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# Pint-sized cosplayers

Iron Man and Spider-Man strike heroic poses in the kid's category of the Winkler Comic Con's cosplay contest on Monday. For more convention photos, check out Pg. 16.

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# Winkler Park to get new inclusive playground

By Lorne Stelmach

Collaboration is making a fully inclusive and accessible new playground become a reality in Winkler.

A number of parties have come together to support the approximately \$750,000 project unveiled by Winkler city council last week.

"It really is incredibly designed with all kids in mind," said Lindsay Joseph, manager of the Inclusive Play Project at Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, which is a key partner making it happen with a contribution of more than half of the total cost.

"It's a beautiful feeling. It's a beautiful community that we live in, and it's beautiful to see people come together and work together towards



Thanks to funding from Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities and Rose Toews and her family, Winkler Park will be getting a new accessible playground structure this summer.



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something that's so important," said Rose Toews, whose family is also contributing in memory of her husband Ryan and with the inspiration of her grandchild Brody.

"It brings back a lot of emotion," said Toews, who is anxiously "looking to the future and knowing that Brody will be able to go there in his wheelchair and go and play with the other kids and not be left out."

"We're grateful for the partnerships that we've engaged with in this project, and we're grateful for our community stepping up to the plate and saying yes this is needed," said Mayor Martin Harder. "Accessibility is an issue that we face every single day."

The playground will be built in the Winkler Park and will be around 7,000 square feet with a variety of pieces providing imaginative and accessible space for kids of all abilities to play on together.

The initiative is being spearheaded through the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities as part of its inclusive play

project, which focuses on removing accessibility barriers to sport and play.

This one will be the second to be built in Manitoba; the first opened in Winnipeg in 2018. There are seven of these playgrounds in communities across Canada to date, with two more scheduled to go up in 2020.

The playground is designed to create inclusive, developmentally appropriate spaces for kids of all ages and abilities and to encourage parallel play. Among its features are double wide ramps, a roller slide, bucket seat with harness swing, and quiet zones designed for children with autism spectrum disorder and sensory processing disorders.

"It will be the first of its kind as a collaborative project," said Joseph.

She believes the community will really embrace and appreciate features like the "we-go-round," which is like a merry-go-round but with level and barrier-free access.

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## Armed robbery at Winkler's Liquor Mart

Five people are facing charges after an armed robbery at the Winkler Liquor Mart over the weekend.

Winkler Police were called to the Cargill Road store on Saturday just after 4:30 p.m.

Employees told police a number of suspects had entered the store and stolen several bottles of liquor. One of the suspects was reported to have been armed with a weapon.

A vehicle description was provided by witnesses. Police confirmed that the vehicle had previously been reported stolen in Winnipeg.

At approximately 4:51 p.m., a Mor-

den Police Service patrol unit located the suspect vehicle on a rural road near Morden and attempted to conduct a traffic stop.

After the suspects failed to stop for police, a brief vehicle pursuit was initiated during which the stolen vehicle became stuck in a ditch.

Morden, Winkler, and RCMP officers were able to safely take the five occupants of the vehicle into custody.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of an edged weapon, a collapsible baton, and approximately 70 bottles of liquor.

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# Agassiz clinic renos moving full speed ahead

## Fundraising campaign hits \$400,000

By Lorne Stelmach

Work is well underway on the expansion of the Agassiz Medical Centre as fundraising continues to draw ever closer to the goal.

The community board is working to raise at least \$500,000 towards what is estimated to be a \$1.25 million project. As of last week, the campaign had reached \$400,000.

"Fundraising has been going really

well," fundraising chairperson Bob Wahl said while touring the areas under construction and renovation. "It's been great to see the progress that we've made ... I didn't think it would happen as fast as it did, but with the public's participation and all the fundraising, it's been going well.

"It's been great up to now and we just totally thank the public, the businesses, everybody for the contributions that they've made to this point."

Wahl said they are optimistic they will reach the target in time for an opening tentatively planned for mid-summer, "barring any setbacks ... obviously with an older building, there can be some issues.

"We've still got businesses that we're soliciting," he added, "and obviously public awareness has been a big thing."

Wahl also noted there will be additional costs to the project aside from the construction.

"We've also got a lot of other expenses, when you look at the equipment, furnishings for the 10 examining rooms ... that's probably going to cost us well over \$200,000," he said.

"So fundraising is going to be ongoing even once we reach our goal."

Once the renovation is complete, the clinic will be officially renamed the Menzies Medical Centre in honour of the three generations of Menzies doctors who have served the community.

The expansion project is utilizing undeveloped space in what had originally been the Morden hospital to provide room for more health care providers. The hope is to add at least five more practitioners to meet the current need and 10 more to meet succession planning.

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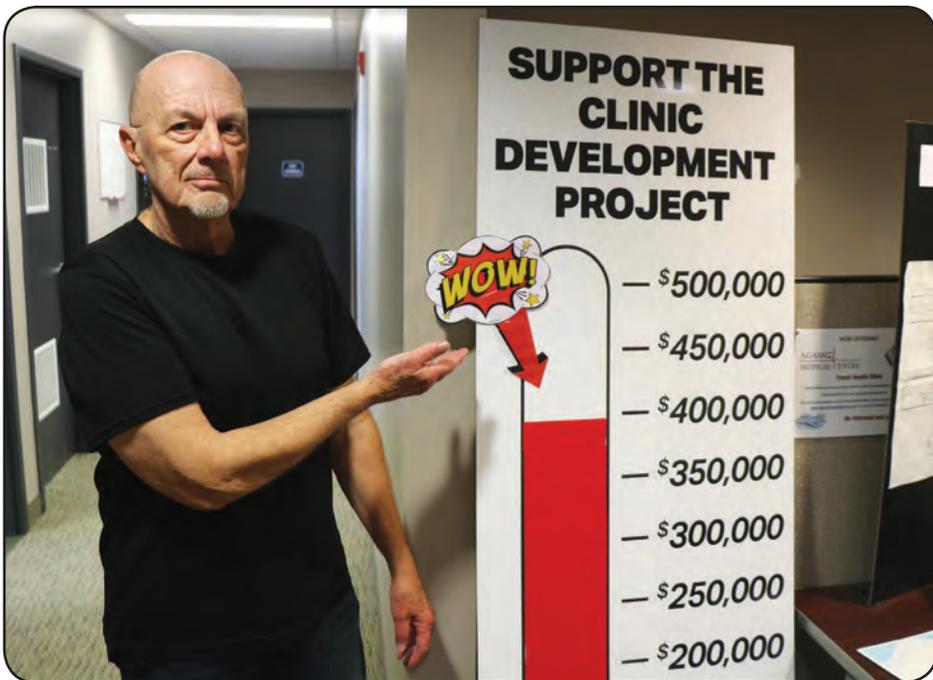


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Agassiz Medical Centre community board member and fundraising chair Bob Wahl points to the progress of the campaign thus far.

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## > PLAYGROUND, FROM PG. 2

"You can spin it using a wheel on the inside or running on the outside. I've seen three wheelchairs and ten children using it at the same time ... it's got lots of that room for inclusive play where everybody of all abilities is playing all together."

Stepping up to help get this project off the ground is local Canadian Tire dealer David Dunseath and his wife Lori.

"Canadian Tire started rolling these out a couple years ago to major centres," said Dunseath, who saw an

opportunity for Winkler after seeing a presentation a year ago at a dealer meeting.

"Jumpstart is a wonderful charity, and I've enjoyed being part of it," he said of the program that helps address the financial barriers families face in getting involved in sport and recreation. "This is a way to get physical barriers down.

"Winkler is a wonderful place to live ... and a real tangible way for us to give back to the community is to do something like this," he added. "What

a great way to do it, to let kids inclusively play together.

"Hopefully by July it will be ready to go and kids will be able to start playing on it. It's going to be amazing."

For Toews, whose husband passed away in August of 2018, this seemed like a perfect way to both honour him and benefit the community that was so important to him.

"He was a very community-minded person and I wanted to do something that would leave a legacy or would be something that I knew would mean a lot to him," she said.

"Accessibility was something that we both felt strongly about promoting in our community for the future of Brody as he gets older ... so that he is able to do as much as he possibly can on his own."

Mayor Harder praised this as yet another example of how the community comes together to make things happen.

"When you look at a project like this, it certainly wouldn't be one that would have been in our budget," he said. "We see it so many times. It's just another example of how we've been able to work together with people from the community who have a heart for a particular project.

"There's so many different pieces of Winkler that wouldn't exist without the collaboration of the people who live here."

Harder noted the city has "committed to doing all of the prep work in May. We're anticipating that the construction will begin in June ... so beginning of July, it should be ready."

