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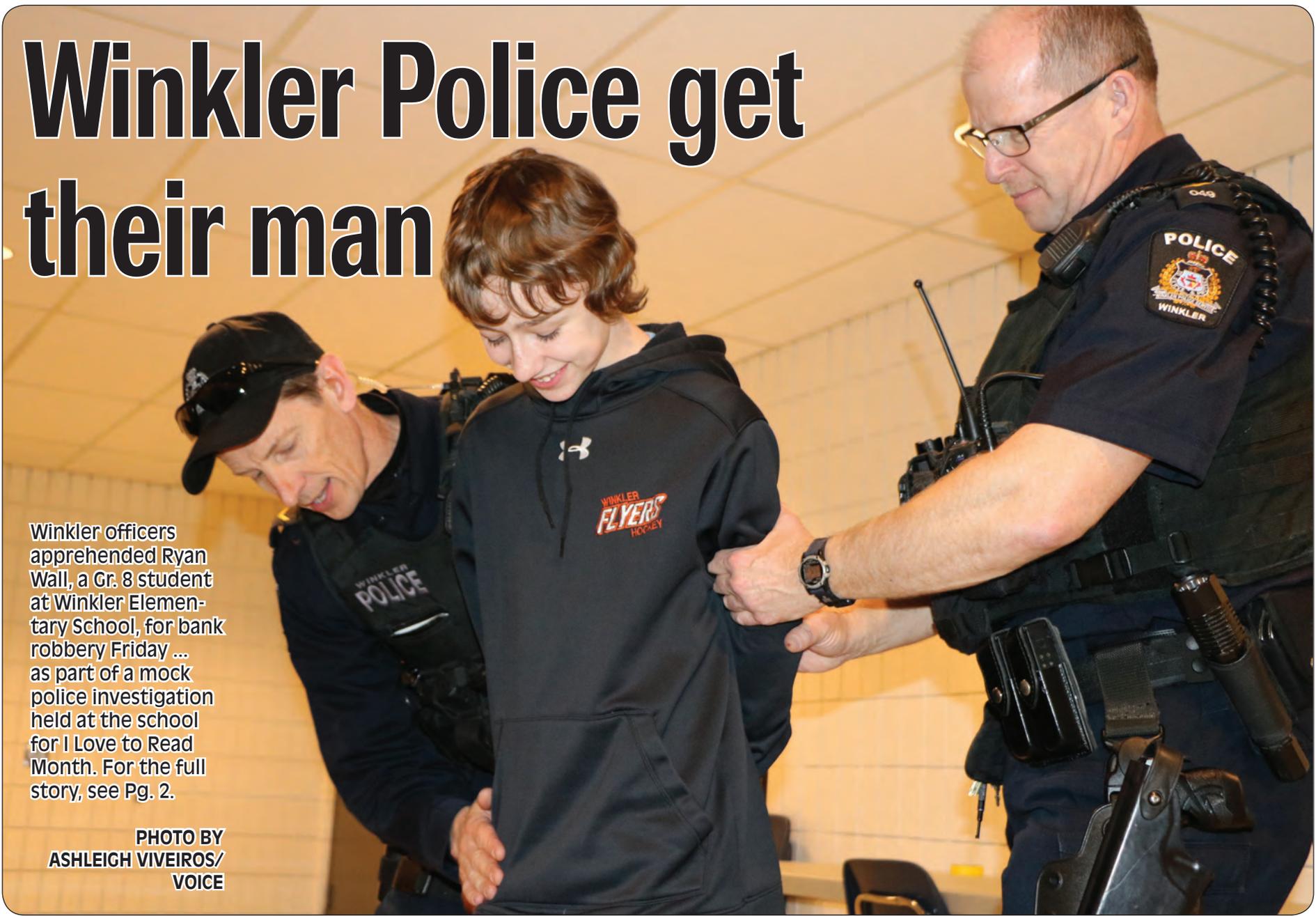
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Winkler Police get their man



Winkler officers apprehended Ryan Wall, a Gr. 8 student at Winkler Elementary School, for bank robbery Friday ... as part of a mock police investigation held at the school for I Love to Read Month. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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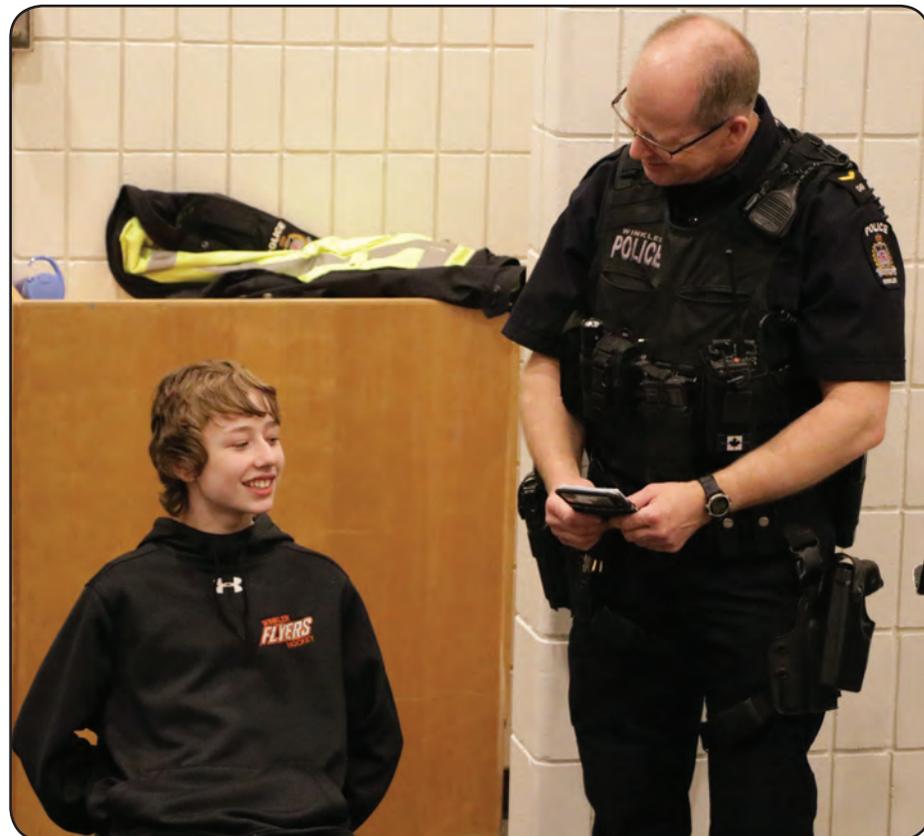



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Winkler officers spoke to hundreds of students at Winkler Elementary School on Friday, walking them through the investigation process (above) and how they make an arrest, including reading a suspect his rights (right).



Winkler police reach out to local students

Officers visit Winkler Elementary School to show kids how they figure out whodunit

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler police arrested a Gr. 8 student in connection with a robbery at the local credit union on Friday.

Using as evidence a note left behind by the perpetrator covered in his fingerprints, officers took Ryan Wall into custody in front of his classmates and teachers.

Luckily for Wall, though, it was all a simulation designed to give the kids a first-hand look at how law enforcement officers do their job.

Winkler officers made several such mock arrests throughout the afternoon as they spoke to students as part of the school's I Love to Read Month festivities.

Patrol Sergeant Jason Penner said the department is always looking for fun opportunities like this to interact with kids.

"When we have the time and manpower, this is a better way, a proactive way to battle crime in our communities," he said, noting it's all part and parcel of the department embracing the community policing model.

"When you start talking to kids at a young age and they get a positive police experience, it's better for us," Penner added. "Because outside of here, most of the times when they're dealing with us or their families are, it isn't the most positive way."

Tying in with the school's I Love to Read Month theme of mysteries, the officers came up with one of their own and walked students through how they would solve it and the pro-

cess of arresting and booking a suspect.

The presentation also stressed the importance of literacy and lifelong learning for officers.

"There's been a monumental change in the policing world over the last 30 years about education," Penner said. "They say one year at the police academy is like the first two at university. We cram education into our officers and continue to do so after they graduate from the academy."

"What we're trying to do today for the kids is just impart that education, reading, it's important and we use it in our job every day."

Though Winkler's officers are no strangers to school talks as it is, Penner said they hope to do even more of them going forward.

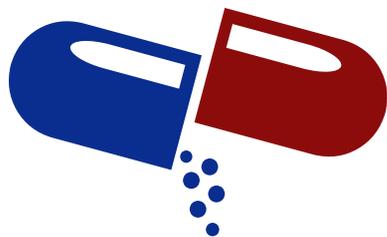
"We've done school talks before but we haven't really done it in this way or this size," he said. "By the end of today, we're going to [speak to] about 280 students."

These kind of talks not only educate kids and hopefully make them feel more comfortable approaching police if they need help, but it could inspire the next generation of officers.

"I remember when I was a kid and my interactions with the police, that's what drove me towards this career," Penner said. "So if we come to the school and we interact with kids and it's something that twigs in their memory and it's something that maybe pushes them into this career, than we've done a good job."

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Musicians stop by BTHC palliative care unit to perform

By Ashleigh Viveiros

They say laughter is the best medicine, but music just might give it a run for its money.

Violinist and singer Rosemary Siemens alongside bandmates Grace and Orlando Sukkau put it to the test on Friday.

The trio stopped by the Boundary Trails Health Centre palliative care unit to play a few songs for patients and families in advance of performing at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall later that night.

The evening show raised upwards of \$6,400 for the BTHC Foundation, which supports the palliative care

program.

Siemens' stop at the hospital was a way for her to see firsthand exactly where the money is going.

"I kind of wanted to just be more familiar with what we were playing for," she said after performing several songs in the hospital hallway.

"I had a vision of what it would be like but it's always different when you come personally and meet people and see their faces. I think then the concert is just that much more special and sincere.

"It's so special always to come home and play," the Plum Coulee native added. "But to do it for a great cause is even more special."

BTHC Foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett said the funds generated from Siemens' concert are integral to the palliative care unit's ongoing operation.

"The palliative care program here at



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Orlando and Grace Sukkau and Rosemary Siemens stopped by BTHC to perform a few songs for palliative care patients and families Friday afternoon.

Boundary Trails hospital is funded by the foundation," she explained. "We have two extra nurses that are just for our program ... as well as a palliative care volunteer coordinator.

