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Bowl for Kids' Sake looking for teams

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler hosts a fundraiser of Olympic proportions next month.

The agency's annual Bowl for Kids Sake takes place at Valley Bowling Lanes in Winkler on Saturday, March 24.

Through team registrations and pledges, Big Bros. executive director

Michael Penner hopes to raise \$35,000 to support local mentoring matches.

"It is our biggest fundraising event, so in terms of dollars it's absolutely vital for us to meet our financial goals," he says. "But it's also a very fun community event with a lot of people coming together, business coming together to bowl and have some fun."

Last year's event saw 176 people come out to bowl in one of several

two-hour slots. They successfully hit the \$35,000 target.

Big Bros. currently serves 90 children and youth through a wide variety of mentoring programs in our area, including the traditional one-on-one mentoring matches, in-school mentoring, Couples for Kids, Kicks for Kids, and Go Girls.

These relationships can have a profound effect on children.

"It's astounding how just a little bit of time spent with a mentor will change a life. It increases their self-confidence, they do better in school, have healthier relationships overall," Penner says, stressing they are always in need of volunteer mentors, as there is no shortage of kids on the agency's waiting list.

On Monday, Winkler Mayor Martin Harder stopped by the bowling lanes to show his support for the event and the agency.

"In society these days it's extremely important to have a mentor figure," he says. "I think the organization provides a tremendous stabilization factor within our community, fits



Big Brothers Big Sisters executive director Michael Penner (left) joined Mayor Martin Harder at the bowling lanes Monday to raise awareness about this year's Bowl for Kids.

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Pulling back the curtain on ancient Lake Agassiz

By Lorne Stelmach

A Winnipeg journalist known for chronicling the people and places of our province, Bill Redekop has now tackled what might be the greatest tale of Manitoba ever.

And his book *Lake Agassiz* indeed does document one of the most significant aspects of our ancient history.

"This story's been there for a long time ... I've sort of uncovered it," said Redekop, who was in Morden to sign copies of his book last Tuesday at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

Touted as possibly the largest lake the world has ever known, dwarfing even the Great Lakes, this body of water born of the melting ice that had covered North America for millennia was a force of nature for 6,000 years.

Redekop's book, which is subtitled *The Rise and Demise of the World's Greatest Lake*, simply gives Lake Agassiz its due, he suggested.

"People know about mountain glaciers, but they don't know about continental glaciers," said Redekop, noting how so much of our landscape was shaped by Lake Agassiz, like its ancient beach ridges.

"We drive over them all the time, but we don't know that that's what they are," he said, noting that Morden is right near the shoreline of Lake Agassiz. "It's when you get to Miami that it really starts to become noticeable, and you can just follow the ridge all the way to Swan River."

Credit for the genesis of the book goes to the publisher Heartland and



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Author Bill Redekop discusses his book *Lake Agassiz: The Rise And Demise Of The World's Greatest Lake* with visitors at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre last Tuesday.

Associates, explained Redekop.

"They've been publishing a lot of these ancient geology books in western Canada, so they approached me," he said.

"I thought, well, that sounds interesting, but I had no knowledge of it ... I thought what am I going to write about? It was just a big old, cold sterile lake surrounded by ice. As I researched, I found out it was about much more than that.

"It was actually really all about life. It was about life returning. The glaciers were melting, they're forming these giant lakes, the earth was greening

up again. The glacier had been here for 75,000 years and everything was buried under one to two kilometres of ice. So this was a recolonizing of this part of the world ... both in terms of plants and trees and flowers and also wildlife.

"So then I got really excited about this project," said Redekop. "The next question was did people see Lake Agassiz? In fact, people did see Lake Agassiz. It existed around the time that people first came over the Bering Strait and ventured down and started to spread through North America."

In many respects though, further

up north wouldn't have been a great place for the early people to settle.

"When the glaciers melted and the lakes were forming, it was kind of damp and cold ... but there is fossil proof of people who were on its shores," Redekop explained.

Researching and writing the book became about a three year process, but the work drew him in and kept him at it.

"I would say like a quarter to a half way through my research I started to realize this was really a fantastic story. This is an amazing story, and why don't we know this story?"

"The answer to that is I think it's just sort of buried in the scientific jargon," Redekop suggested. "It's really kind of hard to understand when you really start going through all the scientific papers and geological papers.

"At times, I just wanted to give up ... but I'm a journalist, and I do this all the time ... it's trying to put things into layman's terms."

Redekop is encouraged by some of the early responses to the book, including readers suggesting he has done a service to Manitoba's history.

"What I really want is to set out sort of a framework for people to understand the geology of Manitoba, and Lake Agassiz is a really good place to start because it informs so much of our geology," he said.

"The challenge was to try to put it into layman's terms that people could understand, and that it could be in an entertaining way ... I don't want it to be just a reference book."

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Star Wars as you've never seen it before

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away (the distant world of the 1970s and '80s), filmmaker George Lucas spent 376 minutes detailing the first installments of his Star Wars saga.

On Monday, uber-fan Charles Ross will do it in 75 minutes. Ross brings his One Man Star Wars Trilogy to the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall as part of the Winkler Comic Con festivities.

He's performed his tongue-firmly-in-cheek adaptation of the iconic film series to audiences around the world for the past 17 years.

Ross isn't sure himself how he got so lucky.

"You can't put an expectation on something like this," he says. "You try these things thinking it'll be fun to do for three months and then, yeah, 17 years later you're still doing it."

"How or why? I don't know. It just is and I'm happy to have the gig."

The show began as a way for the then young theatre major to segue from university into paid work as an actor.

Ross started writing his own plays, eventually debuting a 25 minute version of One Man Star Wars focusing solely on retelling A New Hope.

The audience ate it up.

"It went so well. It seemed like maybe this could be a good idea. Maybe we could do the whole trilogy," Ross says.

He sat down with friend and fellow actor TJ Dawe to write and fine-tune the show. Their childhood obsession with the films proved a valuable resource.

"When I was a kid and I watched the films, I loved them unabashedly," says Ross, recalling many a cold winter day growing up in northern B.C. spent rewatching Star Wars. "I lived on the farm ... so I was kind of stuck with having to sort of entertain myself. Sometimes the way to do that was just to keep watching Star Wars because I had it on

video."

He drew heavily on the resulting knowledge of the movies when trying to condense the trilogy down to its most memorable moments.

"Sitting down at a computer, you can really only remember so many details and so many lines from the movies," says Ross. "It does so much of the work for you, your sort of limited memory, in trying to retell the story."

It bears repeating that Ross brings the story to life all alone on stage, single-handedly playing each and every character with no props, no sets, and no complicated costumes.

"It's like being a bard," he says. "The bards would tell the stories that everybody already knew, but it was how they told the story that made it his own, give it his own spin or flavour to it."

"I think Star Wars, the whole experience of Star Wars, is sort of a collective experience of

a filmic kind. When I'm doing my show, it's not necessarily educating anybody about Star Wars—it's celebrating our mutual love of it."

Where One Man Star Wars sets itself apart from being just a faithful retelling of a familiar story is its humour, poking loving fun at the movies.

"You can't help but do that," says Ross. "There's just certain things. Like, Luke is just so deliciously whiny. If you give an honest impression of what Mark Hamill did, then some of the lines are quite whiny. And you don't have to make it more whiny than what they are for it to be funny."

Some fans come to the show skeptical Ross can pull it off, but he says most leave with pretty big smiles on their faces, he says.

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Charles Ross brings his One Man Star Wars Show to the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall on Monday as part of the Winkler Comic Con festivities.

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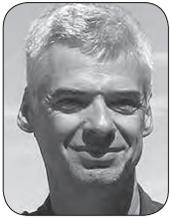
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Curling—it's not just for hair

Curling (or as I like to call it: horizontal, slow-motion darts) has had a great season so far. At least as far as I know.

Prior to coming to Manitoba I never curled. Which means prior to 37 years old I never curled. Why? Well, for starters, no one in my family curled. You see, curling, like religion, seems to take root in a hereditary fashion. A practice passed down from grandparent to parent to child.

Don't get me wrong: curling happened in Ontario, just not around me and mine. And to be honest, Manitoba seems to be somewhat more rabid about curling than many other provinces.

Maybe it's the fact that ice and Manitoba go together very well. Maybe it's also the fact that many curling bonspiels have the distinct Manitoba social feelings while they are going on. Who knows, really.

What I do know is that, as awesome

as curling is, I prefer the fast sports and/or the summer sports. Two of my favorite sports are baseball and golf ... not what some would define as fast but they do check the summer box.

Back to curling.

I have been thinking about it a lot lately because you cannot seem to escape it. Between a co-worker who likes curling through the Scotties, Olympics, and Viterra events going on this month, the sport seems to be everywhere.

Curling, unsurprisingly, seems to have gotten its start in Scotland somewhere after 1500. I say unsurprisingly because most of the sports that started in Scotland involve the heaving, hitting or hurling of rocks large and small great distances. Having not been to Scotland I can only assume it is filled with rocks of varying size that always get in the way and require being thrown, struck, or heaved somewhere else.

While Scotland will always be the birthplace of curling (and home to the World Curling Federation), Canada has become the sport's adoptive family having been firmly established here by early Scottish immigrants.

Montreal's Royal Montreal Curling Club is the oldest club in North America stretching back to 1807. It took the Americans another 23 years before their first club was established.

Another wonderful fact: the very first world title was won by a Canadian team out of Regina (close enough to Manitoba that we can accept this).

Did you know in the early years Canadian curlers used irons to curl? You probably did because unlike me you curl. Apparently Canada is the only known country to have done so before moving on to the stone.

Another interesting Manitoba curling fact: as of 2018 Manitoba has more top three finishes in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts than any other province with 30 (followed by Saskatchewan's paltry 24).

While I may not be a curler at heart, I can appreciate the passion and history that is the sport. My kids all participated in Jam Can events throughout elementary and middle school and I, the ever loyal parent, was there to watch the excitement unfold.

Now let me leave you with one more fact: did you know that Manitoba does not have an official sport? It's true. And while Saskatchewan sadly beat us to the punch by declaring curling its official sport in 2001 (ridiculous) there's no reason why Manitoba can't do the same and pretend like we just never knew it had already been done. After all, nobody really pays attention to what goes on over there.

But if we can't name curling our official sport, how about crokicurl?



By Peter Cantelon

> ONE MAN STAR WARS, FROM PG. 5

"They can see I am coming from the right place and it's the real McCoy. I can't just pretend that I'm a fan or pretend that I love it that much. I think there's something that's truthful about the show that anybody that's an actual fan of Star Wars sees and can recognize in themselves.

"If you've named your kid Chewbacca then this is right up your alley," Ross adds. "And even if you've never seen Star Wars or you've only seen it once, you'd be shocked how much you can remember in seeing this show. It's meant for everybody."

For non-fans, it's also perhaps the best way to find out what all

the Star Wars fuss is about.

"It's the most economical way to see the entire trilogy, both time-wise and money-wise," says Ross.

> BOWL FOR KIDS, FROM PG. 3

extremely well with the Safe Community initiative, and I think as an organization they are a vital part of ensuring that our kids have the proper environment to be able to grow, to mature, and to have the mentor that they need."

This year's Bowl for Kids theme is the Olympics. Penner urges bowlers to come dressed in Team Canada apparel or as their favourite sport, with

prizes up for grabs for the best costumes.

There are other prizes up to be won as well, including a Night Out in Winnipeg package valued at \$450, an Apple TV, Minnewasta golf passes, symphony and theatre tickets, and more.

If you'd like to put together a team of four, contact Penner at 204-325-9707 or head online to peminavalley.bigbrothersbigisters.ca.

Winkler chamber announces biz award winners

Winkler Vet Clinic, Heat Innovations, Central Station, Other Brother Roasters, and Winkler Daycare to be honoured

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of the 2018 P.W. Enns Business Awards.

On Friday, the chamber revealed that the Winkler Veterinary Clinic will receive this year's Business Excellence Award, Heat Innovations got the nod as Business Builder of the Year, Central Station has been named as a Community Builder, the Customer Service Award will go to Other Brother Roasters, and the Winkler Daycare Centre is the Not-for-Profit Award winner.

Chamber executive director Tanya Chateaufeuf said the selection committee had a lot of hard decisions to make this year.

"We have so many great Winkler businesses to choose from and we had so many great nominations come in," she says. "We had multiple nominees in each category again.

