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Daffodil Days raise over \$15K for cancer research

By Lorne Stelmach

Daffodils seem to be an easy sell at this time of year, as local volunteers with the annual campaign in support of the Canadian Cancer Society can attest.

Daffodils Days last week saw the supplies of the bright yellow harbingers of spring clear out by Friday in the Morden area as well as in Winkler and Plum Coulee.

"We're really happy with it," said rural campaign co-ordinator for Morden and Manitou Neha Kohli, who estimated direct sales brought in about \$5,500 while including the business campaign would bring the tally up close to \$8,000.

"People were lined up. We had not even finished setting up [last Monday], and people were here already to buy flowers," she said. "The numbers are maybe down from last year a little bit ... but at least we have people who are dedicated, and there were people coming even to the last day."

Direct sales in Winkler and Plum

Coulee were estimated to have reached if not surpassed \$7,000, said Nettie Friesen, rural campaign co-ordinator.

"It went really good. They were sold out by Friday," she said. "We're very happy with it."

"We get really good support every year. People are saying when they come to the table that they were waiting for the daffodils to come. If the daffodils are coming, then spring isn't far behind," Friesen added. "And I have super volunteers to sell the daffodils."

"Spring is coming, and yellow is such a nice bright colour. It brightens up the day," added Lois Dudgeon, who this year handed over the reins of the campaign to Kohli but remains involved as a volunteer.

"It's nice that people look forward to getting the daffodils as much as we do selling them," said Dudgeon, who does it all in memory of her sister who died from cancer 27 years ago.

"It's something I'm passionate about," she said, while also noting it



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From left: Lois Dudgeon, Gerry Kortash, Marion Dudgeon, Pat Hamm, and Neha Kohli were among the volunteers hard at work in Morden last week wrapping up flowers for Daffodil Days.

was nice to hand over organizing duties to Kohli.

"From the get-go she was almost as passionate as I am about this. It's just nice to have somebody take over the co-ordinating so I can sit back and just volunteer."

"We're still taking our usual box or two out to the hospital to the cancer patients as well," Dudgeon added.

"And that's what it's all about: supporting the people who do have cancer, the people who have experienced cancer."

Kohli expressed her appreciation for all of her volunteers.

"Everybody knows what they are doing. They are so committed, and they are all passionate about it."

DESTINATIONS

3 tips to plan your dream vacation

Make use of travel agencies

With an abundance of travel-based websites at your fingertips, you may be inclined to go it alone when planning a dream vacation. However, travel agencies remain valuable assets to would-be vacationers, especially when planning overseas trips. Travel agencies often get discounted admissions to popular tourist attractions, which can save travelers substantial amounts of money. In addition, vacationers who prefer self-driving excursions can rely on the expertise of travel agents to map out their trips and find comfortable lodging in small towns and cities. It might not be possible to book nights in bed and breakfasts or countryside inns via travel websites, while travel agents often have working relationships with some businesses.

Start saving now

Vacation costs fluctuate, and much of that cost will be determined by where you live and where you want to go. But vacationing isn't cheap no matter where you go, so saving early and often is a great way to guarantee you can do everything you want while on vacation without breaking the bank. Airfare will be one of your biggest expenses, so start looking for flights around the time of year

you want to travel. Once you get a ballpark of how much you will need to spend on airfare, you can then start to look into lodging costs, which might be slightly more than airfare depending on the length of your trip. Travel agencies often build lodging into their estimates and arrange lodging for their clients. That can greatly reduce the cost of lodging and make planning that much simpler.

Explore ways to save

Unless you have an unlimited travel budget, you will probably encounter some dream vacation sticker shock as you start researching flights, hotels, etc. If you're planning a resort vacation, then consider all-inclusive packages, which typically include food and beverages. Such packages can be financially prudent, especially for travelers who intend to spend most of their time at the resort. Resorts also tend to offer discounted prices on local tourist attractions to their guests. Travelers who can travel at any time of year also might be able to save substantial amounts of money by traveling during the offseason. Everything from flights to hotels to attraction tickets may be heavily discounted during the offseason.

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TRAVEL COSMOS

Local vet clinics launch fundraising raffle

Proceeds to benefit PVHS and Furever Friends Cat rescue

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and Morden vet clinics are teaming up to raise funds for two animal welfare agencies this spring.

