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Snow cleanup putting city crews to the test

By Lorne Stelmach

Two more winter storms back to back over the holidays made cleanup operations a challenge for the region.

Snow clearing throughout Winkler, Morden and the R.M. of Stanley is taking more time than usual thanks to the sheer amount of the white stuff dumped on southern Manitoba in recent weeks.

"We need some patience ... it just takes time ... and hopefully we don't get another big dump of snow," said Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson last week.

He estimated the municipality has about 400 miles of road to clear plus the villages, and the volume of snow becomes a safety concern, particularly with the reduced visibility.

"Right now, the roads were full, the ditches are full. That's our challenge," he said. "It takes us about two days to run the whole RM to get it clean once ... and if the wind pops up again,

we've got to do it all over again. Right now, we've had out every piece of equipment we've got."

Les Wieler, director of public works for Morden, said that as snowfall after snowfall hit, it quickly became a challenge for the city to catch up.

"We have a lot of snow cover to deal with. It's getting to the point where we're running out of room," he said. "Our streets are starting to get narrower and our banks are getting higher ... so visibility is an issue as well."

"We have to ask people for patience ... because we had big events back to back, we were a little behind."

Crews were continuing to work long days to make a dent in the task, with contractors helping out as well. Wieler noted they are hoping the weather gives them a break.

"If we get another one or two of these [storms], I'm thinking we're going to have to rethink some of our snow clearing strategies," he said. "We're having a little bit of trouble



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Snow clearing crews in the Winkler-Morden area have been working to clean up after the multiple major snowfalls of the last few weeks. Still, towering walls of snow remain as workers play catch up.

getting our sidewalks open because we had four or five feet of snow to punch through, so you're basically walking through tunnels now."

Once the roads were passable and open again, staff gradually moved on to hauling away snow piles, starting with the downtown area last Thursday.

"With our snow dump, we're not in trouble yet," Wieler noted.

It's the same story in Winkler.

Peter Froese, director of public works, said that for city crews it almost seems like "all they have done since Dec. 6 is move snow.

"There were a few walkways that hadn't even been opened yet from the previous [snowfall], and we were already getting hammered with an-

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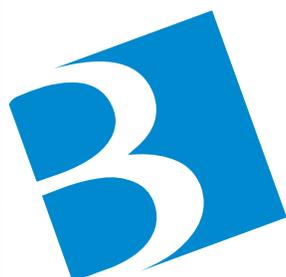
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other one," he said. "It's been busy, and I'm hoping we don't get snow for a couple weeks now ... so that we can catch up."

He agreed the concern now becomes what do you do with all of the snow, as it does become a safety concern.

"The boulevards are full ... the roads are getting narrow," said Froese. "Once we have our main cleanup done ... we will find a way to widen the roads. We'll have to probably take the blower and go down the sides and throw it up on top just so we have wider roads again."

Some snow will need to be hauled away, but he suggested they could not do all of it.

"We have to be a little more economical than that ... to haul everything out doesn't work ... that's not affordable."

Meanwhile, as far as the cost of all this cleanup goes, both cities don't see the snow clearing going over budget for the past year.

"We had a fairly light start to 2016, so we still had money in the budget," noted Morden city manager John Scarce.

He observed that it is a difficult area to budget for each year

"You can never get it perfect," he said. "I look at it more along the lines of having it over a 10 year cycle ... if you can keep the budget numbers within the 10 year cycle ... you're going to have ups, you're going to have downs."

"It's one of those budget items you'll never get right ... you'll be way under or over. I wouldn't expect the budget would be that far over."

Barb Dyck, city manager for Winkler, suggested they would just slightly be going over their budget of about \$80,000 for the season.

"I'm thinking we're probably going to be a little bit over ... it's not going to be a whole lot. It'll probably be very close to dead on."

"We did not spend a whole lot last winter ... so we had that cushion there ... which was a good thing," she added. "We have had more snow than I have seen in a long time."

Like Scarce, Dyck points out the challenges budgeting for such a vari-

able service brings each year.

"One year you can have that amount and you don't spend more than half of

it ... the next year you have that same amount and you exceed it," she said. "You just hope that you'll have sur-

plus somewhere else."

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'Faces of Winkler' shares local stories

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts & Culture's newest exhibit seeks to share the stories of 12 people who help form the mosaic of our community.

The Park St. art gallery launched its *Faces of Winkler* exhibition last Friday night with a wine and cheese reception.

A dozen Winkler-ites—some well known, like Mayor Martin Harder or Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer, and others less so, such as Gateway Resources worker Mary Krahn or five-year-old Alexander Sawatzky—were paired up with a photographer and an artist this fall.

Each display, then, features a brief description of the subject as well as a large photo portrait and a piece of art that attempts to capture a bit of who they are as a person.

The exhibition was the brainchild of WAC board member Tom Penner, who said inspiration hit when he first toured the gallery at its grand opening this summer.

"An idea that flooded my mind was: what if we featured local people?" he recalled. "Because this centre isn't just about drawings or paintings or photography. It's about connecting people. That's what community needs. Life is about people. It's about telling one another's stories, and that's exactly what this has turned into."

Coming up with community members to feature was easy, Penner said—the real challenge came in limiting the show to just 12.

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"[We wanted] people from every walk of life, people who are recognizable in the community and maybe people who aren't as recognizable," he said. "From children to the mayor, from businesspeople to people who work at Gateway Resources—a

wide variety of people. But all of them are in their own right Winkler. They all make up the city. We all do."

Every one of them has had a life filled with accomplishments and challenges, he added, and when you combine those stories with the creative talents of the artists, "it's turned into something spectacular."

Photographer Tyler Friesen, who was



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From left: The Bunker's Kevin Hildebrand was the subject of artist Caleb Hamm and photographer Tyler Friesen's display for the *Faces of Winkler* exhibition on now at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.

tasked with creating four portraits for the show, used light and shadow to showcase his subjects.

"They all have a strip light across the face ... just representing all of the people here not being recognized day to day for what they do," he said. "Just being a light in the community."

Friesen said it's always a challenge to try and capture the personality of someone in a single photograph, but it was one he was excited to tackle.

"It's always amazing to represent people doing positive things, giving them a little bit of recognition and digging into their lives a little bit," he said.

Artist Caleb Hamm painted a piece in honour of Kevin Hildebrand, executive director of The Bunker.

Hamm said he sat down with Hildebrand to learn a bit more about his ministry work and was struck by his passion for reaching out to the marginalized in our society.

What resonated most for Hamm was when Hildebrand told him, "We're not here to preach to kids, we're just here to love them." As a result, Hamm tried to showcase a bit of that in his painting, which shows Hildebrand

sitting on a couch in an alleyway, enjoying a cup of coffee and reaching out his hand to someone in need.

"This is a great idea," Hamm added of the show as a whole. "I think just seeing the diversity gives it a real sense of community. It shows the personality of the person in a whole different perspective."

Like many of the exhibition's subjects, seeing the finished work he inspired was an emotional experience for Hildebrand.

"I had told him, 'You do what your heart and your mind tells you,'" he recalled, "and that same afternoon he sent me this black and white pencil sketch of just the basics of this and I just teared up ... just the roughness of it. In a back alley on a rotted-out couch, just me being in that environment, reaching out. He nailed it."

Fellow subject Henry Siemens—for whom artist Wess Freeheart carved a giant snow sculpture to represent his experiences acclimatizing to a new community and culture—was taken aback at how well the artists and photographers managed to capture people's lives.

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The *Faces of Winkler* opening reception had a full house on Friday, giving family and friends of the artists and subjects a chance to see the exhibition first. Above: Special Olympics athlete Keith Peters with the art pieces inspired by his story.



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Mark your calendar for Morden's Winterfest

By Lorne Stelmach

Preparations are underway for Morden's annual celebration of winter.

Now in its ninth year, Winterfest has become a more established event in the community, organizers suggested last week.

"People know about it now, which is great ... it's something we get called about ... even as far as people wanting to participate," said spokesperson Lynette Froese. "I think the City of Morden has really grabbed on to it as one of our feature events of the year."

The 2017 Morden Winterfest is set

for Saturday, Feb. 18 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. indoors and out at the Access Event Centre.

It will again offer a variety of events and entertainment, with outdoor activities such as horse-drawn sleigh rides and hockey and indoor activities like cultural displays, food, and enter-

tainment.

For a second year, the local Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics will also be held in conjunction with the festival.

In addition to making the most of the winter season, Winterfest is also about celebrating the different nationalities and cultures in the community.

"Our goal has always been to bring people together from the different cultures here in Morden and the area," Froese said. "It's also to give people a chance to experience the joys of winter."

"It's been growing over the years ... and we've had a good variety of different cultural groups represented," she said. "This year, again, we'll be

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There will be fun to be had indoors and out at the ninth annual Winterfest in Morden, which takes place on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Access Event Centre.

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'Faces' on display at arts centre until Feb. 1

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"I thought the idea was amazing right out of the gate ... but a little off-putting, too, because you don't really know what they're going to do," he admitted. "But when I walk through here ... every piece, both the photograph and the artwork, really captures those people. I'm so amazed at the talent that we have in this community, that they can do that."

Penner noted that the art gallery plans to make *Faces of Winkler* an annual event.

nual event.

"I'm excited about, Monday morning, sit down and start looking at who do we pick for next year, how do we feature more people?" he said.

Faces of Winkler will be on display at the gallery until Feb. 1. Admission is free. Gallery hours can be found online at winklerarts.com.

Gateway Resources worker Mary Krahn is one of 12 Winklerites showcased in the *Faces of Winkler* exhibition on now at the art gallery.



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The creative art of boredom

The great writer Neil Gaiman once offered some advice to other writers about boredom:

"I think it's where ideas come from. They come from day dreaming, from drifting, that moment when you're just sitting there ... The trouble with these days is that it's really hard to get bored. I have 2.4 million people on Twitter who will entertain me at any moment ... it's really hard to get bored."

It is exceptionally difficult to get bored these days. I remember when I was younger, in the summer days when school was out I would often find myself a living corpse roaming the house, moaning about how bored I was.

Mum would respond with, "Clean your room!"

"I'm not that kind of bored!" I would holler back, and then the moaning would resume.



By Peter Cantelon

As a reasonably able technophile and a major screen junkie I can attest to Gaiman's comment about how difficult it is these days to be bored. Every spare moment is filled somehow. Bored? Pick up the phone and check social media. Open the laptop and play some Elder Scrolls Online and watch how quickly three hours goes by and suddenly it's midnight. Maybe watch *Deadpool* for the tenth time.

I believe we need time to be bored. As a writer, it is where ideas come from, ironically. Not from the internet of things but from that vast and open space where anything might rise to the surface when given an opportunity to.

I don't think the value of boredom is simply for writers, however. I believe boredom should be sought by all people regularly. Trust me, it is therapeutic.

Now, I am calling this the art of boredom but others might call it Sabbath and still others a time for meditation. The idea is to stop. Stop doing. Stop thinking. Be still and know. Be still.

When we sit and clear away the clutter, when we intentionally seek out boredom, amazing things can happen. Our minds abhor a vacuum and the old adage "necessity is the mother

of invention" springs to action in this state.