"So a lot of our funding goes towards those positions and they, in turn, re-

cruit volunteers to really help the program be what it is," said Samatte-Folkett. "To have family be educated on the needs of what's going to be coming forth and volunteers there for when the family needs a break. These are all really integral parts."

License suspended after Pembina Ave. collision

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in a two vehicle collision that occurred Friday night in Winkler.

It happened on Pembina Avenue East at Eastview Drive at 9:20 p.m. when a 1999 Ford F150 driven by an adult male driver was traveling west on Pembina and struck a 2013 GMC Sierra HD turning on to Pembina Ave.

East from Eastview Drive

The adult male driver of the GMC Sierra was uninjured, while the other driver and his two young passengers suffered minor injuries and were treated at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

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WINKLER POLICE PHOTO

A driver received a seven-day suspension and a ticket for carrying open liquor after a two-vehicle collision on Pembina Ave. Friday.

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The store has embarked on a renovation project of its own this spring.

"We always take advantage of a slow time—we look at ways that we can improve our services, ways that we can improve the look of the store," said Friesen, explaining that this year they focused on making their special projects desk more accessible "Our special projects desk is going to be moving to a more central location so it's more visible."

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PVHS remarks on a busy year

Despite the challenges of major projects, humane society nearly broke even financially in 2017

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society Monday night celebrated its achievements in what was a challenging 2017 for the organization.

Coming out of a year where the humane society undertook a major renovation of its shelter in Morden, nearly breaking even on its budget was among the highlights touched on at the annual meeting.

Society president Tyler Cameron said the complete renovation of its kennel area was a challenge but one that positions the organization well to move forward with other priorities.

"It was very, very large. It took a huge amount of organization," observed Cameron, noting it required getting nearly a dozen dogs into foster homes while the work was underway.

"Our shelter manager [Dave Bone] did an amazing job with getting our foster system up and running for all the dogs that we had to basically get out of the building in order to accomplish what we wanted."

To cap it off, those dogs were all adopted.

"The last one ended up going out not long after we finished the kennel repair project," said

Cameron. "I don't think we brought a dog back into the shelter, which was amazing."

Fostering more of their animals will be an ongoing priority for the society, Cameron noted, stressing the benefits that come from being in a different environment.

"They learn so much more in the foster environment," he said.

Last year also saw cat intakes and adoptions increase to 94 and 70 respectively, while dog intakes and adoptions were down due to the kennel renovation. Despite being without use of the kennels from July to October, there were still 47 intakes and 57 dog adoptions overall.

There were a few noticeable trends including more animals coming from the Morris area as well as more cats coming in already spayed and neutered.

Cameron also touched on a couple other improvements of 2017 that proved to be a big boost for the agency.

"Our new website is a wonderful addition to the organization. It gets our message out there a little bit better," he suggested. "The new computer system has been a big upgrade for us that we needed for a long time as well."

Even with projects like those, the society came out of the year just shy of breaking even on its \$160,000 budget.

"We were really happy with the results on our books. We were very close to meeting budget and being right below making a profit, so that was really nice to see," Cameron said, noting it was especially encouraging to see growth in fundraising and donations—the latter of which were up 40 per cent over budget.

"Donations is a huge and amazing part of what we do ... it made a big difference to our final numbers this year. Without that, we would be in a lot worse shape. That plays a huge role in what we do."

Looking ahead, there are a number of projects in the works for 2018, including setting up a large food storage container.

"And then it's getting the inside of the humane society organized and cleaned up," said Cameron.

"Then the big project is really expanding our retail brand and marketing," he continued, adding that some improvements have been made already such as a new front reception desk and point of sale computerized system along with a few new products.

"And that may include taking it online to expand our potential customer base as well as getting in more unique products," he said.

The society also showed its appreciation at the meeting to a few departing board members, including long-time member and former president Cindy Kalansky.

"Cindy has been a huge part of building the organization to where it is. She took us to a whole other level," Cameron said. "She really built a strong foundation for us."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
PVHS shelter manager Dave Bone out having some play time with Tucker, one of the facility's longer term canine residents, in advance of the organization's annual meeting Monday.

Corrections

The Feb. 22 edition of the *Voice* had a few errors in it we'd like to correct.

The story on shelterbelts neglected to include the date of the Stanley Soil Management Association's upcoming workshop on the topic. That will take place on Wednesday, March 14 at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 204-362-0352 or email stanleysoil@hotmail.com to register.

A photo cutline on the upcoming EmpowHER event had the wrong name for the event's speaker. As stated in the article, Myrna Wiebe will share her story at the gathering at Boston Pizza on March 7. Tickets are available through the Morden chamber.

The story on the Douglas Kuhl School of Music's Saturday concert included the wrong time for the earlier show. We apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced by this mistake.

Finally, a photo cutline that ran with the story on the local World Prayer Day services included the wrong location. As stated in the article, the service will be held this Friday, March 2 at the Christian Life Centre in Morden at 7 p.m.

We sincerely regret these errors and any confusion they may have caused.

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Time for a salary shakeup

The average annual Canadian salary was just over \$51,000 in 2017 while a Canadian Member of Parliament is paid an annual salary of \$170,000.

The Prime Minister earns \$340,800 while the Leader of the Opposition earns \$251,900. Senators earn \$145,500.

The average salary in Manitoba is \$47,632. A Member of the Legislative Assembly in Manitoba earns \$94,513. The Premier earns \$173,714. Cabinet ministers earn \$146,258 per year.

In Morden, according to the city's website, the mayor's indemnity is \$21,414 per year, deputy mayor's is \$15,250 a year, and councillors receive \$14,276 per year.

In Winkler, according to the city's 2016 audited financial statements, the

mayor earned \$34,332 while councillor salaries varied from a low of \$14,674 to a high of \$21,447.

Why am I telling you this?

Well, over the years I have been of varying minds about politicians' salaries. I have often felt that municipal politicians are underpaid for the work they do while provincial and federal politicians are overpaid.

This is a difficult position because people are all over the place when it comes to opinions about politicians' salaries, although most of the time the knee-jerk opinion is "they make too much."

Now, a defense could be made that politicians work long, thankless hours, often away from home and family. While this may be true, it is no truer than many of the rest of us, depending upon our jobs. We all work hard. We all sacrifice for our jobs.

Lately I have come to the opinion that perhaps it is time to index political salaries to the average national, provincial, and local salary.

What I mean by this is that MPs should have a base salary equal to the \$51,000 average Canadian salary, while MLAs should have a base salary equal to the provincial average salary of \$47,632, and so on. Salaries could be tweaked for ministers, mayors, etc.

by adding a national, provincial or local management salary boost.

By doing this, politicians are incentivized to develop the economy to see the average salary of Canadians grow because as it grows so does their salary. Furthermore, it provides our political class with a more realistic understanding of what the average Canadian earns.

To those who would say we must pay more to see quality candidates run, I would simply reply by asking do we really want people running for political office because the pay is great?

In times of economic restraint the political class will often hold the line on salary increases and tout how they are taking a wage freeze to set an example. As noble as this sounds, it rings hollow when Joe and Jane Canada are earning \$35,000 a year for a family of five and the Prime Minister earns more than \$340,000. You get the idea.

This is not punitive. This is realistic. In the private sector, management salaries are often linked to corporate growth and profitability—perhaps we should consider doing the same in the public sector and set a real example.



By Peter Cantelon

letters

Government has no plans to change teachers' pensions

Last week, the president of Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS) sent a letter to teachers suggesting that our government was making changes to teachers' pensions. This is not correct. Here is some background:

As Minister of Finance, it is my responsibility to regularly conduct a review of registered pensions. I authorized the Pension Commission to undertake such a review, and a list of recommendations has now been reported back. All Manitobans had the opportunity to have their say on these recommendations in a recent concluded public consultation process.

The focus of this work is to ensure a strong framework for pensions in Manitoba into the future.

It is unfortunate that MTS used a routine review of pensions to suggest to its members that pension changes were imminent and could affect them negatively. Our government has made no changes to teachers' pensions, nor do we have any such plans. MTS told their members that retired teachers could see a 30 per cent reduction in pension benefits. This is incorrect and serves no purpose other than to scare retirees.

I invite all Manitobans to read the

consultation paper and list of recommendations (gov.mb.ca/labour/pension).

Our government cares about affordability, the excessive tax burden on Manitoba households, and the ability of Manitobans to retire with confidence and security. We will consider the views of labour leaders and all Manitobans. We welcome an honest and frank conversation on how to keep pensions strong, not misleading statements and rhetoric.

Cameron Friesen,
Morden-Winkler MLA

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Appelt's Diamonds supports PVPCC

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre is the beneficiary of a \$4,300 donation from Appelt's Diamonds in Morden.

The contribution came about from a program where customers who come to Appelt's receive complementary batteries for watches when their current one runs out. In exchange, customers are encouraged to drop in a donation of any amount towards local charity.

"We allow each of our stores to choose a local charity," explained owner Jeff Appelt.

They started this initiative four years ago out of the recognition that it is important to give back to their communities, he said.

"It's something that I grew up with ... my dad always told me to give back, and it's something that as a family we've always given back to the com-

munity," said Appelt. "Whether it's corporately or personally, we feel very strongly about it. We've been blessed, so we want to give back and bless other people as well."

Linda Marek, executive director of the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, said she had no idea what to expect when she learned they had been chosen as a recipient this year.

"It was a very nice surprise, and we are so thankful. A gift of this size really does make a difference for our organization.

"When a local business provides this level of support, it's so encouraging, and a gift of this size really is a game changer for us," added Marek. "It means a lot to us and we don't take support for granted. We receive no government funds, so we rely on our local communities and the generosity."

She sees it as a welcome show of support for their mission.



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Linda Marek, executive director of the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, and board chair Konrad Loewen (right) recently received a \$4,300 donation from Appelt's Diamonds owner Jeff Appelt.

"They see the meaningful impact we are having and they want to set an example for others in the area," suggested Marek, who noted the funds will be allocated to the supports and services offered in Morden and Win-

kler.

"Each year, we have seen an increase in the need in the community and the people coming through the doors asking for help. So it all helps us to keep moving forward."

'Read Between the Pipelines' public meeting March 7

By Lorne Stelmach

A public meeting next week aims to not only address pipeline expansion here in southern Manitoba but the bigger issues around it.