Tickets are on sale now at both clinics in support of the Pembina Valley Humane Society and the Furever Friends Cat Rescue.

The vet clinics work closely with both organizations and are excited for the chance to give back with the proceeds of the raffle, says Dr. Jacqueline Enns in Winkler.

"They are near and dear to our hearts. These guys are helping the homeless, our homeless [pets]," she says, noting they'd love to raise \$5,000 and to make this an annual fundraiser.

Tracy Harder of the Altona-based Furever Friends says the money will go a long way toward covering their vet bills.

Even though the clinics donate some of their services to the rescue, it's still costly to ensure the upwards of 100 cats Furever Friends takes in each year are in good health prior to placing them with families.

"They are all completely vetted. We go that extra mile to get them all vaccinated, blood tested, spayed and neutered," Harder says. "We treat anything that's medically wrong with them."

The rescue also relies on volunteers and foster families to help with cat socialization and care.

"We're very thankful and grateful for the help," Harder says, noting they're always looking for more volunteers and donors. "Anything and everything is appreciated."

Raffle prizes up for grabs include a Bosche mixer valued at \$600 donated by Sawatzky's Furniture and Appli-



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Dr. Jacqueline Enns with Tracy Harder of Furever Friends Cat Rescue on Monday. The Winkler and Morden vet clinics have teamed up to launch a fundraising raffle in support of the rescue and the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

ances, a \$500 Best Buy gift card courtesy of the Winkler Dental Clinic, two pet dental cleaning packages valued at \$340, a Foundation Life Skills training package from No Bad Dogs valued at \$200, and mix of smaller prizes.

Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. The draw will take place April 17.

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Meeting the needs of a growing region

Pembina Valley Water Co-op has several big capital projects in the works

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With Southern Manitoba growing in leaps and bounds, the Pembina Valley Water Co-operative is working hard to do its part to keep up.

The agency, which provides water to approximately 59,000 residents in its 14 member municipalities, has several big capital projects in the works.

"We spent a lot of time over the last year looking at the water needs for Southern Manitoba," said CEO Greg Archibald. "We came up with a five, 10, 15, 20 year plan and out of those came these projects."

Chief among them is installing a new pipeline between Morris and St. Jean and upgrading filtration at the Morris Water Treatment Plant from 67 litres/second to 100 litres/second.

With a price tag of \$5.75 million, this project is currently at the tender stage and should be done by year's end, Archibald said, adding they're also currently assessing locations for a new booster station to increase water to the Winkler-Morden area.

PVWC is also planning to install a new \$6.3 million water reservoir at Letellier, upgrade treatment capacity at the Stephenfield Water Treatment Plant (a \$1.6 million project), and put in additional piping capacity between the Roland Reservoir and the Winkler-Morden corridor (\$2.7 million), all within the next handful of years.

All of these capital projects will increase capacity and improve the co-op's ability to move water around to the areas of greatest need at a moment's notice.

The new Morris-St. Jean pipeline, for example, creates more flexibility in the entire distribution system to help stave off the need for water restrictions when demand exceeds supply unexpectedly in a given area.

"What [that pipe] allows us to do is bring Morris water down all the way to Letellier and then shoot it across to Morden," Archibald explained. "We can also bring Morris water over to the Roland Reservoir and shoot it down to the Winkler-Morden corridor."

Many of the local rural municipalities, including the RM of Stanley, get all or much of their water from the

PVWC.

"The growth in the RM of Stanley is unbelievable right now, and we're just trying to stay with them and jump through some hoops to try to help them with that growth," Archibald said, noting Stanley's water usage over the past decade has increased by 50 per cent.

The City of Winkler, meanwhile, draws 35 per cent of its water each year from the co-op and has inked a deal with the organization to continue to do so for the next 10 years. However, in four years the city will assess whether it requires more water from PVWC, and the co-op wants to be ready if they do.

"If the government won't allow them to pull more [from the Winkler Aquifer], then they'll need it from us," said Archibald. "So we're trying to figure out ways to get it over there."

"With the growth that's going on in southern Manitoba, especially in the Winkler-Morden corridor, it's important for us to be able to get this stuff done."

