantastic weekend away as a group. The dancers all cheered each other on and bonded and met kids from all over ... so it's a great experience for them."

The local dancers were among 18 schools from all over North America and one from Ireland at the event, so it was a high level of competition.

"The caliber of dance was out of this world, and these kids, for a small place like Morden, fit right in, and they belonged there, and they danced amazing," Savage said.

There are a lot of intangibles that come from being part of an event like this, she noted.

"Every competition they go to, you see their confidence grow," Savage said. "There's always some tears, but those who don't do as well come back and work twice as hard. Those who do well, they have to work twice as hard as well because they moved up to the next level."

"This is an incredible group of kids to work with," she added. "Because they've been in my program for a number of years, you see them grow, and you grow with them."

Among the students taking part was Paige Sudgen, who earned a Bung-hrad Award for first place in under 18, including firsts in reel, single jig and light jig. Her success means she now



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Danceworks Studios' Irish dancers brought home a bevy of medals from the North American Irish dance championships last week.

is able to advance to the next level.

"It's kind of amazing ... I worked so hard for all of this, so to get out of my level one dances is pretty fun," she said.

"I've done it for eight years, and I just enjoy learning new stuff and working up to what I've done now," Sudgen added. "And it's great just having fun with my friends and competing against other people and meeting lots of new people through competitions."

Other students agreed it was really special to be part of the competition.

"I felt really good," said Luke Prusina, who earned an honourable mention in reel and a fifth in single jig in under 13. "It was fun and a good experience for me because I usually don't

get to go to gigantic competitions like this."

"It's exciting ... I was also kind of nervous going because there's so many people from all over," said Lana Woychuk, who earned a fifth in under 14 including a first in slip jig and second in single jig as well as an honourable mention in reel. "Going to the competition made me feel really good because you had to qualify to go, so it kind of makes you feel special because you got chosen to go."

Here is a summary of how other local students fared at the competition:

- Jenna Weeks: a third in under 18, slip jig first, single jig third, reel third, light jig fifth.
- Addison Bruce: a fourth in under

13 - reel first and fourths in slip jig, single jig and light jig.

- Brianna Bruce: a fifth in under 14 - hornpipe second, reel third, slip jig fifth.

- Eva Espenell: a third in under 14 - single jig first.

- Autumn Howatt: a third in under 18 - seconds in reel, slip jig, single jig and third in light jig.

- Ella Kalinowski: a seventh in under 13 - seconds in reel, slip jig and light jig and fourth in single jig.

- Kayla Mitchell: a sixth in under 14 - firsts in reel and light jig and second in slip jig.

- Ciara Reimer: a seventh in Bung-hrad awards under 14 including an honourable mention for reel.

DKSM present 'Forte! in February' this Sat.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Douglas Kuhl School of Music hosts its winter concert this weekend.

DKSM's Allegro, Da Capo, Encore, and Post Road Strings ensembles perform *Forte! in February* at the Winkler EMMC Saturday at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The show is a chance for the strings program's 56 students—who range in age from six years old to adult—to

share their love of music and hone their performance skills, says director Lin Fehr.

"For the children involved in the program, the opportunity to perform in an ensemble teaches them skills that can not be learned just playing alone," she points out. "Learning how to listen to others and follow a

conductor in order to play in time together. This will be the first time performing in an ensemble for some of the youngest kids.

"For those who have been playing longer, having a piece of music come together that is so much more than it's individual parts is a rewarding experience for all of the musicians,"

Fehr adds.

"The concert is always an exciting time as the musicians get to present what they have been working hard on for the last eight weeks."

Joining the Post Road ensemble will be special guest singer Alyssa Hildebrand.

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Hawks finish season in second place

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks are looking to keep the momentum going as the playoffs get underway.

A strong regular season finish vaulted the Hawks to second place, and they will aim to capitalize on that as they take on the seventh place Winnipeg Bruins in the playoffs starting this weekend.

"We're not going to take them lightly," co-coach Jeff Andrews said of the Bruins, who earned a split in the four game regular season series with the Hawks.

"Those games were filled with lots of adversity ... things like refs not making calls ... we didn't deal with that very well, and I think that will be something we will need to focus on in this series," Andrews said. "Play hard from whistle to whistle and make sure you're following our structure and our game plan and not get to caught up in the stuff that we can't control ... I think our guys understand that a little better now."