One might think it is easy to simply be still, but nothing could be further from the truth. The second we stop actions with our mouths, our hands and feet, our eyes ... when this happens our minds start becoming busy in unhelpful ways. We start making lists and checking them. We think about the budget. We think about shopping. We start doing our homework in our heads or planning the garden, etc.

This must also stop if we are to master the art of being bored. It requires isolation. It requires silence.

Then, when this is accomplished, we must stay there like a lone person in a boat in the middle of a calm ocean waiting.

When we find this place, when we come to this zen boredom destination, this is where our greatest ideas and insights rise up unbidden. This is the place where the great solutions are found and epiphanies are earned.

But I warn you: the path to boredom is hard and fraught with distraction. It is the most difficult place to get to, but when you arrive you will be thankful you put in the effort to be bored.

Here's to doing nothing and the amazing somethings that come of it.

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Celebrating cultural diversity

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trying to get some new ones in addition to those that have been around with us for awhile."

One aspect of the festival that is growing is having food from the different nations represented in the community.

"We're working on getting that organized in conjunction with our world cooking class," Froese said.

"We have limited space ... so we're

trying to also give a variety of people a chance," she continued, noting they also hope to see the displays expand.

"We will be having vendors again this year, which we introduced last year ... for people who are interested in marketing some of their things that are reflective of the different cultures," Froese said, adding they were also hoping to have the First Nations represented this year.

"We also want to feature Canadian culture in the First Nations display as well as the [Pembina] Thresher-

men's Museum ... so giving people a bit of our Canadian history," she said. "And I think we're working on having a really good lineup of entertainers."

While working to finalize all the plans for this year's event, Froese noted they are also already kicking around some big ideas for 2018.

"Next year is our 10th annual ... so we've already been talking about and how we might celebrate the fact we made it to that point ... it's a nice milestone."

Threshermen's Museum reports on busy year

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year was one of both continued growth and challenges for the Pembina Threshermen's Museum.

Both were touched on as directors held the Hwy. 3 heritage village's annual general meeting on Saturday.

Speakers including manager Kimberly Striemer and returning president Howard Thiessen, both of whom particularly paid tribute to the volunteer efforts that keep the pioneer museum going.

"It takes a lot of hard labour to simply maintain an outdoor museum of our size, let alone to improve it," said Striemer, who estimated a total of about 15,000 volunteer hours went

into keeping things running in 2016.

"It's the dedication of those kinds of people that make the whole think work obviously," added Thiessen, citing the example of one volunteer who was determined to restore a tractor that was sitting in hundreds of pieces.

"The guys find solutions ... we have a mechanic ... he said, 'A man made it, a man can fix it.' That's a pretty good mentality to have," said Thiessen.

"Those are real rewarding ... when you see people with that kind of dedication to the place ... they will make it work. That's what makes the whole place work ... volunteers ... they have that kind of mindset."

The year ended with the museum showing about a \$32,000 deficit on

revenue of just under \$140,000 and expenses of around \$172,000.

"Money struggles are always there," said Thiessen, noting a large part of that shortfall was attributed to the museum not getting an anticipated grant for the construction of the outdoor washrooms.

The past year otherwise was judged to be a success, with Striemer noting PTM recorded its fifth straight year of increased attendance.

She also touched on the facility's efforts to raise awareness through such avenues as social media like Facebook, where it is approaching 400 followers.

"It's a good feeling that there's so much positive talk about us," she said.

Striemer also highlighted their efforts to expand on their partnerships in the community, such as with Regional Connections to help welcome newcomers to the area and with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler.

"It is important to reach out and help others in the community as well ... I do believe there are times where what we can give ... is worth its weight in gold."

The museum also made good progress in the past year on a range of projects, including work on new exhibits, painting its buildings, restoration of tractors and other equipment, and the construction of the new washrooms.

The biggest project was extensive restoration work on the Braun House.

"A lot of effort and energy went to trying to get things to move ahead ... we hit a brick wall so many times, so many ways," said Thiessen. "Just to see that it's as far as it is feels rewarding. Things can in fact happen if you stay at it long enough."

He noted that there likely were no major projects for the year ahead.

"We decided to low-key it this coming year just because we don't want to put more strain on our finances than what we have already. Maybe it's a year of recovering and regrouping a bit."

One project Thiessen admitted he would like to pursue is getting a rail car to rest beside the heritage village's grain elevator.

"To me, it would make sense to have an old box car sitting beside the elevator," he said, suggesting the towering elevator has become a highlight for visitors to the museum.

There are also plans for a new wildlife exhibit in a building constructed with the support of a donor who is giving the museum a large taxidermy collection to house and display.

Those plans aside, Thiessen also suggested they would like to see more young people get involved as volunteers to help keep the museum going well into the future.

"I wish we could see more younger people taking a real keen interest in the place."

"IT TAKES A LOT OF HARD LABOUR TO SIMPLY MAINTAIN AN OUTDOOR MUSEUM OF OUR SIZE, LET ALONE IMPROVE IT."



Howard Thiessen, who returns as the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's board president, says that after a year of major restoration projects, the facility is taking a bit of a breather in 2017, though they still have plenty of ideas to improve the pioneer village.

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Morden woman facing armed robbery charges

A Morden woman is facing a multitude of charges, including two for armed robbery.

The 27-year-old was arrested after a series of incidents Jan. 5 that began with a woman telling police she had been kidnapped in her vehicle by another female.

The victim had stopped at the Royal Bank to cash a cheque and returned to her vehicle to find a woman was sitting in the rear seat, asking for money. The victim said she did not have any money, and the suspect then asked for a ride to another location.

Once there, police say the suspect again asked for money, and when the victim again refused, she took the victim's laptop charging cord and wrapped it around the victim's neck. The victim was able to break free of the cord and flee the vehicle, keys in hand. She later noticed her laptop was missing from her vehicle.

During the investigation, police reviewed surveillance footage from the Traveller's Inn where a female suspect was seen trying to unsuccessfully open the cash register.

Later that same day, police were

called to Video Visions, where they learned a woman had just fled on foot after having entered wearing a bandana around her face and holding a table leg while asking for money. The staff person refused and called police.

Police were able to identify and then arrest the woman, who admitted to the two robberies as well as the attempted theft of money from the hotel.

Police noted that they also learned the suspect left two children aged six and three alone for several hours.

As a result, she is charged with two

counts of robbery, mischief under \$5,000, two counts of theft, disguise with intent, two counts of abandoning a child, choke to overcome, kidnapping, and assault with a weapon.

The woman, whose name was not released, has been remanded into custody pending a court appearance.

Other items of note in the most recent Winkler and Morden police reports include:

- A Winkler restaurant owner called police on Jan. 4 after noticing several

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Home & Life Show accepting registrations

By Lorne Stelmach

Planning is underway for the major trade show of the year in Morden.

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is preparing for its annual Home and Life Show the first weekend of March.

The show usually fills up with over 40 exhibitors, and chamber members have first crack at registering for the event.

"Every year, our exhibitor space does sell out, so we encourage businesses to connect with us to book their space," said executive director Candace Olafson.

Existing or new chamber of commerce members of the have first opportunity to book booth space and also receive a discounted rate. Non-members may book space after Jan. 20 or sign-up to be placed on a waiting

list before that date.

The exhibitor rates range from \$200 for a basic table display up to \$1,200 to be a featured display that will be highlighted in the trade show's marketing campaign.

The Home and Life Show runs Friday, March 3 from 3-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Access Event Centre.

The event is a showcase of the variety of businesses in the community and offers a great opportunity for customers to visit numerous businesses under one roof and see what they all have to offer, Olafson said.

"It's a way for southern Manitoba businesses to showcase their products and for the local community to check out all the different businesses that are in and around our area," she said. "It's a really good reminder of what all you can get right

"IT'S A REALLY GOOD REMINDER OF WHAT ALL YOU CAN GET RIGHT HERE ... WITHOUT TRAVELLING FAR."



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Registration for the Morden chamber's Home & Life Show is on now.

here ... without travelling far to get all sorts of really unique things."

Olafson suggested the show has become well established by now and that people look forward to it each year.

"For the exhibitors ... I think they're really connecting with people and able to speak directly to their customers or potential customers and to make that one on one contact," she said. "It gives businesses really a chance to show what they have to offer and connect with many people face to face."

The show is free to attend and highlights a wide variety of products and services.

"We have everything from camping and gardening to health and beauty, home decor, furniture, appliances, outdoor sports ... there's just a really wide variety of things at the show," Olafson said, estimating that it may attract in the range of 1,700 people over the two days.

More information, including registration packages, are available online at mordenchamber.com.

Stanley council okays fire services funding

By Lorne Stelmach

RM of Stanley council gave itself a minor increase in pay for the year ahead and set its special services by-law for fire and emergency services at its Jan. 5 meeting.

The special service levy is set to help provide for emergency services for the municipality, including fire protection from the cities of Winkler and Morden.

The bylaw allows the municipality to charge otherwise exempt properties for fire and emergency services—such as churches, schools, and hospitals—to help to spread out the cost more evenly.

It allows for additional charges for services including 911 as well as the CodeRed emergency alert system and the Southern Emergency Response Committee.

The municipality pays for fire protection services from Winkler and Morden. That budget is still to be finalized for 2017, but last year protec-

tive service costs for the municipality were \$612,000, which includes fire protection as well as the other related fees such as for 911 service.

Olafson said it is a good deal for the municipality to contribute towards the costs for the two fire departments.

"It helps them in maintaining their buildings, their fire trucks and their equipment," he said. "It is a great al-

ternative to having our own fire department. They have two very good fire departments."

Meanwhile, council also approved a 1.5 per cent increase in their annual indemnities for 2017.

"It's just a minor increase ... the idea is to keep up ... you don't want to fall behind. If we do gradual all the time, we keep up," Olafson said.

It means the reeve receives \$15,225 annually, while the deputy reeve earns \$11,139 and councillors receive \$10,752.

In addition, they are paid a per diem of \$180 per day, \$90 for a half day or \$270 for a full day plus additional time for any council, committee, or other meetings they are authorized to attend.

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cash shortages from their register over a period of time.

Video surveillance provided footage of a suspect, who then admitted the thefts to the police.

The suspect had no prior involvement, so he will be dealt with by way of the Winkler and Area Community Justice Committee rather than being formally charged.

• Morden police and firefighters were called Jan. 5 at about 9 p.m.

about a vehicle fire on Wardrop St..

They arrived on the scene to find a minivan on a driveway with the front end fully engulfed in flames.

The owner had been asleep at the time and noted he had plugged in his vehicle before retiring for the night.

• Police are investigating a Jan. 8 theft of copper wire from Glenron Electric.

Sometime overnight, suspects

went to the rear of the business and removed spools of wire. The exact amount taken is unknown at this time but believed to be valued in excess of \$1,000.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com, or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

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New year, new name for Morden Activity Centre

By Lorne Stelmach

A key community facility in Morden is rebranding itself with a name change this year.

The Morden 55+ Activity Centre is dropping the 55+ from its name, though that segment of the population will still be very much its focus.

"They're trying to move away from the word senior," suggested executive director Dale Ready, noting provincial officials have encouraged centres "to move away from keyholing ourselves as a 55 and over centre."

The Morden Activity Centre's mandate, however, is not changing, Ready stressed,

noting you still need to be 55 and older to be a member, but they do want to focus on the idea of it being a place that can bring the community together for a range of activities.

