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A curious youngster had to get a helping hand from his father to get a good look at the detailed agricultural models that were part of the displays at the annual Morden Lions Toy Show March 19-20 at the Access Event Centre. See our full story on Pg. 2.

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The Morden Lions Toy Show included over 80 tables of displays and vendors. Above: The building table was a popular one for kids at the Manitoba Lego User Group's displays. Right: There were a large number of vendors selling all manner of agricultural collectables. Among those was Rene Vodon (below) who puts together custom farm vehicles as a hobby.



Toy Show brings collectors together

By Lorne Stelmach

The hobby simply came out of necessity for Rene Vodon of Virden.

When Vodon and his brother-in-law got into collecting diecast toy cars and trucks, there were some pieces for particular farm vehicles and equipment that didn't seem to be as readily available as others.

"We started collecting ... but they weren't making some of the farm equipment at the time, so we just decided we would make our own," Vodon recalled as he worked his display at the 2016 Lions Club Toy Show in Morden last weekend.

They got into making things like swathers and seeders that weren't being made as toys, he said, and then the projects just kept getting bigger and bigger.

"We wanted something that wasn't out there yet ... just to put into our collection," Vodon said of his pastime, which quickly grew into something of a business with the realization that there are many other collectors out there looking for unique pieces.

"People would ask me when they saw our displays,

'Where did you get this? Where did you get that?' Then they would ask, 'Can you make us one? Can you make us this, make us that?'"

"So it started off that way. We did it for ourselves at first, but people wanted it because it was not made."

Eventually Vodon made the jump to selling on eBay, which got his pieces purchased by collectors all over the world.

"We put a few pieces on there just to see if anybody would be interested in it. And, surprisingly, I had people calling up from all over the States," he said. "I even had some guys from Australia, from Japan. I've had some from Germany, Hungary."

"So you would be surprised," he added. "I didn't think anybody would really be that interested in my stuff ... especially from that far away."

He came to realize how many people share this dedication and passion for these kinds of hobby toys and collectibles.

"And they are looking for something that's a little bit out of the norm, something different," said Vodon.

Vodon says he's fielded a lot of requests for grain trucks in particular.

"The most that I've had calls for are the Dodge trucks. A lot of people have requested that, and I've sold quite a few at shows."

"I've had some people email me with a picture of their vehicle ... 'Can you make me a small diecast of my truck or my dad's truck or my grandpa's truck or my boyfriend's truck to give as a gift?'"

"I even had a person ask me to do two vehicles to put on a wedding cake ... sort of his and hers vehicles."

The average vehicle takes him four or five hours to create, though some can take much longer.

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Daffodil Days raise \$15K for Cancer Soc.

By Lorne Stelmach

Daffodil Days has become an annual tradition for Lois Dudgeon.

The Morden area organizer of the Canadian Cancer Society fundraiser is now in her eighth year in charge.

She not only had a friend who had previously organized the project locally, but her mother had also been involved in the past as well, she noted.

"It was kind of a personal thing ... a legacy from my mom, a legacy for our family," she said as volunteers prepared the bundles of daffodils for the sales campaign that ran all last week.

"It's probably my charity of choice because we had two family members hit by cancer as well," Dudgeon added. "That's how people get involved, usually how they get involved."

Since the 1950s, bright yellow daffodils have arrived in communities across Canada to mark the beginning of Daffodil Month, symboliz-

ing strength and courage in the fight against cancer.

"They have long been a simple of hope ... that one day we will beat this disease, that we will find a cure," said Dudgeon.

Indeed, money raised through the flower sales helps people living with cancer and funds life-saving research, information, and support services.

In his third year of helping out, Daffodil Days volunteer Dave Korotash said the campaign is a pleasant way to get involved in some small way.

"I also have family members that have cancer ... so I know what this is all about," he said as he bundled up the flowers for delivery to local cancer patients and for sale at kiosks set up in Morden and Manitou. "I enjoy it and I'll do it as long as I can."

In Winkler and Plum Coulee, Nettie Friesen headed up this year's campaign, stressing as well that she got involved in memory of loved ones lost to cancer.



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Volunteers gathered at the Morden 55 Plus Activity Centre March 15 to prepare the bundles of flowers for the Daffodil Days sales.

She said the response from the communities was phenomenal.

"Everyone was very willing to help," she said.

Between all the participating lo-

cal communities, this year's daffodil sales raised over \$15,500—\$7,700 in the Morden area and \$7,350 in Winkler and Plum Coulee.



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Nettie Friesen (left) and Katherine Thiessen man the Daffodil Days kiosk at the Winkler Co-op last week.



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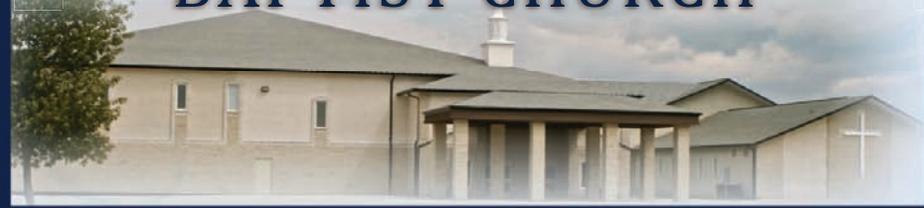
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New species of ancient bird discovered at CFDC

Researchers name find after Thornhill's David Lumgair

By Lorne Stelmach

It's a unique honour having an ancient species named after you.

David Lumgair was not sure how deserving he really was of having his name attached to a prehistoric bird, but he did gladly accept the honour recently at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden.

"I wasn't particularly involved in finding it. It was found years after I was paying much attention to the site," Lumgair said of the fossil which now bears his name. "But I will gladly accept it because I think we have to ask a lot of questions about life and extinctions."

Last week, the museum announced the discovery of a new species of *Hesperornis*, a marine diving bird that lived in the Western Interior Seaway of North America during the Cretaceous period.

Hesperornis lumgairi, as it's been

called in honour of it having been found on Lumgair's property, has been in the CFDC's collection room for nearly 40 years, but was only recently pulled out for further study that identified it as a previously unknown species of *Hesperornis*.

"Because of our small status, we don't have enough people really or money or time to take a good look at some of our specimens. So they end up getting rediscovered years later when we do have time," explained CFDC paleontologist Victoria Markstrom. "This has led to some really pretty cool discoveries of specimens that we already have in our collection."

Japanese paleontologists Kei-ichi Aotsuka and Tamaki Sato were the ones who made the discovery after visiting the CFDC to review hundreds of specimens of bird fossils.

Their research identified four new species of *Hesperornis* in Manitoba, furthering the science which previously had only recorded two species in the province.

"To have discovered and been able to name a new species was a great honour," the pair said in a statement. "We thank Mr. Lumgair, CFDC, and



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The CFDC's Victoria Markstrom with David Lumgair, who is holding the fossil remains of an ancient marine bird found on his land and now named in his honour as *Hesperornis lumgairi*.

all those who supported our research. The pleasant memories of the days we spent in Morden have encouraged us very much."

Markstrom said the find was a great opportunity to pay tribute to Lumgair, who has long been a supporter of the CFDC.

"The family has been friends of the

museum for a very long time, and we really appreciate their co-operation," she said. "It's one of the little ways we can show our appreciation."

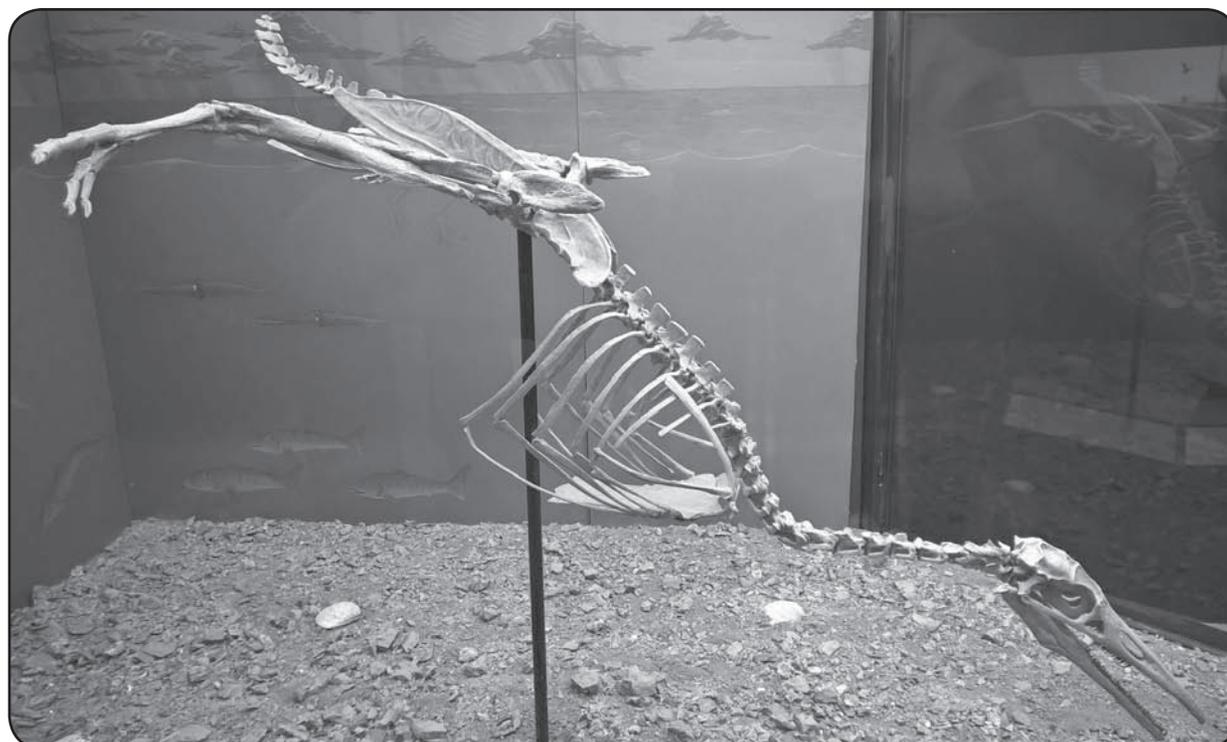
For his part, Lumgair has suggested a more informal name for the bird when it goes on display. Maybe something like George, he jokes, which would be more in keeping with other famous CFDC residents like Bruce and Suzy the mosasaurs.

Lumgair said his long-standing interest in the CFDC stems not just from the fact that several fossils were found on his land over the years, but because he's a firm believer that we need to continue to learn from the past.

"From past life, we can learn to live a better life," he said, citing the saying that those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat its mistakes.

The *Hesperornis lumgairi* fossil will be put on display at the museum in the near future, Markstrom said.

"It's still in storage in our collection, but we hope to have it in our exhibit area hopefully very soon," she said. "It's finished being prepared, so it's ready to be displayed ... I just have to find the space for it."



A *Hesperornis* fossil on display at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden. These marine birds lived in the Western Interior Seaway of North America during the Cretaceous period.

