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The Morden Lions Club's annual toy and collectors show took over the Access Event Centre last weekend. Dozens of vendors set up displays featuring everything from die-cast farm toys and model cars to collectible sports cards, Lego, and more. For more on this event, see Pg. 12.

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Thumbs up for Winkler food bank's new home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District Food Cupboard is settling in nicely to its new home at Central Station.

The food bank moved from its long-time location out on Cargill Rd. to the downtown community centre on Industrial Dr. last month.

Last Wednesday, its third distribution day since the big move, volunteers were singing the new place's praises.

"It's fantastic," said Menno Giesbrecht. "We're very happy with it."

"We've got more room—probably three times the space we had—so we can store more groceries and it's much more efficient," he said, pointing to the large walk-in cooler and freezer they now share with Central Station. "And it's a beautiful space.

Aesthetically it's very different from what we had."

"Much bigger, cleaner, better," agreed fellow board member Nick Friesen. "It's just much more fun working in here."

The space was formerly occupied by The Bunker, who have since moved one door down into the community centre's new expansion.

While the space itself is a huge improvement for both clients and volunteers, Giesbrecht is equally excited about the location itself.

"It will be much more beneficial to the clients because they don't have to go out of town," he said. "Especially in wintertime where they had to go a quarter mile out of town to get to us ... that was very inconvenient for a lot of people.

"Now we're right smack in the cen-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler and District Food Cupboard volunteers Menno Giesbrecht, Nick Friesen, Will Friesen, and Wayne Guenther in the organization's new space at Central Station last week.

tre of town, pretty much."

Another boon: food cupboard users, who have to go to Central Station anyway to get vouchers for the service, are now able to wait their turn in the comfort of the centre's common room.

"It's a little different system than before," Friesen said. "They only let five back here at a time so we don't get congested.

"They can have a coffee while they're waiting," he added. "I think everybody appreciates that."

Need for the organization's services remains high.

Last week they saw about 60 clients. Some weeks that number jumps to closer to 90.

"Between 40-60 is what we're seeing most weeks right now" Giesbrecht said. "And we can handle that pretty

nicely.

"We hand out between 2,000-4,000 pounds of food a week," he said. "Twelve to 15 pounds per person."

The food cupboard's user base reflects many different kinds of households in our community, Giesbrecht said.

"We see elderly people, we see people who are physically handicapped in some way, we have people who may have lost their job or can't work, single parents ... all kinds."

He hopes anyone struggling to make ends meet will consider asking for help.

"Basically, the only question's is there food on the table or isn't there? If they have trouble putting food on the table, regardless of what the reason is, that's why we're here."

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The food cupboard's new home is about three times the size of its old one, allowing it to store more food than ever before.

Daffodil Days '17 a blooming success

By Lorne Stelmach

Most everyone has been impacted by cancer in some way or another, so Lois Dudgeon doesn't have much trouble getting volunteers for the annual Daffodil Days campaign.

Last week marked Dudgeon's ninth year coordinating the flower sale

campaign for the Morden, Miami, Darlingford, and Miami area. Like many of her volunteers, she got involved for personal reasons.

"My mom left a legacy because my mom and another lady here in Morden actually started the daffodil campaign here," she noted as a crew of volunteers packed, delivered and

sold daffodils from the Morden Activity Centre.

"I've had two family members who had cancer as well," she added. "A sister who died at age 34. My dad also had cancer at the same time."

For over 40 years, the Canadian Cancer Society has been selling bunches of bright yellow daffodils across the province each spring to raise money for the fight against cancer.

"It's a great time of the year for this," said Dudgeon. "They say daffodils are a sign of hope ... a sign of spring ... it's a sign of hope that one day we will find a cure for cancer."

In the Morden area, over 1,000 bunches were sold this year, raising in excess of \$7,000 for the cause.

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Helping out with Daffodil Days in Morden last week was coordinator Lois Dudgeon and volunteers Gail Dueck, Marion Dudgeon, Jim Connor, Wendy Gravelle, and Geri Korotash.

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Two of the volunteers manning one of the Daffodil Days tables in Winkler last week were Nettie Friesen and Katherine Thiessen.

> DAFFODIL DAYS, FROM PG. 3

The Winkler and Plum Coulee campaign was a success as well, says organizer Nettie Friesen.

"There were quite a few people stopping by. We did not do too badly," she said, noting, however, that a noon hour power outage at all their Winkler locations on Friday did hinder their sales efforts somewhat. "That did cut down on things a bit ... it came at a busy time of day."

Nonetheless, they raised just over \$6,000 this year.

"It being so cold, everybody was talking about how cheerful it was to see those daffodils," Friesen said. "I am pleased to be able to bring a little sunshine and a ray of hope to people that are suffering with cancer."

DOING THEIR PART

Helping to bundle and sell flowers last week was volunteer Wendy Gavelle, who sees the campaign as

her chance to do her part in the fight against the disease.

"I'm lucky within my family that we haven't had too many people with cancer, but friends and co-workers who I have worked with have all been touched by cancer," she said, noting she is a breast cancer survivor herself. "Everybody needs to lend a hand."

It's the same sentiment that has gotten Geri Korotash involved for the better part of the last decade.

"My mom passed away from cancer years ago ... everybody is going to know at least one person" affected by cancer, she said.

"When we first moved to the community, I wanted to get to know people and help out as much as I could," Korotash added. "It's great. We just come in and all do our little part."

—with files from
Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler council passes \$15.5M budget

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler council has given its final stamp of approval to a \$15.5 million budget for 2017.

It's a spending plan for the city that only increases about three per cent overall with very little change in the municipal tax charged to ratepayers.

At the March 14 city council meeting, Mayor Martin Harder said he believes the financial plan is a balanced one.

"The tax increase is virtually nothing ... less than a half of one per cent ... I think that's pretty easy to swallow," he said.

"We struggle with having zero tax increase because eventually we pay for it," Harder added. "With the amount of things that are lined up that we want to do ... it's important to be prudent spenders, but yet at the same time we want to make sure that we don't fall too far behind."

The budget means a homeowner with a property valued at \$200,000

will see their municipal taxes increase by only \$3.33 to \$1,286.91—a rise of 0.3 per cent.

Municipal taxes are estimated to make up about \$10 million or 64 per cent of the revenues for the city, with the municipal mill rate projected to remain the same this year at 14.26. The municipal mill rate has decreased 16.6 per cent from 2013 when it was at 17.1 mills.

The largest portion of the other revenue is about \$2.4 million through provincial municipal tax sharing.

The largest portion of spending, meanwhile, falls under the protective services category, with about 20 per cent of the budget at about \$3.8 million, which would be a 5.8 per cent increase. The police service budget includes hiring one more person this year.

Money going into reserve comes in about the same at \$2.3 million or about 16 per cent of the budget.

There is an 11 per cent increase for recreation and cultural services from

\$2 million to \$2.3 million, which takes up another 14 per cent of the budget. Big ticket items here include the new Parkland stage and the pool upgrade as well as various equipment purchases.

Spending on transportation services is set at \$1.9 million with a 4.6 per cent increase and representing a 13 per cent portion of overall spending. This funding covers such areas as street work, walkways, lighting and drainage.

The next three biggest areas of expenditures are all projected to decrease, including government services by 3.7 per cent to under \$1.4 million, debenture debt going down by 5.8 per cent to \$931,000, and capital contributions by 13.2 per cent to \$755,000.

Lesser areas of expenditures range from almost no increase for environmental planning to 2.7 per cent more for environmental health services and 14.5 per cent more for economic development services.

"Recreation is a priority," Harder said in assessing some of council's key focuses for the year ahead. "We also want to make sure we are able to service our industrial lots ... there's a million and a half that is going to be spent in Eastview in order to service those industrial lots that are already sold. The money is there to be able to do it."

Notable for not being in the financial plan for now is the exhibition centre project as it is not in a position to move ahead as of yet until there is a commitment of funding from other levels of government.

"Obviously to build a big project, we know that we need federal and provincial funding," said Harder.

"I am not holding my breath right now ... we'll see what happens once the provincial and federal budgets come out. I know provincially it's very tight ... federally, if they want to spend some money, we might have some access to some money there."

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"IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE PRUDENT SPENDERS, BUT YET AT THE SAME TIME WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T FALL TOO FAR BEHIND."

BTHC rolls out new e-record system for ER

By Lorne Stelmach

The regional hospital is in the midst of a technological advance with the switch to a new electronic patient information system.

Southern Health has begun implementing the electronic Emergency Department Information System (EDIS) at Boundary Trails Health Centre, moving from its previous paper record system.

"Many people probably think or thought that we were more into electronic charting than we really were," said Denis Fortier, vice president of medical services. "In the hospitals there's been significant delays ... and they are pretty expensive systems."

"Manitoba certainly wants this now to be a system that is connected and interconnected, so as a province we are going towards an electronic patient record ... and that's why it's taking a bit of time."

This new electronic patient tracking and clinical documentation system will connect Southern Health's health centres in Morden-Winkler, Portage la Prairie, and Steinbach to other sites in the province.

They just started the changeover at BTHC this past week, Fortier noted.

"The staff have been doing some fairly intense training the last couple of weeks, and they are now doing the live transition," he said. "It's never foolproof and 100 per cent, so there's going to be some glitches ... we are looking at another two to four weeks of transition."

"In a couple weeks it should settle down and we should be business as usual."

Fortier said there will be several obvious benefits for patients once the system is up and running smoothly.

For one, later this month a wait time display board will be located in emergency room patient waiting areas, taking some of the guesswork out of just how long you might have to wait to see a doctor.

"They will have better information out there at their fingertips," Fortier said. "They will be able to look on a screen and see that there are this number of patients waiting in the waiting room. They will be able to see what the estimated wait time is or the average wait time is for patients on that given day."

"What it won't do is tell you that you are next in the queue," he added.

In time, the waiting room information could be made available online for people to check from home.

EDIS was originally introduced 10 years ago at the St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg and has since been implemented in all acute care centres in Winnipeg, Brandon, and Selkirk.

SEAMLESS PATIENT RECORDS

For the staff at BTHC and other medical centres, the EDIS means there will be quick and seamless sharing of all patient information between visits and locations.

"For the health care provider ... it is changing the way that the workflow is



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Boundary Trails Health Centre is getting used to its new electronic emergency department record system this month.

just because of the way the electronic system works," Fortier said. "It will be tracking and collecting all of the electronic information into one electronic record which is easily seen and read."

Meanwhile, in conjunction with the new information system, BTHC is also introducing a new triage system in the emergency department to help better assess patients and the level of urgency as well as to better manage

and track it.

"We timed this with the new system," noted Fortier. "The system asks very specific questions that we have to answer ... that will be helpful for triaging. We are also implementing sort of a reassessment. So if wait times are getting a little long, there will be a reminder for staff to reassess people in the waiting rooms to make sure that their status has not changed."

Serious injuries in head-on collision

The STARS air ambulance was called out to a serious accident near Winkler over the weekend.

Shortly after noon on Sunday, emergency crews responded to a two vehicle collision on Hwy. 32 just south of the city.

A northbound SUV with five passengers collided head-on with a southbound car carrying four people.

The 37-year-old female driver of the SUV and an 11-year-old boy, both from Winkler, were taken to hospital in Winnipeg and remained in critical condition at press time.

The vehicle's other three female

passengers, age seven, five, and one, were taken to BTHC and are in stable condition.

The 41-year-old male driver of the car as well as three female passengers, ages 38, 17, and 13, all also from the Winkler area, are also in stable condition at the local hospital.