"Just because you're not a member doesn't mean you can't take part in any of the activities that we offer here," Ready said, pointing out they've long had non-members rates for activities ranging from fitness classes to line dancing.

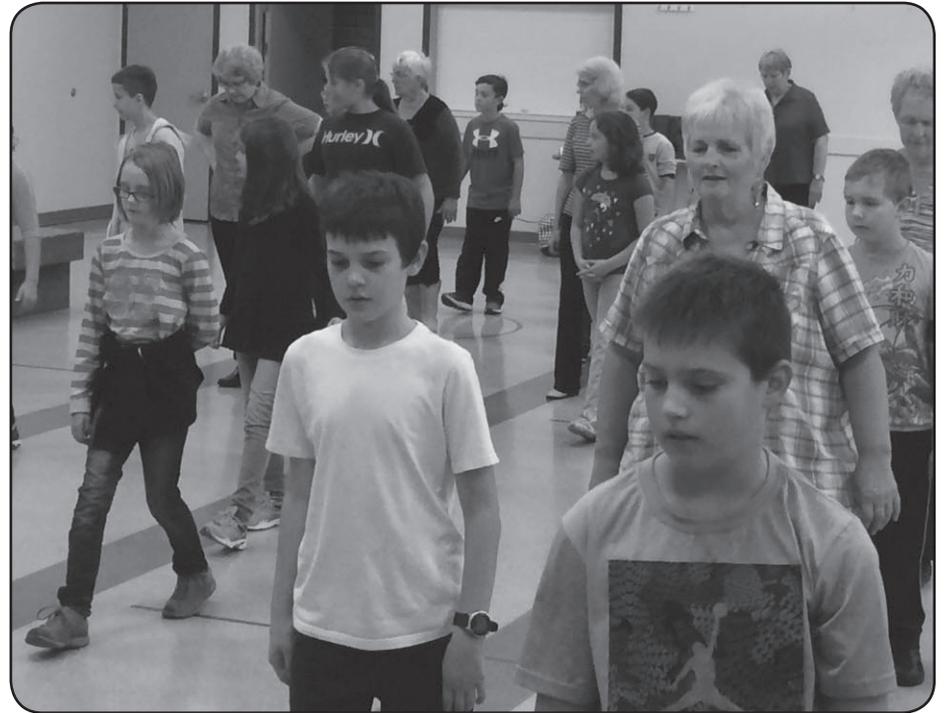
"We've always been open to basically everybody ... but we've found that people would still think of it as a senior centre," he said. "We're really trying to get past that ... and just make it available and accessible to all."

Ultimately, the centre will hopefully benefit from getting more people involved with its programs.

"Certainly, our vision going forward is to offer more ... even ac-

tivities that are not necessarily at the centre but are organized by the centre," said Ready, citing the example of a recent trip to Manitou for a concert celebrating the 25th anniversary of

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The Morden 55+ Activity Centre is changing its name to simply the Morden Activity Centre to better reflect its mission to be a recreational space for the entire community, not just for seniors.

The Borderline Singers.

There are many other similar possibilities, he added, such as going out to the Pembina Valley Provincial Park or into Winnipeg for a show.

"We ultimately want it to be more activity-based as opposed to thinking it has to be age-based."

The name change was discussed at an all-members meeting held this

week, though the transition will take some time to fully put it into effect with new letterheads and signage.

"We want to make sure people understand what the change is and why we did it," Ready said. "Overall, though, I would say so far the reaction has been positive ... everybody wants to be seen as being able to include as many people as possible."

RCMP nab 122 impaired drivers during the holidays

RCMP were out in full force over the holidays.

This year's RCMP Holiday Checkstop Program, which ran from Dec. 1 to Jan. 2, saw 11,781 vehicles pulled over in 250 Checkstops across the province.

Through these stops and regular patrols, police charged 122 people with impaired driving, issued 60 alcohol- and drug-related suspensions, ticketed 37 other Criminal Code driving offences, charged 48 people with infractions under the Liquor and Gaming Control Act, and handed out a total of 2,633 tickets for offenses under the Highway Traffic Act, the most common being speeding and failure to stop at an intersection.

Police noted in their program-end report that six people lost their lives in traffic-related collisions this past month, including four in snowmobile collisions. Three of the six accidents

are suspected to involve driver impairment.

The number of fatalities this year is the same as it was for the 2015/2016 Checkstop program, which charged

105 people with impaired driving and issued 55 alcohol-related suspensions and 1,475 tickets for other offenses.

Eden launching support group for family, friends

Eden Health Care Services is launching a new support group for family and friends of people experiencing mental health challenges.

The group will provide a safe and confidential place where people can share their journey of caring for their loved one and connect with others going through similar experiences, Eden

representatives said in a release.

It's intended to help families build a sense of community, connect with mental health resources, address stigma and learn how to thrive in the face of challenges, the agency said.

The group, which will be facilitated by a mental health nurse, will be held the third Thursday of every month

from 7-9 p.m. at Eden Mental Health Centre's Evergreen building, which is located just east of the main building at 1500 Pembina Ave. in Winkler.

The first meeting takes place on Jan. 19. There is no fee to attend.

For more information, contact Kathryn Newsom at familygroup@eden-healthcare.ca or 204-325-4325.

'More snow than in the last three years combined'

Snowmobiling clubs working to get trails groomed amidst challenging conditions

By Lorne Stelmach

Snowmobile enthusiasts may be among a minority who are happy with the recent snowy weather, but conditions so far this winter have also posed challenges for local snowmobile clubs.

Trails across the region are getting into shape, but, perhaps ironically, the amount of snowfall has not made it easy.

"The snow cover is probably, I would say, more than what we have had the last three years combined. There's actually too much snow," said Ken Henderson of the Pembina Valley Snowkickers.

The Snowkickers grooms and maintains more than 500 km of designated snowmobile trails in the region, and

although they love having all this snow, it has been a bit of a struggle with the temperatures, the back-to-back storms, and lack of frost.

Creek crossings that they might normally use may have had two to four feet of water rather than the usual six inches, and the ice wasn't frozen enough to safely cross.

"That blanket of snow insulated everything," Henderson said.

"Some of the things that are really hindering our operations are the deep snow and the fact that a lot of it came before the ground had an opportunity to freeze properly," he added.

"Some of the real, real cold temperatures have been a struggle too. I know a lot of the clubs have been struggling with groomers stuck all

"A LOT OF THE CLUBS HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH GROOMERS STUCK ALL OVER THE PLACE."



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The Winkler-Morden area snowmobiling clubs are working hard to get the trails up to snuff this winter.

over the place."

So much of the snow came so quick and in such large volumes that they haven't had enough opportunity to really establish the trails, said Henderson.

"Now we're having to deal with super deep snow ... and it's really, really causing struggles with our equipment."

He estimated they had been about 75 per cent complete on their first pass of the trail system.

"We'll have that first trail packed,

and then we can start fine-tuning."

In the meantime, he was cautioning users that they will need to be careful with many hidden dangers out there.

"There's all kinds of things buried that don't normally get buried. There's a lot of things we need to be aware of out there."

The Border Valley Snow Goers are also hoping for a bit of warmer weather to properly groom their 400

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On Dec. 31, the Manitoba Islamic Association's Pembina Valley committee hosted a year-end community get together for local Muslims, including several Syrian refugee families who recently settled in the area as well as their sponsors. Committee member Zahid Zehri said the event was a great opportunity to welcome the newcomers to the community and offer them support. The evening included prayers, including for those suffering in Syria and elsewhere in the world, a remembrance of those who passed in 2016, and a huge buffet meal for all to enjoy.

Ring in 2017

Brent Butt returns to Winkler Jan. 24

Corner Gas star to headline Big Brothers Big Sisters' fundraising comedy night

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A little over a year after his last sold-out show at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall, comedian Brent Butt returns to Winkler in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters later this month.

The *Corner Gas* creator and star will anchor the mentoring agency's second annual Big Night Out fundraiser on Jan. 24, which also includes fellow funny man Leland Klassen as the opening act.

It's going to be a high-energy night of comedy, and Butt says he's excited to be a part of it.

"It's easy to get behind something like Big Brothers Big Sisters because you know the quality of work that they've done for a long time," he said. "It's kind of a no-brainer."

If you saw Butt's act the last time he was here, rest assured he'll have plenty of new material this time around mixed in amongst old favourites.

"There will be some new material in the batch," he said in a phone interview Monday from his home on the west coast. "When you do standup, at least the way I do it, your act is kind of always evolving. As you write new material you fold it in."

"For me, I never really know what I'm going to do on stage, what material I'm going to pull from, because every time you get a group of people together it creates a brand new scenario," he added, explaining that he pulls from his grab bag of jokes on the fly once he's had a chance to read

his audience a bit. It's a way to keep his act fresh for both himself and his fans.

"It keeps you present. If I was just going out and doing the same material in the same order night after night ... you kind of go on autopilot," Butt said. "And that's not a good thing to do. I should be present. And the best way to be present is to not do things by rote, but to get out there and kind of react."

Though *Corner Gas*, Butt's sitcom about a small town in Saskatchewan where there was not a whole lot going on, made him a bona fide television star, it's standup that has kept a firm hold on his heart.

"It still is my favourite thing to do," he said. "It's where I feel most me."

"Everybody has that thing in their life where, if you pull everything else away, what are you? And I feel like, for me, it's standup. I should be on stage in front of people ... that's where I'm supposed to be."

"It's also just really fun," he added. "I really, really enjoy getting out and kicking around ideas and playing with the language and trying to make people laugh."

Amidst his comedy gigs across the country, Butt is also currently working on a new animated season of *Corner Gas*, expected to hit the airwaves early next year.

"It's something that my partners and I, many years ago when we were kind of in the thick of it with *Corner Gas*, we were talking about other fun things that we could do with *Corner Gas*," he said. "One of the things we talked about was how this would be a fun show to animate."

After the success of *Corner Gas: The Movie* in 2014, five years after the show ended its six season run, they turned their eye to making *Corner Gas* the cartoon a reality.

"We felt there was no reason to do something else with *Corner Gas* unless it was something very different," Butt said, noting this certainly fits the bill, though he's certainly no stranger to animation, having once pegged that as a potential career path before following his standup dreams. "And I've

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler brings Canadian comedy superstar Brent Butt back to the Winkler concert hall as part of their Big Night Out comedy night. The Jan. 24 show also features comedian Leland Klassen as the opening act as well as a live auction at intermission.



always kind of thought I'm like 80 per cent cartoon character anyway."

The animated version of the show will have 13 episodes and will feature much of the original cast back to voice their characters.

"Everybody's looking forward to it," Butt said. "It's something fun and exciting and something different ... it's kind of like doing something again with your family, but something

you've never done before."

As of press time, tickets to Big Night Out were still available at \$50 each (plus taxes and venue fees) at the concert hall ticket office in City Hall, by calling 204-325-5600, or online at www.winklerconcerthall.ca.

The evening will also include a live auction featuring WestJet tickets, Co-op gift cards, wellness and weekend-out packages, and more.



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'Those Guys' to perform in Manitou

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitou Coffeehouse Musicians are kicking off 2017 with a rhythmic bang as they welcome Winnipeg a cappella favourites Those Guys to town next week.

