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Showcasing local biz

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Morden Home and Life Show draws many of its 40+ exhibitors back each year. Among those at the show for the first time last weekend, though, was Boundary Plumbing and Heating, who said they were pleased with the turnout and the chance to make new contacts.

"It's definitely a good source of new customers for our business," suggested Rob Bergman. "We're looking to broaden our horizons and looking for new opportunities."

That's just what the organizers at the Morden chamber like to hear, said executive director Candace Olafson, who called the 2017 event a big success Saturday afternoon.

"We have lots of repeat exhibitors," she noted, "but every single year we have more exhibitors ... it seems to grow a bit every year."

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Winnipeg Blue Bombers' mascot Buzz took a break from making the rounds at the Morden Home and Life Show Saturday to get some treatment at the Morden Massage Therapy Centre display from owner and therapist Linda Menzies.

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Daffodil Days volunteers on the job next week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The first spring flowers will be popping up in Winkler, Morden, Manitou, Miami, and Plum Coulee next week.

The Canadian Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days run March 13-18.

Volunteers will be setting up shop in each community to sell "bundles of hope," says Morden area campaign coordinator Lois Dudgeon.

"It just seems that every time I turn around I hear about somebody else that's been diagnosed with cancer," she says. "There are not very many people this disease hasn't affected in some way."

You can do your part to show your support for the fight against cancer by picking up a bundle of daffodils next week for just \$7. All the funds raised go to support the society's research

efforts and support programs.

"If you purchase five bunches, which is \$35, that provides a cancer patient with three safe and reliable rides to and from treatment," Dudgeon says in example. "So whether it's one bunch, two bunches, or more, in some way it's helping."

Daffodil Days volunteers will be selling flowers at the Morden Activity Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. next week Tuesday to Friday and at the Legion House and Homestead South on the Wednesday.

They'll also be in Manitou at the Pembina Manitou Community Development Corporation office on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Several Miami retail locations are also expected to have flowers available all through the week.

Dudgeon is hoping to raise between



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Volunteers will be setting up shop at several retail locations and community centres to sell daffodil bunches in support of the Canadian Cancer Society next week.

\$9,000 to \$10,000 this year. The February business canvass—which local companies supported to the tune of about \$3,000—has put them well on their way to that goal.

"We're about a third of the way there already," Dudgeon says, noting the final campaign total will also include the proceeds collected from the daffodil pin donation boxes in April.

Another goal for Dudgeon this spring is to find a successor to help

her organize the campaign next year—her 10th and final year as coordinator.

"I've told them I would do one more year," she says, stressing that ideally someone will step up to fill her shoes in time for her to mentor them in the role for the 2018 campaign.

If you're interested in taking on that mantle, contact Dudgeon at 204-822-6207.

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The show brought businesses in the community under one roof to showcase their products and services.

Olafson said they were pleased with the response from both the businesses community and the public at large.

"There's been great traffic coming through," she said. "Every year, we get really great support from the community ... and even the surrounding communities."

"I think this show really brings people into Morden, so that's a great plus of the show," Olafson added. "I think exhibitors are seeing value in it, and that's why we're seeing the show grow."

Borderview Landscaping has been a part of the show for four years now. The company's Myron Penner said they keep coming back because they keep seeing results.

"It's a good way to connect with past customers and also we do get quite a few new

customers from the show," he said.

"There's been a lot of interest, a lot of people asking about what we do," Penner noted, adding the timing is good for them as well with spring on its way. "With the weather warming up, people start to think about their landscaping."

Sheldon Bergman of Morden's Home Hardware was another returning business leader at the show.

"I think this is great for all of the local businesses or even surrounding businesses in the Pembina Valley," he said. "For Home Hardware, it's been really good. This is our second year here. We've really enjoyed it."

"We get to talk to a lot of customers, ask them what they're looking for and carry on from there. And it looks like a good turnout ... a lot of people were coming by this weekend."

Over 40 exhibitors were featured at the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce's annual Home and Life Show last Friday and Saturday at the Access Event Centre. The show featured everything from camping and gardening to health and beauty, home decor, furniture, appliances, outdoor sports, and more.

Winkler campaign aiming for \$8K

From Pg. 2

The Winkler and Plum Coulee Dafodil Days campaigns, meanwhile, are also aiming high this year.

After last year's sales brought in over \$7,000, organizer Nettie Friesen hopes to hit \$8,000 this time around.

Business pre-sales already sold 93 bunches, and Friesen says she's been hearing a lot of interest as well about the upcoming public sales.

"I've had a really good response from people asking about when it's coming," she says.

Friesen, who lost her husband to cancer a few years ago, says it's a cause that resonates with so many people.

"All the money that we earn goes right straight to cancer care and a lot

of it stays right locally to help people here who have cancer," she says. "It's a way to do our part."

Flower tables will be set up at the Winkler Co-op grocery store March

15, 17th, and 18th and at the Real Canadian Superstore and Walmart March 17-18. In Plum Coulee, stop by Prairie Foods and the Co-op gas bar March 17-18.

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Winkler Mayor Martin Harder accepts a \$20 donation from Jesse Vanden Berg, whose letter to city council spearheaded a delegation Feb. 28 lobbying the city to look at creating facilities for indoor soccer.

Soccer players ask council for new facilities

By Lorne Stelmach

Soccer enthusiasts filled the Winkler council chambers last week to make a show of support for more recreation facilities in the community, including indoor soccer.

One estimate suggested there are over 2,000 soccer players in the Pembina Valley region, and council was told that not only are programs growing but some players may be turned away because there aren't enough facilities in place to handle more.

The delegation included 10-year-old Jesse Vanden Berg, a Gr. 5 student at Parkland Elementary School who not only made his case for indoor soccer but had \$20 to offer in support.

"During winter we are not able to play soccer," he stated in his letter to council that also included the signatures of his teammates.

"It would be nice to have an indoor soccer complex so soccer players such as me and my brother William can develop over the years," Vanden Berg wrote. "Winkler could have soccer tournaments during winter just like Winnipeg. I'm pretty sure it costs a lot of money, but it would be a dream come true to me and lots of other soccer players that are developing as well."

Also at the Feb. 28 meeting, representatives of the Winkler Horticulture Society appeared to present their plans to develop a bird sanctuary in

the city.

They are proposing to develop it in an area in the northeast corner in the industrial park.

The society has funds in reserve through their own fundraising efforts, but chairperson Margaret Penner suggested they will also look for some partnership support for the project.

"We are interested in working together with other agencies and organizations within the community who are already engaged in natural habitat development ... they are ready to come on board to help us with the development of the project," said Penner. "There is a huge birding community here ... we would have a lot of support."

COMMITTING TO THE EXHIBITION CENTRE

While council's decisions on the above projects will come in the weeks and months ahead, one project it has formally committed to already is the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

The city put forward a resolution that will allow it to move ahead on applying for federal and provincial funding for the two phases of the expansion and upgrade to the Winkler Recreation Complex.

The motion sets out a total \$44 million capital cost estimate for the proj-

Safe Community Initiative reports on survey results

By Lorne Stelmach

A project aiming to provide a stronger, co-ordinated support network to address crime is developing its long-range plan.

A major first step in developing the Safe Community Initiative in Winkler was a community needs assessment, the results of which were presented to city council last week.

Terry Dueck, a board member with the Central Station Community Centre, told council the assessment and survey will help direct them toward "solutions that are right for our community."

"Now that we move into a stage of taking action," he added, "we get to figure out what that means."

Dueck said the overall aim is to not just react to crime but to focus more on preventative strategies that address some of its root causes.

Central Station recently consulted with both service providers in the community as well as the public at large.

Dueck said the responses set out five key issues to address: mental health, access to and awareness of lo-

cal resources, recreational opportunities, alcohol and drug related issues, and transportation.

"These topics are not isolated ... they're all connected," he stressed.

"Because these topics are not isolated, we know that awareness and access to community supports and recreation opportunities can have a huge preventative impact on mental health," he cited as an example.

"And not only are awareness and accessibility key factors, but also our attitude towards getting help," Dueck continued, suggesting, then, that collaboration was a vital factor.

As far as alcohol and drug related issues, Dueck touched on working with all of various service providers to give youth alternative opportunities for healthy living with an increased focus on prevention.

On the area of transportation, he noted that "it's difficult to understand how important access to transportation is until you actually attempt to live without."

From there, the report went on to identify three key actions to be taken.

"Service providers need to work on collaboration," said Dueck. "Secondly,

we need to work on our communi-

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ect, with Winkler to foot the bill for one third alongside the other levels of government, and it prompted some discussion at council about needing to be comfortable with that figure.

"We have some contingency built into it," said Mayor Martin Harder. "The way the federal and provincial grants work is that if you get a figure in there, you know you're not going to get anymore. So we need to make sure we are sure ... and we're depending on the people who give us these numbers that those numbers are pretty close."

Council, meanwhile, also gave final approval to its financial assistance bylaw at the meeting, which provides tax credits for new or expanding business in Winkler.

There had been some questions about the legality of the tax credits under the Manitoba Municipal Act, but Harder said they had clarified that with provincial officials and that there were no issues with it.

Applying just to the municipal portion of the levy, the bylaw allows for a 100 per cent credit in the first year, with that tax break then reducing to 80, 60, 40 and 20 per cent in the following years.

"It's just to encourage people to continue to develop in Winkler and

to build businesses in Winkler," said Harder. "We know that that's our lifeblood of our community ... industrial and commercial expansion."

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On what it means to be a man

What is the measure of a man? Growing up this was not a question that really arose much in my life. I had my mum and my sisters. No man template to compare against. In many ways I am thankful for that.

It is a foundation I have come back to later in life. I was who I was and that was without question.

I was a kid who spent a lot of time alone. A kid who would go out into the fiercest thunderstorms to play in the gutter that whirlpooled insanely outside of our apartment. I broke windows with rocks, I looked for fossils in the shale beds along the railroad tracks, walked the storm drains under the city for kilometres with rubber boots and a flashlight, rode my bike everywhere, and snuck into the university computer labs in the summer.



By Peter Cantelon

This was me being me without instruction or expectation.

But of course these things change. Over time, even without an iconic man in my life to copy, culture has a way of infiltrating innocence with its own subtle (or not) and often insidious expectations.

It dictated what clothes I should wear; the people I should try to hang out with and the ones I should avoid; the kind of women I should admire and be attracted to and how I should treat them. It tried to teach me what "men" did and what "women" did and I did my best to follow instructions.

Men worked. Men made money. Men were strong and fought those who called this into question. Men married and had children and raised men of their own. Women took care of the home. Women made the meals. Women cleaned. Women looked pretty ... all of the time. Women were for men.

These lessons were learned despite the fact that my mum was everything in my life—she brought in money, she cleaned, she cooked, she raised the children, and she fought for us and defended us. Nevertheless, the world is a powerful influence and it can cause examples both good and bad to fade from memory and replace them with its own lessons.

As I moved into my thirties and had children of my own, thoughts of what it meant to be father and "man of the house" became more insistent. A suc-

cessful man worked hard. A successful man made a lot of money to support his family. So I set about being successful and was good at it. At my peak I made 10 times what my mother brought home in terms of income.

Of course there were trade-offs. There was a LOT of travel. I would be away from home for literally weeks at a time on the road missing important milestones in my kid's lives but consoling myself with the fact that I was doing what was necessary as "the man of the house" and this included sacrifices. This was the burden of being a man.

There was the time it was reported back to me that my middle son once pointed to an airplane and emphatically said, "The man! The man!" By which he meant me.

At the time it was funny, but now I think maybe it was a sad sign of my having succeeded in becoming the iconic "man" when perhaps it would have been better to have just been Peter.

I am not filled with regrets. I merely state that there are ridiculous ideas of what it means to be Man, Women, Child that are not really as beneficial as we are being told.

If you can be anything, be emphatically, ridiculously, unapologetically, spectacularly YOU. Be you so much that it drowns out the voices of culture, judgement and surrounding people. It is enough.

> SAFE COMMUNITY, FROM PG. 5

cation ... we need clarity in how we communicate.

"Thirdly ... what we do next will take a commitment from multiple agencies, from community members, to work on these areas of opportunity."

In order to make that happen, Dueck said it will be vital to have some formal structure with a means of accountability and support.

"The five key areas of change are complex and inter-connected, so there has to be a willingness from stakeholders to commit themselves to a strategic plan."

Dueck said it's heartening to see the project taking these next steps.

"Now we get to move into an exciting stage where we can work on some goals," he said. "We've listened to the community, and now we have an opportunity to act on that information. I think over the next couple months now we get to actually work on a plan."

After the report, Mayor Martin Harder agreed that it's exciting to see a plan coming together. Now it will be important to see participating partners step up and contribute by way of funding or services.

The mayor pointed out the city has allocated another \$40,000 for the project in 2017 in addition to their original commitment of the same amount.

"I think it will come together very well," said Harder. "We are to the point where we're going to launch it, and just to see the community coming together and saying this is necessary and this has value is exciting."

"The community fully understands ... you need programs, you need activities in order to address the issues before they become police issues."

Winkler-Morden pathway project in the works

By Lorne Stelmach

The three local municipalities are taking the next step towards creating a pathway in the Hwy. 14 corridor.

Morden, Winkler, and the RM of Stanley are pledging one third shares each towards half of the estimated \$100,000 cost for the final design of an active transportation corridor pathway. The proposal projects that the remainder of the cost could be covered through other government funding.

There are already preliminary plans as well as a preliminary cost estimate, but Dave Haines, director of planning and engineering for the City of Morden, said they want to work towards a final design so they can finally move it forward and get a more accurate picture of the project.