CFDC PHOTO

Tom Cochrane headlining Winkler festival

The Road Hammers, The Color also taking the stage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition is sticking to the tried and true trifecta of rock, country, and gospel again this year.

The Aug. 12-14 festival unveiled its daily headliners this week.

Kicking things off on festival Friday is Canadian rock legend Tom Cochrane.

The eight-time Juno Award winner and former Red Rider frontman is known for his hits like 1991's "Life is a Highway."

"He's really a living legend in rock music, not just in Canada but I think in North America as well, with just a huge amount of hits," said festival director Deb Penner. "I'm just picturing Friday evening, a hot summer night, and 'Life is a Highway' playing. We're just going to rock it out. It's going to be amazing."

Taking to the stage Saturday night are country stars The Road Hammers. The trio are known for smash hits like "Get On Down the Road" and "Mud."

"They're the top selling country band in Canada," said Penner. "They've been a strong, super energetic entertainers for many years and we're very excited to have them coming to Winkler."

Finally, anchoring Sunday evening's traditionally Christian-themed line-up is Winkler-based band The Color, featuring James Shiels, Jordan Janzen, Larry Abrams, and Tyson Unrau.

"They've been touring across the country and getting rave reviews," Penner said. "They've been doing so well and I'm happy to be able to support them here."

Penner said the festival committee is hard at work



Anchoring the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition musical line-up this year will be rocker Tom Cochrane (right), country stars The Road Hammer (above), and Christian group The Color (below).



rounding out the rest of the stage schedule, with more announcements coming soon.

"Last year was so amazing and we knew that we couldn't really take a step back this year," she

said. "I think we've got a great combination again and it's going to be a great festival."

Stay on top of festival news online at www.winklerharvestfestival.com



Genesis House undergoing major renovations

Residential services to move to smaller space when work gets underway

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Genesis House women's shelter is getting a major face-lift starting next week.

Thanks to funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Winkler shelter will undergo significant renovations, including new windows and doors, paint, a heating system, and floor coverings, in addition to kitchen and washroom upgrades.

While work is going on, the shelter will be operating from a temporary location in the community. Due to the smaller size of this space, Genesis House will not be able to run at

full capacity, but will still be able to provide safe haven to victims of domestic violence, stressed board vice-chair Cheryl Braun.

"It was really important to us as a board that we retain the residential component of our services to ensure families have a safe place to go in a crisis," she said.

"While the shelter is located in Winkler, its services extend well beyond Winkler to all communities within the South Central region, providing vital services and safety for women experiencing domestic violence," Braun said. "We are asking anyone that needs shelter services to call on the crisis line for instructions

on accessing our temporary location."

The agency will be closed for brief period of time between March 28 and April 1, but the crisis line will be maintained at 1-877-977-0007.

Shelter director Ang Braun said they expect the renovations to take between four to six months.

The temporary shelter is about a quarter of the size of their current location, which means they will be moving some programming to other sites in town.

"We will need to make use of our partnerships in the community to find a home for our programs, counselling services," she said.

And while they will have fewer beds—about 10 beds versus the 16 they normally have—they will do everything in their power to ensure

people in need are able to stay in the area when seeking shelter.

"We're going to do our best to do all our work here still," Braun said.

This is by far the largest renovation at the facility since it was built in 1994. Funding for the project comes from the provincial government's Domestic Violence Initiatives announced last November.

Braun noted that recent smaller renovations at the shelter funded by local groups and businesses—including upgrades to the counselling rooms—won't be affected by this project.

She also added that they hope to add a few other items to the to-do list, including improved soundproofing throughout the building and a more open layout in the shared kitchen.

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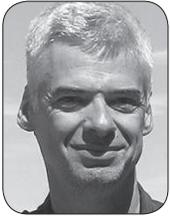
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Preparing for the onslaught

With the advent of warmer temperatures, the breezes and increased sunshine are deceptive heralds of a darker army preparing to march forth from their hidden abodes to overwhelm us and all of our spring-time preparations.

The very thought of these minions of evil sends chills deep into my bones.

Of course I am talking about the impending explosion of squirrels throughout our fair and still silent wooded communities.



By Peter Cantelon

The furry fiends (or Tree Rats as they are called by those in the know) will come without warning en masse and they will not come quietly. No, not even Hadrian's Wall or the Great Wall of China could stop them.

Now some of you might be thinking "but their just cute, harmless little squirrels. How bad can they be?"

That's what they want you to think. Don't be deceived. They spend their spare time watching you and yours from afar, plotting to wreak havoc on your life.

Has your internet been slow lately? Maybe the local squirrels have diverted a wire or two to the nearby tree for their own entertainment, leeching off our hard earned dollars like the nut scavenging free-loaders they are.

Had a flat tire in the past? Sometimes squirrels like to let the air out of them for laughs. One will keep watch while the other uses its perfectly shaped little paws to unscrew the cap and depress the pin inside.

You know those missing socks from the dryer? It is a known fact that squirrels will sneak into your dryer at night through the vent where they seek out socks—one or three or five,

always an odd number, to secret back to their nests where they use them as filters for the coffee they steal from your kitchen (Chock Full o' Nuts is their favorite blend). They also come in handy as sleeping bags and hammocks for the little ones.

While they appear chaotic and prone to attack one another, this is just cover for a highly organized and networked community of very communicative spies.

The next time you are out for a walk or having a picnic, listen carefully to the loud chattering they are directing at you and other squirrels. In the past, recordings have been made and brought back to audio labs to slow down where it became clear they are actually chattering out information about you in a form of Morse Code. Information about the food you have, your vulnerabilities, estimates on how fast you might move should they launch an all-out offensive on your location, and whether there are enough of them nearby to carry off your smaller infants to raise as slaves.

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Letters

Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre needs your help

To the people of Morden and area: The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre is one of the truly unique features of our community. It has brought national and international attention to Morden and has brought visitors from around the world to our area.

In the past year with the unveiling of "Suzy," the release by Canada Post of a stamp featuring "Bruce," and the Guinness World Record for the largest mosasaur on display, the profile of the centre has been greatly enhanced.

The successes of the past year have been positive for the centre and the community. Unfortunately, that does

not translate directly into additional staff for the centre. All the activity and attention have stretched staff resources.

To ensure the visitors to the centre and to our community have a great experience we need to work to maintain the level of activity and make enhancements to the facility and the displays. In order to achieve this we need more resources in the form of volunteers.

Since this is a premier attraction to our community, we believe it is worthy of support. So would you like to become involved? There are many volunteer opportunities available and your interests and talents could

be a real asset to the centre.

Whether you have a few hours a day, a week, or a month to spare, your time would be appreciated. We believe you would feel a great sense of pride being involved in the centre, just as we have!

For information on volunteering at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, call 204-822-3406 or check out the website at www.discoverfossils.com.

Mary Anne Cram, CFDC volunteer coordinator, and volunteers Linda Sprung, Terry Gibson, and Rick Klippenstein.

Letters

> Got something you want to get off your chest? How about an act of kindness to share?

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New Democrats need to be held accountable for 'phoney budget'

The NDP recently tabled a phoney financial report in the Legislature. It's not a budget—it doesn't follow the rules that a full budget would follow and it hides key information that a budget would reveal. But even the NDP could not hide the fact that the deficit projection is now \$773M—up from the original projection of \$422M. That's an increase of \$351M.

Since Selinger became premier, the NDP has done a terrible job of hitting their spending targets, but the NDP gave no indication to Manitobans of the size of the deficit disaster awaiting Manitobans.

Four times the NDP announced and then failed to meet their target date by when they would balance the books. The NDP made a lot of excuses for failing to meet those targets. But this time around, there is no excuse that the NDP can point to—floods, no declining federal transfer payments, sudden interest rate hike, significant decline in tax revenues. No, the disaster that explains this ballooning deficit is the NDP's chronic spending problem.

With a financial result this bad, Manitobans deserve greater scrutiny of the province's finances, not less. Yet by not tabling a full budget, the NDP is hiding the true extent of their financial mismanagement

from Manitobans. (What assurances do Manitobans have that the deficit might not go to one billion dollars before the year is out on March 31st?)

At the end of the day, it is Manitobans who pay the price for this NDP government's soaring deficits with

more money going to debt servicing costs and less money available for healthcare, education and the other frontline services we rely on.

A \$773M deficit is just the latest confirmation that the NDP is a failed government with a failed plan. It's time

for the PC Party with a better plan for a better Manitoba.

Cameron Friesen, PC Candidate for Morden-Winkler

Daffodil Days a big success thanks to donors, volunteers

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 \$7,700 was raised, which equals 1,000-plus bunches.

Thanks for being part of the Bunch and joining the society and it's 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 2016, Daffodil Day will be Wednesday, 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 loved ones lost to cancer. This badge will be available by donation only and can be found in the "Join the Fight" blue boxes at various Morden and

area businesses during the month of April.

Special thanks to our team of approx. 30 volunteers who canvas, sell and deliver the daffodils year after year. And to the Morden 55+ Activity Centre for being the "home" of the annual Daffodil Days Campaign.

Thanks a bunch for every bunch!

Lois Dudgeon, rural coordinator

Thank you to Winkler, Plum Coulee residents

A big thank you to the businesses and residents of Winkler for their continued support of the Canadian Cancer Society by joining the fight against cancer and buying daffodils in March. We sold about 1,040 bunches and together with donations we

raised \$7,350.

Special thanks to our team of volunteers who sell the daffodils year after year. And to Winkler Co-op, Wal-Mart, and Superstore for allowing us to use your facilities for our Daffodil Days campaign.

Also a big thank you thank you to Plum Coulee for joining us by selling daffodils in their town as well.

Nettie Friesen, rural coordinator

Spreading the hobby, hearing the stories

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"The grain trucks would take me about eight hours because it's a matter of taking a regular truck, expanding the frame, building it all up, putting in the driveshaft and all that. It takes a little more time."

Cost varies, as well, depending on

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

As to the hierarchy, it is the red squirrels that rule the roost as effective military leaders while the grays are used for the heavy lifting and front line infantry. Thankfully the eastern black squirrels have not made their way this far west because

the project.

"It's just a hobby. It's not a money making business for me," said Vodon. "That's the way I look at it."

"I've gone to other shows ... guys have tried to duplicate this ... and they're asking twice what I'm asking."

"I feel better selling it knowing it's a hobby. I want to spread the hobby, not kill the hobby by charging too

they are near mad with a desire for power. You do not want to get caught in the middle between rampaging black squirrels and entrenched reds and grays intent upon defending their land (trust me).

Yes, it won't be long before the

much."

As well, he simply finds pleasure in helping people find what they need.

"People make connections with it. You get to hear their stories."

Organizers of the toy show didn't have any firm numbers as of press time, but proceeds from the event are earmarked for the Katie's Cottage respite home and the reha-

treetop marauders unleash themselves upon us.

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Ching to step up as SCRL's head librarian

By Lorne Stelmach

A familiar face is taking charge of the South Central Regional Library this summer.

With over 25 years of experience working in libraries, Cathy Ching takes over as director of library services from the retiring Mary Toma this June.