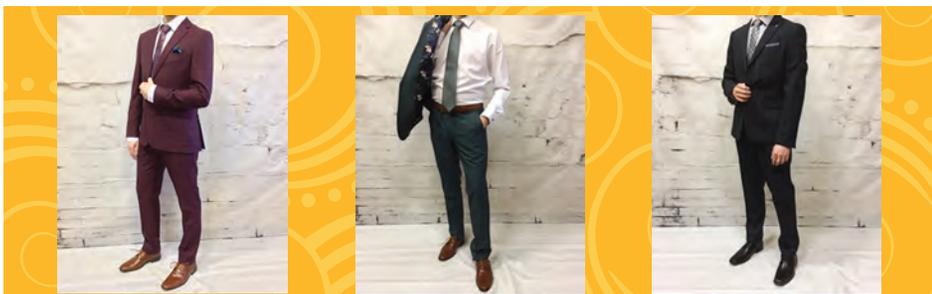
Joseph expressed her appreciation for the City of Winkler being so ready to come on board.

"From day one they've been ready and excited about the project and committed to working together with us to make this happen."



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Winkler city council was joined last week by representatives of Canadian Tire and the Toews family to unveil the Winkler Park playground project.



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## > CLINIC, FROM PG. 3

The renovation will also improve the nurse station and rework the reception area to better handle the increased clinic capacity.

"We're going to totally change over the whole administration area and reception area and make it more user-friendly," said Wahl.

The work will add another 2,500 square feet of space to bring the clinic to about 18,000 square feet in total.

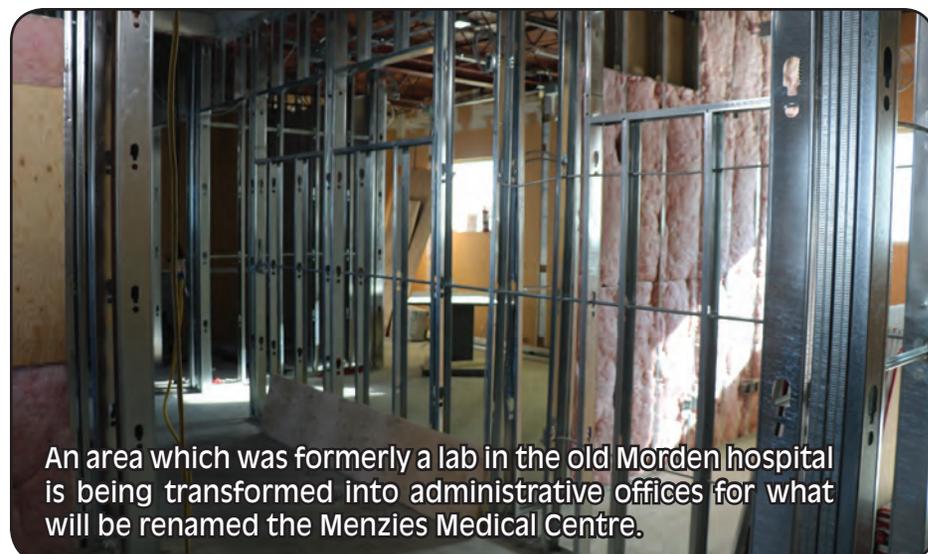
"Right now I would say we are basically on track," said Wahl as he showed one area that was formerly a lab for the Morden hospital that will become administrative offices

and then another section that had been connected to the Fittwell Centre which is being turned into exam rooms.

He noted everyone at the clinic is excited to see it all progressing well.

"I think the staff and the employees over here are just tickled pink with seeing the progression of the construction," Wahl said. "Anybody that comes in here probably after mid-summer is going to be blown away with the changes that we've made."

The clinic will remain open for the duration of the project.



An area which was formerly a lab in the old Morden hospital is being transformed into administrative offices for what will be renamed the Menzies Medical Centre.

# Quinton Blair sharing stories and songs in Winkler March 20

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Country music star Quinton Blair brings *An Extraordinary Night of Country Music* to the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler next month.

It will be an evening packed full of both songs and stories, says Blair, a four-time MCMA award winner with deep roots in rural Manitoba.

"We have everything from Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings to Willie Nelson in our playlist, but I also have spent the last four years hosting a radio show called the Music Minute where we talk about the history of this song or the story behind that song, so I have this deep knowledge of country music that I want to share," he says. "I'm kind of a storyteller, maybe a rambler, so there will definitely be some of that involved too."

The evening also features the musical stylings of Ed Wayne, Brian Jacobs, and Joe Wilson, the latter of whom will be releasing his new album, *Denim & Roses*, that night.

For Blair, the chance to perform in communities large and small throughout the province he loves is a blessing.

"When you play these small-town

country shows, we're driving all over millions of miles of Manitoba that so many people don't see," he says.

His latest single, "Something to Me," is all about those experiences exploring the back country.

"It's a love song about the Prairies," he says, noting that while people from Ontario or B.C. might look at the Prairies as being full of flat nothingness. "That nothing means something to me.

"It's about where I live and what I feel like when I'm driving down these lonely highways to Roseisle or wherever and I can't wait to get there."

In his travels, Blair has seen some of the challenges many rural communities and non-profit organizations face in trying to get much-needed projects off the ground.

"No matter what town you're in, somebody needs help," he says.

That's why he recently committed to helping to raise \$1 million for rural communities before his career is over.

"I'm 37. I plan on playing music until I'm 80, so I've got time. But I actually think I could do it in seven years," Blair says, explaining he plans to play about 20 shows a year in support of a wide range of worthy projects.

"Rural Manitoba has such a special

**"RURAL MANITOBA HAS SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART."**



Quinton Blair presents An Extraordinary Night of Country Music at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler Friday, March 20.

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place in my heart," he says. "My first show, my very first paid gig was in Plum Coulee.

"I'm not one of those guys who's like ... I don't want to go to Nashville, I don't care about being a national country music star, I don't care about trying to be George Canyon or Brad Paisley. I'm a Manitoban and I'm not leaving Manitoba. But I have something that I think I can leverage to support people in the community," Blair says. "Let's use my reach through media to raise awareness for what we're trying to raise money for. Let's give sponsors an opportunity to get on board and be a part of the

event."

For the Winkler show, Blair is teaming up with Mend the Gap, a group that supports local families living in poverty.

"They're really bridging the gap to people who are dealing with some difficult situations," says Blair. "They step in and gives them a hand, a hand up, with dignity."

*An Extraordinary Night of Country Music* takes over the Winkler concert hall on Friday, March 20. Tickets are available in person at Winkler's city hall or online at [winklerconcerthall.ca](http://winklerconcerthall.ca) and Eventbrite.

# Local dietitians hosting Craving Change workshops

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden-Winkler area dietitians are offering a workshop this spring designed to help you improve your eating habits.

Dietitians working out of BTHC and the Winkler and Morden medical clinics are hosting the next round of the Craving Change program starting next week.

It's a how-to workshop that helps participants

understand why they eat the way they do and what they can do to change it, says Candice Comtois, chronic disease dietitian at the CW Wiebe Medical Centre.

"It's a nationally recognized, three-part workshop for adults who struggle with problematic eating," she says. "So whether that be eating for comfort or eating in response to emotions ... it's really about getting to the root of why we eat the way we do and then shifting our thinking

around food.

"Rather than treating it with a set of rules, dos and don'ts, it uses cognitive behavioural tools and activities and strategies that address the root problem of it."

The workshop has been held many times here over the past decade, always to good response.

"The feedback has always been really positive," Comtois says. "For a lot of people, they tell us they're happy to know they aren't the only ones struggling with this issue and they find support in the group class setting.

"Also, for a lot of them, it's a completely new way of thinking about food," she adds. "People walk out with

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## Prize winner

Jakob Harder (back, centre), whose story *The Odd Day Before Christmas* won the K-4 division in the Voice's Christmas writing contest, claimed his prize on Sunday. He and a group of friends went to go see the new *Sonic the Hedgehog* movie. We hope you enjoyed the show, Jakob!



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## I like to fall

Once, when I was 12, I plunged 40 feet off a cliff terrified into deep, dark waters ... and then I did it again and again and again.

I like to fall. I don't know why. I think many people like to fall or else why are there so many divers and jumpers out there?

The days I first discovered I enjoyed plunging were even before the above experience at 12. I think I was about nine or 10 when I was swimming at the Guelph Rec. Centre watching people jump and dive off the high diving board.

It was captivating. I watched and watched and watched until finally I got up the nerve to get in line and climb the ladder up maybe 12 or 15 feet to the board (it felt like a thousand). Slowly edging toward the end, incapable of walking back despite my enormous fear, I was more afraid of looking like a coward than of hurling myself off the board.

Finally, at the edge of the board I peered over. Vertigo took me almost immediately. I froze, looked again, and then jumped. Within seconds I

was plunging into the water. Amazing. Terrifying. Brilliant. I continued until I had the nerve to dive.

I got overconfident once and over-rotated on a dive and landed FLAT on my back with a loud SMACK! I sank in pain and shame and slowly made my way underwater to a ladder hoping people would forget. They did not. All eyes on me as I climbed out. Loads of "Are you okay?" followed me. "I'm fine," I replied, as if I meant to do that and emerge with a beet red, flaming back, only to go back and climb the ladder once more to prove a point: fear will not get the best of me. I may not be able to eliminate it, but I can keep doing the thing that scares me to prove I am better than it ... and I did.