"We'd like to bring it to a point where we can get a reasonably accurate cost estimate ... so we would know then what we will be fundraising," he said.

Haines suggested what's giving the project momentum now is primarily the safety factor.

"The highway isn't safe for cyclists, and there are more cyclists that are using it," he said. "There's a local appetite to get people off the highway and on to something safer."

"The last few years, there has also been building support for active transportation, and we've been pushing it, working on our active transportation plan here. Our goal is to increase the number of people using the transportation system by active modes ... like walking, cycling."

Haines explained they would likely be looking at building the path on the south side of the highway, perhaps starting in Morden at the research station property and then running east into Winkler.

There are a number of considerations to come into play, including not only safety but also where development is happening. The project would also involve discussions with several private landowners.

"We're looking at all that pretty carefully," said Haines.

This idea for a pathway to connect the two cities has long been promoted by a number of interested parties in the communities.

"A lot of people go back and forth, and there are people who would be interested in using it," Haines said. "With the corridor pathway, especially to the hospital, from both sides, we think there would be a pretty good demand for that."

"We're also aiming particularly to target the people who just don't feel comfortable but would like to be able to do it."

He suggested the financing for the project will be dependent on who might get behind it aside from the three municipalities.

"It's a big project. It's probably in the two to three million dollar range," Haines said. "For what it is, that really isn't that significant of a project ... the infrastructure is much less expensive or costly to build than to accommo-

date vehicle traffic.

"We are hoping the other levels of government will come on board. It's a matter probably of timing ... there's a shift, I think, in appreciation for active transportation in the provincial highways branch," said Haines.

"I'm hopeful for the day when they see active transportation as integral to their responsibilities ... and this is a great opportunity for them to get involved ... one of the first projects like this, I think, in Manitoba. Hopefully, they see the value in funding it ... maybe even as a pilot project."

"There aren't too many situations in the province like here where you've got two significant communities and commercial development connected by a corridor like this," Haines pointed

ed out, adding he's optimistic that "this could be a reality in the next few years."

The project certainly has the support at the local political level.

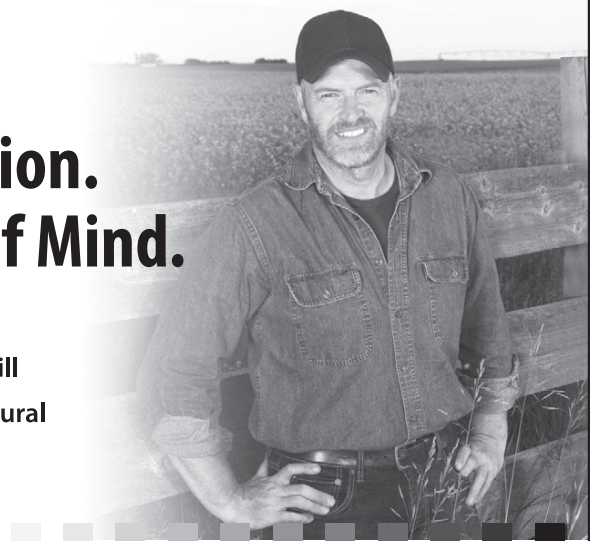
"We're fully supportive," said Winkler Mayor Martin Harder. "The individuals who are involved with it are continuing to work on it ... the numbers are significant numbers ... but they are optimistic about raising the funds."

"We're in support of it in general," agreed Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson, noting that they do want to see what it will look like and how much it will cost. "I'm not in a position to say how much we would contribute to such a thing. I know that the idea has been bandied about for quite a while already ... we like the idea."

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Sharing stories at Internat'l Women's Day

By Angela Lovell

There were plenty of colourful hats and few empty seats at the International Women's Day event at the Manitou Opera House on March 2.

Attendees rose to the challenge to wear their fanciest, craziest, or most creative hat, bringing a delightful sense of fun to this uplifting and inspirational event held in support of Genesis House, a shelter for abused women and children based in Winkler.

"There are a couple of objectives that are important to us, and one is raising awareness that women's issues continue to be an important part of the work that we are doing, and as far as we have come there is still a lot more of work to do in order for there to be equality for women, men and all kinds of minorities," said Genesis House board member Cheryl Braun.

At the same time, the event was an oppor-

tunity to celebrate how far things have come, Braun added.

"It's a chance to get together and be reminded that there have been huge steps taken in terms of equality and we can celebrate the progress that has been made as a community of women and men."

The theme of the evening was "Starting Over" and around 75 people watched members of the Sarasvati Productions transformative theatre group use drama and dance to tell the stories of women from many different cultures.

The first monologue, *Lost Girls*, was a poetic, spoken word piece and a song in her mother tongue by Rachel Awur Moijok Chol, a refugee from Southern Sudan, taken from an interview by Hope McIntyre.

Accompanying the monologue was a dance piece performed by Sydney Macfarlane that dramatized the poem about surviving the vio-

lence, poverty, and hunger of a war-torn country.

"Part of the objective is to share stories about women from all different kinds of backgrounds, and remember we each have our own unique story," said Braun. "Telling those stories in different ways captures people's hearts and minds, and drama provides a way for everyone in the room to connect with them in their own unique way."

Local actor Erica Wilson performed the second monologue, *Aabamii (Rise Up)*, written by Ojibway and Métis writer Madison Thomas of Winnipeg.

The powerful piece documented the anger and frustration of a young Aboriginal woman attending a political rally when faced with the condescending speech of a white politician.

CHIEF MEECHES TALKS ABOUT LEADERSHIP

Keynote speaker Chief Francine Meeches of Swan Lake First Nation spoke about her leadership of the community.

"My role has always been is to improve the lives of our people. I am the kind of person that likes to correct the wrong that is being done, show people what choices are good and what choices are bad," said Meeches. "We have made so many improvements in our community, and we are now are in a situation where our people are proud of where they come from and it wasn't like that 10 years ago."

It's been a hard road for the community and its people to cope with many of its issues—including the trauma caused by the residential school system—and negative stereotypes and to build pride in itself while trying to maintain its language and culture.

"We need to heal ourselves, we need to get past and overcome the traumas we have, but the struggle we also have is that sometimes we have to try twice as hard as anybody else just to prove ourselves," said Meeches.

"We carry so much hurt. We can forgive, but forgetting is the hard part. Why do people have to judge our people when they went through so much hardship? That has to stop. We are all human, we have our hardships and struggles, but we are doing our best to improve the lives of our people."

There are still many challenges to overcome, said Meeches, but understanding each other is a good way forward.

"I want people to really understand who we are and why things are the way they are, and anybody is always welcome to come to our community," she said.



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Genesis House's International Women's Day celebration included as keynote speaker Chief Francine Meeches (left) and dramatic pieces from Sarasvati Productions, including a dance piece from Sidney Macfarlane (above)

Winkler officer injured in suspect arrest

A Winkler police officer was injured while attempting to arrest a suspect last week.

On March 2, officers were called to the same residence on Roadrunner Bay where the week before a standoff occurred after the pursuit of a suspect, this time responding

to a complaint of loud music being played at 6 a.m.

Officers arrived and spoke with an adult male who was known to be out on bail as a result of the previous criminal charges.

Police confirmed the basis for the complaint and, after receiving no co-

operation from the male, attempted to place him under arrest.

The man physically resisted arrest and assaulted one of the officers before being taken into custody.

A 34-year-old from Winkler has been charged with mischief, assaulting a peace officer, two counts of

resisting arrest, and two counts of breaching a peace bond.

He was remanded into custody to await a Monday court appearance in Portage.

The injured officer was treated at the hospital and released.

Pregnancy care centre celebrating 30 years

By Lorne Stelmach

Linda Marek can't help but think of all the women and families supported by the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre since its start in 1987.

Now in her 11th year as its executive director, Marek says it's heartening to think that there are contributing members of our community alive and well today because of their work.

"I'm glad to have been a part of it ... part of their story," Marek said as the organization prepared to celebrate the milestone at their annual banquet this Saturday, March 11. "We've seen over a thousand different people over that time ... it's pretty exciting when you think about having had that kind of impact."

The evening gets underway at 6 p.m. at Westside Church in Morden with a drama presentation by Candlewick. Tickets are free, but you need to call 204-325-7900 to reserve a spot.

The mission of the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre has been to provide compassionate support to anyone impacted by pregnancy.

Their free services include pregnancy tests, parenting support, baby items, support in labor/delivery, options information, infant loss grief support, advocacy and guidance, adoption support, post-abortion grief support, prenatal information and support for dads-to-be.

All of it is possible because "some people had a vision for bringing care and compassion to our community,"

Marek observed.

She said having lasted three decades and counting shows the organization and its services are really needed, and she gives credit to their commitment to not only offering a high level of quality service but ensuring their staff and volunteers receive the training and support they need.

"It tells me that people have received good care and support over those years. It's reaffirming to know that people have received the help they've needed ... had a safe place to talk to someone who cares."

Marek also noted she is particularly proud of the fact they have a number of team members who have been involved for at least 10 years.

"That longevity shows a real commitment to the mission ... that's exciting that we've had long-term people stay with us."

NEED IS GREAT

Between its two offices in Winkler and Morden, there were over 110 different women/families who reached out for help in 2016 alone, Marek noted, including over 50 new clients.

"The last year, two years have been particularly busy, but it just reinforces that our centre is a much needed resource in this community," she said.

"There could be a variety of reasons for greater demand," Marek reflected.

"A few years ago, we moved to a more accessible main floor location in Winkler ... the area is growing, perhaps

more people are finding out about our supports.

"Whatever the reason, we are glad to be here, our team is so great at connecting with anyone reaching out for help."

Highlights from the past year include the introduction of the Hoping Together support group.

"We received a grant from the Morden Area Foundation Women's Giving Circle to run a postpartum depression support group, and that went really well," said Marek.

Another high point in 2016 was

receiving the Winkler Chamber of Commerce's Not-for-Profit of the Year Award in April.

Financially, meanwhile, the centre ended the year with a small surplus of about \$3,000.

"We couldn't do what we do without the generosity of our community. We have much to be thankful for," Marek stressed. "We just hope to continue doing what we do well and effectively into the future, so that anyone who is impacted by pregnancy, planned or unplanned, know that they have a place to come to for support."



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From left: The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre's Davis Wieler, Rosemary Dubyk, Linda Marek, Joyce Vanden Berg, Kathy Fehr, Konrad Loewen, and Andy Schmidt will celebrate the centre's three decades of service at the annual fundraising banquet this weekend.

Applications are in for community fdn. awards

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation's scholarships committee members certainly have their work cut out for them.

The inaugural round of the Gordon Wiebe Post-Secondary Scholarships received a total of 76 applications from local teens and young adults last month.

"It's quite a mix," says project manager Karina Cardona Claros, noting they received a healthy number of both high school and mature student applicants for the \$20,000 Make It a Reality award and the \$6,000 Ongoing Education Support awards.

The applicants represent students from all walks of life who seek to be of service through community participation, Claros said.

"It's been really great just to hear what everybody is doing in the community," she said. "All of these people out there, little by little, are contributing and making all these amazing things

happen. It's inspiring just reading through all these stories."

One applicant, Claros shared, reflected that "many important programs and services would be impossible without people who recognize others' needs ... I have seen the value in giving up our own time to help others and to bless someone, especially when one is blessed with so much."

Another offered thanks to his mother for moving to Manitoba and for all that she has done to support his dreams.

"She did it to provide the best possible life for [her children]," he wrote. "She inspires me to study volunteer, work, and give back to the community."

In all, the foundation expects to distribute upwards of \$77,000 this year through these two award streams as well as the 16 Garden Valley School Division scholarships of \$2,000 each given out through the high schools at graduation.

Northlands Parkway Collegiate guidance

counsellor Charlie Siler said these scholarships are going to make a real difference in the lives of local students.

"These awards are sizable and for some students they may provide the necessary encouragement to continue on with post-secondary studies," he noted.

The foundation's scholarships committee will convene later this month to adjudicate applications, Claros said.

Finalists for the Make It A Reality Scholarship will be interviewed in April. Winners for both award streams will be notified in spring.

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Power of the Purse supports local projects

By Lorne Stelmach

Three worthy organizations are reaping a share of \$10,000 thanks to the Power of the Purse luncheon held in Morden on Saturday.

The Morden Area Foundation's Women's Giving Circle opted to divide the funds raised at the event between the Pembina Valley Child Care Centre, the Agassiz Medical Centre community board, and the regional office of the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba. The exact funding breakdown was not available at press time.

Ninety women came out to the luncheon this year—10 down from the goal—each bringing along \$100 to donate.

"Hopefully next year we'll get the full 100, but this is good ... the foundation will grant the extra thousand dollars that we need to make the \$10,000 mark," noted executive director Lynda MacLean.

"There were a lot here for the first time. I was surprised," she added. "It's good though because it spreads the word more on what we're doing and promoting the charities."

"These are all different women ... different ages and from different groups around town ... they all come together ... and they now they are im-

pacting others in our community."

The three organizations were all on hand for the event to present on the projects they hoped to receive funding for. The three choices all connected to an overall theme of mental health, MacLean explained.

"We were trying to cover all the ages even because of the variety of women who are here," she added.

Representatives of the Pembina Valley Child Care Centre outlined their plans for a new infant room as they prepare to open a second location in Morden at Boundary Trails Place.

The Agassiz Medical Centre community board made its pitch for help with the start-up costs for a dedicated teen clinic. They see it being a specialized service, likely in a different location from the current clinic, that could help better address a range of medical issues faced by teenagers.

The Alzheimer Society then spoke on starting up a program called Minds In Motion which would offer physical activity, socialization, and mental stimulation for people in the early to middle stages of the disease.

