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Morden firefighter Kelly Davison "dabs" as he heads for the icy water in Morden's fourth annual Polar Plunge Saturday, which raised \$20,000 for Special Olympics. For the full story, see Pg. 9.

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Winkler city manager Barb Dyck retiring this spring

By Lorne Stelmach

So much has changed since Barb Dyck first came to work for what was then the Town of Winkler nearly three decades ago.

Now having been the city manager since 2016, Dyck reflected on how much the community has grown and changed as she prepares for retirement.

"You would hardly recognize where I live; across the road was open field, and now there's another quarter section of land that's completely developed," said Dyck, who is stepping down at the end of May.

"I have seen Winkler grow, and it has been exciting to see," she said. "It's been a challenge as well ... there's lots to keep up with ... but the city has grown by leaps and

bounds.

"There's never a dull moment over here. It keeps us busy and on our toes every day."

Officially announcing her decision at last Tuesday's city council meeting, Dyck brings to an end what has been a 27 year career working for Winkler.

She started in 1992 as an administrative assistant before taking on the role of director of finance in 2010 upon the departure of long time employee Arnold Kuhl. Dyck was then hired as city manager in 2016 to replace Dave Burgess.

In her resignation letter to council, she noted she felt she has "been blessed as I took on the new responsibilities and challenges. I will certainly miss being a part of the staff, contributing my part to the operations and management of the city. I will miss the friendships that I've built with staff and council during the course of my work."

"The City of Winkler is a great place to work, and I have enjoyed a rewarding career. I credit much of this to the council and staff. It has been a privilege to serve you."

Dyck said she wants to focus more time and energy on her family, though her decision to retire did not come easily.

"It was a very difficult decision. It took a lot of thought and prayer, and it took me some time to actually make that decision," she said.

"It's a very difficult decision because, after 27 years, this has become like family as well," Dyck continued. "Of course, my family at home has given all their time and been gracious with that ... but the people that you get to know in the workplace, the council that you work with, they become your family as well."

That has been the most important thing for her over the years: the people she has worked with and served.



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Winkler city manager Barb Dyck retires from her role in May. She has worked for the City of Winkler in various capacities for 27 years.

"I can't say enough about that because I've never had an experience where work has not been a great place to come," said Dyck.

"For me, the highlights have been the people I have been able to work

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Evening of Elegance helps lighten the financial burden on grads

Tenth annual event Feb. 12 paired up grads with affordable formal wear

By Lorne Stelmach

The smiles spoke volumes as students tried on their gowns or suits last Tuesday in the basement of the Morden Alliance Church.

They were at the 10th annual Evening of Elegance, which provides access to affordable new or gently used formal wear to upcoming high school graduates.

"She looks incredible," exclaimed co-organizer Angie Muggridge as one student modelled a gown for her mother.

Muggridge was joined in overseeing the evening's festivities by fellow organizer Rosemary Zahn and several volunteers. The project is a collaborative effort between Western School Division and the Morden Caring and Sharing Program.

It wouldn't be possible at all if not for the community's support, Muggridge noted.

"We've had lots of donations from the community, from some local busi-

nesses as well," she said.

"Graduation can be very stressful, an exciting but expensive time, so this is just to lessen the demands on people at that time," Muggridge explained.

"If anyone sees shoes or dresses or suits, shirts, ties and accessories that would help lessen the burden ... they're free to come, and they can maybe be donated back in the future. We always encourage that."

She noted they continually strive to increase their stock of clothing and accessories each year.

"Word of mouth has really helped expand our donation contributions. This year, though, I would say we were at our lowest for the number of articles that we have to donate ... but that's just because other recent years have been so greatly attended.

"Each year we probably help out 10 to 15 graduates," Muggridge said, noting they decorate and light up the room to make the evening as special as possible for the students and fami-



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Evening of Elegance organizers Rosemary Zahn (left) and Angie Muggridge at the 10th annual event last week. The project gives high school grads access to affordable new or gently used donated formal wear.

lies while they select their clothing. "We try to make it elegant so that they can come and experience that ... they can come and enjoy the surroundings and the whole excitement

of it," she said. "And we really enjoy it too ... seeing the joy."

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Cultural mosaic



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Morden's 11th annual Multicultural Winterfest took over the Access Event Centre on Saturday. Inside, a variety of cultural displays, food, and performances celebrated the diversity of the community. Outside, revelers enjoyed traditional Canadian winter pastimes such as horse-drawn sleigh rides, street hockey, and bonfires. Clockwise from top left: Checking out the cultural displays, which represented dozens of countries; displaying traditional dress and colours at the Mexico booth; a youngster shows off the ice egg he dug up at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre's outside fossil dig; warming up by the fire; kids of a variety of cultural backgrounds enjoy themselves at the play area; high-stepping dance; serving up baklava to hungry visitors.



Jody Penner hired to head up community services

By Lorne Stelmach

Jody Penner comes into his new role as Director of Community Services for the City of Winkler at an interesting time.

His myriad responsibilities will range from the day-to-day details of the department up to the ongoing Meridian Exhibition Centre project, but Penner welcomes the challenge.

"I see the City of Winkler as a strong community, a growing community, that's done a lot of good work to build a foundation in a lot of different areas ... certainly in the area of recreation and art," said Penner, whose hiring was announced at the Feb. 12 city council meeting.

"I look forward to coming on board and using some of the skills that I've learned over a good number of years in business and to be able to apply that for the city and to keep on building on the foundation that we have here."

Penner will officially take the reins from Deb Penner, former director of recreation, culture and tourism, as of March 11.

He brings with him many years of experience in management roles with Friesens Corporation, including overall general management of the packaging division and with responsibilities for profitability, leadership and training as well as strategic business analysis to support corporate goals.

Raised early on in Plum Coulee and then continuing his schooling in Winkler, Penner and his family have long made Winkler their home

and have a passion to give back to the community.

He has been involved as a volunteer in various capacities including coaching sports, church leadership, and with community organizations such as The Bunker.

"I've always tried to serve in different areas when my kids have been involved in different things," said Penner, who added he was drawn to this new job because of the service aspect of it. "To me, it's that ... giving to the community and being able to use the skills that I've learned and apply them to this position."

The big project on his plate will be working towards the impending opening of the Meridian Exhibition Centre, but there will be much involved in his oversight of all aspects of recreation, culture, tourism and events in Winkler.

"[The Meridian Exhibition Centre] is going to be a top priority to look at and make sure everything is done properly and moves ahead," Penner said.

Hiring an events co-ordinator to help fill the void created by Deb Penner's departure will be another immediate priority, he added.

"That's going to be a key role to fill for things like planning the Harvest Festival and other events in the city."

Penner is also anxious to start on some longer term planning for the city.

"I want to look a little at what the needs of the community are going to be in the years to come and how we can meet those," he said, noting

Jody Penner steps into the role of Director of Community Services for the City of Winkler March 11.