Hwy. 32 was closed for several hours for the investigation. RCMP say alcohol was not a factor in the collision and that all of the occupants of the vehicles were wearing their seatbelts.

The Morden RCMP along with a forensic collision reconstructionist continue to investigate.

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The Manitoba School Boards Association held its annual Celebration of Success on Thursday, March 16th, 2017 at the Delta Winnipeg. The evening was dedicated to recognizing some of Manitoba's outstanding students, programs and leaders.



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Province does away with class size cap

Local divisions cautiously optimistic about new early years education plan

By Lorne Stelmach

Local school officials were guarded in their reaction to the provincial government's decision to drop an initiative to cap class sizes.

The province announced a new early years education initiative last week that does away with the requirement for divisions to limit K-3 class sizes to a maximum of 20 students.

Instead, says Education Minister Ian Wishart, school divisions will have greater autonomy to direct funding in ways that will improve learning outcomes for their unique student populations. That could mean smaller classes, more teachers, or other projects, he said.

"Our government is empowering school divisions to choose the best practices in literacy and numeracy—practices that will allow Manitoba schools to strengthen the fundamentals of a quality education," said Wishart.

The minister noted the former class size cap had no process in place to evaluate the success or failure of the program. In contrast, the new initiative will include an evaluation component to measure progress annually.

The class cap was a good idea in theory, say local school officials, but one that didn't come with nearly enough funding to support it.

"Our division has received the very bare minimum amount of money," said Western School Division superintendent Stephen Ross, who noted

that the burden to cover associated costs then fell on local taxpayers.

"The provincial government did not support all school divisions evenly in their distribution of funding either," he added, pointing out \$30,000 a year for the division would have barely represented even half of a teaching position.

Ross added we could have the same problem now with the new provincial government's new plan, pointing out there could be zero impact without proper funding to back it up.

"The longer term concern for us is if there is an expectation that we meet certain targets around this new program," he said. "Many school divisions around the province will have hundreds of thousands of dollars to put towards that ... and we don't. And are the expectations going to be the same for all school divisions?"

For Garden Valley School Division, the problems with the class size cap were tied not only to lack of funding but also space.

"We don't have the space," said

board chairperson Laurie Dyck, also agreeing that the targets set by the province were not attainable with the funding that was provided.

"We also believe as a division that student learning is not just based on classroom size but it is also based on composition of students and teaching," Dyck said.

Dyck pointed out that the previous plan was too rigid in that it required the division to spend the money on teachers, not new classrooms.

"Therefore we had to get a little bit creative when you don't have classroom space," she said, noting the program involved about \$373,000 in funding for Garden Valley. "That is significant, but we know we are approaching needing 17 or 18 classrooms if we were to meet the 20K3 initiative at a minimum, and that will not staff that many teachers."

"What this new plan does for us ... is enticing in that there is flexibility to that plan," she said. "It will be interesting to see what the tools are that they are going to give us ... we haven't seen what their targets are or what their measuring stick is going to be, though."

Our mistake

The *Voice* would like to apologize for an error that occurred in our March 16 edition.

A story on the Prairie Spirit School Division and Candlewick Productions presentation of *Curtains: A Musical Whodunit* had an incorrect date

for the show's opening night.

The performances took place last weekend at the Manitou Opera House.

We sincerely regret any confusion the error may have caused.

Letters

A big thank you to all who supported Daffodil Days

A big thank you to the businesses and residents of Darlingford, Manitou, Miami and Morden for their continued support of the Canadian Cancer Society by joining the fight against cancer and buying daffodils in February and March. Another \$7,000+ was raised, which equals 1,000 bunches!

Thanks for being part of our Bunch and joining the society and its enduring hope that Canadians will one day be free of the fear of cancer. A

daffodil gives hope—imagine what 10,000 daffodils can do.

In 2017, Daffodil Day will be Thursday, April 27. All Canadians are encouraged to wear the "Badge of Courage" (daffodil pin) throughout April but especially on April 27 to show people on a cancer journey that they are not alone, and to honour our loved ones lost to cancer. This badge will be available by donation only and can be found in the "Join the Fight—Buy a Daffodil" blue box-

es at various area businesses during the month of April.

Special thanks to our team of approximately 30 volunteers who canvas, sell and deliver the daffodils year after year. And especially to the Morden Activity Centre for being the home of the annual Daffodil Days campaign.

Lois Dudgeon,
Morden area coordinator

Mentors share advice

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's first Speed Mentoring night was hailed as a success by both the mentors and the mentees last week.

The Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce teamed up with BDC, Community Futures Heartland, and Helium to host the inaugural event on March 14.

Taking a page out of speed dating, the 29 participants spent the evening rotating through the room to spend a few minutes chatting with each of the seven business mentors.

Those mentors, says chamber president Kori da Costa, represented a range of sectors and experience levels.

"We wanted a variety of people—from those who are relatively new to business and can speak to their recent obstacles to people that have been in business for a long time," she said.

What they all had in common, though, was a willingness to pass along some of the wisdom they've learned from their experiences as en-

trepreneurs and leaders.

"It's nice to see so many interested people in business," said da Costa. "People that are willing to mentor, that's huge ... getting that guidance from somebody that you can look up to and has good, solid advice is wonderful."

"It was really cool to sit here during their seven-minute sessions at each table," she added. "Not one person was gazing around the room or looking around thinking, 'Oh gosh, what am I doing here?' Everybody was so engaged and there was lots of laughter and serious discussions. You could see it all going on everywhere."

MAKING CONNECTIONS

For participant Kelly Wiebe, who has big dreams of starting up several entrepreneurial ventures, the night's greatest value was in the connections he was able to make.

"I networked a lot and I'm meeting with people that are interested in partnering now and moving forward with me," he said. "I've got a lot of



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Twenty-nine participants came out to chat with seven mentors at the Winkler chamber's first annual Speed Mentoring evening last week. The night gave aspiring entrepreneurs a chance to pick the brains of business leaders in an informal setting.

business ideas and I've been making some really good headway here.

"It's really cool to see this here in Winkler," Wiebe added.

Fellow participant Ken Morina echoed those thoughts.

"You gain some knowledge, some advice is from people that are already in business, that know something about business," he said. "It's been a good night."

Mentor Jeff Hoepfner, co-owner of Helium (formerly Pixels), said he jumped at the chance to share what he's learned as a business owner with others just starting down the same path.

"The key thing is building value in other people ... if I can lend some type of wisdom or value to another business person or aspiring business person, I love to do it," he said, adding he's certainly leaned on others as he's learned the ropes. "There's a few business people that I respect very much that I have asked questions

once in a while and I get great wisdom from them ... I've always appreciated that they take the time."

Salem Home CEO Sherry Janzen hopes she was able to impress upon the participants just how important good management is to the overall success of one's organization.

"It makes a big difference ... even if you're small, even if you only have two or three employees, you need to know how to lead," she said.

How to lead and also how not to burn yourself out.

"I know when you're just starting out there's so many things that happen all at one time, or you think you have to do everything at once," Janzen said. "But sometimes you just need to take a step back and say, okay, prioritize."

In the light of the positive feedback the night received from participants, da Costa says they hope to make it an annual event.



Western SD trustees pass \$20M budget

By Lorne Stelmach

Trustees gave their final approval last week to a \$20 million budget for education in Morden.

There was little or no change in the financial plan from what was introduced to ratepayers at a budget exhibition hosted last month by Western School Division.

Morden area taxpayers are looking at just under a four per cent increase in the education mill rate as part of the 2017-18 budget that sees spending increase by 2.6 per cent.

Trustees said they aimed to balance the pressures of enrolment growth with the need for fiscal responsibility.

"We didn't want to pass on a huge burden to the taxpayers. It is an increase, but it's a reasonable increase," said board chair Brian Fransen.

"It's basically a break-even budget," said WSD secretary-treasurer Carl Pedersen, "and, really, that's what we are striving to do."

The increase in the levy means for a home assessed at \$275,000 in Morden the school portion of the tax bill will increase \$76 to \$2,055.

In the RM of Stanley, \$1 million dollars worth of farmland will see its school taxes rise by \$161 to \$4,318.

A business valued at \$500,000, meanwhile, will see its school taxes increase by \$201 to \$8,810.

The budget was boosted somewhat by the division receiving a 2.8 per cent increase in provincial funding, which makes up about 64 per cent of WSD's revenues each year.

Salaries represent over 76 per cent of the division's costs at just over \$15.5 million, which is a 3.5 per cent increase from the past school year.

Other areas of spending range from a 10 per cent increase in division administration costs to a 2.6 per cent decrease for operations and maintenance, while other expenditures remain similar to last year's budget.

The board targeted a few key general themes with this budget, including improved student learning, providing an invitational school culture, cultivating a culture of leadership, encouraging adventurous achievers, promoting community engagement,

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Winkler Community Fdn. reflects on year of growth

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Community Foundation marked a milestone with a strong year in 2016.

Over the past two decades, the foundation has grown to where it now has endowment funds totaling \$3.6 million.

In that time, the agency has approved over \$1 million worth of grants—starting out with just \$5,500 in their first year to nearly \$100,000 in recent years.

“Those are just huge milestones,” president Chris Hildebrand said at the organization’s annual meeting Monday. “It really pays tribute to the vision of Max Gladstone, who started the foundation over 20 years ago.”

During the past year, the foundation took in around \$184,000 in endowment funds and granted \$93,000 back to various charities and community projects.

It also got a great response for events like the 24-Hour Giving Challenge in November, raising over \$15,000 to be matched in part by the Winnipeg Foundation.

Its investments also netted the organization a solid four per cent return, helping them end the year with a \$23,000 surplus.

Considering “the environment we are in with low interest rates and tight margins, we were very fortunate that our investments did really well and that our foundation grew,” Hildebrand said.

Hildebrand touched on a number of other highlights from the year, ranging from its Youth in Philanthropy program—which now has five schools participating—to the Pay It Forward campaign last May.

“Pay It Forward is such a fun event, and it’s such a community builder,” she said. “We love to focus on the idea of giving forward and having our community do that for each other.”

“We as a foundation try to think of ways where we can get forward in ways that are meaningful to the community,” Hildebrand added, citing how the program involved a variety of activities including planting a garden and delivering groceries for people.

“What we really love to see is how our community takes that on and does it for each other because it builds the community, builds relationships,” she said, “and it helps people to feel rooted in our community.”

Looking ahead, Hildebrand said they are excited about the new scholarship program made possible through a sizeable donation from the estate of Gordon Wiebe.

Getting that set up has been a major focus this past year, and they are now in a position to start distributing the first awards this spring.

“We will be making those first grants in 2017 ... and I think that will be a real benefit to the students in our community.”



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Winkler Community Foundation president Chris Hildebrand addresses the board at the agency’s annual meeting on Monday.

Garden Valley SD holds the line on taxes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley School Division is holding the line on taxes with its 2017-2018 budget.

The division’s board of trustees approved an operating budget of just over \$50 million at their meeting last week—up over \$2.5 million from the year before.

But while expenditures are, as always, on the rise, the GVSD mill rate will remain at 15.99, which means most local taxpayers won’t see an increase on the education portion of their tax bills.

The board accomplished this, in part, by scaling back on capital projects this year and focusing instead on those programs that have a more direct impact on student learning, said board chair Laurie Dyck.

“In the past we’ve done different, smaller capital projects each year, like expanding staff rooms and refacing the Winkler Elementary School ... those are the type of projects we don’t have on our list this year,” she said. “It’s not that there aren’t projects that

could be done, but we have chosen at this point, recognizing dollars are tight ... to focus on classroom learning and what’s impacting our kids.”