Participating for the first time this year as a donor, Rhonda Domitruk said she appreciated seeing such a range of projects at the event.

"There was the whole spectrum of



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Ninety women came together Saturday for the second annual Power of the Purse luncheon at the Morden Activity Centre, where they heard presentations on three local charitable projects and then decided how they wanted to donate \$100 each.

everything the community offers us," said Domitruk, who noted she has teenage children, so she was particularly drawn to the idea of the teen clinic.

"I see the need for that," she said. "I also have family members who have experienced Alzheimer's ... and I put my babies in day care ... so there was value to all three of them."

The Women's Giving Circle is a neat way for people to come together to do some good, Domitruk said.

"It makes you feel like you're part of a community ... like you're a part of something bigger than yourself," she said. "It makes you happy that

we live in such a strong community that offers the services ... and this makes you feel good that you're giving something to them."

"It was great to hear about the resources for our community and what we can do to be helpful," agreed Karen Street, who was also new to the event this year.

"Mental health is dear to my heart. I'm a psychiatric nurse, and I work in our region, so this was all meaningful to me," she added. "We had three different phases of life here ... childhood, teenage, and the older generation."

Diversitas announces speaker lineup for 2017

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Diversitas speaker series has firmed up its roster of topics and guests for 2017.

Organizer Peter Cantelon said the series, which touched on topics ranging from Aboriginal issues to women's rights to mental illness last year, plans to once again shine the spotlight on the diversity of humanity.

"This year's subjects continue the effort to expose people to the strengths of human diversity while seeking to dispel fear and ignorance," he said. "Each of these subjects touches on a matter of interest in the region and the province."

First up, on March 22, Dr. Patrick Franklin will be presenting on whether faith and science can co-exist.

Franklin is an associate professor of theology and ethics at Providence

Theological Seminary. He also serves as vice president of the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation and an editor with the journals *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith* and *Didaskalia*.

"Dr. Franklin is an exceptional scholar and speaker who fits the Diversitas mould perfectly," said Cantelon. "We want our speakers to be recognized authorities in the subject matter they speak on."

Franklin's presentation takes place at 7 p.m. in the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre's Aquasaur Theatre.

Next up, on May 24, historian Dr. Elliott Hanowski will speak on the history of secular/atheist movements in Canada.

Then, on July 26, Dr. Ruth Ashrafi, the Judaic studies advisor at the Gray Academy of Jewish Education, will present *Israel & the World*.

Finally, on Sept. 27, Dorota Blumczynska, executive director of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba, will speak on immigrants, refugees, and our province.

Cantelon said these topics are among the many suggestions Diversitas received when it asked what issues people were most interested in discussing this year.

"We wanted to be responsive to feedback from people," he said. "These reflect that to a great degree."

"We're really trying not to overlap with what other local organization talk about," Cantelon added. "And also to speak to subjects that seem to resonate in this area, either positively or negatively."

"I think there's a real thirst for this kind of thing here," he said, noting that many people are looking for

venues where they can be better informed and respectfully discuss issues with others of opposing viewpoints.

A FEW CHANGES THIS YEAR

While past Diversitas presentations have taken place on the weekend, this year the series is moving to weekdays in the hopes to make it more accessible for people.

"We attracted somewhere in the range of 600 people for our sessions last year, but we got a lot of feedback from people who just weren't able to make it because it was on the weekend," Cantelon said. "Hopefully this opens it up for more people."

Cantelon also hopes the year ahead will bring greater organization to Diversitas with the creation of a board of directors and non-profit status.

Tickets on sale now for CFDC Dig Deep gala

By Lorne Stelmach

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre will honour an important part of its past at its major fundraiser this spring.

The second annual Dig Deep gala of the Morden Area Foundation in support of the CFDC development fund will feature guest speaker Dr. Anthony Russell, a paleontologist based in Alberta who has a connection to the CFDC through Dr. Elizabeth "Betsy" Nicholls.

"In the late 1980s when she was completing her PhD, she decided to do her doctoral thesis on the Morden collection of fossils. That doctoral thesis is what established our collection as the largest and one of the best collections of marine reptile fossils in Canada if not North America," explained executive director Peter Cantelon.

"Russell was her PhD supervisor," he continued. "So he's going to be speaking about Betsy Nicholls ... about her contributions to paleontology, her life and her significance in Canada not only as a scientist but as a female scientist."

"We're very, very excited to have him come out," said Cantelon, not-

ing the late Dr. Nicholl's husband and family will also be in attendance at the May 6 event.

"I think there are plenty of people in Morden who probably remember and have maybe even met Betsy when she was here doing her work."

The CFDC development fund has been in place for a few years now, and the gala was started last year by the Morden Area Foundation to help it grow.

"Because it benefits the foundation as much as it benefits us ... it was an opportunity to partner and put something on that was a little bit different than what we had done before," said Cantelon. "We wanted to do something a little bit more high end."

The fact the event last year raised over \$11,000 "made it easy for us to decide to do this on an annual basis," he added.

"Not only is it helping the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, it's also helping the Morden Area Foundation. So it's two charities ... you're getting more bang for your buck," he said.

"Any money that goes into the Morden Area Foundation ... ends up contributing to the funds that go back into the community on top of what



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Elizabeth 'Betsy' Nicholls' studies on the fossil collection in Morden is credited with bringing it to the forefront in Canada. Nicholls will be honoured in a presentation at the May 6 CFDC fundraising gala.

comes back to the CFDC, so it just makes a lot of sense for people."

As for the gala itself, Cantelon said it's also important for them to have some educational aspect to it given the scientific role of the CFDC.

"I don't think you get that at a typical gala ... what we're offering is an opportunity for people to learn a little bit while they're enjoying themselves."

Dr. Russell more than fills that role in being internationally renowned for his research into vertebrate biology and paleontology.

He has authored over 300 peer-reviewed scientific articles and continues to be a sought-after speaker at international conferences.

His research accomplishments have been recognized through a variety of industry accolades, and his field work has taken him to Australia, New Zealand, several islands in the Eastern Caribbean, Namibia, and most recently Trinidad and Tobago.

Tickets for the gala are \$60 and are available through the Morden Area Foundation.

Parents warned of growing mumps outbreak

By Lorne Stelmach

A mumps outbreak in the province has also seen a sharp increase in cases of the virus in this region.

Since fall, Manitoba has had 162 confirmed cases of mumps, including 45 in the Southern Health region.

About half of the cases in Southern Health have been in the Steinbach area, with the others mostly here in the south central region.

"Normally, in our region, we might have five to 10 in a year," noted Dr. Michael Routledge, medical officer of health for the province.

"We see other places where you see these spikes in mumps, so it's not entirely unexpected ... so far, we've really seen very few, if any, severe cases," he said, adding, though, it is still a concern "any time you see sort of a spike in cases of what ideally is a vaccine-preventable virus."

"There's some good signs, but any time you have an outbreak like this, it

is concerning," Routledge continued, adding health care providers have been well informed and done a good job in identifying cases so far.

"What we've seen with mumps outbreaks in other parts of the world is that they tend to just percolate along for several months," he observed. While with other outbreaks you may see a big spike and then it goes away, "mumps outbreaks tend to kind of linger for a longer period of time, which is exactly what we are seeing."

In recent weeks, the spread of mumps has expanded throughout Manitoba and now includes cases in pre-school and school-aged populations.

As a result, health officials have been distributing information through schools to ensure parents and guardians are aware of the situation and know how to recognize the symptoms of mumps, understand how to prevent its spread, and know what to do if they suspect they or their children

may be infected.

"The first thing they need to know is that there's a good vaccine and the vaccine is working well," stressed Routledge, who said if people are at all uncertain they should talk to their doctor, especially if they have been exposed to someone who's been sick.

"It's also important to call ahead if you can ... often times, they'll direct those patients a little differently so they're not being exposed to other patients," he added.

The mumps virus can be spread to others two to three days before symptoms appear until four to five days after symptoms show up. Some people infected with mumps may not have any symptoms at all but can still spread the virus to other people.

Mumps often starts with cold-like symptoms including swollen and tender glands at the jaw line on one or both sides of the face as well as a fever, headaches, and muscle aches.

Although there can be rare compli-

cations from mumps such as hearing loss and sterility, the vast majority of cases are mild with full recovery in one to two weeks.

Mumps is spread by direct contact with the saliva of an infected person, such as through coughing, sneezing, sharing drinks, or kissing

To reduce the spread of mumps, people are advised to:

- wash their hands often with soap and water or use sanitizer;
- avoid sharing drinking glasses or utensils;
- cover coughs and sneezes with the forearm or a tissue;
- stay home while sick.

Anyone who thinks they might have mumps or have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with mumps can phone their health care provider or Health Links at 1-888-315-9257 for more information.

Pixels becomes Helium

New owners, new name for marketing biz

By Lorne Stelmach

A successful Winkler business is now under both new ownership and a new name to go along with a range of new and expanded services.

Given those changes, it made sense for the team now behind the former Pixels to rebrand the company as Helium.

"We had a really great foundation to build off of, so we're very thankful for that," partner Jeff Hoeppner said as the firm held a launch event last Thursday at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.

Helium will continue on with what the company has done well and also expand on it, Hoeppner said.

In addition to services such as website design, Helium is branching into other areas such as human resources, business management consultation,

finance, and marketing.

The changes come in the wake of a new ownership group that came on board last summer.

"Then we started looking at the skill sets that our new ownership team brought and their experience," said Hoeppner.

"We have people who have been in manufacturing and finance for 30 plus years ... and a human resource manager with a large company," he said. "So we decided with their skills and experience that we could offer some new services."

The name Helium, meanwhile, had already been in the back of their minds for some time.

"It lined up with what we want to do," Hoeppner said. The idea with Helium is that part of our goal, part of our job with any of our clients is to take work of their plate, to lighten



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The management and staff of Helium in Winkler gathered with supporters and clients Thursday at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre to mark the rebranding of the business formerly known as Pixels.

their load."

He paid tribute to those who had gotten the company where it is today, saying they were benefitting from being able to move forward with a well established business.

"The foundation for Pixels was laid

over the course of the last 13 years. We owe a lot to that ... and we owe a lot to the clients who came along side when the business was being formed and during its transformation in the early years."

Connie Bailey to speak at EmpowHER event

By Lorne Stelmach

Connie Bailey calls herself a real believer in dreams, so she sees it as an honour to be able to encourage other women to pursue their own.

She will have that chance when she addresses next week's EmpowHER event in Morden to mark International Women's Day.

"It's one of my dreams being fulfilled ... speaking to women to inspire them ... it's a real honour and a privilege to have this opportunity," said the former radio personality in advance of her presentation next Wednesday evening at the Morden chamber event.

Even more important than sharing some of her business story is sharing her life story, said Bailey, who describes herself as starting out on a bit of a rocky road.

"I kind of crossed over some major hurdles in order to get where I am today," she said.

"I started off my life kind of feeling like a failure, like I was never going to go anywhere in life. I ended up having a successful radio career and now I am actually an owner of a business."

Bailey said she would like to inspire women to not give up and to press forward through the hard times in order to achieve their dreams.

"I'm really a believer in shooting

for the stars, and I don't think women, or anyone really, should be afraid to dream and to work hard and to achieve things.

"I think that often times people give up on their dreams because they think 'I'm not worth it' or 'my dreams are not valid' or 'maybe I'm not talented enough or smart enough or educated enough."

In order to achieve them, though,

you have to be prepared to work really hard for it, Bailey said.

"That's one thing that I never want to leave out is that there's really, really hard work, hard times ... there's going to be hard circumstances in the process ... in order to get to that dream."

"I think that any person and women especially can be anything they want to be, can achieve anything they want

to achieve and can dream as big as they want to dream."

Bailey will make her presentation, entitled *Turning Roadblocks to Stepping Stones*, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Boston Pizza.

The cost to participate is \$20, which includes a beverage and dessert. E-mail execdirector@mordenchamber.com or call 822-5630 to reserve your seat.

Elks Cash Lottery raises \$10K

Morden Elks member Rob Dudgeon recently presented Vaughn Mayert with the first place prize of \$20,000 from the Elks' Cash Lottery. Other big winners included Marlen Dyck (\$2,000) and Rick Peers (\$1,000) and early bird winners Myrna Mayor and Garet Darby (\$1,000 each). All told, the raffle raised \$10,000, which the Elks will use to help build a picnic shelter at the Morden Splash Park in addition to other local projects. The club sends out its thanks to everyone who participated this year. The Elks' next big fundraiser is the Lobsterfest dinner in June.

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Toys galore March 18-19

By Lorne Stelmach

Toy enthusiasts young and old will converge on Morden this month for the annual Morden Lions Toy Show.

The show takes over the Access Event Centre Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Now in its 17th year, the event was taken on as project of the local service organization seven years ago.

"People do come from far and wide. We get people coming for the day from places like Thief River Falls. Quite a few come here from the States," said organizer Donald Holenski.

The many toys, models, and collectables on display have an enduring appeal to people, he said.

"There seems to be a lot of interest

still," Holenski said, noting the vendor spaces are once again full up. "It seems like the people are asking for more tables all the time. That's a good sign."

About two dozen vendors will showcase their wares on 80 tables in the event centre's community hall.

The items on display and for sale will vary from die-cast farm toys and cars to Lego sets, sports collectible cards, flea market items, and more.

"We have people coming from Saskatchewan with farm toys," said Holenski, noting one popular draw has been vendors offering custom-made products.

As a Lions Club project, the show is also benefitting the community with a 50/50 fundraising draw that will offer three prizes of 25, 15, and 10 per cent



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The annual Lions Toy Show features displays for the young and young at heart at the Access Event Centre March 18-19.

of the pot.