Eventually a friend of the family brought me and a friend to Elora Quarry. What a place. The high diving board was nothing compared to the 40-foot (more than 12 meter) cliffs that surrounded a deep, water-filled old quarry with a small beach at one end. If you have seen the movie *It* you have seen these very same cliffs.

There were people lining the cliff edges and periodically hurling themselves off. Astounding. I had to do this. I climbed to the top and wandered to the edge. There were about eight or nine other, older teens alongside it. The plan was simple: at the count of three we would all jump off at once. How could I refuse? I was trapped now and horrified.

But peer pressure is far greater than the fear of death and so when the count reached three, I ran and leapt with everyone else. I had no idea how deep it was. No idea if there were rocks where I was landing. I jumped and could count nearly a full Mississippi before I hit the water like a nail and disappeared into the dark cold.

I like to fall. I was addicted. After that day I was so hooked I convinced a friend to bike the 23 kilometers from Guelph to the Quarry so we could cliff jump. It had to be done.

One would think that age, weight, and a healthy dose of survival instinct would have tempered this strange passion but no, not really. Every time I find a high place and deep water, I feel the need to jump or dive again.

Driving the road to Hana in Maui we encountered waterfalls. "Let's get out and get some pictures." Of course, we get there and people are jumping off cliffs into the pool below.

"I have to jump."

"You don't have your bathing suit."

"No problem, I'm wearing shorts." At which point the shirt comes off and the jumping commences.

Same thing in Italy last year off low cliffs at the beaches of Cinque Terre into the crystal-clear Mediterranean. I probably would have stayed all day, but this is frowned upon when in a group.

I like to fall. I don't know why. It's thrilling and frightening—everything I love in an afternoon.



**By Peter Cantelon**

> **WORKSHOP, FROM PG. 5**

more positive self-talk and a more positive relationship with food."

The course is free to attend, though space is limited. The three sessions are two hours each.

For registration details and upcoming workshop dates, consult your local clinic's website or dietician or search for the program online at [southern-health.ca](http://southern-health.ca). You can also call 204-331-8858. More details about the program are also available at [cravingchange.ca](http://cravingchange.ca).

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# Students chip in to help send books to Kenya

Maple Leaf School students were the entertainment last Thursday evening at the Morden library as they took turns telling stories as part of an event that marked February as

I Love To Read Month while also supporting the Kenya Library Books Project to the tune of \$1,000. Rosemary Zahn, a liaison worker at Morden Collegiate, hopes to

raise \$8,000 by the end of March to cover the shipping costs of sending an estimated 42,000 pounds of used books to her homeland. Students and fellow teachers are supporting the cause with another event Feb. 22: a book sale in the Maple Leaf gym from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations can also be made on the Kenya Library Book Project Morden GoFundMe page and at CIBC in Morden.



## Winkler applying for Oct. storm funding help

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler is hoping to get a portion of the funds being handed out in response to last October's snowstorm.

Council gave its approval at its Feb. 11 meeting to apply for the disaster financial assistance program announced recently by the Manitoba government.

A large portion of the costs to the city involved having to hire contractors to assist with a significant amount of cleanup of downed and damaged trees.

An estimate put the price tag in the \$100,000 range, but Winkler will only be eligible to receive perhaps one third of that amount from the province, council was told.

In other matters, council members approved a minor increase in what they will be paid in 2020.

The councillor indemnities received a 2.2 per cent inflationary increase in line with the rise in the cost of living.

It means the mayor will receive

\$36,180 and the deputy mayor \$19,400, while other council members will get \$16,569.

Also at last week's meeting, council heard from the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

In addition to a request for a \$4,500 operating contribution for the year

### > ROBBERY, FROM PG. 2

Numerous charges have been laid as a result of this investigation:

- A 19-year-old male from Winnipeg was remanded in custody and has been charged with robbery with a weapon, taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, uttering threats to cause bodily harm, and possession of property obtained by crime

- A 17-year-old female from Winnipeg was remanded in custody and has been charged with robbery with a weapon, flight from a peace officer, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, two counts of possessing prop-

erty obtained by crime, and failing to comply with the conditions of an undertaking.

The organization also shared that it is kicking off fundraising and planning for an expansion of its shelter lo-

erty obtained by crime, and failing to comply with the conditions of an undertaking.

- A 16-year-old female youth from Winnipeg was remanded in custody and has been charged with robbery with a weapon, taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, and possession of property obtained by crime.

- A 14-year-old male youth from Winnipeg was remanded in custody and has been charged with robbery with a weapon, taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, possessing a weapon for a danger-

cated in Morden, with tentative plans calling for perhaps an additional 1,600 square feet and an overall project cost in the range of \$480,000.

Council will consider its level of financial support for the humane society as part of its 2020 budget process.

ous purpose, assault with a weapon, identity fraud, possession of property obtained by crime, and two counts of failing to comply with the conditions of an undertaking.

- A 15-year-old female youth of Winnipeg was released on an undertaking with an upcoming court date. She will be charged with robbery with a weapon, taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, possession of property obtained by crime, and failing to comply with the conditions of a probation order.

# Pure Anada founder to speak at EmpowHER event

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is again aiming to entertain and inspire with its International Women's Day event.



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Pure Anada's Candace Grenier is the speaker at the Morden chamber's EmpowHer evening March 10 in honour of International Women's Day.

Officially set for March 8 with a campaign theme of Each For Equal, International Women's Day will be marked locally with the fifth annual EmpowHER evening Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boston Pizza lounge.

The guest speaker will be Pure Anada founder Candace Grenier with a presentation entitled *How to Eliminate, Overwhelm and Succeed at Life*.

"I frequently get asked how I apparently do it all: owning a successful business and a large family," Grenier said when reached via e-mail last week.

"Women often can't imagine being in my shoes because they themselves feel overwhelmed in their seemingly less complicated life. So how is it even possible to do what I do?"

"I'm going to share some practical strategies I've learned over the years that helped meet my goals while still enjoying the most important things in life."

"Many times when we look at other women's amazing lives, it's just an illusion. We're all in this together," Grenier said. "I hope to leave people encouraged after the evening is over, empowered with some tools they can use to eliminate the overwhelm in their lives."

"I'M GOING TO SHARE SOME PRACTICAL STRATEGIES I'VE LEARNED OVER THE YEARS THAT HELPED MEET MY GOALS WHILE STILL ENJOYING THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE."

What started out as a hobby turned into a thriving business helmed by Grenier, whose first career was hair-styling.

When she developed sensitivities to some of the products she used on a daily basis, Grenier began to research some of the ingredients commonly used in cosmetics. She started to see there was a demand for more natural alternatives, and that has driven the success of Pure Anada.

"I am amazed at how our company continues to grow," Grenier writes on the company's website. "Since the inception of Pure Anada, my goal has been to create a natural, safer alternative to traditional, mainstream cosmetics. I love the beauty of nature and enjoy the challenge of assembling luxurious, organic ingredients into products for you to enjoy."

Chamber executive director Can-

dace Olafson said sharing that kind of passion and dedication through an event like EmpowHER never fails to inspire. The evening usually fills the Boston Pizza lounge to capacity.

"It's been a successful event, something that quickly sells out," Olafson said. "It can be a great evening of sharing and being open with each other ... it's just a fun, empowering evening."

"It's a ladies night out event ... and we get to listen to some of our local talented women and share their insights with us."

Pharmasave is a sponsor of EmpowHER with Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre also a partner in organizing the event. Tickets are \$25 each.

Ticket are available online at [mordenchamber.com](http://mordenchamber.com) or by calling 204-822-5630 ext. 1.

## Giant toboggan run now open at The Forks

A unique, made-in-Manitoba toboggan slide dubbed The Ice Chute opened last weekend at The Forks in Winnipeg as part of the celebration of Manitoba's 150th anniversary

"Manitoba 150 is delighted to add new winter fun for our anniversary year," said Stuart Murray and Monique LaCoste, co-chairs of the Manitoba 150 Host Committee Inc. "Through everything we're doing this year, we are bringing people together to build memories with friends and family and appreciate everything that's special about Manitoba, including our winters. Plus, it's really fun!"

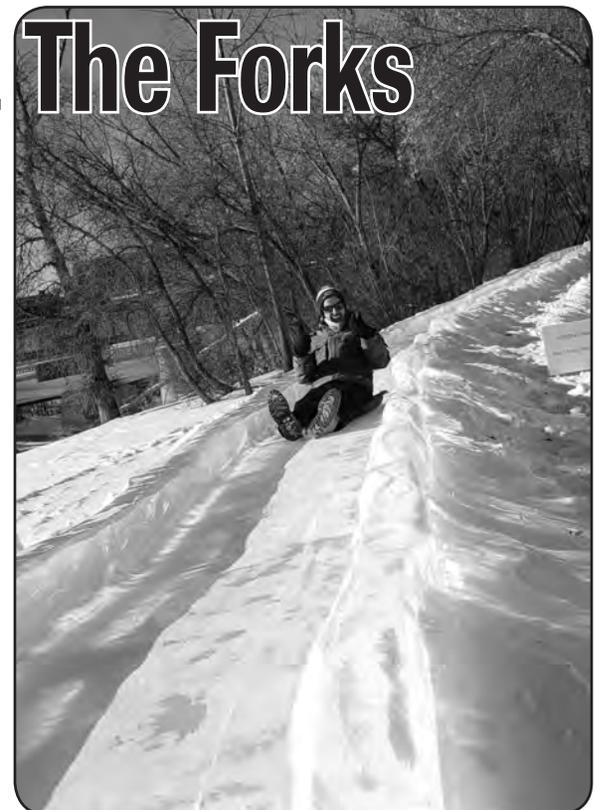
Conceived, designed, and created by Manitoba firm Sputnik Architecture, the 250 foot toboggan run harkens back to Manitoba's rich past.