"All the nominees came from outside sources ... which just goes to show that there are a lot of people in our community that want to recognize businesses for their great accomplishments."

That is, after all, what the awards are all about: shining a spotlight on the success stories that drive Winkler's business community.

"It's so easy to assume that you just open a business and run it and things are hunky-dory," says Chateaufeuf, "but if you actually sit back and think about how difficult it is to be an en-

trepreneur or to run a non-profit or to even just keep building a business at a high level ... I think it's so important to take a moment and say, 'Well done' to all of these really amazing business people that we have who are working to create unique businesses in Winkler and provide unique services."

The awards will be presented at the annual chamber gala on April 19.

Guest speaker at the event is four-time Olympic gold medalist Hayley Wickenheiser.

Wickenheiser is regarded as one of the best female hockey players in the

world, helping Canada win gold in the 2002, 2006, 2010, and 2015 Olympics and silver in the 1998 Games. She also participated as part of Team Canada's softball team at the 2000 Summer Olympics.

Chateaufeuf is excited to hear not only about Wickenheiser's sporting exploits but also her life lessons about teamwork and perseverance.

"She's an accomplished woman in the sports world who can speak to what it's like to be part of a successful team," she says. "There's a lot of things we can pull out of that to apply to what we're doing in our own lives."

Tickets to the gala are \$140 per person or \$1,040 per table of eight and are available at the chamber offices in City Hall.

Weekend car accidents claim two lives

Local RCMP responded to two fatal accidents over the weekend.

On Friday at 9:55 p.m., officers from the Manitou and Treherne RCMP were called to a two-vehicle collision on PR 244 two kilometres south of

Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Investigators say a southbound vehicle being driven by a 17-year-old female from the RM of Lorne crossed over the centre line and struck a northbound semi-trailer being driven

by a 42-year-old male from Carman. The resulting collision pushed the car and semi-trailer into the east side ditch.

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Former Wpg. police chief talks literacy with students

By Lorne Stelmach

Devon Clunis never underestimates the importance of reading and the ripple effect that it can have in shaping one's life.

The retired Winnipeg police chief and Jamaican immigrant knows first hand not only how vital a role literacy plays but also how important it is to help promote it.

"Anything I am now or was able to accomplish was because of those formative years," the author of the children's book *The Little Boy From Jamaica* said after addressing students at Minnewasta and Maple Leaf schools in Morden Friday as part of I Love To Read Month.

Clunis, who was joined by wife and co-author Pearlene in the presentation, addressed how important reading became to him in his early years.

"It was a big transition, coming from Jamaica to Winnipeg," he said, noting his life turned around for him after he failed Gr. 6.

"There were a lot of people who didn't believe in me as a young person, but this one teacher did.

"Reading was something that was able to transport me to other places. And the more I read, the more academically inclined I became ... by Gr. 9, I was the top student in the school."

Pearlene, meanwhile, reflected on the impact of her being put into a class of "slow learners" as a child.

"I had the stigma that I couldn't read. It became a big stigma, and I felt excluded from that world ... that even carried through into my adult years," she said.

She is equally inspired then to work with Devon "to empower kids ... to be able to learn how to read sets them up for things that they don't have to suffer, that I had to grow through," she said.

"It's important to give back ... to try to maybe help so that those kids don't fall through the cracks is what really motivates us."

Western School Division literacy coach Darlene Keith said the students were given a very powerful message "to believe in yourself and to keep dreaming and be curious."

She appreciated that the speakers stressed the importance of not only



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Former Winnipeg police chief Devon Clunis read to students and answered their many questions Friday at Minnewasta and Maple Leaf schools in Morden.

reading and even staying in school but to make learning a lifelong priority.

"When kids can read and write, it not only opens the door to a new world for them, but it gives them the confidence and that self-esteem ... and to have enough sense of adventure that if I can do this, what else can I do ... and try to achieve whatever they are passionate about.

"They need to know that real purpose behind them reading and writing. It's not just a school thing, it's about lifelong learning," Keith continued, suggesting that Morden as

a community does much to support and promote it.

"We have strong community support behind us," she said. "Literacy doesn't come from just the teachers and the schools. We need, as a society, to value literacy, value reading and value writing. We need to do it as a whole team approach with students and teachers and schools and the whole community.

"Reading and writing is important all the way from Kindergarten to Gr. 12 ... it's important to be supporting the students. It's a skill that we need to always be building on."

Winkler mayor holds own at Crockicurl Cup

By Ashleigh Viveiros

He didn't come home with the trophy, but Winkler's mayor held his own at the first Mayor's Cup Crockicurl Tournaspiel in Winnipeg.

Mayor Martin Harder joined Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman and Steinbach Mayor Chris Goertzen in the inaugural event at The Forks crokicurl rink last Friday.

The sport is like a giant-sized version of the board game, with players using curling rocks to try and hit the centre of the ice to earn points.

It's gained rapid popularity across Canada over the last year; Winkler built a rink of its own in front of the arena just this winter.

It was there Harder practised for the competition, filming a Rocky-inspired training montage that was viewed thousands of times on social media last week.

"It didn't take long to shoot—it wasn't a long, rehearsed event, I can tell you that," he says, crediting the idea for the fun video—which shows Harder not only playing crokicurl but

jogging up the steps of the ice rink and working out in the Winkler Flyers fitness centre—to city recreation programmer Jordan Driedger. "We thought we'd have some fun with it."

At the tournament itself, Harder's competitiveness ultimately got the best of him.

"My focus was on trying to get a 20 and I was the only one that did, but it meant that I didn't get last rock," he lamented, noting his wife and informal coach Valerie pointed out too late the error of his strategy. "We had a

good chuckle about that. She thought if I would have paid attention to her a little bit sooner it might have made the difference. So next time I'm out to get 'em."

In the end, it was Steinbach's mayor who hoisted the Mayor's Cup in victory, beating out Bowman in the final match with his last rock.

Win or lose, Harder says the event was a great way to build rapport with his fellow mayors.

"It was certainly great to have some camaraderie there with the mayors

of Winnipeg and Steinbach," he says. "You know, life is more than just the burdens of everyday work, work, work. You have to have to have some fun, too."

He also hopes his go at the sport will inspire Winklerites to get out and try it themselves at the city's crokicurl rink.

"It's an awful lot of fun," Harder says, adding that he's looking forward to slightly warmer weather so he can start honing his skills for future mayoral crokicurl challenges.

> RCMP, FROM PG. 7

The 17-year-old was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the semi-trailer and his 46-year-old female passenger were not injured.

Alcohol and speed are not considered factors in the collision. RCMP continue to investigate.

Then, on Sunday, Feb. 11 at about 1:45 a.m., Morden RCMP responded

to a single-vehicle collision on Main St. in Rosenfeld.

Investigators believe a northbound vehicle with two occupants, a 47-year-old male and 47-year-old female, both from Rosenfeld, lost control of their vehicle, rolled, and collided with a tree.

The female occupant was able to

exit the vehicle and walk to the nearest home and call for help.

The male was pronounced dead at the scene while the female was taken to hospital in serious condition.

The occupants were not wearing their seatbelts and alcohol and speed are being investigated as possible factors in the collision.

\$5K for SCCR

Dave Destoop of Morklers and the Stardust Drive-In's Marlene Nelson (centre) presented Deb Thiessen of South Central Cancer Resource with a donation of \$5,465 last week. The funds were raised at the Jan. 26 benefit concert hosted by the two businesses featuring Elvis tribute artist Corny Rempel and opening act Lunix. Thiessen said they were ecstatic with the response. "There were more people than we had expected," she said. "It's just really exciting to me that the Stardust Drive-in and Morklers partnered together to sponsor this event."

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Province announces \$1.3B in public schools funding

By Ashleigh Viveiros and Lorne Stelmach

The Manitoba government announced a \$6.6 million increase to public schools funding last week.

On Feb. 8, Education and Training Minister Ian Wishart said the province will invest \$1.323 billion in public school divisions in the 2018-19 school year, an increase of 0.5 per cent.

"We continue to provide significant funding to give students the best education possible while we carefully steer Manitoba back onto a responsible fiscal track," he said.

"When school divisions create their budgets for the year ahead, we expect them to manage their expenditures accordingly. This means making decisions that best suit students' needs, and consider the impact on local rate-payers and Manitoba taxpayers."

The province also intends to move to a streamlined, single provincial bargaining table for public school teachers from the existing 38 collective bargaining units.

Manitoba is the only province where teacher collective bargaining is conducted exclusively at the local level, negotiated separately between each school board and its local teachers' association.

"We want to put teachers back in the classroom, where they want to be and where students need them most, instead of being at the bargaining table," said Wishart. "We want to give trustees more time to focus on the quality of learning for students and free up resources currently tied up by negotiations."

The province said it will hold a consultation process with affected stake-

holders to shape the transition to a more efficient system.

LOCAL IMPACT

The Garden Valley and Western school divisions in Winkler and Morden are still crunching the numbers to ascertain exactly what the province's funding commitment means for them moving forward.

Both divisions are in the midst of drafting their budgets for the year ahead and will have more detailed financial information in the weeks to come.

That said, GVSD expects that while they'll see no new funding from the province, additional funding will come in simply due to increased enrolment and projected increased expenditures.

About 68 per cent of GVSD's budget is funding through provincial dollars, with the remaining 32 per cent coming from local taxpayers.

Overall, GVSD expects to receive about \$924,000 or 3.2 per cent more provincial funding than it did this current school year, with a few significant grants (the early years enhancement grant and the general support grant) still to be announced.

"We're always going to be happy if we're getting more than less," said board chair Laurie Dyck. "Will \$924,000 cover what we think we need to do to continue offering the level of public education we like to offer? That is yet to be seen."

One area of potential concern is in GVSD's special needs program. The province has frozen level two and three special needs funding at the current school year's levels.

"With our growth always comes that percentage that also needs that extra help and we want to be able to offer that," says Dyck. "This year we approved a number of EA [educational assistant] positions out of our surplus funds ... if we are only getting what funding we got last year then that will not be enough. We'll need to figure out how we're going to deal with that."

Western School Division, meanwhile, is projected to receive an additional 3.2 per cent for the 2018-19 school year, which represents an increase of about \$329,500.

Secretary-treasurer Carl Pedersen said they are thankful they at least got an increase, though it won't go as far as they may have liked.

"We do have our limits on what revenue is going to be, so we're just going to have to work really hard on the expenditure side," he said.

Pedersen noted the division benefitted from a 2.3 per cent increase in student enrolment, which resulted in about a third of the funding increase. The rest of the increase comes from equalization funding, which helps school divisions with lower assessment per pupil cover costs over and above the level of provincial funding.

The challenge for the division is having what they can raise through the special requirement tax levy capped by the province at two per cent. In addition, the Manitoba government mandated a 15 per cent reduction in the administrative expense cap percentage.

"I think we should be well within that limit," suggested Pedersen.

"It's definitely going to be a tight budget. We're not going to be able to do all the things that we had hoped to do," he added. "We have to look carefully at our staffing and other expenditures and see what we can do. It's going to take a really close analysis on a lot of the pieces of the budget this year."

WSD will release its draft budget at a public exhibition scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at Morden Collegiate.

Adopting a trade-show format, the exhibition offers a variety of displays

on key programs and initiatives to give a better idea of what will be supported by the budget.

"The work that gets done by the staff of our school division, the teachers and students is really what's exciting about what happens here," said

board chairperson Brian Fransen. "So we have an opportunity to show off a little bit of what they are doing with the resources from the community and really make the budget come alive for the public. We want everyone to have an opportunity to see what's happening with it."

Garden Valley School Division will also unveil its budget at a public event later this month.

GVSD's public budget consultation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at Parkland Elementary School.

"IT'S DEFINITELY GOING TO BE A TIGHT BUDGET ..."

Exciting plans ahead for Winkler Golf Club

Course hoping for new clubhouse in 2019

By Lorne Stelmach

Directors are optimistic that the Winkler Golf Club could have a new clubhouse for the 2019 season.

The conceptual plans for the project were the highlight of the Monday annual general meeting.

President Jake Giesbrecht suggested that a new facility has been needed for some time now.

"We're very excited to see this finally becoming a reality," he said. "It's evolving at this point, but it's definitely something that is going to happen in the short term here."