PVWC is already the third largest water utility in Manitoba with a distribution system that stretches over 9,000 kilometres.

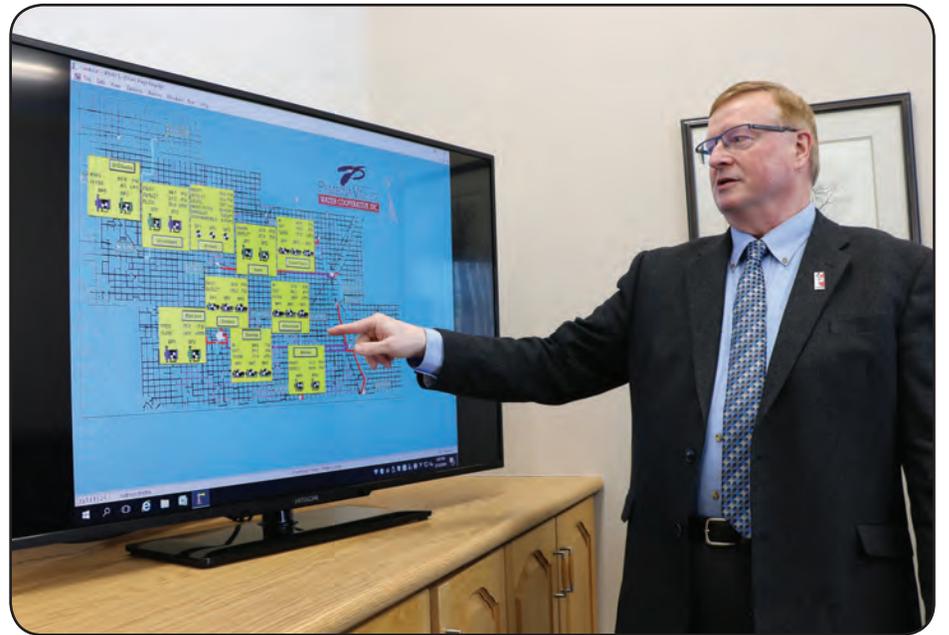


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Pembina Valley Water Co-op CEO Greg Archibald with a live feed of the co-op's water distribution system, which stretches over 9,000 kilometres across southern Manitoba.

WATER VITAL TO REGION'S GROWTH

Incoming PVWC board co-chairs Don Wiebe and George Grey, the Reeves of the RMs of Rhineland and Dufferin, respectively, consider these capital projects to be vital to continued growth in the Pembina Valley.

"I think they are critically important because they are needed," said Wiebe, pointing to the uncertainty that arises when the system is "tapped out" for short stretches of time, as it has been in recent summers. "It's always very scary when it happens."

"So we're very pleased that the PVWC has all these things on the go," he said. "I'm very proud to be part of that because we can carry it forward and continue building a sustainable, quality water supply."

Being able to source rural water has been a game-changer for all the communities PVWC serves, noted Grey.

"We used to have to haul water for our cistern, and it was always empty, it was always a problem," he recalled. "So when we got the opportunity to actually be served with water in the '90s, it was a revelation. Of any decision made by council, that has been the most beneficial to our area."

"When you've got 14 municipalities you've got a lot of divergent attitudes and ideas, but we're all in it for one reason only: to provide high quality water and make sure that everybody has the water they need at all times. That's our main motive."

"There is no question of who gets the water or whatever," Grey said, "it's just how do we make it happen?"

Winkler-Lowe Farm Co-op merger wraps up

By Lorne Stelmach

The merger of the Lowe Farm Co-op with the Winkler Co-op is officially complete.

The amalgamation, which members voted overwhelmingly in favour of last fall, took effect March 24.

For the members, it has been and will continue to be business as usual, as most of the work has happened behind the scenes.

"We've obviously been doing a significant amount of work in the background to make sure that it's as seamless as possible and that our members will not be burdened by any of the changes," said Winkler Co-op general manager Evan Toews.

"It's been mostly background work,

and the memberships have all been transferred over into Winkler Co-op memberships," he added. "The Lowe Farm members that had two will continue to have two, but if they choose to amalgamate their memberships ... we can accommodate that as well."

The Lowe Farm Co-op will keep its name, said Toews, who noted the merger has gotten a big thumbs up in the community.