The proceeds—which usually reach about \$2,000—will be divided up between the Tabor Home landscaping

project and the Lions Club Centennial Park project.

Admission to the show is \$2 for adults, free for kids 12 and under.

Morden Festival of the Arts starts March 12

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Festival of the Arts kicks off its 42nd season this month.

Strings, piano, and the sacred music evening all get the 2017 festival underway in the coming weeks, while piano, vocal, and speech arts sessions run next month.

This year's edition has 540 festival entries, ranging from solo performances to duets, trios, ensembles, and choirs.

"It's been pretty consistent over the last few years ... but that's even without band entries this year," said Marlene Britton of the numbers, explaining that while the scheduling didn't work out this year for the high school bands or choirs, they did see an increase in piano entries.

"The interest is still there. It's nice to see the interest continue," she said, "and we see a lot of kids coming back year after year ... we get to see the progress that they have made."

The festival's aim is to foster and promote continued interest in and growth and development of the arts in the Morden area by giving youth a place to share their love of the arts with the community.

"People see it as important for their kids to have a stage to perform," Britton said. "They gain confidence when they're out there. They're also getting really good comments from very qualified adjudicators."

She noted they had switched some of their locations such as moving piano from the Alliance Church because

it was too large of a space.

"We've changed some of the venues around the last few years. I think some of the changes have worked out really well," said Britton. "We keep tweaking it a bit year after year."

The festival gets underway with the strings sessions March 12-14 at the Morden Church of God. There are 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. sessions Sunday, 9:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, and 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Adjudicator Karen Barg will hear 145 entries, which is up from 137 last year. Levels range from beginner to grade 10 with performers playing violin, guitar, cello and viola in both solos and duets. Classes include baroque composer, sonata, romantic composer, 20th/21st century composer, concerto, classical composer and classical sonata.

The festival continues the following week with the sacred evening March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church. Adjudicator Jane Petroni will oversee classes featuring piano, vocal, and strings playing sacred music in solo and duets.

Next up is piano March 20-22 at the Christ Lutheran Church. Sessions begin daily at 9 a.m., afternoons at 1:15 p.m., and evening sessions the first two days at 7 p.m.

The adjudicator once again will be Jane Petroni, with entries up to 186 from 158 last year. Levels go from beginner to Gr. 10 and the classes include Canadian composers, baroque composers, popular, 20th/21st century composers, classical sonata, romantic composers, sonata, French composers, classical composers, Mozart and sacred music.

There is a break then until the

speech arts April 11-13 followed by vocal performances April 25. The season wraps up with a highlights concert on April 30.

Programs containing the complete schedule and adjudicator biographies will be available for \$5 at Thornview Grocery, Pharmasave, and the South Central Regional Library in Morden and at Janzen Brothers Music in Winkler as well as at all festival venues.

All sessions are open to the public. Admission is \$2.

Donations to support the Morden Festival of the Arts can be sent to Box 493, Morden, MB, R6M 1A5. Two free passes to all festival sessions will be given for all donations of \$20 or more.

Anyone interested in assisting at the sessions should call Britton at 204-822-5794.

For more information, check out mordenfestivalofthearts.cfsites.org.

Community Band Workshop, concert March 18

By Lorne Stelmach

Close to 50 musicians from across the province and beyond are meeting up in Roland next weekend.

The town hosts the 20th annual Roland Community Band Workshop during the day on Saturday, March 18, followed by the Bob Day Memorial Concert that evening.

The fact this event has not only been happening now for 20 years but has kept on growing is remarkable to or-

ganizer Tom Neufeld.

"Every year we have new people and every year we've got people who have been coming for 20 years now," he said. "It started out small ... just a bunch of people, probably more local then ... but it's turned into something more now."

The event draws musicians from as far north as Thompson and south into Minnesota.

"Last year we had one person come down from Thompson and she went

back to her community and said, 'Hey, this is a fantastic event.' So this year there's two of them coming down," Neufeld said. "So it's that kind of thing ... people tell people ... it's not just people from Winnipeg—it's all across southern Manitoba."

He suggested it has gained a good reputation in community band circles for a number of reasons, including the fact it draws people from all ages

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Puzzles, mazes, I spy, connect-the-dots, card games and building blocks all double as excellent tools to boost children's eyesight. Read with your kids daily, and limit their screen time to under two hours each day. Healthy eating habits and adequate sleep are also needed to ensure proper cognitive and visual development. Have your child's eyesight examined before he or she starts preschool, or around three years old.

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Winkler Family Resource Centre's third annual quiz night was a huge success last Friday, with 13 teams taking part. Between entry fees and donations, the evening raised over \$2,000 to keep the resource centre's programming for pre-school aged kids and their parents completely free. "We're very happy because that will go right back into our programming," said executive director Cathy Savage. The night's winning team was the Plank Cheques from the Access Credit Union (left). Many participants took the night's Treasure Island theme and really ran with it (left, bottom).

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and musical abilities as well as being open to a variety of styles.

"It's such a variety of levels of music ... and a wide variety of people. It's probably one of the things that makes it so neat ... it's not just about the music—it's also about the people."

The event grew to add the concert as a way to showcase what was worked on during the day at the workshop. The show takes place at the Roland United Church Hall at 7 p.m. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted for the church.

The event will also see the presentation of the 19th annual Bob Day Memorial Community Band Member Award.

The award is presented in memory of the late Winkler resident, who was a dedicated community band member. It's presented each year to someone who displays the qualities of dedication, commitment and musical spirit.

For more information on the workshop or the concert, contact Neufeld at 204-343-2358 or TomLori@mymts.net. You can also find the Roland Community Band Workshop on Facebook.

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Music Showcase raising funds for Ugandan street kids

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A music showcase in Morden on Friday is raising funds for orphans and street children in Uganda.

It's a cause near and dear to organizer Busiisi Godfrey Mbabazi's heart.

Mbabazi grew up in Kampala, Uganda, and spent most of his childhood on the streets.

It was a tough upbringing, and one he hopes to save other African kids from having to endure.

"I've been doing this show, supporting causes around here, for awhile now, but this year I wanted to help people back home," Mbabazi says. "This is something I've been wanting to do pretty much my entire life."

To that end, Mbabazi is in the midst of creating a non-profit organization, the Busiisi Foundation, which will

"I WANT TO USE MY TALENTS ... TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE IN THE SAME SHOES AS I WAS."

raise funds to support Ugandan orphanages and help underprivileged children pay for schooling.

"One of the big visions I have is to buy some land and then hopefully put up structures for accommodations to get kids off the streets," Mbabazi says, recalling how he was taken under the wing of Helen Wamala, a boarding school director. Her generosity and support changed the direc-

Busiisi Godfrey Mbabazi hosts a Music Showcase fundraiser at the Kenmor Theatre this Friday featuring a range of acts from the area.

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tion of his life.

"I want to use my talents and do the same as those who helped me in my desperate time," says Mbabazi. "Because of the people that I met throughout my life, I was able to leave that lifestyle and become who I am today."

"I want to help those who are in the same shoes as I was in, by providing shelter, food, clothes, education as well as the basic needs to those that need it."

Mbabazi has big dreams for the future of his foundation, and the first step is to raise some awareness and funds right here in Canada.

"I've got to start somewhere," he

says, noting plans are in the works for additional fundraisers in the future. "I'm planning all my shows from now on will be fundraising towards this organization that I'm starting."

In addition to Mbabazi, the music showcase also features the talents of Warren Friesen, Lauryn Westhaver, Denise Tonna, band 1 pastpresentfuture, Anthony Pauls, The Wouldnots, The Friesen Family, On the Edge, and Harlan and Jacinta.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10 at the Kenmor Theatre.

Entrance is by a suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family at the door.

On the Oak Woods Trail

In spring, the underground stems of the Wild Sarsaparilla spring to life. They seem to pop-up everywhere, spreading their flat leaves to cover large areas of the forest floor where they often are mistaken for poison ivy. The leaves of sarsaparilla are light green and turn bronze in fall, whereas those of poison ivy are dark green and turn bright red in fall. Mature berries of sarsaparilla are purplish-black, while those of poison ivy are dull white.

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Interesting ways to enjoy travel

Research indicates that traveling is at the top of the list of interests motivating today's men and women over the age of 50.

Seniors are perhaps the most likely demographic to indulge their love of traveling. Retirement leaves lots of time for recreation, and many choose to spend that time on the road. Travel also can improve adult longevity, says geriatricians at the University of Arkansas.

Those in the travel industry understand that men and women over 50 comprise a large percentage of their customers and have catered many travel packages toward this influential demographic. The following is a look at some of the more popular travel opportunities for men and women over 50.

- **Genealogical tourism:** This is one of the fastest-growing markets in vacation travel. Genealogical tourism involves individuals traveling to areas of historical significance for their families, such as churches where past relatives may have married and villages where grandparents or cousins once resided or were employed. This can create a tangible link to one's past and open up more opportunities to learn the varied genealogical history that has shaped a family, and even one's personal identity.

- **Extended vacations:** Seniors may have the capacity to devote more time to travel and not be caged in by strict time constraints. That makes them eligible for extended vacations. These can include long-term rentals in tropical locales, several-week sightseeing cruises or guided tours overseas that touch on several different countries or cities during the trip.

- **Off the beaten path:** Adventurous travelers may not be content to stick to the resort lifestyle or standard vacation options. Active men and women over 50 are charting their own vacation courses with bucket list-style vacations that may be off the beaten path. Travelers who have always aspired to climb a mountain or see a rain forest may be inclined to realize these goals as they get older. Nontraditional tours can include living like indigenous peoples or following the footsteps of early explorers.

- **All-inclusive tours:** All-inclusive packages remain a popular option for travelers of all ages. These vacation packages charge one price for accommodations, entertainment, sightseeing, food, and many other amenities. All-inclusive vacations remove some of the headaches associated with organizing various components of travel so that a person can focus on relaxation and having fun.

- **Singles meets:** Single vacationers over 50 may want to meet other men or women in their age bracket in the hopes of finding romance. These vacations double as relationship mixers and give men and women the opportunity to mingle with others in similar situations without the pressure of traditional dating.

Travel is a way to see the world, meet new people and experience various cultures. Seniors increasingly embrace travel because they have both the time and the means to take vacations.

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There are many advantages to dealing with a travel agency. Your safety is certainly one of the major ones. Travel agents hate surprises and work very hard to satisfy their clients. In many ways they are responsible for the smooth running of your trip abroad.

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Many people believe that going through an agency is a more expensive way to travel, but that is not generally true. One of an agent's goals is to ensure that you benefit from preferential rates, which they obtain through deals with their suppliers. If you do find a better price on your own, be sure to tell your agent; he or she will probably be able to match it with the added guarantee of their office.



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Patagonia

Far from the big cities, the wide-open spaces of Patagonia could give you the change of scene you're looking for. Even if you're only the slightest bit adventurous, travelling in this part of the world is easier than you might think. Despite the vast expanses of land, transportation is excellent and you can sleep comfortably in small hospedaje.

The American West

The American West is also very popular with travellers this year. For those wanting a taste of the American dream, several destinations are worth the detour: Yellowstone Park; Death Valley; the Grand Canyon; or the famous Mount Rushmore National Monument, dedicated to four great American presidents.

Hawaii

Are you in need of some beaches? Would you like some rest and relaxation in a completely different environment? Hawaii is waiting for you! These South Pacific islands constitute the fiftieth U.S. state and are situated in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. With its turquoise sea and fine sand beaches, Hawaii will provide you with all the relaxation you could hope for.

Bahamas, Costa Rica, and company

There are many warm-weather package holidays and cruises to warm-weather Western hemisphere destinations. Luxury liners travel many routes from U.S. coastal cities, including to the Antilles, the Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Honduras, or the Caymans. Your travel agent can guide you in your choice with expert advice.



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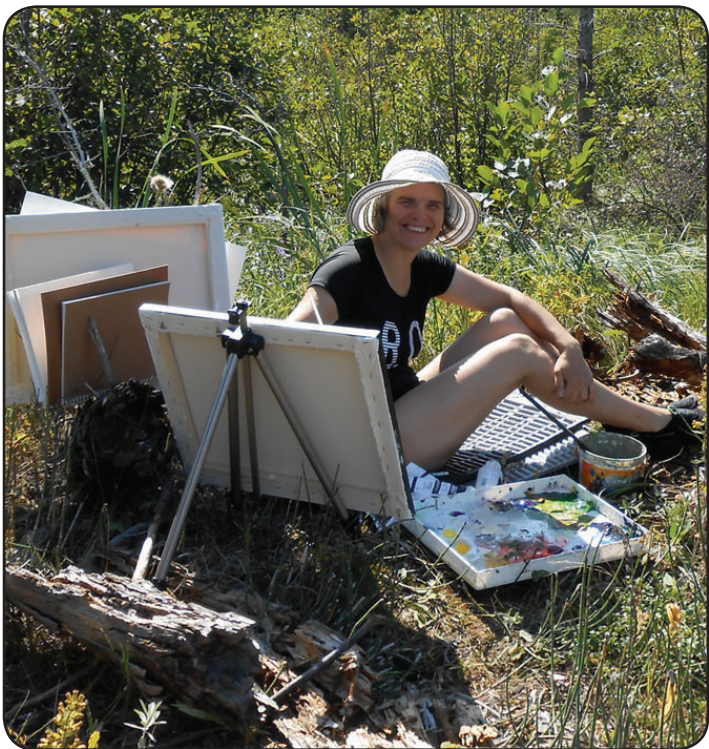
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Right: Brenna George working on paintings out in nature in Riding Mountain National Park. The Winnipeg-based artist, who is featured at the Pembina Hills Gallery this month, often paints two different interpretations of the same scene (above).