The Hawks closed out the regular season being edged 4-3 by Eastman Saturday and then clobbering Interlake 12-2 Sunday to finish 35-9-4-0 for 74 points, which was second only to the powerhouse Winnipeg Wild at 88 points.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Pembina Valley goalie Reid Dyck stops the Lightning's Karson King on a breakaway in Sunday's game in Morden, which the Hawks won 12-2.

Behind the Hawks are the Winnipeg Thrashers at 72, Southwest at 70, Yellowhead at 68, Eastman at 62, Bruins at 58 and Central Plains at 52 points.

The game with Eastman got away from the Hawks, who bolted to a 3-0 first period lead only to see it tied up after two and end with the Selects potting the winner with just 12 seconds left.

Riley Goertzen with a pair and Cael-

en Russell scored for Pembina Valley, while Brock Moroz was solid with 49 saves as the shots were 53-38 in Eastman's favour.

Several players had big nights against Interlake, which trailed 6-1 and 9-2 at the intermissions and was outshot 60-31.

Daniel Isaak had four goals and a six point night while Derek Wiebe and Justin Keck each had a pair and four

point nights. Also scoring as Michael Hlady with two goals and Roux Bazin and Kaden Dyck with singles. Reid Dyck made 29 saves.

Andrews likes the character his team has shown through the regular season and will look for that to carry over now into the playoffs.

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Flyers to finish regular season in third place

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers will finish the regular season in third place thanks in part to a pair of wins last week.

The Flyers are 37-17-2-3 for 79 points in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League standings heading into their final game of the regular season this weekend.

That puts them five points behind the Portage Terriers in second place and nine back of the Steinbach Pistons in first. Trailing Winkler are the

Swan Valley Stampeders in fourth place with 75 points.

Winkler bolstered its record with a 1-0 win over the Selkirk Steelers last week Tuesday.

Erick Fawkes got the game's lone goal early in the second period while goalie Dorrin Luding stopped all-comers with 29 saves. Winkler fired 34 shots the other way.

Contributing to the win was the Flyers' penalty-kill, which was a perfect 7-for-7.

Waywayseecappo came to town

a few nights later for back-to-back games, with mixed results.

Game one Friday night saw the Flyers bench a number of their veterans to rest for the post-season.

Fawkes drew first blood six minutes into the first and Alex Cattani got Winkler's second of the night at the end of the second.

The Wolverines, meanwhile, tied the game at 1-1 midway through the middle frame and then scored two unanswered goals in the third for the 3-2 win.

Shots were 28-27 for the Wolverines, with goalie Dylan Meilun making 25 saves for Winkler.

The boys bounced back in a big way the next night, winning it 5-1.

Ian Tookenay, Kyle Lamoureux (scoring just 19 seconds after Tookenay in the first), and Sullivan Shortreed all scored for Winkler before Waywayseecappo managed to get on the board midway through the second.

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Farah Thiessen takes a shot for the NPC Nighthawks Monday night.

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• HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

• The Morden Thunder are tops in Manitoba after winning the provincial mixed doubles curling championship over the weekend. After a flawless 3-0 record in their pool, Thomas Titchkosky and Jennah Derksen went on to beat the Ebb and Flow Thunderbirds 9-0, the Carberry Cougars 6-3, the Lord Selkirk Royals 5-4, and finally the Prairie Mountain Predators 8-4 to win it all.

Meanwhile, the Garden Valley Collegiate boys team came in third at the boys provincial curling championship. The Zodiacs posted wins of 8-4, 8-0, and 7-6, before falling to the Olympiens 8-3 in the A-side final and then closing out the weekend with a 6-1 loss to the Lakers on the B-side.