"We've talked to a lot of members out in the Lowe Farm area and it seems to be well received," he said. "Everybody is looking forward to it."

About 500 Lowe Farm members

join the approximately 17,000 members of the Winkler Co-op as a result of the merger.

The amalgamated Co-op is represented in five communities with 23 different locations, including six fuel retail locations, five cardlocks, and three agro centres as well as the grocery stores in Winkler and Morden and Co-op@Home

in Winkler.

The new board consists of nine elected officials, including seven from Winkler and two from Lowe Farm.

"IT SEEMS TO BE WELL RECEIVED."

Elks help out Manitou family who lost home in fire

By Lorne Stelmach

Two area Elks Lodges worked with their provincial association to provide a helping hand to families devastated by fires.

The lodges in Morden and Altona drew on their national Fund for Children recently to get some short term assistance to a Winnipeg family and another from Manitou.

Each of the families of three children got \$500 per child as immediate help to purchase necessities while they get their lives back together.

"It's a wonderful program that the Elks have that we can respond so quickly ... within 24 hours [of getting contacted], the cheque was in hand. We were very pleased with how quickly we were able to respond," said Guy Mullen, provincial president of the Manitoba Elks Association and a member of the Altona Elks.

It all started with Mullen being contacted by Dennis Macklin of the Morden fire department, as he was aware of an Altona connection to Christie Zedrasky, a single mother of three

children in Winnipeg who had recently lost her home.

"It was to help her immediately with the things you'll need," said Mullen, citing the examples of anything from toothbrushes to clothes.

"We make sure there's enough money for them to at least resume some sort of normalcy. At least they'll have clothes on their backs.

"And all of the lodges donate to the fund," added Mullen.

Normand Poirier of the Morden Elks Lodge then heard about a Manitou family that was in similar straits. The lodge was able to get \$1,500 to Jonathan and Janet Friesen and their three children.

"We were glad to be able to respond again here as well," Poirier said.

"It's really very humbling to see the community come forward and help each other. It's very special for myself that the community and the people come to the aid of people when they are going through a tough time," Jonathan Friesen said of seeing people rally to help them out.

He said this kind of immediate as-



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Guy Mullen of the Manitoba Elks Association joined the Morden Lodge's Norm Poirier Friday in presenting \$1,500 short-term assistance cheques to Janet and Jonathan Friesen of Manitou, shown here with Manitou fire Chief Chris Reynolds, and Christie Zedrasky (not shown).

sistance has been very helpful to them while they get back up on their feet after the Jan. 20 fire that destroyed their home.

"It's been really, really busy dealing with everything. There's a lot of

paperwork and a lot of things to go through ... and emotionally there's things to deal with as well," he said. "We're getting through it, and with time, it will all work out in the end."

Police issue tips for Fraud Prevention Month

By Lorne Stelmach

The unfortunate reality of scams is they work often enough to make it worth it for fraudsters to keep trying to lure more victims.

With March being Fraud Prevention Month, local police are encouraging people to be both more aware and more suspicious of the many forms of scams that are making the rounds.

"It must be working good enough for [fraudsters] because otherwise you'd think they would stop," noted Winkler Police Chief Ryan Hunt.

"Unfortunately, in this day and age, you can't trust anybody anymore unless you know absolutely for certain who the person is ... and you really have to second guess anybody you're dealing with especially online."

Morden Sgt. Sean Aune urges residents "to be vigilant. Know that these exist, and you've just got to be very cautious."

There are a number of common scams out there, including ones where someone pretends to be calling from the Canada Revenue Agency and requests banking information, prepaid credit cards, or other forms of payment.

The reality is the CRA will never ask for personal information by e-mail or

text message, request payment by prepaid credit card, or share your tax information with another person or organization.

Aune noted another scam they have dealt with many times involves fraudulent phone calls purportedly coming from your financial institution.

"They will convince you to download software so that they can access your computer," he explained. "Once

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• VIEW FROM THE LEGISLATURE

Budget 2019 corrects years of overspending

A few weeks ago, the Manitoba government delivered Budget 2019: Getting The Job Done and updated Manitobans on our plan to fix the finances, repair our services and rebuild the economy.