The eight-man group will perform an eclectic mix of musical genres at the Manitou Opera House on Friday, Jan. 20.

Coffeehouse Musicians' member Loretta Thorleifson said Those Guys have performed shows in the Winkler-Morden area before, but never in Manitou.

"They're just always such a big hit," she said, "and we just thought it would be a great fit for our crowd and for the people in the area."

"People around this area really appreciate strong musicianship. So the strong singing and the harmonies and the rhythms," Thorleifson said,

Winnipeg a capella group Those Guys bring their energetic musical stylings to the Manitou Opera House on Jan. 20.

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adding Those Guys have all that in spades.

The group was started when lead vocalist Bernie Pastorin called on seven of his friends, most of whom are products of Manitoba's high school and university choral, musical theatre, and vocal jazz programs.

Wes Rambo and Mike Engstrom round out the tenor section, while Simon Miron, Ben Campbell, and

Derek Leenhouts hold down the baritone parts. Rounding out the group is James Campbell singing bass and vocal percussionist Mac Taruc.

The group tackle a wide cross-section of styles in their performances—everything from R&B hits to rock to pop.

The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20, with 12 and under getting in for free, and are available at Sam's Foods in Manitou, by calling 204-242-2794, from Coffeehouse Musicians, or at the door.

The group's twice-a-month coffeehouses start back up again this Saturday and include future shows on Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 11, and March 25.

Anyone can drop by to play a few songs, said Thorleifson, noting they see musicians and bands of all ages stop by to share what they're working on.

"It really started with a bunch of musicians here just wanting to sing and thinking it might be fun to share it," she said of the event's beginnings over two decades ago. "It's become bigger than that and now I really feel like it's somewhere where it's a vehicle to foster musical growth in the community."

Coffeehouse performances get underway at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, though refreshments, served up by local non-profit groups, are by donation.

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• AN ARTIST'S LIFE

Cutting a rug can be therapeutic

Dance/movement therapy is a branch of artistic therapy utilizing dance and other forms of movement to target many different health scenarios.

Participants may utilize traditional dance forms as well as physical therapy, free movement with or without music, guided stretches, choreographed routines, and many other as-



By Candace Hamm

pects of dance.

Specialized professionals help to ensure each patient receives a personalized plan to target their specific needs and maximize the benefits of participating in dance therapy.

Therapists in the field perform a variety of tasks, including devising treatment plans, assessing patients, implementing treatment plans, providing education to patients and family members, and helping to raise awareness about the existence of and benefits of dance therapy.

Patients utilizing dance/movement therapy will experience benefits ranging from the physical (increased circulation and coordination, improved range of motion, an increase in energy, and improvement in mobility to name a few) to mental health benefits such as an increased sense of wellbeing, a release of hormones associated with relaxation, stress relief,

and a sense of community with other patients.

Other benefits may include an increased ability to communicate, or the opportunity to work through feelings and emotions relating to specific issues with each patient.

Those interested in a career in dance/movement therapy are required to obtain a graduate level degree in dance therapy, along with an approved undergrad diploma, usually in psychology. Information on schools offering a degree in the field can be found at umanitoba.ca/counselling/spotlights/dancether.html.

Proven ability in the field (ie: dance experience) along with a commitment to ongoing professional development are other requirements for those interested in becoming a dance therapist.

With increasing research pointing to the benefits of holistic health care,

where traditional medicine is aided by attention to overall wellbeing, the arts are one way in which those experiencing health challenges can focus on their mind, body, and soul.

With benefits ranging from increased physical health to opportunities to connect with loved ones, to improved developmental skills, to exploring emotional wellbeing, the arts and healthcare appear increasingly intertwined.

Manitoba is seeing an increase in qualified professionals in many therapeutic fields involving the arts, meaning that these treatment options will become increasingly available to the public across the province.

Want to know more? Check out artsinmedicine.uofhealth.org and www5.hrsdc.gc.ca.

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2 large eggs
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1 cup Borden Cheese Sharp Cheddar

Shreds, divided
chopped tomato (optional)
green onion (optional)
Heat oven to 350 F and spray 8-by-8-inch baking dish with nonstick spray.
In medium skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add onion and garlic, and saute 1 minute, or until onion is tender.

Add quinoa and cook, stirring, until golden brown and toasted, 2-3 minutes. Add water, bring to boil, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, covered, until water has been absorbed, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat.

In large bowl, whisk together eggs and milk. Stir quinoa into egg mixture and whisk in 1/2 cup cheese. Spread in prepared baking dish and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Bake 30 minutes.

Garnish with chopped tomato and green onion, if desired. Serve immediately.

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Baked Spaghetti



Cook time: 35 minutes
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Nonstick spray
1 package (16 ounces) spaghetti
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1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green pepper
1 pound ground beef
1 can (28 ounces) tomatoes with liquid, cut up
1 can (4 ounces) mushrooms, drained
1 can (2 1/4 ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained
2 teaspoons dried oregano

2 cups Borden Cheese Mild Cheddar Shreds
1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 350 F.
Spray 9-by-13-inch baking dish with nonstick spray. Cook spaghetti according to package directions.

In large, nonstick skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat until hot. Saute onion and pepper until tender. Add ground beef and cook until beef has browned; drain.

Stir in tomatoes, mushrooms, olives and oregano. Bring to boil and reduce heat to medium. Simmer 10 minutes.

Place half of spaghetti in prepared baking dish. Top with half of vegetable-meat mixture. Sprinkle with half of cheddar cheese. Repeat layers.

Combine soup with water; pour over casserole. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Bake uncovered 30-35 minutes, or until thoroughly heated.

> SNOWMOBILING, FROM PG. 10

km of trails.

"We could handle a bit of warmer temperatures now for a while," said the club's Vern Wieler.

"We're getting our trails in shape ... the groomer is going," he said. "Right now, they are partially open ... they will be in good condition if we can keep ahead of the storms."

In the meantime, Wieler said they encourage area residents to get involved with the club and would like to see more membership.

"It does grow during the course of the winter," he said, stressing that there's benefits to having a local membership, including a number of special events throughout the season. Membership fees also support the work they do

to groom and maintain the trails.

Henderson added they need volunteers as well, and he also stressed the importance of the annual snow-pass, which is required for anyone using designated Snoman trails in the province.

"We need that money to operate, and people don't understand that," he said. "It's an important, crucial thing to maintaining the longevity of organized snowmobiling in Manitoba. Without it, there would be no money to fund it."



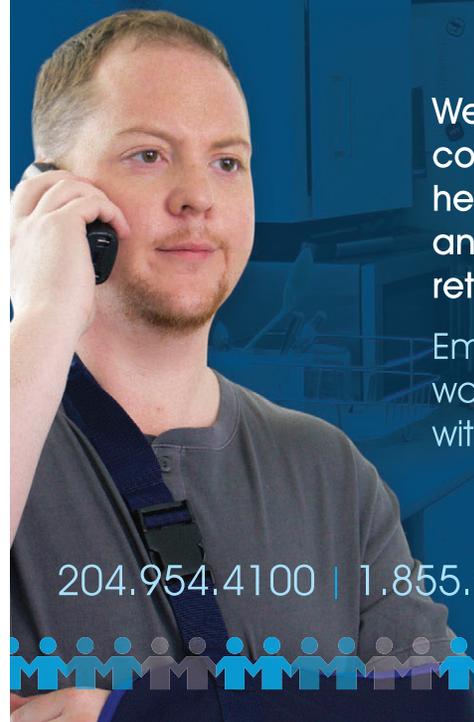
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Flyers best Kings, Natives, fall to Pistons

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers found themselves on both sides of a pair of games that went all the way to overtime for a decision last week.

First, though, the team made their 2017 debut by downing the Dauphin Kings 3-2 on Jan. 3

That away game saw goals coming in from Braden Billaney, Mitch Dyck, and Tanner Lewis, while Cole Weaver slapped away 14 shots on net as Winkler outshot the Kings 51-16.

Four nights later the boys travelled to Steinbach to take on the first place Pistons.

Lewis drew first blood after over 16 minutes of scoreless play in the opening frame. The Pistons pulled ahead with two in the second, but Jeff Michiels righted things with an early Winkler goal in the third.

After Steinbach made it 3-2 at the period's midpoint, Brayden Cullum scored the tying goal just minutes later to force an extra period.

There, it was the Pistons who came out on top, scoring the game-winner at 2:37.

Cole Weaver took the narrow loss in net, making 23 saves as Winkler outshot Steinbach 35-27.

The tables were turned the very next night in Neepawa

Much of the action this game centred around the first period, which saw Winkler goals from Michiels, Scott Gall, and Nolan McGuire, while



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Neepawa goaltender Tyler Gutenberg chooses the wrong time to play the puck with Flyers Brett Opperman close by. Winkler got the win in overtime 4-3.

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Locals at curling provincials



Team Friesen of the Winkler Curling Club had a solid showing at the Canola Junior Provincial Championships Jan. 1-6. The team of Holly Friesen, Kelsey Sagert, Katelyn Derksen, and Brooke Friesen finished with a 5-2 record in the round robin but then lost 7-5 to Deer Lodge's Paige Watkins in a tiebreaker to miss out on moving further in the playoffs. Meanwhile, the Altona-based team of Mackenzie Zacharias, Morgan Reimer, Emily Zacharias and Jenessa Rutter, who were 6-1 in the round robin, found themselves knocked out of the running for the title after falling 9-2 to Laura Burtnyk of Assiniboine Memorial in the semi-finals for their second third-place provincial finish in as many years.

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Hawks fall five points behind first place Selects

By Lorne Stelmach

Giving up four goals in the second period cost the female Pembina Valley Hawks Friday as they fell 4-3 to the first place Westman Wildcats.

It was a costly loss for the Hawks, as the Wildcats went on to sweep a pair with the Eastman Selects to open up a five point lead on second place Pembina Valley in the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League standings.

It started off well enough for the Hawks Friday with Alyssa Alderson firing home a quick low shot for a 1-0 first period lead. Then Brooklyn Platt connected on a second period break-away to make it 2-0.

The momentum swing began just 10 seconds later when the Wildcats got on the board on a three-on-one break. A Pembina Valley penalty then led to the tying goal, and the Wildcats connected twice more to take a 4-2 lead heading into the third.

A late Westman penalty led to Sage McElroy-Scott firing home a shot glove-side to narrow the margin to one goal. Pembina Valley pulled their goaltender Halle Oswald for the extra attacker, but time ran out.

Oswald took the loss in stopping 20 of the 24 shots she faced in net.

Pembina Valley had previously started off the year on a winning note

thanks to a 35 save performance by Oswald in a 2-1 win over the Yellowhead Chiefs Jan. 4.

There, the ladies capitalized on their first two shots of the first period and then hung on the rest of the way while being outshot 36-19 overall.

The Hawks drew first blood at 14:03 of the first period when Karsty Nicholajsen came up the right side, picking up a loose puck near the goal line and firing it on net, and Kelly-Rae Zdan

fought for the rebound and fed Platt.

Pembina Valley connected again on the very next shift, as Katie Heppner fed McElroy-Scott streaking up the middle, and with Toni Conrad to her left, she ripped a shot over the goalie's glove hand.

Bantam AAA players Brooklyn Dobson and Tessa Odell got a taste of midget action for this game with the Hawks missing Alderson, Makenzie McCallum and Hannah Petrie.