Club pro Greg Hesom suggested the new clubhouse will be "a big piece of the puzzle to help us attract people."

"Our goal has always been to make the course of a high enough standard that it can sustain the clubhouse, and not try to do it the other way around," he said. "I think the course has got to that point ... we are attracting more members and more green fees, and that will hopefully be able to sustain the clubhouse."

Plans for the building have not gone past the conceptual stage as of yet, but the southern end of the current parking lot is being eyed as the likely location.

While that would currently be overlooking the green for the ninth hole, it has been suggested the front and back nine would be switched around to help accommodate the change and better link to the new clubhouse.

Directors have estimated the price

tag could come in at about \$1.75 million, and members were told there is already about \$600,000 in place.

Giesbrecht said they want to be at least two-thirds of the way to reaching their fundraising goal before construction starts, and their priority is making it sustainable and affordable.

"The fundraising is really just getting going now ... but with \$600,000 in place already, we're comfortable and excited to see that kind of support," he said. "We don't see ourselves over-reaching. We feel like the entire budget is well within reach."

"We're very cautious moving forward that we will not be financially strapped," Giesbrecht continued. "We see what maybe an over-reach has done to some clubs and we don't want to put ourselves in a position where we strap ourselves financially with a building that may serve some needs well but doesn't serve the entire club well."

Giesbrecht said they are optimistic that they can be in a position to break ground by this fall and have the new clubhouse ready for the spring of 2019.

Meanwhile, directors also heard that the golf club came out of 2017 in healthy condition.

"The club's in good shape financially," said Giesbrecht, noting they showed a surplus of just under \$41,000. "We're lucky as a golf club to be in the position we are in. We have great support from our corporate community, the City of Winkler, from



ABOVE PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

There was a full house on hand Monday evening at Mulligan's for the Winkler Golf Club's AGM. Below: A concept drawing of the proposed new \$1.75 million club house. The club already has about \$600,000 raised for the project.



our membership."

The course has also weathered some challenging conditions, said Hesom, who suggested that the course has steadily improved in recent years.

"It keeps steadily improving, which obviously then makes it easier to get people coming out and keeps that financial position strong," he said.

He noted they continue to do work on tee box levelling.

"We did two of those last year and will continue to work our way around the course. And we're working to keep our bunkers in better shape as well ... you need to replace the sand

every 10 years or so. Once you finish, you kind of start again."

"We're in a good position now with our fleet of equipment. That makes life a lot easier not having to repair stuff all the time just to maintain it," Hesom continued. "Also with our staff, we've slowly added more permanent staff. A mechanic was one that we added last year which is now a year-round member of the staff."

"That all just helps things run smoothly and keeps us where we should be."



Great Cdn. Dollar Store opens in Morden

Great Canadian Dollar Store celebrated the grand opening of its new store in Morden Friday. On hand for the ribbon cutting were Owen Reimer of the Morden franchise along with president Gerry Russ, Morden Deputy Mayor Irvin Wiebe, franchise owner Kevin Kane, Morden chamber executive director Candace Olafson, and Travis Neufeld of the Morden franchise. Founded 25 years ago, Great Canadian Dollar Stores now has outlets in over 100 locations across the country.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Portraits of the North author to speak at local libraries

The South Central Regional Library is bringing an acclaimed artist and author to speak at its branches in honour of I Love to Read Month.

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, Gerald Kuehl, author of *Portraits of the North*, will be at the Miami branch at 2 p.m. and at the Manitou branch at 7 p.m. for a presentation on his work and a book signing.

Then, on Thursday, Feb. 22, he'll do the same in Morden at 2 p.m. and at the Winkler library at 7 p.m.

Kuehl travelled over 90,000 kilometers by car, plane, bus and train to collect the stories and draw the faces of First Nations, Métis and Inuit elders featured in his book, which has been on the bestseller list for 21 weeks since it was published last June.

It was back in 1997 when Kuehl took a trip to northern Manitoba that he first got the idea for *Portraits of the North*.

"I was fascinated by the stories of the individuals I met who had endured so much in their struggle to survive in the harsh northern environment," he says. "Those stories were often etched on the faces of these proud people through the lines and scars and even affected the expressions they wore. I was determined afterwards to capture that spirit and vitality through pencil portraiture."

Kuehl is a self taught pencil artist who grew up in Pinawa. Over the past 30 years he has drawn everything from wildlife to hockey skates and old trucks.

Kuehl's consuming interest in portraiture has proven to be "the most challenging but certainly most rewarding of all my subject matter."

"My camera is my constant companion when I am traveling in the north," says Kuehl. "Capturing interesting aspects of people's personalities on film

is a very important part of the process. These later translate into drawings that take from 70 to 100 hours to complete, creating a visual portrayal that goes beyond the photograph."

For more on Kuehl's work, find him online at portraitsofthenorth.com.

READING BINGO

Kuehl's visit isn't the only way the SCRL branches are marking I Love to Read Month.

All through February, patrons—adults and kids alike—have been invited to take part in Reading Bingo, says librarian Kim Van Vliet.

"People can just come and pick up a bingo card and fill it in all month as they read," she says, noting prizes will be handed out at month's end. There's goodies up for grabs for all ages.

Stop by your local branch for more information.



SUPPLIED PHOTO

Author Gerald Kuehl is at the SCRL branches next week to speak about his book *Portraits of the North*.

RCMP, Morden police execute gun raid in RM of Stanley

Morden police joined the RCMP in a search of an RM of Stanley property for firearms on Friday.

A 26-year-old man was taken into custody at the scene and released on a promise to appear in court next month.

He faces charges of possession of a prohibited weapon, possession contrary to an order, and two courts of breaching an undertaking.

Other items of note in the weekly police reports:

- Winkler police were called to a 6th St. home Feb. 6 as a result of a man being stabbed by his roommate with a corkscrew during an altercation.

Police charged a 19-year-old woman with aggravated assault and assault with a weapon. The 19-year-old male was also arrested for assault causing bodily harm.

- A wallet was stolen from a volunteer worker at Donate Love in Morden sometime between 3-5 p.m. Feb. 6. The volunteer left her wallet in an office while working and later noticed her wallet was gone.

- Two people are facing charges after what began as a traffic stop of a vehicle in the Northlands Parkway area Feb. 7.

A search of the suspects and the vehicle resulted in the seizure of a small quantity of methamphetamine as well as over \$1,400 cash, several cell phones and other items related to drug trafficking.

Amanda Charlene Wolfe, 37, and Evan Kyle Gandier, 29, now face pos-

session and trafficking charges. Wolfe was also charged with breaching recognizance and probation.

- Morden police responded to an accident Feb. 8 involving a car going east on Stephen St. and a truck and trailer going south on Route 100.

The car attempted to stop at the stop sign but slid through, colliding with the rear tire on the trailer portion of the semi. The driver sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene.

- A man is facing charges following

a domestic dispute that took place in December at a Morden home.

During the disagreement, police say, the 24-year-old man ended up throwing his girlfriend's cell phone outside and struck her in the face, giving her a black eye.

The man was charged Feb. 12 with assault and mischief under \$5,000.

- Winkler police received a complaint Feb. 10 from a man who told officers he was being blackmailed into paying a woman he met online \$200

in order to prevent her from sending a revealing photo of himself to Facebook friends.

She also asked him for a pre-paid credit card as well as to purchase a one-month online website subscription for her, but he refused and contacted police.

The matter remains under investigation.

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Servings: 6

1 1/2 pounds mixed fingerling potatoes

2 large lemons, divided

2 cups water

2 tablespoons coarse kosher salt

3 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 1/2 teaspoons whole cumin seeds

3/4 teaspoon whole coriander seeds

pepper, to taste

4 green onions, thinly sliced

1/3 cup chopped fresh dill

salt, to taste

2 cups baby arugula

In large pot of boiling, salted water,

cook potatoes until just tender when

pierced with fork, about 15 minutes.

Drain and cool slightly.

Slice one lemon into 1/8-inch-thick

rounds. In small saucepan, combine

sliced lemon, water and kosher salt;

bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer

Fingerling Potato Salad

until lemon slices are tender, about 10 minutes. Drain lemons then coarsely chop.

Cut remaining lemon in half and squeeze out 2 tablespoons juice. In small bowl, mix chopped lemons, lemon juice, white balsamic vinegar and oil. Coarsely crush cumin and coriander seeds using mortar and pestle. Mix seeds into lemon dressing. Season, to taste, with pepper.

Cut lukewarm potatoes in half lengthwise. Place in large, shallow bowl. Mix in green onions and dill. Pour lemon dressing over and toss to coat. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper. Add arugula and toss gently. Serve lukewarm or at room temperature.

Winterfest celebrates diversity this Saturday

By Lorne Stelmach

It's supposed to be a celebration of the season as well as our increasing diversity, though the weather hasn't fully co-operated for this Saturday's Winterfest.

"With some of our outdoor stuff, we've had some ups and downs because of the lack of snow," said organizing committee co-chairperson Lynette Froese.

"I think it's come together really well, though. We have a great group of volunteers on our committee who have been working hard at planning and organizing and contacting people.

"We have about 14 cultural tables getting ready to go, and those are all volunteers as well, so we have a lot of people who have been working in the background getting things ready."

The 10th annual Morden Winterfest runs from 1-4:40 p.m. Saturday indoors and out of the Access Event Centre.

Outside, the lineup includes horse-drawn sleigh rides, hockey games, and the third annual Polar Plunge, in which brave souls take an icy dive in support of Special Olympics

Manitoba.

Inside activities are all about celebrating multiculturalism and include cultural displays, food, and musical entertainment.

The stage schedule this year begins at 1:30 p.m. and includes folk dancing, Indian bangra dancers, a Swan Lake First Nation group, Morden line dancers, step dancers, Ukrainian and Mexican dance, and African song and dance.

To help drum up interest in Winterfest, local K-8 students recently received passports that they can bring to be stamped at each booth they visit.

"They all go home with one and hopefully come back to Winterfest with it," Froese said. "And we have space for them to have their name written in the language of the country represented, so I think that will be interesting for people.

"We'll also have a photo booth again this year so people can go home with a little souvenir," she added.

Froese said it is encouraging for them to see the event growing as more and more cultural groups get involved.

"We have some new countries again this year, so that will be fun for people to see ... we have Brazil, Serbia and South Korea ... those are countries that we haven't had before," she said. "People are coming to us now asking if they can have a display, so that's great that the word is out there ... that it's a fun event and people look forward to it."



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Clarity Vision a cut above the rest

Clarity Vision Centre has been offering comprehensive vision care in Winkler now for over four years.

Originally from Neepawa, Dr. Andrew Aiken was drawn here in part due to a family connection in the region.

"It seemed like a nice area and there didn't seem to be much in Winkler itself at the time," said Aiken, who graduated from the University of Waterloo in 2008 and returned closer to home to practise for five years in Brandon before setting up shop in Winkler.

Clarity Vision Centre features a range of state of the art, industry-leading diagnostic equipment.

"We have really invested into our equipment ... we have a four-in-one device that does four different tests at the same time," Aiken noted.

"We've really gone the direction to make sure that people are getting the highest quality eye care that they can get in the marketplace right now by investing in all of this equipment," he continued. "That's really paid off. I feel like we really catch a lot of the pathology that you would miss without that technology."

In addition, the centre offers a full service dispensary with many different styles of eye glasses and contact lenses to choose from.



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"We've put a lot of thought and effort into the selection of eyewear that we offer," Aiken said. "We try to cover the entire market, entire range. We have a large number of frames in our inventory and we have a large range of options for people."

"It goes all the way from our value or budget lines all the way up to the high-end designer lines."



Staffer Vivien Zilke, Dr. Andrew Aiken, and office manager Ansie Blignaut of Clarity Vision Centre in Winkler.

Aiken noted they work with Hoya, which he feels provides very high quality lenses.

"They're very well known for their coatings, and they back them up with great two year warranties."

In addition, Clarity is branching out this year with its own line of glasses.

"We're trying to create a better value and higher quality offerings as far as eyeglasses," said Aiken. "We've designed our own frame line, so we will be launching that by spring or summer this year. It will be a hand-

made Italian line designed by myself and my brother.

"The concept is to provide that high-end ... and try to bring the price point down," he said. "I think that will set us apart a bit."

Most important for them, though, is providing the best care and service possible in every respect.