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how the demographics of the community keep evolving with not only lots of people retiring but also more newcomers arriving.

That said, he sees many positive things already in place. "You look at even things like the Bethel Heritage Park across the street here, and I think that was a really good move on the part of the city," said Penner.

"Sometimes, not everyone is going to see things the same way, but that is something that I see that really adds to the community. The Winkler Arts and Culture centre ... the concert hall ... those are all things that I see as part of the foundation that we now have that's strong and that we can build on."

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with and for ... they have just been a huge part of my life," she said. "It's the people I have gotten to meet across the counter, the citizens who have come in over the years that I have gotten to meet and get to know."

She went on to cite a couple other high points during her career.

"I have enjoyed working closely with my counterparts in the RM of Stanley and City of Morden. The partnerships forged through upcoming regional projects are a significant factor for the growth of our region.

"It's been exciting to be a part of administering the start of the new Meridian Exhibition Centre," Dyck added. "This has been a dream of council and citizens for many years, and it is now becoming a reality. Being a part of this project's inception is very rewarding."

Looking ahead, Dyck said she hoped the city would find "someone who has strong manage-

ment skills and has very good people skills as well and fits into the culture of Winkler.

"This is a city that has very diverse population already ... it's interesting to see how we all work together ... and I'm hoping that the person who is going to step into these shoes after me is going to see the value of that," she said. "There's a lot of opportunities that come with it. There's challenges, as well."

Mayor Martin Harder expressed council's appreciation for Dyck's dedication and lamented having to replace her.

"We're going to miss her," he said. "The City of Winkler has been very blessed with her services ... her attitude and her reactions are always one of setting the temperature.

"Hopefully we can find somebody who is prepared to fill a very high standard that she has set."

Our mistake

A story last week on the upcoming Bowl for Kids fundraiser incorrectly referred to Alex Fedorchuk as a Morden city councillor.

Though Fedorchuk served three terms on council, he is, of course, no longer a councillor. Rather, he was helping Big Brothers Big Sisters

of the Pembina Valley kick off the Bowl for Kids fundraising campaign in his capacity as president of the Morden and District United Way.

We sincerely regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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If you would like to share your opinion concerning this proposal, you are invited to contact the Manitoba government by sending either a letter or an email with your name clearly identified to (TRC@gov.mb.ca) specifically referencing **TRC 12-052** no later than March 22, 2019. After this date, the proposal will be dealt with by the Livestock Technical Review Committee.

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Western SD hosts consultation forum

By Lorne Stelmach

The need for a new school may be a major issue facing Western School Division, but what is happening in its existing facilities is equally if not more important.

Some of those issues were the focus last Wednesday at a community consultation forum at Maple Leaf School where two dozen people, including trustee and staff representatives, took part in group round table discussions on the status of the division.

"I think our kids do really well overall, and I think a lot of it is because we listen to our local community and we try to work with it," suggested superintendent Stephen Ross.

He noted the board and administration were encouraged by the strong turnout at a public forum last June and had committed to continuing the dialogue.

"The board was looking at this evening as an opportunity to hear from the community on a bunch of different issues. At the same time, right now, we're looking at strategic planning for the next four year cycle for the board," he said.

"So this feedback today is going to help set goals and directions for the school division," Ross continued, adding they want to get "a wide range of feedback from people. We hope to get not only parents but community members as well. What do they want to see in our schools? Schools should be a reflection of their community."

Issues around space and the need for a new school are clearly the primary issue facing the division today, but there are other key matters to consider relating to the learning environment and programming.

The topics at the tables ranged from what's working and not working in the schools right now in a broad sense to issues around diversity and building a sense of belonging for students.

"Everything's not always working perfectly, and there's always room for improvement and room for change," said Ross.

"What we really want to be doing here is raising good kids. Parents trust their kids to the school system here in Western School Division and they expect that we're going to do a great job," he continued.

"All of those issues, like belonging and connecting to schools, is critically important ... unless kids have a good connection to school, they're not going to commit to do the work academically and do the other things that are here as well.

"We have to be a caring and wel-



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Western School Division staff and trustees joined the general public in a series of round table discussions last week to talk about the challenges the division faces today.

coming place for kids ... and kids have to see themselves in our schools for that to be successful."

As for the space issues, board chairperson Brian Fransen touched on the continuing enrolment pressures with an increase of 120 students from January 2018 to January 2019.

"We continue to discuss our space issues with the government," said Fransen, who added the division has requested four more portables for this fall, including two more at École Morden Middle School and one each at Minnewasta and Maple Leaf.

"Our growth is being noticed," he said. "The rate of growth in Western School Division over the past year was enough to warrant the largest increase in funding among geographically bound divisions in Manitoba."

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Both Ross and Fransen also touched on the provincial government's review of the education system in Manitoba, including the idea that it could lead to the reduction or even elimination of school boards.

"For school boards right now, during the education review they're try-

ing to engage their communities to have them understand without any local decision making in how your schools are run, they might not reflect the local communities ... I think that is the concern," said Ross.

"One of the things that the government has talked about doing to address the issue is to amalgamate school divisions in an effort to save money. Do your own research, discuss the issue with friends and family and provide feedback to the government through their review process."

"What do larger school divisions look like, especially rurally? How will they improve our student's experiences and outcomes? How will it save money? How much will your local voice be diluted by voices from other communities with different needs?" asked Fransen.

"If students in smaller school divisions like Western can demonstrate results consistently above the provincial average, with thousands of dollars spent less per student than the provincial average, there must be more effective ways of improving results with less cost than centralizing education governments with broad strokes."

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"We saw this need years ago when the economy was bad, people in the community were struggling ... that's when we got together to brainstorm how we could help these families succeed," said Zahn.

"It's great finding a solution to a problem ... and it's coming together as a community," she continued. "It's also something practical you

can do to help ... I feel good doing something practical for other people. I like to help people succeed, so I do whatever I can to help other people succeed, and I feel happy."

"We haven't lost our energy and passion for it," added Muggridge, "and it's great to see more people getting involved and coming together to make it happen."

Valentine's Day diners support Katie's Cottage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Buhler Active Living Centre's second annual Valentine's Day Dinner benefited Katie Cares this year.

The event, which included a hearty meal from Chef Martin and musical entertainment from harpist Willie Enns, nearly sold out in support of the Katie's Cottage respite home.

BALC executive director Mike Chute said that after the success of the event last year, which supported the provincial spina bifida association, this time around they wanted to lend a hand to a local organization.

"Katie's journey serves as an inspiration to all of us to see it, believe it, and achieve it," he said of Katie Cares' late founder Kaitlyn Reimer. "We are very fortunate to have Katie's Cottage in our community as a welcoming place of comfort and peace close [by] loved ones receiving care at the Boundary Trails Health Centre."

Kaitlyn's mother and Katie's Cottage executive director Ruth Reimer was on hand to provide a glimpse into the operations at Katie's Cottage.