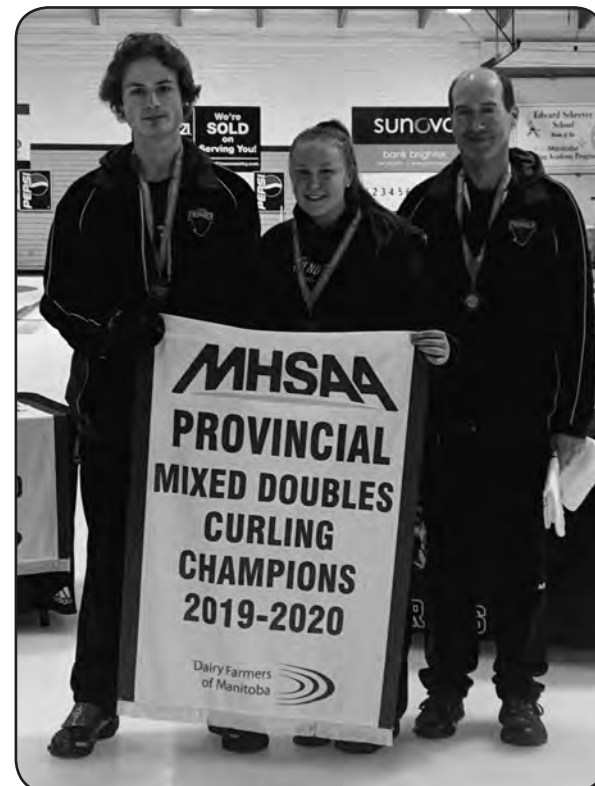
• In SCAC Tier 1 varsity basketball this past week, the Northlands Parkway Collegiate female Nighthawks downed Jeanne-Sauve 54-49 last week Wednesday and then beat the Westgate Wings 52-42 Monday night.

The NPC boys team fell to the Wings Feb. 19 54-42 and then beat the Nelson McIntyre Wolverines 68-33 Monday night.

• In Zone 4 AAA varsity basketball, the Morden Thunder boys beat Altona 67-39 on Feb. 18. The ladies won their match against the Aces 53-34.

• In the Zone 4 hockey playoffs, the Morris Mavericks knocked out the Morden Thunder in two straight games last week.

After falling 5-3 in game one, Morden's season came to an end with a 1-0 loss Thursday night. The Mavericks will now play the Prairie Mountain Mustangs for the title.



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Morden's Thomas Titchkosky and Jennah Derksen, shown here with coach Gord Titchkosky, brought home the banner from the provincial mixed doubles curling championships last weekend.

First place Twisters add two more to the win column

By Lorne Stelmach

A pair of wins including one over their closest competitor in the standings has the Pembina Valley Twisters on the brink of finishing the regular season on top.

The first place Twisters followed up a 9-5 romp over the Stonewall Jets Friday by edging the second place St. Vital Victorias 3-2 Sunday.

With four games remaining, Pembina Valley is at 32-7-2 for 66 points, which has them seven points up on St. Vital, which has five games left.

Pembina Valley expanded a 2-1 first period lead to 7-2 after 40 minutes against Stonewall, who not only gave up five powerplay goals but a short-handed marker as well.

T.J. Matuszewski fired home a hat trick and Brendan Keck had a pair for the Twisters, who also got goals from

Elijah and Jacob Carels, Jordan Keck, and Jeremie Goderis.

Shots on goal were 50-35 for Pembina Valley. Luke Zacharias got the win in net with 30 saves.

It was a much tighter game Sunday, as the score was tied 1-1 and 2-2 at the intermissions, and both teams connected on a powerplay while each firing 36 shots.

Elijah Carels opened scoring in the first period for the Twisters, Nick

Hatley tied it at two in the second, and then Matuszewski got the winner shorthanded at 18:17 of the final frame. Zacharias made 34 saves in goal again for Pembina Valley.

Pembina Valley began the week Tuesday in Winnipeg against the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins.

They are back home in Morris Friday to host the Raiders and then head to St. Boniface Monday.

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"We were happy to come through the tough stretches and give ourselves an opportunity to get on a roll," he said.

"I think it was evident early that no one was going to catch the Winnipeg Wild, but we set our sights on that number two seed, and I'm real proud that the guys were able to reach that goal. We're definitely playing some pretty good hockey right now."

Game one of their best of five quarter-final goes this Friday in Morden. Game two is in Winnipeg Sunday and game three is back on home ice Tuesday.

In the other series, the Wild take on Central Plains while the Winnipeg Thrashers face Eastman and Southwest goes up against Yellowhead.

Burgin, Cech honoured with MJHL awards

Two members of the Winkler Flyers team were honoured last week with major awards.

Assistant captain Drake Burgin was named the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's Defenseman of the Year.