"Obviously, preventative eye care is an important thing. There are many issues that are very preventable," said Aiken. "So early diagnosis and treatment is an absolute must to make sure your vision is at its best."



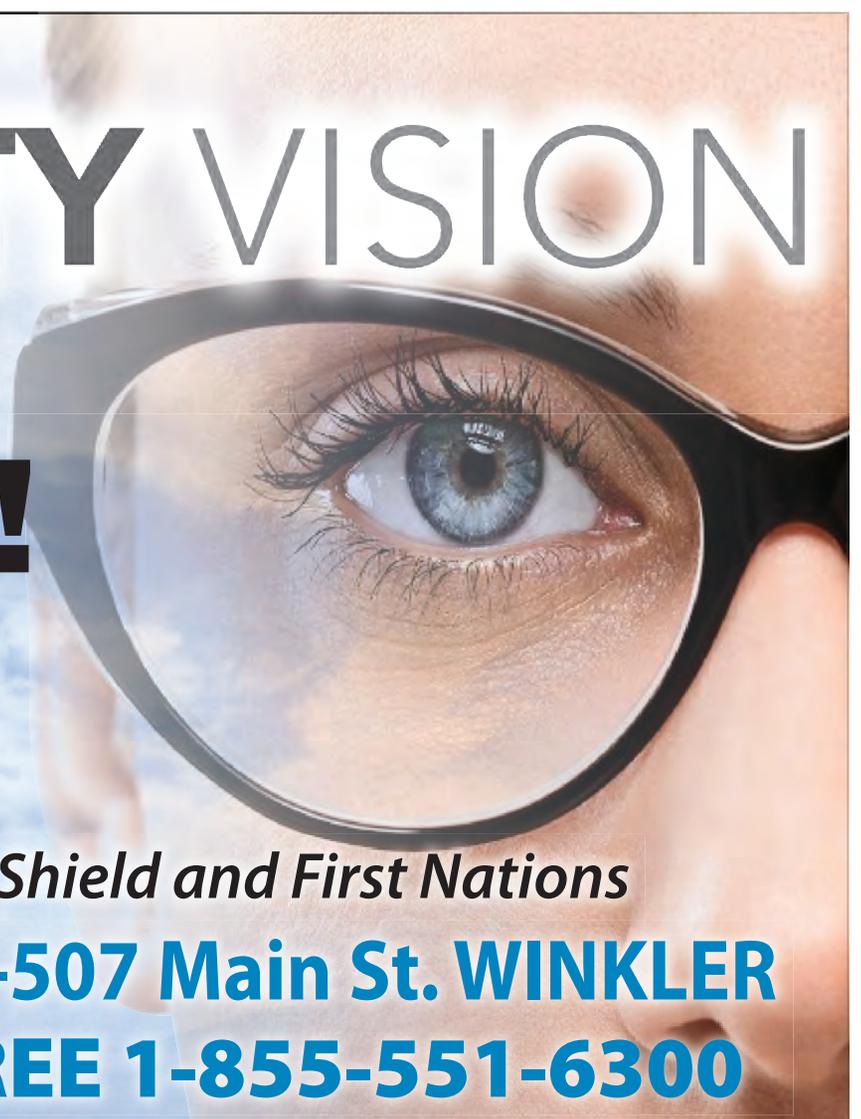
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Country concert in support of Winkler Handivan

Senior centre also selling raffle tickets to raise funds for transportation service

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre is hosting a hoe-down in support of the Winkler Handivan Service.

On March 3, the centre brings musicians Vince & Stacey Anderson, George Braun & Abe Friesen, and the Brad Wiebe group to the stage for a classic country fundraising concert.

"We have our regular jam sessions, which are country and some gospel as well, but this is pure country and something new that we haven't done before," says executive director Nettie Dyck. "I think it will be a fun night."

The music runs from 7-9 p.m. at the senior centre located in the Buhler Active Living Centre at 650 South Railway Ave. The evening's MC will be Chris Sumner from CFAM Radio.

Admission to the concert is by donation, with gifts of over \$10 receiving a tax receipt. All the funds raised go to help the handivan service that started up in Winkler last year.

"We would love to see this raise \$5,000 for the handivan," Dyck says, acknowledging that's a high bar to set. "Having not done this before we're not sure what to expect."

The money is earmarked for the service's ongoing operation costs.

"We just want to keep things going and keep it affordable for everyone," Dyck says, adding they're also hoping to raise the funds needed to purchase a new vehicle in the future that will cost less to operate.

Since taking its first ride, the handivan has seen steady use.

"It is being accessed. Our driver would love to be busier; he would love to be going around-the-clock," Dyck says, laughing. "But I've been very impressed with it. I can definitely see that there is a need and I'm glad that we can meet that need."

In conjunction with the concert, the senior centre is also selling raffle tickets at 20 for \$10.

Up for grabs is the grand prize of a 50" HD television donated by Superstore. Additional prizes include a handivan pass good for 10 one-way trips in Winkler, a book of meal tickets for use at either the Cedar Estates or the senior centre meal program or the senior centre's waffle breakfasts, and a 12-cup programmable coffee maker donated by Superstore.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the senior centre now up to and including the night of the show. The winners will be drawn that evening (you don't need to be present to win).

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A life well-lived at Buhler Active Living Centre

Winkler's newest retirement community is filling up fast, but there are still units available at the Buhler Active Living Centre.

The downtown seniors high-rise in Winkler is an affordable place to call home in your golden years, says executive director Mike Chute.

"It's a welcoming community that allows tenants to 'age-in-place' in an environment that is safe and secure," he says.

Prices start at just \$1,193 a month for a one-bedroom suite. The monthly rental fee includes on-site dining credits, daily coffee and snacks, apartment and appliance maintenance and repair, weekly linen and towel service, a complementary laundry on each floor, weekly light housekeeping, utilities, property taxes, building insurance, and more.

The meal credit alone is a significant benefit to seniors who want the flexibility to sometimes cook their own meals while also having the option of enjoying a warm, healthy meal prepared for them.

"We offer two meals a day, lunch and supper, seven days a week," Chute says, explaining each resident receives a \$200/month meal credit, which, if they ate every lunch and supper in the main dining room, would cover about half of the monthly costs of eating in the facility's café.

Residents also have access to many common areas, including a theatre room, workout room, a private dining room available for family gatherings, and a workshop.

"We consider that all an extension of their home," Chute says. "It's not just your suite that's your living space—your home is the whole area downstairs as well."

The centre itself organizes regular social activities such as movie nights, theme dinners, monthly birthday celebrations, and more, while residents also receive membership to the Winkler Senior Centre, which is located on the main floor.

"There's a real sense of community that we have here," says Chute. "People know their neighbours and they look out for each other."

The facility also has an on-site pharmacy and hair salon and is located just across the street from a grocery store, providing even more convenience for tenants.

To help you crunch the numbers, the centre's website, buhleralcentre.com, has a **See My Savings** tool that breaks down just how much you can save by becoming a part of the Buhler community.

"You can go in there and compare how much it costs to maintain your home now and how much you'd save by renting a suite," says Chute, stressing that most people will see a significant savings in downsizing to apartment living. "When you take into consideration all the extras that we build into the rent, it really adds up."

For a tour of the Buhler Active Living Centre or to learn more about the suites and services available, contact Mike Chute or tenant services manager Charity L'Heureux at 204-331-4646.

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The inspiration came from a food tour while on a trip to Oregon where she came to taste the difference of truly fresh extra virgin olive oil and high quality balsamic vinegar.

"It opened my eyes to a whole new world of cooking and using these products," Penner said, finding, then, that there was no place back home to get the same kinds of products.

Penner makes it a priority for her staff to do more than just make the sale.

"We are here as staff to help educate you," she said. "We encourage you to taste because we want you to go home with something you actually like the taste."

"A small store like mine can give you that education that you're not going to

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The stores usually carry at least six varieties of extra virgin olive oils and 15 or so flavoured olive oils. Once you make your choice, products are available in four different sizes.

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"We also carry some gourmet food products," noted Penner, pointing to the mustards, gourmet sauces, and pastas on the shelves. "And everything else we have in our store are Canadian or Manitoba made products."

Prairie Oils and Vinegars is also a source of new meal ideas, both in-store and on its website.

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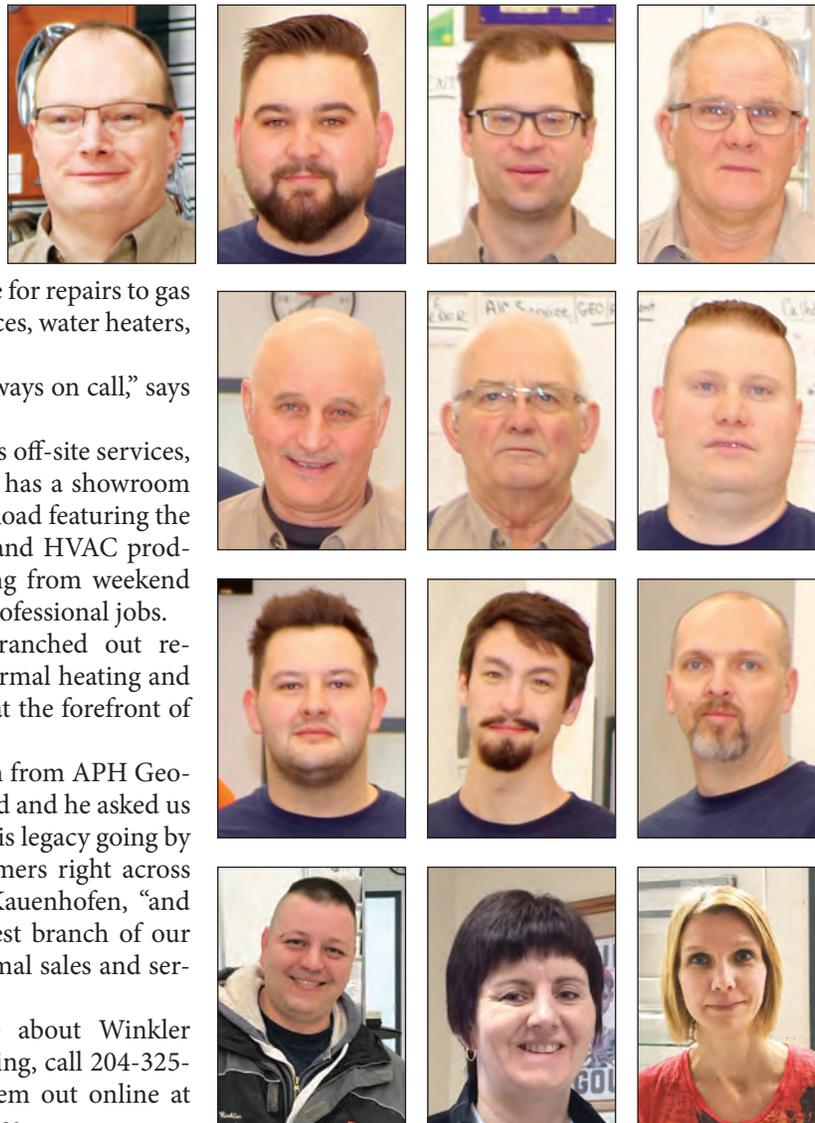
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New owners, same great service



Winkler Plumbing & Heating underwent a change in ownership last year, but they still offer the same quality service they have for the past three decades. Company founder Abe Kauenhofen stepped down from the business in fall, passing the torch to son Steve Kauenhofen and business partners Abe Peters, Mike Penner, and Henry Schmitt, all of whom worked for Winkler Plumbing & Heating for years before becoming owners.

The changeover had been a long time coming, said the younger Kauenhofen, which made the transition pretty smooth.

"We started it all back in 2008, but it came to a head this November," he explains.

"It's a family-run business still," Kauenhofen adds, stressing they pride themselves on treating their customers like family as well.

The company can handle any and all plumbing and HVAC proj-

ects big or small. That includes commercial and residential jobs and new builds or renovations to existing buildings.

"We do anything and everything, pretty much," noted Schmitt. "From your HVAC to your air conditioning to furnace retrofits and renovations, new homes, custom homes—we do it all."

Winkler Plumbing & Heating's staff (at 14 employees strong, it's a far cry from the one-man shop it was when it began) embark on every project with safety in mind, ensuring customers are getting work that will meet or even exceed current standards.