At the core of this budget is the reduction of the Provincial Sales Tax from 8% to 7% effective July 1. Manitobans have not forgotten the 2011 provincial election campaign in which the NDP promised to Manitobans that they would not raise

the PST if re-elected. I was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 2011 and I was present on the day the NDP broke their word and indicated they were raising the PST, generating an additional \$300M each and every year for a government that could not get their fiscal house in order. The NDP overspent their planned budgets most years, failed to demonstrate financial leadership and accountability, and left our province with record debt and a deficit of over \$900M.

We knew that as a new government we were inheriting a mess. Nevertheless, we made a promise to Manitobans to reduce the PST (which should never have been increased in the first place). As we know, Manitobans pay among the highest taxes in all of Canada. In my former role as Finance Minister, I will always remember the incredible challenges we faced to reign in over-spending, find ways to deliver services more effectively, and do so knowing we had to keep that PST commitment to Manitobans by the end of our first term.

Our government has made real progress in reducing the deficit these past three years while getting better results for Manitobans in the services they rely on and expect. Budget 2019 commits to reduce the deficit to \$360M by this time next year, and we are ahead of schedule to deliver a balanced budget. By lowering the PST now, we are both keeping our word to Manitobans and demonstrating our belief that families need a break as household expenses continue to rise. This PST cut will leave more money on the kitchen table and save the average Manitoba family of four approximately \$500 each year.

Other highlights in this budget include investing more in education and health care, cutting ambulance fees in half, spending \$1B on strategic infrastructure (including \$350M in funding for highways) and investing more for existing and new community-based daycare projects.

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they've done that, these people have access to all [your] information."

Another common one is an e-mail that appears to be coming from an organization with which you may be familiar—the name or e-mail address may be just one letter off from being legitimate.

"It appears to be from someone in the organization," Aune said. "That one we've seen a number of times here recently."

There has also been a rise in text message scams of late,, especially one that purports to be from a major utility offering an e-transfer refund.

"The trend that we're seeing is they're now more frequent with text messages," said Aune, noting once you click on the link, they can access your information.

"Another trend is that they seem to be going after the victim to be purchasing gift cards," he said. "I would say any time you're receiving any form of request ... [where] the person

is trying to convince you to purchase gift cards, that's automatically a red flag.

"Once you start following through the steps, it's often too late. If you wonder about it or question a request, just stop before you act on it," Aune said. "The frequency in which these are occurring continues to increase ... these fraudsters are throwing out so many of these now."

Hunt agreed scams involving the purchase of gift cards are on the rise.

"The story will change from time to time as to the reason why they need the gift cards, but this will undoubtedly be a scam," he said. "The request could even be from someone you have become emotionally attached to online. But if they want you to go out and purchase gift cards, that should be a huge red flag."

"The gift cards that you see for sale at your local store have legitimate and specific purposes, but they weren't designed to pay bills online

or to send money to someone you met online."

Hunt stressed the best way to protect yourself is to second guess anyone making a request of you, especially online.

"Don't be in a hurry to comply with online requests," he said, "and take some time to verify what the person is telling you."

The Canadian Anti Fraud Centre (antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca) is a great resource for many common scams making the rounds.

If you're ever unsure whether something is a scam, police urge you to contact them.

"There are not many days that go by where our office doesn't receive a report of a fraud or an attempted fraud ranging from a few hundred dollars to several thousand dollars," Hunt said. "I think it has been increasing a little bit; it certainly hasn't been slowing down. Every few days, we're getting another report."

Salem Home faspa raising funds for patio upgrades

Faspa, Fellowship, & Song taking place April 7

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Foundation is welcoming the arrival of spring with the launch of a new fundraising project.

The foundation has announced that the proceeds from its upcoming spring faspa will go to revamp the patio for the Winkler personal care home's Cottonwood residents.

The outdoors space on the northwest side of the building was first built in 1996 and is in dire need of upgrading, said Salem Home CEO Sherry Janzen.

"Right now it just has the patio stones," she said. "There is a gazebo, but that's it."

The new plans call for the addition of a wheelchair swing, self-watering planters packed with flowers, a newly planted tree, lattice work, and plenty of tables and chairs for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Cottonwood resident care manager Katharina Bruhn said that as the patio is well-used in the warmer months, these improvements will be most welcome.