"I took inspiration for The Ice Chute from black and white photos of the 1922 Winnipeg Winter Carnival. This is my tribute to that time, to the spirit of fun, thrills, and outdoor appreciation you can clearly see in the images," said the firm's Peter Hargraves. "What better way to embrace winter than through the beautiful, temperamental medium of ice?"

"Working with ice is a constantly moving target," added Hargraves. "As the temperature changes, so does the ice. It is a surprisingly fragile material, but I love the challenge of working with it."

Hargraves had the support of his entire team as well as expert ice sculptor Luca Roncoroni in crafting the chute.

Together, the team harvested ice from Fort Whyte Alive, wrangling 72 blocks of 11-cm thick ice for the base, 72 blocks of 15-cm thick ice for the walls, and 11 semi truckloads full of snow from



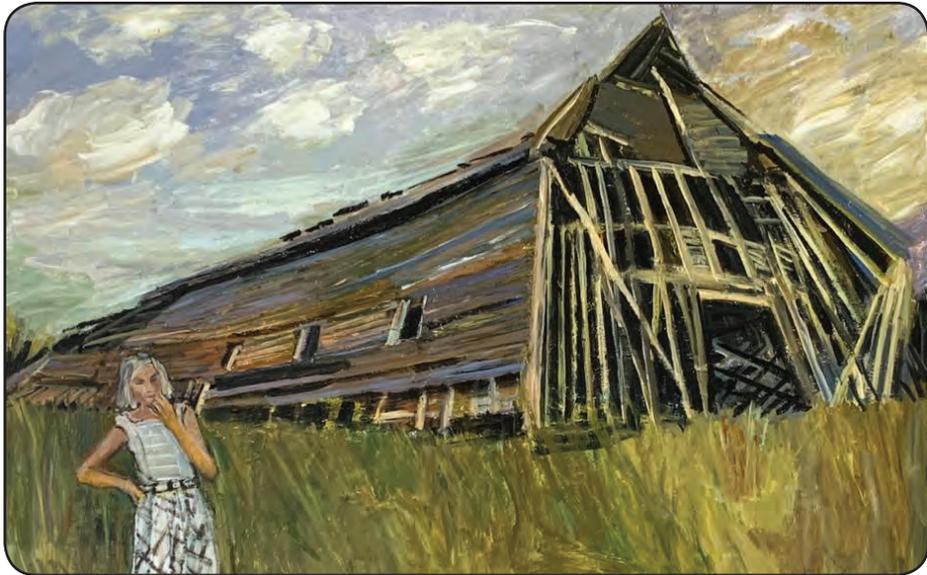
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The Ice Chute sled track opened at The Forks in Winnipeg last weekend.

The Forks to create the ramp.

In total, they used 45 tons of ice, shaping them using chainsaws and a variety of other handheld tools.

The Ice Chute, which can be found at the far south end of The Forks, will be open to the public as long as the cold weather allows.



## Emerson artist showcases the resilience, beauty of rural living

By Ashleigh Viveiros

An Emerson artist brings her paintings of the Canadian and American west to the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre this month.

Sharon Cory and her husband John Glassco have been making regular trips between their homes in southern Manitoba and Washington state

in recent years.

The people and landscapes they've encountered on the way through Manitoba, North Dakota, Montana, and Washington inspired the nearly a dozen acrylic paintings in the *It's a Good Life If You Don't Weaken* show on display now at the Winkler gallery.

"In the distance from where he lived in Washington back to Manitoba, we



Sharon Cory's show at the Winkler art gallery this month, entitled *It's a Good Life If You Don't Weaken*, showcases the resilience and desolate beauty of rural living.

just have such a wide range of mountains and prairies and deserts and all kinds of northern coniferous forests," Cory says. "It's such a range to look at that my eyes were bulging the whole time."

"One thing that really stuck out was how desolate a lot of these little towns looked. The people have left, the houses were falling down, the barns were falling to the ground."

These aren't subjects Cory normally

paints, but the desolate beauty of it all called to her.

"There's was something about the last people there that just made me think what did these places look like when they were alive and people were in the streets and children were running up and down the fields? That was my inspiration."

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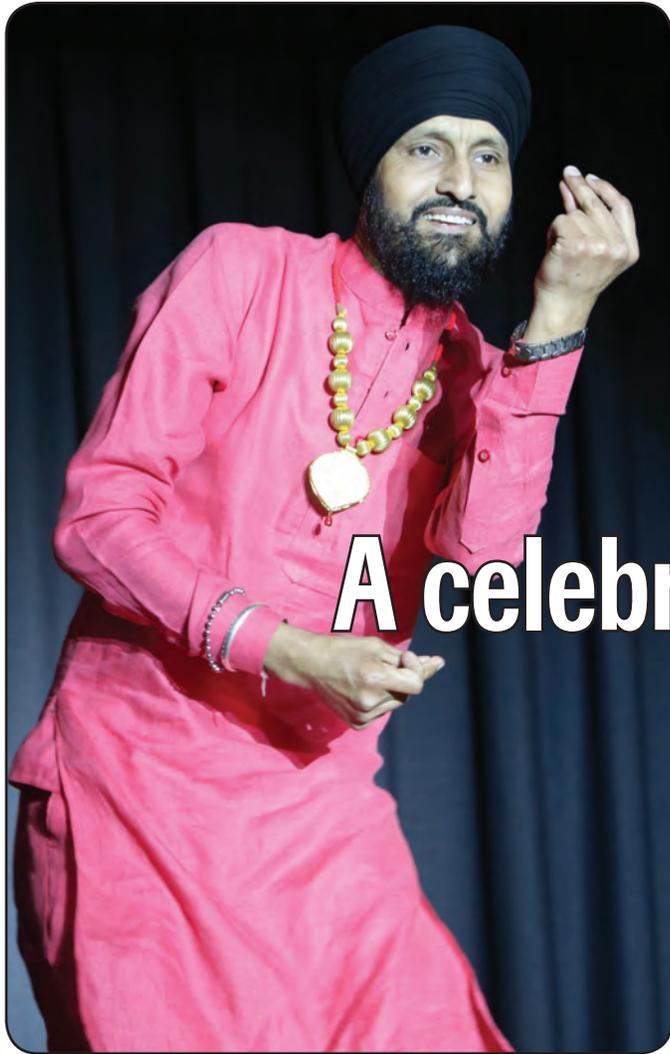
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## A celebration of winter and diversity

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The 12th annual Morden Multicultural Winterfest offered a celebration of both the season and of the community's diversity on Saturday. The festival featured a wide array of activities both inside and out at the Access Event Centre, including educational booths representing 16 different cultures. Clockwise from left: The stage show included a variety of ethnic dances throughout the afternoon; warming up by the fire with roasted marshmallows and bannock; hands-on activities at the cultural stations; street hockey outside; in traditional costume at the Mexico booth. Festival-goers could also enjoy sleigh rides, chow down on food from all over the world, take in the Polar Plunge (see Pg. 11), and lend a hand in a community art project (see Pg. 14).



# Taking the plunge for Special O

By Lorne Stelmach

The cold weather Saturday didn't dissuade 35 brave souls from Freezin' for a Reason as they took part in the 2020 Morden Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics.

The annual event took place in conjunction with Morden's Winterfest and saw some newcomers as well as familiar faces taking on the challenge of jumping into the tank of icy water.

"We come out and support it every year," said Colby Desender, who was

part of the team of Manitou-RM of Pembina firefighters who this year came dressed as Flintstones characters. "We like to help make it a good time ... we try to put some thought into dressing up every year and try to make it entertaining for the people."

The plungers' efforts helped raise over \$17,000, which brings the five year total for the event to over \$100,000.

"That is beyond what we ever thought was possible," said organizer Scott Edwards.



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Thirty-five people took an icy plunge in support of Special Olympics in Morden on Saturday. The 2020 Polar Plunge raised \$17,000, bringing the event's total over the past five years to \$100,000.

"The cold weather added to the experience for our participants but also affected the amount of people willing to brave the cold to watch the event."



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The Pembina Valley's largest trade show is set to fill the Access Event Centre community hall with dozens of booths from local vendors of all stripes, including home décor, furniture, landscaping, health and beauty, and outdoor activities.