Proper training and education is a big part of that, which is why Winkler Plumbing & Heating is enrolled in both the COR and IS-Net programs, national and international safety programs that hold their work to higher standards.

And since breakdowns can happen anytime, they offer 24-hour

emergency service for repairs to gas and electric furnaces, water heaters, boilers, and more.

"Somebody's always on call," says Schmitt.

In addition to its off-site services, the company also has a showroom at 329 Manitoba Road featuring the latest plumbing and HVAC products for everything from weekend DIY projects to professional jobs.

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Morden Activity Centre looking to the future

By Lorne Stelmach

Key priorities continue to be both raising funds and awareness for the new administrative co-ordinator of the Morden Activity Centre.

Now about six months into the role, Neha Kohli sees the importance of getting the community more involved and engaged with the centre.

A big part of that is in making more people aware of what all is happening there on an ongoing basis.

"It's only the people who come here who know about it ... how do we tell other people what all we are doing here," Kohli wondered.

The centre aims to provide a range of services and activities that emphasize the spiritual, mental, social, emotional and physical well-being of its members.

The focus has been on serving the 55-plus segment with offerings like the congregate meal program, but there are many other activities that are designed to appeal to the wider community as well.

"We are doing a lot of excursions ... bus day trips for people to all sorts of places," Kohli noted. "We have fitness classes, we have zumba, and we have games that people come to play."

There are also special events, like their upcoming St. Patrick's Day casino night.

Fundraising is another key priority for the centre, especially with the building needing a number of upgrades in addition to its ongoing maintenance.

"We need to keep this place running and in shape, so for that we do need the funds," said Kohli.



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Neha Kohli, administrative co-ordinator at the Morden Activity Centre, checks in on the weekly Wednesday bingo—just one example of the variety of ongoing programs offered to the community.

This year, a major project will be replacing the lighting at an estimated \$20,000 cost.

"We did receive a grant for our lights, so we are looking at changing to LEDs to help bring down our hydro costs," said Kohli.

Another project they would like to tackle in 2018 is replacing their flooring, but that is dependent on getting funding in place.

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Police assoc. hosting social

Got plans this Saturday night?

If not, get yourself down to the Morden Legion for a fun night out in support of the Boundary Trails Police Association Morden Chapter and the STARS air ambulance.

The association is hosting its first emergency services (police, fire, EMS) social Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Legion.

The public is more than welcome to join them for an evening filled with prizes and live music courtesy of Fender Bender, says organizer Jeff Forster.

"We've been thinking about doing a fundraiser for our association for

awhile and we just decided it was time," he says, noting they also wanted to give back to the community with this event. "Because STARS is such an important part of our community and our area, they perform such a vital service, we thought it would definitely be a worthwhile cause to donate part of the proceeds to them."

Tickets are \$15 and are available from any member of the Morden Police Service, at the police station, or, if there's room (there's only about 200 tickets available), at the door that night.

The Legion is located at 285 North Railway St. in Morden.

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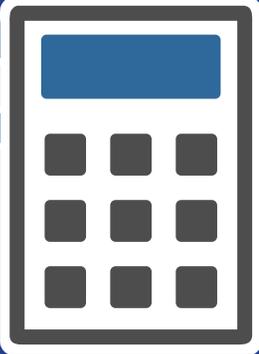
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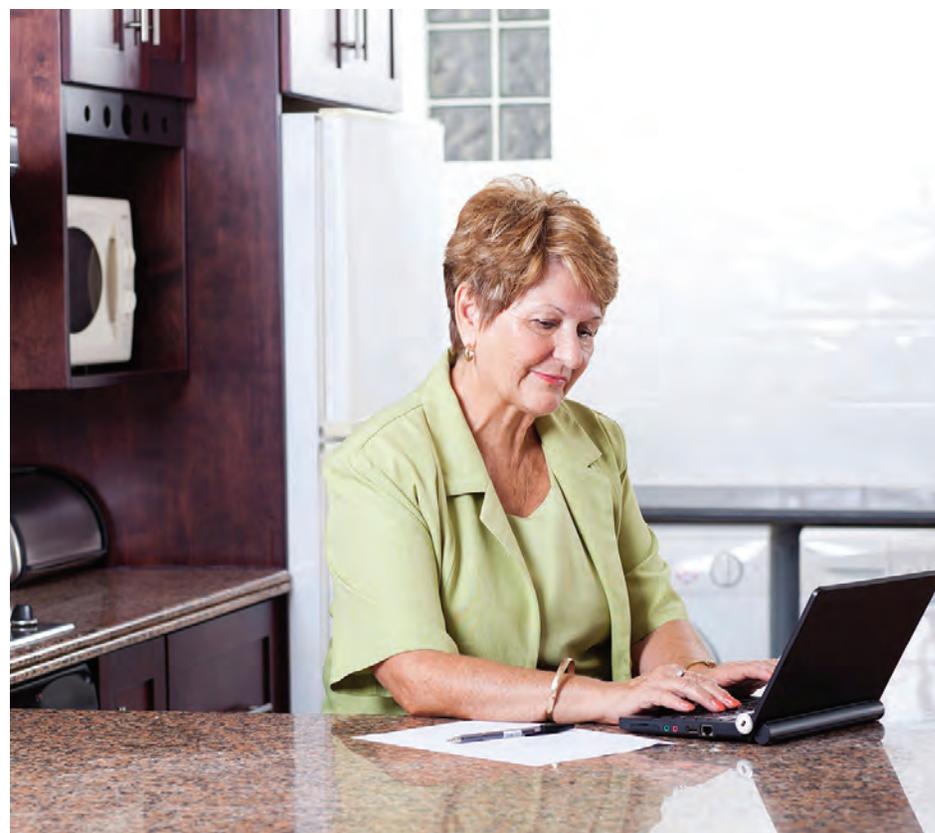
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Hitting the mat

By Lorne Stelmach

The growth in popularity of wrestling in this region was on display Saturday at Morden Collegiate.

Over 100 wrestlers ranging in age from elementary level up to high school were taking part in the Manitoba Amateur Wrestling Association (MAWA) sanctioned tournament.

Local students competing included participants from École Morden Middle School and Winkler high school students along with competitors from other clubs and schools in Winnipeg.

This was the first tournament hosted here in Morden by the EMMS Blazers after having co-hosted one in

Winkler last year, said teacher Dan Muggridge

"We attend as many tournaments as we can ... it's all part of the Manitoba Amateur Wrestling Association schedule of events," he said, noting the MAWA from schedule goes from November until the provincials held in late March.

"We go to all the tournaments in Winnipeg, so these other groups come out to our tournament to help support us," Muggridge said, suggesting he has seen the interest in wrestling growing here in the last few years.

"We're the only group here that does elementary and junior high in

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Over 100 youth wrestlers from Winkler and Morden and beyond were at Morden Collegiate Saturday for a wrestling tournament.

southern Manitoba. There's a group out in Brandon, and GVC in Winkler has a high school team ... all the rest of the teams are from the Winnipeg area, and there's one from Peguis."

He suggested part of the appeal is that it is as much about the conditioning as it is the technical skill of wrestling itself. Not only can the students gain a lot from the level of fitness required, but the sport is something that they can start in elementary and carry through to high school, even

perhaps earning scholarships to college.

"It doesn't cater to your traditional athletes. It's a team sport, but it's also individual. I think kids like that, and you don't need a lot of equipment to participate," Muggridge said.

"It's not as much about the fighting. It's about having a match versus an opponent ... the kids will go and sit with their opponent afterwards and

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What Your Tears Reveal About You

from Creation Moments Radio Program

Revelation 21:4

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."



Did you know that your tears reveal a whole lot more about you than what you might expect?

Photographer Rose-Lynn Fisher discovered what our tears reveal about us when taking pictures of the dried tears of one hundred subjects for her project called "The Topography of Tears". When viewing her own tears, Fisher said they "looked like an aerial view, almost as if I was looking down at a landscape from a plane."

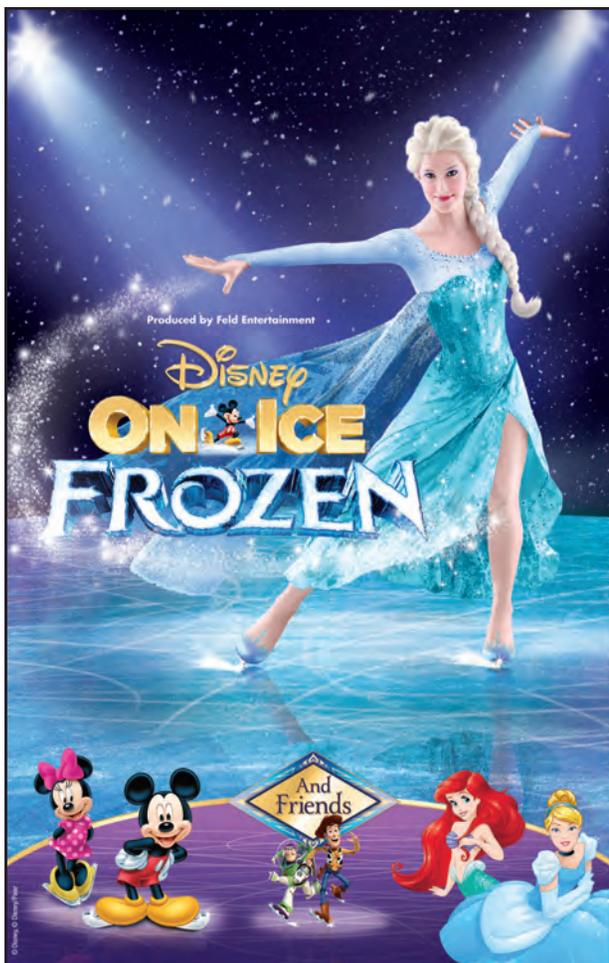
The Telegraph news website points out that "tears contain oils, antibodies and enzymes and fall into three categories; basal, which are released continuously to keep the eyes lubricated; reflex, which occur in response to irritants such as when chopping onions or when getting poked in the eye; and psychic, triggered by emotions."

The website also noted that "scientists have identified that different types of tears are made up of distinct molecules. For example, those caused by emotions contain hormones which act as a painkiller and are released when we are stressed."

Wasn't that good of our Creator to supply us with tears to help us deal with both emotional and physical pain? Even better, He is always ready to comfort us in times of sorrow. Tears are not the result of mutations over millions of years. They were given to us by a Creator who experienced great emotional pain in the garden of Gethsemane and incredible physical pain when He died on the cross for you and me.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us tears that can do so much more than keep our eyes clean and moist. I am grateful that You will wipe every tear from our eyes when we are in Your presence. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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Cutting the ribbon on Nikki's

Nikki's Beauty Bar celebrated its grand opening recently with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the salon in downtown Morden. On hand were Ronnie St. Aubin with owner Nikki Budz as well as Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe and Budz's parents Michelle and Gerald. The new business had formerly been Janelle's Hair and Spa.

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> FAITH FOCUS

Get naked with your spouse

Now that all the husbands out there have shown the title of this article to their wives, let me tell you what I'm really talking about.

While the thought of being physically naked in front of another person, even our spouse, can give even the boldest among us a moment of pause (lights on or off?), what is far more frightening is the possibility of being emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually naked before each other.

In the story of creation, found in the book of Genesis, we get a glimpse at the very first relationship between a husband and a wife; the essence of which is summed up in just one line:

"They were both naked and they felt no shame."



By Dan Doerksen

This was far more than physical self-confidence or Adam simply feeling like a stud because Eve had no one to compare him to; this was complete transparency, vulnerability, and safety. They knew exactly who they were and they had no reservations about letting the other person see all of them—their thoughts, dreams, doubts, temptations, everything. Simply put, they were real with each

other.

But this didn't last. For those who don't know the story, they quickly decided that they wanted to live life on their own terms, rather than God's, and the consequences of this decision were immediate and far-reaching; they are still felt today.

The very first effect of this decision that we read is that they hid from each other. For the first time in the story of the world, man and woman felt shame in their relationship and became afraid of each other. This was a shame that was far more than skin-deep. This was a shame that struck right at the core of their identity.

In many ways, we are still hiding. We are still afraid. Afraid of disapproval, afraid of rejection, afraid that if we really bore our souls to another person, they couldn't possibly still love us. So we hide, even from the one person who has promised their unconditional love to us.