Currently in charge of technical services, Ching has been working alongside Toma for years, so she feels she has had lots of opportunity to prepare for this responsibility.

"I am quite familiar with the daily behind the scenes part," she said. "The public [spokesperson] part is something that's going to be a new challenge. I'm quite looking forward to that."

Ching was a branch librarian in Morden for nine years before going to work in administration at the Winkler library for the past two and a half years.

"When I was the branch librarian in Morden, I really enjoyed working with the public, so it's going to be

nice to get back to that," she said. "As much as I enjoy my current job, I miss the people part of it."

In addition to growing the SCRL collection and services, Ching stressed that the job is also very much about "getting people in and excited about the library."

"We have so many people in the community who still don't know that their library card is free. So how are we missing these people?" she said. "That's one of the things I would like to look into ... how do we get people to realize you don't have to be a reader to have a library card? You can listen to audio books and there's movies or computer time."

"Regular users know about us, but there's other people who don't."

Ching said she would like to reach out to more people and create the kind of environment that feels like your favourite coffee shop.

"Make sure that atmosphere is in all the libraries ... that kind of atmosphere that might make you want to stay."

Ching said she does feel well posi-

Cathy Ching has been named director of library services for the South Central Regional Library as of at the end of June, taking over from the retiring Mary Toma.

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tioned to step into the role, but acknowledged there will still be a bit of a learning curve.

"It's not going to be simple. Mary's promised me she's not going too far away, so I'm thinking we're going to have a lot of consultations for the next year," she said.

Ching also said that she looks forward to spending time in all of the SCRL branches in Altona, Winkler, Morden, and Miami.

"As much as I know the staff, it's going to be fun to be able to spend time with them," she said.

Winkler United Way campaign raises \$115K

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and District United Way continued its upward trend with its 2015 campaign.

The community canvass brought in a total of \$115,000—up about \$5,000 from last year, said board president Lori Penner.

"A big thank you to all that were involved, everyone who donated, vol-

unteered," she said.

This year's donations are now en route to 20 different non-profit organizations that make a difference in the lives of Winkler area residents.

That includes supporting charities such as Genesis House, the Winkler and District Food Cupboard, and South Central Cancer Resource, non-profits like the Winkler and Northlands day care centres and the Win-

kler Bible Camp, and funding things like volunteer program coordinator positions at Salem Home and Eden or the palliative care program at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, to name just a few.

"We've really focused on local, community organizations where people can see how that money is impacting our own community," Penner said. "We're hitting mental health, we are hitting health and poverty and seniors ... we try to hit a lot of targets."

Though the United Way once again didn't hit its annual goal of \$125,000, Penner is confident they'll get there one year soon as community support continues to grow.

"The community recognizes that they can give to one and then we spread it out to all," she said, "and that their money is staying in the community and helping the community. It's a super grassroots organization, really. It is only about community."

While United Way agencies in smaller communities across the province have been forced to shut down in recent years, Winkler's is still go-

ing strong, Penner pointed out, and the board intends to keep it that way.

But they need your help to do so. The agency is looking for new board members for the 2016 campaign.

"We would like to find three new board members this year," Penner said. "It's not a lot of commitment, but it's enough that you feel like you are making a difference."

The board meets nine times a year to plan for the fall campaign and then distribute the donations.

If you're interested in getting involved, contact her at 204-325-6321.

That's also the number to call if you're a business owner who would like information about introducing payroll charitable deductions to your company.

Several local companies have begun offering that option to their staff, Penner said, and it's been very well-received.

"Monarch, Integra, Royal Bank, and CIBC have really done a smashing job of getting their employees on with that," she said, "and it's just been a really great gift to us."

Winkler woman killed in head-on Hwy. 3 crash

A 54-year-old woman from Winkler was killed in a head-on collision on Hwy. 3 last week.

Carman RCMP were called to the crash near Road 17N in the RM of Stanley just before 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15.

The woman was killed after her car

collided with a pick-up truck. The driver of the truck, a Winkler man, was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Police continue to investigate the cause of the crash. No further details were available at press time.

The victim's name was not released.



At the International Women's Day presentation last week, speaker Peggy Penner (right) shared the challenges she's overcome and encouraged her audience (left) to "support, love, and encourage each other."

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An evening of empowerment

By Lorne Stelmach

Peggy Penner can seemingly talk easily and openly about the tragedies and challenges she's faced in her life.

Perhaps that is because she chooses to overcome them all and continually move on in life rather than dwell on the troubles she's faced.

That was the message that Penner brought to an International Women's Day presentation in Morden March 15 sponsored by the chamber of commerce.

We all face adversity and can have our hopes and dreams dashed, she said at the Empowerment event held at the Boston Pizza lounge.

"Everybody in this room has a story they can share," said Penner, who went on to stress that

we can all use our stories to help, encourage, and inspire others.

Penner's own life challenges included a fire that destroyed her home and a car accident that killed her first husband, leaving her suddenly faced with raising their children on her own.

"I thought about giving up," she said, adding, however, that loving family and friends helped her pull through.

"Most of all, I had my faith," she said.

A number of years later, Penner met the man who would become her second husband, and he had overcome a tragedy of his own.

His first wife and youngest son were shot to death in 1980 by a mentally ill neighbour who had gone off his medications. The neighbour

was later found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Penner's husband made the brave choice to forgive and forget.

"It was about letting go of the bitterness and hatred," she said.

There are so many challenges that we all face, Penner said, be it the death of a family member, abuse, divorce, or poor health.

"The list is really endless, but I really truly believe we make the choice to persevere. I could move on and chose to move on.

"I can make that choice to persevere," she said, encouraging everyone in attendance to find the strength "to support, love and encourage each other."

"I REALLY TRULY BELIEVE WE MAKE THE CHOICE TO PERSEVERE ..."

WCF puts out call for Citizen of the Year noms

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A community lives or dies on the involvement (or lack thereof) of its residents.

That's why recognizing the value of those people who step up in ways both big and small to make our home a better place is so important, says the Winkler Community Foundation's Myra Peters.

"They're not out there to be recognized. They're out there because they care," she says. "They're passionate about a cause, want to see change happen, want to make a difference ... they put their heart and souls into it."

These people may not do it for recognition, Peters adds, but they certainly deserve it.

With that in mind, the foundation has put out a call for nominations for the 2016 Citizen of the Year award.

It's an honour they can't hand out without your help.

"We definitely need community members to step up and nominate," Peters stresses. "It's a great opportunity to thank an individual for all that

they've done, but we depend on the community to bring those names forward."

Nominations will be accepted through to June 7. The award will be presented at the Citizen of the Year

banquet on Sept. 29.

Forms and nomination information are available at www.winklercommunityfoundation.com or at the foundation office in City Hall.

Let the campaigning begin

Writ dropped, Manitoba voters head to polls April 19

We've all known it's been coming, but now it's official: the writs for Manitoba's 41st general election were issued last week, kicking off a 34-day election campaign.

Manitobans will head to the polls on Tuesday, April 19.

Candidates have until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29 to file their nomi-

nation papers with Elections Manitoba.

In Morden-Winkler, Conservative incumbent Cameron Friesen has made clear his intention to run for re-election for a second term in office.

Going up against him will be the NDP's Elizabeth Lynch, Ben Bawdon for the Liberals, and the Green Par-

ty's Mike Urichuk.

Check out future editions of the *Voice* for profiles of all the candidates vying for your vote.

You can also hear from them yourself at the all-candidates forum scheduled to take place in Winkler at J.R. Walkof School on April 6 at 7 p.m.

Elks lottery raises \$14K for local projects

By Lorne Stelmach

A local service organization's fundraising project was a win-win for all involved.

The Cash is King lottery of the Elks Lodge of Morden not only awarded its winner \$20,000 recently, but also raised \$14,000 in support of community projects.

A portion of the funds goes to Boundary Trails Health Centre to help purchase an infant stabilization unit, while another portion goes to the City of Morden for a new floating diving platform at Lake Minnewasta.

The Elks changed the draw to a cash prize this year after previously offering prizes such as a new Polaris quad last year.

"It's been a very good fundraiser. It's the third one that we've done now," said Rob Dudgeon, committee chairperson.

He noted it so far has done consistently well for them, having brought in as much as just over \$15,000 one year.

"It works pretty well for us. It's our most significant fundraiser now."

This year's grand prize winners were Cam Holenski and Katherine Hiebert of Darlingford.

The second prize of \$2,000 went to Greg Shiller of Morden. The third prize of \$1,000 was presented to Dennis Macklin and Bruce Rae of Morden.

Two early bird draws of \$1,000 each were won by Della Duncan of Mor-



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The Morden Elks' Rob Dudgeon presents Cam Holenski and Katherine Hiebert of Darlingford with the \$20,000 grand prize from the Cash is King lottery.

den and Mario Menard.

Dudgeon said the Elks are grateful to the community for its continued support of their fundraising efforts.

Their next fundraising event will take place in June with the annual Lobster Fest. Tickets for will be available from Elks Lodge members.

New school high on Western SD wish list

By Lorne Stelmach

Western School Division officials hope this could be the year they finally check off a major item on their wish list.

A new school for Morden continues to be the top priority on the division's five year capital plan, which is being updated and submitted again to the Manitoba government.

The plan actually includes not only a new school in the short term but a second school as well in the longer term.

Superintendent Stephen Ross said they will still need to determine whether the first new school will be a K-4 or K-8 configuration.

Somewhere along the way, he said, there will be community consultation as the division weighs "what makes most sense to us when you look at the growth of the community."

If the division was approved for a new K-8 school, "that could alleviate pressure in all the K to 8 grades.

"Then, as that school filled up, we would hope to get our second new school, and that one could be a K-4, and then we could make the transition ... and have two middle schools."

Ross said they are looking at not only what would make the most economical sense, but also the most effective way to meet the educational needs.

The enrolment pressure on Morden schools has been building for quite some time, Ross said.

"The numbers are starting to push up into the middle school now and creating more pressure there," he said.

"So we did request new portables both last year and this year, and we have not been approved again," he added. "So what I think that tells us, hopefully, is that we're getting closer to that final big announcement instead of kind of nickel and diming."

He didn't see a potential change in the provincial government having an impact, as he suggested ma-

ior announcements like a new school would supercede politics.

"We know the treasury board has been very aware of our need for quite some time," Ross noted. "It would be quite unlikely there would be radical change ... because they have been long planned projects.

"The message I continue to hear from government is it's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when," he added. "So that is encouraging for us and for the community."

Meanwhile, the capital plan also prioritizes new construction for the new piping trades program as part of the Red River Technical Vocational

Area. The division had submitted an application for a building in relation to that program already in the past, but had not been approved.

"We've done a lot of talking to government since, and they really like this project," said Ross. "So we're very hopeful that, once the election is over ... that we will get approval on this particular project."

Other capital priorities include proposed additions to both École Morden Middle School and Morden Collegiate.