Finding beauty in chaos

By Lorne Stelmach

Her exhibit may be entitled *Handling Chaos*, but the artwork of Brenna George alternately offers views of scenes that are both ordered and disordered.

Finding her inspiration in the natural world around her, the Winnipeg-based artist tries to take things that may appear chaotic and confusing

and then sets out to decipher them in the two different ways.

The rest, then, can be left up to the viewer taking in her featured exhibit this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.

"They can look at the same spot but with a different mindset," said George, who likes to paint her scenes outside at the locations that inspire her rather than working from photo-

graphs.

"Something like tangled vegetation is really hard to interpret, so I was trying to pick something that would look very confusing and paint it twice," she explained.

"With one, I try to understand it and analyze it and paint it really precisely ... and then with the second painting, I'm letting go of that and letting it overwhelm me and kind of painting

bits and pieces."

Then putting both paintings together to feel the differences, George likes drawing the analogy to how we can approach life's challenges—sometimes organizing chaos and other times letting the chaos fly.

"I think, in our lives, we have to choose how we interpret events or

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High-energy fun with The Leahys

By Ashleigh Viveiros

One of Canada's most famous musical families comes to Winkler next week.

The Leahys take the stage at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall on Wednesday, March 15.

It will be jam-packed, high-energy show, says Maria Leahy, who will, as she has for decades, perform alongside her siblings.

"It'll be intense, lots of energy, fast and slow, and, of course, lots and lots of people," she said, laughing, when reached by phone last week.

At least eight members of the family will be on hand for the concert, including, likely, several of the next generation of Leahy performers.

"We travel with some of our children ... for the last number of years we've included the kids [in the show]," Leahy said. "It's a situation where if they're with us they'll often come out and play one or two piec-

The Leahys bring their high-energy Celtic/roots music and step dancing to the Winkler concert hall next week.

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es."

In many ways, the Leahys' concerts are a glimpse into the family's heart.

"We take what we do at home, in the living room, and we just transplant it, you could say, right on the stage," Leahy said.

The Ontario-based brood have been touring Canada and the world with their unique brand of Celtic/roots music and traditional step dancing since the early 1980s.

Recently, aside from touring, the group have been working on a new album they hope to release this summer.

Leahy reflected that it's the act of creation that keeps things fresh for them after all these years.

"We feel so blessed to have the opportunity to perform and play together, but it's one aspect, I would say, of a larger experience," she said. "That experience includes the

creative process ... you have to live with the music and feel it and change it ... for us, it's a very personal and deep encounter with music.

"There's so much to be inspired by that it's always exciting to create new and then play it and take it to people," Leahy added. "And hopefully they like it, too."

"It's very much a two-way street. You're having a musical conversation with the people that you're playing with or for. And so as much as you give, you are receiving."

Tickets to the Winkler concert are available online at winklerconcerthall.ca or by calling 204-325-5600.

Who you gonna call?

The Prairie Theatre Exchange in Winnipeg is coming to Morden with a unique live adaptation of some classic Robert Munsch stories.

PTE is partnering with the Pembina Hills Arts Council for the performance of *MunschBusters* Saturday, March 25 at the Kenmor Theatre.

Adapted by writer Debbie Patterson, *MunschBusters* is loosely based on several stories by the

beloved children's author.

It takes elements of tales including *Alligator Baby*, *The Dark*, *Good Families Don't*, *Mud Puddle*, and *The Boy in the Drawer* and works them into Ghostbusters-themed tale: when Cassie's parents are trapped in the dark, she looks to MunschBusters Bernice and Allie to help fight the "munshanormal" activity and bring them back home.

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. for a reading by the South Central Regional Library followed by the hour-long show at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Pembina Hills Arts Council and the Morden library.

Proceeds will go towards funding upcoming programs and exhibitions at the art gallery.



PTE's MunschBusters comes to the Kenmor Theatre March 25.

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WAC honours mentors with 'Inspirations' show

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Arts and Culture Centre's March exhibition is giving local artists a chance to pay tribute to the mentors and experiences that inspired them.

WAC's *Inspirations* show was unveiled on Saturday and will run until March 29.

Many of the pieces—which include paintings, pottery, and sculptures—honour the memory of artist and teacher Marcel Debreuil, who nurtured the talents of art students in the Winkler-Morden area for decades.

One of those students was Caleb Hamm, whose contribution to the show includes a painting he did of Debreuil's workshop along with one of Debreuil's own paintings.

"After school, I became friends with Marcel ... there wasn't a lot of art people around, so he was definitely one of the places and people to go to," Hamm says, adding that Debreuil was always a source of advice and encouragement for aspiring artists.

After Debreuil's death in 2011, Hamm spent time house-sitting his home and workshop and organizing a memorial art show that featured the many pieces Debreuil left behind.

"At the same time, I was using the studio, so that's where I ended up painting this picture ... it's just kind of a recollection of [the workshop] before the changes that came later," he says, further explaining he used one of the oval canvasses Debreuil was known for to create the piece.

Having the opportunity to remember the integral role Debreuil played in the local art community for so many years is important to Hamm.

"I think it's fundamental. Especially in this community. I mean, if anyone had him, they would be influenced by him. There's no way they wouldn't have been," he says. "That's what's cool to still see people go back and say how much he's impacted their lives."



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Caleb Hamm is one of several local artists with work on display at the Winkler Arts and Culture's *Inspirations* exhibition this month. This piece pay tribute to the role the late Marcel Debreuil—whose workshop was inside a barn on his property outside Morden—played in the lives of many aspiring artists over the years. Below: Other pieces in the show were created by artists like Robyn Wiebe (left) and Dave Stobbe (right).

"When you have a mentor or a teacher that is that positive ... it's good to recognize that."

The show also includes art and reminisces from Margie Hildebrand, Dave Stobbe, Robyn Wiebe, Vern Zacharias, and many others.

Check out the exhibition at the *Inspirations*

Coffeehouse—a tribute to Leonard Cohen that will also include poetry readings and an open mic—taking place tonight, March 9, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. or stop by the Park St. gallery Wednesdays through Saturdays. Head to winklerarts.com for gallery hours.



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things ... and we can choose different ways, many ways to see our lives," she said.

Many of George's paintings explore ideas around identity of place and the physical experience of the Canadian landscape. Raw and gestural, they suggest the isolation of the artist in nature.

There is also very much an Impressionistic quality to much of her art.

"I have a lot of loose brushwork in my work ... you

can see the brush strokes ... and I love colour too," said George.

George says she welcomes the opportunity to exhibit and share her work and get feedback as well as encourage people to "think about any situation they are in that they will think, 'Okay, I can see this different ways.'"

"And I hope people will see it and be enthused to go outside," she said, recalling a favorite memory of

painting during a camping trip while her kids were busy nearby playing and swimming.

George always has new pieces on the go. You can check them out online at the Brenna George Art Facebook page.

"I want people to see my work ... sharing's really important," she said. "There's always the next series ... and the more people I know are looking at my work, the more that I am inspired to keep going."

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Gallery showcasing the work of Barb Wiebe

By Lorne Stelmach

Exhibiting her pottery can be a bit of a love-hate relationship for artist Barb Wiebe.

"It's difficult to exhibit. I'm always second-guessing myself and wondering if this is good enough," said the Altona area artist whose work is on display this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.

"You're doing a lot of work, and often you don't see the rewards for that ... then sometimes you do, though," said Wiebe. "Once a show is set up, it's a good feeling."

The former teacher has been doing pottery for over 30 years, working and selling her pieces from her studio in a renovated barn under the name Northwind Clayworks.

"I do functional pottery ... but I also do some decorative stuff as well," said Wiebe. "I don't mind the repetition of doing mugs over and over again, but I do also enjoy something a little more creative."

Wiebe creates her work through hand-building and working on the wheel, and there are a few particular qualities that she is often drawn to in her pieces.

"I love something with texture. I'm really drawn to doing the pieces with texture," Wiebe explained. "Even some of the gas-fired stuff ... you add

different things to give you that texture outside the pot."

More than anything, it is the creative process itself that attracts her.

"The act of creating is great ... the joy of creating is something that is great for me," said Wiebe. "I get up in the morning and go into my studio, and I still enjoy it after all these years. It gives me the freedom to do what I want."

Over the years she has done shows in a variety of locations near and further from home with her creations, which can often be found in Gallery In The Park in Altona.

"I've also had customers from all over the world ... and I have a studio in my barn and sell from there as well."

As for her show in Morden, Wiebe noted she had thought about doing a theme-oriented exhibit, but time got away on her.

In the end, she felt good about having another opportunity to show some of her pieces to a new regional audience.

"It always pushes you a little bit. Generally, I'm doing functional things and trying to build up stock ... when it comes to an exhibit, you do try a few different styles and techniques," Wiebe said. "The best thing about having an exhibit is that you do try to do different things."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Barb Wiebe at work on a pottery wheel in her rural Altona area studio set in a renovated barn. Some of the artist's work under the name of Northwind Clayworks is featured this month at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.

Spring break art camp registration on now

By Lorne Stelmach

Art camps will be helping keep kids in Morden and Winkler occupied during the upcoming spring break.

Activities will be held through the last week of March at both the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre and the Pembina Hills Art Gallery in Morden.

"Hopefully, we'll have lots of things for them to choose from that they would enjoy doing during spring break," said Margie Hildebrand, program and outreach co-ordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

Morden's camp runs March 27-31 from 10 a.m. to noon daily for ages 6 to 10. The cost is \$10 a day or \$40 for all five classes.

There will be a variety of activities ranging from batik and Easter egg decorating to making mosaics and dreamcatchers to acrylic painting.

"We usually cut it off at about 10 kids per day," noted Hildebrand of the spaces available. She added that they see this as part of their ongoing efforts to involve kids in the arts, which includes year-round programming.

"We've usually had a good number of kids come out," she said. "This sometimes brings in a little bit of a different crowd of people."

Also on the line-up during spring break is a day-long workshop on stop-motion animation, hosted by Winnipeg Freeze Frame.

It runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March

28 and is for ages 9-14. Participants are asked to bring in their own Lego for the project.

"It's kind of like you make your own Lego movie," explained Hildebrand. "We're really looking forward to that and hope we can get lots of kids out. We can have up to 25 kids for that."

While there's still space for Morden's spring break programming, the art camp at the Winkler gallery is already full up.

"We had pretty much a month left for registration and we were already full ... so that's awesome," said executive director Wendy Klassen. "It is very nice to know there is a need for what we are putting out there for the community."

Twenty kids will spend the break taking part in a four-day mural project with facilitator Karina Cardona. The mural will be shown in the gallery afterwards, with the kids being able to take part in their own art show on the last day.

"They'll all have their own little pieces of the mural," said Klassen. "It's about teaching the kids how to work together ... to collaborate and work together ... it teaches them some good skills and it's a fun kind of project."

More information on these events and other upcoming activities at the art galleries can be found online at www.winklerarts.com and www.pembinahillsarts.com.

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Hawks sweep series to advance

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks have another shot at a league title after a semi-final sweep they concluded in dramatic fashion.

It was a high glove side point shot from captain Mackenzie Hutchinson that beat a screened Winnipeg goal and gave the Hawks a 1-0 win over the Avros in double overtime Sunday afternoon in Morden.

Goaltender Halle Oswald completed back-to-back shutout games in making 47 saves in game three after having blanked the Avros in a 2-0 win Thursday following a 2-1 victory in game one last Tuesday.

"This was a tough series. Both teams obviously really came to play," said coach Dana Bell.

"In my eyes, it came right down to an outstanding goaltending duo. For us, Halle was solid ... Thursday, she shut the door many times for us and then again Sunday.

"Ultimately, the girls worked hard and they never quit."

The Hawks took control of the series earlier in the week with typically low scoring tight battles that has become their hallmark this season.

Sage McElroy-Scott opened the scoring in the first period for Pembina Valley just over seven minutes into the first period of game one, but the Avros then tied it with four minutes to go.

The winning goal for the Hawks came in the second with 2:24 to play in the middle frame when Hutchinson's shot picked up a deflection.

Oswald backstopped the win with a solid 28 save performance as the shots were 30-26 for the Avros.

In game two, Oswald turned in another solid performance and earned the shutout in stopping all 37 shots by the Avros. The Hawks only had 24 shots, but they capitalized twice for the win.

Makenzie McCallum and Brooklyn Platt each scored for the Hawks



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Hawks game hero and captain Mackenzie Hutchinson leads a charge up ice in the team's 1-0 OT win over the Avros Sunday. Right: Karsty Nicolajsen and Avros Breanne Dondo battle for puck possession.

and assisted on the other's markers that came in the first and third periods—the opening goal coming just 59 seconds in and then the final into an empty net with just 18 seconds remaining.

The Hawks now welcome the chance to rest up a bit before getting back to work to prepare for the championship series.

"We'll stick to our game plan and what's working for us," said Bell, adding that he feels good about where the team's play is at right now. "The Central Plains series was a good confidence builder for us. Then to sweep the Avros, it keeps building our confidence ... right now, we're getting better every game."

Now the Hawks await the victor of the other semi-final, which was going to at least game four Wednesday with the Westman Wildcats up two games to one on the Yellowhead Chiefs.



Thunder clinch third Zone 4 championship

The Morden Thunder are the Zone 4 boys hockey champs for a third year in a row.

Morden defeated the Carman Cougars 6-2 March 1 to sweep the series in two games (they had taken game one 5-2 two nights earlier).