"Each and every day, guests walk through the doors and they're surprised and shocked to see how beau-

tiful the cottage is," she said, noting guests are often welcomed with the smells of coffee and fresh baking courtesy of the home's volunteers.

"Katie's Cottage does not have the sights, sounds, or the smells of the hospital," Reimer said, stressing how important this refuge is to families with loved ones receiving care. "The staff is trained to care for the guests, making their stay, however long, relaxing and stress free. ... The role of the staff is to take care of the caregiver."

Over the past few years of operation, Reimer has collected many stories that illustrate the impact the facility is having and why it is so needed. She shared several with the dinner's guests.

A couple of months ago, a young couple stayed at the cottage as they waited for the

overdue birth of their child.

"This little one was born one morning by emergency C-section," Reimer said. "The dad came back and he was all excited. 'We had our baby girl! We didn't know what we were going to have.'

They had no names picked out in advance, but one came to them after staying at the cottage.

"Her name is Kaitlyn Marie," Reimer said. The newborn shares not just a first name but also a middle name with Reimer's late daughter. "Pretty exciting."

While sometimes the guests share their joy with volunteers, very often Katie's Cottage acts as a home away from home for families during trying times.

"We have families who stay at Katie's

"KATIE'S JOURNEY SERVES AS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US TO SEE IT, BELIEVE IT, AND ACHIEVE IT."



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Katie's Cottage executive director Ruth Reimer with Buhler Active Living Centre executive director Mike Chute at the Valentine's Day Dinner fundraiser last week.

Cottage due to their loved ones who are in palliative care. Stressful times, for sure, because you're tired, you're exhausted. Families ... need to be close to that loved one," Reimer said. "Families come and they can shower at Katie's Cottage and take turns, one sleeping during the day and another coming back for the night."

One recent guest was flown to Manitoba from Nunavut after his cousin was injured in a mining accident. They ended up at BTHC for surgery.

"Here are these two young men ... they'd never left Rankin Inlet before," Reimer said. "The young man walked into Katie's Cottage and he says, 'I'm so tired.' And I said, well, let's have some supper and we can sit down and we can talk."

"As we were talking he says, 'You know, Ruth, I have no money. I left my wallet and everything in my locker at the mining office.'

"I said you don't have to worry about it because just about a week ago we got a grant from Cargill [to create a] compassionate fund. We could have him stay at Katie's Cottage and he didn't have to worry about

money or anything. He stayed with us for four days.

"He has since called and said how grateful he was for us that he could stay at Katie's Cottage."

Katie's Cottage has welcomed guests from all over the world, Reimer said.

"We've had people from across Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Australia, England, the Yukon, and Rankin Inlet who have stayed at Katie's Cottage and who have really enjoyed being able to be close to their loved one and stay in a very comfortable room."

None of this would be possible without the community having rallied behind the cottage, Reimer stressed.

"The cottage would not be here if it was not for the tremendous support that has been given to the charity," she said, thanking the many corporate and individual donors and the dedicated volunteers who make it all happen.

Because of this outpouring of support, she said, "Kaitlyn's dream and vision is alive and well."



Harpist Willie Enns provided musical entertainment at the BALC's second annual Valentine's Day Dinner last Thursday night.

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Shoppers Drug Mart raises \$3K for Eden

By Lorne Stelmach

Shoppers Drug Mart is again supporting the work of Eden Health Care Services.

The Shoppers Love. You program through its annual Growing Women's Health campaign recently saw a \$3,028 donation presented to the Eden Foundation.

The support for local women's health initiatives through the annual four week fall campaign will be used to support the wellness library at Eden Mental Health Centre.

"It's been a fantastic year ... we've more than doubled our target," noted Mike Agnew, front store manager for the Winkler store.

"We're thrilled with the success of the 2018 Growing Women's Health

campaign," added owner Zahid Zehri. "Each year, our customers and staff demonstrate their generosity and their commitment to supporting women in our community, and we couldn't be more proud of everyone's contribution."

Shoppers Love. You reflects the company's commitment to improving the health of all Canadian women and aims to help connect women to health information and resources to ensure their health only gets stronger.

Since 2002, the campaign has raised more than \$35 million for health charities.

"Eden Foundation plays an important role in our community, and the proceeds from this year's campaign will go a long way to helping them further that work," said Zehri.



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Staff at Winkler's Shoppers Drug Mart presented Eden Health Care Services CEO Kym Kaufmann with a donation of \$3,028 raised through the fall Shoppers Love. You program.

Eden Health Care Services CEO Kym Kaufmann cited the importance of the organization having this kind of connection in the community.

"It allows us to build a stronger

partnership with stakeholders in the community and help deliver services for individuals struggling with mental health related issues and concerns," she said.

Winkler council planning major airport improvements

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler plans to make improvements to the airport while continuing discussions with its neighbours about a regional facility.

A report to council last Tuesday noted the city is looking at a complete reconstruction of the site, given the age and condition of the taxiway and ramp.

The next step is to have engineering design work done. The city is looking at three options for surfacing— asphalt, conventional concrete, or compacted concrete—and the report notes cost alone will not be the deciding factor.

At this point, council is considering budgeting \$150,000 towards the project, with other sources of funds also needed.

"It is an important facility," said Mayor Martin Harder. "There's some industries who obviously would like it expanded to be able to do more.

"We're restricted by space ... for big-

ger planes, we need a longer runway and a wider runway.

"We would be open to have a discussion with Morden as well about a regional airport ... depending what the cost of upgrading it is," Harder added. "These talks have been ongoing for the last 10 years ... it was revived a little bit this year because relationships are pretty strong right now. We're looking for efficiencies and what we can do as a region."

Winkler city council also heard an update last week on regional tourism promotion efforts.

A report from Explore Morden Winkler estimated visits to this region account for 11 per cent of overall visitation to Manitoba, and people coming here represent about \$101 million or seven per cent of all tourism spending in the province.

The biggest spenders in the region come from the United States, so chairperson Reg Braun noted a lot of their initial marketing was directed outside of our communities, but they

are looking to further diversify their approach.

"Our hope is also that we'll be able to build some marketing packages," said Braun, who also cited the potential for such areas as industrial tours as well as the trend that has people seeking unique travel experiences.

The group is primarily being funded with \$5,000 contributions from Winkler, Morden, and the RM of Stanley, and Braun sees that funding being used to help them leverage more support from other sources.

Council also heard an update on the Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership.

The initiative aims to develop a more collaborative approach to building more welcoming communities for newcomers, and a strategic plan is being put in place after a planning process last October.

Co-ordinator Elaine Burton Saindon said the aim is "to foster more inclusive and welcoming communities for overall success in the settlement and

integration process of immigrants."

The goals range from ensuring easy access to resources and removing barriers to celebrating cultural diversity and promoting increased awareness and education.