"We would rather not have por-

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Western SD passes \$19.8M budget

By Lorne Stelmach

Western School Division will spend seven per cent more on education in the coming year.

Trustees gave final approval at their March 14 meeting to a \$19.86 million budget for the 2016-17 school year.

Boosted by a 3.9 per cent increase in total provincial funding, the division set the total special levy at \$8.3 million, which represents a mill rate of 15.99 and is a decrease of 1.44 mills from the 2015 mill rate of 17.43.

The impact on tax bills will vary since 2016 is a reassessment year.

A homeowner with a \$250,000 property assessment that rises by 10 per cent to \$275,000 will see an increase of \$17.88 on their education taxes.

Similarly, a business with property valued at \$500,000 with a 10 per cent assessment increase to \$550,000 will see a tax hike of \$32.18.

Hardest hit will be farmland. Farm property assessed previously at \$800,000 with a 38 per cent jump in reassessment to \$1.1 million would

see a tax increase of \$964.33.

The division is projecting a net surplus of \$134,158 with an accumulated surplus that will increase to 2.95 per cent of operating expenditures from the current year projection of 2.44 per cent.

The budget included minor changes from the draft plan first presented in February. Trustees said they aimed to balance the pressures of enrolment growth with the need for fiscal responsibility.

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Local strings students perform

Trey Hamm performed a Grade 4 level Sonata in the solo violin category as the strings session of the 2016 Morden Festival of the Arts concluded March 15 at the Church of God. Entries in this section were up from 137 participants last year to 160 this year, including 22 beginners. The festival continued with its sacred evening of music on Sunday and then the piano sessions throughout this week. After a short break, it returns with the vocal/choral sessions April 13-14, speech arts April 26-27, and the Hi-lites concert on May 1 featuring the top young performers from all the sessions.

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Coulee Fireman's Ball raises funds for Jaws of Life

By Lorne Stelmach

Community support helped the Plum Coulee fire department take a big step toward getting a vital piece of new equipment.

A sold-out crowd of about 200 people enjoyed the Plum Coulee Fireman's Ball March 19.

"We had a lot of support from the local businesses, and the attendance was fantastic," said Fire Chief Tony Fehr on Monday. "It was a sell out crowd, and everyone had a good time."

They were uncertain as of yet how much money the evening had raised, but Fehr suggested it will have gotten them a good way toward their goal.

"This year we're raising funds for a battery-operated Jaws of Life," said Fehr, who estimated they would need around \$40,000 to purchase the device. "We won't raise that in one night, but this definitely puts a big dent in our fundraising effort."

The ball included a meal, dance, and entertainment from magician/comedian Wes Barker. There were also a wide range of prizes up for auction. The department also presented 15 year service awards to Fehr and firefighters Ben Theissen and Dave Willey at the event.

Now in its 12th year, the ball began small as a simple community function, Fehr said, but has since grown larger every year and become a major fundraiser for the department.

"A lot of it is public relations ... we

get to see people on a good night as opposed to on their worst day," he said.

"We really enjoy dealing with the community," Fehr added. "I've got a group of 18 guys who are all gung-ho

for doing things in the community. We run different events throughout the year, like a rodeo at Plum Fest. We try to get involved as much as we can." Fehr said they were grateful to the community for its support and partic-

ularly to the businesses that donated prizes for the evening.

"Thank you to all of the local businesses and support that we get," he said. "It's been overwhelming."

> WSD CAPITAL PLAN, FROM PG. 10

tables now ... we would rather be moving towards permanent construction ... whether that means schools or, in some instances, even permanent additions," Ross said. "A part of the long range plan has been a couple permanent additions on the east side of the middle school. We see the need for probably two additional classrooms there."

They are also looking at the northwest corner of Morden Collegiate to make use of a small piece of land near the most recent addition.

"The long range plan there was to build three more classrooms in that corner," said Ross.

Overall, he suggested the division had a sound capital plan for both the short and long term that ties in

well with the growth and development of the city.

"With the city having a very aggressive plan to continue to grow, we think we're pretty well positioned with our requests. We think we're doing a pretty decent job of projecting what we will need."

> WSD BUDGET, FROM PG. 10

The largest area of expenditure for the division is salary costs, which total about \$14.6 million and represent about 75 per cent of the budget.

Areas getting increases for the 2016-17 school year include student support services, community education, administration, transportation, and operations and maintenance.

The budget supports a number of programs and initiatives, including:

- A new RRTVA piping trades vocational program which will be offered in the second semester.

- A new project-based learning initiative, including the development of targeted learning environments to better meet student needs.

- Implementation of academic dual credits for high school students, which will allow them to receive university credits while attending Morden Collegiate.

- Support of technology in the classroom by expanding last year's iPad project in the early years to Gr. 5 classrooms at École Morden Middle School.

- Preparations for a new school,

including a reserve fund for connecting the schools with fibre optic cable.

There is also additional support for staffing areas, including working towards the 20K3 initiative, two additional classroom positions at ÉMMS to deal with increasing enrolment, an increase in resource teacher time throughout the division, an increase in occupational and physiotherapy supports, and additional support staff time at Minnewasta School due to increasing enrolment.



Gallery Chili Bowl night raises \$1,200

By Bree Riley

Centre last Friday for the annual Chili Bowl fundraiser.

The mood was festive as people gathered at the Pembina Hills Arts

The St. Patrick's Day themed evening featured music and a tasty sup-



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The Pembina Hills Art Centre's Chili Bowl fundraiser was a big success last Friday, raising \$1,200 for arts programming. Left: Volunteers were all smiles serving up chili to 72 guests. Above: Diners got to choose a bowl custom-made by local artists to take home with them. Bottom left: Tin Heart provided the evening's musical entertainment.

per of chili served in custom-made bowls, which guests got to take home with them after finishing their meal.

The fundraiser offers a great opportunity for people to socialize and enjoy a hot meal together—all while supporting the gallery, said organizer Margie Hildebrand.

"It was a great success," she said, noting 72 people came out and the event raised about \$1,200, which will all go "to help ... keep programming

going."

Hildebrand explained that even though the gallery receives grants for their arts programming, they still need to do a certain amount of fundraising every year, and the Chili Bowl night is always a favourite event amongst local arts supporters.

The evening also featured music from Morden's Tin Heart, a folk trio composed of Ryan Schroeder, Donny Adri Putro, and Mark Friesen.

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Above: Lakes and Pines performed to a packed, standing room only audience March 16 at the Pembina Hills Arts Centre in downtown Morden. Right: Gallery administrative co-ordinator Krista Walters' daughter Rosalie got a bit of a violin demonstration and lesson from band member Florian Lassing during the intermission.

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Retirement saving for late bloomers

Today's young professionals hear about the importance of saving for retirement seemingly from the moment they are hired. In addition to discussions with human resources personnel about employer-sponsored retirement plans, young professionals are learning about the importance of saving for retirement thanks to the abundance of financial-planning advertisements on television, the radio and the Internet.

Older workers may not have been so lucky, and many may find themselves trying to play catch up as retirement age draws closer. While it's important to begin saving for retirement as early as possible, late bloomers whose retirement dates are nearing can still take steps to secure their financial futures.

· Pay down debts. Eliminating debt is good for men and women of all ages, but especially so for those nearing retirement. Substantial debt may delay your retirement and can greatly reduce your quality of life during retirement. If you still have substantial debt, eliminate that debt before

you start saving additional money for retirement. Once your debt slate has been wiped clean, you can then increase your retirement contributions.

· Eliminate unnecessary expenses. If your retirement savings are low (many financial advisors now advise men and women that they will need at least 60 percent of their pre-retirement income each year they are retired), start cutting back on unnecessary expenses and reallocate that money toward retirement saving. Cutting out luxury items, such as vacations to exotic locales or country club memberships, is one way to save money. But don't overlook the simpler ways to save, such as canceling your cable subscription or dining at home more often.

· Downsize your home. Many empty nesters downsize their homes as retirement nears, and doing so can help you save a substantial amount of money. If the kids no longer live at home or if you simply have more space than you will need after retirement, downsize to a smaller, less expensive home. Monitor the real estate market before you decide to downsize so you can be sure to get the best deal on your current home.

Downsizing saves on monthly utility bills, property taxes and a host of additional expenses. Downsizing also means less maintenance, which gives you more time to pursue your hobbies upon retiring.

· Take on some additional work. While you may have long felt you would slowly wind down in the years immediately preceding retirement, taking on some additional work outside of your current job is a great way to save more for retirement and perhaps even lay the foundation for a post-retirement career. Workers over the age of 50 can be invaluable resources to startups or other businesses looking for executives who have been there, done that. Look for part-time jobs that seek such experience. Even if the initial jobs don't bowl you over financially, part-time consultant work in retirement can make up for lost retirement savings and may even make your retirement years more fulfilling.

Men and women on the verge of retirement can take many steps to grow their retirement savings and make their golden years that much more enjoyable.

Interesting ways to enjoy travel

Research indicates that traveling is at the top of the list of interests motivating today's men and women over the age of 50.

Seniors are perhaps the most likely demographic to indulge their love of traveling. Retirement leaves lots of time for recreation, and many choose to spend that time on the road. Travel also can be improve adult longevity, says geriatricians at the University of Arkansas.

Those in the travel industry understand that men and women over 50 comprise a large percentage of their customers and have catered many travel packages toward this influential demographic. The following is a look at some of the more popular travel opportunities for men and women over 50.

· Genealogical tourism: This is

one of the fastest-growing markets in vacation travel. Genealogical tourism involves individuals traveling to areas of historical significance for their families, such as churches where past relatives may have married and villages where grandparents or cousins once resided or were employed. This can create a tangible link to one's past and open up more opportunities to learn the varied genealogical history that has shaped a family, and even one's personal identity.

· Extended vacations: Seniors may have the capacity to devote more time to travel and not be caged in by strict time constraints. That makes them eligible for extended vacations. These can include long-term rentals in tropical locales, several-week sightseeing cruises or guided tours overseas

that touch on several different countries or cities during the trip.

· Off the beaten path: Adventurous travelers may not be content to stick to the resort lifestyle or standard vacation options. Active men and women over 50 are charting their own vacation courses with bucket list-style vacations that may be off the beaten path. Travelers who have always aspired to climb a mountain or see a rain forest may be inclined to realize these goals as they get older. Nontraditional tours can include living like indigenous peoples or following the footsteps of early explorers.

· All-inclusive tours: All-inclusive packages remain a popular option for travelers of all ages. These vacation packages charge one price for accommodations, entertainment, sightseeing, food,

and many other amenities. All-inclusive vacations remove some of the headaches associated with organizing various components of travel so that a person can focus on relaxation and having fun.

· Singles meets: Single vacationers over 50 may want to meet other men or women in their age bracket in the hopes of finding romance. These vacations double as relationship mixers and give men and women the opportunity to mingle with others in similar situations without the pressure of traditional dating.

Travel is a way to see the world, meet new people and experience various cultures. Seniors increasingly embrace travel because they have both the time and the means to take vacations.