Burgin is in his second season with the Orange and Black and currently sits second on the team with 52 points (11 goals, 41 assists) through

59 games. He also leads all MJHL defensemen with 41 assists and leads all players in the league with 19 assists on the power-play.

Burgin had also been nominated for Most Valuable Player.

Meanwhile, head coach Kelvin Cech was named the league's Coach of the Year.

After spending three seasons as as-

sistant coach with the University of British Columbia, Cech has led a resurgence of the Winkler Flyers in his first season as a junior head coach.

The team, which failed to reach the playoffs last season for only the second time in club history, this season has clinched a playoff spot on the strength of its 37-17-5 record, which has them in third place.

> FLYERS, FROM PG. 17

Goals from Carson Pawlenchuk and Drake Burgin put the final nail in the Wolverines' coffin in the third. Jayden McCarthy assisted on three of Winkler's goals for the night.

Back in net for Winkler was Luding, who made 33 saves as the Flyers out-

shot their opponents 37-34.

Coming up this weekend, the Flyers host Selkirk Saturday night for their final game of the regular season.

ALL-STARS NAMED

The MJHL last week named a trio of

Flyers to the all-stars list.

Forward Jayden McCarthy and defenseman Drake Burgin were named to the First Team All-Stars while defenseman Trent Sambrook made the Rookie Team.

U18 championship legacy fund distributes \$21,337

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden and Winkler are both benefitting from the success of the National Women's Under-18 Hockey Championship hosted here last year.

A legacy fund established following the event is being disbursed to groups and programs throughout the area, with a total of \$21,337 distributed just last week.

It includes 35 per cent each to hockey-related projects in both centres as well as 10 per cent each for Jumpstart and Kidsport and 10 per cent for girls and young women to attend hockey camps either as a subsidy for a local camp or to individual players.

The financial legacy is a nice bonus for the communities, said event co-chair Clare Agnew, although she stressed their focus was not on the money but more just on putting on a fantastic event.

"It's not about the financial legacy

left at the end, it's more about bringing people to your community and the excitement that comes along with the event," she said. "I think any financial reward at the end is nice but certainly isn't the focus."

"For us, the focus is on the experience for the players and the fans and the community and the volunteers. I think everybody feels good about that, the positive energy that it brings ... you can feel the excitement."

"We want the legacy from the event to be reaching all aspects of our community," she added. "It's being able to provide people with an opportunity they wouldn't be able to get otherwise, I think that feels way better than us just keeping the money for ourselves."

"It carries lasting impact beyond the tournament itself," agreed event co-chair Jordan Driedger. "The area benefited from a high caliber tournament, the positive economic impact



SUPPLIED PHOTOS

Co-chairs of the National Women's U18 Hockey Championship in Morden-Winkler Clare Agnew and Jordan Driedger distributed legacy fund cheques to David Dunseath of Jumpstart (above) and Cassidy Nicholls of KidSport (below) last week.

of tourism and now a legacy fund to build upon these successes into the future."

The U18 championship brought 160 female players to the area in November. Game attendance exceeded expectations, and the final championship game between Ontario Red and Saskatchewan attracted a strong crowd and was shown live on TSN.

The announcement of the legacy fund distributions brings the entire community endeavour to a very satisfying conclusion, Agnew said.

"We are very thankful to the communities, our sponsors, our volunteers and our spectators for helping to build a legacy of success for Morden and Winkler," she said. "The success of this tournament is indicative of how strong our communities are, and we look forward to bringing more events like this to the area in

the future."

Cassidy Nicholls, Kidsport Manitoba co-ordinator, appreciated the support for the program, which helps remove financial barriers that prevent youth from playing organized sports.

"Thanks to a this very generous donation from the legacy fund, we will be able to support multiple young athletes in the south region," she said.

"The local Canadian Tire Jumpstart chapter really appreciates the generous donation," echoed David Dunseath of the Winkler Canadian Tire. "The money will allow at least another 22 kids in the Pembina Valley to get into sport and recreation who otherwise couldn't."

"Every cent raised in the Pembina Valley stays right here, giving friends and neighbours the chance to participate in sport."



Pond hockey tournament raises thousands for camp

By Lorne Stelmach

For a third straight year, the love of the game and a chance to give back as well drew people out to the Pembina Valley Pond Hockey Tournament last weekend.