There is a recognition that this region is a hotspot for immigration, she noted.

"So there's a lot of interest in understanding what is making integration and settlement successful here," she said.

"We're looking at what are the gaps, what are the needs of the newcomers ... what goals will we develop ... what are we doing well, what can we improve on, where should we look at adapting or developing programs or services?"

The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership has developed a website that can be found at www.pvlip.ca.



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Above: Top fundraising team the Dumpster Diving Divas dripping wet after taking part in the Polar Plunge Saturday. The ladies raised over \$3,000 for the cause. Right: Winkler Police Chief Ryan Hunt hits the icy water. Below: Dr. Ben Lulashnyk, a first-timer at the event, was the top individual fundraiser with over \$2,000 in pledges.

Making a splash

By Lorne Stelmach

There were about 40 brave souls who took the Polar Plunge challenge last weekend in support of Special Olympics.

Their efforts raised around \$20,000, and organizer Scott Edwards of the Morden Police Service was happy with the response and the support.

"It's a fun event. Everyone has a good time with it," Edwards said in the lead-up to the fourth annual Polar Plunge held Saturday in conjunction with Morden's Winterfest. "We couldn't have asked for better weather. It's cool but not too bad, and there were tons of people here for Winterfest, so that's awesome."

The hardy crew of plungers included representatives of several regional police and fire departments alongside numerous individuals and teams.

Dr. Ben Lulashnyk was the top individual pledge-earner with over \$2,000, while the Dumpster Diving Divas team came in first with over \$3,000 in donations.

The overall tally was a step up from last year when about 30 participants plunged into the tank of icy cold water and raised over \$15,000.

The first two events each raised close to \$25,000 with around 40 plungers, so Edwards keeps aiming to up those numbers.

"We've been hoping to get to 50, so that will still be our goal down the road," he said.

"Regardless, the people who are taking part have done a fantastic job of fundraising, and we've had several sponsors within the community that have wanted to be involved," he said.

"And there were a couple of new teams, which is great ... I like seeing the new plungers. They're a little apprehensive, but the people who have done it before know what to expect. It's not quite so scary."

"I'm actually a little more nervous because now I know how cold the water is going to be ... last year we were going in blind," said Kevin Stewart, who took the plunge for a second time as part of the Pembina-Manitou fire department team.

"It's a little terrifying waiting in line and the lead up to it, but it's a great time and a great atmosphere. It's just such a great cause, and it's always great to help out," he said.

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Welcoming Levi Taylor to the MMJS Team effective February 4, 2019



Levi has lived in the Pembina Valley for nearly 20 years. He is thrilled to join MMJS and continue his practice with a firm committed to active involvement in the community he calls home. In 2017, Levi received his Juris Doctor from Robson Hall, Faculty of Law University of Manitoba, and was called to the Manitoba Bar in 2018. Levi has a demonstrated interest in a broad-range of legal topics, including real estate, employment, corporate, and wills and estates. Away from the office, Levi spends much of his time in hockey rinks around the province and is a proud member of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League executive.

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Dress up day at J.R. Walkof

Students and staff at J.R. Walkof School came to class last Friday morning dressed as their favourite characters as part of the Winkler elementary school's I Love to Read Month festivities. Principal Moyra Vallely says the month thus far has been full of fun events designed to get kids excited about reading, including hosting many guest readers. "We value reading here at school, but for students to see other members of the community come in and value it as well, it just puts purpose to what we're doing every day in trying to encourage these children to enjoy reading and to become writers themselves."

> POLAR PLUNGE, FROM PG. 9

"I've seen it done ... so I've always been curious as to what that pain feels like," said Ronny Guenther, a first time jumper. "It's a spectacle to watch ... and it's just getting the community together today."

"I would have loved to have gone and jumped into a lake," said Daemon Parent, who was also participating for the first time but wasn't showing too much trepidation as he waited for his turn.

"It's going to be good getting out of that water,

that's for sure ... get out of the water as quick as possible and change ... maybe take a warm shower."

Edwards echoed that sentiment when asked to offer his advice for new plungers.

"Get in and get out ... it's an adrenaline rush," he said. "Don't think about it until you're standing at the top of the tank and then try to get to those stairs and climb out as quick as you can ... the lon-

ger you spend in that water, the more it seems to mess with your mind."

Organizers see potential for the event to keep growing across the province. It already includes to plunges in Morden, Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, and Dauphin.

"We're really hoping to grow it by a few more perhaps next year," said Edwards.

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The CRA offers resources and tools to help you understand the enhancement, how the enhancement will affect you, and what you need to do in order to be prepared.

Find out more at canada.ca/cpp-enhancement-employees.



SJ Agronomy wins \$15K for Miami arena

By Ashleigh Viveiros

SJ Agronomy Services came out on top in Adama's Thank-A-Retailer Community Contest last week.

Local supporters helped the Miami business earn 2,145,500 points—enough to handily win one of four prizes of \$15,000.

The money will go towards fixing up the dressing rooms at Miami's Lloyd Orchard Community Arena.

"It was great. We were thrilled with the level of support we did get," said Brian Weir, arena board president.

SJ Agronomy Services was hoping to win the money in tribute to the late Steve Livingston (the S in SJ), who passed away last year.

Livingston was an avid community volunteer and a fixture with Miami minor hockey, serving on the executive and as a coach. As such, he spent a lot of time at the rink, making this donation in his memory a fitting one.

"We were hoping to do something kind of special in memory of Steve and people seemed to really rally be-

hind that," said Weir. "It was great to see and it was a lot of fun."

The prize won't pay for the complete costs of the much-needed renos to the arena's aging dressing rooms, but it's a great start.

"It's certainly got us considerably closer to what we think we need to start the project," said Weir, noting additional fundraising is in the early planning stages.

Weir sends thanks out to everyone who made this win possible.

"A huge thank you to everybody that stuck with it," he said. "It was a long contest and for everyone to stick with it like that, we're just so thankful."

"And a big thanks to SJ Agronomy, too. They really did a great job of promoting it and keeping everybody engaged. We're just really thankful."

If you'd like a chance to contribute to improvements at the Lloyd Orchard Community Arena, the rink is now selling sign space on an annual basis. Contact Weir at 204-745-8274 for details.

Winkler urges residents to 'Paint the Town Red'

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder came to last week's city council meeting looking a little differently than usual.

Dressed as the Rogers Hometown Hockey mascot, Harder encouraged Winklerites to take part in the Paint the Town Red contest for the upcoming Rogers Hometown Hockey festivities.

To enter, decorate your business storefront or home with a red Rogers Hometown Hockey theme and then snap a photo and share it on social media with the tag #yeswinkler. The contest ends Monday, Feb. 25.

One business and one home winner will receive an exclusive on-site experience at the big party taking place downtown March 2-3.

The weekend will feature a host of free hockey-related activities, NHL alumni appearances, music, and Ron MacLean and Tara Sloan broadcasting live on site as the Winnipeg Jets take on the Columbus Blue Jackets.