The town hall meeting called *Read Between The Pipelines* takes place Wednesday, March 7 at St. Paul's United Church in Morden at 7 p.m.

There will be presentations by David Scott of Swan Lake First Nation, Laura Cameron of the Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition, and event organizer Will Braun of Morden.

With the new pipeline corridor running past Morden and Gretna and on to the U.S., Braun said they want people to be aware of and understand what one of most costly pipelines in Canada's history could mean for our communities and the world at large.

"This project is well on its way, that's a reality ... but there are other big questions to talk about ... in a world that is rapidly changing in terms of energy," said Braun, adding they want people to look at the big picture.

"I think it's really good for people with different views to be able to sit down together and discuss things. I hope that happens ... where it goes beyond that, I don't know," he said.

"In a lot of places in the world, people are talking about energy and climate ... and it seems like maybe we should be having that discussion here as well," Braun continued. "We're trying to have a discussion about energy and climate in a healthy and constructive way. And the fact that we have this massive pipeline corridor running right by us here in this area, this massive new infrastructure project, that should be an occasion to talk about this."

The Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition describes itself as an alliance of Manitoban community groups and individual supporters committed to defending the lands, air and waters in Manitoba by working to reclaim and protect our environment and promote social justice in the energy sector.

You can find out more online at www.mbenergyjustice.org.

The Bra Lady Is coming to Size You Up

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to outfit you with the best possible bra for your body. Chapman said she will be seeing clients on a one-on-one basis, explaining the benefits of good bras and measuring their bodies properly.

"Most women just want to find a good-fitting bra that's not uncomfortable," Chapman said. "What they don't realize is that a good support bra is also important for blood circulation and enhanced lymph drainage."

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Winkler Senior Centre puts call out for volunteers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre is looking for a few good men and women to help them keep their programs and services going.

WSC's volunteer roster hit heights of over 100 people a few years ago, but today they're operating with far fewer helpers.

"Our biggest concern is it's probably about half what it used to be," said director Nettie Dyck.

Volunteers are integral to the senior centre's smooth operation, so bolstering their numbers has become a priority, said volunteer coordinator Cathleen Bergen.

"Our volunteers put in thousands of hours a year," she said. "We have a few volunteers that have been doing it for over 20 years ... they're all vital to this place."

In a recent call for volunteers, the senior centre identified several key areas of need, including handi-van drivers for local trips (see related story below), volunteer drivers with vehicles willing to drive people to appointments out-of-town (they are reimbursed for mileage), kitchen and delivery helpers for the congregate meal program, and a trained nurse for the monthly blood pressure/blood glucose clinic.

"The congregate meal program, especially, we're finding that we don't always have people available," said Bergen, noting illness, vacations, and family responsibilities can all leave kitchen shifts short. "We're finding that we need more people to replace them as standbys or even to step in on a regular basis."

All these volunteer roles are open to

"OUR VOLUNTEERS PUT IN THOUSANDS OF HOURS A YEAR ... THEY'RE ALL VITAL TO THIS PLACE."

anybody with the time to give, senior or not.

"We do sometimes have younger volunteers, too," Bergen said. "We've had school kids volunteering for extra credit, young adults ... people have so many different reasons for volunteering."

Dyck noted they'd love to see more younger seniors getting involved as well.

"Those baby boomers who are retiring and who think they're still too young to be here—we could use their help."

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Hard at work baking cookies in the kitchen last Friday morning were Helen Reimer and Betty Giesbrecht.

Reimer started working a couple days a week as a kitchen volunteer a few of years ago. She's loved every minute of it.

"I wanted to do something different than what I was doing before," she said, explaining she recently retired from her job in a local optometrist office. "I love working in the kitchen. Cooking, baking—I love it all."

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Betty Giesbrecht hard at work making cookies in the Winkler Senior Centre's kitchen last week. Kitchen volunteers are an integral part of keeping the centre's congregate meal program running smoothly.

Handi-Van in desperate need of funds, drivers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler & District Handi-Van Service is looking not just for volunteers but also funding if it's going to keep running.

The service, which launched last summer, faces a somewhat uncertain future if its operational costs don't come way down, says Winkler Senior Centre director Nettie Dyck.

"Our hope for the handi-van was that we had applied for grants ... to be able to get a new vehicle that would cut down our costs a lot," she says, explaining the original donated van is quite old, large, and costly to run.

"And then, of course, if we could get volunteer drivers we could continue the program that way," Dyck adds, explaining they currently have one paid driver on call, so having volunteers would lower staffing costs significantly.

Securing sufficient funding and recruiting enough volunteers, however, has proven more chal-

lenging than expected.

"We just want to get out to the community that if this is something that they would like to see continue, we need to come up with this money and we need to have volunteer drivers," stresses Dyck. "Without that, we won't be able to continue."

The funding issue is being addressed in part with a benefit concert at the senior centre this Saturday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

The show features classic country music from Vince & Stacey Anderson, the Brad Wiebe Group, and George Braun and Abe Friesen. Admission is by donation. There will also be a prize raffle fundraiser held.

If the event hits its \$5,000 target it will go a long way toward saving the handi-van program, Dyck says.

On the volunteer front, she urges anyone with an interest in volunteering to contact her at 204-325-8964 as soon as possible.



Katherine Friesen and Frank Unrau are among the senior centre's many volunteers, helping out as coffee servers, organizing floor curling, and helping set up jam sessions.

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Pembina Counselling eager to open new Morden offices

By Lorne Stelmach

Pembina Counselling Centre is growing with a move to a larger location in Morden.

The new space now under construction in Boundary Trails Place will more than double their office space, and it is a reflection of an increasing need in the area.

"There is a demand out there," suggested executive director and counsellor Paul Penner.

"It tells us there is a desire in our community ... for people to have a place where they can talk," he said. "Secondly, it tells me they see us as a resource ... we're glad for that. We know that there's other options out here in the Pembina Valley, and we're glad for that, but we want to be identified as one of them."

The decision to move from their existing location in the Buhler block in downtown Morden resulted from an assessment that looked at the number of appointments that could be ac-

commodated there.

"We had full utilization of our space," Penner said. "That means we couldn't hire more contract counsellors to take up some of the demand."

"The demand started to build to where we were seeing beyond three weeks wait time, up to five weeks ... and that was sustained for more than three months. That's where it tells us we needed to add more clinical hours."

Penner said they identified four potential locations and liked the space that was available in Boundary Trails Place for a few reasons.

"It had the most potential for space and also the best cost for us," he said, explaining they will increase from just under 800 to over 1,400 square feet.

The move will allow them to increase from three to four interview rooms in addition to office and waiting room space and access to a shared meeting room.

They are planning to be in for the



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Executive director Paul Penner inspects the progress of renovations in what will be the new Morden home of Pembina Counselling Centre by this June.

beginning of June and have already contracted with Christine Elias as an additional clinician who is starting out for two half days a week and will increase to two full days.

Penner estimated the cost of the project is about \$115,000. So far they've received \$60,000 from Morden Thrift Shop, \$20,000 from the Thomas Sill Foundation, \$10,000

from the City of Morden, and \$6,000 from Access Credit Union in donations, in addition to private gifts.

Meanwhile, a new part-time PCC office in Crystal City served by counsellor Dennis Fehr is also seeing an increase in its time since it opened in September. It started at one half day every second week and is now at a full day once a week.

> SENIOR CENTRE, FROM PG. 8

Giesbrecht, meanwhile, has been helping out with the meal program for over a decade.

"I came to the senior centre often and I knew they needed more help in the kitchen," she said.

"It helps the senior centre and it helps me too," Giesbrecht reflected on what keeps her coming back. "If I don't come here then I might just sit at home and do nothing. Here you can talk to people and visit with people and have fun."

"It's a win-win situation for both the senior centre and the volunteer."

Lisa Penner, meal coordinator, echoed that sentiment.

"We couldn't do without them," she said of the dozen or so volunteers who pick up shifts in the kitchen each week. "They do everything that needs doing, and all from scratch."

"We could definitely use more,"

Penner added, pointing to busy events like waffle breakfasts and banquets but also the need simply to have back-up volunteers that can be called when someone is unable to fill their shift. "It's always nice to have subs."

Kitchen volunteers—who come in anywhere from one to several days a week—work from about 8 a.m. to a little after 1 p.m., helping out with meal prep, service, and, of course, clean-up.

"They stay until the dishes are done," Penner said with a chuckle.

Just outside the kitchen, meanwhile, fellow volunteers Katherine Friesen and Frank Unrau were enjoying coffee and fellowship.

Friesen said she's been volunteering as a Friday morning coffee server for "more years than I can remember."

Like the others, the opportunity to

get out of the house is a big motivator.

"I really enjoy it," Friesen said. "I live by myself, so this is a way to get out and see and talk to people."

Unrau—who volunteers on several fronts, including with the jam sessions, floor curling, and as a board member—says the desire for social interaction is the common thread that binds the centre's volunteers together.

"When I look at people, especially once they age and they aren't as mobile, they're limited to how much socializing they can do," he said. "This here is a get-together place. I've gained a lot of friends over the years

through this."

No matter what you're good at or how many hours you can give, the senior centre can find a place for you.

"It's basically almost anything," Unrau said. "Really, the most important thing is a willingness to give some of your time to community service."

If you'd like to learn more about the volunteer opportunities available at the Winkler Senior

Centre, stop by at 102-650 South Railway Ave., give them a call at 204-325-8964, or check out winkler55plus.com.

"THIS HERE IS A GET-TOGETHER PLACE. I'VE GAINED A LOT OF FRIENDS OVER THE YEARS THROUGH THIS."

Prairie Singers take the stage in Winkler, Morden Sunday



The Prairie Singers take to the stage this Sunday for their 2018 concert A New Song.

The choir, which is made up of 35 singers from across the Morden-Winkler area, will perform at 2:30 p.m. at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church and 7:30 p.m. at the Morden Mennonite Church.

They are led for the first time by

conductor Marilyn Houser Hamm, who will direct songs from Basque to Baroque and from the Psalms to the present.

Joining the choir on stage will be accompanist Fay Carruthers and several other musicians.

Tickets are \$10 at the door, half-price for students.

MADD Canada looking for a Community Leader

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is looking for some local help.