"One resident told me she likes to

sit outside to warm the bones, laughing, talking," she shared. "She likes the fresh air ... watching the traffic and drinking lemonade."

"And she said that doesn't change when you get old."

It's estimated the project will cost about \$15,000—well within reach of what the Faspa, Fellowship, & Song events usually bring in, noted foundation board chair Arlen Hildebrand.

"We are thankful and often humbled by the many individuals and groups who are committed to ensuring that the residents' care and [the] place they live keeps improving," he said. "The commitment the community has to the residents is visible throughout the facility."

If the fundraising goal is met, then work will begin on the patio upgrades this spring.

"We'd like to get working on it as quickly as possible," said Marilyn Nelson, director of resident care services. "We'd like to be able to do this to give the residents a really good summer."

"It just adds another element of home," she said.

The April 7 Faspa, Fellowship, & Song takes place at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church at 3:30 p.m.

The program includes music from the Ladies Faith and Life Choir and a performance of The Sermon on the



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Salem Home Cottonwood resident care manager Katharina Bruhn (left) and director of resident care services Marilyn Nelson with the plans for upgrades to the care home's northwest patio area.

Mount by Patrick Friesen.

Faspa will be served from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

No tickets are required. A goodwill offering will be taken.

This will be the only Faspa, Fellowship, & Song Salem Foundation hosts this year, as the usual fall faspa has been replaced by the gala dinner fundraiser.

BLIND PROJECT COMPLETE

Salem Foundation had previously

been raising funds to replace the aging blinds throughout the care home with new, more accessible roller blinds.

That project has since been completed in every single room, Nelson said, and the residents truly appreciate the upgrade.

"Just the ability to be able to move the blinds up and down themselves, and that they work so easy ... and they look so beautiful, too."

Tory MP gives big thumbs down to federal budget

By Lorne Stelmach

Canadians will not be swayed by a new federal budget that seemingly offers an array of new spending with something for everyone, suggests Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen.

Responding last week to the last budget heading into this fall's federal election, Bergen said it is all just aimed at distracting from the controversy surrounding the Justin Trudeau government.

"This is nothing less than Trudeau trying to use the budget and \$21 billion of new spending to continue covering up the SNC-Lavalin scandal," said Bergen.

"This is a massive corruption scandal that we haven't seen before .. he thinks that he can come out with \$21 billion new spending and that Canadians will somehow just be distracted

and forget about his cover-up and what he's been doing.

"There are a lot of questions that have to be answered," Bergen continued. "I don't believe that Canadians are going to be fooled. I can tell you that we're not going to be distracted from it."

The Liberal government trumpeted the budget as an economic plan "that favours investment over austerity with a clear focus on fiscal responsibility."

Dubbed *Investing In The Middle Class*, the budget was touted as investing in people and in the things they need to succeed, such as:

- More affordable places to live, especially for first-time home buyers.
- Skills for a changing job market.
- Lower prescription drug costs to support good health.
- Local infrastructure that helps de-

liver a good quality of life.

- Better connections to each other and the world through universal high-speed internet.

The increased spending means the deficit is projected to be \$19.8 billion in 2019-20, though it is forecasted to

be reduced to \$9.8 billion in 2023-24.

Bergen attacked that debt, given the government had pledged in 2015 that the budget would be balanced by this year.

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Our mistake

An article in our March 14 edition on the candidates in the running for the Conservative Borderland nomination included an error in it.