Instead of revealing our true selves, we create a persona, a version of our-

selves, that we're comfortable showing the world. This protects us—if people criticize us or don't like that version of ourselves, they haven't attacked our true identity.

But we haven't just insulated ourselves from criticism, we've also insulated ourselves from affirmation and love. "I'm glad you love the version of myself that I'm showing you, but it's not the real me." If you reveal your true self to no one, your true self will never be loved by anyone.

While in that first act of rebellion we lost something beautiful, the good news is that God wants to restore what was lost in our marriages that day. Jesus is all about resurrecting the good things that sin has killed in our world. He not only empowers us to love like never before, he models the way for us.

Nothing inside us is hidden from him; he sees every thought, every impure motive, every desire, and every fear, yet his love for us is unwavering. It is in our relationship with him

that we experience again what it feels like to be fully known yet fully loved; deeply understood and deeply accepted.

As we allow ourselves to receive this love and learn to be gracious with ourselves, our capacity to open up to each other grows as well. In fact, in most cases you will find that the things you thought would cause people to stop loving you actually lead them to love you more, relieved to find you to be human like the rest of us.

In sharing your struggles, you give others the permission and courage to do the same. Not every relationship is worthy of such intimacy but our primary relationship, our marriage, certainly is. New levels of freedom await us if only we will be courageous enough to pursue them.

It's time to come out of hiding.

Dan Doerksen is the Family Ministries Pastor at WMBC. He has had the privilege of walking alongside married couples for over 10 years

> ACTIVITY CENTRE, FROM PG. 19

"We need about \$20,000 to replace the flooring," she said. "We do some small fundraising like our bake sale ... through that and with our members donating funds for that, we've so far got about \$2,000.

"We rely a great deal on this fundraising," Kohli stressed. "We are a non-profit ... and the member fees just doesn't even cover all of the basics."

Whatever your age or interests, Kohli encourages you to come down and see what the centre all has to offer.

> WRESTLING, FROM PG. 21

just chat about things," he continued. "It's also a really close knit community ... when we go to other places, we're treated really well, and we do the same thing," Muggridge said. "It's

"It is helping people ... to socialize, to be active, to be involved."

a great sport that way. It really shows great sportsmanship. I really like that before each match the kids shake hands, and at the end of the match, they shake hands again."

sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

Redskins end season in 3rd, Royals in 7th

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals wrapped up what has been a pretty rocky season on a high note over the weekend.

The SEMHL team battled the Altona Maroons to a 8-7 shootout win on Saturday.

Altona maintained the lead through two periods, ending the first up 3-1 and the second 5-2, with both of Winkler's goals coming from Caleb Unrau.

Unrau and company started chipping away at that lead in earnest in the third. Unrau and Brett Harder scored in quick succession in the fourth minute, Mark Hildebrand added to the tally at 12:15, and Phil Letkeman, heading into the final couple of minutes with Winkler down 7-5, scored the two they needed to tie.

After a scoreless extra frame, Winkler got the game-winner in the shootout.

Matt Krahn made 38 saves in net for the Royals as Altona outshot Winkler 45-43.

Winkler closed out the regular season the next night in front of a hometown crowd by downing the Morden Redskins 3-2.

Harder opened scoring in the first for a 1-0 lead that held through to the

Morden's Emar Tabler and Winkler's Jamie Thiessen and goalie Matt Krahn keep a close eye on an incoming point shot in Sunday's final SEMHL regular season showdown. The Royals got the win 3-2. With that, Morden finishes the season in third place and Winkler in seventh. The Royals now face Warren and the Redskins play Altona in the first round of play-offs.

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third when Jon Gaudet made it 2-0.

Morden got on the scoreboard thanks to a Steven Mullin goal midway through the period. Marlin Froese then made it 3-1 for Winkler at 18:04 and while the Redskins' Nicolas Doyle started closing the gap in the final minute, Morden never managed to come any closer.

Krahn was in net once again for Winkler, making 49 saves. Across the rink, Reed Peters made 42 saves for

the Redskins.

That loss followed on the heels of a 7-2 defeat to Notre Dame for Morden the night before.

Redskin goals came in from Keith Bially and Jay Fehr, while Peters made 41 saves in net as the Hawks outshot Morden 28-25.

Despite the frustrating weekend, Morden closes out the season in third place with an 11-9 record for 22 points, trailing first place Notre Dame

(32 points) and the Warren Mercs (26 points) in second.

Bringing up the rear is Winkler, who were 6-14 this year for 12 points.

The Royals will now face Warren in the quarter-finals, while Morden squares off against the sixth-placed Altona Maroons.

Winkler hosts Warren Feb. 15 and, if necessary, Feb. 19, while Morden's home playoff games are Feb. 17 and Feb. 20. Full details at semhl.net.

Flyers best Winnipeg, split pair with OCN

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers earned a few key points in MJHL action this past week.

They started the week strong with a 5-1 win over Waywayseecappo Feb. 4 and stayed on a high for the Wednesday night game in Winnipeg, which they won 6-3.

The doubling up started from the first period when the Flyers responded to Winnipeg's 1-0 lead heading into the final 10 minutes with goals

from Coltyn Bates and Collin Caulfield.

The Blues tried to chip away at the Winkler lead with a goal 2:53 into the second, but Weiland Parrish got that one back 21 seconds later and then Mitchell Dyck made it a 4-2 game with a goal at 7:47.

Period three saw Brett Opperman score twice, once at 1:18 and again at 18:42, surrounding a lone Winnipeg goal at 16:53 that just wasn't enough for the home team.

Troy Martyniuk got the win in net, slapping away 31 shots as the two teams were nearly matched on shots on goal at 34-33 for Winkler.

Things didn't go so well for the boys back home Friday night in the first of two games played against the visiting OCN Blizzard.

Heading into the game, Winkler led OCN by two points in the standings and were looking to cement that lead and secure home ice advantage in a potential first round playoff series.

Despite a strong opening frame that saw Winkler outshoot the Blizzard 14-7, OCN was the only one to do any scoring, taking a 1-0 lead.

The visitors doubled that to 2-0 just under eight minutes into the second and then made it a 4-0 match before the third period was halfway over.

Garrett Kuklica finally got the Flyers on the board with a goal scored at 11:31, but that was the last time the

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Locals off to the Games



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Several local youth curlers will represent our region at the Manitoba Winter Games in Thompson March 4-10. Right: Team Zacharias made the cut in the U15 Female Division and Team Rutter won the U18 Male Division at the regional playdowns in Miami over the weekend. From left: Carley Penner, Emma Harder, Katelyn Wall, Janae Zacharias, Jayden Rutter, Reece Hamm, Brennan Kezema, and Ryan Zapochny. Both teams will be coached by Conan Kezema at the Games. Above: Team Krahn qualified in the U15 Male Division. From left: Coach Derek Trinke, Landon Krahn, Luke Trinke, Jace Zacharias, and Jared Bueckert. Left: Winkler's own Johnny Trinke will play for Winnipeg's Team Ross at the event.



Zone 4 playoffs begin

The GVC Zodiacs varsity basketball teams lit up the courts last week, with both the male and female teams posting wins over the visiting Altona Aces.

The boys won by 65-54 while the girls crushed it 90-32.

Also in Zone 4 play, the Morden Thunder boys bowed to Sanford 68-48 while the girls won their match 41-39.

Over in the SCAC, the NPC Nighthawks girls sent the Sabres packing 56-32 while the boys were defeated 100-82. Then, on Monday, the boys fell to the Broncos 80-71.

Over at the rinks, meanwhile, the

regular season wrapped up for the Zone 4 hockey league with the NPC Nighthawks falling to Altona 7-3 and then beating GVC 4-1, GVC beating Carman 2-0, and the Morden Thunder downing the Portage Trojans 10-2

With that, NPC ends the season in fourth, Morden in fifth, and GVC in seventh in the nine team league.

Playoffs got underway this week, starting with game one between the Zodiacs and Portage, which the Trojans took 6-3. Morden, meanwhile, faces the Mustangs and NPC squares off against the Tigers.

> FLYERS, FROM PG. 23

home team would find the back of the net, giving the match to OCN 4-1.

Martyniuk manned Winkler's net in the loss, which saw the Flyers outshoot OCN 39-33.

Now tied for fourth place in the standings, Saturday night's game was for all the marbles, and the hard-fought battle went all the way to a shootout for a decision.

Winkler was up 3-1 after 20 minutes thanks to goals from Bates, Brody Moffatt, and Caulfield.

OCN fought back in the second, scoring two in quick succession mid-period before Bates made it 4-3 with a goal at 12:40.

Though Winkler continued leading in shots on goal in the third with 13 to OCN's 12 (having come out ahead 19-13 and 13-11 in the first two periods), it was the Blizzard who successfully fired one home,

tying the game at 4-4 with almost 11 minutes still to go and forcing a scoreless overtime.

The resulting shootout saw both teams miss the mark in their initial shots, but Opperman slammed one home in the fifth go at it to get the win 5-4.

Martyniuk continued in goal once again for Winkler, making 32 saves as the Flyers outshot OCN 48-36.

With that, Winkler is in fourth place in the MJHL standings behind Steinbach, Portage, and Virden, respectively. Their record stands at 31-21 for 62 points, putting them eight points behind Virden.

The Flyers hit the road for four games starting Tuesday in Selkirk, Friday in Virden, Saturday in Swan Valley, and next Monday in Steinbach. Their next home game is Feb. 21 versus Neepawa.

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							MANITOBA AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE								
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		
Steinbach Pistons	52	41	8	2	85	260	114	Cougars	33	23	7	0	49	172	104
Portage Terriers	52	33	14	2	71	220	141	Rangers	35	22	10	2	47	171	139
Virde Oil Capitals	53	34	17	2	70	226	166	Chiefs	33	21	11	0	43	157	107
Winkler Flyers	52	31	21	0	62	174	144	Hawks	33	17	13	1	37	134	119
OCN Blizzard	51	27	17	5	61	180	162	Capitals	35	8	25	1	18	110	211
Selkirk Steelers	51	26	21	3	56	171	181	Wheat Kings	33	7	25	0	15	86	158
Winnipeg Blues	51	25	20	4	56	183	189	Wolves	36	6	28	0	14	132	300
Swan Valley Stampeders	49	23	21	5	51	157	166	MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE							
Neepawa Natives	52	23	26	2	49	186	212	GP	Reg W	Reg L	T	OTW	OTL	Pts	
Dauphin Kings	52	13	37	1	28	126	243	Winnipeg Avros	30	17	5	-	8	-	50
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	51	7	40	3	18	117	282	PV Hawks	30	17	8	-	3	2	42
MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE							HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY								
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA		
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	39	31	3	5	67	164	75	W.C. Miller Aces (Altona)	23	18	5	0	36	153	62
Charleswood Hawks	39	29	7	3	61	119	75	Prairie Mountain Mustangs	23	16	6	0	33	127	102
Transcona Railer Express	40	27	9	4	58	162	111	Morris Mavericks	24	16	7	0	33	111	84
St. James Canucks	39	20	15	4	44	135	113	Northlands Parkway Collegiate							
Stonewall Jets	38	20	16	2	42	125	115	Nighthawks (Winkler)	24	16	7	1	33	107	88
Ft.Garry/Ft.Rouge Twins	39	18	18	3	39	119	107	Morden Thunder	23	13	10	0	26	102	76
St. Vital Victorias	40	18	21	1	37	138	167	Cartwright/Nellie McClung/							
St. Boniface Riels	40	16	21	3	35	125	147	Pilot Mound Tigers	23	10	12	1	21	85	96
Pembina Valley Twisters	39	15	20	4	34	161	167	Garden Valley Collegiate							
River East Royal Knights	39	2	35	2	6	59	230	Zodiacs (Winkler)	24	6	15	1	15	67	136
SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA HOCKEY LEAGUE							Carman Cougars	23	6	15	2	14	68	88	
GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Portage Collegiate								
Notre Dame	20	15	3	1	32	97	68	Institute Trojans	23	4	18	0	9	78	166
Warren	20	13	7	0	26	92	57								
Morden	20	11	9	0	22	78	69								
Carman	20	10	9	0	21	83	80								
Portage	20	8	11	0	17	66	77								
Altona	20	7	10	1	17	72	90								
Winkler	20	6	14	0	12	66	113								

STATS AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Hawks fall to Thrashers, bounce back against Selects

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks gained some valuable points on the weekend playing against teams they're chasing in the standings.