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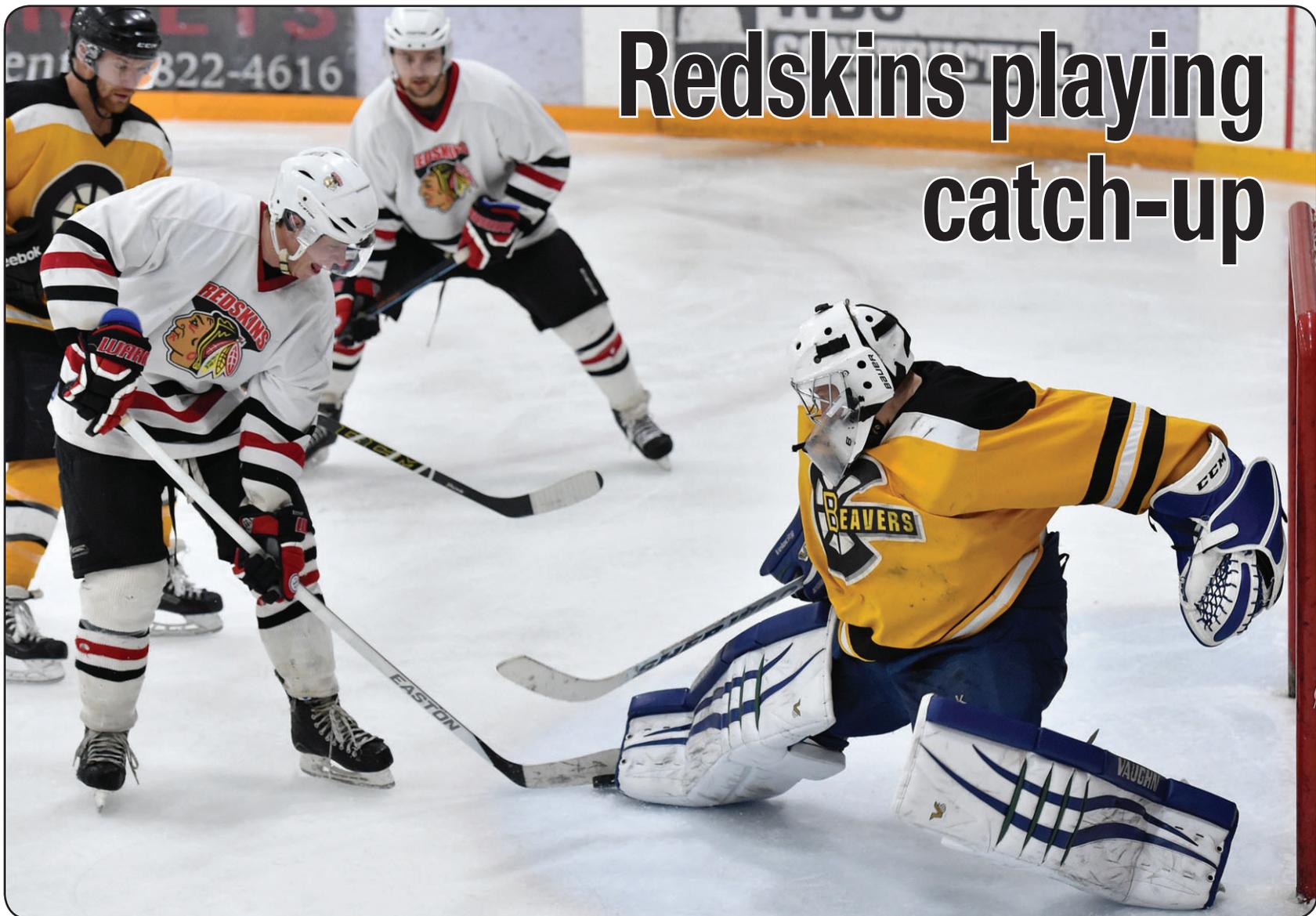
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Redskins playing catch-up



Carman Beavers goal tender Steve Christie stretches to make this toe save on the tip-in attempt by Clint Olson, but Morden's Chris Reimer would score on the rebound seconds later in the March 17 championship game. Carman got the win 8-5. After also winning game three two nights later, Carman had a 2-1 series lead heading into Tuesday's game.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Redskins were playing

catch-up Tuesday against the Carman Beavers after falling behind 2-1 in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey

League championship finals.

The best-of-seven series kicked off on a high note for the Redskins on March 15.

Goals from Clint Olson, Tyler Groening, Graham Leiding, and Ryan Funk drowned out the two Carman snuck past Reed Peters in net (43 saves overall) to give Morden the win 4-2.

The wheels fell off the Redskins' cart, though, in games two and three.

Playing before a hometown crowd on March 17, Morden just about kept pace with the Beavers in the opening frame as Chris Reimer and Steven Mullin followed up on Carman goals to keep their team in the game 3-2.

There, Carman scored four goals in quick succession, while Morden's Leiding lit up the net once to make it 7-3 heading into the final period.

Chris Reimer and Kelby Friesen started to chip away at the Beavers' lead, but it wasn't quite enough, and the Beavers added one more besides on an empty net for the 8-5 win.

Before he was yanked for the man-on advantage in the final minutes of

the game, Peters made 22 saves in net as the Redskins outshot the Beavers 43-30.

Saturday's game three was a much closer affair.

Period one ended in a 1-1 draw, with Morden drawing first blood nine minutes in thanks to a goal from Keith Bially.

Carman made it 2-1 in the second, scoring an unanswered goal seven minutes in.

Period three saw Morden's Jay Fehr tie things up midway through, but then Carman pulled ahead again with a goal three minutes later. Despite pulling their goalie, Morden was unable to get that goal back, and the Beavers scored on the empty net with 12 seconds to go to take the game 4-2.

The series continued Tuesday in Morden with game four. Results were not available at press time.

Game five is tonight in Carman, while games six and seven, if necessary, take place Saturday and Tuesday.

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Special O athletes bring home the hardware

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local Special Olympics athletes came home from the Winter Games in Newfoundland earlier this month with a stack of medals in tow.

Winkler's Valerie Marshall, Morden's Chrissy Peters, and Altona's Andrew Dyck, Taylor Friesen, and Valerie Delorme all competed in snowshoeing at the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook March 1-6.

Friesen clinched gold in the 100 metre race, Delorme brought home silver in the 200m and 100m races and bronze in the 400m, Andrew Dyck earned silver in the 100m, Peters won silver in both the 200m and 100m events, and Marshall brought back bronze in the 200m race.

Manitoba snowshoers contributed 18 medals to our province's tally of 38 medals in all, said coach Sabrina Klassen.

"And Central Region got eight of

those. They did well," she said, noting the athletes worked very hard this winter to prepare for the Games, including training regularly with local strength and conditioning coach Chuck Williams.

"We did some endurance training, power training, footwork and agility," Williams said. "I train professional athletes in general, so I took these athletes and saw what they had and pushed them a little. And they were successful. I'm proud of them."

The athletes are quite proud of themselves, as well, and say the trip out east was a lot of fun both on the competition course and off.

Friesen urges those with intellectually abilities to consider giving Special Olympics a try.

"If people are wanting to join, I'd say join. It's the best thing to do," she said. "You open up more ... and you get to meet different people from different parts of the province and Canada. You get to travel."



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The Central Region was well represented on Team Manitoba at the Special Olympics Winter Games. From left: Coach Sabrina Klassen with athletes Taylor Friesen, Andrew Dyck, Valerie Marshall, and Chrissy Peters and conditioning coach Chuck Williams. Missing is athlete Valerie Delorme.

"It's a fun event," added Peters of the Games themselves. "It's good to compete against athletes from other provinces. [You] get to meet them, get to know who they are."

Marshall, who had the distinction of

being Team Manitoba's oldest member and also one of its flag bearers, agreed, noting she always enjoys the chance to "travel far away" to compete.

GVC wrestlers clinch gold, bronze medals

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Garden Valley Collegiate wrestling team wrapped up their inaugu-

ral season on a high note last weekend.

Eight wrestlers competed in the Manitoba Provincial Wrestling Tour-

namment hosted by Elmwood High School in Winnipeg March 18-19. Seven brought home medals in their respective weight classes.

Bringing home provincial gold were champions Mani Preis and Thomas Froese.

"Preis earned her medal with great defense and locked up the title with two outstanding double leg take

downs," says coach Jacob Sailer. "Froese pinned both the silver and bronze medalists to take home the gold."

Bronze medal winners included Terry Wall, Taya Wiebe, Ayla Reimer, Jasmine Wolfe, and Joana Klassen.

GVC's female wrestlers took second overall on the female side of the competition, finishing behind the team from West Kildonan.

Canucks force game seven

By Lorne Stelmach

A seventh and deciding game Tuesday was determining if the playoff series would end with a comeback from the Pembina Valley Twisters or a come-from-behind victory for the St. James Canucks.

The Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League quarter-final is going the distance after St. James fought from three games down to even it at three apiece this past week.

St. James staved off elimination with two third period goals to win game four 3-2 and cut Pembina Valley's se-

ries lead to 3-1. They then followed a solid 4-1 in game five Friday with a nail-biting 6-5 overtime victory Sunday.

In game four, Corey Mazinke's unassisted effort in the first period sent the teams to the dressing room tied at one. David Remi then connected for a shorthanded marker at 18:06 of the second to give the Twisters a 2-1 margin.

Pembina Valley, however, gave up a powerplay goal at 10:12 of the third to leave it tied at two. St. James then got



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The GVC wrestling team with their medals. Back row, from left: Terry Wall, coach Pete Becker, Thomas Froese, coach Jake Sailer, Amanda Rempel. Front row, from left: Hannah Doerksen, Mani Preis, Joana Klassen, Taya Wiebe and Ayla Reimer. Missing: Dominick Hildebrand.

PV Storm take third

The Pembina Valley Storm atom team returned home from the Parkland Cup tournament in Dauphin with a bronze medal in tow, beating out teams from Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The team, which is made up of players from the Morden-Winkler-Carman area, finished second in their pool in the round robin, downing the Moose Mountain Drillers 4-1 and then falling to the Southwest Attack 4-0. The Storm then bested the Central Plains Wild 10-0 in the quarter-finals, fell to the Southwest Jets 3-2 in overtime in the semi-finals, and beat the Mountain 7-3 in the bronze medal game. On the team are: (back row, from left) Rhett Perrin, Tyson Froese, Nicolas Wiebe, Raiden Legall, Brooks Merasty, Liam Goertzen, (middle row) Ethan Wilde, Charlie Hill, Ben Chornomydz, Lane Apperley, Cole Patenaude, Rhett Mestdagh, Acoyen Fehr, and (front row) Bryson Yaschyshyn.

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Disc golf league starts second season April 5

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a successful first go at it last summer, the Pembina Valley Discers are back for their second season of league play.

The league kicks off the first of two sessions next month at the Winkler Parkland and Stanley Park disc golf courses.

Disc golf is similar to traditional golf except that you use specially designed frisbee discs instead of golf balls and you aim for large baskets instead of holes in the ground.