"The whole point is to showcase our local businesses," says chamber executive director Candace Olafson. "It is really a great variety of exhibitors."

The 2020 Home and Life Show runs Friday March 6 from 3-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

"Both the exhibitors and the community and even the surrounding communities look forward to it each year," Olafson says. "It's a great opportunity to see a wide variety of businesses under one roof and see what products and services they have to offer the area."

"For the exhibitors, it is a great way for them to connect with people and to attract potential new customers," she adds, estimating that the show may attract in the range of up to 2,000 people over the two days.

"Each year we have repeat exhibitors, but we also get some great new ones," says Olafson. "The ones who come back really indicates that there's value in the show and value in making the connections with the people who come through the show."



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Visitors to Morden's Winterfest Saturday had an opportunity to be part of the Pembina Hills Arts Council's Manitoba 150 flora and fauna tile mosaic project. The project will be making the rounds in the community over the next few months, inviting people to help create several pieces of public art. The finished pieces will be installed outside the Morden gallery this summer.



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Cory credits inspiration as well to the music of The Tragically Hip, which she often listens to as she paints.

"Words and images kept popping out and I'd think, 'That's a painting!'" she says. "So here's to [late band leader] Gord Downie, ever alive and helping to formulate what it means to be Canadian and American."

The music played alongside the images and observations she collected on her trips got her thinking, "You can live this life, you can live a life in the country as a farmer or as a small business person, but you've got to be strong and you've got to be flexibility and resilient.

"You've got to really stick with it. You can't just throw your hands up and say, 'Oh, this was a hard year. I'm leaving,'" Cory says, pointing to

the multi-generational farm families who have persevered through the tough years along with the good. "They ride out the floods and droughts, the insects ... there's really something to learn from that.

"That's what I wanted to portray with these paintings is the resilience that's needed to live in these harsh, harsh landscapes."

In addition to Cory's paintings, the show also features several of Glassco's photographs taken along the way as well as a few paintings of fellow Emerson artist Jean Mackie, who has been exploring a unique "quilted" style of painting that Cory calls "quintessentially Prairie."

The show is on display until March 27. An opening reception takes place this Saturday, Feb. 22, from 1-5 p.m.

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## How to Survive Tax Season

When entering into the tax season, it is easy to become stressed over taxes. This time of year can be stressful especially if an individual feels that he or she has not paid enough taxes in or they have made more money this year than in previous years and maybe the deductions do not equal out the increases. What can an individual do to relieve stress in the tax season?

Stress during tax season and end of the year paperwork can leave an individual feeling overwhelmed especially on top of the normal daily activities and responsibilities that do not stop just because the end of the year has arrived. In looking at what someone

can do to relieve stress when it comes to taxes and paperwork, we must not overlook being prepared.

One of the best ways to alleviate stress when it comes to taxes is to keep good records throughout the year. If you are a contractor, have you kept up with your receipts and other deductions? Keeping precise records may be a tedious task during the year; however, you will be thanking yourself to no end when tax season rolls around. It does not pay to procrastinate when it comes to taxes and what is required by the federal government.

Make sure you have taken advantage of other tax savers such as funding your RRSP. Funding your

RRSP comes off the top of your income for the year and may help to reduce income tax for the year.

Hopefully, you are well prepared for the tax season of 2020. Be sure to get organized beforehand and get all of your paperwork in order. Take advantage of the different tax incentives out there and other programs which can greatly reduce your tax liability. Stress during tax season can be minimized if you are prepared, so make it your aim to get organized now and you will find peace of mind knowing you are ready for not only this tax season but those to come.

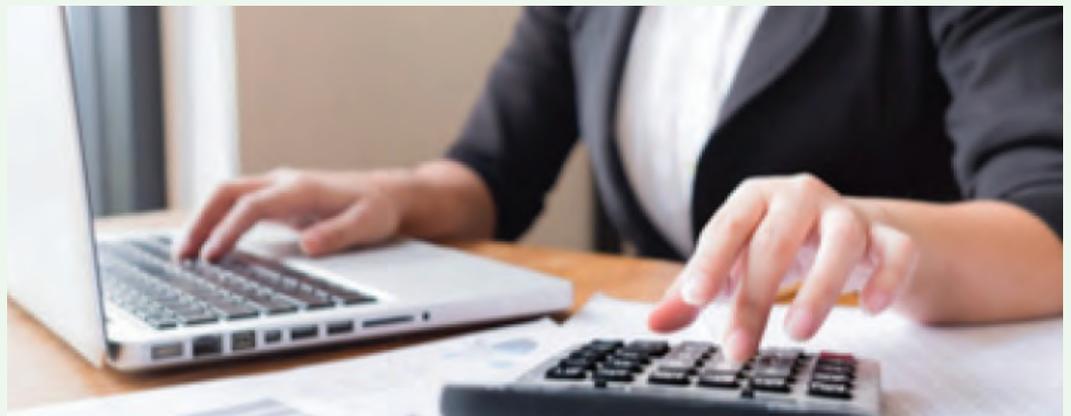
## Are you missing out on these tax benefit payments?

Filing your taxes isn't fun, but the upside is it's the only way to receive benefits and credits that can help you pay for things like groceries, your kids' activities or even a dream vacation.

You only need to apply for benefits and credits once, but you do need to do your taxes on time every year to continue getting your payments without interruption. You also need to keep your personal information — like your address and marital status — up to date. Make sure to keep all the information you needed to do your taxes for at least six years, in case the CRA asks for it.

Here are some tips to help make sure you're getting the benefits and credits you're entitled to:

Do your taxes. Even if you don't have any income to report for 2019 or your income is tax exempt, you can still claim helpful



tax credits and get benefit payments. You just have to do your taxes by April 30, 2020.

If you have children under 18 in your care, you could get Canada child benefit payments every month. You need to apply

(if you haven't already); then, make sure you do your taxes on time every year so you can continue to receive it without interruption. You can also get past payments for up to 10 years prior.

If you have a disability, you may be eligible for the disability tax credit. And, if your child is eligible for the disability tax credit, you could get child disability benefit payments.

If you work but earn a modest income, you could get the Canada workers benefit (formerly the working income tax benefit) every three months. You can also apply for advance payments of this benefit.

Sign up for direct deposit to get your benefit payments deposited directly into your account. That way, you'll still get your payments no matter where you are.

If you stopped getting benefits and credits, call the CRA as soon as possible and they'll help you figure out why your payments were stopped and tell you what you need to do to keep getting them.

If you need help doing your taxes, a community volunteer may be able to do your taxes for free. If you work for a community organization and want to help your clients with taxes and benefits, you can request a free visit from the CRA. To find a tax clinic near you or request a visit, go to [canada.ca/taxes-help](http://canada.ca/taxes-help).

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# Return of the Winkler Comic Con



Gamers, comic book fans, pop culture aficionados, and cosplayers filled Northlands Parkway Collegiate Monday for the return of the Winkler Comic Con, which took a hiatus last year. Clockwise from above: Tabletop gamers discuss strategy; spray paint artist Derick Ferris was one of dozens of vendors offering up unique pieces for purchase; cosplayers Ashley and Aileen (who both won trophies in the advanced category of the cosplay contest later in the day) share a few tricks of the costume trade during one of the con's panels, which also included presentations on tabletop roleplaying and world building; gamers duke it out in the Super Smash Bros Ultimate tournament; exploring the ins and outs of Yu-Gi-Oh; Michelle Osinski with some of her pop culture-inspired knitted creations; a youngster tries out virtual reality gaming.



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# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Male Hawks poised to finish in 2nd

By Lorne Stelmach

Second place is within their grasp as the male Pembina Valley Hawks wrap up their regular season this weekend.

The Hawks maintained their recent ascent in the standings with three more wins this past week that has them on a roll with the playoffs approaching.

A pair of 7-2 wins on the weekend over Parkland and Brandon followed an earlier 6-3 victory over the Winnipeg Thrashers that has them on a streak of eight straight wins.

The 6-3 defeat of the Thrashers last Wednesday was a key win over one of the three teams on their heels in the standings.

Pembina Valley held period leads of 1-0 and 3-2 before putting it away with three goals in the final frame.

William Irvine had a goal and a three point night, while Trent Penner contributed three assists. Guerin Apperley had a pair, with other goals from Riley Goertzen, Roux Bazin, and Daniel Isaak. Reid Dyck made 31 saves as the shots were 45-34 in the Hawks' favour.

Pembina Valley then blitzed the Parkland net with 57 shots Saturday as they took period leads of 2-0 and 4-1 over the Rangers.