With a record of 14-3-2 for 30 points, the Hawks held just a two point lead on the third place Winnipeg Avros at 14-7-0 for 28 points. Not much further behind are the Yellowhead Chiefs at 13-7-0 for 26 points and Eastman Selects at 10-7-4 for 24 points.

Pembina Valley is in Portage this weekend for a doubleheader with Central Plains on Saturday and Sunday.

Winkler to host Viterra Curling Championship

By Ashleigh Viveiros

CurlManitoba has announced the 2018 Viterra Men's Curling Championship will be played in Winkler Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, 2018.

The timing of the event is two weeks earlier than usual as part of the Olympic year championship curling schedule.

The champion of the event will earn the opportunity to compete as Team Manitoba at the Tim Hortons Brier in Regina in March 2018.

"This will be the first ever Manitoba Men's Curling Championship played in Winkler," said CurlManitoba executive director Craig Baker. "CurlManitoba is pleased to be able to bring the Viterra Championship to

another 'new' community and to give the community's dedicated curling fans a close-to-home opportunity to watch championship curling."

"We are delighted to bring championship curling back to Winkler," said host committee chair Louis Tanguay. "The 2015 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in our Centennial Arena had sell-out crowds and created a lot of excitement in our community, not just about the championship but about the sport of curling as well."

Tanguay said the Winkler Curling Club's initiative to host the Viterra Men's, supported by the City of Winkler and local sponsors, is an important next step in event hosting for the community.

"Hosting the Viterra Champion-

ship will contribute in a very positive way to our community's self-image and will have a significant economic impact as well," he said. "In the end, however, it is really about the curling and the opportunity to watch great Manitoba curlers like Mike McEwen, Reid Carruthers, Matt Dunstone and Braden Calvert. Local curlers fans are very excited about the Viterra coming to Winkler."

"Our company has a long history in Winkler, and we're looking forward to the 2018 Viterra Championship being another great success that will benefit the community and provide a great entertainment experience for both curlers and fans," noted Jeff Cockwill, Viterra corporate affairs director.

Royals post pair of wins, Redskins fall

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The SEMHL's Winkler Royals came out on top in two close games last week.

On Friday, the Royals hosted the third place Carman Beavers. Goals from Marlin Froese and Scott Toews put Winkler up 2-0 after one period, only to have Carman draw even with the only goals scored in the second.

A Cody Friesen goal retook the lead for Winkler minutes into the final period, but the Beavers' Jack Lotscher snuck one past Winkler goalie Matt Krahn to force a scoreless overtime.

The game was then decided in a shootout, which went the Royals' way for a 4-3 victory.

Winkler's win over the Stonewall Flyers the next night was by a much wider margin.

The Saturday night game started off in much the same way, with Winkler pulling ahead 2-0 in the first thanks to goals from Blake Forsyth and Toews, only to have Stonewall tie things up in the second.

After one more Stonewall goal ear-

ly in the final period, the rest of the game was all Winkler, as Brett Harder, Toews, and Phil Letkeman (scoring two, including an empty-netter) scored to make it a 6-3 win for the Royals.

The Morden Redskins, meanwhile, had a completely opposite kind of week, dropping both their games against Notre Dame and Altona.

Up against the Hawks last Thursday, Morden's Tyler Peers and Nick Doyle managed the team's only goals, while Notre Dame got two past netminder Reed Peters in the first period and one more in each of the remaining periods in the 4-2 Morden loss.

Up against Altona a few nights later, the Redskins fought back from a two goal deficit in the opening period to end the second down by just one, 3-2, thanks to goals by Jordan Cameron and Tyler Peers.

Altona widened that gap in the final minutes of the game and, despite the efforts of Graham Leiding, who scored with just one second to go, the Redskins were never able to catch up again, giving the win to Altona 4-3.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Winkler's Phil Letkeman looks to control the blocked point shot in Saturday's 6-3 victory over the visiting Stonewall Flyers.

As of press time, Morden and Winkler were tied with Altona in points, though the Maroons have a couple of games in hand. Morden is in sixth place with a 5-10 record, while Winkler is in seventh at 5-9.

This week, Winkler travels to play Notre Dame on Thursday and then hosts Portage on Sunday. Morden played Warren on Tuesday (results were not available at press time) and also plays at Stonewall on Friday.

Hawks bounce back from loss to win two

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks picked up in 2017 where they left off at the end of 2016.

Having ended the year on a five game winning streak, the Hawks won two out of three this past week to remain in a solid fifth place in the Manitoba Midget Hockey League standings.

After falling 6-2 to the Winnipeg Avros last Wednesday, the Hawks came back to hand the Yellowhead Chiefs a 5-4 loss Saturday and then poured it on in an 8-2 win over the Parkland Rangers Sunday.

Now in a run of having won seven of their last eight, the Hawks have been

steadily progressing through the season, said coach Rylan Price.

"The boys have been buying in little by little ... we've gotten better and better," he said.

Price also liked the perseverance the team showed Saturday in coming from behind and dealing with their goaltender going down in that game.

"We ended up getting off to a bit of a slow start ... we had a goalie injury halfway through ... we were down 4-1 ... and we ended up winning 5-4 in a shootout ...

so that was a big win for us."

Scoring in regulation time for the Hawks was league-leader Elijah Carels alongside Travis Penner, Caleb Unrau and Jayden McCarthy, who then also connected in the shootout along with Cade Kowalski and Kolton Shindle.

Goaltender Aaron Brunn had to be replaced after having allowed four goals on 20 shots, then Martin Gagnon stopped all 18 he faced the rest of the way.

The Hawks held period leads of 3-1 and 4-2 Sunday against Parkland before running

away with it on four unanswered third period goals.

Everett Bestland led the way with a hat trick, while Carels collected a pair to boost his league best goal total to 29. Dylan Dacquay, Sven Schefer and Shindle rounded out the scoring for the Hawks, who got a 33 save performance from Gagnon.

"Once we got our first goal, it kind of sparked us, and we got our offence going," said Price.

Last Wednesday, Winnipeg came on strong with a pair of unanswered goals in the second and third periods after having trailed the Hawks 3-2 after the first period.

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Morden hosts synchronized skating championships Jan. 21

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden will be playing host to southern Manitoba's synchronized skating teams next weekend.

The Access Event Centre will welcome teams for the Synchronized Skating Sectional Championship on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The competition will feature a number of categories, with skaters ranging in age from five up to two adult teams.

"It's really nice actually to have the adult teams ... it's nice to see them come out and still continuing with the sport," noted Karen Crockett-Nicholls, who is co-chairing the event with Lisa Hynes.

"There's also going to be a University of Manitoba team as well," she added, noting there will be eight teams with about 220 skaters in total coming from all across southern Manitoba. The local Morden team includes skaters from Winkler, Altona, Portage, Crystal City, and the Swan Lake area.

"We also actually have a skater coming up from the United States from

Walhalla," said Crockett-Nicholls, noting the skater had seen some synchronized skating and found the nearest place to get involved.

She added the individual skaters may have varying backgrounds and levels of involvement in skating.

"They wouldn't necessarily compete as individual skaters ... there certainly are some that do compete individually ... some do just the synchro team," she suggested.

The challenge that draws these skaters is that "you're trying to get 16 skaters to do exactly the same thing," said Crockett-Nicholls.

"Some are skaters who also do their individual skating ... and there are some who maybe don't want to do the individual skating anymore and

want to do the synchro because they still like to be part of it," she said.

"Some of the individual skaters also join because it helps them in their individual skating," she continued. "It can help them with speed and edges ... it helps with all those different skills that they need to learn."

Above all else, what draws them is the team aspect.

"IT'S BEING PART OF A TEAM ... YOU HAVE TO BE 100 PER CENT WITH THEM AND WORK WITH THEM."



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Local synchronized skaters host the sectional championships in Morden next weekend.

"It's being part of a team ... You have to be 100 per cent with them and work with them," said Crockett-Nicholls.

It is a different environment, she added, with spectators getting involved and dancing in the stands, making it feel fun and energetic.

"There's an energy about it," she added, noting that "when you come into a synchronized skating competition, it is loud, and they cheer everybody on."

"It's a competition, but there's still cheering each other to do their very best," she said. "Sometimes, they have a spirit award for which team has the

best spirit ... like when they're in the stands cheering on their competitors."

Crockett-Nicholls said they not only encourage the general public to take in the event but particularly other skaters as well.

"Come and see what it's all about," she urged. "We try to encourage the individual skaters to come and have a look and see if that's something they would be interested in joining. With our home club, we encourage them to come and watch and see if they like it."

Twisters winning streak halted by Vics

By Lorne Stelmach

A five game winning streak came to a halt this weekend, but the Pembina Valley Twisters are still holding on to first place in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

A point from their 4-3 overtime loss Sunday to the St. Vital Victorias provided the margin, as the 18-5-4 Twisters were good for 40 points and were one up on the St. James Canucks.

Michael Wirth, Bryce Dusik and Jeremie Goderis scored for the Twisters, while Morgan Wall made 26 saves for Pembina Valley, which was outshot 30-26.

The loss followed a 4-3 win over the Raiders Friday as well as a 4-1 victory against the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins last week Wednesday.

Goaltender Matt Kohlmann made the difference Friday in coming up with 39 saves, while the Twisters capitalized on just 24 shots.

Goderis, Corey Mazinke, Matthew Hadley and Brendan Keck scored for Pembina Valley, who survived a late

push from the Raiders after the Twisters had taken a 4-1 lead early in the third.

Wall stood tall in net for the Twisters Jan. 4 as he stopped 46 of the 47 shots to backstop Pembina Valley to the win over the Fort Garry Fort Rouge.

Pembina Valley made the most of their 37 shots on the Twins goal. Alex Tetrault tied it at one for the Twisters late in the first period, then Corey Mazinke got the eventual game winner in the second. Fraser Mirrlees and Brendan Keck put the game away then in the third period.

The Canucks remained second in the standings at 19-9-1 for 39 points after losing Sunday to Transcona. Not too far behind in the standings are the Charleswood Hawks at 37, Stonewall Jets at 36, and the Raiders at 34.

The Twisters visited Charleswood Hawks this Tuesday (results were not available at press time). Coming up, the River East Royal Knights come to Morris Saturday followed by a Pembina Valley visit to Transcona Sunday to take on the Railer Express.

> FLYERS, FROM PG. 15

Troy Martyniuk gave up two in net.

The 3-2 lead held all through the second and much of the third period, where Neepawa managed to tie things up with four minutes to go, sending the game into overtime.

There, Tyler Lindstrom got the game winner exactly two minutes in.

Winkler had 435 shots to Neepawa's 24 this game, with Martyniuk going the distance in net.

The Flyers have dropped down from second to third place in the standings. Their 27-10-1 record gives them 55 points—one point behind the second place Steelers and eight back from the Pistons.

Coming up, Winkler hits the road to play a pair of games against the Wolverines in Waywayseecappo this Friday and Saturday. Then next week they host Steinbach on Tuesday.

> HAWKS, FROM PG. 18

The Wild also capitalized on two powerplays while outshooting Pembina Valley 35-20.

Schefer scored a pair for Pembina Valley while also assisting on a Penner marker in the opening frame, while Brunn took the loss in net with 29 saves.