Local tax dollars will make up about \$15.7 million of GVSD’s budget, with the remaining 67 per cent coming from the provincial government.

Dyck noted much of the division’s rising costs come from meeting the needs of increasing enrolment, whether that means hiring additional teachers and staff, buying more buses, or creating additional classroom spaces, such as for the diesel tech program at GVC Tec (that project will cost the division about \$30,000).

Other new expenses for the year

ahead include \$40,500 for additional occupational and physical therapy services, funding to implement the division’s literacy and numeracy program goals, and donations of \$17,000 and \$10,000 to support the Winkler Family Resource Centre and the Imagination Library project, respectively.

Supporting those community programs are important, Dyck stressed, as their work with pre-school age children is having a definitive impact on the students of tomorrow.

“They fit so well with our strategic plan,” she said. “The family resource centre runs numerous programs for pre-schoolers that are all about learn-

ing, whether it be directly literacy or just social aspects.

“The Imagination Library is, to put it simply, getting books into homes. And that certainly makes a difference when those kids get into school.”

The GVSD trustees also approved \$200,000 for a capital reserve fund for a new K-8 school in Winkler.

Added to the \$300,000 set aside for that project last year, the division has \$500,000 saved for the school slated to be built in the city’s Pine Ridge area, hopefully within the next few years. That project still awaits provincial approval and funding.

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and developing a new governance structure.

The budget also supports a few new priorities:

- additional supports for French Immersion including additional stu-

dent offerings and teaching time at Morden Collegiate in addition to increasing the French Language coach position to full-time.

- supporting a second year of the project-based learning initiative.

- enhanced opportunities for students and staff to pursue innovative and creative thinking as well as leadership development.



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Connie Bailey (right) spoke before a packed house at the EmpowHER event hosted by the Morden chamber last week in honour of International Women's Day.



'It's important to learn from each other'

By Lorne Stelmach

An International Women's Day gathering in Morden offered a message that urged local women to be an encouragement to others.

Connie Bailey shared her personal story March 15 to help deliver that message at the EmpowHER event sponsored by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce.

"I think it's really important to learn from each other," Bailey told a packed Boston Pizza lounge. "Someone needs to hear your story ... so I encourage you to share your story."

In her address, Bailey touched on how she started out on a rocky touch in life, but she turned things around and now wants to inspire others to press forward through the hard times

to achieve their dreams.

She related some of her personal experiences, including finding herself in an abusive relationship early on, so she "came from a place of tremendous hurt ... and not understanding what love really was."

"I didn't know at the time how much I was hurting," added Bailey, describing herself as having fallen into a tailspin of sorts, at times being rebellious and selfish and looking for approval from men.

Her life got to the point "where I just didn't care anymore ... I actually hid in my laundry room ... I just sat there hiding," she recalled.

Upon becoming pregnant, Bailey said she came to a turning point in her life.

"It was a hard year ... but I made a decision I was going to change my life," she said, paying tribute to a friend who "loved me through all

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the crap."

Bailey admitted to having made a ton of mistakes but realized that things were never going to be easy.

She encouraged people to think about what they need to change in their lives while offering the ideas to change fear to faith, victim to victor, wounds to wisdom and pain to power.

She also stressed that there a number of key things to remember on the journey, starting with forgiving yourself.

"I work on it everyday ... because we are never going to stop screwing up," Bailey said, adding you also need to forgive others, because otherwise "you only hurt yourself."

Bailey also encouraged those in attendance to always educate themselves and to be able to laugh at themselves.

Finally, she stressed to always only ever compete with yourself and, above all else, to love yourself.

"I can just be happy with who I am," concluded Bailey.

PVHS steak night tickets on sale now

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is ready for one of its first major fundraisers of the year.

Tickets are on sale for the annual Sud, Spud & Steak Night set for Saturday, April 8 at Rocks Bar & Grill in Morden from 5-8 p.m.

"This is the first of our annual fundraisers to hit the 10 year milestone,"

noted public relations chair Megan Rodgers.

It is one of the events that they have been able to count on to do well, she said, with last year's evening pulling in over \$3,000.

"We've found that this fundraiser has been selling out for the last couple years and a lot of people come back each year," said Rodgers. "That relieves a lot of stress when putting

on an event when you don't have to worry too much about whether or not people are going to show up."

The fundraising is of primary importance to the society as a non-profit organization, she stressed.

"It is a huge part of our budget ... we have to be able to cover our vet costs through the year."

This year there will be a raffle for a 43 inch LG TV as the grand prize.

Other prizes include an outdoor fish fryer, stainless steel microwave, \$100 gift card for Town N Country Grooming and more. There will also be a 50/50 draw and a door prize for a \$50 gift card for Rocks Bar and Grill.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available at Thornview, Morden Motor Inn, and at the shelter in Morden.

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Stanley Soil reports on another busy year

By Lorne Stelmach

The loss of a major funding partner had the Stanley Soil Management Association focusing on its sustainability this past year.

Despite losing about \$20,000 as a result of the RM of Stanley cutting its funding for the agency, the organization maintained its operations well enough, directors and members heard at its annual meeting.

"That [loss] was a bit of a shocker, but we weathered that storm," technician Richard Warkentin said at the meeting held at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum March 14.

But the association was able to rely on other partnerships, grants, and revenue streams to make ends meet. In fact, SSMA's financial

statement showed only a minor drop in revenue from the previous year.

"We were kind of wondering how we would survive, but we seem to have survived not too badly," Warkentin said.

A major effort for the association now continues to be stepping up its tree planting, as sales of trees helps to provide additional revenue.

Tying in with that is working on both new and existing shelterbelts, including aiming for more varieties of trees and underplanting to help fill in existing ones.

"We're trying to get the message out to see if we can get some more diversity in the landscape," said Warkentin, who also noted they were grateful the RM of Stanley has made a commitment to shelterbelt projects. "We are excited to see the RM of Stanley promoting the planting of shelterbelts.

"We are also looking at focusing more on projects that have to do with retaining shelterbelts," he added, pointing out that part of their efforts is also to promote their many benefits to landowners. "I think if a farmer realizes that he can actually increase his yields with a shelterbelt ... he will probably keep it because it will be better for his bottom-line."

Warkentin also touched on the agency's weed

control program, which includes an ongoing effort to eradicate diffuse knapweed in the area.

"Right now it's contained within a 50 acre site that we are monitoring," he said, noting it is a very noxious and invasive weed that could produce up to 20,000 seeds on one plant if allowed to spread. "We are very close to eradicating that weed ... so it would be a shame to let it go."

He also cited the importance of SSMA's partnership with the Pembina Valley Conservation District.

"We do a lot of work together ... they've been a good faithful partner in helping us out," Warkentin said, citing the example of the work they do on sealing abandoned wells.

TALKING CARBON

Sean Goertzen, climate initiative co-ordinator for Keystone Agriculture Producers, spoke at the meeting, as well, about how the organization is responding to the upcoming carbon tax.

He said their aim was to help get the best deal possible for farmers to protect their competitiveness and reward good practices.

"We know producers want to protect the environment, and they already work hard to do so," he suggested. "Many are concerned that carbon pricing will raise their costs and do little to address climate change."

While the federal government wants to set a common price across the country, they also want to leave it to the provinces to implement their own systems, Goertzen explained. Manitoba has not yet signed on to the agreement, but it has committed to putting a price on carbon.

"We don't yet know what Manitoba's plan will look like ... all we know is that they have ruled out cap and trade," he said. "If the feds do get their way Manitoba's carbon tax will rise to \$50 per ton of emissions by 2022."

At that rate, it would work out to about 11 cents per cubic litre on gas, 13 cents on diesel, eight cents on propane, and 10 cents on natural gas.

"The price for each fuel differs like this because different fuels emit different amounts," said Goertzen.

Some farms may have opportunities to switch to better technologies, he said, "but those alternatives aren't always available or in some cases they are still too expensive."

"So I think the province needs to be careful in just assuming that farming can just transform overnight and switch to totally new technologies ... a Prius can't pull an air seeder."

Goertzen suggested they would like to see Manitoba follow the lead of B.C. and Alberta where they have taxes in place but allow a range of exemptions.

"KAP would like to see a level playing field between different provinces and different countries," he stressed. "This is where the producer input needs to come in ... the province needs to hear if producers feel that they need exemptions to stay competitive and to stay profitable. The province needs to hear that both from KAP and from producers."

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Speaking at the Stanley Soil Management Association AGM last week was technician Richard Warkentin (left), who gave updates on the association's many projects, and Sean Goertzen (right) from KAP, who presented on the upcoming carbon tax.

McGee's coming to Morden golf course

By Lorne Stelmach

The restaurant at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club is reopening April 1 under new management.

The person behind the successful McGee's Family Restaurant at the Carman golf course is bringing her expertise and experience to the showcase venue in Morden.

"If we can get enough support from the community, I would love to see this be a year-round restaurant again," said manager Robynn Salter.

Salter was approached by the Minnewasta board about running the restaurant earlier this year.

Having operated a 50-seat restaurant in Carman for about six years and then starting at the Carman golf course about a year ago, Salter was encouraged to take the leap to Morden.

"I thought it would be a good fit for me. I'm originally from the Morden and Winkler area ... so I thought it would be kind of nice to come back to my roots," she said.

"Just with the experience that we have and the model that we have in Carman, I felt that we could bring that over here and be successful."

She sees the McGee's approach here in Morden as perhaps getting back to the basics.

"A lot of chefs have been in here and tried to make it fine dining ... I find that when people come off the golf course, they just want things like a good home-made soup and sandwich," Salter suggested.

She plans to adopt a slogan of "small town, big food."

"Small town, big food represents small town service ... we want to get to know our customers, we want to treat them as our friends and our neighbors," she said. "And then big

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PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Robynn Salter is opening McGee's Family Restaurant at the Morden golf course next month.

food ... it's big food quality, big food portions."

She likes that Morden still very much has a small town feel to it.

"From everyone that I talk to in Morden, they like to still think of themselves as a small town," she said. "It's a friendly community to be part of ... and I've had a lot of support from the community as well as from the board members, so that's very encouraging for me."

Slater said they plan to go through the upcoming season before making any big changes to the facility—there

is already much for them to be getting ready for this season as it is.

"There was already 14 weddings booked," she said, "and I have inquiries probably every other day looking for dates."

And as for whether the popular Friday Night Lights that featured live entertainment on the patio returns, Salter is playing it by ear for now.

"As of right now, I am not committing to it ... I have heard that it has been successful, but it's a big feat taking this on this year, so we'll kind of take it as it goes for now."

Council raises concerns about corridor development

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler council is looking to have some input on its municipal neighbour's plan for the highway corridor.

They were raising some questions and concerns as the RM of Stanley holds a hearing this week on a corridor plan bylaw. The bylaw is aimed at serving as a guide for sustainable and planned development in the highway corridor zone between Winkler and Morden.

"We are not trying to limit them, but at the same time ... we have some concerns," Mayor Martin Harder said at the March 14 meeting in advance of the March 23 Stanley hearing.

"Some of the zoning and some of the activity that they want to put in their plan involves areas that are beyond the exact corridor," he added. "We need to have a say on what type of industrial development takes place there."

"We want to be sensitive to what gets built, and we want to make sure that those conditions are in that plan as well," he continued. "We wouldn't

want to have a major smokestack as an example ... it wouldn't look good."