The Discers' inaugural season in

2015 drew about a dozen people each week, and organizer Andrew Vanden Berg hopes to see that grow this year.

"This year we're kind of making it more informal. Anybody can come join us Tuesday nights, even if they're not in the league," he says. "If you want to just come out and play, great. Come on down and we'll give you some discs to use if you don't have them."

For league participants, whose weekly scores will count toward standings and season-end awards, registration is \$20 per session, with a discount of \$10 for those who sign

up for both the spring and summer rounds. There are also optional weekly fees of \$1 for an ace pot.

The spring league runs April 5 to June 7. The summer league then gets underway June 14 and runs to Aug. 16.

The disc golf courses have been set up in the area for a few years now, and the sport has been steadily growing in popularity.

"There's definitely been an increase in interest and in usage. I live across the street from the Parkland course and during the summer the chains [on the holes] are crashing all the time," says Vanden Berg. "It's a sport that everyone can play ... that the whole family can enjoy."

The Discers hope to make improvements to the Stanley Park course this summer.

"It's an 18 hole course, but three baskets are used twice, so we'd like to get some new baskets in there to change that," says Vanden Berg.

Improvements to the Parkland course—which offers nine baskets run through twice for 18 holes—is a bit more up in the air until the city confirms its plans for the Winkler arena expansion into that area.

"There's a long tee and a short tee in Winkler, and I don't think very many people realize that. We'd like to put

tee boxes in," Vanden Berg says, adding they also hope to get a map put up to clarify the course's layout.

Maps of both courses are available on the Pembina Valley Community Disc Golf Facebook page. The Stanley course also has sign up on site.

The Facebook page also has the details for both the league and the upcoming Pembina Valley Open tournament in Stanley Park on May 7.

"Last year was the first year we ran that and the response was phenomenal," says Vanden Berg. "We had about 21, 22 people play ... this year I'm hoping to see about 40 people."

Last year's event was a two-day tournament, but this summer they're scaling it back to just one day in the hopes of attracting more out-of-towners.

"My dream is to have this event eventually attract over 50, 60, eventually 100 people," Vanden Berg says, noting the tournament is PDGA sanctioned, so the points earned count towards golfers' scores on the international pro circuit.

For more information on Pembina Valley Discers, contact Vanden Berg at pvdiscgolf@gmail.com or 204-362-6849.

"ANYBODY CAN COME JOIN US TUESDAY NIGHTS, EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT IN THE LEAGUE."

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the winner just over two minutes later.

Morgan Wall was bested in net this night, making 23 saves for the Twisters as they outshot St. James 30-26.

In game five Friday, the Canucks were backstopped by a solid 37-save performance from goaltender Tyler Wiess as they were outshot 38-25 overall.

Two powerplay goals also made a difference for St. James, as they scored twice each in the second and third periods, while David Remi scored the lone goal for the Twisters in the first.

Game six became a more wide open affair, with shots ending up 52-45 in favour of St. James, who also collected four powerplay goals while the Twisters connect-

ed on three advantage opportunities.

Corey Mazinke scored in the first for the Twisters as they trailed 2-1 at the intermission. Danick Morin, Chad Millar, and Jamie Van der Linde connected in the second to put Pembina Valley up 4-3 after two.

Fraser Mirrlees scored on a powerplay 1:19 into the third to make it 5-3, but the Twisters couldn't hang on as two late Pembina Valley penalties led to the game being tied 5-5 to force overtime.

St. James got the winner, then, 6:25 into the second overtime.

The Twisters had earlier appeared poised to move on to the semi-finals after sweeping the first three games 2-1, 4-1, and 7-6 in overtime.

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Raptor Fest swoops into La Riviere April 9

By Lorne Stelmach

It's become a rite of spring, especially for those who live, work and play in the Pembina Valley region.

The arrival of the birds of prey on their migration then is a fitting cause for celebration with the change of season.

"It's something we all look forward to," said Evelyn Janzen, organizer of the Raptor Festival set for Saturday, April 9 at La Riviere Blair Morrison Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Everybody looks forward to seeing a robin, but down here, you look forward to the hawks and ravens coming back," she said. "Definitely, it's the raptors coming that excites people in the valley."

The fifth annual festival offers a chance to see live birds of prey up close and gain insight into the challenges raptors face in the wild.

Seeing the various species flying overhead festival day depends somewhat on the weather, but Janzen noted "the festival is approximately in the middle of the migration period."

She said it is no question that these magnificent creatures are a real draw for many people.

"Probably it is because once you see them up close, you see how big some of them are or how small ... the bur-

rowing owl, for instance is so tiny ... as compared to a raven or a hawk or a bald eagle. So I think that is what piques the curiosity for people."

That curiosity has led to the festival's steady growth since its inception. Janzen estimated the first year attracted about 125 people and last year had attendance of 500.

In planning for this year, she noted they did surveys of visitors last spring to get a better idea of what they liked most from the event.

"We found out that people are looking for more and more information," she observed.

That was the thought then in bringing out renowned conservationist, ornithologist and wildlife photographer Dr. Christian Artuso as a guest speaker this year.

Artuso has a Ph.D. in environmental science and did his thesis was on the Eastern Screech-Owl. He works for Bird Studies Canada and spends a lot of his time photographing wild birds and animals in their natural habitats.

Another aspect of the festival that people seemed to enjoy were walking tours, so Janzen said they were aiming to again really promote that as well.

"We found out people were very interested in doing that alongside watching for the birds themselves



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Get up close and personal with a host of feathered friends at the La Riviere Raptor Festival, taking place at Blair Morrison Hall on Saturday, April 9.

and doing the bird count ... also just walking through town ... down by the river and down by the bridge."

The guided walking tours will include bird watching with experienced birders led by Paul Goossen.

The photography contest is also back by popular demand, with judge Wayne Benedet and assistant Gloria Wiklund.

The day will also include an art raffle to raise funds to keep the festival free to the public.

And, regardless of the weather, there will be chances to see some amazing birds.

Wildlife Haven, the Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, and the Burrowing Owl Recovery Project will

all be bringing along their feathered ambassadors, including owls, hawks, kestrels, and falcons.

Habitat conservation and environmental concerns are critical to the survival of birds of prey, so the festival will also feature exhibits by the Pembina Valley Conservation District and provincial conservation organizations including Bird Studies Canada, Manitoba Chimney Swift Initiative (MCSI) and Important Bird Area.

Kids will also be entertained with crafts geared to learning about birds thanks to A Rocha Pembina Valley volunteers.

For more information on the Raptor Festival, visit www.pembina.ca.

Shoplifters face charges in Winkler, Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

A Selkirk man is facing numerous charges after being caught not only for thefts in Winkler but for allegedly trying it again in Morden just two days later.

It began March 14 when Real Canadian Superstore called Winkler Police about a shoplifting suspect after a woman was seen leaving the store with unpaid merchandise. When approached, she abandoned the cart

and ran to a van.

Officers found the van and the woman was found hiding under a blanket. She told officers the van belonged to a male friend who was still in the store.

Seized from the van were a range of new items for which the suspect could not provide receipts. The cart the woman abandoned also contained goods valued at almost \$1,000.

A second officer then entered the store to watch for the second suspect.

He was seen leaving the store also with a cart of unpaid goods in his possession worth over \$340.

The woman, 37, from the RM of St. Clements, has been charged with theft under \$5,000 and possession of stolen goods.

The male, age 32, from Selkirk, was released on conditions and charged with theft under \$5,000 and failing to comply with a probation order for being in possession of a knife. In addition, his van was unregistered and

was towed.

Morden Police were then called March 16 when staff at Shoppers Drug Mart discovered items missing after taking inventory.

A photo of the suspect was obtained from video footage, and it was discovered the man had been arrested in Winkler two days earlier for shoplifting.

The man, as a result, is facing an ad-

SSMA helps plant 13 miles of shelterbelts

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Nearly 13 miles of shelterbelt trees were planted last summer thanks in part to the work of the Stanley Soil Management Association.

The non-profit conservation organization reported on a successful year at its annual general meeting on March 17.

That success included selling upwards of 14,500 trees to 50 different landowners in the RM of Stanley, noted technician Richard Warkentin.

"It's a service we provide. Our margin is very slim, but it's good to see people planting trees," he said, noting the association planted about 50 per cent of the 2015 trees themselves, while other landowners opted to tackle the task on their own.

So far, the SSMA has purchased about 7,000 trees for 28 customers for the 2016 spring planting.

The SSMA's shelterbelt planting, maintenance, and awareness program remains one of its chief focuses, Warkentin stressed, and he feels they've made significant headway in impressing upon landowners the importance shelterbelts play when it comes to protecting their fields from the high Prairie winds.

Cared-for shelterbelts increase crop yields, improve crop quality and soil fertility, and also add a great deal of beauty to the rural landscape, Warkentin pointed out.

"When the wind is blowing, they want to plant trees. It's a good thing to do to help control soil, but it's really a good thing to have done 20 years ago," he added, noting that part of his job is not just to encourage new shelterbelts, but also convince people not to bulldoze established ones.

To that end, priority was given to shelterbelt renovation awareness last year. Warkentin met with a number of property owners to discuss ways to improve rather than tear down the aging tree lines separating their fields.

"I think a lot of farmers are catching on, and we like to promote that concept," he said.

Another key initiative for the SSMA is its leafy spurge biological control program, which sees them collect and redistribute certain types of beetles throughout the RM to battle the persistent weed in pastures and roadsides.

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These efforts have proved quite successful, Warkentin said.

"The larvae is the thing that does the damage [to the spurge] below ground ... they attack the roots and burrow holes in the roots and cause other fungi and stuff to get into there and the plant ends up dying," he explained. "We have 17 release sites that we continually monitor every year ... we have eradicated leafy spurge at a few sites."

Even sites where the weed remains have seen huge drops in the number of plant stems over the last decade.

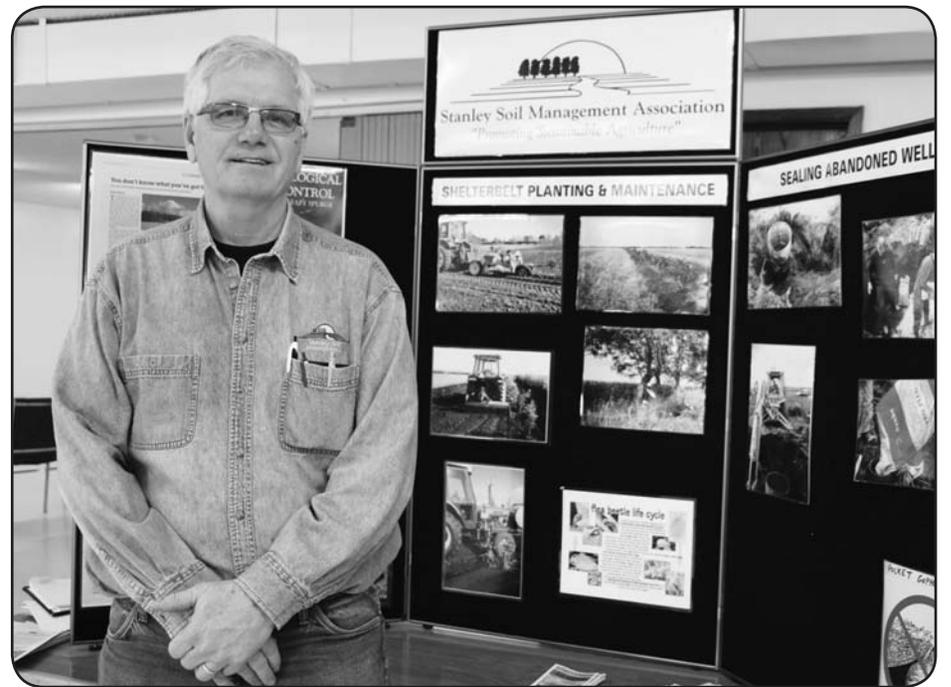


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Stanley Soil Management Association technician Richard Warkentin reported on a busy year at the organization's annual general meeting last week.