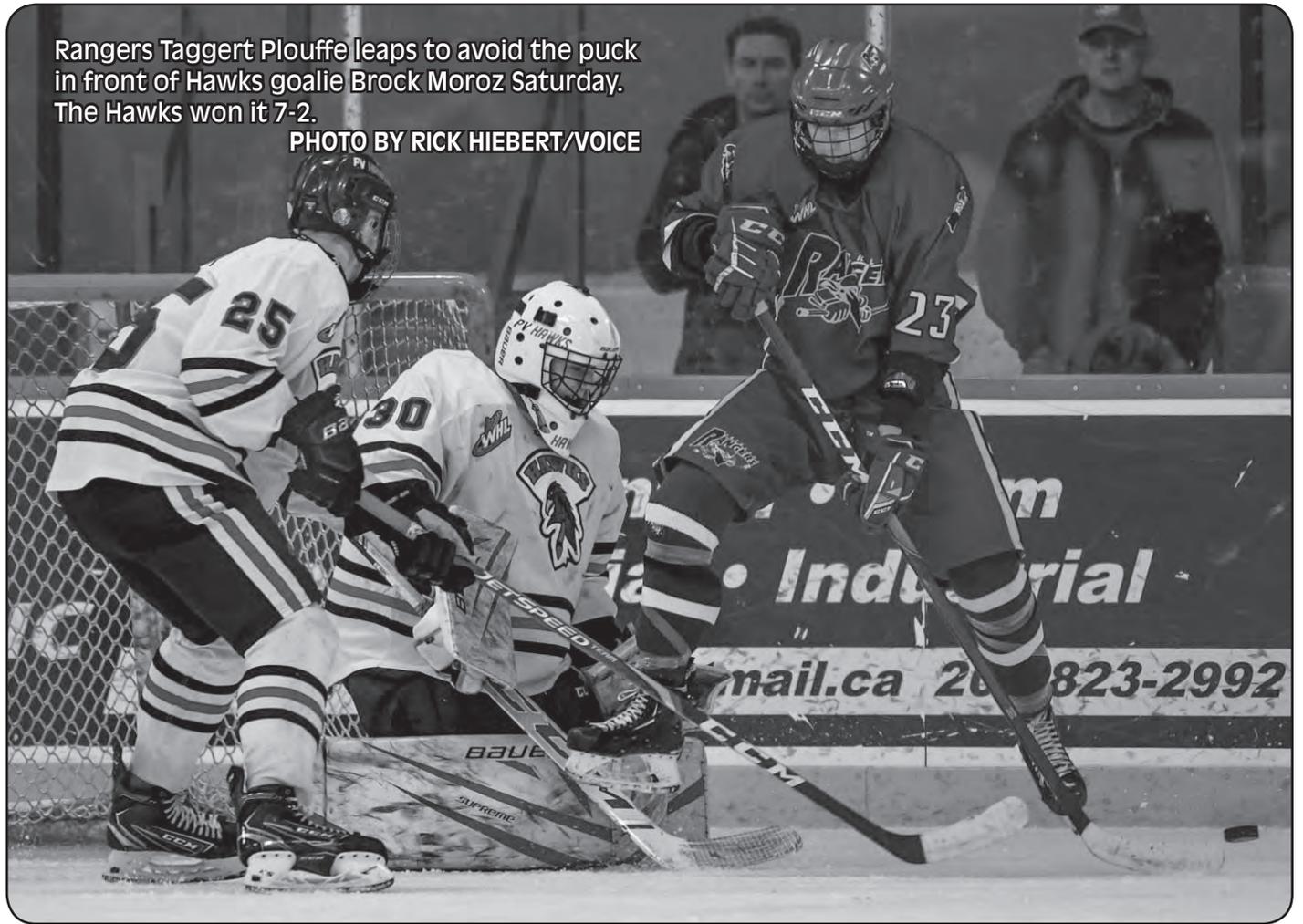
Michael Hlady had a hat trick and Isaak contributed a pair while Penner chipped in four assists. Also scoring were Justin Keck, who had a three point night, and Irvine, who also picked up an assist. Brock Moroz got the win in goal with 31 saves.

The Hawks wrote a similar script Sunday in outshooting Brandon 57-28 while taking period leads of 2-0 and 3-0 over the Wheat Kings.

Bazin took his turn this time with a hat trick while Goertzen chipped in with a goal and a five point night. Isaak and Keck contributed a goal each and two point nights with another marker from Hlady, while Irvine wrapped up a hot weekend with

Rangers Taggart Plouffe leaps to avoid the puck in front of Hawks goalie Brock Moroz Saturday. The Hawks won it 7-2.

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three assists. Dyck got the win with 26 saves.

The Hawks boosted their record to 34-8-4-0 for 72 points, which has them

four up on Yellowhead and six ahead of the Thrashers and Cougars. They're 12 points behind the Wild in first.

Pembina Valley closes out its regular

season at home this weekend starting with the seventh place Eastman Selects Saturday and then the 10th place Interlake Lightning on Sunday.

## End of the line for female Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

The season came to an end this weekend for the female Pembina Valley Hawks against the Yellowhead Chiefs.

Pembina Valley dropped three straight in their best-of-five quarter-final, but coach Shanley Siemens nevertheless was proud of the effort put forward by the sixth place Hawks against the third place Chiefs.

"I think the girls fought hard in the last game, and they put up a good fight," Siemens said after the Hawks dropped game three Sunday by a 3-1 score following a 3-0 loss in game two Friday and a 5-4 overtime defeat in game one last Wednesday.

"Sometimes the ending isn't what you want, but at least you can say

you've put it out there and done your best," she said. "That's what you want—you want that last game to be one where you can say you left it all out there."

The Hawks had period leads of 1-0 and 2-1 in game one before the Chiefs pulled even in the third to force overtime.

Abbi Conrad scored a pair for Pembina Valley, with other goals coming in from Cora Fijala and Jolyne LeClair while Abbey Bourdeaud'hui contributed three assists and Alyssa Matthews-Johnston had two helpers.

Tria Enns was busy in goal for the Hawks as she stopped 35 of 40 shots. Pembina Valley managed 31 shots on goal.

On Friday, the Hawks were stymied by Yellowhead goaltender Sadie

Quane, who stopped all 36 shots for the shutout. Enns stopped 33 of 36 shots by Yellowhead, which fired two third period goals after taking a 1-0 lead in the opening frame.

In game three, the Chiefs burst out to a 3-1 lead in the opening 20 minutes and held on the rest of the way.

Bourdeaud'hui scored the lone goal for the Hawks, while Enns did her best to keep them in the game by stopping 42 of 45 shots on goal. Pembina Valley, meanwhile, was only able to muster 17 shots.

Siemens said she was proud of the team's effort throughout the season and saw real growth in a lineup that featured 10 rookie players.

"From where we were at the start

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# Thunder squaring off against Mavericks in semi-finals

The Morden Thunder are taking on the Morris Mavericks in the Zone 4 boys hockey semi-finals this week.

On Monday, the Thunder lost to the Mavericks 5-3 in game one of the best-of-three series. Game two is scheduled for Thursday night in Morden.

Last week, Morden made short work of the Portage Trojans in the quarter-finals, sweeping the series in two straight with wins of 5-2 and 4-2.

Meanwhile, the GVC Zodiacs got knocked out of the running by the W.C. Miller Aces, who won that series 4-3 and 5-0. The Aces now face Prairie Mountain in the semi-finals.

In varsity basketball action last week, the NPC boys came in fourth in their home tournament.

The Nighthawks beat Léo-Rémillard CSLR 75-53 but then fell to the Morden Thunder 64-51 to find themselves in the third place game against the Carman Cougars, which they lost 74-69.

The Thunder, meanwhile, went on to fall to the Dauphin Clippers 70-42 in the championship game.

In league play, NPC's boys lost to the St. Norbert Celtics 84-50 Feb. 12 while the female Nighthawks lost their game against the Celtics 49-31.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Morden Thunder did battle with the Portage Trojans last Thursday and in the end prevailed to sweep their best-of-three quarter-final in two games with a 4-2 victory. Eaton Worley led the way with a pair of goals and a three point night for the Thunder.

# Flyers end regular season road games with losses

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers were 3-1 in their games in the MJHL over the past week.

The boys bounced back from narrow losses to Winnipeg and Portage to down Selkirk but then found themselves blanked by Steinbach.

Winkler fell 3-2 in Winnipeg against the Blues on Feb. 11.

After a scoreless first period, Winnipeg scored twice in the second and kept that lead heading into the second intermission, despite Winkler outshooting them 28-12.

Jaden Townsend finally got Winkler on the board with a goal—his 14th of the season—a minute into the final period, but the Blues added a third to their tally a few minutes later to make it 3-1.

Drake Burgin tried to close the gap with a goal with less than six minutes to go, but that was it for Winkler, despite outshooting the Blues 19-4 in the final period and 47-16 overall.

Dylan Meilun took the loss in net with 13 saves. Across the rink, Winnipeg goalie Cooper Hatfield had a 45 save night.

The very next night, the Flyers got a bite taken out of them as they faced the Terriers in Portage.

A late goal in the first from Kyle Lamoureux and an early one in the second from Townsend gave Winkler a 2-1 lead.

Portage went on to take full advan-

tage of its power-plays throughout the rest of the game, scoring four unanswered goals to take it 5-2.

Dorrian Luding made 24 saves as the Terriers outshot the Flyers 29-17.

On Friday, the Flyers righted the ship with a 6-2 win over the Selkirk Steelers.