The Hawks are now in fifth place

with a record of 19-11-0-0-1 for 39 points—two up on the Winnipeg Thrashers, two back of the Central Plains Capitals, and three behind the Brandon Wheat Kings.

It sets up a big weekend match with Central Plains in Portage Sunday after the Hawks host a rematch with Parkland Saturday.

Agriculture

CN Rail serious about moving grain to market

By Harry Siemens

Spanning three coasts, CN is the only transcontinental railroad in North America offering a unique network reach.

"Showed by increased investments and record volume movement to me shows this is a railroad that wants to move grain," says David Przednowek, the company's grain marketing director.

Greg Hamilton, CN's corporate development manager, says the company is trying to get more information into the public's hands, the shippers' hands, and the producers' so that they are aware of what is happening in the supply chain.

"There can be a fear in some of these myths and they can take on a life of their own when there is an absence of information," he says.

In a recent interview with Przednowek, Hamilton, and CN media relations spokeswoman Kate Fenske, the three laid out their case for how serious they really are about getting the farmer's grain to market.

Voice: First off, why this new approach?

Fenske: Really, in the last year, we've been trying to connect more with producers in the community, where before we always focused more on our customers, namely the grain companies.

This really is about getting out into the community to hear from farmers and listen to what their concerns are, to understand and to make sure that that dialogue is happening.

Voice: As you know, politicians have done this for years where they say they are listening, especially around election time, the key thing here is, is CN responding? And in what way?

Fenske: In the last year we've been collecting information, telling the industry about the changes we made, and hearing their concerns about the costing conditions, and is there something we can do about their concerns and gathering that information.

Voice: What steps has CN taken to improve capacity since the horrific grain shipping debacle of three years ago?

Przednowek: There are a number of

points in terms of what has happened since 2013-2014. The key point the amount CN has invested, particularly in the mainline between Edmonton and Winnipeg, and also between Winnipeg and Chicago. A real key in terms of dealing with winter weather.

Of course, 2013-14 was an awful winter that was tough on equipment and the railroad—we're a steel on steel business and the more work around you can bring into place when you get into a situation where you have an engine fail or start getting congestion on the line, the more work around you have going around bottlenecks means you can operate more efficiently.

With the investment CN made in the Edmonton to Winnipeg corridor, we've added and extended sidings to accommodate greater train lengths, doubling tracks in some key areas.

We have also invested in our locomotive fleet introducing them over the past number of years the new

generation of tier four high horsepower locomotives.

Those assets are focused on the mainline between adding network capacity investing in the fleet, also planning a month in advance in terms of knowing we're going to have a big crop to move we have four pieces of the puzzle that are critical.

Network capacity, locomotives, crewing that is the function that you make sure you have the right assets in place to meet the demand, and fleet upgrades, repairing over 700 hopper cars this summer."

Voice: When I look at the entire system, we have trucking, CN, CP and short rail lines. How do you integrate to make sure the best system for the customer prevails?

Przednowek: You touched on a good one in terms of shortline movement, things we are trying to introduce in our new programs, whether it is bidding on our car options for movement

in export or commercial lanes or the fleet integration programs that we've brought in.

These aren't only focused on shuttle train, unit train loaders in Western Canada, we try to make these programs inclusive, so people on the outside looking into the Western Canadian grain market where they want to introduce other marketing options to farmers, you know these players often don't have concrete assets to start out with.

Our programs fit really well with shortlines. Also, 25-car unit trains are efficient moves especially in the dead of winter and it is -25 stopping to load a 25-car block is not as tough as trying to stop and move a 130, or even 200 car trains.

Shortlines are a good fit with us and that has been a real success story in terms of oat movement.

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By Harry Siemens

In this week's issue, my farm articles are top heavy on CN and how they are moving forward to be the handle of choice when it comes to moving grain in Western Canada.

I've done lots of interviews with key people in farming industry and, spanning a 45-year career, to get to a new level becomes even more difficult. I noticed something happening in the media where CN representatives kept appearing at various events, holding sessions with producers and seemingly telling it as it is.

Many years ago, I served on the Manitoba Farm Writers and Broadcasters Association with James Feeny, colleague in the business who moved to the position of director of Public Affairs for the CN.

Before Christmas 2016, I sent James a message asking to talk to someone in CN, hoping that at least he would speak to me on the record because

Talking to CN about the future

in the past it was always like pulling teeth.

As it happens, he's retiring and sent me the name of the person now in charge, Kate Fenske and within days, Kate setup an interview with David Przednowek, director of grain marketing in Winnipeg, and Greg Hamilton, corporate development manager in Montreal.

What happens when you get three people who now want to tell their whole message in one conference call? Yes, you guessed it, lots of great and new information and all pertinent to issues of moving grain from farmers' combines into place for the end user to process.

I appreciate the opportunity and the reason I've included so much of that interview in this week's issue because it is so vital to the well-being of our farmers in Western Canada.

Remember the 2013-2014 grain lack of movement debacle, when heavy snow and very cold weather caused a real backlog in grain movement

leading to contract cancellations for farmers and a real genuine blame game that made the Trump- Clinton election rhetoric seem tame. Well, almost.

With new grain companies, the one that replaced the old CWB, G3 Canada Grain and others building new terminals loop tracks and even a terminal in Vancouver that will also use the loop track system, CN stepped up to the plate to make sure they wouldn't be the weakest link of the system.

There is another point and one myth that the CN representatives told me that didn't get into the main articles, one has to do with winter time shipping and another myth.

"You hit wintertime and the terminals at Thunder Bay close and your cycle times get longer to the east coast direct than they are to Thunder Bay, says Przednowek. "When it starts to get cold, a magic number is

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'Grow your moe' benefits Eden

The staff at LD Seeds put on a "Grow Your Moe" fundraiser, letting their facial hair grow in to raise money and awareness for men's health last November. Last week, company president Lloyd Wiebe presented Eden Health Care Services with the \$1,600 raised from that event. "This was our first fundraiser event and we had a great response from our customers," he said. "This was a great opportunity for the men, farmers, family members to reach out, speak out about their health, and know there are places available in our own community for support."



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Company moving more to loop track model

From Pg. 20

Voice: Farmers tell me it doesn't matter if you are 100 miles away or ten miles away from an elevator, price and service matter the most.

Przednowek: Moving into the next generation of grain supply chain in Western Canada, the G3 Canada focus of their elevator build, the new terminal at North Shore in Vancouver it is a loop to loop model which is a very efficient move.

When unit trains move to port today in Vancouver there is no facility that can receive a unit train that way. You end up pushing cars into latter tracks then you have to rebuild that unit train that takes time, consumers resources, it adds switching costs.

We're moving to a loop to loop model with loop tracks in Western Canada and moving to an approach to grain shipping, that is going to reduce grain cycle times.

Voice: Tell us more about your contract with shippers. Do these include reciprocal penalties and how much grain now moves under these contract?

Hamilton: This year we've expanded the scope of commercial contracts offering to customers contracts with reciprocal penalties where a customer signs up under the contract for a car and they end up not using that car, then they elicit a penalty, and on the other hand if they sign up for a car and CN doesn't deliver that car, then absolutely we owe them a penalty.

There is certainly accountability built into these contracts and the

ability to contract both for large and small customers so hundreds of cars per week for some customers and as small as 10 cars per week for others.

[There's] lots of interest within the supply chain and we're certainly excited and encouraged that there is uptake with this sort of commercial model around the grain supply chain and grain handling with rail.

Voice: What are the biggest constraints to shipping more grain?

Przednowek: One of the real misconceptions out there is that the railroads move grain when they feel like mov-

ing grain.

Over time a lot of investment by railroads, by CN, by grain shippers investing in more efficient assets, investing a lot of extra capacity on the waterfront to ship grain in places like Vancouver and overtime we've seen the amount of grain moving in the fall during harvest, from September to December increasing significantly.

A lot more investment has made the system more efficient, cycle time reduces as you have more efficient elevators, loading grain faster, investment in terminal facilities where you

can receive grain faster and unloaded faster, all that increases network capacity.

Increasing movement from 3,500 to 5,500 and in some weeks this year doing north of 6,000 cars a week you must have stuff working well including a fluid supply chain, good weather operating conditions. It is good when we signal to customers that the maximum sustainable capacity the CN will move about 5,500 hoppers outside of the winter.

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 20

-25 C thinking of safety first, that is when we start to shorten our trains, so we put our winter operating plan into place.

"We've also in terms of that capacity and shortening up the amount of time it takes to load a train, or to get a grain train moving in the winter time, couple of years ago we introduced a winter ready program. Customers who can invest in infrastructure at their elevator so that they can actually air up the train before the locomotive comes to pick up the cars, they get a credit with the CN. What that means is if a locomotive goes to that facility and that train is not aired up, that train has to sit there and get it aired up taking hours and hours. If the elevator does the airing up, boom the locomotive shows up and the train is ready to go. A good program a win-

win for the shipper, for the CN, the supply chain, and the shipper can get a pay back quickly on their investment, cycle time is reduced, and we're creating capacity and supply chain by doing that."

Here is another myth question: what about when other commodities become more expensive and they take up more of your entire system to haul, for example oil, how will that affect the grain deliveries?

David says even at peak in 2013-14 the height of challenges moving grain in the supply chain, crude oil shipments only represented a couple of percentage points of our overall bookings. Back in that market, it was busy for minerals, lumber, grain, everything there is to move and we have only so much network capacity

Przednowek says since then lots of

new investments, we set record after record, after record and that is a sign to me and should be to others that is a railroad that wants to move grain.

"As we free up capacity that frees up for us to move everything on the railroad, we will keep pushing."

I put this information out there for two reasons. Firstly, to let people know when a company criticized in the past makes great changes and moves to make things better and right.

Secondly, CN talks a lot about accountability and here it is in writing my friends, we will be watching.

So far, the proof is in the pudding, they have a report on their website released every Friday that will show the movement figures, and commentary to explain. I'm looking forward to watching the grain farmers grow move to market on time.