MADD Canada has put a call out for a volunteer to fill the role of Community Leader in the Winkler-Morden area.

The position is an essential one when it comes to raising awareness about the dangers of impaired driving and providing support for victims and survivors, says spokesperson Tracy Crawford.

"They are the point of contact in the community for MADD, so they basically are our voice in the community," she says.

To that end, the Community Leader acts as a representative for MADD's presentations in schools and at community events, works with first responders to support related initiatives, and connects families affected by impaired driving with the services available to them.

"They can be there to have coffee, just to meet with them and guide them through some of the processes they're going to be going through," says Crawford.

The role also includes assessing the various MADD programs and seeing what would work best here.

"Having someone local there makes a big difference ... they know their community better than anybody else," says Crawford. "So they can look at what programs MADD has that they can bring to the community ... what is going to be good in the community.

"Someone definitely needs to be

passionate about doing it," she adds, stressing, however, that MADD provides all the necessary training and support needed to do the job well.

For more information on getting involved with MADD Canada, contact Crawford at tcrawford@madd.ca.

Janice Krahn named GVSD assistant supt.

Garden Valley School Division is putting together its new executive administrative unit for next school year.

The division announced Friday that Janice Krahn will step into the position of assistant superintendent of programs and curriculum this summer.

The role was previously filled by Todd Monster, who last month was named the successor to retiring superintendent Vern Reimer.

Krahn has served GVSD for 28 years, including nine as vice-principal/Gr. 8 teacher at Emerald Centennial School and three years as the principal of Parkland Elementary School.

In a statement, the board of trustees said they look forward to working with Krahn in fulfilling Garden Valley's mission to "facilitate excellent education for children to become good neighbours, workers and citizens."

In other school division news, the board has awarded the tender for Pine Ridge Elementary School to Winkler's own WBS Construction.

The company is no stranger to GVSD projects, having previously built Prairie Dale School in Schanzenfeld and headed up the major renovations at Garden Valley Collegiate.

Work on the new K-8 school is expected to get underway soon so it can open by fall of 2019.

> POLICE REPORT, FROM PG. 3

The driver of the Ford provided a sample of his breath that resulted in a warning. As a result of this reading as well as having two youth passengers, the driver was served a seven-day driver's licence suspension. He was issued a ticket as well for having open liquor in his vehicle.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Other items of note in the weekly police reports include:

- Winkler police received a report Feb. 19 of a young male who attempted to sexually assault a young female two weeks ago. The incident is still under investigation.

- Morden police received a report Feb. 20 of a hit and run to a vehicle Feb. 18. The driver, who parked his 2017 white Chevrolet Silverado truck behind the CIBC in Morden from

7:45 until 8:30 p.m., noticed damage to his passenger rear fender.

- Morden police got another complaint of a hit and run to a vehicle Feb. 23. The driver parked his 2017 black GMC Canyon truck around 8 p.m. Feb. 18 at Giant Tiger and returned to find a scratch and dent on the driver's side box area.

- Winkler police were called Feb. 23 about a fight at Triangle Oasis.

Officers detained a man and then spoke with the motel owner who reported the accused had stolen a cordless nailer, which was then found inside the accused's backpack.

The man was charged for theft, possession of stolen goods, and breach of probation.

Police later learned the 22-year-old Altona resident was also allegedly involved in the theft of two electron-

ic items from The Source.

Police say the man then also tried to attack officers while in custody. He was subsequently charged with assault with a weapon and was remanded into custody.

- Shortly after 5 a.m. Feb. 24, a male attended the Winkler Police Service to turn himself in, saying he believed his ex-girlfriend was going to be making a complaint against him.

Police noted the male to be nonsensical with slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and emanating the odor of liquor from his breath. The 21-year-old was held and released once sober.

Later the same day, police were called to a 4th St. South home when the man and his girlfriend were involved in a domestic dispute.

Officers learned he arrived drunk

and began arguing with his ex-girlfriend and that he had assaulted her earlier in the morning.

He was arrested for assault and later released to a sober adult.

- Winkler police were called to Shoppers Drug Mart Feb. 24 after a vehicle drove into one of the store's windows. Police learned the 87-year-old driver accidentally put the car into drive. No charges were laid.

- At about 12:30 a.m. Feb. 25, Winkler police were called to a Mountain Ave. home about a man assaulting his girlfriend.

The victim told officers her boyfriend also destroyed several pieces of her property.

The 27-year-old man was charged with assault causing bodily harm and mischief and later released to a sober adult.

Author shares his Portraits of the North

By Lorne Stelmach

Portraits of the North has been a labour of love for Gerald Kuehl over the last two decades.

The artist and author estimates he's travelled over 90,000 km by car, plane, bus, and train over that time to draw the faces and collect the stories of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit elders featured in the book.

"I truly love to tell these people's stories and that is what keeps me motivated," said Kuehl, who spoke at the Miami, Manitou, Morden, and Winkler libraries last week. "These are all subjects that never made it into the Canadian textbooks. People don't know about these things."

A self-taught pencil artist who grew

up in Pinawa, it was during a 1997 trip to northern Manitoba that Kuehl first got the idea for *Portraits of the North*.

Kuehl was fascinated by the stories of the individuals he met who had endured so much in their struggle to survive in the harsh northern environment. He saw those stories etched on their faces and wanted to capture that spirit and vitality through the art of pencil portraiture.

"In the first couple of years, I was just interested in the character of people's faces. After two or three years I got to see things like the discrimination," he said.

"My pencil portraiture and their narratives give them a voice, a voice

"MY PENCIL PORTRAITURE AND THEIR NARRATIVES GIVE THEM A VOICE ..."

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PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Artist and author Gerald Kuehl was at the local library branches last week to speak on the work that went into his book *Portraits of the North*, which depicts the faces and stories of the people living in northern Canada.

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So what exactly does your pharmacist do other than hand out medication? Well, first of all, there are many different types of pharmacists who work in vastly different environments. Just in time for Pharmacist Awareness Month this March, let's focus on the responsibilities of your community pharmacist:

1. **Quality:** your pharmacist is largely responsible for the quality (and quantity) of the medication provided to you.
2. **Legality:** pharmacists make sure that all medications and quantities of

medication dispensed are in accordance with Canadian law.

3. **Counsel:** your pharmacist is there to ensure that you know exactly what dosage you should be taking (and at what frequency).

4. **Safety:** pharmacists are responsible for reviewing your medical records and making sure that none of the medications prescribed by your doctor will interact poorly with one another.

On top of all that, pharmacists are responsible for managing their pharmacy. This includes supervising pharmacy technicians as well as residents who are studying for their certification. They're also there to answer all of your questions and advise you about any over-the-counter medications that could be beneficial to your current situation. They even deal with insurance companies to ensure that no patient goes without their required medications.

March is Pharmacist Awareness Month



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Many people take a number of different medications, and getting all those refills can require several trips to the pharmacy each month. Now, through our Simpl Sync program, our pharmacy team can work to meet patients' individual needs and with their insurance

plans so that all of their refills are available for pickup on the same date.

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This program is the first of its kind in western Canada. Pharmasave is pleased to be offering Simpl Sync to any person on three or more regularly-scheduled medications. There is no extra cost to joining our Simpl Sync program.

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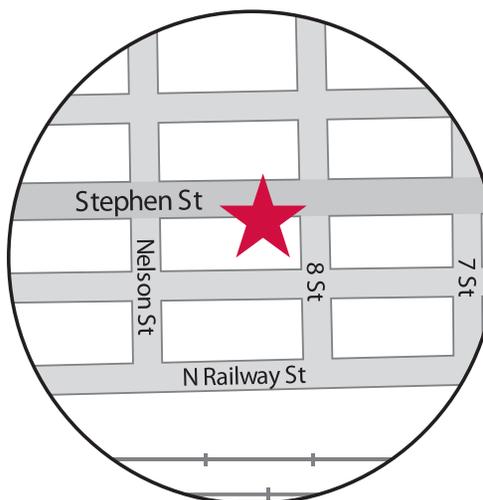
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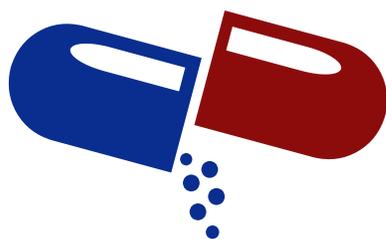
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Budding artists

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Students are experimenting with mixed media—drawing, painting, collage, and sculpture—as the Art Academy program continues at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden under the direction of Margie Hildebrand. The fourth module of the current year's program began in mid-February and runs for six weeks into spring, giving budding artists an in-depth chance to develop their skills.

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about what they have gone through," said Kuehl, explaining how his book combines his portraits with brief profiles of their subjects that reveal the discrimination and experiences like the flooding of traditional lands and the horrors of the residential school system.

After the drawings get people's attention, they can be drawn into their profiles, said Kuehl, who sees it playing a role in raising awareness.

"I can help educate non-aboriginal people in terms of what has gone on with Canada's indigenous people," he suggested, adding that he was particularly moved by the horrors related to the relocation of the Dene people at Tadoule Lake.

He said the portraiture has proven to be the most challenging but also most rewarding of all his subject matter, and he likes that pencil lends itself to fine detail and subtlety of tones. It allows him to capture the extreme realism of his subjects, leaving the viewer with a feeling of their unique spirit and character.

"My camera is my constant companion when I am traveling in the

north," Kuehl said. "Capturing interesting aspects of people's personalities on film is a very important part of the process. These later translate into drawings that take from 70 to 100 hours to complete, creating a visual portrayal that goes beyond the photograph."

He sees the book as touching on the big issues by personalizing and humanizing them.

"That's hugely important," he said, adding that he feels that drawings can be more engaging than photographs.

With a sequel, *Portraits of the Far North*, in the works, Kuehl is encouraged by the interest and attention this first collection has drawn, including being on a bestseller list for 21 weeks since it was published last June.

"It's been extremely positive. It's doing very, very well and I'm happy about that because that means the message is getting out," he said.

"Some people are buying it because of the art, but I believe a lot are purchasing it because of the stories that are being told."

Our mistake

The front page photo caption in our Feb. 15 edition incorrectly referred to the Pembina Valley Local Food Market as a weekly event. It is in fact held every other week.