"Those are just the kinds of concerns that we have and want to make sure that it meets the overall development properly for the City of Winkler as well."

Also last week, council moved to take a step towards cutting waste going to landfill with the purchase of compost bins for residential use.

With sponsorship from Access Credit Union, the 4,000 kitchen com-

post bins come with a price tag of about \$18,000 for the city and will be distributed later this spring.

"It'll make a significant difference as far as the rate of garbage going out ... if it's properly handled, it'll be easy to get used to," suggested Harder.

Through its waste reduction task force, the city is looking at further steps in the future, including possibly going down to a one bag trash limit in 2018 as well as bigger goals such as reducing commercial and industrial

waste.

"Commercial construction waste is huge. It's important that the commercial entities get involved in this as well as the residential," said Harder.

"We look at what surrounding communities are doing. We want to try to figure out what works best for Winkler," he concluded. "We want to make sure that we do our part in being environmentally friendly and ensure that we keep as much out of the landfill as possible."

Three charged in Miami police search

Three people are facing charges after a police search in Miami earlier this month.

Officers from the Carman, Manitou, and Morris RCMP detachments, alongside the emergency response team and police dog services, executed a search warrant at a house in town on March 10.

Police located and seized bundles of cash estimated at \$25,000, a small

amount of marijuana, and an ATV that had been reported stolen in Saskatchewan two years earlier.

Four occupants of the residents were arrested, including Reuben John Reimer, 34, of Morden, who was remanded into custody and is facing charges that includes possession of proceeds of crime, possession of stolen property, and possession of a controlled drug and substance.

Two females, a 44-year-old and a 21-year-old whose names police have not released, were released for court and will face charges under the Criminal Code and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

The fourth subject, a male youth, was released from custody and will not face charges.

Carman RCMP continue to investigate.

Hobbyists share their passions

By Lorne Stelmach

Some things transcend trendiness, and Lego is definitely one of those in the world of toys and collectibles.

The possibilities are endless, as was demonstrated this past weekend at the Morden Lions' annual toy show at the Access Event Centre.

"It does have a classic appeal ... a universal appeal," said Chris Abrams, who was manning the Manitoba Lego Users Group display along with his wife Melinda.

The Lego display was among the feature attractions at the toy show, which is now in its 17th year. Over two dozen vendors set up booths at the event, showcasing items that ranged from die-cast farm toys to model trains to sports collectibles, and more.

For his part, Abrams has maintained his interest in Lego from early on.

"It started out as a kid as far back as I can remember," he said. "The passion for it has always been there ... I've pretty much been a lifelong builder."

The interactive nature of the Lego—you can build and rebuild sets over and over again in a near infinite number of configurations—is a big draw for many collectors.

"When you build a model kit, you



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The display created by the Manitoba Lego Users Group at the Morden Lions Toy Show on the weekend featured this detailed scene of a battleground scenario.

glue it together and it's done. It sits on a shelf and collect dust," said Abrams. "I've done castles ... I've done the [Star Trek] Enterprise ... I've done the CN Tower ... and when I'm tired of it, I can take it apart and go and build something else."

There are absolutely endless possibilities and combinations even just with the basic bricks, which he noted "have remained unchanged ... stuff from the '60s when Lego first came out it can still be used today."

"I have stuff here with some pieces that are 60 years old," he said, pointing to the giant Enterprise ship on display nearby, where you can see variations in the grey pieces. "You can see what looks like discolorization ... that's not

because of age, that's because Lego changed their colour of grey.

The U.S.S. Enterprise project was a massive undertaking and the result of several Lego enthusiasts working together.

"We were part a group that went to Comic Con in Winnipeg ... I spent about a hundred and sixty hours. We figured there's somewhere between 12,000 and 15,000 pieces," said Abrams, adding it comes apart into five sections for easier transport.

The Manitoba Lego Users Group meet in Winnipeg about every two months in addition to showing off their creations at public events throughout the year.

"We all decide how much space

we want to contribute ... and some shows, some of us get together and build something," said Abrams. "For later on this year, there's four of us ... we are all into medieval things ... so we're going to do ... 24 feet of castle."

"We'll each do a section and nobody knows what it will all look like until the end of the year when we put it altogether."

Abrams sees himself continuing with the hobby, especially as his children can also enjoy it.

"I had Lego as a kid and when my kids were old enough to play with it ... they play with my Lego and add to it. We have a granddaughter now too ... she plays with it ... so you can pass it on."

The idea of toys and collectibles transcending all ages is a big part of the appeal of the annual toy show, said organizer Donald Holenski.

"And they know that we've got a mix of everything ... we've got the Lego, we've got flea market items, we've got some trains," he said, noting hundreds of customers stopped by over the weekend.

"They love our venue ... like being in the whole atmosphere," he added in explaining what draws participants as well as the customers.

"We have one guy here ... I've seen him carrying out tractors ... I don't know why, but he came from Regina. He's buying from our show."

The show also serves as a fundraising project. This year, donations of \$1,000 each will go toward landscaping at the new Tabor Home and the Lions Club centennial park project.



Chris and Melinda Abrams with the model of the U.S.S. Enterprise they built. The Star Trek ship took hundreds of hours and thousands of pieces to assemble.

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Film screenings foster dialogue, healing

By Lorne Stelmach

A presentation of two films last weekend on the realities of both hydroelectric development and land battles also brought an opportunity for dialogue on reconciliation and healing.

Addressing the audience was Ellen Cook, an elder and member of the Misipawistik Cree Nation who is also in the film *For Love Of A River*, which was shown alongside *Reserve 107* at the Kenmor Theatre on Sunday.

Cook said she welcomes opportunities to speak on these issues because she wants people to have a greater awareness of how so much is impacted in many ways by hydro development.

"And if you are going to talk about reconciliation with the native people, you have to know about this," she said. "We are a people connected with the land ... we've lived off the land ... and we are being impacted now."

Her message is for people to look at the big picture and how hydro development can have a ripple effect on a community.

"It's not as green as Hydro purports it to be," said Cook.

For her personally, it brings to mind thoughts of every summer going up the Saskatchewan River to camp and hunt, but much of those traditions have been lost.

"It means a lot to me. It is something I have been carrying for 50 years now ... it's a heavy load," Cook said.

"I think it's important that people know what happens when a generating station is built in the north ... how it affects the native people," she said, noting there are many adverse effects that can never really recovered from in the long term.

"It's doing things that affect the native people. And people in the south don't really know anything about it," she suggested. "If you go up to Nelson House and Split Lake ... when hydro stations are built, the water is no longer safe to drink."

"I think it's important that people in the south know what happens in the north ... what happens to the environment, what happens to the animal habitat, what happens to the lakes and rivers," she continued.

The presentation of the two films was organized by members of the Pembina Mennonite Fellowship, Covenant Mennonite Church, Morden Mennonite Church, and the Emmanuel Mennonite Church.

The group is planning more events in the future, including having David Scott from Swan Lake First Nation speak about locations of particular significance to his people in southern Manitoba.

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New Manitoba-based weather service launches

By Harry Siemens

Weatherlogics Inc. launched this week as Canada's newest weather services firm providing high-quality weather forecasts for farmers, commodity producers, individuals, and com-

panies. The company also specializes in weather research and statistics.

The men behind the Winnipeg-based company are Scott Kehler and Matthieu Desorcy, who bring over 15 years of experience in weather analysis and forecasting to the table.

Their goal, they say, is to build Canada's leading weather enterprise.

"I am originally from Steinbach and moved to Winnipeg to attend the University of Manitoba where I studied meteorology," Kehler said. "While at university a colleague and I had the idea to start a weather forecasting company."

After six months of development, the duo launched Weatherlogics on Monday.

Kehler said the company's service is unique in a few ways.

"Firstly, we are a local company. Most of the large private weather forecasting companies are located in the United States, which makes them disconnected from the needs of folks in Canada.

"Secondly, our products are produced by our meteorologists, not by just by computers," he said. "Most of the weather forecasts you find online are generated by computers and tend to be very inaccurate and change wildly

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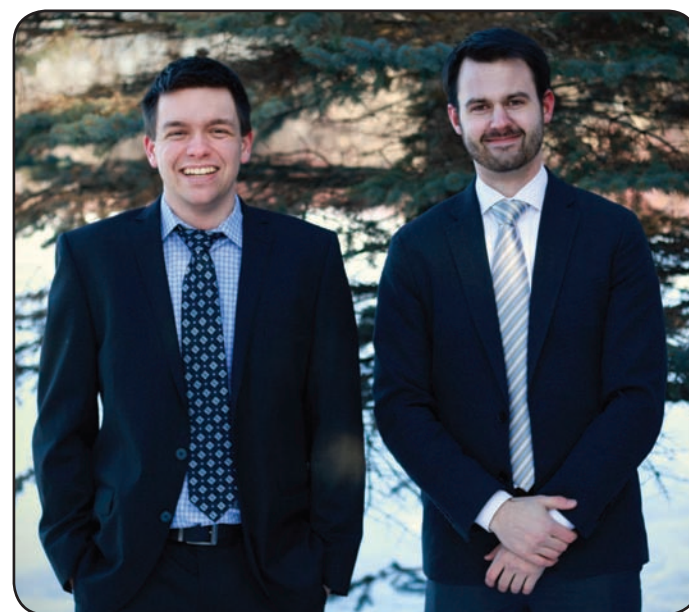
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25	Tuesday 9:00am	Regular Cattle Sale
29	Saturday 10:00am	Horse & Tack Sale consignment can be done Friday til 8 p.m., or Saturday 7 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.



Farmers lay out carbon tax plan



By Harry Siemens

Farmers at a meeting in Winkler last week became aware there are not many options when it comes to dealing with a mandatory carbon tax that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will implement in 2018.

In October, Trudeau took provinces by surprise by announcing they have until 2018 to adopt a carbon pricing scheme or the federal government will step in and impose a price on them.

Since then, eight provinces have signed on in some form or other, while Manitoba and Saskatchewan have not.

Premier Brad Wall of Saskatchewan has said a flat no to the feds implementing a carbon tax in his province and is prepared to fight it in court.

The Manitoba government, meanwhile, has committed to developing a "made-in-Manitoba" carbon pricing system.

A paper put out by the Manitoba farmers organizing a series of meetings to make producers aware of what is actually going on with this carbon tax and distributed at the Winkler meeting says it is a certainty that the carbon tax will happen in Manitoba. But there are still many design options on the table.

A poorly designed carbon price could really increase costs for farm-

ers, however a well-designed carbon price could help farmers be part of the solution to benefit the environment.

"We propose a carbon tax on all inputs such as diesel fuel, purple gas, natural gas, propane, fertilizer, chemicals, freight and transportation costs off a farm. These taxes paid will appear as a line item for invoicing purposes," said Gerry Demare, who is spearheading this group with other farmers and has presented their plan to the government and KAP. "Carbon Taxation on the manufacturing of farm equipment and/or in the processing of farm produce or goods, within Manitoba will be zero rated at the time of purchase or delivery."

Next, he moved on to direct emissions

"No exemption on direct farm emissions which are emissions from the use of fossil fuels, applying fertilizer, as well as methane from livestock. The carbon taxes on direct emissions are dealt with now, and in consultation with us to determine the correct tax levels associated with these emissions. Our view is if direct emissions were exempted now, the government would impose a tax on them at a later date."

The Manitoba Farmers' plan says due to the fact that building a stable and strong society relies on farms supplying food which is safe, reliable, abundant, and cheap, and with

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Two Winklerites arrested in meth investigation

Two Winklerites are facing charges in the wake of a police methamphetamine trafficking investigation.