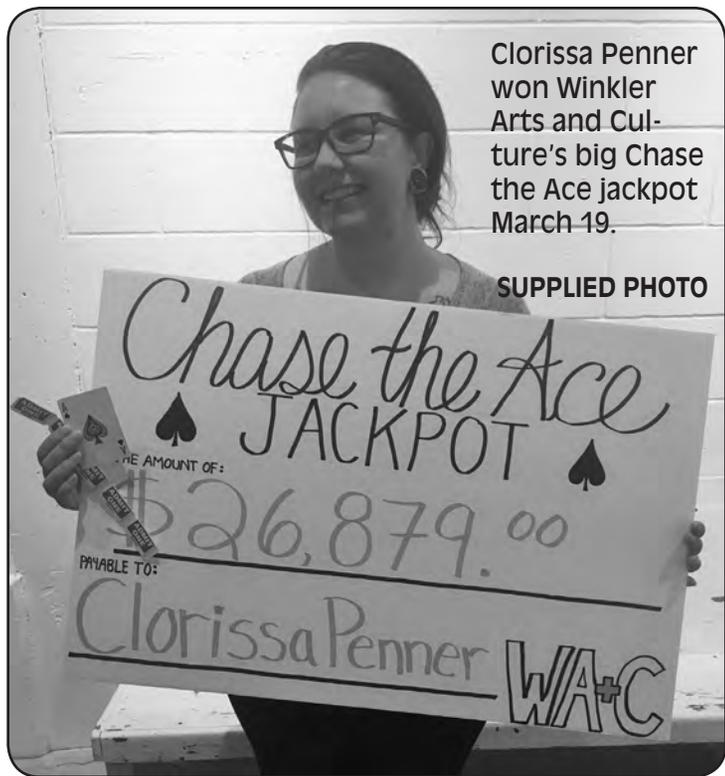
One of the paragraphs in the section outlining candidate Liz Hildebrand's experience incorrectly referred to her as Liz Heinrichs.

We sincerely apologize for the

mistake and any confusion it may have caused.

To learn more about Hildebrand's campaign, head to her Facebook page: Liz for Borderland.

Conservative Party members will vote for their Borderland candidate on April 11.



Clorissa Penner won Winkler Arts and Culture's big Chase the Ace jackpot March 19.

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\$26K Chase the Ace prize won

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Morden woman drew the winning card in Winkler Arts & Culture's weekly Chase the Ace last Tuesday.

Clorissa Penner went home \$28,599 richer after purchasing the winning ticket for the evening's consolation prize of \$1,720 and then successfully finding the ace of spades among the remaining seven cards to win the jackpot of \$26,879.

WAC executive director Wendy Klassen says the fundraiser has been hugely successful for the arts centre, drawing so many people that last week they started using the Winkler arena as an overflow space.

"We never imagined for it to get this high," she said. "We were so humbled to see people come back week after week and hear them say,

"If I don't win at least I know the money went to a good cause.' We really do appreciate the generous community we have."

The gallery gets to keep 50 per cent of the gross ticket sales (minus lottery fees and expenses) for its programming and operations.

For this most recent round that meant they were able to make about \$44,000, having paid out \$18,000 in weekly consolation prizes aside from the jackpot.

WAC's Chase the Ace continued with a fresh deck of 54 cards and a jackpot of \$2,000 this past Tuesday.

"It's bittersweet" to see this hugely successful round of the game come to an end, Klassen said.

"I'm happy to start again and see what this next jackpot will get to."

City of Morden navigating significant staff turnover

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden has been dealing with the impact of a near wholesale turnover of senior staff lately.

With a number of key positions either having just been recently filled—including new city manager Faisal Anwar—or still to be filled, it has been a challenge not only for city staff but council as well, Mayor Brandon Burley said last week.

In addition to the staffing issues, the new council has also been playing catch-up on a number of things, including completing financial audits for both 2017 and 2018 as well as completing their budget for 2019.

"The financial statements, when we came in, had not been done," said Burley, noting they only learned that upon their election last fall.

"We've been told several different dates for when they will be delivered ... we're still waiting for that to happen," he said.

"We've made that a priority for Faisal ... that is the most important thing right now ... then we have to get 2018 done as well, and we have to deliver a budget for 2019."

Burley acknowledged the delay has had an impact on some government funding, as the city is not able to access gas tax revenue sharing funds until their audited financial statements are complete.

He estimated there is about \$400,000 from each of the past two years still due to come to the City of Morden.

"It's not lost ... but we cannot access that gas tax revenue until we're done," he said.

Burley said the past financial state-

ments are nearing completion, with 2017 having already been submitted to the auditor.

Council will introduce the 2019 budget at its April 29 meeting. Until then, councillors had in December approved an interim budget that Burley said represented about 50 per cent of their full annual budget.

Under provisions of the Manitoba Municipal Act, the province sets a May 15 deadline for municipalities to have their financial plan in place, although they can also ask for extensions.

Burley said council has needed to allow some leeway on the budget front, especially with not only a new city manager but also financial officer Patrick Dueck having just stepped into the role of corporate deputy city

manager.