The next market days are March 8 and March 22 at the Morden chamber office (379 Stephen St.) from 4:30-6 p.m.

Morden Home & Life Show on this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Home and Life Show takes over the Access Event Centre in Morden this weekend.

Offering a showcase of the varied goods and services available in the region, the show organized by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is well established now in its seventh year.

"It has come together really nicely," said executive director Candace Olafson. "We've got a sold out show as far as exhibitors go, so that's really exciting. It sold out faster than ever."

Upwards of 40 exhibitors are slated to set up booths throughout the community hall and foyer March 2-3. Admission is free.

For the exhibitors, the weekend offers a way to connect with people and to attract customers. For the general public, there's a little something for everyone with booths ranging from home decor, furniture, and health and beauty products to landscaping services and outdoor activities.

"I think we've got a great lineup of exhibitors, and we've got a few new exhibitors this year, which is exciting as well," Olafson said. Featured exhibitors this year are Ideal Floors, Pembina Valley Chrysler, Co-op@Home and the Morden Discount Centre. Access Credit Union is on board once again as the event's title sponsor.

The show runs March 2 from 3-9 p.m. and March 3 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Plum Coulee students help teacher launch new book

David Banman's *Little Red Wagon* stresses the importance of building relationships

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Plum Coulee schoolteacher got some help from his students to introduce his latest book to the world.

David Banman, author of 2015's *Don't Lick the Flagpole*, launched his second book, *Little Red Wagon: A Faith-Based Approach to the First Principles of Learning*, at the CJ Dyck Arena Feb. 22.

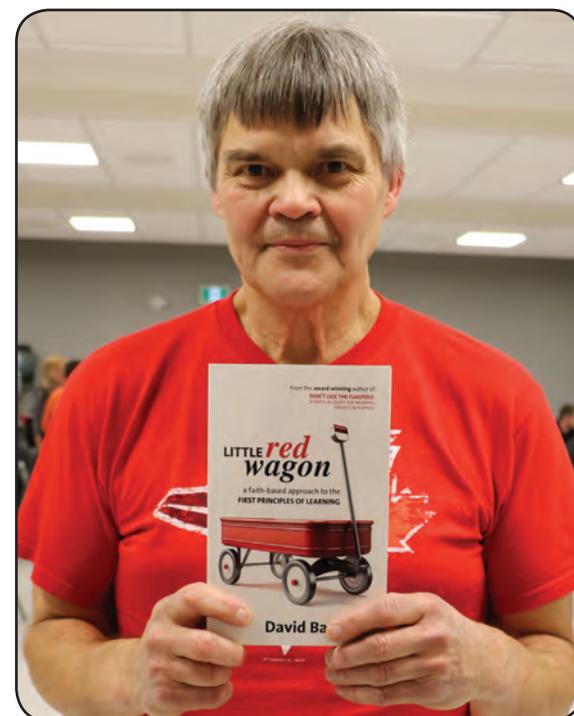
The evening included Banman's Gr. 4 students at Plum Coulee School performing several hip-hop dance pieces and reading selections from the book alongside comments from the author, former students, and peers.

Having his students there with him for the book launch was, fittingly, a celebration of the student-teacher relationship Banman stresses is so integral in the classroom.

His book, in a nutshell, emphasizes the importance of mindful relationship building as the primary path to successfully molding young minds.

"Little Red Wagon is the result of 37 years as a teacher and many years before that as a student," says Banman, who has taught in Plum Coulee since 1981. "I've come to the realization that education impacts ev-

Gr. 4 students from Plum Coulee School helped their teacher, Mr. B, launch his new book last week with selected readings and hip-hop routines. Author David Banman (right) has been teaching in the school for 37 years.



erybody, learning impacts everybody, and sometimes we get carried with some of the [pedagogical] trends, some of the glitz and some of the glamour."

While he doesn't discount new methods of teaching, he says, "My call is to return to foundational principles, and for me the foundational principle is all about building relationships."

Banman's Christian faith is also a foundational part of his approach as an educator.

"I've always loved the kids, but it is only about 20 years ago that I found a source that was so much greater, that is so much greater, always will be so much greater than anything that I have to offer," he says, explaining that his belief in a higher power affects how he approaches every aspect of life. "Now I can see everyone so different ... so beautifully, so fearfully and wonderfully made.

"This is about discovering a source that is greater, that allowed me to love the children in a way that transcends the behaviour," Banman adds, stressing that a child is not the sum of their past behavioural problems. "That's not who they are. They are beautiful ... they have a purpose.

"Then you don't have behaviour modification—you have transformation and it lasts and it lasts and it lasts," he says, adding that kids truly blossom as they fulfil their potential.

Banman hopes his book will speak not only to fellow educators but also parents and anyone in a role of mentorship.

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Top Reasons To Consider Bus Tours

There are a lot of ways to go from Point A to Point B. Planes, trains and automobiles all take care of the job and do it well. Bus tours, however, offer an alternative that provides for quite a few benefits.

Those who avoid the idea of bus tours out of fear of traveling with a host of strangers, being restricted to a set schedule and having a lack of accommodations, need to rethink the prospect. There is more than meets the eye when bus tours are on tap.

Traditional bus tours are guided excursions that tend to pack a great deal into the price. There is also an alternative that many people don't necessarily think about. Many companies that offer bus tours allow for the creation of private events. This means a single group can rent out a bus tour for a set trip or even create a personal itinerary.

Advantages Of Traditional Bus Tours

Whether they're two-day, 5-day or 10-day bus tours, these excursions tend to deliver on the benefits. Some of the advantages of going this route to see specific destinations rather than trying to drive it alone or using a plane or train include:

- Scenery. From Los Angeles and Las Vegas to America's heartland and beyond, bus tours deliver on the scenery. Buses do not always stick to the main roads, which means passengers can see a great

deal more than travelers using other means of transportation.

- Stops. Most companies that run bus tours know the biggest stops tourists want to see. They make sure to include them in the trip. This means passengers do not have to miss out on some of the best sights.

- Knowledge. In many cases, bus drivers are skilled not only behind the wheel, but also in explaining some of the attractions on the trip. This adds a level of interest to the journey.

- Pricing. Bus tours tend to be rather affordable. In some cases, the tickets even include hotel lodging and some tourist destinations, as well. It is hard to beat the overall prices offered by bus tours.

- Facilities. Many buses used for long-trek tours include bathroom facilities. This makes the drive a whole lot more comfortable for passengers.

Charter Bus Tours Can Deliver Fun

While traditional bus tours delight some, others prefer to have their own private tours. This is more than possible, but it will generally cost a great deal more. Still, it generally turns out to be a rather economical way for a group to see the sights in areas as diverse as California, New York, Connecticut and beyond. Private bus tours tend to come with all of the above perks and a few more. These include:

- Luxury upgrades. It is possible to lease out a travel bus for a private tour. This means passengers have onboard sleeping quarters, bathrooms and more.

- Self-planned trip. Families and small groups that want to see certain destinations are often able to plan their own routes.

Bus tours provide an easy, trouble free way for people to see the country. Although some might fear being packed into a bus like a sardine, this is generally the farthest thing from the truth. Bus tours offer plenty of options to suit almost any taste.

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Tai chi group welcoming new members



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Members of the Saturday tai chi class at the Access Event Centre run through some movements.

By Lorne Stelmach

A tai chi society is looking to build on the beginnings of a local branch in Morden.

The group that meets weekly here hopes to introduce more people to the many benefits of this ancient art.

"People are picking up on it," said Veronica Klassen, who is among a rotating group of out-of-town instructors who come to Morden to lead the Saturday morning classes.

"It's being seen more as a way of maintaining your health and getting back to good health," she said. "It's not a set of exercises to increase your muscle mass or anything like that ... it's not exercise to lose weight—it's to increase your health."

The group is associated with an in-

stitute of taoism that had its beginnings in Canada in Toronto around 1970 and is now in over two dozen countries worldwide.

Taoist tai chi arts involve deep stretching with a full range of motion and continuous turning of the spine. They exercise the whole physiology, including muscular, skeletal and circulatory systems as well as tendons, joints, tissue, and organs.

Rather than depending on tension and the development of hard muscle tissue, tai chi practitioners develop a body that is relaxed and strong at the deepest levels. Gentle internal movements are balanced throughout the body and are said to have a calming effect on the mind.

Those are all big draws for participant Ruth Olafson.

"I like that it has so many health benefits," she said. "I think I like the challenge of it because there's a lot to learn. We can really try to improve and do the exercises better, and also it's nice to know that as our body changes, the exercises will change for us."

"It's kind of a lifelong thing, and it never gets boring. It's all about body alignment and balance, so I love it from a senior's point of view. It's not just for seniors, but that is what I like about it."

"It's quite gentle. There's nothing abrupt or overly straining about it," added Klassen. "What it does for your body is it strengthens your core, it increases your flexibility, it works on balance. It works with the whole body, not just certain areas of your

body, and it also works on your internals."

The beauty of it, she said, is that it is accessible to anyone.

"It can be done by people either sitting or standing. It doesn't have to be somebody in top physical shape to do it. You can join at any time and get into it at your level of fitness and go from there."

Group members benefit from the knowledge and experience of instructors who go every year for further training and evaluation.

"All instructors have to be accredited," Klassen stressed. "You're always trying to improve the depth of your knowledge of tai chi and wh

The Morden group—which sees about a half-dozen members each week—has been meeting for about a year and a half now. They hope to see their numbers grow in the year ahead.

"We've been thinking of ways to try make it more known to people in the area," said Klassen, adding they hope in the future there could be accredited instructors based in this area.

"Unfortunately, at this time, there are no local instructors. Nobody here has qualified yet to instruct here, so people come from outside of Morden to teach," she said. "I see it coming, though. It's looking more positive, which would mean that we could open up another class sometime during the week."

The Morden class takes place every Saturday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Access Event Centre.

More information is available online at taoist.org, by calling 204-453-1349, or e-mailing winnipeg@taoist.org.

SMC season winding down

The Southern Manitoba Concert Series' second-last show was a big hit at the Winkler Emmanuel Church last month. The Proteus Saxophone Quartet played to a sold out audience on Feb. 18. Next up is the SMC finale concert featuring Black Umfolosi March 9 at the Access Event Centre in Morden.