In the early morning hours of March 16, Winkler and Morden police, working off information obtained through an investigation that began in February, pulled over a vehicle believed to be transporting methamphetamine into Winkler for the purpose of trafficking.

The two occupants were arrested and found to be in possession of a quantity of meth, several different types of prescription medication, and drug trafficking paraphernalia.

A 27-year-old female resident of Winkler will be charged with possessing meth for the purpose of trafficking and possessing morphine.

A 26-year-old male resident of Winkler is also facing those charges as well as charges of possessing property obtained by crime and mischief over \$5,000 in relation to damage caused to a patrol car while in custody.

Both suspects, who have not yet been formally charged and so whose names have not been made public, were released on Promises to Appear in Morden Provincial Court on April 25.

Other items of note in the weekly police reports include:

- Police responded to a shoplifting

report at Superstore on March 16.

The suspects had fled in a vehicle, but a description that included the licence plate number helped officers determine it was registered to a Morden address.

Police in Morden then located the vehicle, and Winkler officers came to arrest a 39-year-old male and a 27-year-old female. Both face a charge of theft under \$5,000 and breaching probation.

• Winkler police were called March 17 about fireworks being shot from a moving vehicle on Main St.

When officers caught up to the vehicle, the occupants admitted to setting off the fireworks. They turned over their remaining fireworks and were issued warnings.

• Winkler police stopped a pickup truck March 19 after receiving a complaint from a witness who had seen the driver vomiting outside of the truck before getting in and driving away.

Officers spoke with the driver who claimed he had just dropped off passengers who had been drinking but maintained he was the designated driver and had not been drinking. A breathalyzer showed the Morden resident was just under the legal limit. His driver's licence was seized and he was issued a 15-day suspension.

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Winkler Wedding Show a hit

• AN ARTIST'S LIFE

Preparing for festivals

By Candace Hamm

For many students involved in the arts, March brings preparation for upcoming festival performances.

It's an opportunity to get constructive feedback, make new friends, learn from qualified instructors, and gain valuable performance experience.

Proper preparation is important for your student to

have a positive experience, so read on for a few tips to help them make the most of it!

First, be sure that you have read all of the festival rules and regulations. Regulations for costuming, marking measure numbers, eligibility for awards and provincial classes, and rules about approaching the adjudicator are just a few examples of the important information you need to know.

Second, practice carefully! Several full run-throughs of a piece, careful memory work, and slow practice all contribute to a successful performance. Students can only work towards a relaxed and enjoyable performance if they are not worried about notes, rhythms, or large memory slips.

Third, make sure your students have also prepared their performance etiquette. Listening quietly while others perform, congratulating the winners, wearing appropriate attire, knowing how to walk up to the stage and when to bow, and practicing a contingency plan in case of a mistake or memory slip can all contribute to an enjoyable experience.

In addition, make sure your performer knows what to expect at the festival: tell them who to give their music to, where to go in the venue, who to talk to, and explain what will happen before the festival session arrives.

Last, set a performance goal that goes beyond simply "performing perfectly" or winning. Everyone makes mistakes and only one person can win a class, but everyone can set a goal to communicate their love for the arts through their speech, music, or dance. Setting a goal such as communicating emotion through music can ensure all performers are successful.

Good luck performing!

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The Westman Wildcats' Andrea Sander-son loses the battle against Pembina Valley Makenzie McCallum in game two of the MFMHL championship finals last week. The Hawks won that game 2-1 and then swept the series with another 2-1 victory in game three Sunday to earn their seventh provincial title.

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RICK HIEBERT



Hawks clinch title

By Lorne Stelmach

The female Pembina Valley Hawks captured their first provincial title in

three years and seventh overall in impressive fashion last weekend.

The second place Hawks completed a nine game unbeaten run through

the playoffs with a three game final sweep of the first place Westman Wildcats.

Hannah Petrie capped it off Sun-

day in Hartney by scoring 2:03 into the second overtime for 2-1 win that followed a game two victory by the

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Flyers knock out Oil Capitals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It took six games to get there, but the Winkler Flyers knocked the Virden Oil Capitals out of the running for the Manitoba Junior Hockey League championship this past week.

The series headed into game three March 14 with Winkler in the lead 2-0, having won the first two skirmishes 5-4 and 4-1.

The pendulum swung Virden's way in games three and four, though, which they won 3-1 on March 14 (Winkler's lone goal coming from Braden Billaney) and 2-1 in double overtime on March 16 (Tyler Jubenvill had scoring honours that match).

Tied at two apiece, the rivals took to the ice for game five in Winkler Friday night.

The Flyers kept Virden well away from their goal throughout the first period, not allowing a shot on net for the first 14 minutes while sending nine the other way.

A shot by Lawson McDonald bounced off a Virden defender to hit home at 18:45, giving Winkler the lead heading into the first intermission.

After a scoreless second period that saw each team fire 11 shots on net, Virden came out swinging in the third, scoring the tying goal just nine seconds in and then taking a 2-1 lead in the third minute.

McDonald evened things up at 6:21 and, with Troy Martyniuk making 15 of his 35 saves in net this period, Winkler forced overtime for a decision.

The first extra period solved nothing, but five minutes into the game's fifth period Scott Gall fired in a rebound from Tyler Lindstrom for the win.

And so it all came down to game six in Virden Sunday night, which would either see the Oil Capitals force game seven or Winkler earn a seat at the MJHL semifinals for the second year in a row.

It proved to be the latter, as Winkler came to life in the second and third periods to get the win 4-1.

Virden actually drew first blood this match, their desperate play getting the first period's lone goal with just 24 seconds to go before intermission.

It was the last time they'd succeed at beating Martyniuk in net, despite firing 34 shots in all his way.

The Flyers, meanwhile, tied the game in period two with a marker from Gino Lucia and then drowned Virden's hopes with goals from Nolan McGuire, Will Blake, and Brett Opperman in the final frame.

A lot of credit with the 4-2 series win goes to Martyniuk, who made stopped 203 of 215 shots in six games for a .944 save percentage.

In the league's other quarterfinal series, the Portage Terriers knocked out the Selkirk Steelers, the OCN Blizzard beat the Winnipeg Blues, and the Steinbach Pistons bested the Neepawa Natives.

The semifinals schedule was expected later this week.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

The Winkler Flyers' Braden Billaney controls the puck with Oil Caps Dylan Thiessen in tow. Winkler bested Virden 4-1 in game six to take the quarter-final series 4-2.

Thunder fall at provincials

The Morden Thunder girls varsity basketball team battled hard at the AAA high school provincials in Winnipeg last weekend.

The Zone 4 champions had a rocky start in the quarter-finals on Friday, falling to the South Central Athletic Conference champion St. Norbert Celtics 77-52 on March 16.

That put them in the consolation semi-final on Friday, where they bested R.D. Parker 65-60.

In the consolation final Saturday morning, Morden lost to the Calvin Christian Collegiate Eagles 46-38 to close out their season.

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Team Wooley headed to national championships

Curl Manitoba hosted the Manitoba Credit Unions Master Men's and Women's Provincial Championships at the Carman Curling Club March 9-14. The Gwen Wooley team representing Morden defeated Arlene Deprez of Stonewall to win the championship. Wooley and her team of Lynn Sandercock, Kathy Isaac, and Mardie Newton will now represent Manitoba at the 2017 Canadian Masters Curling Championship in Guelph, ON April 3-9.

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Warkentine aiming for top 20 finish at nationals

Local competing at Cross-Country Ski Championships in Canmore this week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Winkler area native is taking part in the 2017 Canadian Cross-Country Ski Championships this week.

Nineteen-year-old Levi Warkentine is in Canmore, Alberta until Saturday competing in five different races.

He's hoping to improve on the several top 30 finishes he earned at last year's nationals in Whitehorse.

"A podium finish would be a real long shot," he admitted when reached by phone in Canmore last Thursday.

"I'd say a top 20 performance in every race would be good."

Over the weekend Warkentine earned 17th and 80th place finishes in two races. Throughout this week he was scheduled to hit the trails for a 10 km skate run, a 1 km sprint classic, and a 30 km mass start skate race.

Warkentine has been competing this winter for Lakehead University, where he's studying environmental management.

"I've done a lot of training with the

local team in Thunder Bay," he said, noting he's been recovering from an off-season injury, but it hasn't set him back much. "I've been good results this season, so going to nationals was the natural choice ... I just hope the body's ready to handle the Rocky Mountains."

Warkentine is one of just 10 athletes representing Manitoba at the event.

To find out how he's doing, check out the competition's results page at skinational2017.com.

Froese suits up for Tampa

Winkler native Byron Froese is suiting up for the Tampa Bay Lightning these days.

The NHL team recalled the 25-year-old forward from the AHL Syracuse Crunch last week.

He then suited up to play for Tampa as they downed Ottawa 2-1 March 14 and fell to Toronto 5-0 March 16 and to Washington 5-3 on Saturday.

Froese was acquired by the Tampa Bay from the Toronto Maple Leafs last month. Since then, he's scored two goals and three points in two games with Syracuse.

He had skated in 48 games with Toronto's Marlies this season before the trade, posting 24 goals and 39 points to go along with 18 penalty minutes. Froese also played two games with the Leafs, contributing two shots on goal.

Froese was originally drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks in the fourth round, 119th overall, at the 2009 NHL Draft. In the last two seasons he's skated in 58 career NHL games, all with Toronto over the past two seasons, collecting two goals and five points.

Next stop for Hawks: Esso Cup

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same score Friday and a 3-0 shutout in game one March 15.

The Hawks faced tight games throughout but found ways to rise to the occasion with timely goals, solid defense, and outstanding goaltending from Halle Oswald, who earned four shutouts through the post-season.

The Hawks had a spot in the 2017 Esso Cup national female AAA midget championship regardless as the host team in Morden April 23-29, but coach Dana Bell noted that "at the start of the year we set our goals ... and we wanted to win our way to the Esso Cup."

The Hawks received solid leadership from their veterans and steady play from all three lines to secure their first title since the 2014 season.

"We pushed hard all year long," Bell said of their key to success. "Coming into the playoffs, the girls just kept working our systems good

and buying into our systems. They just kept pushing hard."

Game three Sunday was typical of that approach and work ethic.

"It was a fast paced game," said Bell. "We knew that Westman wouldn't lay down. The girls worked hard. Our biggest thing was just go out and play our game."

The Hawks were outshot in six of the nine games, but Oswald was a wall in net.

Through the playoffs, she only allowed seven goals while stopping 265 shots fired her way, registering a save percentage of .980 and a goals against average of just 0.68.

"She was definitely focused for the playoffs," said Bell. "She was working well in the net, covering rebounds quickly. She wasn't giving anything up ... she stood on her head."

In game three, Oswald made 32 saves, while Makenzie McCallum scored the other Pembina Valley goal alongside Petrie that night. Wildcats star and league leading scorer Ashton Bell had the lone Westman goal.

In game two Friday in Morden, Oswald made 24 saves as the shots were 25-16 for the Wildcats. Petrie and Sage McElroy-Scott scored for the Hawks.

Earlier in the week, the Hawks drew first blood in the series March 15 with a 3-0 win on the Wildcats' home ice in Hartney.

Oswald stopped all 34 Westman shots on goal, while her teammates capitalized twice in the second period and then sealed the deal with an empty net marker. Scoring for Pembina Valley were Karsty Nicolajsen and McCallum within a four minute span in the second period. Captain Mackenzie Hutchinson added an empty net goal to seal the deal.