Similarly, the association also has its eye on preventing the spread of diffuse knapweed in southern Manitoba.

"It's a weed that is only found in the RM of Stanley throughout all of Manitoba," said Warkentin, explaining that it has been found on two sites just west of Stanley Park. "We scout about 50 acres ... we've been controlling it and keeping it in check."

Their efforts to remove the weed

each summer have led to its removal entirely from the park and have contained it at the other sites.

"But our goal is to eradicate it," Warkentin said. "Every plant we see we remove and destroy."

Warkentin also reported on the success of the SSMA's pocket gopher bounty program (they paid \$1 a tail for 2,266 tails last year) as well as its

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ditional charge of theft.

Other items of note in this week's Winkler and Morden police reports include:

- A Winkler officer on patrol on 3rd Street South March 16 saw a male, not wearing a helmet, riding a small dirt bike on the west sidewalk, going an estimated 50 kph and passing a group of pedestrians.

When the officer activated his lights, the rider looked back and sped away on the sidewalk, turning off and into private yards.

A second officer joined the pursuit on foot. Coordination between the officers tracking the sound of the motorcycle led them to the offender as he rounded the back of a house on 5th Street.

The 19-year-old from Winkler is facing charges for dangerous driving, resisting arrest, driving an unregistered vehicle, driving without a licence, and driving without a helmet.

- Morden police heard screaming in the background when they were

called March 15 by a man who said he was being assaulted by his wife.

Police arrived on scene to speak with the victim, who was visibly intoxicated and denied calling police. The accused then came to the door, holding a beer and visibly intoxicated, and began yelling at the officers.

Police determined she had assaulted her husband and she was arrested and held until sober. The 38-year-old is now charged with domestic assault.

- Winkler police got two calls March 16 from residents of Roadrunner Bay about a dangerous driver whom they identified as another resident of their bay.

Witnesses said the suspect revved his engine loudly before speeding on to the street where he performed high speed power turns and damaged private property.

Officers attended to the suspect's house where he was charged with resisting arrest and mischief not only for damaging a lawn with his vehicle but also for having a surveil-

lance camera mounted in his house and pointing into a neighbour's yard.

- Winkler police were called March 18 by Polar Plumbing about the theft of copper from their property overnight. The investigation continues.

As copper is a valuable commodity which is easily sold, police remind businesses that use copper products to store them in a locked facility.

- A 15-year-old Winkler girl contacted police March 18 saying she had been assaulted.

Officers attended the residence and were met in the hallway by the caller, who was unsteady on her feet with an odor of liquor on her breath.

The girl's mother told officers her daughter had stolen money from her which was then used to buy a bottle of vodka. When her daughter returned home, the mother attempted to take away the vodka and was assaulted.

The girl was arrested for assault and held until sober and then released and turned over to Child and Family Services.

Agriculture

Perry Mohr to step down from h@ms

By Harry Siemens

When Perry Mohr, the retiring general manager of h@ms Marketing Services, started in the hog business 28 years ago, the Manitoba Hog Marketing Board had 3,100 hog producers. Today, the number of producers his company serves is 144 across Western Canada.

"We don't represent every producer in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or Alberta, but that's really our production base, 144 growers that market 1.5 million hogs through their services," says Mohr in an interview in Starbuck at the last in a series of five district producer meetings in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Mohr is stepping down as of May 23 when Bill Alford, currently the company's director of producer and marketing services, steps into the role.

Mohr began as an assistant sales manager with Manitoba Pork and rose through the ranks to become CEO of Manitoba Pork Marketing and general manager of h@ms, a joint effort between producers in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

As his career winds down, Mohr reflected on the current state of the hog industry he's leaving behind.

"The state of the hog industry today, particularly in the last two years is a lot better than it was the previous ten years," he says. "Certainly one of the reasons I was going to do what I'm doing, retiring from my position ... was partially due to the stress and duress of working in the hog industry. Working with farmers going broke. I've told this story many times, more often than not, when a producer would call me, there were tears, frustration, because many were calls from producers losing their farms."

Today, he says, it is the exact opposite as there seems to be a little bit of optimism again in the industry.

Of course here in Manitoba, some of that optimism is tempered by the environmental restrictions on building hog barns.

During h@ms' two meetings in Saskatchewan, Mohr spoke with producers in Saskatchewan that are expanding their operations or building new ones.

It's clear there is some growth taking place in western Canada, although he argues it is a little premature to suggest there will be a building boom.

"We've only had two good years of profitability, in Manitoba we have environmental restrictions, it takes a whole bunch of capital today to build a hog barn, and I argue the profits in the last two years have not changed people's minds in wanting to really extend themselves in terms of credit—the financial institutions have not really lined up to leverage funds to this industry," Mohr says.

When Mohr looks back, change throughout the years of the industry occurs daily.

Aside from the number of producers, the size of the pigs has also changed. An average pig weighed in at 220 pounds in 1988. Today they're closer to 270, with some producers pushing that to up to 290 pounds.

Processing has also changed a great deal, Mohr points out.

"We had five processors at that time, today we have two in Manitoba, one small in Saskatchewan, and one in Al-

berta," he says. "I would argue there's been a lot of change, but not all has been positive."

Going forward, Mohr says it would be nice to see producers be able to work in this industry and be profitable on a regular basis.

"We've been through such an awful time, obviously, you'd want the market to support itself and for the producers to make it that way," he says. "But certainly whether through government programs or something along that line, we need more stability."

Still, he's proud of our nation's hog industry for standing tall and creating world-class infrastructure and producers.

"I make no bones about it, I'm very fortunate to have worked for some of the most progressive and best hog producers in the world in the last 28 years," Mohr stresses.

What's next for Mohr?

"At the moment I have no immediate plans, but have not ruled anything out. Will give this retirement thing a chance. I have some hobbies, and heavily involved in the music



Retiring h@ms Marketing Services general manager Perry Mohr.

ministry at my church, that takes up lots of time," he says. "If I can find something where I can incorporate my music into my work, that would be ideal. I'm not ruling out working in the hog industry again down the road."



Working in Canada is a privilege

> HARRY SIEMENS

I remember my first real summer job pitching green peas from the trucks into the conveyors that took that green stuff into the Winkler pea cannery.

Temperatures exceeding 90 degrees F. It felt like global warming then already, standing on top of the green peas, drinking water as often as possible.

The initial pay was 90 cents an hour with a ten cent an hour bonus if we lasted through to the very last load that came from the field that summer. I remember a few of lasted to

the very end, and what a surprise to get that larger than expected cheque at the end.

With the talk of raises to the minimum wage wherever you look, and a real shortage in farm labour, it's tough for some areas to get the desired help they require on the field, in the yard, or even in processing plants.

Many people while unemployed in cities and some of the larger rural towns find it difficult to first of all understand what working on the farm means, or any other ag sector, maybe because there aren't the people who are willing to give them a heads up.

When the hog industry was flying high some ten years ago, hog workers often had the say as to how long they'd work at one place and if they

didn't like it there, they knew the hog barn down the road would most like take him in and pay him even more. Those times came to an abrupt end, when the hog industry tanked, and producers simply closed barns.

Now with the hog industry back on its feet and even making a little money, producers need people to work in those full barns.

Also, today's advancing technology and driving or operating a million dollar piece of equipment takes some training and precision operators.

You may ask where is there such equipment? A new John Deere track tractor with all the bells and whistles, adding the exchange, comes to about \$850,000. Add to that a \$250,000 air seeder, and it's quite easy to hit the

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Protesters not pleased with gov't response

By Harry Siemens

While farmers continue to protest the way Manitoba Hydro contractors are not cleaning and disinfecting equipment before moving to the next field in constructing the Bipole III power line, the Manitoba NDP government and Manitoba Hydro belittle the group's concerns.

When this reporter contacted the government for its reaction, a cabinet communications person sent this response from Minister Eric Robinson, who is responsible for Manitoba Hydro:

"Employees of Manitoba Hydro make every attempt to contact private landowners before doing survey work on their land. Survey crews do everything they can to enter private property only after obtaining consent of the landowner, only on foot, wearing appropriate protection to prevent the spread of disease and foreign microbes. Hydro phones every single landowner twice prior to undertaking the survey work and leaves a message if they don't get an answer. In addition, survey crews hand out information cards while on site. Hydro will follow all terms and conditions in the Environmental License issued for Bipole III," says Robinson.

That answer missed the entire point of the protest, says Jurgen Kohler, a farmer and chair of the Manitoba Bipole III Landowners Committee

It is the dirty equipment that is moving from field to field, he says, and that has nothing to do with handing out cards. Biosecurity is high on every person's mind, and the contrac-

tors are not following it.

"As far as Minister Robinson is concerned, he needs to get his facts straight. His latest comment in the Manitoba legislature really shows how out of touch he really is with the situation on the ground," says Kohler. "The surveying stage is long gone, we are in the construction stage where the most serious breaches in biosecurity are being done."

Kohler would challenge the minister to come out for a tour so they can show him first hand how reckless his crews are really operating without any regard for biosecurity.

"We have proof. Let's see what he's made of. I'm not holding my breath, though, but I can tell you that we will continue to stand up for our property rights," he says. "Our trust in [Robinson] and Hydro has been broken after refusing to clean and sneaking the dirty drill bit in question into the field that has the manure in it so that you could keep drilling with dirty equipment in a high risk zone. Not to mention all the bullying and intimi-

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million dollar mark.

It wasn't but a few years back that farmers out west couldn't get people to drive the tractors and combines because of the \$50 an hour paid by the oilpatch companies. Often farmers would park some equipment rather than pay that amount. That has changed drastically now that many of those oil workers are looking for work.

I know of some of the larger farms

in Manitoba would either buy or rent land from a retiring farmer in his early sixties who then in turn would work for the farm that took over his farm. It's a great deal both ways because it gave the bigger farm a trained worker/operator and that person could continue on with his love for farming, often in bigger, newer, and better equipment than he'd ever run on his smaller farm.