Scoring went back and forth through 40 minutes, but Winkler came out on top 3-2 thanks to first period goals from Nathan Poolman and Townsend and a last-minute goal from Griffin Leonard in the second.

Period three was all Winkler as

Poolman, Lamoureux, and Townsend all contribute to the pot with unanswered goals.

Winkler outshot their opponents 33-29 that night. Luding got the win with 27 saves.

Monday's game against the Pistons in Steinbach was the team's final road game of the regular season and it did not go well.

After a scoreless opening period, Steinbach scored three unanswered goals in the second and two more in the third for a 5-0 shutout win.

Luding made 27 saves in net for

Winkler as the Pistons outshot the Flyers 32-25. Winkler went 0-for-4 on the power-play and 4-for-5 on the penalty-kill.

With that, Winkler is in third place in the MJHL standings with a record of 35-16-2-3 for 75 points. They trail the Steinbach Pistons in first by nine points and the Portage Terriers in second by five while leading the Swan Valley Stampeders in fourth by four.

This week, after hosting Selkirk Tuesday, the Flyers welcome Waywayseecappo to town Friday and Saturday.

# Twisters fall to Express, beat Knights

The first place Pembina Valley Twisters were edged 3-2 Friday by third place Transcona. Last place River East then paid the price Sunday in being routed 8-1 by Pembina Valley.

Against the Railer Express Friday, the Twisters fell behind 2-0 and 3-1 at the intermissions and then couldn't pull even in the final frame despite outshooting Transcona 37-30.

Jacob Carels scored in the second

## > HAWKS, FROM PG. 17

of the year to where we were now at the end of the year, I'm definitely very proud of how far they've come," she said. "We've had our ups and downs, but ultimately they came ready to go,

and Nicolas Burmey in the third. Luke Zacharias took the loss in goal with 27 saves.

It was a wide open affair Sunday with the Twisters outshooting the Royal Knights 54-47, so Martin Gagnon had a busy night in net with 46 saves.

Burmey joined Wyatt Sabourin and Travis Penner in each notching a pair, with Brendan Keck and Caleb Unrau

and they pushed themselves to work hard and to improve.

"You couldn't ask for anything more from the girls in that respect. You always want a team that wants to get

also scoring for Pembina Valley.

The Twisters are 30-7-2 for 62 points, which keeps them in first place in the MMJHL and seven points ahead of the St. Vital Victorias and still 11 up on Transcona.

It sets up a key battle Sunday with the Victorias coming to Morris. Before that, though, the Twisters will take on the fifth place Stonewall Jets on Friday.

better and wants to improve, and that's the type of team we had out there," Siemens said. "There will be a good core coming back, so that's always hugging into next year."

# Agriculture

## Swine Health Professionals open new training facility

By Harry Siemens

Swine Health Professionals has officially opened its new Sheridan Room Education and Training Facility in Steinbach.

The facility offers swine farm workers a hands-on opportunity to learn the veterinary procedures that will help them in their jobs.

Dr. Blaine Tully, a veterinarian and partner with SHP, explained how the site will allow the practice to expand on the tradition of education and training inspired by founder Dr. Mike Sheridan, for whom the facility is named.

"Swine Health Professionals, a swine only veterinary practice in Steinbach for 33 years, evolved into a veterinary practise that's a bit different from some traditional vet practices in that we focus on training, education, and developing relationships with each swine worker on farms," said Tully. "We're a consultative practice focused on training and education for many years.

"The facility is a purpose-built facility for training and education involving the culture of biosecurity into the training facility to allow farm workers to come in a safe and biosecure manner that isn't going to put our practice

or their farms at risk by attending any of our workshops."

Tully said the training facility holds wet labs in their classroom to do some hands-on tissue prep with pigs or pig parts that will help engage students in learning.

In addition to programs SHP has developed over the years, the site will also be home to a few new programs in the works.

"We felt there is a need and a place for a purpose-built biosecure facility where we could bring in swine farmers and particularly new pig farmers and the next generation of workers on farms," Tully said. "To enable us to start their education and training for various tasks they might be performing on farms and areas that they would be working on in the barn."

SHP currently has six veterinarians covering Manitoba and a little bit in Saskatchewan on farms varying in size from 200 sows to 7,000 and working with many different genetic suppliers.

"We've had a passion and focus for training and educating the next generation of pig farmers in Manitoba. And by opening this facility we think we're able to provide an engaging, fun, and interactive facility to help farmers to learn, grow, and get better



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at what they do," Tully said. "We've observed over three decades of swine veterinary practice a shift from emergency medicine, where veterinarians were busy putting out health fires, to more of a preventative role. And certainly we still do both of those on a daily basis within our practice. But the shift is to having swine farm workers become more adept at some of the husbandry practices required of them.

"As the world around us changes with some of the antimicrobial and welfare regulations that have put more pressure on farms to do the right thing, we find it helps to have an open discussion in some of our workshops to enable workers to understand some of those principles of husbandry and how they can apply

them in a better way on their farms."

The company will continue to train on breeding and farrowing activities in barns—both very popular with swine workers.

"We've developed several over the years, including some euthanasia training and having farm workers become more comfortable with that task on the farm. That's important, and often one job that not everyone is comfortable performing," said Tully. "With some of the regulatory changes on medications, having people better understand some of the bugs, what we call, or disease pathogens, on swine farms and some of the medication and vaccine programs, and why we have some of those programs in place to manage health on farms."

## PLS Group purchases Winkler's AccuPipe

By Lorne Stelmach

A business that manufactures drain tile is returning to its roots with its purchase by the PLS Group.

The PLS Group announced Friday it had entered the pipe manufacturing industry again with the purchase of Prinsco's Winkler operation AccuPipe, which will continue manufacturing HDPE tubing or drain tile for agricultural, commercial, and construction use.

"For us, this is a homecoming of sorts, having started the plant in 2012 and now returning back to ownership of it," Chris Unrau, president of Precision Land Solutions, said via e-mail.

"There was a time where it made sense to sell it, and now there is a time where it makes sense to own it again. We are a different company now made up of incredibly talented people that care about solving problems for our customers," he continued.

"This vertical integration really makes sense for us to be able to allow our people to use their talents to their fullest," Unrau said. "It's about being able to more effectively and efficiently solve the customer's problem from start to finish.

"We are thrilled to bring these two teams back together. Ultimately, this allows us to serve our clients better,

while providing an additional service to the local market."

The practice of tile drainage involves installing perforated pipes below the surface of the ground so excess water can escape and flow away from the field, leaving an optimal environment for root growth.

In addition to producing better crops and enabling timely field operations, the tile system is also environmentally conscientious, the company says, with studies showcasing the systems' reduction of water runoff, soil erosion, and pesticide movement.

AccuPipe was founded in Winkler in 2012 by Garnet Peters, who is still with the PLS Group.

"It's really business as usual for us. The staff is staying on, and we're committed to producing the same quality product at cost effective price points right here in Manitoba," said Peters.

Unrau added being locally owned and providing the product right here allows for significant benefits, including economic growth of the region and a more seamless experience for clients.

"Our team is here to recommend a right sized solution for each application," he said. "We serve the brightest and best producers in the world. They're the ones that keep us at our best and moving forward."

# Winkler Royals take on Manitoba Sledgehammers



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Winkler Royals faced off against the Manitoba Sledgehammers in a friendly game of sledge hockey in support of the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Manitoba on Monday. The game raised funds for spina bifida support services and also collected stuffed animals for Katie Cares and the Ronald McDonald House. Organizers said it was their most successful year yet.

## take a break > GAMES

### SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**

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

6	7	5	1	8	2	4	9	3
3	8	9	6	4	9	7	4	1
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9	2	3	5	7	6	4	1	8
4	7	1	6	3	8	9	2	5
2	9	3	5	1	4	7	8	6
6	8	5	9	7	2	4	1	3
5	4	2	7	6	3	1	9	8
7	1	9	8	2	5	3	6	4
8	3	6	1	4	9	2	5	7

Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

## X CROSSWORD

**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Expression of disgust
- 4. A place to unwind
- 7. A type of cooking range
- 8. Grasp tightly
- 10. Sea eagles
- 12. Carb dish
- 13. Late-night host
- 14. Revolutions per minute
- 16. Indicates odd or erroneous
- 17. FDR's military chief of staff
- 19. Swiss river
- 20. Norwegian district and river
- 21. A form of motivation
- 25. Car mechanics group
- 26. Once a must-have home theater accessory
- 27. Broken branch
- 29. Apple and pumpkin are two
- 30. Skeletal muscle
- 31. Small Eurasian deer
- 32. Tight-lipped fellow
- 39. Comes after a cut
- 41. A place one lives
- 42. Cognizant of
- 43. Albanian monetary unit
- 44. Carrot's partner
- 45. Famed garden
- 46. Chilean seaport
- 48. Days (Spanish)
- 49. Sudden anxiety
- 50. 100 square meters
- 51. A type of beer
- 52. French/Belgian river

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Spanish dish
- 2. Concurs
- 3. \_\_\_ and her sisters
- 4. Patti Hearst's captors

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13							14	15			16
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- 5. Used to refer to cited works
- 6. A state of excited movement
- 8. Advertising term (abbr.)
- 9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 11. New York art district
- 14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 15. Pre-release viewing
- 18. Northwestern Canadian territory (abbr.)
- 19. Consumed
- 20. Falters
- 22. Radioactive form of an element
- 23. Catch a wrongdoer
- 24. Breeze through
- 27. Thick piece of something
- 28. Yellowish-brown color
- 29. "The Raven" poet
- 31. Rural free delivery (abbr.)
- 32. Creating
- 33. Supervises flying
- 34. Northwestern state
- 35. Was obligated to repay
- 36. Diverging in lines from a common center
- 37. Bleak
- 38. We all have them
- 39. Hit with the palm of one's hand
- 40. Sea that's part of the western Pacific
- 44. Political action committee
- 47. Famed Spanish soldier El \_\_\_

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### CAREERS



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The position is scheduled to begin in July 2020.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE



**Public hearing 2020 Financial Plan**

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the City of Winkler will present its 2020 Financial Plan at a public hearing to be held on:

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

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

Copies of the City's 2020 Financial Plan will be available at the Reception Desk at the City Hall for anyone wishing to get a copy prior to the meeting.