There were nine teams lined up for this year's event on ice near the village of Chortitz south of Winkler, which is an increase from six teams the year before.

"This year is definitely looking better," said Kevin Wiebe, who started the tournament with his brothers and some friends.

"We just really enjoy the game of

hockey, and we've grown up in this area and thought here was a good idea," said Wiebe.

"We always donate the money that we've made from it," he added, noting they are supporting the Pembina Valley Bible Camp for a second year. Final numbers were still being totalled at press time, but it looked like the day brought in between \$2,500-\$3,000 for the camp.

Wiebe said they just want it to be a fun family occasion with the added bonus of supporting a good cause.

"It's just a passion for hockey and a passion for helping others."



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The third annual Pembina Valley Pond Hockey Tournament took place near Chortitz last Saturday. Nine teams came out for a day of competition in support of the Pembina Valley Bible Camp.

Agriculture

Manitoba's CVO talks ASF preparedness plans

By Harry Siemens

At the recent Manitoba Swine Seminar, Manitoba's chief veterinary officer outlined the province's detailed preparedness plan should African Swine Fever make its way here.

Dr. Scott Zaari stressed one of the critical components of the plan is the need to control the diseased animal, which is a response that would be lead by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency [CFIA] in partnership with Manitoba.

"It's not only about managing diseased animal control. It's about the healthy herd and what happens to that when we don't have a market for

those animals," Zaari said. "We can't be naive to think that as a government we can plan for all caveats in managing a standing herd of 1.4 million pigs in Manitoba alone."

The plan outlines options for euthanasia and disposal when there are no market.

The effects of the disease, Zaari stressed, will go far beyond agriculture. It will have wide-sweeping effects on the economy as a whole.

"In our response planning, we're certainly engaging all of the government to raise awareness about this and involve other departments," he said. "Then certainly leveraging industry."

When it comes to a vaccine for ASF, Zaari said it's not a simple matter at all. The illness has been around since the 1920s, he noted, and researchers have been looking for a vaccine for years. It could take many more to find an effective vaccine.

"If we find an effective vaccine, to get to a safety margin, it's approved and commercialized is a huge leap there," Zaari said, adding if there's no ASF on Canadian soil, it might not make sense to use the vaccine in advance. "You got to ask yourself: will we use the vaccine?"

"There are many nuances to vaccines, and the vaccines are critical, but we can't just rely on this magic of

vaccine coming to us and solving all our worries."

When looking at the likelihood of the illness finding its way into Canada, Zaari told producers they must approach every disease as if it will.

"From the Canadian perspective, I really can't put a number on it, but I personally, as the CVO, prepare like it's coming," he said.

Manitoba Ag Minister Blaine Pedersen has said the province's top priority in developing plans for responding to ASF is preparing to address the financial impact of the infection.

Pedersen said Manitoba is working closely with the federal government, referring to a federal-provincial-territorial meeting in mid-December.

The federal government is doing a good job of trying to keep it out, he noted, in terms of border security while working with the provinces on mitigation.

"If it does happen, how do we segregate it, how do we handle that?" said Pedersen. "We're working on the financial impact because, if the industry was to shut down, it's a half a billion-dollar hit to the Manitoba economy."

Pedersen said the sector is set up on a very short turn around, for example, working with a three-day feed supply.

While not prepared to go into the finer details of the mitigation plan, he said it will need to consider such factors as what happens with the barns, with animal welfare, and with the welfare of the people working in the sector.



PHOTOS BY HARRY SIEMENS/VOICE

Dr. Scott Zaari (left), Manitoba's chief veterinary officer, outlined the province's preparedness plans should African Swine Fever make its way inside our borders to producers at the Manitoba Swine Seminar (above).

PVPCC offering prenatal learning sessions

The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre is offering something new next month.

Starting March 4, PVPCC is offering Prenatal Learning Sessions to help families prepare for both the birth and postpartum experiences.

"We have always offered this information to our clients in one on one conversations, so the content is not new, but the format of group sessions is something we have not offered be-

fore," says executive director Linda Marek.

The sessions are designed to help reduce fear while learning how to have a more positive and peaceful experience before, during, and after birth. Participants will learn how to plan for birth and confidently include their partner as a support role.

Sessions include a variety of group activities in a small, interactive learning environment with chances to

practice comfort measures, relaxation strategies, and the opportunity to ask questions.