Our big winners



The winners of our Christmas Writing Contest enjoyed their movie prize packs last week. K-4 winner Heidi Reimer (at left, second from left) and Gr. 5-8 winner Serena Peters (above, back row, centre) both took their friends to see the animated movie *Sing* in Winkler, with admission and snacks courtesy of the Voice. Runners-up Amy Neufeld and Troy Hoepfner also received gift cards to the theatre for their holiday stories.

take a break > GAMES

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Here's How It Works:

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

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

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1. Short tributary of the Seille
5. Where you sleep
8. Crinkle
12. Regions
14. United States
15. Icelandic poetry books
16. Transferred property
18. Electrocardiography
19. From here
20. Hunting or observation expedition
21. Used to make cabins
22. Containers
23. Famed patriot
26. Makes less intense
30. Forced to take refuge
31. Campaigner
32. Special security team
33. Egyptian city
34. The Muse of lyric and hymns
39. What newlyweds just said
42. Pain
44. Norwegian village
46. Produced on paper
47. Acceptance
49. Semite
50. Detective Ventura
51. Martens
56. Small mammal related to rabbits
57. Airsick
58. Itinerant
59. Has spotted
60. Garland
61. Search engine
62. Former Knick and Bull Curry
63. Student selected components
64. Norwegian island

CLUES DOWN

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2. Region
3. The Great Barrier _____
4. Father
5. Civil War general Don Carlos
6. Bodyguards
7. Knives
8. Member of U.S. Navy
9. English prince
10. Expression
11. Giants great Willie
13. Curving
17. Actress Keaton
24. Deploy
25. Medicine that treats animals
26. We all have it
27. Greek goddess of the dawn
28. Kevin Smith film "Chasing _____"
29. City in India

35. Went jogging
36. What thespians do
37. One and only
38. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
40. Obstructs from a course
41. Prophets
42. Prefix meaning on or above
43. Got up
44. Drenched
45. N.Y. State capital
47. Sampled
48. Tending to an end
49. Architectural recess
52. Undergarments
53. Ethnic group in China
54. Reactive structure
55. Greek portico

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Winkler purchases approximately 37% of its water from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (PVWC). The Public Utilities Board has approved a rate increase for PVWC in the amount of \$0.16/1000 gallons, effective January 1, 2017. This rate increase reflects a "pass through" rate increase of .06/1000 gallons for Winkler consumers. Public notice is hereby given that the water rate increase will be .06/1000 gallons effective for the March 15, 2017 quarterly billing in the City of Winkler. That being, from the present water rate of \$9.38/1000 gallons to \$9.44/1000 gallons. The sewer rate will remain as it presently is, being \$6.42/1000 gallons.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
WINKLER CITY HALL
JANUARY 16, 2017,
4:00 - 6:00 PM
The Citizens of Winkler are invited to a Public Consultation meeting at City Hall to view and provide feedback to Council on the capital plans being proposed for 2017 budget. Come and join us for coffee Monday, January 16th, at City Hall, 185 Main Street, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Mayor & Council City of Winkler

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R.M. OF STANLEY PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2017 FINANCIAL PLAN

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the R.M. of Stanley intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2017 at a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the Municipality on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Financial Plan, as provided. Copies of the 2017 Financial Plan will be available for review prior to the Hearing at the Municipal Office at 23111 PTH 14W in the Rural Municipality of Stanley.

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Western School Division

Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

Parents are requested to register their children for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year by coming to the appropriate school office from **January 27 to February 3, 2017**, between 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Children born in 2012 or earlier are eligible to enrol. All parents are asked to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate when registering.

Please enrol in the school within whose catchment area your residence is located. For Kindergarten program and registration information, call the schools directly.

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- Minnewasta School**, 1 Academy Drive, Mr. Andrew Volk, Principal, 204-822-4580
 - Area south of North Railway; area west of Mountain St.; and all rural students.
- Maple Leaf School**, 225-12th Street, Mr. Mike Keith, Principal, 204-822-4458
 - Area north of South Railway St.; east of Mountain St.; and all early years (K-4) French Immersion students.

OPEN HOUSE
Western School Division will be holding a Kindergarten Parent Information session on **January 26, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Minnewasta School. We look forward to seeing all the new Kindergarten parents on this evening.**

More detailed information is available online at www.westernsd.mb.ca, at the schools, or at Western School Division Office, 204-822-4448.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of **FRANZ HINTERLEITNER**, late of the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, deceased.

All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be forwarded to the offices of the undersigned at 326 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1T5, on or about the 13th day of February, 2017.

DATED at the City of Morden, in Manitoba, this 4th day of January, 2017.

PULLAN KAMMERLOCH FROHLINGER
Attention: Paramjit Singh
Solicitor for the Administrator

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:

THE CITY OF MORDEN BY-LAW 08-2016
Being an AMENDMENT to the CITY OF MORDEN ZONING BY-LAW 22-2008, AS AMENDED

HEARING LOCATION: Morden Civic Centre
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB

DATE & TIME: Monday, January 23, 2017 @ 7:00pm

FROM: "PR" Parks and Recreation

TO: "RT" Residential Two Family

AREA: Lot 1, Block 13, Plan 856 MLTO

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Martin Sandhurst, City Planner
100-195 Stephen Street,
Morden, MB. R6M 1V3
Phone: (204) 822-4434



Schedule "A"

City of Morden
Lot 1 Block 13 Plan 856
MLTO in NE 1/4 8-3-8 WPM
Date: 27 Oct 2016

Legend
[RT] Portion To Be Rezoned

Attached to and forming part of BY-LAW No. 08-2016
Amending Zoning By-Law No. 22-2008
FROM: "PR" Parks and Recreation
TO: "RT" Residential Two Family

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HEARING LOCATION: Morden Civic Centre
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB

DATE & TIME: Monday, January 23, 2017 @ 7:00pm

FROM: "MB" Industrial Business

TO: "RM" Residential Multi-Family

AREA: Lot 15, Block 1, Plan 856 MLTO

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Martin Sandhurst, City Planner
100-195 Stephen Street,
Morden, MB. R6M 1V3
Phone: (204) 822-4434



Schedule "A"

City of Morden
Lot 15 Block 1 Plan 856
Date: 14 Dec 2016

Legend
[RM] Portion To Be Rezoned

Attached to and forming part of BY-LAW No. 10-2016
Amending Zoning By-Law No. 22-2008
FROM: "MB" Industrial Business
TO: "RM" Residential Multiple Family

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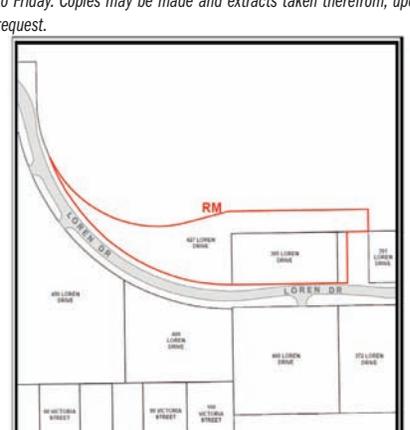
DATE & TIME: Monday, January 23, 2017 @ 7:00pm

FROM: "CR" Commercial Reserve, and "CH-1" Commercial Highway Site Specific

TO: "RM" Residential Multi-Family

AREA: Lots 4 & 5, Plan 56953 & Parcel A Plan 52077 MLTO

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Schedule "A"

City of Morden
Lot 4 Plan 56953
Lot 5 Plan 56953
Parcel A Plan 52077
Date: 01 January 2017

Legend
[RM] Portion To Be Rezoned

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Amending Zoning By-Law No. 22-2008
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TO: "RM" Residential Multiple Family

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Thank you to friends and family and to everyone who sent food, cards, flowers, and helped us through the difficult time of Mom's passing. We would especially like to thank Dr. Bryon Kroeker, Dr. Woelk, Karen Shack and Claudia Penner for their care, compassion and support during our time caring for Mom. God Bless you all.

-Jake Klassen and family

BIRTHDAY



It took 50 years to look this good!
Happy 50th birthday Mom (Lawanda)!
-Love your kids

BIRTHDAY



Come celebrate Mom's 90th Birthday with us!
You are invited to come and celebrate Mrs. Susan Elias's (wife of the late Rev. Jacob J. Elias), 90th birthday at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 15th at the Chortitz Old Colony Church. A short program starts at 3:00 and Faspa will be at 4:00. Everyone Welcome!

THANK YOU

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OBITUARY



Eddie Dennis Toews 1947 - 2017

Ed was born to George and Margaret (nee Kehler) Toews on September 15, 1947 in Altona, Manitoba. He was the middle child in a family of 15. His Dad was a tractor operator doing road construction in different parts of Manitoba. Ed never enjoyed the many moves the family made to find employment, and so determined to make a stable environment for his own family. In response to a question on any changes in his life, he would say, "same wife, same house, same job, same vehicle".

In 1968 Ed took an interest in baseball. Not so much in playing the game, but in going to watch the ladies play. He took a special interest in the back catcher on one of the teams and so after dating for almost two years, he married Kathy Bergman on June 20, 1970.

After renting several homes over the next four years, they moved a house to 390 Peters Ave. in Winkler and made it their home. Here they raised their four daughters and enjoyed entertaining many friends and family.

Ed was baptized on confession of his faith in June 1975 and became a member of the Christian Fellowship Church in Winkler. He enjoyed serving there as a Sunday school teacher, youth leader and in other leadership roles. For the last number of years they worshiped at the Grace Mennonite Church, where Ed continued to serve. He learned to operate the Power Point, served on the service committee, and enjoyed being part of a fellowship group.

Ed was energetic and worked and played hard. As a very young boy, he spent many hours out on the field hoeing beets. He also worked as a farm laborer and pumped gas at Triangle Oasis. After "graduating" from high school (completing two years of grade eleven), Ed worked in road construction for about three summers. In the late fall of 1968, he began employment at Triple E Canada and enjoyed working there until he was hospitalized on December 22, 2016. He went to his eternal reward before his official retirement date from Triple E, which was slated for January 27, 2017.

Ed will be remembered for his strong work ethic, positive attitude, and exuberant energy. He always saw the good in people and was ready to give a helping hand whenever needed. Growing up in a large family, times were often tough. As a result, Ed had a difficult time letting go of things that "he might be able to use at some point". His garage became an organized warehouse of used and discarded materials that he generously shared with many.

The greatest blessing in Ed and Kathy's life was their family of four daughters, their sons-in-law and 15 grandchildren. The grandchildren brought Ed huge amounts of joy and even in his last days, his face lit up when they came to visit. Cleaning up after their many creative projects, built with materials from his warehouse, was never too much work. He took pleasure in watching them use their imaginations and gifts in whatever they created.

Many renovations were made over the years on their home on Peters Ave. The last work project was done in the summer of 2014, working alongside his four sons-in-law and a brother, re-siding the house. In October of that year, we noticed some changes in his health and after many tests, we were informed on November 10th that Ed had inoperable pancreatic cancer. Although the news hit hard, he accepted the diagnosis with a positive attitude, knowing that he was in God's hands. He knew that this life is not all there is and expressed with full assurance that there was a home waiting for him in heaven. Typically, when asked how he was doing, his response would be, "life is good" with a thumbs up. His faith and trust in the God that he had served over many years never wavered and was always hopeful that a miracle would come his way. His miracle did not come in the way that we would have chosen, but we know that God is good and that we will meet again.

Ed passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at the Boundary Trails Health Center with his wife by his side. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Kathy, four daughters and their families;

Sherry and Troy Sundquist
Avery, Madeline, Owen and Micah
Kendra and Mark Janzen
Brody, Sydney and Parker
Jodi and Andrew Janzen
Adam, Emmet, Isabelle and Bryn
Melanie and Derrek Loewen
Jackson, Sophia, Nora and Bentley.

He is also survived by seven brothers, six sisters and their families and was predeceased by his parents, one sister, Elizabeth, two brothers-in-law, one sister-in-law, one nephew and one niece. Memorial service was held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. The family would like to thank Pastor Randy and Pastor Gerald for their ministry to them. Also, thanks to the serving group from Grace Church for preparing and serving the meal. A very special thank you to the extended family, friends, co-workers and their families for their prayers, encouragement and support over the last two years. Ed found this support heartwarming and humbling. Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, emails, text messages, meals and flowers that have been such a huge blessing. Thanks to the doctors and nurses at BTHC for their compassionate care and to Wiebe Funeral Home for their caring and thoughtful service. May God Bless You All! The family.