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**COMING EVENTS**

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**AUCTION**

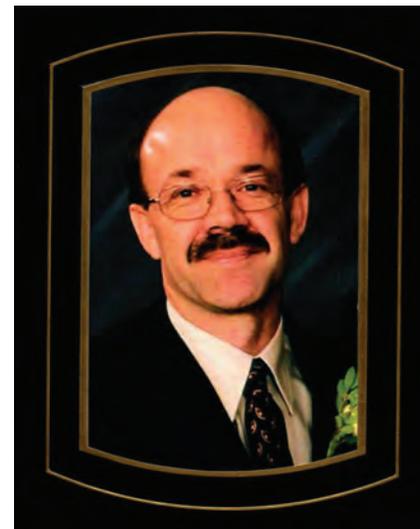
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In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still;  
In my heart you hold a place,  
No one else can ever fill.  
It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone;  
Part of me went with you,  
The day God called you home.  
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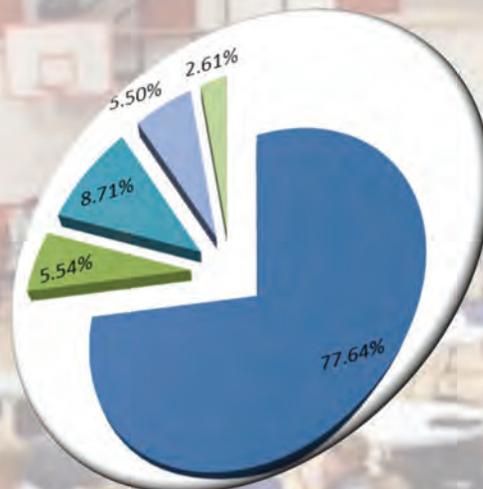
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## OBITUARY



### Mary Vogt (nee Pauls) 1935 - 2020

Mary was born to Isaac and Annie Pauls on May 19, 1935 in Osterwick, MB. Mom was an only child. She went to school in Rosengart and Rhineland. After finishing Grade 10, she went to Elim Bible School in Altona. Mom was baptized upon the confession of her faith on June 6, 1954 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. On July 8, 1956 mom married George Vogt. Their first year of marriage was spent in Winnipeg. When they left Winnipeg, they purchased their farm southeast of Crystal City. They had three children: Alvina, Lois, Kevin. In 2007, Mom and Dad left the farm and purchased a house in Morden where they semi-retired. Seven years later they moved to Oak West and then in March of 2019 to Homestead South. On January 17, 2020 she

broke her hip and had surgery. In the following weeks her health began to deteriorate and on February 5, 2020 she passed away peacefully.

The family would like to thank the amazing staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre, the numerous homecare workers, as well as Homestead South staff and residents.

Mary is survived by her husband of 63 years, George; daughter, Alvina (Ernie Pauls), their two children, Renee (Kyle Peters), great-grandchildren, Lauren, Isabelle and Cohen, Ryan (Tara) Pauls and great-grandson, Roy, daughter, Lois (Don Warkentin) and their two children, Chelsea and Myles Warkentin and son, Kevin Vogt. Mom was predeceased by her parents, four sisters-in-law and four brothers-in-law.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Morden EMMC with private interment prior to the service at Southside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Mary's memory to the Gideons International.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden  
In care of arrangements  
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## OBITUARY



### Helena Funk (nee Rempel) 1930 - 2020

On Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Helena Funk, 89 went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing six children, 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers, as well as many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank, her parents, two sisters and one brother.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2020 at the Christian Faith Church with interment prior to the service at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Helena's memory to the Mennonite Central Committee.

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In care of arrangements  
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## OBITUARY



### Walter Frank Penner 1932 - 2020

On Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Tabor Home, Walter Frank Penner, aged 87 of Morden, Manitoba formerly of Plum Coulee went to his eternal rest.

He was predeceased by his wife, Elenore in 2012. He leaves to mourn his passing: two sons, David Penner and Marcia Spence of St. John's, Newfoundland, Raymond and Cheryl Penner of Morden; two grandchildren, Jason Penner and partner, Braeda Dowden, Janessa and Colin Wilson as well as three great-grandchildren, Rhettley, Colter, and Keller.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler with interment prior to the service at the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Walter's memory to the Tabor Home Inc. in Morden.

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## OBITUARY



### Phyllis Ann Binda (nee Waytowich) 1935 - 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Phyllis Ann Binda (Waytowich) announce her passing on Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Carman Memorial Hospital at the age of 84 years.

Phyllis will be lovingly remembered by her son, Doug (Kirsten), two grandchildren, Michael, and Leanne Reichhoff (Joey) and her four great-grandchildren, Oskar, Mischa, Henry and Rowan. She will also be remembered by her sisters, Olga Neskar and Annette Gogos (Hank) and sisters-in-law, Margaret Waytowich and Shirley Binda, brother-in-law, Angelo Binda (Marlene), cousin-in-law, Frank Favoni (Carol), numerous nieces and nephews and other family, Sharon Bentley and her son Derrek. Phyllis was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Johnny in 2016; and brothers, Ernie and Raymond, sister, Alice Huget and in-laws, Ted Neskar, Paul Binda (Olga) and Irene Allan (Bill).

Phyllis was born in Oakburn, Manitoba on April 13, 1935 to Frank and Rose Waytowich and spent her childhood in Oakburn. She met the love of her life, Johnny in 1956 and married him in the summer of 1959.

She had a career at Canada Post in Morden, where she was a very respected employee. In her younger years, she enjoyed curling and five pin bowling and later on learned how to golf. She and Johnny spent many enjoyable days on the golf course together. Each of them would always brag about how the other person made a good shot. Phyllis and Johnny also loved to travel, enjoying many trips with family and friends.

Throughout her life, family was extremely important to her, as she loved spending time with all family members, from the very old to the very young. She was very involved and active in the Morden community, whether participating in the Kinettes Club in earlier years, or palliative care and cancer care at Boundary Trails Health Centre later on. She was very involved with the church, as she was active with the Catholic Woman's League and parish council for many years, singing in the choir and part of the perogy making team. Friends were also a very huge part of her life, as she was a trusted friend to many, helping whoever and whenever she could. She modelled her life as mentioned in Matthew 20:28, which states that Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve.

Mass of resurrection was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020 at the St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Morden with inurnment at the Chapel Cemetery Columbarium.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Phyllis' memory to the BTHC Foundation designated to Palliative Care.

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## OBITUARY



### Elizabeth (Betty) Ruth Fehr (nee Driedger) 1960 - 2020

Betty Fehr passed away peacefully on Monday, February 10, 2020 at the age of 59 years at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

She is survived by her husband, Jake; daughters, Alice (Allan) and Heidi (Garett); her grandchildren, Carmelle and Lincoln; two sisters, three brothers and their families. She was predeceased by her parents, Isaac (2009) and Anna (2003) Driedger.

Betty was born on May 20, 1960 at Bethel Hospital in Winkler to her parents Isaac and Anna Driedger. She grew up on a farm south of Plum Coulee with three brothers and two sisters. She was baptized upon the confession of her faith on May 25, 1980 by Bishop Peter A. Rempel in the Altona Reinland Mennonite Church. On September 5, 1982 she married Jake Fehr. They enjoyed 37 years of marriage together. Jake and Betty were accepted as members of the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church by Deacon Jay Wiebe on January 27, 2019. Betty stayed strong in her faith to the end, sharing her love of Jesus with everyone who came to see her.

Memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Miami Cemetery.

We would like to thank Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Woelk and the team of nurses at the Palliative/ Cancer Care program at Boundary Trails Health Centre for their wonderful care and compassion. We would also like to thank all our family and friends for their love, prayers, visits and support. In Betty's words, "Everyone has been so wonderful!"

If family and friends so desire in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Betty's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to the Cancer Care program.

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