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A full event schedule is expected to be released soon online at www.hometownhockey.com.

MP stops in at Maple Leaf



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Schools in both Winkler and Morden are welcoming guest readers throughout February for I Love To Read Month. Last Wednesday, Gr. 1 students at Maple Leaf School in Morden enjoyed having Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen stop by for a few stories.

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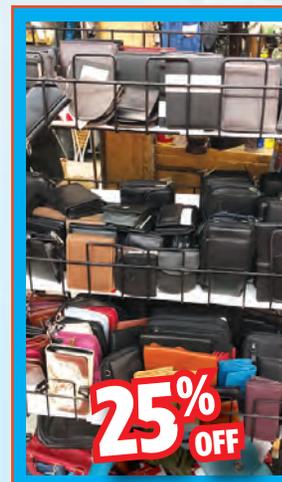
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The Home and Life Show is becoming an easy sell for the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce.

Now in its eighth straight year since having been revived by the chamber, the event has become a major regional trade show that quickly fills up with vendors.

"It definitely is a well-established event that we think both the exhibitors and the community and even the surrounding communities look forward to each year," said executive director Candace Olafson.

The 2019 Home and Life Show runs March 1-2 at the Access Event Centre.

It offers shoppers the opportunity to visit numerous businesses under one roof and see what products and services they have to offer.

"The whole point is to showcase our local businesses," said Olafson, noting the weekend attracts close to 50 exhibitors each year. "It is really a

great variety of exhibitors. It's really a little bit of everything."

Vendors include those specializing in home décor, flooring and window dressings, hot tubs, health and beauty products, ATVs, plumbing and heating solutions, and more.

"For the exhibitors, it is a great way for them to connect with people and to attract potential new customers," Olafson said, estimating upwards of 2,000 people come out to check out the booths.

"Each year we have repeat exhibitors, but we also get some great new ones," she added. "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."

The exhibits are open Friday, March 1 from 3-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Getting Down to Business

CFDC works hard to add value to the community

It's not just expanded exhibits and programming that is driving the continued growth of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

Equally key to the development of the Morden museum is how it has been increasingly embraced for what all it can do for the community, said executive director Peter Cantelon.

"There's this pride that people are starting to pick up," he said. "We have a council and staff that talk regularly about the value of the facility and residents who are proud of the fact that we're here, and they're sharing this all over the world."

"To me, that's maybe the biggest success of the CFDC," Cantelon continued. "That we have been able to communicate the value of a tourist attraction like ours to the community. That's not necessarily an easy thing- ... it's a lot harder for people to comprehend the intangible value of tourism. We've been able to show the real value of dollars that are being pumped into the community."

The increasing number of prehistoric roadside attractions, Guinness World Record status for the Bruce the mosasaur fossil, and the CFDC being recognized as a Signature Museum have all contributed to the facility's growing status both here at home and further afield.

"All that stuff pumps up people who live here, and it makes Morden more attractive to people who are thinking about coming here," Cantelon said. "We've really hard at trying to be good corporate citizens and give back to the community, and it seems like people are seeing that now."

Also a priority for the museum is to continue adding to and enhancing their exhibits.

"We've made a commitment to add anywhere from two to four exhibits every year," Cantelon said. "We've made a commitment that every new exhibit now is interactive, so it gives people more to do when they're here. It keeps them here longer."

"Our programming has grown as well. We've added a winter break camp, we've restarted our spring break camp, and our dino day camp has been very successful. We've seen growth there."

"Businesses from Winnipeg and throughout the area as well are renting the whole museum now for corporate events, which has been really good," Cantelon continued. "So there's so much more happening here, and we want to

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Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre executive director Peter Cantelon says the museum is committed to continually growing and developing what it has to offer.

encourage that because the more people get to use the facility, the more value they see for it."

The CFDC also continues to look to a future where it will hopefully have a new facility to call home.

"We're bursting at the seams," Cantelon said. "Maybe 10 per cent of our collection, more like five per cent, is visible ... 90 to 95 per cent is just in the collection room in drawers because there's just no space to build additional exhibits."

Funding a new building is "going to require creative thinking because funding models have changed dramatically," he said in reference to government support. "They want to see you come up with public and private partnership plans."

It's a challenge the CFDC is eager to tackle in the years ahead.

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Chamber hosts EmpowHER event March 6

By Lorne Stelmach

An evening aimed to both inform and inspire will mark International Women's Day next month.

For a fourth year, the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce hosts EmpowHER at the Boston Pizza Lounge, which will be closed for supper except to guests of the event.

Guest speakers Lisa Dyck and Heidie Janzen, who are the co-owners of Shear Bliss, will make a presentation they are calling Sucker Punched by Life: A Tale of Two Survivors.

"And being sucker punched by life can be both a negative and a positive thing," Janzen said last week in touching on what they hope to get across with their message.

For many women, it is a challenge to balance all their responsibilities: children, parents, and spouses, work and friendships.

Dyck and Janzen will touch on some of what life has dealt them and how they have handled it all.

"We'll also be talking about how our lives affected how we have run our business in the terms of the choices we made with that," said Janzen.

Janzen said she and Dyck hope women will come away from the evening "feeling encouraged but also challenged in deciding how they will deal with what life brings to them.

"That comes through attitude and how you choose to respond to situations ... and I think that's a lot of what Lisa and I have learned with a lot of things that life has brought us," she suggested.

Shear Bliss owners Heidie Janzen (left) and Lisa Dyck will speak at the Morden chamber's International Women's Day EmpowHER event March 6.

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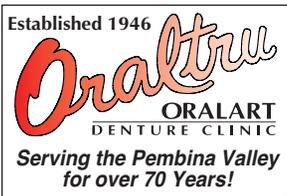
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Seeing as you can't change your age, gender or family history, it's important to positively influence your lifestyle to reduce your risk for these diseases.

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- 3. Adopt a healthier diet:** a proper diet can help you better manage your weight and blood sugar levels.
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- 5. Learn to manage your stress:** prolonged periods of stress can increase blood pressure and cholesterol levels.
- 6. Quit smoking:** tobacco reduces the level of oxygen in your blood and causes the heart to work harder than it needs to.

For more information, visit www.heartandstroke.ca.

Early warning signs of heart disease

Every year, the federal government declares the month of February to be American Heart Month, a campaign to draw awareness to the ever-increasing problem of heart disease in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), complications from heart disease account for 610,000 deaths annually in this country alone. That makes it the leading cause of death in America, where more than 710,000 people suffer a heart attack every year. Heart attacks aren't the only concern though; other forms of heart disease include:

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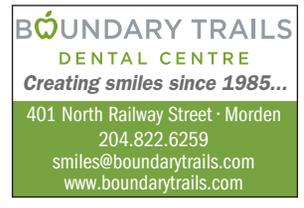
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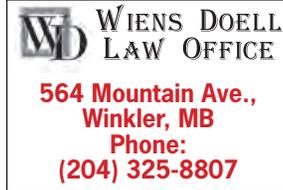
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Hawks take series lead

By Lorne Stelmach

They may be the underdogs, but the female Pembina Valley Hawks are giving the Winnipeg Avros a fight in their opening round playoff series.