Now the Hawks turn their focus to Esso Cup preparation, with a few exhibition games in the works for the next few weeks to help keep them sharp.

"We are not changing anything," said Bell. "We're going to stick to the same game plan that has gotten us here."



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Hawks fall to Monarchs

The Pembina Valley Hawks fell to the Winnipeg Monarchs in the bantam AAA provincial finals held in Morden last weekend.

The series pitted the rural provincial champions against the urban champs to see who would represent Manitoba at the Western Canadians next week.

Pembina Valley lost to Winnipeg 6-2 in game one Friday night (at left) and were then narrowly edged out 5-4 in overtime in game two on Saturday.

Twisters move onto semifinals versus Jets

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters moved on to the MMJHL semifinals after completing a four game quarter-final sweep.

They took care of the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins with 5-3 and 2-1 wins last week following 3-2 and 3-1 victories in games one and two the weekend prior.

The Twisters overcame a 2-1 deficit in game three against the Twins with

a four goal third period that included two empty net markers in the final two minutes of play.

Fraser Mirrlees opened scoring with an unassisted first period short-handed goal and then Matthew Hadley scored in the third. Brendan Keck wrapped things up with a hat trick in the final frame, including the two on the empty net.

Matt Kohlman had 33 saves in goal as the Twisters outshot the Twins 39-36.

Game four was a tight affair with both goalies turning in solid games as the Twisters outshot the Twins 43-38.

Hadley scored in the first period with an assist to Mirrlees and then returned the favour in the second period for what proved to be the winning goal on a powerplay.

Kohlman made 37 saves, with the only blemish being a third period Twins powerplay goal.

The fourth place Twisters now take on the second place Jets in a best of

seven series that gets underway Friday in Stonewall and then comes to Morris for game two Sunday.

During the regular season, the Jets won three of their five meetings with the Twisters. Pembina Valley's two wins were 5-3 and 6-0 victories amidst 4-3, 6-4, and 4-2 losses.

Also moving onto the semifinals are the Charleswood Hawks, who downed the Riels in four games, and the Raiders, who swept their series against the St. James Canucks.

GVC guard Laney Harder named Athlete of the Week

Garden Valley Collegiate's Laney Harder has been named the Tire Recycle Urban High School Athlete of the Week.

The 6'0" guard averaged 16 points, 9.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists, 2.7 steals, and 2.5 blocks per game in varsity basketball this season.

She led the Zodiacs to a 22-3 record, including tournament wins at the St. Mary's, Transcona, and GVC tournaments.

"Laney is our quiet, forceful defensive anchor," said coach Dan Forte. "She is also a dynamic scorer and high level rebounder, a player who can score on the inside and hit threes on the out-

side.

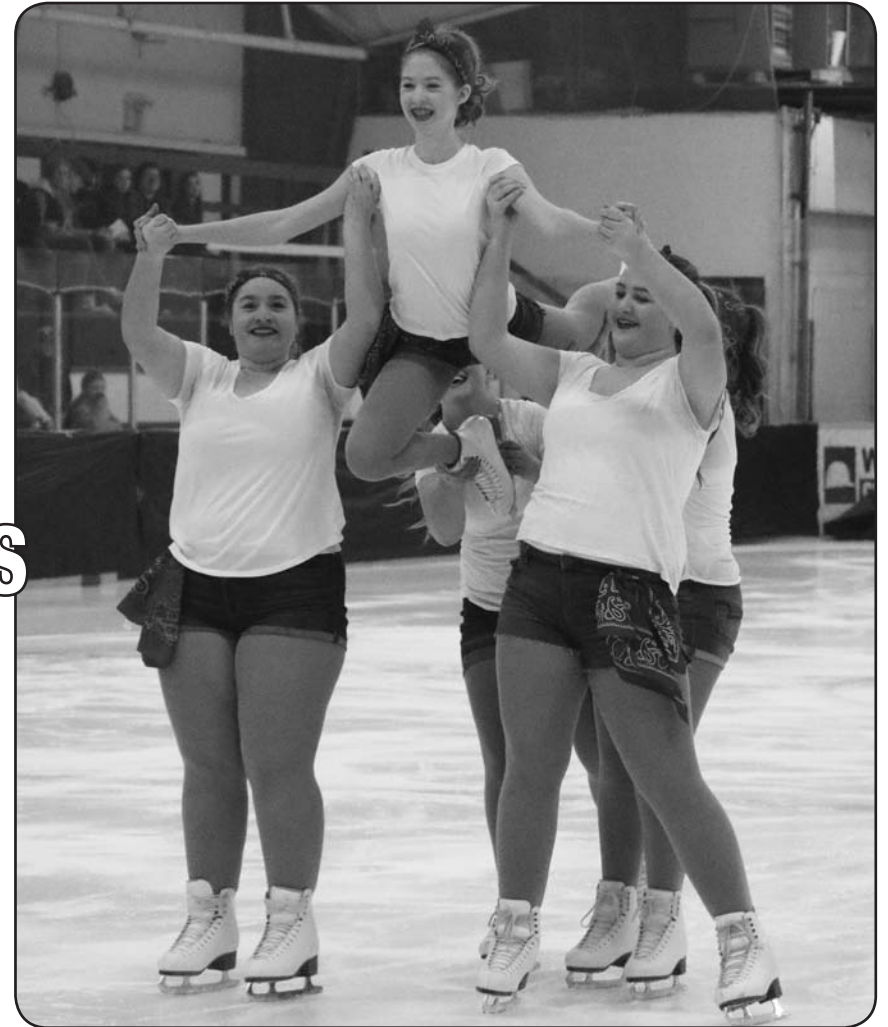
"Her game has developed immensely this season," he added. "Laney has learned how to play a completely different brand of basketball than what she is used to, and she is having a fun time doing it ... she has potential to be a player at the next level after high school."

In Gr. 11, Harder maintains an 80 per cent academic average while also participating in volleyball and track and field.

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Laney Harder led the Zodiacs to a 22-3 season.





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The Morden Figure Skating Club hosted its annual spring carnival Sunday, celebrating the seasons with a variety of performance pieces. Clockwise from above: In the Halloween set, skaters did the Monster Mash; flying high in the summer pontoon piece; celebrating Canada Day; graduating skater Jordan Parker was one of several solo performers to show off her skills.



Morden skater chosen for select workshop

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Morden skater has been chosen to take part in workshop hosted the Skate Canada National Performance Training Centre this weekend.

The Morden Figure Skating Club's Olivia Sawatzky, 12, is one of just 12 Manitobans invited to join selected skaters from Alberta and Saskatche-

wan at the three-day training session in Virden.

Shae Zukiwsky, one of the top figure skating choreographers in Canada, will be leading the workshop, which focuses on program components.

Sawatzky says she was thrilled to be chosen for the opportunity.

"I'm very excited. I'm hoping to learn certain techniques and stuff

that will help me," she says.

Sawatzky has been involved in figure skating for about five years now and says she loves the fact its a sport she can enjoy year-round.

Joining Sawatzky at the event will be Morden coaches Pam Parker and Brooklyn Parker.



Agriculture

Gov't move could ease way for new hog barns

By Harry Siemens

As part of the Manitoba government's proposed legislation to reduce outdated and ineffective regulatory requirements, changes could occur to make permitting a new hog barn a little less cumbersome.

Finance Minister Cameron Friesen said last week the government is committed to eliminating the barriers that prevent business and local governments from thriving and expanding.

"The red tape reduction and government efficiency act would amend or repeal 15 pieces of legislation to reduce the red tape that is creating burdens on business, non-profits, municipalities, private citizens and government officials."

That includes, the government said in a release, removing "general prohibitions from The Environment Act for the expansion of hog barns and manure storage facilities."

According to Manitoba Pork general

manager Andrew Dickson, the government wants to make it easier to build hog barns and manure storage facilities.

Dickson explained the proposed legislation would remove a clause in the Environment Act that mandated the use of anaerobic digesters for hog operations because it was totally redundant. All the regulations that deal with manure storage and handling and application to land are all still in place.

Removing one clause doesn't mean Dickson expects to see a surge in the industry building new barns—there are still a number of regulations in place, he said, adding it would also have to make sense economically for producers to start building more barns.

Similarly, back in January the government committed to repealing the Manitoba Farm Building Code and amending the Manitoba Building Code by adding specific provisions for farm buildings

The amendments would mean that producers are no longer forced to incorporate unnecessary requirements into the construction of barns.

"We estimate the new provisions will save producers tens of thousands of dollars when building barns," said Manitoba Pork chair George Mathe-son.

Mike Teillet of Manitoba Pork said producers are hoping to have a clearer indication by summer of what changes the provincial government will make to speed up the approval process for new hog barn construction.

Teillet said there is considerable interest in building or expanding finishing hog capacity from existing producers and new producers, including some who left the industry and looking to come back.

"The biggest challenge is simply the processes that they have to go through in order to get a barn built," he said. "Right now it's taking on average probably nine or ten months or more

to get through all of the processes. It is one of the things that is a real drag on people wanting to get into the hog business as well as people wanting to expand. We've looked at a number of different things which we think can make the system work much, much more smoothly and quickly and still at the same time protecting the environment and so on."

Teillet said they're not trying to get around environmental protections and that sort of thing, but trying to make the system work more efficiently.

"We've had a number of meetings with government people to go over some of the processes and try to suggest ways where we feel the system can be improved," he said. "I believe we're getting a fairly positive feedback from the government but at this point, we haven't seen anything as to what direction they're headed but we know they are looking at it very very closely."

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from one day to the next.

"Lastly, our subscription service is more affordable for farmers than anything that is on the market right now."

When asked specifically about their services and target audience, Kehler said they offer multiple services, with different target audiences depending on what service people are looking at.

"Our agriculture subscription service is definitely aimed toward farmers, but specifically those on the prairies that are growing crops," he said. "Some of the other services we offer are aimed at corporate clients, such as transportation, construction, or insurance companies."

"The corporate services tend to be customized based on the needs of the client. For example, we predict the locations of hail storms for one of our insurance clients."

One of the key services that Weatherlogics offers is an agri-

culture weather forecast subscription that provides producers with a detailed weather outlook for their region, delivered to their inbox daily.

"Farmers need to know what kind of weather is coming so they can plan their time efficiently," Kehler said. "Because we are professional meteorologists, we carefully analyze the weather ourselves, and have a good understanding of what weather is

coming and can communicate any uncertainties in the forecast to farmers."

Such a detailed forecast can be especially valuable, for example, during harvest season.

"With our service, farmers would be given advance warning of when we are expecting significant precipitation so they can plan to speed up the harvest or delay it depending on the

situation," Kehler said.

The company will officially begin the subscription service in May, with beta testing scheduled for next month.

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the use of 4R's in fertilizer use (right rate of fertilizer, right time of application, right place and right source), and other things, producers have the right to perpetually and on an annual basis apply and receive a total refund on the costs of the carbon taxes they paid in that year, (or reporting period), just like GST.

"We pay the tax, it's got to be shown as a line item on all our invoicing, and we apply for it back like a GST," said Odile Sanders, a Somerset area farmer. "It is that simple. Farmers

are waking up to what this can really cost, whether \$2 an acre or \$50 it is too much."

Sanders recognizes like I do, that while that taking one dollar from his pocket and giving it back to me, robbing Odile to pay Harry, will not fix the environment. However, slapping a carbon tax on the farmer of maybe \$50 dollars makes us uncompetitive. For every carbon tax dollar going out, there needs to be a credit coming back.