Facilitating the sessions will be experienced birth doula Angeline Hoepfner.

"I've seen and experienced that labour and birth can be an enduring, rewarding, and empowering experience when moms and their support people are prepared and knowledgeable about the process," she says. "I

enjoy these prenatal learning sessions because I'm confident that with practicing different positions, learning comfort measures and their function, or hearing the questions from others anticipation builds for one's own labour and birth journey."

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March 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
City of Winkler Council Chambers,
185 Main Street, Winkler, MB

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To the best of the vendor's knowledge, there is situated on the mortgage property 10.02 acres of land of which approx. 5 acres is suitable for farming and currently being used as a market garden; older - one & three-quarter storey home approx. 1,163 sq. ft. in size with basement under original 437 sq. feet of home and slab foundation under addition; one single attached garage and one double detached garage and small wooden storage shed. Property can be reached by travelling west on Highway 23 towards Miami, travel past Miami to PR 240 turn north; property is located on the west side of the road just before the 3 mile mark on the road, property is identified by marker 27132.

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Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Stain one's hands
7. Subdivision
10. A passage to be performed slow
12. Invests in little enterprises
13. Medians
14. Member of the giraffe family
15. Makes official
16. Choose in an election
17. Hill or rocky peak
18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
19. Crest of a hill
21. Small, faint constellation
22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
28. Hollywood tough guy
33. Chinese drums
34. Merits
36. Indicates center
37. Increases motor speed
38. Mentally fit
39. BBQ favorite
40. Wings
41. Female parents
44. Marks left from wounds
45. Soften by soaking in liquid
48. They resist authority (slang)
49. Formats
50. Many subconsciousnesses
51. Vogues

CLUES DOWN

1. Mental object
2. Blackbird
3. Undergarments
4. Old cloth

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5. One from Utah
6. Greek goddess of the dawn
7. Become less intense
8. Developed to readiness
9. Defunct phone company
10. About Freemason
11. Taking everything into account
12. Famed Czech engineer
14. Impress into silence
17. Boxing term
18. Marketplaces
20. Pounds per square inch
23. Locomotives
24. Short musical composition
25. Football position (abbr.)
26. Heavyhearted
29. Denotes particular region

30. Famed NHLer
31. Ingested too much
32. Formulates
35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
36. Broad, shallow craters
38. Thick cuts
40. Breezed through
41. Breakfast is one
42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
43. Periodicals (slang)
44. Indian title of respect
45. More (Spanish)
46. Creation
47. A loud utterance

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OBITUARY



Susanna Hiebert (nee Klassen) 1927 - 2020

On Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB Susan Hiebert, 92 went to her eternal rest.

Susan was born March 4, 1927 at the family's home in the village of Chortitz. She was the 10th of 14 children, of which three died in infancy. Her childhood was deeply affected by the death of her mother when she was six years old. Susan attended the Hochfeld School. She was baptized in 1948 by Bishop Froese in the Chortitz Old Colony Church. The family moved to the Diamond School District. Susan took her first job working for the McCallum family in Roland. She worked in quite a number of homes in the years before she married John Hiebert on October 18, 1959. After living at John's parents' home place in the Mason District for a time, the

young couple moved to the town of Morden. They lived most of their married years in Morden in several different homes. Susan and John were committed and faithful members of the Glencross EMMC Church south of Morden. They often went for long walks together ending with coffee at a local restaurant. She especially liked going out for a good breakfast on Saturday mornings before the weekly shopping trip to the grocery store. Susan was well known for the many delicious cookies and other food items she made for family, friends and a variety of fundraisers. When vacation time came, they enjoyed travelling with Frank and Agatha Letkeman. Among their destinations were Nashville, The Black Hills, Saskatchewan and B.C. Susan worked as head of the cleaning staff at the Morden hospital for many years. She also looked after two young grand nieces for several years while their parents worked. When she retired from working at the hospital, she cleaned in private homes until she suffered a serious stroke on January 15, 2007, a few months before her 80th birthday. With John's help and encouragement, she became strong enough to enjoy a retirement with him. A difficult time in their lives came when John had to make a move to Tabor Home leaving her to live alone in their apartment at Legion House 2. She made faithful visits to John until his passing. On November 10, 2016, Susan had a fall which resulted in her giving up her apartment. She spent almost nine months in the Boundary Trails and Morris hospitals until she moved to the former Tabor Home on August 3, 2017. She moved to the new Tabor Home on November 6, 2017 where she enjoyed her spacious room and the activities going on outside her window. She was grateful for the visits she received from friends, family and especially from the Chaplains at Tabor and her Pastor.