The seventh place Hawks had a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five series with the second place Avros going into game four on home ice in Morden Tuesday. The result was not available at press time, but if the series was extended it will be settled in Winnipeg on Thursday.

It couldn't have been any closer, though, as each of the first three games went into overtime for a decision.

After being edged 3-2 in game one Feb. 14 in Winnipeg, the Hawks reversed that result with a 3-2 win in game two in Morden Friday. Game three in Winnipeg Sunday went into a second overtime before the Hawks got a second consecutive extra time winner from Zoey Pearce.

In game one, the Hawks fell behind 2-1 in the second period but were able to get the equalizer in the third and force additional minutes.

Abbi Conrad opened scoring for the Hawks in the second. Then, after the Avros replied with two before the period ended, Tessa Odell answered for the Hawks in the third. It ended in heartbreaking fashion with Winnipeg's Hayley Johnson getting the winner with three seconds left.

In game two, the Hawks again came from behind as they trailed 2-0 after the first period.

Odell scored her second of the series in the middle frame, and Kendall Manness tied it up with under three remaining. Pearce then got the winner with 1:46 left in the first extra period.

Game three continued to follow the script and remained scoreless until the third period when the Avros first connected about six minutes in. Cora Fijala got the equalizer with two minutes to go.

This one then went to a second overtime, and Pearce was again the hero when she scored the winning goal just over five minutes in.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Teammates mob overtime goal scorer Zoey Pearce to celebrate Pembina Valley's 3-2 win over the Winnipeg Avros in Friday night's playoff game. The victory came on the heels of a 3-2 game one loss for the Hawks the night before. Game three Sunday went Pembina Valley's way 2-1 in overtime.

Hawks head into home stretch

By Lorne Stelmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks will be finishing in the middle of the pack as the AAA playoffs approach.

The Hawks remained in seventh among 13 teams as they headed into their final three games this week.

Last week ended in a rough way as

they came off a 5-4 win Feb. 13 over the Central Plains Capitals by dropping a pair to the Yellowhead Chiefs. After picking up a point in a 5-4 overtime loss Saturday, they were then humbled by a count of 10-0 Sunday.

The Hawks roared back from being down 2-0 and 4-1 to the Capitals at the intermissions with four un-

answered goals in the final frame. Dylan Meilun also helped carry the Hawks to victory in making 56 saves, as the shots on goal were 60-26 in favour of Central Plains.

Tyson Allison was the hero, tying the game at 17:01 and then potting

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Fun on the ice



The third annual Spina Bifida Sledge Hockey Game pitted the Manitoba Sledgehammers against local youth hockey players at the Winkler Centennial Arena Monday afternoon. Dropping the puck (top left photo) was nine-year-old Liam Coulter-Marx, who lives with spina bifida. Also taking to the ice with the Sledgehammers was Canadian Paralympian Colin Mathieson. Proceeds from the admissions, raffle tickets, 50/50 draw, and Teddy Bear Toss went to the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Manitoba.



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Royals knocked out, Redskins lead series vs. Maroons

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals saw their season come to an end last week, but the Morden Redskins are still in the running for the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League title.

Winkler lost their best-of-five playoff series against the Warren Mercs with three straight losses, falling 5-1 in game one and 7-1 in game two earlier this month before taking their final bow with a 10-2 loss Feb. 12.

Brett Harder did all the scoring for Winkler in that last game as the second ranked Mercs made short work of the last place Royals.

Devon Wiebe took the loss in net despite making 39 saves as the Mercs outshot the Royals 49-24.

Morden's series was a much more even affair, starting with a 7-2 loss against Altona Feb. 12.

The Redskins, who finished the season fourth to the Altona's fifth, saw both of their goals come in from Mike Rey in game one. Morgan Wall and Reed Peters split time in net, the former making 21 saves and giving up four goals in 40 minutes. Peters made seven saves and gave up three goals in 20 minutes.

Jordan Valentino scored twice alongside singles from Rey and Ty-

ler Peers en route to a 4-4 tie after 60 minutes in game two. Rey then fired home the game-winner in the extra period's 18th minute to tie the series.

Peters was between the posts for the full 79 minutes this game, making 56 saves as the shots on goal were 60-56 for the Maroons.

The Redskins went on to take a 2-1 lead in the series by winning game three 6-3 Saturday night in front of a hometown crowd.

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the winner just 20 seconds later. Roux Bazin also scored a pair while chipping in three assists for a big five point night. Hayden Couling scored the other goal that sparked the third period comeback.

The Hawks fell behind 3-0 against the Chiefs before coming back to eventually hold a 4-3 lead in the third before Yellowhead got it to overtime.

Scoring for the Hawks were Allison on a power play, Cameron Brunn, Riley Goertzen short handed, and

Jay Fehr and Rey both contributed two goals each. Derek Holenski and Jessi Freund added a pair of singles on the road to victory.

Peters made 31 saves as Morden outshot Altona 46-34.

Game four took place in Altona Tuesday evening. Results were not available at press time.

If necessary, game five will be played in Morden Thursday at 8 p.m.

The league's other series between

the Portage Islanders and the Notre Dame Hawks was tied at 2-2 at press time, with game five slated for Wednesday.

In other SEMHL news, the league announced its 2018-19 All-Stars last week.

Two Morden players made the cut: forwards Mike Rey and Tyler Grove will play for the First Team.

Rey was also named league MVP and scoring champion for the season.

Braden Hildebrand, while Meilun was again outstanding with 54 saves as the shots were 59-19 in favour of the Chiefs, who had 29 in the third period alone.

Pembina Valley then caved under the pressure Sunday as the Chiefs outshot them 66-12 while rolling to period leads of 5-0 and 7-0, including three powerplay goals.

Brock Moroz stopped 52 of 61 shots while Meilun stopped four of five in just over three minutes of relief.

The Hawks are at 23-16-4-2 for 52 points, which is six back of the Eastman Selects and seven up on the Winnipeg Bruins.

Pembina Valley kicked off the final week of their regular season with a visit to Winnipeg to take on the Bruins Wednesday.

They then close it out by hosting the Southwest Cougars Saturday before meeting the Selects in Beausejour Sunday.

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Flyers gain valuable point in OT loss to Pistons

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers are looking to break a seven game losing streak as the clock ticks down on the MJHL regular season.

The Flyers fell to the Pistons 3-2 in overtime Monday in Steinbach.

Goals from Everett Bestland in the first and Josh Kagan in the third had the Flyers up 2-0 heading into the final few minutes.