"In my opinion, current public pol-

icy is gonna get forced on us regardless if we like it or not, and with that premise I can support this plan," said Eldon Klippenstein a farmer from the Altona area referring to the plan laid out at the Winkler meeting and others like it. "As a Manitoba farmer I don't like the carbon tax idea, but I do support Gerry Demare and the Manitoba farmers plan on carbon taxation."

I, for one, agree with him and the Manitoba Farmers' plan on carbon taxation.

• HEALTH CORNER

Power up with pulses

Food and nutrition fads seem to be around every corner and pulses seem to be a hot topic lately, often found as ingredients in "trendy" new food products.

But what exactly are pulses? Pulses are a class of legumes that include dried beans, dried peas, chickpeas, and lentils. They can be purchased as-is in their dry form or pre-cooked and canned and sometimes milled into flour. Pulses are not usually a staple food in the average Canadian house-

hold ... but maybe they should be.

Science has shown that eating pulses can help reduce cholesterol and blood pressure, and help manage blood sugars in diabetes. Research has also observed the effect of pulses in decreasing appetite, body weight and obesity. What puts the cherry on top is the fact that pulses are very rich in nutrients like protein, fibre, iron, folate and other vitamins and minerals while containing next to no fat. But how much of them do we have to eat in order to see



By Chelsea Penner, dietetic intern

any of these benefits? Dietary guidelines recommend eating at least three cups worth of pulses a week.

Last year the United Nations declared 2016 to be the "International Year of Pulses" in the hopes of promoting pulses to be the primary source of protein in the human diet.

Pulses foster sustainable agriculture and there are many other environmental benefits to include more of them in our diets. These types of crops are able to take nitrogen from the air and put it into the ground, thus requiring less fertilizer and improving soil fertility for subsequent crops.

Canada is the second largest producer of pulses after India and the top global exporter of pulses. If we were to increase the amount of pulses we eat, we would be supporting our local economy. Pulses are also incredibly affordable as well compared to other protein sources.

We may know all the reasons to eat

more pulses, but making it a habit is harder to do. The first step would be to stock up on black beans, kidney beans, chickpeas, and lentils at the grocery store. Then plan to have a meal with pulses at least weekly.

There are also many ways to sneak them into the meals you are already having: put a can of kidney beans in your favorite chili, add half a cup of red lentils to your favorite spaghetti sauce, include chickpeas in a tossed salad, or mix a cup of black beans into your salsa.

Pulse Canada and Canadian Lentils are great websites that have numerous healthy recipes that use pulses.

If you are not currently consuming pulses on a regular basis, it is a good idea to start slow. The body needs time to get used to the added fibre and other components in pulses that cause gas or bloating.

Remember to eat these foods in a way you can enjoy and be open to new ideas!

take a break > GAMES

SUDOKU

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

Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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

Sudoku Answer

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P	E	N	E	P	U	N	S	E	W	E	H	T			
T	O	C	S	T	R	V	U	T	S	D	O	R			
E	C	E	I	N	H	O	R	B	I	L	V	A			
L	V	P	A	S	E	S	V	O	T	V	W				

Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Thick flat pad
 4. Green regions of desert
 9. Fill with dismay
 14. Boxing legend
 15. Soup
 16. Your sibling's daughter
 17. A long thin implement
 18. Late ESPN anchor
 20. Motives
 22. Astronomerology term
 23. Semitic Sun god
 24. Small cigar
 28. Promotions
 29. Not off
 30. Line or plaster the roof
 31. African Indian people of Alberta, Canada
 33. Rituals
 37. Chlorine
 38. Red deer
 39. Offers a good view
 41. Post-indictment arrangement
 42. Blood group
 43. Razor clams
 44. Fleshes of animals
 46. Nipple
 49. Indicates position
 50. Electrocardiogram
 51. Can be disconnected
 55. Tall military cap
 58. Cape Verde capital
 59. Not written in any key
 60. Creative
 64. Suffix
 65. Stacked
 66. One who consumes
 67. Not he
 68. Whiskey and milk are two
 69. Entryways
 70. ___ and cheese
- ### CLUES DOWN
1. Marketplaces
 2. Hawaiian greeting
 3. Mark left by the sea
 4. Strongly affected by

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
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17				18					19					
20			21					22						
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60	61						62	63				64		
65							66					67		
68							69					70		

- something
5. Music and painting are two
6. Small coin (French)
7. Letter of the Greek alphabet
8. A gesture involving the shoulders
9. Grey geese
10. Meal in the park
11. Human beings
12. What thespians do
13. Allow
19. Third-party access
21. "Casino Royale" villain Mikkelsen
24. Painful foot problems
25. The very first
26. Lawful
27. Ceramic jars
31. Hind ends
32. "Virginia Woolf" author
34. Try
35. For instance
36. Academic terms
40. Article
41. Religious belief outside the mainstream
45. Sound caused by reflection
47. Greatly horrify
48. Prey
52. Forays
53. River in eastern France
54. Bleated
56. Soft food cooked from buckwheat
57. Pre-Mayan civilization
59. Assert to be the case
60. Inches per minute (abbr.)
61. "Rosemary's Baby" actress Farrow
62. Chinese philosophical principle
63. Simpson trial judge

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LAND FOR RENT

Agricultural leases Beaudry Provincial Park - Sealed tenders for the right to cultivate agricultural lands(s) within Beaudry Provincial Park will be received by Crown Lands & Property Agency, Crown Lands Act Dispositions, 308-25 Tupper Street North, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, R1N 3K1 until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, April 12th, 2017. Bids must be accompanied by a deposit (money order, certified cheque or bank draft) of 10% of the bid amount (plus applicable GST) made payable to the Minister of Finance of Manitoba. Agricultural lands available for lease for 2017 to 2022 inclusive, will include portions of River Lots 4 to 11 and 15 to 19 inclusive in the Parish of Saint Francois Xavier in the R.M. of Cartier. Tender forms, maps and information materials are available at the above address, online at http://www.clpamb.ca/leases_and_permits/LPproperties.aspx or may be requested by telephoning 1-866-210-9589.

TENDER

Rosenort Residential Property for Sale by Tender

in the RM of Morris

Sealed tenders in writing for the purchase of the following property will be received by:
Bruce D. Gregory Law Office

Property:

The Property is legally described as:

Lot 1 Plan 59224 WLTO in NE ¼ 11-6-1 WPM

and comprises approximately 11.8 acres of Land situate near Rosenort, Manitoba on which is situated a single family residence being approximately 1686 square feet with 3 bedrooms and an attached garage. The property also includes:

- Shop 4925 sq ft, 17 ft. straight wall with overhead crane (steel structure)
- Quonset 40 X 70 ft
- Wooden granary 24 x 32 ft.
- Small shop 24 X 32 ft.
- Old Chicken barn 14 x 28 ft.
- Storage Shed 12 X 12 ft.

Terms and Conditions of Tender of Sale:

1. Tenders to be received on or before 4 PM on Friday, March 31, 2017.
2. Possession will be August 1, 2017.
3. Each tender must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 deposit cheque payable to: Bruce D. Gregory Trust. (Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.)
4. The balance of the purchase price is payable on August 1, 2017
5. Tender(s) are binding upon acceptance and are not subject to any conditions precedent.
6. Real Property Taxes for 2017 will be adjusted as of August 1, 2017.
7. Title to the property will be transferred free and clear of all registered mortgages, encumbrances and leases, except caveat no. 257050/1 filed by Manitoba Telephone System pursuant to an Easement Agreement and an existing residential tenancy. (The Purchaser will be responsible to give notice that the Purchaser will require occupancy of the residence for their own purposes as of August 1, 2017.)
8. If the balance of the purchase price is not paid by August 1, 2017, or other satisfactory arrangements are not in place, the deposit shall be forfeited to the vendors as liquidated damages and not as penalty.
9. The Purchaser shall rely entirely upon his/her personal inspection and knowledge of the property, independent of the representations made by the Vendors or the Solicitor and Agent of the Vendors.
10. The Property will be sold "as is" and the Purchaser is solely responsible to determine the value and condition of the Property, land quality, Property use, environmental condition and any other information pertaining to the Property.
11. The Property may be viewed by appointment prior to March 31, 2017 by telephoning 204-746-8261.
12. The successful purchaser will within 7 days of being advised that he/she is a successful bidder, execute an agreement to complete the purchase according to the above conditions.
13. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For further information contact:

**Bruce D. Gregory Law Corporation
Barrister & Solicitor**

Box 811, Morris, Manitoba, R0G 1K0

Telephone: (204) 746-2179 Fax: (204) 746-2885

Email: bgregory@mymts.net

AUCTION

Unreserved equipment auction. Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 9 a.m., Winnipeg, Manitoba. After 61 years McEwen Bros. Ltd. is retiring. CPA is proud to be conducting the auction. To consign call Don Kerr 403-371-8195; canadianpublicauction.com

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

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY STANLEY CORRIDOR SECONDARY PLAN BY-LAW 3-17

Being a requirement of the Manitoba Planning Act to approve the Rural Municipality of Stanley Secondary Plan By-Law 3-17

HEARING: R.M. of Stanley Council Chamber
LOCATION: 23111 PTH 14W, SW 7-3-4W
DATE & TIME: April 6, 2017 at 9:05 a.m.
GENERAL: To guide sustainable and planned development in the area designated as the Stanley Corridor in the MSTW Development Plan
INTENT: Dale Toews,

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Stanley 23111 PTH 14W Phone: (204) 325-4101

A copy of the above proposal and supporting

material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken there from, upon request.

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY BY-LAW #5-17 Being an AMENDMENT to the R.M. OF STANLEY ZONING BY-LAW 20-08, AS AMENDED.

HEARING: R.M. of Stanley Council Chamber
LOCATION: 23111 PTH 14W, SW 7-3-4W
DATE & TIME: Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
GENERAL: 1.) To amend Part Appendix B Permitted and Conditional Use Table to include Truck and Mobile Home Sales and/or Rentals as a Conditional Use ("C") in the "AR" Agricultural Restricted Zone.
INTENT: Dale Toews,

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Stanley 23111 PTH 14W Phone: (204) 325-4101

A copy of the above proposal and supporting

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**COMING EVENTS**

**St. Thomas
Anglican Church
131-8th St., Morden**

SOUP LUNCH

**Fri. March 31
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\$7.00 per person**

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PUBLIC NOTICE



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON PUBLIC NOTICE

2017 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Sub-section 162(2) of the Municipal Act that Council for the Rural Municipality of Thompson intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2017 at a public hearing located at:

**R.M. of Thompson Civic Centre
530 Norton Avenue
Miami, MB**

Thursday April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan. Copies of the Financial Plan will be made available for review at the Civic Centre on April 10, 2017.

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TENDER

LUD of DARLINGTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Interested individuals are invited to submit a proposal for an hourly rate to operate the mower and snow blower at various locations within the L.U.D. of Darlingford. Some other LUD related work and maintenance also required. Equipment will be provided by the LUD of Darlingford.

The current contract holders Mavis and John Schmidt are retiring and duties commence May 1. Contract commencing May 1 concluding December 31, 2017 with review/renewal at that time.

Specifics to the job requirements may be obtained from Bob Luger, LUD Committee Chairman 204.246.2232 or the Municipality of Pembina office 204.242.2838 email admin@pembina.ca

Written proposals must be submitted to the Municipality of Pembina PO Box 189, Manitou, MB R0G 1G0 no later than noon Friday March 31, 2017.