Carman's Tyson Allison drew first blood, but that goal was answered with four from Morden, scored by Josh Sawatzky (with two), Finley Wheeler, and Tanner Wiebe (who was named playoff MVP for his two goals and nine points in the post-season).

Brayden Jonasson made it a 5-1 game with a powerplay goal in the second, while Carman's Matt Lehmann responded in kind with what ended up being the Cougar's final successful shot on net. In the third, Keane Boucher made it an even six with a shorthanded goal.

In net, Owen Domitruk made 17 saves in all.

Morden will now represent Zone 4 at the AAAA provincials in Portage la Prairie this weekend.

The Morden Thunder celebrate after their 6-2 game two win over Carman last Wednesday. They swept the series to earn their third straight Zone 4 hockey banner.

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LEAGUE AWARDS

The league handed out its awards for the 2016-2017 season just before the championship game.

The lone Winkler-Morden player

honoured was Northlands Parkway Collegiate's Griffin Dyck, who was named Top Goaltender. The NPC co-captain posted a .907 save percentage this winter.

For the team awards, Morden was named the Top Defensive Team, while the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs received the Charlie Maykut Fair Play Award.

End of the line for Pembina Valley Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

The season came to a disappointing end for the male Pembina Valley Hawks last week.

A Brandon squad that took advantage of their opportunities led to a 5-2 win for the Wheat Kings March 2 that eliminated the Hawks in four games of the best-of-five quarter-final.

After dropping the first two games of the series, Pembina Valley kept itself in the running with a 7-4 win on Feb. 28. But ultimately the bounces didn't go their way, despite often carrying the play.

"We felt we played well enough to deserve better, but that's not always the case," said coach Rylan Price.

He suggested Brandon stuck to their systems well, focusing on shut-down hockey and clogging up the neutral and offensive zones.

"They really didn't let us get too close to their goaltenders," said Price. "I think that we threw everything that we had at them for four games ... we outshot them three of the four ... their goalies played really well."

"Brandon was a very good hockey team. They stuck to their game plan. They did enough to prepare to beat us."

In game three, the Hawks had

turned things around with three unanswered third period goals kicked off by a powerplay marker by Elijah Carels that proved to be the winner.

It was the second of the game for the scoring leader for the Hawks, who also got goals from Kolton Shindle, Nicholas Hatley, Caleb Unrau, Sven Schefer, and Travis Penner.

The Hawks connected twice on the man advantage in the game that was tied 2-2 after one and 4-4 after two periods.

Aaron Brunn made 32 saves as the Wheat Kings outshot the Hawks 36-35.

In game four, powerplay goals by Shindle and Penner had the game tied 2-2 early in the third, but then a

late collapse finished the Hawks.

Lynden McCallum's second of the game at 10:53 proved to be the winner then the Wheat Kings connected on a man advantage less than two minutes later and sealed the deal with an empty net goal.

Brunn wasn't able to make a difference in net this night, despite the shots swinging 37-20 the Hawks' way.

In the end, Price said they made good progress this year after coming off last season where they had a young team that failed to make the playoffs.

"We feel we earned some respect back ... hopefully teams know Pembina Valley is going to be a strong team in years to come," he said, noting he

has kept an eye on the players set to move up from bantam AAA ranks.

"I've also tried to get out and watch the zone four high school hockey this year, and there's a good talent pool," Price said. "I see the potential for a good team in the future here."

As for this year's team, Price concluded that what he liked the most about their squad throughout the season was that they worked hard.

"I respect all the effort they gave this year," he said. "I liked their hatred of losing. This was a group of kids, probably more so than any other group I've ever had. This group hated to lose ... they were willing to fight to the bitter end."

Flyers finish season in second

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers closed out the 2016-2017 season in second place in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League standings.

Winkler clinched the number two spot with a pair of shutouts over the Neepawa Natives and the Winnipeg

Blues last week.

Tuesday's 2-0 win against the Natives saw Troy Martyniuk deny all 28 shots he faced, while teammates Gino Lucia and Collyn Bates did the scoring.

Martyniuk got his second straight shutout three nights later, stopping 31 shots in the victory over the Blues.

It was Winkler's fifth win against the Blues in six games this season, and it was Tyler Jubenvill who got it started with a late goal in the first period.

After a scoreless second frame, Braden Billaney doubled Winkler's lead to 2-0 early in the third with his

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Left: GVC's Ryan Giesbrecht gets around the Vikings' Zane Anderson. Above: Zodiac Talia Peters drives to the net.

GVC, Thunder win big

The Garden Valley Collegiate varsity basketball teams came out on top in the interzone matches on Friday.

The girls crushed the Plainsmen 72-51, while the boys bested the Vikings 63-55.

GVC's junior varsity teams—who both won the Zone 4 banners last

week—also took on Brandon for the interzone title Friday. The girls won it 53-49, while the boys fell 83-42.

GVC's varsity teams and the JV girls will now represent the school at the provincial high school championships in Winnipeg this week.

Over at Northlands Parkway Col-

legiate, the varsity girls fell to Glenlawn 64-40 in the SCAC semi-finals. They went on to best the Sabres 37-30 to clinch third place for the season.

The Morden varsity boys, meanwhile, saw their banner hopes dashed at the hands of Sanford with a 61-46 loss Thursday night, following up on

a 68-57 playoff win over Altona Feb. 28.

The girls, though, beat the Sabres 73-55 March 2 and then downed the Lynx 53-44 on Monday to earn their first Zone 4 banner in over a decade. They'll be competing at provincials this weekend.

Fehr traded to Maple Leafs, Froese to Lightning

Two Winkler natives are changing teams in the wake of the NHL trade deadline last week.

After being waived earlier by the Pittsburgh Penguins, forward Eric Fehr, 31, was acquired by the Toronto Maple Leafs on March 1.

Fehr, who won the Stanley Cup with the Penguins last season, has 11 points in 52 games this year, including six goals.

Currently in his 11th season in the NHL, Fehr is in the second season of a three-year, \$6-million contract.

The Leafs picked him up along with defenseman Steve Olesky and a 2017 fourth round pick in exchange for defenseman Frank Corrado.

Meanwhile, fellow Winklerite Byron Froese has been picked up by the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The 25-year-old forward was traded from Toronto along with a 2017 conditional second round pick in exchange for forward Brian Boyle.

Froese has played 58 games for the Leafs in the past two years, scoring

two goals and five points, in addition to 48 games for the Marlies, posting 24

goals and 39 points.

He'll now be playing for the Light-

ning's AHL affiliate, the Syracuse Crunch.

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20th goal of the year.

When Winnipeg pulled their goalie for the extra man in the game's final minutes, Tanner Lewis' insurance goal made it a 3-0 victory.

The win secured Winkler's second place spot and meant their final home game against the Virden Oil Capitals meant a whole lot more to the visitors, who needed a win to have any shot at sixth place.

While the Blues' victory over Dau-

phin ultimately meant Virden could finish no higher than seventh, the Oil Capitals did get their wish on the win front, downing Winkler 5-3.

The two teams were evenly matched at 3-3 after two periods thanks to goals from Brody Moffatt in the first and Matt Christian and Ian Mackey in the second.

But the wheels fell off the cart in the final frame, where Virden scored twice more for the win.

Overall, Winkler outshot Virden 36-29, with Cole Weaver taking the loss in net.

With that, Winkler's record stands at 41-16-3 for 85 points. That puts them 14 points behind the first place Steinbach Pistons and three up on OCN in third.

In the playoffs, Winkler takes on Virden in a best-of-seven series, with game one Friday in Winkler and game two Sunday in Virden.

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Morden Breakfast Club wraps up successful season



The Morden Breakfast Club has wrapped up another busy season of early morning hockey. The group met weekly from November to February, giving kids the chance to enjoy an hour of on-ice instruction followed by a warm breakfast before they headed off to school. An average of 30 youth age four to 16 took part each week, with some weeks attracting as many as 40 participants.

“The focus is to provide a fun learning environment for hockey skills development,” says organizer Shawn Dias, who thanked all the volunteers involved both on the ice and off for making the program a reality.

“We would like to thank our sponsors: Giant Tiger, the City of Morden, Morden Green Leafs Hockey, Crocus Realty, Morden Minor Hockey, Hockey Manitoba, and the volunteers for making this another successful year,” he said.

Twisters finish season in fourth, now face Twins

By Lorne Stelmach

A late season slide dropped the Pembina Valley Twisters to fourth place as the regular season wrapped up in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

Losing four of their last five and seven of their last nine games saw Pembina Valley end up tied at 54 points with St. James, but the Canucks earned third based on having one extra win.

The Twisters now face the fifth place Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins in their best-of-seven quarter-final, which got underway Tuesday. The series continues with game two in Winnipeg Friday, game three in Morris Sunday, and game four back in the city March 14.

The Twins finished just two points back of Pembina Valley, but the Twisters go into the series having won three of the five regular season games they had against them.

Pembina Valley had closed out their schedule with a 4-2 loss Sunday to the Stonewall Jets after having split a pair of games with the Raiders.

The Twisters had dropped a third straight last Tuesday in falling 3-1 to the Raiders.

Goaltender Matt Kohlman did his best to keep Pembina Valley in the game with 39 saves, as the shots overall were 42-28 in favour of the Raiders.

Bryce Dusik broke the shutout with the lone Twisters’ goal with just over two minutes left in the game.

In the rematch Friday, Corey Mazinke had a pair of goals and then assisted on a powerplay marker by Jeremie Goderis that tied the game at

3-3 early in the third period. The pair gave him a team leading 26 on the season and would see him end up as the team’s points leader at 56. Wyatt Sabourin then fired home the winner at 13:24.

Kohlman ended up with 37 saves as the shots on goal were 40 to 26 for the Raiders.

Morgan Wall kept the Twisters in the game Sunday against Stonewall with 41 saves as the Jets outshot the Twisters 45-34.

Karl Conrad scored in the first period and Fraser Mirrlees in the second as the Twisters had the game tied after two before giving up a pair of third period goals.

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
Steinbach Pistons	60	49	10	1	99	249	124
Winkler Flyers	60	41	16	3	85	219	148
OCN Blizzard	60	39	17	4	82	200	153
Selkirk Steelers	60	39	18	3	81	220	177
Portage Terriers	60	37	19	4	78	256	198
Winnipeg Blues	60	27	27	6	60	193	202
Virden Oil Capitals	60	26	26	8	60	167	198
Neepawa Natives	60	21	33	6	48	173	229
Swan Valley Stampers	60	20	34	6	46	160	236
Dauphin Kings	60	17	36	7	41	145	221
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	60	14	42	4	32	177	273

MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	
PLAYOFF matchups (no scores at press time)							
Pembina Valley Twisters vs Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins							
St. Boniface Riels vs Charleswood Hawks							
St. Vital Victorias vs Stonewall Jets							
Raiders vs St. James Canucks							

SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE							
PLAYOFFS - Semi Final B-							
Notre Dame Hawks vs Warren Mercs (best of 7 series)							
GAME 1 - Notre Dame Hawks 6 vs Warren Mercs 5							
GAME 2 - Feb. 28 -Notre Dame Hawks 3 vs Warren Mercs 0							
GAME 3 - Mar. 2 - Notre Dame Hawks 4 vs Warren Mercs 5							
GAME 4 - Mar. 4 -Notre Dame Hawks 4 vs Warren Mercs 3							
GAME 5 - Mar. 7 - no score at press time							

PLAYOFFS - Semi Final A -							
Carman Beavers vs Portage Islanders (best of 7 series)							
GAME 1 -Carman Beavers 4 vs Portage Islanders 3							
GAME 2 - Carman Beavers 5 vs Portage Islanders 1							
GAME 3 -Carman Beavers 2 vs Portage Islanders 7							
GAME 4 - Mar. 2 - Carman Beavers 3 vs Portage Islanders 1							
GAME 5 - Mar. 4 - Carman Beavers 2 vs Portage Islanders 4							
GAME 6 - Mar. 9 - Carman Beavers vs Portage Islanders (no score at press time)							
GAME 7 - Mar. 4 -if necessary							

MANITOBA AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE

PLAYOFFS - Semi-Finals
Brandon Wheatkings vs Yellowhead Chiefs
Winnipeg Wild vs Eastman Selects

AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE
Rural Provincials being held in Stonewall/Warren March 10-12

MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE
PLAY-OFFS - FINALS Pembina Valley
(no schedule opponent at press time)

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY (Playoffs)
Morden Thunder defeated Carman Cougars to claim Zone IV championship

STATS AS OF TUESDAY, March 7



PHOTO BY LANA MEIER/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Twisters’ Morgan Wall makes a save in the 4-2 road lost to the Stonewall Jets on Sunday. The loss means the Twisters finish the regular season in fourth in the MMJHL.

Agriculture

Flying drones for a living

By Harry Siemens

M3 Aerial Productions is an aerial imaging service provider that use UAVs—drones—to take some really amazing shots from high up in the sky.

"We use fixed wing and multirotor UAVs ... equipped with high-resolution cameras, and/or calibrated remote sensors to gather our imagery/data," says the owner and school teacher Matthew Johnson, noting they service industries ranging from agriculture to mining/oil surveying, to real estate and more.

In an interview with Johnson last year, he talked about how he was able to get this business off the ground.

It all started, he says, with a discussion with his uncles about the future of drones and the "endless opportunities associated with the exploitation of this new technology," he said. "Over the course of several months, I toyed with the idea of using drones commercially. Based on running a few simple calculations, it was abundantly clear that profit in this industry would not be hard to come by. So I bought a drone."

Johnson bought a DJI Phantom 3 Professional, put up a few ads online to test the market, and received many responses asking if he had an Special Flight Operations Certificate, which tells a person how and where he may fly the drone.