Riley Morgan had denied all comers through 50 minutes, but the Pistons found the chink in his armour with 7:15 to go, scoring twice to force overtime.

There, it was the Pistons who got the game-winner 4:43 in, leaving the Flyers with a lone point.

Overall, Morgan made 36 saves in 64:43 minutes on the ice as Steinbach outshot Winkler 39-25.

The loss capped off a long weekend that included defeats of 3-1 to Selkirk and 8-4 to Winnipeg.

Jesse Korytko scored the only Winkler goal in the second period against the Steelers, making it a 2-1 game heading into the final frame, where Selkirk got an insurance goal on an

empty net with less than two minutes to go.

Morgan made 25 saves between the posts as Selkirk outshot Winkler 28-26.

Despite Colton Friesen scoring two alongside singles from Garrett Kulkica and Eric Fawkes, the Flyers found their attempts drowned out by goals from the Blues in Saturday's game.

Winnipeg was up 2-1, 5-3, and finally 8-4 at the end of each period.

Morgan made 26 saves off 34 shots.

His teammates fired 32 back the other way.

Earlier in the week, on Feb. 12, Winkler dropped a 3-1 decision to Waywayseecappo.

Fawkes managed to score against the on-fire Wolverine netminder Isaac Labelle in the opening period, sandwiched between two goals from the Wolverines. Wayway's third goal late in the second period proved to be the last time either side would find the back of the net.

Morgan took the loss in goal with 16 saves as Winkler outshot Waywayseecappo 41-19.

The Flyers' record of 22-29-5 put them ninth in the standings ahead of only OCN and Neepawa. They trail the Wolverines by four points.

The Flyers round out the month with an away game in Neepawa Friday, a home game against Portage Sunday, and a rematch in Selkirk next Tuesday.

Zodiacs advance in hockey playoffs

The NPC Nighthawks were a first-round casualty in the Zone 4 boys hockey playoffs last week, while the GVC Zodiacs move on to round two.

The Zodiacs (who ranked third in the regular season) made short work of the Portage Trojans (sixth place) with a pair of 3-1 wins.

NPC (seventh place) fell at the hands of the Tigers (second place) 6-2 and 10-5.

The Zodiacs now face the Tigers in

the semi-finals throughout this week. Also in the running are the Morris Mavericks and the Prairie Mountain Mustangs.

In Zone 4 varsity basketball, meanwhile, the Morden girls fell to the W.C. Miller Aces 57-29 Feb. 12. That same night, the GVC girls lost to the King's Knights 65-53.

And in SCAC varsity basketball, NPC's boys beat Léo-Rémillard CSLR Feb. 13 by a score of 100-84.

The female Nighthawks won their match against CSLR 54-28 but then fell to St. John's Ravenscourt 43-35 the next night.

NPC's boys also hosted a home tournament over the weekend, losing to Gimli in the seventh place game 80-58. The tournament trophy went to the Carman Cougars, while the Morden Thunder won the consolation side.

Pembina Valley Twisters maintain hold on 1st

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters are maintaining their hold on the top spot in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

With five games still to go in the regular season, the Twisters picked up another pair of wins this past weekend by edging the St. James Jr. Canucks 2-1 Friday and then downing the River East Royal Knights 6-5 in a shootout Sunday.

It was a tightly fought affair with the third place Canucks, as the shots on goal ended up 31-24 in favour of the Twisters, who got steady netminding from Travis Klassen with 23 saves.

Travis Penner opened scoring in the first on a powerplay with his 29th of the season. Quade Froese then got the winner 4:09 into the third period.

Sunday offered the Twisters a surprising battle with the last place Royal Knights, who were kept in the game by goaltender Evan Baty as Pembina Valley outshot River East 68-40 through four periods. Martin Gagnon got the win in goal with 35 saves.

Brendan Keck had a hat trick for

the Twisters, who trailed 4-2 after two frames. Other goals came from Penner and Braeden Beernaerts, who then won the game for Pembina Valley in the fourth round of the shoot-

out after Keck had connected in the first.

Pembina Valley improved to 31-5-4 for 66 points, which gives them an eight point lead on the Raiders and

nine on the Canucks.

This weekend, the Hawks face the St. Boniface Riels in Winnipeg Saturday and then host the Charleswood Hawks in Morris Sunday.

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"There's definitely a different way we could have responded with what life has brought us, but we believe because of the choices that we made, the attitude that we brought to the situations allowed, I think, for us to have better results.

"I just hope it makes women feel encouraged ... if life throws something negative at them that they realize that they have a choice in how they respond to what is happening to them and that there are other op-

tions."

Chamber executive director Candace Olafson has the same hopes for the event, which she noted has been very well received right from the start.

"It's been a successful event, something that quickly sells out. It can be a great evening of sharing and being open with each other ... really just an inspiring evening.

"We're very excited as well to have two local women entrepreneurs

speak to us and tell us a little bit about their story," Olafson said. "So far, we've had local women as the speakers, and I think that's been great to hear the stories of local women."

EmpowHER takes place March 6 at 7:30 p.m. The \$25 charge includes a beverage and a dessert.

You can register online at morden-chamber.com, by phone at 204-822-5630 ext. 1, or stop by the chamber office at 379 Stephen St. in Morden.

Agriculture

A solid marketing plan sells the grain: Wild Oats

By Harry Siemens

One of the many exhibitors at Crop-Connect 2019 in Winnipeg Feb. 13-14 was John Duvenaud, a farmer and provider of farm commodity news, market information, commentary, marketing advice, and applicable prices through the *Wild Oats* newsletter.

In a recent issue, Duvenaud said gold miners are like farmers: the big trick is production, but a critical part is converting the gold, or grain, into cash. The farmer completes the job when he sells the grain.

"It's easy, as a farmer, to get an abnormal attachment to your grain. Grain in the bin is a solid asset," said Duvenaud. "Some farmers like to have a year's supply of grain on hand at all times. Realistically, of course, that rarely happens."

Years ago, Duvenaud ran Agriculture Canada's livestock market information service in Ottawa, but it was time to take over the farm, which he did.

"I went from Ottawa, the center of a network of market information, out to Sperling," he said. "We were doing maybe a quarter million dollars on the farm at that time, which is nothing now, but a big deal at the time. And there's no market information available to us."

Duvenaud bought a struggling newsletter, but one with a committed group of paying subscribers.

"I bought it and relaunched it as *Wild Oats* and I only had maybe 20 subscribers, but they were paying subscribers and I had to put out a newsletter," he recalled. "Well, I got the first one out and then the second one, and it just carried on."

The newsletter tries to help its readers in a variety of ways.

"I do a lot of their homework for them, like following the news wires, talking to buyers, talking to other farmers all week long," Duvenaud said. "There's a lot of stuff going on in the grain market in the world. Most of it is noise, it doesn't matter, except for a few minutes, but I take it and I boil that down to one page of news, the facts that happened this week that you should know."