Lowest or any proposal not necessarily accepted

NOTICES



Annual General Meeting

April 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Aquasaur Theatre -

Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre

111B Gilmour Street, Morden

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for more information.

CAREERS



THE CITY OF WINKLER

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL POSITIONS:

Water Treatment Plant Summer Employment

Must hold a Valid Manitoba Driver's Licence
Knowledge of MS Office Suite would be an asset
Proficient in Science & Mathematics
(Submit transcript with application)
First Aid and/or AEC with CPR certification preferred
Excellent communication skills, written & oral
No experience necessary

* Please include photocopies of any certifications currently held

Work Period: May to September

This Position will require you to work weekends, evening and On-call as required.

Forward Resumes by March 31, 2017 to:

City of Winkler Water Services

Attn: Mr. Travis Duff

185 Main Street Winkler, MB R6W 1B4

E-mail: tduff@cityofwinkler.ca

Utilities Maintenance & Public Works Summer Employment

Must hold a Valid Manitoba Driver's Licence
Excellent communication skills, written & oral
Ability to operate light equipment
Work effectively with minimal supervision

Work Period: April to September

Forward Resumes by March 31, 2017 to:

City of Winkler

Public Works, Attn: Pete Hamm

Utilities, Attn: Jake Wiens

185 Main St, Winkler, MB R6W 1B4

E-mail: phamm@cityofwinkler.ca

jakewiens@cityofwinkler.ca

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Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee the ventilation systems in assigned storages
- Assist in the planning for storage improvements and equipment
- Establish and implement departmental goals, objectives, policies and operating procedures
- Provide weekly written reports to management
- Oversee the bin preparations for the fall harvest

Qualifications & Skills:

- A proven leader with the ability to problem solve, plan and lead improvement initiatives
- An "always better" attitude
- Effective communicator
- A life-long learner with an inquisitive mind-set who enjoys problem-solving
- Focused on detail
- Post-secondary education not required but would be an asset
- Experience in the agricultural sector
- Competent computer skills and ability to use a variety of software
- Possess a valid Manitoba Class 5 driver's license

Please send or email your resume to, drop off your application attention to:

Questions may be directed to Marvin Dyck, Kroeker Farms Limited, at 1 (204) 325-4333, or by email at marv@kroekers.com

Deadline for applications March 31, 2017



We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those candidates to be interviewed will be contacted.

ANNIVERSARY



Harry and Toots Enns
Join us in celebrating our
60th Wedding Anniversary
April 8, 2017
Youth For Christ Centre
809 Stephen St., Morden
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OBITUARY



Susanna (Susan) Janzen (nee Driedger) 1923 – 2017

Mom went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on March 11, 2017 in Salem Home in Winkler, Manitoba. She reached the age of 93 years and 8 months.

Mom was born to Johann and Helena Driedger on June 23, 1923 in Neuhorst, Manitoba. Here, Mom grew up and received her education. She had 12 siblings and the chores were endless, milking cows, baking, laundry and taking care of the siblings. She was baptized upon her confession of faith in her Lord Jesus Christ by Bishop Peter A. Toews in the Sommerfelder church and later transferred to the Blumenort Mennonite Church in Rosenort,

Manitoba (now Rosetown). She met the love of her life, Abram Janzen and they were united in marriage on July 7, 1946 in Mom's parents' garden. They were married 36 years upon Dad's passing. Mom was a great homemaker, loved gardening and working side by side with Dad on the farm. Mom would have fasma waiting for us when we came home from school, mom was involved with Mission, sewing and baking for the needy. She also enjoyed working at the MCC store. Mom's last six years were spent at Salem Home in Winkler, Manitoba. Her faith in Jesus Christ carried her right into the arms of Jesus. Together Mom and Dad were blessed with four children. The first born, Abe predeceased them in infancy and Dad, Abram Janzen predeceased her on April 10, 1982.

Mom is survived by her children, Sara and Henry Froese, Ernie and Esther Janzen and Vic and Sylvia Janzen and their families. She is also survived by one brother, Abe Driedger and one sister, Helen Penner and their families.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the Blumenort Mennonite Church in Rosetown with interment prior at Neuhorst Cemetery.

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

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Basson and the staff at Salem Home. Thanks for taking care of Mom and loving her. Also a special thanks to everyone involved in the service today. May God Bless each one of you. The family.

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OBITUARY



Alvin Corney Bergen 1939 - 2017

Alvin Corney Bergen passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

He was born on July 18, 1939 in Altona, MB to Bernhard (Ben) and Justina Bergen. He was baptized on May 25, 1958 at 19 years of age by elder John Friesen in Bergfeld EMMC church. He married Susie Bergen on October 5, 1958. They lived in Dominion City then moved south of Plum Coulee. They then moved to Oakland, then to Bagot, Portage la Prairie and finally in 1993 to Morden. He worked for a farmer in Dominion City. In the Thames area, south of Plum Coulee he started farming on his own. He continued his farming career on their own farm in Oakland, north of Portage and then in Bagot until 1985 when he and Susie sold the farm due to

health reasons after 25 years of farming and moved to Portage la Prairie. He took a year off to seek medical attention. He began his long 26 year trucking career with Decor Cabinets in 1987. After retiring from Decor Cabinets, he did some part time trucking for local trucking companies.

He and Susie and a group of their friends went up north every spring for many years to help out at Midway Bible Camp. We are not sure how much work actually got done, with all the fishing gear that was taken along! Alvin and Susie spent many wonderful years traveling together throughout Canada, the US, and Mexico, to Arizona for the winters and fishing and camping with family. Alvin loved his motorcycle and took several bike trips over the years. As Susie's health began to decline, he dedicated several years to caring for her. After Susie's death in 2015, and due to increasing health problems, he received a pacemaker/defibrillator. After that his quality of life improved. He began volunteering at the Senior's Drop In Centre and spent a lot of hours visiting with residents in the Tabor Home and local hospital. He loved decorating for all the holidays and he and mom enjoyed having family and grandkids over. Alvin travelled to Ontario, BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan and all over Manitoba to visit his 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was always planning more trips. He was admitted to hospital on March 9th after suffering a massive stroke and he passed away peacefully on March 11th. He was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, great-grandpa, brother, uncle and friend.

He was predeceased by his wife, Susie in 2015 and one brother. He leaves to mourn his three children: Jim (Betty) and their children, Calvin and Charlene (Natalya and Ramsin), Amanda and Butch Pries (Leighton, Logan, Corbin and Chaz), Jenna and Mike Menard; Doreen (Neil) Driedger and their children, Eric and Claire (Caitlyn), Darcy and Vanessa (Grace, Hazel, Nate), Nick and Kayla (Kinsley and Brennan), Candice and Jordan Kemper (Malachi, Jeremiah and Daniel); Andy (Theresa) and their children, Michael and Rebekah (Canaan and Keziah), Mark and Terra, Matthew. Also left behind are his sister, Leona (John) Enns, brothers, Bernie (Marge) Bergen, Art (Anne) Bergen, Marvin (Helen) Bergen, sisters-in-law, Jennie Janzen and Helen (Henry) Thiessen, special friend, Mary Anne Krashel and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses and health care aides at Boundary Trails Health Centre and the Home Care nurses who cared for Alvin over the years.

Donations in Alvin's memory may be made to ValleyView Bible Camp.

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OBITUARY



Margaretha (Margaret) Hildebrand (nee Krahn)

February 9, 1922 - March 15, 2017

Margaret Hildebrand was a faithful follower of her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. She enjoyed life but at the same time looked forward to spending eternity in the personal presence of Jesus and being reunited with beloved family members and friends. Peacefully, with family members at her bedside God granted her these wishes March 15, 2017 at the age of 95.

Margaret was born to Peter C and Margaret Krahn in Rosenort Village, west of Gretna, Manitoba (now Rosetown). She was the second eldest of six siblings, Peter, Bill, twins Kay and Sue, Henry and John. When she was 11 years old her family moved into a housebarn in Waldheim Village, southeast of Morden. This village was the most westerly village established by Mennonites on land that was set aside for "exclusive use of the Mennonites from Russia" by Order-in-Council signed April, 25, 1876.

She attended school in Rosenort Village and the Blumstein School. Both were one-room country schools. She liked reading, socializing, needlework, memorizing and reciting poems, skipping and swinging. At age 12 she started preparing for marriage by collecting dishes and embroidering pillow cases and tea towels. She also sewed an apron with lace.

Margaret met her beloved husband Isaac N Hildebrand in the nearby Glencross Rudnerweider Church (now Glencross EMMC). Along with many lifelong friends Margaret and Isaac were baptized June 5, 1941. They were married May 3, 1942 and were lifelong members of Glencross EMMC.

Mom and Dad had three daughters and six sons – Rose, Norman, Walter, Gladys, Ed, Jim, Charles and Eleanor. One son, John Albert, died in infancy. They raised their family in the Valleyfield School District southeast of Morden where they made their living farming. Mom and Dad retired from farming and moved to Morden in 1976. They were married 63 years when Dad passed away June 21, 2005.

During their retirement they enjoyed their 29 grandchildren. They had a bumper sticker that said: "If we had known grandchildren were so much fun we would have had them first." They enjoyed attending their grandchildren's graduations, weddings and other special events and loved meeting the great-grandchildren.

Mom was a hard-working, energetic woman who blessed others with her joyful outlook on life, her deep and unselfish love for family and friends and her generous hospitality. She would often tell us that she was praying for her children and their families.

Through example, she taught us to be thankful for what we have and not worry about things in life that we have no control over. She claimed the promises of one of her favourite Bible verses, "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33.

Mom heard about Bible camps as a child but did not get a chance to go to camp. However, through her efforts most of her children went to Bible camp. Through prayer and financial gifts she faithfully supported Bible camps, Bible schools, radio ministries and other church ministries. She felt blessed when her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren participated in local and international Christian ministries.

There was always room at her kitchen table for unexpected guests. Her deep freeze and pantry were filled with delicious buns, pies, cookies, soup, meatballs and chili. She enjoyed hosting family gatherings, gardening, CFAM and keeping up to date on newsworthy events. During her retirement years, Mom made many new friends and gained national recognition through her achievements as a member of TOPS and KOPS weight loss groups.

In her later years she lost her eyesight due to macular degeneration and also her mobility, short term memory and most of her hearing. She grieved these losses but took comfort in knowing that God would provide all her needs. Even though she experienced memory loss, God blessed her with the gift of accurately remembering the Lord's Prayer and Psalms 23. She recited these scripture verses until a week before her death. These Bible verses blessed her and blessed those who heard her recite them.

She will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by her children, Norman and Lydia Hildebrand, Gladys and Terry Terichow, Jim and Diane Hildebrand, Charles and Lillian Hildebrand, Eleanor Hildebrand Guderian, son-in-law Henry Peters and daughters-in-law Martha Hildebrand and Elvira Hildebrand, 27 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband Isaac N Hildebrand (2005); four children, John Albert who died in infancy (1945) Edwin (1985), Margaret Rose Peters (2009) and Walter (2016); and two grandsons, Darryl Peters (1996) and Christopher Hildebrand (1999). She is also missed by her sister Susan, brothers Henry (Frances) and John (Eileen), her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law from the Hildebrand family, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Peter C and Margaret Krahn, sister Kay Letkeman and brothers Peter and Bill.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone at Homestead Assisted Living and Tabor Home for providing care and organizing activities that enriched mom's life in her later years.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Doyle Funeral Home, Carman.

Funeral service was held Sunday, March 19 at Glencross EMMC Church with burial at the Waldheim Cemetery.

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