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GVC boys win finalist banner

The Garden Valley Collegiate curling foursome of Reece Hamm, John Trinke, Brennan Kezema, and Trevor Heide nearly went all the way at the provincial high school curling championships held in Winkler/Morden Feb. 22-24.

The Zodiacs earned the finalist banner at the event by successfully battling their way to a spot at the championship match against Gimli, who took the title.

Morden's boys team of Thomas Titchkosky, Rylan Didkowski, Kelby Carson, Owen Storey, and Marcus Titchkosky won their first match of the tournament over Reston, but then fell to St. Norbert and Crocus Plains.

On the girls side, the GVC team of Lani Ens, Calista Friesen, Chloe Driedger, and Allison Hildebrandt also won their first match versus R.D. Parker but then fell to the eventual provincial champion team from Ashern and to Oak Park.

Meanwhile, in SCAC varsity basketball, the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks girls won their home invitational over the weekend, downing Westgate 60-54 in the final.

NPC's boys started playoffs by beating the Broncos 103-95 on Monday, while the girls crushed Steinbach Regional 57-25.

In Zone 4 basketball, the Zodiac girls bested Morden 73-37 in their final regular season game Feb. 22, while the boys prepared to play their first playoff game against the Sabres on Tuesday (results were not available at press time). Morden's girls were slated to start playoffs against an undetermined team on Thursday.

And in Zone 4 hockey, the Morden Thunder made short work of the Morris Mavericks in the semi-final round, bouncing back after a 5-1 game one loss to take games two and three 5-4 and 3-1 and advance to the final against Altona.

Game one of that series went Altona's way 5-3 Monday night. Games two and three are slated for March 1 and March 2.

The league also recently handed out its major awards for the season.

Morden-Winkler winners include the Thunder's Owen Domitruk as Top Goalender and NPC's Carter Wall as Top Defense-man.



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Morden-Winkler had three local teams at the provincial curling championships hosted here Feb. 22-24, including the Zodiac girls (above) and Thunder boys (right). The GVC boys team made it all the way to the final before falling to Gimli.



Morden native at national synchronized skating event

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden skater is part of the University of Manitoba Ice Intrepid team that was in Oshawa this past weekend for the 2018 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships.

It's not the first time for Sarah Remple, but she feels fortunate every opportunity that she gets to compete at this level.

"This will be my fourth nationals, so I've been lucky to go a few times," Remple said heading into the three day competition.

"Every single time, it's extremely intense competing with all these top teams," she said. "Also, watching them is incredibly inspirational and motivating, and it makes you want to come home and work so much harder so you can be competitive with those teams. It's really inspiring to go there and makes us want to push ourselves

to be that much better."

The Ice Intrepid earned their spot at the national event while competing in Stonewall at the Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships a few weeks ago.

The team competed in the open category, placing 12th out of 13 teams. The top teams now move onto compete at the ISU World Championships.

Remple noted since the tryouts last September, the Ice Intrepid have been training and competing regularly. While they have 19 skaters to draw on, they competed at nationals with 14 on the ice.

"Because of that, I think it's made our team a lot more competitive this year," she said, suggesting it gives them the opportunity to compete with the most dedicated, committed and highest skilled skaters. "I think that it's really given us an environ-



UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA PHOTO

Morden's Sarah Remple competed as part of the University of Manitoba's Ice Intrepid at the 2018 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships last weekend, placing 12th.

ment where we can make sure that at every single competition we're putting out our top skaters."

Remple said she has long been drawn to the team aspect of synchronized skating, which she noted she has done now for 11 years including three with the Ice Intrepid.

"You still feel the pressure, but it's a different kind of pressure because you're skating with other people around you ... you support each other," said Remple, who early on skated locally with the Pembina Pizazz. "It's

a different feeling ... it feels really good to be out there with the other members of your team supporting you."

She has two more years to skate with the university team, but she sees herself remaining involved in skating in some form into the future.

"I want to be continuing as much as I can into the future ... I would like to skate as long as I could ... I also do coach figure skating ... at least, if I'm not skating, I want to be coaching."

"IT'S EXTREMELY INTENSE COMPETING WITH ALL THESE TOPS TEAMS. ALSO, WATCHING THEM IS INCREDIBLY INSPIRATIONAL."

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR

HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTLPTS	GF	GA
Steinbach Pistons	58	46	8	2	96	290
Portage Terriers	57	37	15	2	79	245
Viriden Oil Capitals	58	38	17	2	79	256
OCN Blizzard	58	31	19	5	70	204
Winkler Flyers	59	35	24	0	70	203
Winnipeg Blues	57	29	22	4	64	208
Selkirk Steelers	57	29	24	3	62	186
Swan Valley Stampers	56	25	24	6	57	183
Neepawa Natives	58	25	29	3	54	211
Dauphin Kings	57	13	42	1	28	138
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Wolverines	57	8	45	3	20	124

24-Feb-18	Warren	3	Carman	4(OT)
25-Feb-18	Carman	2	Warren	0

27-Feb-18	Warren @ Carman	8pm
4-Mar-18	Carman @ Warren	3pm
6-Mar-18	Warren @ Carman	if necessary 8pm
9-Mar-18	Carman @ Warren	if necessary 8pm

Semi Finals "A" (Best of 7) Notre Dame Hawks vs Altona Maroons

24-Feb-18	Altona	2	Notre Dame	3
27-Feb-18	Notre Dame @ Altona	8pm		
1-Mar-18	Altona @ Notre Dame	8pm		
3-Mar-18	Notre Dame @ Altona	8pm		
6-Mar-18	Altona @ Notre Dame	8pm (if necessary)		
8-Mar-18	Notre Dame @ Altona	8pm (if necessary)		
10-Mar-18	Altona @ Notre Dame	8pm (if necessary)		

MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR

HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTLPTS	GF	GA
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	43	35	3	5	75	186
Charleswood Hawks	42	30	9	3	63	126
Transcona Railer Express	43	28	10	5	61	169
St. James Canucks	43	23	16	4	50	152
Stonewall Jets	44	23	17	4	50	144
Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins	44	20	21	3	43	136
St. Vital Victorias	43	20	21	2	42	159
St. Boniface Riels	43	18	21	4	40	141
Pembina Valley Twisters	44	17	23	4	38	180
River East Royal Knights	43	2	39	2	6	64

MANITOBA FEMALE MIDGET AAA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Semi finals - Eastman vs Winnipeg

Game 1	Feb. 28 @ Seven Oaks	7pm
Game 2	Mar 3 @ Ste. Anne	8:15pm
Game 3	Mar 4 @ Seven Oaks	1:00pm
Game 4	Mar 14 @ Ste. Anne	7:30pm
Game 5	Mar 17 @ Ice Plex	TBA

Semi finals - Westman vs Pembina Valley

Game 1	Feb. 28 @ Morden	7:30pm
Game 2	Mar 2 @ Hartney	7:30pm
Game 3	Mar 4 @ Morden	2:30pm
Game 4	Mar 14 @ Hartney	7:30pm
Game 5	Mar 17 @ Morden	7:30pm

STATS AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SOUTH EASTERN MANITOBA

HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTLPTS	GF	GA
Semi Finals "B" (Best of 7) Warren Mercs vs Carman Beavers						
18-Feb-22	Carman	1	Warren	4		

Flyers on fire heading into final game

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers hope to extend the win streak they have going to their final game of the regular season this weekend.

The boys head into their home game against Steinbach Friday with three consecutive wins behind them.

They bounced back last week after falling in three straight to Virden, Swan Valley, and Steinbach on the road by going on to best Neepawa, Virden, and Swan Valley at home.

In the Feb. 21 game against the Natives, the Flyers doubled up on their opponents 6-3. Weiland Parrish and Matt Christian both had two-goal nights, while Brody Moffatt and Will Blake contributed singles.

Standing tall in net was Troy Martyniuk, who denied 26 shots as Winkler dominated shots-on-goal 46-29.

Saturday night's game against the Oil Capitals proved to be a much

tougher affair, ultimately requiring a shootout to decide things.

The Flyers were in a strong position at the first two intermissions, up 3-1 with goals from Christian, Blake, and Cole Kirkup after the first 20 minutes and 4-2 after Parrish scored in the second.

Virden pulled it together in a big way in the third, though, getting the two goals they needed to tie and one more besides by the 10th minute.

Now behind for the first time in the game, Winkler scrambled to right their ship. Christian did the honours with a goal at 16:34 that forced a scoreless extra period.

In the resulting shootout, the first two shooters from both sides missed the mark—Lucas Barker and Christian for Winkler—and it was Parrish's third round shot that won the game for Winkler 6-5.

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Local skaters at Open

A contingent of local skaters from Winkler and Morden competed at the Manitoba Open Feb. 16-18 in Portage la Prairie.

Skaters and their results include:

- Bronze Women Interpretive: Mei Stoesz-Gouthro, Morden, 4th.
- Juvenile Women (U14) Free Program: Dana Hynes, Morden, 6th; Sarah Kagan, Morden, 8th; Annika Roberts, Morden, 9th; Lauren Ginter, Morden, 12th.
- Pre-Juvenile Women (U11) Free Program: Hailey Penner, Winkler, 4th; Alison Convery, Morden 6th.
- Pre-Juvenile Women (U13) Free Program: Leah Braun, Morden, 8th.
- Pre-Novice Women Free Program: Olivia Sawatzky, Morden, 13th.
- Pre-Novice Women (Flight A) Short Program: Olivia Sawatzky, Morden, 11th; Dana Hynes, Morden, 20th.

- Silver Women Interpretive: Lauren Ginter, Morden, 3rd.

- STAR 4 Girls 13 & Over Free Program: Jessica Heinrichs, Winkler, 1st; Brooke Kuhl, Winkler, 4th.

- STAR 4 Girls U10 Free Program: Gabrielle Hildebrand, Morden, 2nd; Molly Cowan, Morden, 3rd; Jessica Kagan, Morden, 4th; Halle Smith, Morden, 5th.

- STAR 4 Girls U13 Free Program: Sofya Polynko, Winkler, 10th; Daniela Heinrichs, Winkler, 12th; Kate Ginter, Morden, 13th.

- STAR 5 Women (U13) Free Program: Naomi Hildebrand, Winkler, 6th.