The seventh place Hawks battled hard Saturday before falling 5-4 in a shootout to the fifth place Winnipeg Thrashers and then doubled up over the fourth place Eastman Selects 4-2 Sunday.

"It was a big three points for us," said coach Rylan Price, who was pleased with the team's effort. "They were two hard fought games."

The Hawks trailed 3-2 after one period Saturday then had it tied at three after two frames and led 4-3 in the third before the Thrashers forced overtime with just over two and a half minutes to go in the game. After overtime solved nothing, Winnipeg got the lone shootout goal to gain the extra point.

Jayden McCarthy scored twice with Kolton Shindle and Tristan Day adding singles, while Brock Moroz made 23 saves with the shots 33-27 for the Hawks.

Pembina Valley finished strong Sunday as they fell behind 2-0 before firing four unanswered goals with two each in the second and third periods.

Shindle contributed a pair this time,

both in the second period and including a powerplay marker. Also scoring were Day and Jacob Carels. Moroz stopped 20 of 21 shots after coming on in relief of Martin Gagnon after the first Selects goal, and the shots overall were 41-24 for the Hawks.

Pembina Valley improved to 22-

16-0-2-3 for 49 points, which keeps them four up on the Southwest Cougars while staying within one of the Yellowhead Chiefs and two of the Thrashers.

Three key games this week offered the Hawks an opportunity to gain a bit more breathing room on teams

chasing them in the standings. They visited Souris Wednesday to face the Southwest Cougars and will host the Parkland Rangers for a doubleheader Saturday and Sunday.

Twisters snap losing streak

By Lorne Stelmach

Snapping a seven game losing streak became pretty much a necessity for the Pembina Valley Twisters last week.

The Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League team kept itself in the hunt for a playoff spot in taking two of their three games.

Sitting in ninth place at 34 points, the Twisters are just one back of St. Boniface and three behind St. Vital after beating up the last place River East Royal Knights 12-1 Sunday. They were earlier edged 6-5 by the Transcona Railer Express Friday after having won 5-2 victory over the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins Feb. 6.

Pembina Valley exploded out of the gate with eight first period goals

Sunday as they outshot the hapless Knights 55 to 23 overall.

Dylan Dacquay, Brendan Keck and Quade Froese each scored twice with other goals coming from Alex Tetrault, James Van De Velde, Elijah Carels, A.J. Nychuk, Jeremie Goderis and Tanner Wiebe. Travis Klassen earned the win in goal with just 22 saves.

On Friday, penalties cost the Twisters as the Express converted on four of their six powerplay opportunities while holding period leads of 3-2 and 4-3.

Michael Wirth scored a pair for Pembina Valley with other goals coming from Tetrault, Keck and Carels, while Klassen made 43 saves with the shots on goal coming in at 49 to 47 in favour of Transcona.

Special teams made the difference

against the Twins as Pembina Valley broke open a 2-2 game in the third with three unanswered powerplay goals for the win.

Both goalies stood tall for their teams through two periods as the Twisters and Twins traded good scoring chances.

Wirth got the winner on a two man advantage in the third, firing a wrist shot off the post. Tetrault, Karl Conrad, Braeden Beernaerts and Froese into an empty net also scored for the Twisters, while Klassen made 38 saves with the shots 42 to 40 for Pembina Valley.

The Twisters kick off a four game homestand in Morris with the Stonewall Jets Friday and the St. Vital Victorias Sunday as they go into their final six games of the regular season.

Hawks gain experience at Calgary tourney

Pembina Valley face Interlake in playoffs this week

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks got in some good prep time for the playoffs as they took part in a Calgary tournament this past week.

The Hawks dropped all five games from Thursday to Sunday, but the tournament was less about the results than gearing up for the Manitoba post-season starting this week.

"Although we didn't come out with any wins, we definitely had some steep competition this weekend," said assistant coach Shanley Peters. "It's good to play high calibre teams heading into playoffs. It helps us to bring our level of play up as well."

They were to be back on the ice Tuesday for game one of their quarter-final series with the Interlake Light-

ning here in Morden. The result was not available at press time. The best of five series is scheduled to continue with game two in Teulon Friday and game three back in Morden Sunday.

During the regular season, the second place Hawks took all five games from the seventh place Lightning with wins of 6-1, 4-0, 4-1, 3-2 and 4-1.

"We know they are a team that won't quit and have continued to get better through the season," said Peters, stressing the Hawks will need to be ready to go.

"The focus is to continue to play our systems and the level of hockey we have been playing the last couple of weeks."

While the first place Winnipeg Avros get an opening round bye, the other quarter-finals have third ranked Westman Wildcats against the sixth

place Central Plains Capitals and the fourth ranked Yellowhead Chiefs face the fifth place Eastman Selects.

In Calgary, the Hawks opened the tournament Thursday against a Calgary Fire team that kept Pembina Valley shutdown in taking a 2-0 victory.

Kadynce Romijn stopped 33 of the 35 shots she faced to keep the Hawks in the game as the Fire connected with goals in the second and third periods.

On Friday morning, it was an equally strong Lloydminster Steelers who kept the Hawks at bay in rolling to a 6-0 victory. The Steelers took period leads of 2-0 and 4-0. Romijn stopped 35 of the 41 shots that she faced this time.

The struggles against the tough competition continued that evening as St. Albert Slash grabbed period leads of 2-0 and 3-0 on the way to a

4-0 shutout of the Hawks. Halle Oswald did yeoman's duty in goal, stopping 45 of the 49 shots on goal.

Pembina Valley trailed just 2-1 after two Saturday, but the Edge School Mountaineers outscored them 4-2 in the third period for a 6-3 win. Makenzie McCallum had a pair for the Hawks and assisted on Sage McElroy-Scott's goal, while Oswald bravely stopped 50 of 56 shots.

Finally, on Sunday, the first period did in the Hawks, as they fell behind 3-1 on their league rival Eastman Selects, and they only got one back in the second period to fall 3-2. Breanna Millions and Abbi Conrad scored for the Hawks. Romijn began in goal, allowing three goals on seven shots, then Oswald came on for the second period and made 10 saves the rest of the way.

Agriculture

Slow but steady growth in pig industry: Dickson

By Harry Siemens

The attitude was positive, the enthusiasm high, and attendance even higher at the recent Manitoba Swine Seminar in Winnipeg.

Following his state of the (pork) union address, Manitoba Pork Council general manager Andrew Dickson fielded questions from farm media.

Q: You were talking about there was slow but steady growth in the industry. Not rapid expansion. What kind of expansion are you seeing? What's coming forward?

Andrew: If we can get two or three per cent slow but steady increase of the capacity of producing finished pig, we'll, over time, be able to make better use of our processing capacity.

One company, for example, has received approval to construct two finishing barns in Southwest Manitoba, working to get approval for four additional sites. These additional barns will bring them to a total of 60,000 finisher places if they can get that achieved. They are at a comparable level with similar size plants in the United States regarding cost structure if you're able to spread your fixed cost over more animals going through the processing plant.

Producers are coming to us with problems with their existing barns because what's happened over the last 15 years. The pigs have gotten bigger, so 20 years ago the pig might have weighed 240 pounds, 250 pounds, the barns were designed around an animal that size. Well, when you go to 285 pounds, the same number of pigs, you can't fit them all in. You've got fewer pigs in your barn.

The problem is you've got all these sows producing baby pigs, which is more efficient as well, so at one time you'd been happy with, say, 20 weaned pigs per sow.

Now guys are thinking 25, 26 weaned pigs per sow, you've got an additional six pigs per sow per year

going into barns designed to run the numbers from twenty years ago.

This leaves the producers short on capacity on their farms. I need to build additional nursery capacity and additional finishing capacity to properly use my sow barns and the numbers of sows that I have. In fact, in some operation, they've cut back from 500 sows farrow to finish to 400 sows farrow to finish. So they don't have too many pigs produced from their sows to fill their other barns losing efficiency.

Let's phrase this as slow growth. An existing operation putting on a small finisher barn just to use capacity is not dramatic growth, but is significant when you add it up over everybody building a little capacity.

Q: It sounds like, a lot of our existing facilities are aging and need replacing.

Andrew: One guy phoned me up the

"PRODUCERS ARE COMING TO US WITH PROBLEMS WITH THEIR EXISTING BARNs ... THE PIGS HAVE GOTTEN BIGGER."

other day, his barns are now up to 30 to 40 years old. Am I going to rebuild? Of course, he's going to rebuild, he wants to be in the pig business. Do I go with my current size or do I increase just a little bit while I'm at it? Sort of, while I'm at it, I may as well build a little extra capacity.

Q: Where do the finished pigs go?

Andrew: I always think there are going to be two markets: a finisher pig business and a weanling pig business.

Those who want to produce weanlings, they'll ship them to Manitoba producers, or they'll ship them to U.S.

producers, whoever gives them the best price in the long run. So we're seeing more and more of those guys looking at contract production, they don't get the high price, but then they don't get the low prices, and they've got some certainty regarding markets.

But right now, it's desirable to ship weanlings to the U.S., which poses a problem for guys here who just want to build a finisher barn. There are discussions ongoing between who wants to finish pigs and the weanling producers about longer term contracts.



By Harry Siemens

Great employees key to success

Recently at Ag Days in Brandon, I spoke with Chris Friesen of Load Line Manufacturing of Winkler, yes about their products and sales, but more important as he tells me the legacy his father left them to help take the business to the next level.

Jake Friesen, who passed away in 2012, purchased the company — which manufactures and sells boxes, trailers, and trucks for transporting grain and gravel—in 1988. Under his ownership, the number of people employed by Load Line grew from six to around 90.

I remember many times bumping into Jake in various other community positions lending a helping hand whenever he could.

I asked Chris, who is the youngest son of three still involved in the business, how his dad's legacy is affecting them going forward.

"The thing with him is he taught us all very well. He had excellent morals and stuff, and the family was sig-

nificant to him, as was his business, so it's pretty special when you can get together," said Chris. "I work together with my two brothers, and I have a brother-in-law there as well, and we all get together. We work together every day, eight hours a day, and it just, it works well because of the way he taught us, the way we were brought up. Christian faith was a big thing for us, and that's helped us a long way in business, and honesty. Honesty is the big thing."

Wow, his comments touched me, and he is walking testimony to what he just told us.

"I started in 2007 the first day out of high school working in the back of the shop, all the way up now into the office, and working in sales, and it's just a family thing we got into," said Chris. "I worked outside, did odd jobs, and started with sweeping the floor, and worked my way up from there."

I asked him how they plan for the future when they get together, or do they focus more on day-to-day mat-

ters?

"A little bit of everything. We obviously have the day to day stuff that we do that we plan. We always have to try to be one step ahead of everybody else, but there's a lot of long-term plans in the works of obviously growing bigger, more employees, new and bigger buildings," Chris said. "It's always moving forward, and business is phenomenal with a great start to 2018, and I see it only getting better and better."

Often, when I ask company owners what the key to their success is, they say it's good employees.

"We have, I would say, the best employees," said Chris. "If you don't have good employees, business won't do well. It's a guarantee."

"And we try to treat our employees like family. We have get-togethers, picnics, and stuff like that. The kids are involved, everybody's involved, and that's how Jake Sr., my dad always had it, and that's a tradition that we're carrying on."

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NOTICES

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

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

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

TENDER

INVITATION TO TENDER
Re: Land in the Municipality of RHINELAND
 We invite **TENDERS** for the purchase of approximately 80 acres of cultivated farmland in the Municipality of Rhineland described as follows:

THE W ½ OF THE E ½ OF SE ¼ 17-2-3 WPM (Title No. 1784322/4)
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A cheque for \$10,000.00 must accompany the tender as a deposit. Written tenders must be received by 2:00 p.m. on March 1, 2018. Deposit will be returned if tender not accepted.