Susan was predeceased by her husband, John on April 16, 2015; her parents, Peter P and Helena (nee Wolfe) Klassen as well as several brothers and sisters and two stepmothers. She is survived by her brothers, Isaac, Jake, sister, Agatha (Frank) Letkeman, sister-in-law, Anne Klassen as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at the Glencross EMM Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Susan's memory to Back to the Bible.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Tabor Home for the love and care Susan received during the time she lived at Tabor Home. Thank you to Wiebe Funeral Chapel and all those who had a part in the service.

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OBITUARY



Kevin Lyle Derksen 1968 - 2020

On Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at his residence in Plum Coulee, MB Kevin Derksen, 51 unexpectedly passed away.

He leaves to mourn his passing his daughter, Jennah, son, Adam; mother, Maria Derksen; sister, Peggy (Neil) Fehr as well as his nephews, Jason (Melissa) and their son, Saul, and Curtis (Melanie) and their son, Kody. He was predeceased by his father, Peter in 1999 and brother, Myron in 1967.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Kevin's memory to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

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OBITUARY



Margaret Hiebert (nee Peters) 1932 - 2020

Margaret Hiebert, beloved wife of the late Willie Hiebert, passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at the age of 87 years.

Marge was born in Osterwick on September 15, 1932 to Isaac and Anna (nee Siemens) Peters. She attended the Osterwick school and helped her mother and sisters with many duties while growing up on the family farm. Her first job was caring for the residents at Tabor Home, something she would do again later in life when Willie was a resident there.

Marge and Willie were married on August 20, 1955 and settled initially in Morden before Marge began travelling with him to locations where Manitoba Hydro was extending electricity at the

time. In 1958, their first son, Terry was born and joined them on their travels. One year later, they purchased a farm property a few miles southwest of Willie's parents' homestead where son, Allan came along in 1964 followed by daughter, Marleen in 1968.

Marge accepted the Lord into her life at an early age and she was baptized into her faith in 1959. She had a devotion to support the work of the church and its missions around the world. She was a woman of unceasing prayer who prayed for big world events and the smallest details.

After more than 20 years of farming, the family relocated to Morden in 1982 where Willie began a used farm equipment dealership. Marge used this change as an opportunity to volunteer, and for many years, she helped at the Morden Thrift Shop where she was both a volunteer and a loyal customer. Her home was filled with the many books and treasures she found there.

Throughout her life, Marge was a passionate gardener and was always on the lookout for tips to make her garden grow better. This bounty would make its way to the kitchen table where she became famous in our family for many delicious dishes and baked delights. Marge was often at Willie's side on his fishing expeditions, usually reading a good book rather than having a line in the water. Over the years, she enjoyed gathering with her sisters, brothers and in-laws and celebrating special occasions with them. Although Marge braved three bouts of cancer, she did not let the illness define her. She knew that the last 10 years were a gift from God with a purpose - she needed to be there to care for Willie and provide him comfort in his declining years.

Over 63 years of marriage, Marge and Willie were blessed with three children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who rejuvenated their youth and brought them great joy.

We are mourning the loss of a wonderful, kind, generous and faithful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and we are thankful for the many great years God blessed us with her.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at the Morden EMMC Church with interment at Southside Cemetery.

Donations in Marge's memory may be made to Union Gospel Mission or CancerCare Manitoba.

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OBITUARY



Mary Anna Toews (nee Hiebert) 1940 - 2020

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mary Toews on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the age of 79. Mary passed away peacefully after a very short illness at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

She leaves to mourn her passing two sons, Scott (Tessa) and Carl (Karen) and their two children, Madelyn and Danika. Mary also leaves a sister, seven brothers and their families. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Robert in 2018, her parents, Abram and Helena Hiebert, her brothers, Peter and David Hiebert, brother-in-law, Art McGinnis and sisters-in-law, Pat Patterson and Liz Hiebert.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at the Winkler EMM Church with a private interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Mary's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation.

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