- STAR 7 Women Short Program: Sarah Kagan, Morden, 6th; Annika Roberts, Morden, 8th; Hailey Penner, Winkler, 9th; Leah Braun, Morden, 10th.



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A group of Winkler skaters took part in the Manitoba Open competition Feb. 16-18 in Portage. Competing were Sofia Polynko, Daniela Heinrichs, Brooke Kuhl, Jessica Heinrichs, Naomi Hildebrand, and Hailey Penner.

Hawks miss out on playoff spot by one point

By Lorne Stelmach

The year came to a sudden end for the male Pembina Valley Hawks.

In playoff position all season, the Hawks saw their post-season hopes disappear on the last weekend with a pair of losses to the Brandon Wheat Kings.

Coupled with wins by the Central Plains Capitals and Southwest Cougars, Pembina Valley fell to ninth place, ending the season just one point shy of the final playoff spot.

"We probably should have been able to get into the playoffs. I kind of feel that we have enough skill and talent on our team that we should have been able to finish somewhere in the top eight," coach Rylan Price said after the Hawks dropped a pair to Brandon, losing 5-2 Friday and 7-4 Saturday.

The Hawks finished at 23-20-0-2-3 for 51 points—just one behind Central Plains and two behind Southwest.

Despite the losses, Price mostly liked their effort over the weekend against a strong Brandon team that finished 40-6-0-0-2 for 82 points and second place behind the Winnipeg Wild.

"They've established themselves as one of the top teams in the league," he said. "They've got a few of the top leading scorers, they've got a Gr. 10 kid who's put up 40 goals this year, a dynamite powerplay ... so we knew we were going to be in tough

"I'm not disappointed with the way our boys played. I thought they came out hard, we were in both games right from the very start. We just didn't close out third periods when we needed," he continued.

"We played pretty well defensively. We did a good job at trying to limit Brandon's quality scoring chances ... I think our penalty kill did really well. There was probably, over the course of the 120 minutes, we had 20 bad minutes, and a team like that will make you pay ... we were good but not close enough for Brandon."

Two goals 41 seconds apart midway through the second period Friday broke open a game that had been tied at one up to that point.

The Wheat Kings went on to score

five unanswered goals with two more in the third period including a power-play marker.

Jayden McCarthy had opened scoring for the Hawks 45 seconds into the second period, and Nico Vigier gave the Hawks a bit more life with 3:42 remaining, but it proved to be too little too late.

Brock Moroz took the loss in goal for the Hawks with 24 saves while shots overall were 29-22 for Brandon.

The teams were tied 3-3 after 40 minutes Saturday, and the Hawks equalized it again at 4-4 9:56 into the third before Brandon got the winner with 3:50 left. A powerplay goal and a shorthanded empty net marker in the final minute sealed the deal.

Travis Penner had a pair of goals for

the Hawks with the others coming from Ethan Carels and Sven Schefer. Martin Gagnon made 34 saves as the shots on goal were 41-30 for Brandon.

It's a disappointing end for the Hawks, who had just enough let-downs at key times this season to cost them in the end.

"There were just inconsistencies ... inconsistent with the effort, inconsistent with the ability to stick to a game plan," Price said. "There were times we were quite undisciplined, and we were taking some quite unnecessary penalties.

"If we look back, there's a handful of points that were on the table for us and we just had to finish the job, but we weren't able to get it done."

Martyniuk named Top Goaltender

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Martyniuk manned the Flyers' net once again, making 33 saves.

Extra time was needed once again the next night against the Stampeders.

This time around Winkler was the one playing catch-up. After Parrish scored the opening goal midway through the first period, Swan Valley scored four goals before Winkler's Garrett Kuklica and Griffin Leonard brought the team within one of tying

halfway through the second.

It would take until the final two minutes of the game, though, for the Flyers to get that tying point, courtesy of Parrish at 18:16 of the third.

Scoring the game-winner after just 1:24 of overtime was Blake.

Aaron Brunn was between the posts this game, making 39 saves as Swan Valley outshot Winkler 43-38.

Winkler's record now stands at 35-24, tying them in points at 70 with the fourth-place OCN Blizzard and ensuring them a seat in the playoffs.

The top three teams in the league

are Steinbach (96 points), Portage (79 points) and Virden (79 points).

In other MJHL news, Winkler goalie Troy Martyniuk clinched the Top Goaltender Award on Monday.

The 20-year-old Winnipeg native leads all league goaltenders in wins and minutes played.

Martyniuk, who was also in the running for the MVP Award, was named to the MJHL's Second All-Star Team.

Defenseman Mitch Dyck, who was one of three finalists for the Top Defending Award, will join Martyniuk on the Second All-Star Team.



Winkler skaters off to provincials

The Winkler Skating Club's (back row) Jane Hiebert, Daniela Heinrichs, Brooke Kuhl, Jessical Heinrichs, Tyra Harder, (front row) Camryn Harder, Madelyn Toews, and Talia Harder compete in the Star Skate Championship in Hazelridge this weekend. The club also hosts its annual carnival showcase March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Winkler arena. Themed "Dancing Under the Stars," there is no admission fee but they will be accepting donations for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard. Special guest performance from the Notre Dame Silhouettes.

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Hawks face Wildcats in semi-final series

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks continue their quest to defend their Manitoba female AAA championship this week.

The Hawks kicked off their best of five semi-final against the Westman Wildcats in Morden Wednesday night. The result was not available at press time.

Game two is scheduled for Friday in Hartney followed by game three back in Morden Sunday.

The second place Hawks won three of the five regular season meetings with the three place Wildcats, opening with a 1-0 win before dropping the next two 2-1 and 6-3. Their last two matches were 1-0 and 2-0 shutouts for Pembina Valley.

"We've had close games with them all year," said coach Dana Bell, who was anticipating a very competitive battle.

"We know that we've got to come really prepared and have the right mindset. We have a healthy squad right now, so the girls are gung-ho and ready to go," he said.

"I think for us, we're going to have to play an aggressive game. We're going to have to use our speed and definitely going to have to try to throw a lot of pucks at the net. We want to be a first pass team."

Bell's emphasis all season long has also been teamwork first and foremost, and that is no different with this series.

"When we do that, that is when we are at our best, and that is when we seem to win hockey games," he said. "If we can continue to do that and stay focussed on that ... if we can put all of this together, I think things are looking really good for us."

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Two of the team veterans are leading the way offensively for the Hawks. Sage McElroy-Scott recorded four goals and nine points in the first three playoff games while Makenzie McCallum had a pair of goals and eight points.

With two shutouts and only one goal

allowed in the opening round, meanwhile, goaltender Halle Oswald had a 0.33 goals against average and .982 save percentage.

The Hawks completed a three game sweep of the Interlake Lightning in the quarter-final by winning 5-1, 5-0 and 3-0, while Westman dispatched

the sixth place Central Plains Capitals in three straight.

The first place Winnipeg Avros had earned a quarter-final bye and now face fifth place Eastman, who bested the fourth-ranked Yellowhead in three games.

Riels drop Twisters 7-4 to pull ahead

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters' playoff hopes were dashed after losing to the team that was tied with them for the final post-season position.

Pembina Valley faced a must-win situation in Winnipeg Monday, but they dropped a 7-4 decision to the St. Boniface Riels.

The Twisters and Riels came into the game tied at 38 points in eighth place, but St. Boniface is now up by two points with two games remaining, while Pembina Valley has just one left.

The Twisters trailed 3-1 after one period and 5-1 after 40 minutes as penalties cost them this night with the Riels capitalizing on four of their 11 powerplays. Pembina Valley only came to life again late in the third after falling behind 7-1.

Scoring for the Twisters were Braeden Beernaerts, Brendan Keck,

Derek Wood, and Dylan Dacquay while Travis Klassen made 38 saves as the Riels won the shot battle 45-36.

The loss ended a week where Pembina Valley was on the opposite ends of two lopsided scores as they followed up an 8-2 win over the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins Feb. 20 with a 10-3 beatdown at the hands of the Raiders Feb. 23.

Pembina Valley exploded for five unanswered third period goals Feb. 20 to break open what had been a tight 3-2 lead after two periods.

AJ Nychuk and Alex Tetrault each scored a pair of goals for the Twisters, who got a boost from the special teams with a powerplay and short-handed marker.

Also scoring were Carels, Dacquay, Quade Froese, and Kyle Devos. Klassen made 39 saves with the shots 51-41 in favour of Pembina Valley.

Things spiralled out of control for the Twisters Friday as the Raiders took a 2-0 lead after one period then fired seven more unanswered goals through just over 10 minutes of the second period for an insurmountable 9-0 lead.

The Raiders fired a couple powerplay goals and a shorthanded marker, while the Twisters finally got on the board late in the second with goals by Karl Conrad and Elijah Carels. Dacquay added one more late.

It was a tough night for both Twisters' goalies with the shots 43-24 for the Raiders. Klassen took the loss in allowing five goals on 31 shots, while Griffin Dyck allowed five as well on 22 shots.

The Twisters close out their regular season schedule this Sunday in Morris as they host the Charleswood Hawks.

Agriculture

Solving water and land issues to improve profitability

By Harry Siemens

Water management can mean many different things.

There was a time when it meant hiring a grader—a local machine they use for maintaining gravel and dirt roads—and eyeballing the low spots in a field, digging the drainage trenches to drain the excess water from heavy downpours and spring runoff a little quicker.

Marlen Bergen of Komb Ag Services in Altona said at Brandon Ag Days recently that to him being in the water management business means going over the land with a drone for higher accuracy and a high-resolution survey.

“And then we’ll do the licensing, look after the licensing. Drain surface planning. We’ll look at the sub-surface of tiling planning, and then we’ll provide you with all the services,” he said. “So all the custom work using rotary ditchers, scrapers, line levelers, and then we’ll also look after the tile side of it. So it’s pretty much a one-stop shop. And we also work with different tile companies so we can look at what best suits your needs.”

Bergen works with different contractors in particular areas, looks at his client’s needs and contracts accordingly.

The question farmers ask most often is does it pay to tile their land? The answer often depends on why he wants to tile—either looking for more good land and there isn’t any or is looking to improve the land they have.

“I think what’s driven the tile industry is the price of land. Also for the land, they’re maybe farming, the soil conditions, and they may want to reclaim their land,” Bergen said in answer to farmer questions at his presentation.