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 To the attention of Christopher G. Doell

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Sat., Feb. 17, 2017
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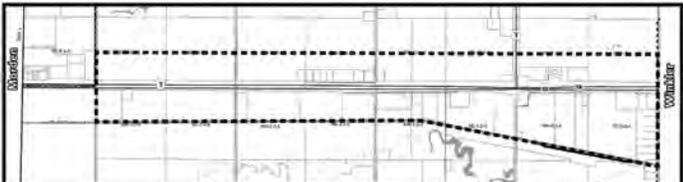
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NOTICES

Rural Municipality of Stanley
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:
 Alterations to the **STANLEY CORRIDOR SECONDARY PLAN BY-LAW NO. 3-2017** being a by-law to further direct land issue and development in the Stanley Corridor

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

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



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

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

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NOTICES

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

The Council of the City of Winkler has scheduled a public hearing at Winkler City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB on the 27th day of February, 2018 at 7 p.m. to present the following local improvement plan:
 Local Improvement Plan No. 39:
 The City of Winkler is required to upgrade the Waste Water Treatment plant to meet current standards. In order to finance the cost of the upgrades, this local improvement is proposing to construct a new facility. Construction of the WWTF in the R.M. of Stanley at an estimated cost of \$46,700,000 less \$34,495,733 from Federal and Provincial funding and funding through the R. M. of Stanley agreement. The net amount estimated to be \$12,204,267 to be financed over a period of twenty (20) years at an estimated interest rate of 5.00%. The annual maintenance cost associate with the local improvement proposed herein will be covered under the City of Winkler Utility Operating Fund's annual budget.
 The annual payment of \$979,301.96 will be raised by sewer utility rates (re-pay 75% of the debt) and the portioned value of all assessable property in the City of Winkler as a mill rate (re-pay 25% of the debt).
 A written objection may be filed with the City Manager, at 185 main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, prior to the commencement of the hearing. At the hearing, Council will hear any potential ratepayer who wishes to make a presentation, ask questions or register an objection to the local improvement plan.
 All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must include the name, address and property description of the person filing the objection and the grounds of their objection.
 Copies of the local improvement plan are available at the City of Winkler office at 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB, and on the municipal website at www.cityofwinkler.ca.
 Dated at the City of Winkler this 1st day of February, 2018, and issued pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

UNDER THE HIGHWAYS PROTECTION ACT AND THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a hearing of the Highway Traffic Board will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 204-301 Weston Street, Winnipeg MB R3E 3H4 Phone: (204) 945-8912.

SPEED ZONES - PART IV - SECTIONS 97 & 98 H.T.A. 428-S - PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING BRANCH

Consideration to be given to a review of the speed zone on a portion of P.R. No. 428, within the City of Winkler and R.M. of Stanley.

The Highway Traffic Board will be prepared to consider all submissions, written or oral, on the above applications by contacting the Secretary prior to or at the hearing.

200 - 301 Weston Street Michelle Slotin, Board Secretary
Winnipeg, MB R3E 3H4 THE HIGHWAY
Phone: (204) 945-8912 TRAFFIC BOARD



CARD OF THANKS

My heartfelt thanks to the Boundary Trails ambulance and paramedics for my trip to Boundary Trails Health Centre and to the doctors and nurses of the hospital for the wonderful care they gave to me. My sincere thanks to all of you.

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OBITUARY

Lena Hoepfner (nee Hildebrand) 1930 - 2018

Lena Hoepfner, nee Hildebrand, beloved wife of Melvin Hoepfner, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2018 at her residence in Winkler, Manitoba.

Mom was born December 10, 1930 to Bernhard A. and Margaret Hildebrand at the home place in Krongart, Manitoba. She was the fifth child of a family of 10. Mom attended the Krongart School until Grade 8 and then went to the Winkler High School and graduated in 1949. She was a perma-teacher for one year. Mom was baptized on May 13, 1951 in the Winkler Berghaler Church. Mom married our dad, Melvin Hoepfner, on July 26, 1953. To this union were born five daughters and three sons. Mom and Dad lived in Winkler for the first few years of their married life.



Mom worked at Stanley Consumers and Kroeker Motors. In 1956, our parents bought a farm in the Mason School District. This was their home where they raised the family and operated a dairy and grain farm until they retired and moved to Winkler in 2005. Mom worked hard on the farm helping Dad with everything she could. She milked cows, stacked bales, fed the livestock, shovelled grain off the truck, tended huge gardens and an orchard. She did this while keeping a neat household and raising eight children. Mom was a great cook and baker and served up many meals to family and friends. She would always ensure that buns and desserts were made should anyone come for Sunday fasha. Mom enjoyed her grandchildren and was always proud of their accomplishments, be they little or great.

Mom leaves to mourn her husband of nearly 65 years, their eight children, Doug and Elaine, Gwen and Cliff, Renata and Bob, Carl and Janet, Lynda and Earl, Monica and Carl, Angela and Art, Chris and Kathy and their families.

Mom was predeceased by her parents, stepmother, four brothers, and one granddaughter, Nicole.

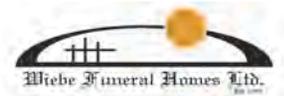
Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018 at the Christian Faith Church with interment prior at the Waldheim Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank all of those who have provided Mom and Dad with meals, flowers, visits and prayers during Mom's illness. Thanks also to Dr. C. Woelk and nurses, Karen and Shannon for helping the family grant Mom's wish to die at home.

Rest in peace Mom. We will miss you and forever love you. God took our angel from us but Heaven is so much richer for it.

Love, The family

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OBITUARY



Anne Klassen (nee Wiebe) 1925 - 2018

On Sunday, February 4, 2018 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, Anne Klassen aged 92 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Blumenfeld went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing four daughters, Anne and Willie Rempel, Mary and Pete Stoesz, Martha and Cornie Krahn, Eva and Bob Letkeman; two sons, John and Erna Klassen, Peter and Kathy Klassen as well as 19 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday February 11, 2018 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior at Blumenfeld Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Anne's memory to Ministerios Ancla de Amor c/o Children of Hope Box 2643 Station

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OBITUARY



Harold John Hildebrand 1956 - 2018

On Sunday, February 4, 2018, Harold John Hildebrand of Schanzenfeld, MB, went to be with the Lord. His wife, Linda was by his side.

Harold was born on June 24, 1956 to Abram J. and Helen Hildebrand of Greenfarm, MB. Harold became a Christian in 1975, at the insistence of his girlfriend Linda. Harold and Linda were married on October 15, 1977. A few years later, on January 28, 1983, they were blessed with the birth of their first son, Chadwick Ryan. Michael John was born on August 13, 1984 and completed their family. Approximately 10 years ago, Harold's faith escalated. Harold and Linda brought their faith into every aspect of their lives.

The result was that their lives and their marriage began flourishing as never before. Harold was and is greatly beloved by his church family. He was the kind of person who would look for a need and fill it—and he filled those needs so very well. He is known as the doorkeeper—watching for people arriving on Sunday mornings. He was always ready with an encouraging word and an open door. At the hospital, as part of the maintenance crew, Harold prayed for the doctors and staff. He prayed over the equipment and over his work. He did his work with integrity and as unto the Lord. Harold did his work with joy.

Chad: I am blessed to have had a Dad who loved his family as much as he did and who always had a solution for every problem no matter how big or small.

Mike: From the first gate drop to the checkered flag; thanks H! You were there for it all, good and bad. I love you dad!

Tina: I am blessed to have had a father-in-law as Harold, a gentle, kind, meek and mild man of incredible faith and integrity. He was the one who prayed for my salvation and I am eternally grateful for him.

Amanda: He had a scripture for everything and he was an amazing teacher. Calm, collected, faith-filled Harold.

Harold is survived by his wife, Linda; Chad and Tina and Mike and Amanda. He is also survived and greatly missed by his siblings, Alvin (Marlene), Brenda (Abe Giesbrecht), Ralph (Kathy), Eileen (Alvin Funk) and numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Harold will also be missed by Linda's siblings, David and Ursula Neufeld, Susan (Carl Steele), Neal and Gisele Neufeld and their families.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Harold's memory to: Terry Mize Ministries—The goal of Terry Mize Ministries has always been to reach the unreached and tell the untold; constantly working to win the lost for Christ, train Christian leaders and care for orphans. Or, Rallies for Christ—Rallies for Christ is a ministry that brings the love of Jesus to people through outreach rallies, outreach movies, Rally TV, books and ministry in churches around the world. Their mission is to reach, teach and save the lost because people matter. Cheques may be made out to HFCC with the designation on the memo line.

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OBITUARY



Gordan W. Kehler 1927 - 2018

Gordan Wilbert Kehler of Homestead South in Morden, MB passed away in the early hours of February 7th, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre at the age of 90 years 8 months and 13 days.

Gordan was born on May 25th, 1927 to John J. And Susan Kehler (nee Krahn), the second of 11 children. After meeting the love of his life, Tina, at the Winkler Fair in 1948. Gordan was baptized upon the confession of his faith prior to their marriage. Gordan and Tina were married on July 16th, 1950. They lived with Tina's parents until Gordan's father moved a house onto the corner of Main Street and Stanley. Gordan and his family subsequently moved twice more and ended up on 11th Street in Winkler. Dad, after getting married, worked for Wiens & Son delivering fuel in 45 gallon drums for a few

years. During this time, I (Ken) was born, being their only child. Tina taught sewing classes and started teaching again to make ends meet. Taking a 5 year course in engine repair prepared Dad for his future careers. In 1958, while working at the Co-op Garage, he was given the opportunity to purchase a garage of his own. There were two gas pumps with no fuel, no tools or anything in the garage. Such was the origin of Central Service Station, and for the next 18 years he provided steady employment and on the job training for his Central Service Station family. He also joined the Winkler Fire Department and because the service station was right next door to the Town Hall and Fire Station, he was generally the first one to respond when the fire alarm was sounded. Mom and Dad both received their pilots license in 1971 and they thoroughly enjoyed flying. When celebrating Dad's 90th birthday, he commented that he wished he could fly a plane one more time. They both loved to travel and for many years they travelled throughout the US and Canada with their 5th wheel trailer. Their journeys also took them to such places as Paraguay, Hawaii, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic among others. In 1975 Dad sold the garage, moved to Winnipeg and returned to school. A year later Mom and Dad moved to Portage la Prairie where Dad taught Industrial Arts at Arthur Meighen High School for the next 13 years. One summer Mom and Dad decided to try something different and went out as exchange teachers. Mom went to St. Kitts in the West Indies, while Dad went to Georgetown, British Guyana. They both really enjoyed that experience. In 1989, Dad, suffered his first heart attack. Dad retired from teaching and delved into woodworking. Dad and mom moved to Sherwood Park, Alberta in 1993 to be close to our family. During this time, they shared in the joy of creating wooden masterpieces. Dad would cut and sand, Mom would do the finishing. In these years many visits were also made back to Manitoba to visit family and friends. 2007 saw them move to an independent/ assisted living facility in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta and in 2011 back to Winnipeg. Dad and Mom finally moved to Homestead South in Morden in 2012 where he lived until he entered Boundary Trails Health Centre the third week of November 2017. Mom passed away in 2013.

Dad leaves to mourn his son, Ken and his wife, Cathy; two granddaughters, Andrea and Tom Link of Huntsville, Alabama, and Kim and Chris Feifel and their sons, Ethan and Benjamin of Houston, Texas; siblings, Ruth, Norman, Mary and Pete in Manitoba, and Elsie and Howard in Ontario and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, John J and Susan Kehler; three brothers, John, Eugene and Isaac; one sister, Olga and his wife of 63 years, Tina.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 10th, 2018 at the Winkler EMM Church with burial prior at the Rosenbach Cemetery.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in Gordan's memory to The Gideons or to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to the Palliative Care Unit.

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OBITUARY



Margaret Frances Zilkey 1931 - 2018

On Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Margaret Zilkey, age 86 years passed away.

Margaret is survived by her son, Perry (Joyce); grandsons, Cameron (Whitney) and Carson, (Rachel); sisters, Evelyn Lone, and Doris Moores; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Hunter and Maxine Hunter and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Albert and Audrey (nee Hope) Hunter; her husband, Arnold in 1989; brothers, Gordon and Morris; brothers-in-law, Ivan Lone and Harold Moores and sister-in-law, Em Hunter.

Margie, as she liked to be called was born in Mowbray. She married Arnie and moved to the farm near Altamont and later retired to Morden. She enjoyed travelling, curling, playing cards,

church and taking part in community events.

Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at St. Thomas Anglican Church 131 8th St. in Morden.

The family would like to thank the staff at BTHC for their care of Mom/Grandma and the Wiebe Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Margie's memory to the BTHC Foundation (designated to Cancer Care) or to the New Haven Cemetery.

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