One day last September, he received an email response to one of his ads that involved filming several rural farmsteads and cottages.

"From that moment a dream became a reality," he said, noting he registered his business and got to work. "Since all of the jobs were to take place in remote areas which fell under the regulations of the blanket SFOC exemption from Transport Canada, I was able to get to work within days."

He recalls how he was able to rather quickly pay off his drone, insurance, and other equipment.

"I started intensively researching the use of UAV in the agriculture industry, and momentum has been

building rapidly," Johnson said.

Today, he has several UAVs in his fleet, and he's worked with local agronomists to provide Normalized Difference Vegetation Index and Infrared Thermal imagery used in precision agriculture.

Fast forward to last week when Johnson reached out to this rather curious reporter to give an update interview.

"Well, my company, M3 Aerial Productions started off last year strictly as a service provider for aerial imagery using drones. We branched out in November. We started offering a pilot ground school training course," he said, explaining that in December new regulations require all UAV pilots receiving training through a registered ground school course with Transport Canada.

"I guess that's kind of where our focus is in the off season," Johnson said. "We're still going to be flying during the season coming up, but we're getting lots of interest in the course right now."

Ground school ensures pilots know the basics before they take their drones to the sky.

"What Transport Canada requires is training in the theoretical knowledge aspects of how to read aeronautical charts, and how to understand the classifications of airspace, and how to understand meteorological conditions and stuff like that," Johnson ex-



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Matthew Johnson of M3 Aerial Productions with one of his drones.

plained. "What our ground school is basically is just a knowledge factory so we can help people understand the regulations and what they need to know before they get out there and start flying."

Drone operators fall under either the recreational or the commercial designation. The former has a lot less regulation, though there are areas you're not allowed to fly.

As soon as you start making money off your flying, though, you become a commercial operation.

"Anybody who's using it on the farm for crop scouting or anybody who just wants to go out and take pictures of friends cottages, so they can sell them or whatever, that kind of thing, that's all commercial operations," Johnson said. "In order to mitigate risk, Transport Canada says that everybody has to take that course."

For more on Johnson's course, check out his website at www.m3aerial.com.

Debate on trade policy continues

By Harry Siemens

The debate on trade policy and how it could affect Canadian exporters is a big one that continues to receive a great deal of attention.

Mariette Mulaire, CEO of the World Trade Centre in Winnipeg, said Canadian business needs to focus on shifting the attitude in the United States from "Buy America" to "Buy North America."

To shed light on the anticipated changes in U.S. trade policy under the Donald Trump administration,

the centre recently hosted a seminar entitled "What's in it for U.S. eh?"

Mulaire said there's lots of discussion but, so far, little has actually changed.

"We've heard a lot of statements being made about changes to be made or dissatisfaction with certain trade agreements," she said. "The one that I think is off the table is the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and I think that is it so far."

"The rest is a lot of talk about the North American Trade Agreement having to be looked at again, about

the wall with Mexico, and about the fact that we're going to tighten and buy America. That's what we've been hearing."

Mulaire said that within the local business community many are taking what they're hearing to be gospel, but it's not a done deal and such an attitude doesn't even necessarily reflect the average American.

"We've heard more and more and more about Americans saying, 'We need Canada' ... and we've heard a lot,

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Canada may need to change its trading approach

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'Let's talk about Buy North America,' and I think that's where we should put our focus," she said.

Mulaire said it's important for governments at all levels as well as the business community to maintain relationships with their U.S. counterparts and keep open the lines of communication.

Along similar lines, Colin Robertson, the vice president of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, told the World Trade Centre conference Canada needs to send two key messages south in the months ahead.

"The first message is that we are a fair trading partner. I underline the word fair because that is the language that Mr. Trump is using," he said. "He's arguing that he will do fair trading deals with the world but it has to be fair and I think we are a fair trading partner. Our trade is almost in balance."

Robertson said Canada has a slight surplus, largely on the back of the oil exports which fuels the American manufacturing renaissance Trump wants to create.

"The second important message that we deliver to the U.S. we are a reliable ally," he said. "There is a need for Canada for our own reasons to pay more attention to North American security and our contribution to the collective security."

Robertson said Canada has reaped all the benefits of NAFTA within a decade and, while its renegotiation represents a challenge, it also offers an opportunity for Canada.

On a more specific note, Manitoba Pork chair George Matheson agrees that little has changed so far, though, when and if it does, it will force

Canada to reevaluate its approach to trade to bilateral agreements.

"It was a major disappointment that the Trans-Pacific Partnership could not be ratified by the U.S.," he said. "They were the main player, them and Japan, so without the U.S. in the picture it's not going to happen, so just unilateral trade agreements will have to take place. We've always had significant trade with Japan."

Matheson sees a great deal of opportunity with China, Korea, Vietnam, and continuing to move forward with

Mexico.

"We would like to it have been all encompassing with the many nations involved in the TPP but we will just have to take alternate avenues," he said. "President Trump is a businessman. I can't help but think he knows that trade to and from the United States is important. I don't think he's going to be to quick to change trade deals and be protectionist when it comes to U.S. trade."

Matheson said NAFTA has worked well, with the odd exception such as

COOL which is no longer in place, so renegotiating that deal is cause for concern.

"Mexico is very much a part of NAFTA and the U.S. exports a significant amount of pork into Mexico," he said. "If that relationship is jeopardized, it will affect the movement of pork out of the U.S. and, because Canadian selling prices for pork are based on the U.S. price, anything that affects the movement of U.S. pork will immediately impact Canadian prices."



By Harry Siemens

Recall, if you will, our trip to the Menno Colony in 2015, a working trip where I visited farms and shared Canadian agricultural stories one farmer or industry representative at a time.

That can include a researcher in Morden, a drone flyer and course teacher like Matthew Johnson in this week's publication, or someone from halfway around the world.

These days I hunt down many stories online, connecting with people on Twitter or other social media, but I remember when I used to drive 80,000 kilometres a month attending meetings, visiting farmers and farmyards, and going on tours, so I could meet people to share their stories..

I remember when I still used an old film camera, hurrying home to have the prints developed and hoping there would be a few good photos in there.

I remember the day, I think in 2000, when my friend won a digital cam-

era in a raffle, and because he didn't know how to use it, gave it to me to try.

Well, lo and behold, the rest is history. It's hard to believe 17 years ago I started taking digital pictures, wore out many cameras, and gave away my film gear to my daughter.

Most recently, when I bought my new iPhone to go to Paraguay with, taking some 1,800 images, I gave away my latest big SLR camera to the other daughter because it was just an extra thing to leave behind when in a hurry, and not always by choice.

What prompted this column today is our plans are developing quite nicely for another excursion, but this one is taking Judith and myself to Switzerland, England, and a few other European countries.

I'm just beginning to lay my plans, make more contacts on Twitter from those countries where I can make arrangements to visit farmers and other farm-related businesses. I know things are tough, but someone has to

do it.

We last toured Europe back in 1982. At that time I contacted various embassies from those countries in Ottawa, with a reference letter from then MP Jack Murta. I received so many responses we had to pare it back and, even so, the 28 days on tour weren't enough and it tired me out completely. However, a great trip nevertheless learning so much.

The following year we returned with two busloads of farmers from across Canada hosting one of the buses for the Canadian International Holidays tour company owned and operated by my friend Bill Quinn.

The offer from Derek McLaren of Carberry and Switzerland came back in January 2016. This year, saying we aren't getting any younger, we decided to take him up on it in May.

Don't worry though: thanks to the wonders of modern technology, I won't miss an article while I'm gone.

Birdies fly in support of the Imagination Library

The annual Imagination Library Badminton Tournament was a big success on Saturday. Organizer Steve Goertzen said the event had 20 teams come out to play, raising \$1,025 for the early childhood literacy program that sends free books out each month to every registered pre-school aged child in the Winkler area.

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COMING EVENTS

The 21st Annual Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum Induction Dinner will be held in Morden on June 3, 2017. Tickets may be obtained by contacting David Taylor at 204-476-3843, 204-841-3242 or taylor@brandonu.ca, Jack Hrehirchuk at 204-639-6923/204-648-6395 or jhrehirchuk@wgcwave.ca, David Olsen at 204-284-8728m 204-223-1929 or dholsen@mymts.net, or Joe Wiwchar at 204-822-4636 or mbbbhof@mymts.net Deadline for ticket sales is May 19, 2017.

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New Hope Mennonite Church
Spring Supper
Friday, March 17, 2017
5:00-7:30
at Gateway Resources
1582 Pembina Ave., Winkler
Serving: Chicken noodle soup and taco soup and dessert

NOTICES

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

HEARING LOCATION: Council Chambers at City of Winkler
185 Main Street, Winkler, MB

DATE & TIME: **Tuesday, March 28th, 2017 @ 7:00 pm**

GENERAL INTENT: By-law 2175-17 to amend the following sections of City of Winkler Zoning By-law 1938-08: Sections 7.2, 32.1, 54 59, 60, 70, and Appendix B.

AREA: By-Law 2175-17 will apply to the entire limits of the City of Winkler

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barb Dyck, City Manager
City of Winkler
Phone: (204) 325-9524

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



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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY STANLEY CORRIDOR SECONDARY PLAN BY-LAW 3-17
Being a requirement of the Manitoba Planning Act to approve the Rural Municipality of Stanley Secondary Plan By-Law 3-17

HEARING: R.M. of Stanley Council Chamber

LOCATION: 23111 PTH 14W, SW 7-3-4W

DATE & TIME: March 23, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.

GENERAL INTENT: To guide sustainable and planned development in the area designated as the Stanley Corridor in the MSTW Development Plan

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Toews, Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Stanley 23111 PTH 14W Phone: (204) 325-4101

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



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE MATTER of the Estate of **ABRAM FRIESEN**, late of the City of Winkler, in the Province of Manitoba, Deceased.

ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be sent to the undersigned at 184 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, R6W 0M3, within four (4) weeks of the date of this publication.

GILMOUR & BRAUL LAW OFFICE
Solicitor for the Estate

TENDER

Rosenort Residential Property for Sale by Tender

in the RM of Morris

Sealed tenders in writing for the purchase of the following property will be received by: Bruce D. Gregory Law Office

Property:

The Property is legally described as:

Lot 1 Plan 59224 WLTO in NE ¼ 11-6-1 WPM

and comprises approximately 11.8 acres of Land situate near Rosenort, Manitoba on which is situated a single family residence being approximately 1686 square feet with 3 bedrooms and an attached garage. The property also includes:

- Shop 4925 sq ft, 17 ft. straight wall with overhead crane (steel structure)
- Quonset 40 X 70 ft
- Wooden granary 24 x 32 ft.
- Small shop 24 X 32 ft.
- Old Chicken barn 14 x 28 ft.
- Storage Shed 12 X 12 ft.

Terms and Conditions of Tender of Sale:

1. Tenders to be received on or before 4 PM on Friday, March 31, 2017.
2. Possession will be August 1, 2017.
3. Each tender must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 deposit cheque payable to: Bruce D. Gregory Trust. (Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.)
4. The balance of the purchase price is payable on August 1, 2017
5. Tender(s) are binding upon acceptance and are not subject to any conditions precedent.
6. Real Property Taxes for 2017 will be adjusted as of August 1, 2017.
7. Title to the property will be transferred free and clear of all registered mortgages, encumbrances and leases, except caveat no. 257050/1 filed by Manitoba Telephone System pursuant to an Easement Agreement and an existing residential tenancy. (The Purchaser will be responsible to give notice that the Purchaser will require occupancy of the residence for their own purposes as of August 1, 2017.)
8. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by August 1, 2017, or other satisfactory arrangements are not in place, the deposit shall be forfeited to the vendors as liquidated damages and not as penalty.
9. The Purchaser shall rely entirely upon his/her personal inspection and knowledge of the property, independent of the representations made by the Vendors or the Solicitor and Agent of the Vendors.
10. The Property will be sold "as is" and the Purchaser is solely responsible to determine the value and condition of the Property, land quality, Property use, environmental condition and any other information pertaining to the Property.
11. The Property may be viewed by appointment prior to March 31, 2017 by telephoning 204-746-8261.
12. The successful purchaser will within 7 days of being advised that he/she is a successful bidder, execute an agreement to complete the purchase according to the above conditions.
13. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For further information contact:

Bruce D. Gregory Law Corporation
Barrister & Solicitor
Box 811, Morris, Manitoba, R0G 1K0
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R.M. of Thompson Tender Gravel Hauling

Tenders are being accepted by the R.M. of Thompson for hauling of gravel and shale for the 2017 season. Price will be based on cost per yard per loaded mile, approximately 10,000 loaded miles of gravel and 3,300 loaded miles of shale, average haul per load is 16 miles. Must own middle dump trailer.

Tender must include the following:
Breakdown of cost per loaded mile

Letter of good standing from
WCB Manitoba

Preference may be given to local ratepayers, Council reserves the right to reject any and all tenders. Lowest bid not necessarily accepted.

Submit Tender on or before March 27, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m. to:

R.M. of Thompson
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Morden Police Board Meeting

**Tuesday,
March 21, 2017
7:00 pm**

Morden Civic Centre
195 Stephen St., Morden

All those wishing to be on the agenda to speak must register at the beginning of the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Call for Nominations Stanley Soil Management Association Board of Directors

SSMA membership is open to any residents of the R.M. of Stanley or the cities of Winkler or Morden who have an interest in promoting soil and water conservation.

Elections will be held for 3 directors representing Ward 2 (west side, including Morden) at the SSMA AGM Tuesday, March 14, 1:00 PM at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum Hall.