I maintain that if both parties are

dation tactics that took place against landowners. That type of conduct is completely unacceptable." Tim Wiens, the landowner of the land in question, says currently, Manitoba Hydro hasn't done any more work on their land, however the Crown corporation insists on fencing around the unfinished work sites due to liability. "I am requesting once again, they deal with the Canadian Association of Energy and Pipeline Landowner Associations, a national landowners' advocate focused on property rights and protecting landowner interest, who we have hired to deal with negotiations," says Wiens. "We are busy getting ready for the season ahead and know that we cannot trust what Manitoba Hydro says. We believe CAEPLA has the ability and experi-

ence to protect what land we have left from biosecurity concerns as well as negotiations concerning tower placement and other important issues that this megaline presents for our farm for the next 150 years."

He says government ministers have clearly stated that they are negotiating, but the truth is they will not negotiate with the representative of their choice.

"We have a right to choose who we believe will negotiate a fair and safe deal for our family and fam-

ily farm," says landowner Wiens. "It is our belief that a change in government could help build trust, and that we, and our land be respected. So we await patiently for Manitobans to speak on April 19."

"I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO STAND UP FOR OUR PROPERTY RIGHTS ..."

SSMA programs on the chopping block

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abandoned well sealing efforts in conjunction with the Pembina Valley Conservation District, which safely sealed five old wells in the area.

PROGRAMS UP IN THE AIR

Financially, the association remained in the black at year's-end, but only barely.

With \$70,462 in revenue and \$70,121 in expenses, their net income for the year was just \$341—a huge fall from the surplus of \$8,214 the year before. This is due in large part to increased

expenses in tree planting in 2015.

The year ahead could see the numbers change quite a bit, what with the RM of Stanley, the association's major financial supporter, opting to pull back on funding for several programs.

"We're always funded on a per-project basis, so we have certain projects that we expect the RM of Stanley to support, and at this point they're kind of pulling back," Warkentin said, noting it looks like the pocket gopher and diffuse knapweed programs are the two most likely to be affected by funding cuts. "We're still up in the air. They

"WE'RE ALWAYS FUNDED ON A PER-PROJECT BASIS ... [STANLEY COUNCIL IS] KIND OF PULLING BACK."

haven't informed us what they'll be doing, but they will be cutting back certain projects."

As a result, the organization is working hard to raise awareness about the value all its programs play in the RM, Warkentin said.

"In a sense, it's a good exercise in evaluating what we do and how the

RM still considers us important ... we're kind of working at advertising a bit more," he said.

For more information on the Stanley Soil Management Association and its programs, contact Warkentin at 204-362-0352 or richardw@xplor-net.com.



U14 win for Winkler Jr. Curling Club team

Winkler's Team Hamm won the U14 curling bonspiel at the Petersfield Curling Club earlier this month, going undefeated against all comers. The team includes (from left) skip Reece Hamm, third John Trinke, second Brennan Kezema, lead Trevor Heide, and coach Conan Kezema.

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

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N	A	S	R	N	L	B	I	S	I	N	O
V	A	N	A	N	D	N	V	N	O	E	M
F	E	R	L	E	P	E	R	I	N	E	A
A	B	A	N	D	O	N	V	A	N	E	L
E	M	O	T	E	D	A	R	E	H	E	R

Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Listen again
- 7. Expressed sentiments
- 13. Membrane
- 14. Pelvic areas
- 16. Blood type
- 17. Vacated
- 19. Fullback
- 20. Nissan's tiny car
- 22. Be able to
- 23. Outcast
- 25. Day laborer
- 26. Greek prophetess
- 28. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 29. Sirius Satellite Radio
- 30. Actor Josh
- 31. A way to clean
- 33. Left
- 34. Compensated
- 36. Member of U.S. Navy
- 38. Reject
- 40. Group of notes sounded together
- 41. Christian holiday
- 43. European river
- 44. Female hip hop group
- 45. Score
- 47. Moved fast
- 48. Chronicles (abbr. Biblical)
- 51. Type of tie
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Asian people
- 56. Pearl Jam bassist Jeff
- 58. Western U.S. time zone
- 59. "Signs" rockers
- 60. Confidential informant
- 61. Lawyer
- 64. Overdose
- 65. Football equipment
- 67. Governments
- 69. Branch of physics
- 70. Makes happy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Typographical space
- 3. Sportscaster Chick

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- 4. Italian Island
- 5. Cooked in a specific style
- 6. Smelling or tasting unpleasant
- 7. Name
- 8. Adult male humans
- 9. Pitcher Hershiser
- 10. Pat Conroy novel "The Prince of ___"
- 11. ___ route
- 12. Protects the goal
- 13. Furnishings
- 15. Scraped
- 18. Apply with quick strokes
- 21. Blood cell
- 24. Nose
- 26. Doleful
- 27. ___ Angeles
- 30. Fruit tree
- 32. Smooth brown oval nut
- 35. Works produced by skill and imagination
- 37. Satisfaction
- 38. Reversal
- 39. Tan-colored horse
- 42. Tell on
- 43. Pitcher Latos
- 46. Fast-flowing part of river
- 47. Hang 'em up
- 49. Rings
- 50. Lead from one place to another
- 52. Beginning
- 54. Reciprocal of a sine
- 55. Worth
- 57. Indian hat
- 59. Cloak
- 62. Resinous secretion of insects
- 63. ___ Aviv, Israel
- 66. European Parliament
- 68. Of I

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The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2152-16, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

Legally described as Lot 1 Plan 784 and Lot 4 Block 2 Plan 2035 as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "RMH" RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME TO: "I" INSTITUTIONAL

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2152-16, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 17th day of March, 2016.

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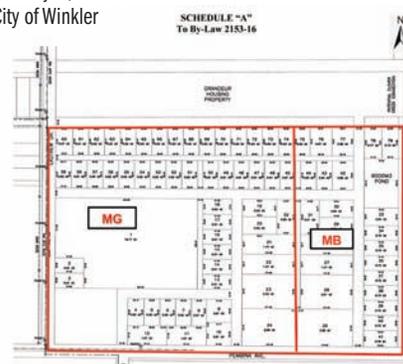
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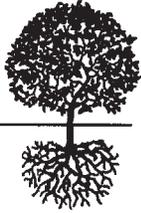
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All claims against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be forwarded to the offices of the undersigned at P.O. Box 279, Manitou, Manitoba, R0G 1G0, within thirty days of the publication of this Notice.

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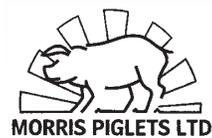
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OBITUARY



**Leonard Alexander Ramsay
1956 – 2016**

On Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre Leonard Ramsay aged 59 years of Darlingford, MB went to his eternal peace.

Left to mourn his memory are his mother, Leonore; sisters, Edith (Peter), Carol, Leanne (Jeff); nieces and nephews, Teuri (Dave), Don, Cresta (Jason), Jeff (Lynda) and Jesse (Nettie); son Andrew and three grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

Leonard spent his early years in Darlingford moving to Kaleida with his family in 1964. He attended school in Manitou until he decided that the world would be a teacher. He travelled around western Canada surviving on his hard work ethic and ability to make new friends wherever he hung his hat. Northern Manitoba especially Moose Lake has a special place in his heart. He considered the friends he made there his second family. His life came full circle when he returned to Darlingford to live in his childhood home. One of his proudest moments came when he passed his Class 1 license. Life was good and he had the pay cheque to prove it. In May 2015, Leonard was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. As per his usual self, Leonard would not be told what to do. Every appointment, treatment and new diagnosis was just a bump in his well travelled road. His faith and courage empowered him to fight the good fight. His laughter and crazy sense of humor let everyone know that he was winning. We love you and we will miss you.

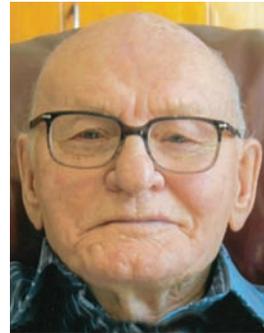
Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at Darlingford Community Hall in Darlingford with ash interment at Darlingford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Leonard's memory to Cancer Care or to a charity of your choice.

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OBITUARY



**John Harvey Dyck
1932- 2016**

On Monday, March 14, 2016, John Harvey Dyck left us for his heavenly home. He leaves to mourn his brother, Ed, of Birds Hill and a sister, Elma in Abbotsford, BC. He was predeceased by his wife, Nettie in 2014; his son, David in 2006; his mother and father; a sister-in-law and a brother-in-law.

John was born on February 20, 1932 to Helen Heppner in the Lowe Farm district. He was adopted by John and Anne Geswein at three weeks of age and lived with them to age 15. Upon moving to Winnipeg, he found his birth mother and she and her husband, Peter Dyck, legally adopted him. He had a good life with the Dyck's and his stepfather was a great man and loved John like his own son. John was baptized in 1954 and became a member of the Sommerfeld Church and remained a faithful member until his death. He served on several church committees and enjoyed visiting the sick and the lonely. He took the Home Care Aide Course and worked for five years as a Home Care Worker. He made numerous trips into Winnipeg with Nettie's brothers and sisters, with neighbours and for Service for Seniors. He volunteered at the Friendship Centre, mowing the lawn and blew snow at the Thrift Store for many winters. On July 11, 1954 John married the love of his life, Nettie Schellenberg with whom he shared 60 years together. In 1955 their only son, David was born whom they loved and adored.

John attended Winkler Bible School for one year and regretted not having continued on. He graduated from a Mechanics Course at Red River College. He owed a truck and Cement mixer for five years and worked for Building Products. They moved up north where he worked at building roads at Snow Lake and The Pas with his own caterpillar and truck. He sold the business and bought a farm at Roland. John, Nettie and David farmed for 14 years, selling in 1975 and moving to Morden. John loved travelling and never tired of it. While in their 40's and 50's they travelled the world and then bought a travel van and went at a slower pace. He now has taken his last trip and was ready to leave here, for the mansion prepared for him by his Lord Jesus Christ.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Salem Home for their excellent care of John during his stay, Rev. John Friesen for officiating at the funeral and Wiebe Funeral Home for their compassionate services.

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OBITUARY



**Roger Wiebe
1949-2016**

On Sunday, March 13, 2016 at Salem Home in Winkler, Manitoba, Roger Wiebe aged 66 years went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, Dave and Lena Wiebe; three sisters, Karen and Randy Rietze of Winkler, Gladys and Rod Wall of Winkler, Sheila and Abe Wieler of Lethbridge Alberta and one brother, Cam and Sheila Wiebe of Winkler; as well as 12 nieces, nephews and their families.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016 at the Winkler Bergthaler Church with interment at the Winkler Cemetery prior to the service.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Roger's memory to the Winkler Food Cupboard.

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OBITUARY



**David Peters
1935 – 2016**

On Saturday, March 12, 2016 at his residence in Morden, MB, David R Peters aged 80 years formerly of Winkler went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Susana (nee Klassen) and one brother. He was predeceased by his parents, Henry and Helena (nee Rempel) Peters.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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