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OBITUARY



Peter Thiessen 1918 - 2017

Peacefully on Monday, January 2, 2017, Peter M. Thiessen, age 98 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Horndean, passed away at Salem Home with his family by his side. He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Belinda; grandchildren, Stacy, Justin and Joshua; great-grandson, Aidan; sister, Susan Johnston and many nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as his church family and close friends. He was predeceased by both wives, Annie (1990) and Anna (2016), children, Evelyn, Harold and Brenda, six sisters and three brothers.

Grandpa was born on February 13, 1918 to Aron and Maria Thiessen in his family home in Horndean. He spent his school years in South Thames at Bergfeld and Kronsweide near Lowe Farm. He worked and played on the farm with his siblings, and enjoyed going to Sunday School. In the early winter of 1936, with the help of his mother, he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. It was because of his devotion to God that he raised his family in Faith. Grandpa was 19 when he got married to Annie, and they started mixed farming on 10 acres, adding more acreage as time went on, until they had just under 50. He also did a lot of custom feed cutting and bailing, enough to keep them going, as he would say. In 1960, he started his own feed mill, Horndean Feed Service but closed those doors in 1975. They moved to Winkler after that, but in 1990 we lost our Grandma Annie to cancer. By the grace of God, He sent us Anna and in 1993 they were married at aged 75 years. Family was so important to him and he spent a lot of time with them, especially with his brother, Abe. He had many hobbies but his favourite was cars; having at least 10 different used vehicles as well as 10-15 new ones over the years, even opting for

the new features such as a CD player, Bluetooth and OnStar. He always found it interesting and wanted to learn about how these new gadgets worked. It's such a happy memory - him calling us from the car or from his new cell phone. He also enjoyed praying, reading the Bible and especially singing; he was a member of the church choir for many years and music was always important in singing praise. This gift has been passed down to his family and to this day, we all love to sing. Family will remember him by his neatness and how well he took good care of his toys, which he still had on his 50th wedding anniversary. Our Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Uncle, Cousin and Friend made such an impact on our lives, and he set such an amazing example of what family is, what marriage should be and how important it was to never go to bed angry. Always say I love you and be grateful for the gifts God has blessed us with.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2017 at the Christian Faith Church with interment prior at the Grossweide Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the Salem Home staff for their support and the loving care they provided our grandparents in the past years and to the Boundary Trails Health Centre staff and Winkler Home Care for the years before Salem Home. He was so well taken care of when we couldn't be there. Thank you.

Donations may be made in Peter's memory to Salem Foundation Inc. in Winkler.

We love you and miss you so much, but know that you are in your heavenly home now, watching over us. Until we meet again, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. Philippians 1:3"

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OBITUARY



Anne Bergen (nee Sawatzky) 1929 - 2017

On Thursday, January 5, 2017 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Anne Bergen aged 87 years passed away.

She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters, Florence and Brian Dyck, Elaine and Marvin Friesen; three sons, Harold and Frieda, Ray and Donna and Don and Sheila as well as 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, one sister, one brother and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, John Bergen in 2011, three sisters and one sister in infancy and one brother.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday January 12, 2017 at Emmanuel Mennonite Church with interment prior at Winkler Cemetery.

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

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OBITUARY



Andrew Benjamin Nickel 1965 - 2016

Andrew Benjamin Nickel, age 51, of Winkler, Manitoba, passed away on December 21, 2016 at home with his wife Annette by his side, after a courageous and stoic battle with cancer.

Andrew was born on July 2, 1965 to Benjamin and Tina Nickel in Altona and spent his childhood growing up in the village of Rosetown, Manitoba. Andrew attended Kronsthal Elementary school and went on to the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna where he graduated from high school in 1983. Andrew accepted Christ as his Saviour and was baptized in 1986 in the Altona Mennonite Church. In his early adult years, Andrew farmed with his Dad and Brother. He switched careers and purchased a fuel dealership with Shell Canada first in Gretna and later in Winkler

which he owned and operated for several years. He eventually sold his fuel business and purchased the North American Box Company and ran this company alongside of his duties as director of Grandeur Housing and Berdick Windows.

During these early years Andrew had four children; Madison, Taylor, Carson and Sabrina, whom he loved dearly and spent time with them whenever he could. Andrew met Annette Bjorklund in 2003 and they were married on August 24, 2013. It was a memorable day and the time they shared on this earth was much too short.

Andrew had a special place in his heart for Grandeur and became chair of the board in 2012 and held this position until his passing. Andrew loved the speed of motorcycle racing and started with the Manitoba Road racing Association in 2006. In 2009, he won the Novice Championship and in 2010 he moved into the Expert racing class. At the track, he was a fierce competitor, but he was also a mentor. Andrew could often be found discussing race techniques, lines, or giving the younger racers advice on things like suspension setup. Racing was an important part of Andrew's life and while he loved the competitiveness on the track, he also loved the community it brought and the many friends he made both on and off the track as well. He also enjoyed golfing and served on the Winkler Golf Course board. His famous weekly golf saying was "You can either make points or you can make friends; looks like they are really going to like us today." His friends appreciated how Andrew knew how to relax and just enjoy the game of golf with them. He was loved by his friends for who he was. Andrew believed strongly in giving to others and supporting the community. He was a shareholder and a supporter of The Bunker and Central Station. In recent years, Andrew became a strong supporter of Katie Cares.

Andrew was diagnosed with cancer in 2014 but he did not let his illness define him. He stood up to the odds and in between treatments he raced, drove to BC, golfed, loved and lived as much as he could.

He is survived by his loving wife, Annette Bjorklund and his children: daughter Madison and Kyle Ross, daughter Taylor Nickel and boyfriend Rydell Reimer, son, Carson Nickel, daughter, Sabrina Nickel, stepson, Joseph Bjorklund, mother, Tina Nickel Falk, brother, Wayne Nickel, brother-in-law, Brian and Jocelyn Bjorklund, sister-in-law, Marrion Pengilly, brother-in-law, Jason Bjorklund, sister-in-law, Marie Slotta and Andrew Vroom, sister-in-law, Pam Kveder, sister-in-law, Dawn Kitching as well as many nieces, nephews and family dear to Andrew. Andrew was predeceased by his father, Benjamin Nickel in 1996 and his sister, Colleen Bueckert in 2012.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at Emmanuel Mennonite Church 750 15th St. in Winkler with a private family interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Andrew's memory to Katie Cares (ruth@katiecares.ca).

Andrew LOVED Annette and his children dearly, their family and friends, his racing, his business - he loved his life. He fought hard and he always maintained his dignity throughout his difficult battle. And if we could say goodbye again Andrew, we thank you, we love you, and we will miss you until we see you again. Annette asked that we say a special thanks to Dr. Woelk and all the nurses at Cancer Care for their outstanding attention to Andrew since his diagnosis. A special thank you also goes out to Dr. Lane and all the nurses at Boundary Trails Health Center.

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David Dyck 1924 - 2016

On Friday, December 30, 2016 just after midnight, David J. Dyck aged 92 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Plum Coulee passed away at Salem Home with his family by his side. He is survived by one son, Doug Dyck and Pearl Braun-Dyck of Plum Coulee; one daughter, Karen and Isaac Froese of Plum Coulee; three grandchildren, Melissa and Curt Wall, Sonya Froese and Chris Driedger, Scott and Elisabeth Froese; five great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Sawyer and Journey Wall, Zachary and Dawson Froese. He is also survived by one sister, Agatha Gerbrandt. He was predeceased by his wife, Katharine (nee Wolfe) in November 2015.

Dad was a farmer thru and thru. One of his first questions when we would visit him would always be "What are the guys doing?"

Are they seeding, spraying, hauling or harvesting?" (depending on the season). After retiring to Plum Coulee in 1990 due to some heart issues, he still continued to help out here and there when he could. When he could no longer physically help, he and Katharine would spend countless hours riding around checking on the crops and amazingly show up just in time to give one of the guys a ride to another field or back to the yard to get another tractor or truck. After his fall in December 2013 when he could no longer go for rides, one of us would take him to see the crops. After his wife passed away, he was very lonely and his health deteriorated. He mentioned to his grandson this summer that he would like to see the harvest and the bins full one more time. I managed to take him for one more ride in late August before that wasn't possible anymore.

Funeral service was postponed due to a snow storm and held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2017 at the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Church with interment at Plum Coulee Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations in David's memory may be made to the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

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OBITUARY



Nancy Lou Rendall (nee Johnston) September 10, 1948 - January 1, 2017

On Sunday January 1, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Nancy Rendall aged 68 of Manitou, MB passed away.

Nancy was the youngest of four children born to Stuart and Muriel Johnston was raised on the family farm at Mowbray, MB. She attended Mowbray School, Boundary School, Darlingford School and Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou. After graduating Grade 11, she went on to the Success Commercial College and obtained a secretarial degree. In 1968, she married her school days love, Lawrie Rendall and started a family in 1971 with the birth of Nicole who was followed by Marcie in 1975. She was

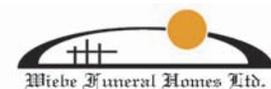
blessed with three grandchildren, Sean, Sydney and Finley. In 1977, she began working locally as a legal secretary for Selby Law Office and over the next 40 years, worked for Selby Law Office and McCullough Law Office. She was a 4-H member during her school years. She spent many hours doing community service. She was a member of the Kinette Club of Manitou and director of the local thrift store. She also spent many years as the President of the Border Girls Softball League and the local Minor Girls Ball. She coached both her girls' ball teams for a number of years and attended many ball games and provincial tournaments.

Nancy leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Lawrie; daughter, Nicole and husband, Al Sawatzky, grandson, Sean Rendall, daughter, Marcie and husband, Jim Crockett, granddaughters, Sydney and Finley. She is survived by her siblings, Myrna Thompson, Stan and Joyce Johnston, Mel and Gloria Johnston, brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Gay Rendall, sister-in-law, Bobbie Parker as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Stuart and Muriel Johnston; father and mother-in-law, Robert and Helen Rendall; brothers-in-law, Bruce Parker and Gordon Thompson and sister-in-law, Grace Rendall.

Memorial service was held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday January 7, 2017 at St. Andrew's United Church in Manitou with interment prior at New Haven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nancy's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Palliative Care or to Good as New Thrift Store in Manitou.

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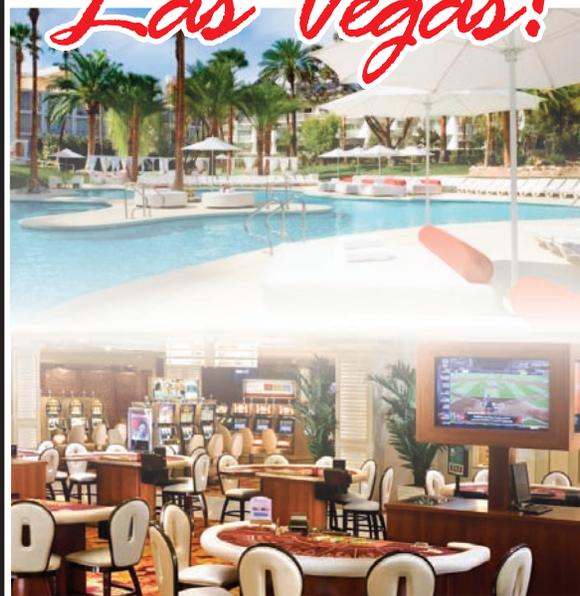


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