"One page, you have time to read it.

So, that's part of it."

The other part to his newsletter is the marketing plan he creates for every crop grown on the prairies—wheat, oats, barley, canola, flax, soybeans, you name it.

"Again, no special magic, but I sometimes pre-price, but only if there's a good reason to pre-price. But I always start selling when the combines start running, okay, and you got to sell grain."

"Growing it is not the job—farming is the job, which means growing and selling," Duvenaud stressed. "I sell in 20 per cent increments throughout the year. I try to sell it at times when I think are advantageous to the farmer. I keep back at least 20 per cent until the new crop is growing, and I always finish sales within the crop year."

Duvenaud said it is a nice, simple, straightforward, low-risk plan, catching the odd high, which is good. But if a farmer could follow that, then he's got a sensible marketing program.

It would only be by chance that someone would follow it to the letter, he said, but it is something tangible to

John Duvenaud of the *Wild Oats* newsletter was at the CropConnect 2019 conference in Winnipeg last week.

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VOICE



compare to your marketing.

The third thing Duvenaud does with his newsletter is, whenever he makes a sale, he explains why he did so at this time.

"This is how the market is unfolding right now, this is what buyers are doing, this is how the movement of the

crop is so that a farmer can feel comfortable," he said. "The farmer can understand why he's selling a crop right now. He can explain to his buddy why he's making a sale right now, and he can feel good about it."

Duvenaud also provides a very detailed price report for every crop.

MPSG production meeting in Winkler March 5

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers (MPSG) is hosting one of its four annual production meetings in Winkler March 5.

MPSG's farmer-exclusive Getting it Right crop production meetings take place over the next few weeks in Dauphin, Stonewall, Boissevain, and Winkler.

"Our goal with these meetings is really to connect with our farmer members and bring them up to date in the latest research in agronomy," says MPSG extension coordinator Laura Schmidt.

Getting it Right is a series of farmer-focused events designed to equip Manitoba's soybean and pulse growers with the tools required to face production challenges and market access issues, Schmidt says.

The half-day workshops offer farmers the opportunity to see where

their MPSG research investments are going, while also networking and receiving production support.

In past years, the agency had hosted one large meeting, but this year they're excited to be branching out across the province, providing targeted topics for each location, Schmidt says.

"We want to focus in our topics so that they're relevant to the farmers in that region ... bring research results that are specific to those areas and those farmers and the issues that they face," she says, noting each location will feature MPSG production and on-farm specialists talking about the On-Farm Network research results and the science behind them.

In Winkler, Dr. Mario Tenuta will speak about the soybean cyst nematode, a new pest on the horizon. Bruce Brolley of Roquette will also be on hand to talk about the latest

developments in pea agronomy research and pea opportunities.

In Dauphin and Stonewall, farmers will hear from Kristen P. MacMillan on her research focusing on soybean seeding decisions. In Boissevain, Dr. Greg Endres from North Dakota State University will share some of the latest developments in dry bean research.

Following the workshops, farmers will have the opportunity to chat with other growers, presenters, and MPSG staff and directors over lunch.

The Winkler meeting runs from 9 a.m. to noon at the Days Inn on Tuesday, March 5.

The event is free to MPSG members, though pre-registration is required.

For full details and registration, visit manitobapulse.ca/events/getting-it-right or email laura@manitobapulse.ca.

WCF scholarship deadline is next week Thurs.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation expects to distribute \$87,000 in Gordon Wiebe Scholarships this year.

"It is the highest amount we've given out. Significantly more, in fact," says administrative coordinator Karina Cardona, noting they distributed approximately \$61,000 in year one and \$76,000 last year.

As the interest continues to grow on the multi-million dollar bequest left to the foundation by the late Gordon Wiebe, more students each year will get a helping hand with their post-secondary studies.

This year, 39 students in all will benefit, including 22 new recipients and 17 who are receiving ongoing award disbursements.

"It's really great to be able to know that we can support more people," says Cardona, "That's the idea behind the values that we have for these awards. Even though we could probably set up fewer higher value awards, we want to be able to impact more families."

Recipients like last year's \$20,000 Make It a Reality Scholarship winner Tyler Froese certainly appreciate the help.

"It's been unreal. It covered my entire tuition," he says. "So many other people in university have to pick up lots of shifts at work

just to be able to afford to eat."

Being able to focus on his studies has made the transition into university a much easier one for Froese, who is in the midst of a bachelor of arts in psychology with an eye to continuing on to graduate school in the future.

He urges local students to seriously consider applying for these awards.

"When I was graduating, I applied for 14 scholarships. I only got two in the end," he

says. "You want to make the pool of scholarships you're dipping into as big as possible.

"You never know—I thought it was a long shot to get this one and I did and it's just been absolutely amazing," Froese adds. "I definitely don't regret doing it. It doesn't take that long to apply and the rewards can be huge."

Applications for the 2019 Gordon Wiebe Scholarships are due in by Feb. 28.

Up for grabs is the Make It a Reality Scholarship and nine renewable Ongoing Education Support Scholarships of \$2,000 per year for up to three years. The foundation also distributes GVSD scholarships to high school grads through the local schools.

Details are available online at winklercommunityfoundation.com.

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The City of Winkler invites qualified applicants to submit a resume for consideration for a full-time By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Reporting to the City Manager, the By-Law Enforcement Officer is responsible for enforcement, prevention, intervention and education of applicable City by-laws.

Duties include investigating and responding to by-law complaints, ensuring resolution either by education, redirection and interpreting by-laws and policies to the public. The ability to maintain confidentiality of all information is essential.

The right candidate will have superior interpersonal skills, with emphasis on effective communication and conflict resolution, excellent oral and written communication with a focus on customer service and public relations, demonstrated ability to maintain a professional manner and make sound decisions under stressful public conditions, demonstrated knowledge of issues including public safety, and demonstrated understanding and knowledge of community resources.

The City of Winkler offers a comprehensive benefits program and competitive salary.

Detailed resumes outlining education, experience, qualifications and references will be accepted up to and including March 15, 2019. Those interested may apply in confidence to:

Barb Dyck
City Manager
185 Main Street
Winkler, MB R6W 1B4
FAX: (204)325-5915
E-mail: bdyck@cityofwinkler.ca

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Qualifications:

- Minimum Grade XII academic achievement
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Powerpoint and Excel
- Three years related experience in grant writing is an asset.

Please include a minimum of three references with resume.

Apply in confidence to:
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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of **TRUDE TAIT**, late of the City of Winkler, in the Province of Manitoba, Retired, Deceased.

ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at Box 940, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, R1N 3C4, within fifteen (15) days of the date of publication. DATED at the City of Portage la Prairie, in the Province of Manitoba, this 15th day of February, 2019.

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NOTICES

Public Hearing 2019 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 2019 Financial Plan at a public hearing to be held on:

March 12, 2019 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 2019 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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