“One farmer was presenting at Ag Days said the reason he tiled his land had to do with salinity issues, and how you’re able to reclaim those lost acres. That value on the land may be \$6000 an acre, and if that’s land you already own and you’re not receiving those benefits, this is a great way instead of buying more land, buying more equipment, more labour, and

spending more time.

“If you can spend \$1000 an acre on land you currently own and grow your net profit that way, it’s a much more economical way of growing your farm.”

Bergen said the size of the farm doesn’t matter. Many farmers, particularly the smaller farmers, may tile their worst piece of land. And very often that worst piece of land becomes their best piece of land. That’s where it starts. He always encourages a farmer who isn’t sure whether it will work for him or not to first try some.

“If your surface water is up to par and we’re at the point to look at sub-surface, trying 20 or 40 acres using some strategic planning with tiling and see how that works for you. It’s a small investment, and now you can grow on that.”

Accurate surveys can also go along way toward solving any potential tiling disputes with neighbours and municipalities, Bergen noted.

“What I have found is, believe it or not, but your landowners, your neighbors, don’t always see eye to eye. When I get landowners or farmers

coming to me, looking at problems and there’s an argument between neighbours as to which way the water should run, we’ll fly the land and use available data and present facts of where that water should go and wants to flow naturally.

“If you have projects and plans, if you can present something, the facts and the elevation to them, it goes a long way, and you’re doing it for the benefit of your land and crops,” Bergen said. “One neighbour can benefit from another neighbor doing this and neighbors are working together.”



Siemens Says goes to Washington

By Harry Siemens

I’m writing this column sitting in our Washington hotel getting ready to participate in the AGM of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association meeting and convention.

As I walked down to pick up water, I met Wheat Growers president Jim Wickett to get a feel for what he thinks is the future of this long-standing farmers group.

First, a little history. Most people will remember the WCWG as those farmers who worked hard at getting the old Canadian Wheat Board monopoly removed. I sure do because I worked with my father-in-law (JM Froese, the Manitoba Legislature representative for the Rhineland Constituency) for nearly 15 years to help get the marketing freedom so many farmers desired.

The forerunner of the WCWG, then called the Palliser Wheat Growers, dates back to December 1969 when a concerned group of producers and industry representatives met to discuss how they could create an effective farm organization to promote positive, market-oriented policy solutions.

On April 3, 1970, the Palliser Wheat Growers Association received its charter.

Back in 1970, the first public policy objective was to obtain protein premiums on wheat. Since then, the Wheat Growers have helped achieve many key policy goals for prairie farmers and the ag sector.

Today, the Wheat Growers support:

- open and competitive markets
- a commercial and efficient grain handling and transportation system
- agricultural innovations that add value enhance competitiveness and increase net returns to farmers
- sound, science-based environmental and food safety policies
- greater operating freedom to manage our farm businesses in a profitable and sustainable manner
- elimination of production-distorting subsidies
- removal of barriers to market access

Getting back to the chance meeting with the current president in the hotel lobby just blocks from the White House, Wickett told me the Wheat Growers are pretty much status quo.

They will continue to work on the current policies outlined, he said, but as important is to keep politicians and policymakers at all levels of governments from running rough-shod on the food producing industry, making sure they pass the laws that help and augment instead hurt stifle their sector.

For me that is a good thing. Having spent much energy, taking the heat from those who absolutely felt and some to this day that a monopoly and single desk selling system was a must, to see these farmers from across the Prairies working at maintaining that marketing freedom and moving their industry forward.

There are two current issues the Wheat Growers are working on.

First, the recent exposure of the bread cartel taking advantage of all Canadian consumers and exploiting the financially disadvantaged is shocking. Producers work hard bringing some of the best wheat to market, and some unscrupulous manufacturers have been taking advantage of a food staple and gouging those that can least afford it.

The second issue concerns a group of Canadian pasta manufacturers who have initiated charges of dumping by Turkish pasta manufacturers. Similar charges were brought forward in 2015 and proven to be false.

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Patty Anne LePage, CPHR

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March 13, 2018 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 2018 Financial Plan will be available at www.cityofwinkler.ca or at the Reception Desk at the City Hall for anyone wishing to get a copy prior to the meeting.

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- Have the ability to work independently
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- Good oral communication skills are necessary
- Must meet the requirements as specified under the federal "Canada Summer Jobs" and "Hometown Green Team" Programs.

Please submit resumes with 3 references to:
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Box 659 – 261 Main Street
Manitou, MB R0G 1G0

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3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2018.
5. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

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OBITUARY



**Anna Enns (nee Harder)
1932 - 2018**

On Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, Anna Enns, aged 85 years of Schanzenfeld, MB formerly of Winkler went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing, two daughters Linda Skwark, Rebecca and Mike Dyck; four sons Raymond Enns, Ed Enns, Chris and Janet Enns, Dan and Ruby Enns; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

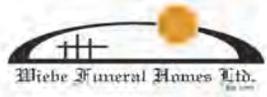
She was predeceased by her husband, Abram P Enns in 2003; grandson, Darcy Enns in 2007; son-in-law, Kenneth Skwark in 1995 and all her siblings.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2018 at Faith Evangelical Bible Church with interment at

Schanzenfeld Cemetery.

Donations may be made to in Anna's memory to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

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OBITUARY



**Lillian Irene Thue (nee Cummings)
1939 - 2018**

On Monday, February 19, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Lillian Thue age 78 years of Morden, MB went to her eternal rest.

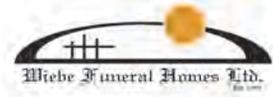
Lillian loved gardening, growing flowers, canning jams and she was an amazing seamstress. She enjoyed travelling, camping, spending time with all her family and her favourite pets.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Eric Pohl; two daughters, Cindy (Gary), Shelly (Jesse); two sons, Melvin (Shelly), Marlo (Audrey); seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; as well as her brothers, Sam and Delbert and their families. She was predeceased by her parents, James and Beatrice; daughter, Debbie; granddaughter, Kelly Fawn and brothers, Ervin and Alvin.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with private interment prior at Southside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Lillian's memory to the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

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OBITUARY



**Nellie Stoesz
1946 - 2018**

On November 29, 1946 Nellie Stoesz was born in the home in Lowe Farm to John and Kornelia Stoesz. And on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, she passed away.

She is survived by five brothers and two sisters: brother, John and Tina Stoesz of Plum Coulee (daughter, Joanne and Daryl Klassen, stepdaughter, Kara), brother, Dave and Susan Stoesz of Rosenort (son, Michael and Martha Stoesz, children, Jeremy Zachary and Alya), brother, Bill and Ruth of Altona (son, Conrad and Michelle Stoesz, children, Andrew and Rebecca), son, Kevin and Lydia (children, Alathia and Declan), son, Trevor and Jolene Stoesz (children, Jacob and Sophia), brother, Pete and Mary (daughter, Wanda and son, Jeff and Martha, children, Elizabeth,

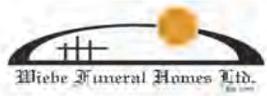
Jacob, Sara, Christina, Peter, Samuel), sister, Marge of Penticton BC (daughter, Crystal Labelle, children, Cameron and Colby), brother, Ed and Cheryl Stoesz of Winkler (son, Joey Forever and partner, Tanis and stepdaughter, Ahstyn), daughter, Lindsay Stoesz (children, Brayden, Sierra, Willow), sister, Henri and Ben Hiebert of Morden. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Kornelia Stoesz and one nephew, Jason Stoesz.

Memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Rosenheim Cemetery.

A big thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the staff at Crocus who have taken care of Nellie for 18 years. She loved living there and loved you all. She always said "I like them. They're always nice to me." The family will miss her a lot at the next gathering and asking Crocus, "Would you bring Nellie at 5:00?" and then at 7:00 calling for picking her up. She loved you all so very much. Thank you so much to the nursing staff at Boundary Trails ICU and Palliative who always made Nellie feel as comfortable as possible in an impossible time for Nellie. Your caring helped the family to breathe many times. Thank you also to Art Wiebe for your kindness and help. First thing Nellie whispered through her mask to the family after you had been there was "Art Wiebe prayed for me" and we could tell she felt such peace after. Thank you for that. Thank you also to the ladies serving the meal today. It is greatly appreciated. And also, to the organist, Joanne Klassen (niece) for playing for Auntie Nellie and a big thank you to Wiebe Funeral Home for the amazing job you did for us.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Nellie's memory to Gateway Resources.

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OBITUARY



**Margaret Krahn (nee Suderman)
1924 - 2018**

On Tuesday, February 20, 2018, Margaret Krahn of Winkler, MB aged 93, passed away at Salem Home.

Born April 11, 1924 to Margaret and David Suderman, she was the second of seven children. She lived in Greenfarm and attended the local Greenfarm School where she developed her early love of nature and sports. During these years, Margaret met Isaac C Krahn and they married in 1945. They lived on the Krahn family farm for the first years of their marriage, then moved to Winkler when the children started school. They were blessed with six children; five girls and then finally a boy. Over the years, Margaret worked on the family farm, the Winkler Cannery, cooked at the Winkler Bible School and then spent many enjoyable years working in the dry goods section of the Winkler Co-op Store. She was a lifelong member of the Winkler Bergthaler Church.

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Margaret was kept very busy caring for her six children, with constant cooking, gardening, canning vegetables, laundry and polishing shoes for Sunday. She often stayed up late into the night to finish sewing new outfits for her children. Margaret loved reading, travel, sports, puzzles and games, especially Bingo! She had many years when she was retired and widowed. She used that time to visit with family and friends, volunteer at the MCC store and senior centre, read, watch sports and play games with friends.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband, Isaac in 1991 and her grandchildren, Jordan and Brittany in 2005. She is survived by her six children: Rita (John Wiebe), Edith (Steve Dyck), Gloria Krahn, Vicki (Ray Doell), Jocelyn Faire (Harold Booy) and Curtis (Debbie), 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed her time with all of them. She is also survived by all six of her siblings, who were also among her best friends throughout her life: Ella (Isaac Hildebrand), Abe (Tina), John (Joan), Peter (Meg), David (Meryth), Doreen (Alvin Hildebrand) and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church, in Winkler with private interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff of Salem Home for treating Mom with love and care while she was there.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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