For more information, call 204 362-0352 or e-mail stanleysoil@hotmail.com

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The current contract holders Mavis and John Schmidt are retiring and duties commence May 1. Contract commencing May 1 concluding December 31, 2017 with review/renewal at that time.

Specifics to the job requirements may be obtained from Bob Luger, LUD Committee Chairman 204.246.2232 or the Municipality of Pembina office 204.242.2838 email admin@pembina.ca

Written proposals must be submitted to the Municipality of Pembina PO Box 189, Manitou, MB R0G 1G0 no later than noon Friday March 31, 2017.

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mbrown@brownlawoffice.org
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Thank you for your interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Winkler Kid's Korner Nursery School

FALL REGISTRATION

Winkler EMM Church (Southview Dr.) - South Entrance
Tues., March 21, 2017 from 6:30-7:30 PM

- 3 year old program - Tues AM or PM (\$160.00)
- 1 day 4 year old program - Wed AM or PM (\$160.00)
- 2 day 4 year old program - Mon/Thurs AM or PM (\$320.00)

Please Note:

- You MUST bring a \$80 non-refundable deposit, a post dated cheque covering the remainder of the fee and MHSC Card to complete registration
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STORAGE MANAGER

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Qualifications & Skills:

- A proven leader with the ability to problem solve, plan and lead improvement initiatives
- An "always better" attitude
- Effective communicator
- A life-long learner with an inquisitive mind-set who enjoys problem-solving
- Focused on detail
- Post-secondary education not required but would be an asset
- Experience in the agricultural sector
- Competent computer skills and ability to use a variety of software
- Possess a valid Manitoba Class 5 driver's license

**Please send or email your resume to,
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Questions may be directed to
Marvin Dyck,
Kroeker Farms Limited,
at 1 (204) 325-4333, or by
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March 31, 2017**

**We thank all applicants for their interest.
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Desired Requirements:

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- Positive team players
- Ability to focus

Wage rate is \$11.00/hour

Please send or email your resume to, drop off your application attention to:

Ed Klassen
Human Resources Manager
(204) 325 - 4333
777 Circle K Drive
Winkler, MB R6W 0K7
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Deadline for applications - March 30, 2017

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OBITUARY

Anne Neufeld (nee Wiebe) 1925 – 2017



On Tuesday, February 28, 2017 our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother went to her heavenly home at the age of 91 years.

Mom was born on April 17, 1925 to Jacob and Katharina Wiebe. She grew up in the Ruderweide School District. She was baptized upon her confession of faith on May 29, 1944 and became a member of the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Church where she remained her entire life. Her life was not always easy growing up. They did not do a lot of socializing but her sister, Susie was her constant companion as well as the numerous animals on the farm. They enjoyed working in grandma's huge garden and was involved in 4-H. Mom met her first love, Henry Harder at her cousin's wedding

and they were married on July 1st, 1945. They lived at grandma and grandpa Harder's home for two months before they moved to B. C. for the winter months. For a number of years they lived in a 60 year old house on the family farm before dad built mom a small home just outside of Plum Coulee where they were blessed with and raised their five children. Mom and dad were hard workers and the only day for socializing was on Sunday - usually with family. Her life's work was being a loving mother, homemaker and a dedicated wife. She was involved in church activities such as Ladies Group and also in 4-H. Mom took great pride in her home. Saturdays, the house was filled with the smell of freshly polished floors which we had to polish with rags until we were fortunate enough to get an electric floor polisher. The smell of fresh baked buns also permeated the house. Someone, who shall remain nameless, would scoop out the insides with her little fingers and then put the bun back thinking mom would not notice. Even though in later years when we had a dryer, mom still loved to hang out the clothes on the wash line even in the freezing cold because she loved how the clothes smelled. They of course were stiff as a board and certainly not dry. We spent hours tolling in mom's garden fighting the ever present fata han. Our mom was an excellent cook and we loved nothing more than when we could go with mom to the field and watch dad enjoy the meal mom had lovingly prepared for him. On a hot day, mom would make watermelon and roll kuchen and we would enjoy it under the tree by the machine shed.

Mom and dad were able to do some travelling. While growing up, we did get to Detroit Lakes but often our trips were shortened or interrupted because someone had locked the keys in the trunk of the car or it was raining and dad being the dedicated farmer that he was had to turn around and come home. Mom never complained. Mom's favourite trip of theirs was to Hawaii and the camping trip to B.C. and Spokane Washington. In 1974, Dad built mom her dream home just outside of Winkler but they only got to live there for just over two years before dad passed away in 1977. Mom had some lonely years but found love again when she married Henry Neufeld on August 2, 1981. They had 35 wonderful years together. Mom had an unflinching faith in God. She spent lots of time praying for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her faith was evident in how she lived. Above all else, Mom's family was the most important to her. She was proud of each one of them. She especially enjoyed the visits from the little ones. They brought her so much joy. In later years, mom had numerous falls and a stroke which made it necessary for her to leave her beloved home at Crocus and move into Salem home on Maple North. Although the transition wasn't easy she loved the staff there who took such good care of her. For that we are forever grateful.

Mom was predeceased by her first husband, Henry; her daughter, Valerie and daughter-in-law, Valerie; three sisters and five brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Neufeld; son-in-law, Rick Peters; son, Ken Harder; daughter, Yvonne Elias (Lloyd); son, Gordon Harder (Anna); daughter, Cheryl Wiens (Alvin); nine grandchildren and their spouses as well as 15 great-grandchildren; step children, Sharon Enns (Willie), Florence Hofer (Dave), Heather Olfert (Terry); seven step grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren; her sister, Susie and brother and sister-in-law, John and Agatha Giesbrecht.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

We as a family would express our heartfelt thanks for the many prayers, acts of love and kindness shown to our family and our mother.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Anne's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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OBITUARY

Evelyn Siemens (nee Thiessen) 1932 – 2017



Evelyn Siemens, beloved wife of Henry J. Siemens of Winkler, MB passed away peacefully with family by her side at Salem Home on Sunday February 26, 2017 at the age of 84.

Evelyn was born June 3, 1932 to Ben W. and Helen Thiessen in the Kronsriede District. Evelyn was baptized upon the confession of her faith on May 19, 1951. On June 24, 1951, Evelyn married Henry J. Siemens of Horndean. They farmed together in the Horndean area for 27 years, moved to Altona in 1978 and lived there for another 27 years. While they lived in Altona, Evelyn enjoyed working with the Cradle Roll Ministry at the Bergthaler Mennonite Church. In 2005, they moved to Winkler. Evelyn enjoyed participating in floor curling and shuffleboard at the Senior Centre

and they made many new friends in Winkler. During the advanced stages of Parkinson's Evelyn had a bad fall and was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Centre in November 2015. In March of 2016, Evelyn moved to the Care Home in Notre Dame De Lourdes and her final earthly move was to Salem Home in August 2016. It was there that Evelyn slipped quietly into the arms of Jesus.

Evelyn is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Henry J. Siemens and five children: Glen (Karen) Siemens of Plum Coulee, Karen (Phil) Friesen of Crystal City, Colleen (David) Dueck of Lowe Farm, Rhonda (Marvin) Thiessen of Alexander and Lavern (Darlene) Siemens of Horndean; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Evelyn is also survived by her beloved sister, Erna Hildebrand and one brother-in-law, Abe (Rollie) Wiebe. Evelyn was predeceased by her parents, Ben W. and Helen Thiessen, four sisters, one brother and one great-grandson.

A celebration of Evelyn's life has taken place on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. A private interment was held at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Evelyn's memory to the Salem Foundation, 165 15th Street Winkler, MB R6W 1T8.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for the many prayers; as well as the acts of love and care given to Evelyn Siemens by the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Foyer Notre Dame and Salem Home.

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OBITUARY

Jacob P Derksen 1923 – 2017



Jacob Derksen was born on January 28, 1923 to Peter and Tena Derksen in the RM of Stanley. He passed away on February 22, 2017 at Salem Home of Winkler at the age of 94 years.

Jake attended school in Hamburg, MB until grade eight, which was just down the road from the family farm. Jake's mom passed away in 1940, when he was 17 years old. He and his younger brother Peter helped their dad on the farm. When he was 21 years old, on May 29, 1944, he was baptized and became a member of the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Mennonite Church, which made him a member for almost 73 years. During World War II, Jake went before a judge to get the status as a Mennonite Conscientious Objector. Jake married Annie Enns on September 22, 1946. They

had two sons, Brian and Reg. Jake was very ambitious, hardworking, loved to learn, and enjoyed music and travelling. He was active in the communities of Kane and Plum Coulee and in the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Church.

Jake started farming in the Kane area in 1950, and in 1961 they moved to a farm in the Hamburg district near Plum Coulee. He was proud to later be able to farm with his sons, and loved having them and their families around him daily. When they moved to Winkler in 1992, Jake took up golfing and had more time for his woodworking projects. Jake was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2008. He was hospitalized in early 2015 and spent time in Swan Lake and Manitou before being transferred to Salem Home in August, 2015. On February 22, at 10:30 am, he made his final transfer to his heavenly home. The memorial service was held on February 27, 2017 at the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Church.

Jake will be missed by his wife, Annie (nee Enns); his son, Brian and wife, Dorothy of Plum Coulee, Brian's children - Cameron (Alana) of Victoria, BC, Monica of Winnipeg, Daniel (Tracy) of Plum Coulee and their children, Nathan, Luke, and Hudson, one step-granddaughter, Jennifer Unrau of Calgary, his son, Reg and wife, Dorothy of Winkler, their children, Lance (Vickie) of Oak Bluff and their children, Quinn and Chase, Ross (Holly) of Winkler and their children, Jessa and Ethan, Blake (Sarah Joy) of Winkler and their son, Everett. Jake is also survived by one sister-in-law, Mary Derksen of Plum Coulee.

Thank you to the workers at the care facilities that took care of our dad/grandpa. Thank you to all who attended the funeral to support us. We are very grateful for the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Church family and their service to us. The Derksen Family

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OBITUARY



Peter J Harder 1950 - 2017

In the early morning on Monday, February 27, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Peter J. Harder went to his heavenly home. He was surrounded by his family as he went into the arms of Jesus.

He leaves to mourn his passing wife, Lottie Harder (nee Neufeld); son, Chad and Val (Aidan and Tyrel), and son, Darrell and Cheryl (Emily, Laney and Carly). Also surviving are four brothers, two sisters, five sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law and their families. Dad was predeceased by his father, Henry Harder in 2004; his mother, Helen Harder in 2010; one nephew and one brother-in-law.

Dad was born on June 4, 1950 in Steinbach, MB. He met Mom, the love of his life when they were very young and they were married on July 12, 1969. Dad and Mom spent six years in Steinbach and

then moved to Winkler in 1975 along with their two sons. They were baptized on June 13, 1976 in the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church and attended there until began attending and transferred their membership to the Winkler Mennonite Church. Dad worked for over 30 years as a meat cutter and for the last 16 years was employed at Meridian. Dad loved his family. His favorite thing in this whole life was watching his grandkids – whether they were riding horse, playing hockey, soccer, baseball, or basketball. Dad was a man of few words and he was so grateful for all of the company in the hospital, the prayers and support – especially from his Meridian family.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Winkler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

We would like to thank Pastor Glen, Pastor Bernie, Dr. Chudley, Dr. Woelk, the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Kiley and the staff at Wiebe Funeral Home for the excellent care Dad received.

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

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OBITUARY



Martha Labun (nee Fast) 1922 – 2017

On Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Martha Labun aged 94 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Kronsart went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Abram; one daughter, Eileen and John Kocsis and their son, Matthew, two sons, Reynold and Barb and their son, Tim and Debbie Labun.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2017 at the BTHC Chapel with a private interment at the Bloomfield-Rosewell Cemetery.

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

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Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

- Fall down
- Walmart founder Walton
- Los Angeles time zone
- Gallantry
- Early Supreme Court justice Bartlett
- One-time governor of Maryland
- Act of imitating
- Popular basketballer Jeremy
- Round Dutch cheese
- S. American rodents
- Comic opera "Princess _"
- Commodities buyers and sellers (slang)
- Hovers
- Having had one's head cut off
- One-time monetary unit of Greece
- Not no
- Beloved Cubs third baseman Ron
- Shapes
- Giants signal caller Manning
- Moves all the way around
- Babe Ruth retired as one
- Relinquishing
- Native religion in China
- Not well
- Fill with high spirits
- In bed
- Type of pet
- Somewhere to go
- Smaller quantity
- Ingested
- Singer and Jacobs are two
- Singer
- British rockers _ Zeppelin
- Like

CLUES DOWN

- Polyvinyl acetate
- Canadian folk musician
- Evergreen trees and shrubs
- Meat from a pig (French)

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- Secrecion
- Quality of yielding nothing of value
- Aquatic mammal
- Father
- Protective crusts
- Caps
- Handwoven rug
- Soil-like material
- Not wide
- When you aim to get there
- Hold molecules
- Tooth caregiver
- Amount of time
- Beverage container
- Perform
- Appollo's grandmother
- Obsolete home entertainment device
- Serbian mythological demon
- Bulgarian currency
- Midway between south and southeast
- Makes sense
- A way to single out
- Criminal (slang)
- Former Tigers third baseman Brandon
- Wobbled
- Singapore's second highest peak
- Grossly overweight
- Radioactivity units
- Famed Spanish painter
- Internet router algorithm
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Druidic mother goddess
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
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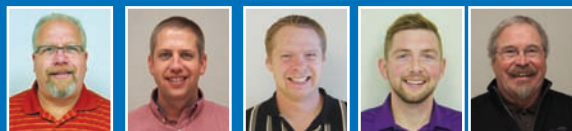
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