Meanwhile, Dave Haines departed his role as the operations deputy city manager. The hiring process is still underway to replace him.

All this, and city staff are also navigating the move over to a new operating system.

"No one was familiar with it," said Burley, who suggested it all meant there was likely too much on Dueck's plate in particular.

"I think it's just been an overload," he said, explaining the city is addressing that in part by hiring a new financial officer, whom he expects to be in place for April 1.

Meanwhile, the city continues to

deal with a number of other staff departures in the wake of retirements and people pursuing new opportunities.

Kelsey Wood is now in place as executive assistant, having replaced long time city employee Darlene Ehnes.

The city is also looking to fill the vacant roles of marketing and communications co-ordinator,

economic development officer, and public works foreman.

"I THINK IT'S JUST BEEN AN OVERLOAD."

RRC students supporting Genesis House

Fundraising dinner slated for April 13

By Lorne Stelmach

A group of Red River College students are getting in some of their practical training while also giving back to the community.

Eight administrative assistant program students are hosting a fundraiser next month that will support Genesis House.

One of their nine courses is event planning, which is being taught by Lily Krushel of Bella's Castle in Mor-

den

"We are to put on a fundraiser for a local charity, so we have decided on Genesis House," explained student Aquila Brown.

She said they chose the shelter because it provides such a vital service for people who have experienced domestic abuse and need a place to feel safe.

"Our goal is to raise money and bring awareness to the people of southern Manitoba about the services they provide," Brown said. "We would like to raise at least \$3,000."

The theme of the April 13 dinner is The Roaring 20s, so organizers are en-

couraging everyone to come dressed in period attire.

They hope to get around 140 guests for the evening, which will get underway at 5:30 p.m. at The Bunker in Winkler.

Music will be provided by Jayme Giesbrecht and Jonathan Alexiuk, and Bill Klassen will oversee an auction to boost the fundraising.

Angela Braun, executive director of Genesis House, will also be on hand to address the gathering.

Tickets are \$50 including a \$35 tax deductible receipt. For tickets, call 204-384-9983 or email kfriesen93@academic.rrc.ca.

French students showcase their skills

By Lorne Stelmach

Local French immersion students are participating again in a provincial French speaking competition.

Gr. 5-8 students at École Morden Middle School competed locally to earn the right to go to the Concours d'art oratoire May 4 in Winnipeg.

The competition is facilitated by Canadian Parents for French, which has a Morden chapter that was involved at the local level when classroom finalists competed on Friday.

"We're very proud of all the students and teachers," said Gisele Rondeau, French language co-ordinator for Western School Division.

Rondeau said preparing and competing for the chance to go to the Concours d'art oratoire provides good practise for the students.

"I think it gives them pride to have learned so much in a second language and to have an opportunity to shine in the public," she said. "They all worked very hard, and all the judges who helped us said it was very difficult to pick the winners."

At the division level, Gr. 6 student Ian Fehrmoore won first place in the



Top finishers in the ÉMMS French speaking competition last week included (from left) Alison Convery and Ian Fehrmoore, Kristin Smart and Sarah Kagan, and William Stewart and Rayan Khattabit.

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individual category, while Gr. 5 student Alison Convery placed second and will be his alternate.

For Fehrmoore, whose story revolved around humans trying to capture dragons, he's very much looking forward to having a chance to go further.

"It's really fun. I like it. I like reading to other people. I like presenting things," he said.

Going to the provincial competition for a second time is Gr. 8 student Kristin Smart, who earned first place in imaginary conversation as a duo with classmate Sarah Kagan.

Their tale centred around two girls thinking about dropping out of school

and working at a fast food restaurant, but they come to realize they can get better jobs if they stay in school

"It means that I can practice to get better at my French," said Smart of the win. "I can get better at writing and reading ... and I feel that if you keep practising, it'll be a good second language."

"I want to practise my French more," added Kagan. "I want to practice how to read French with all of the pronunciations and expressions that you use."

Finishing second and serving as their alternates will be Gr. 7 students William Stewart and Rayan Khattabi.

Their imaginary conversation de-

bated whether to go to the Winkler or Morden Coffee Culture location.

"It's a great thing to do," said Khattabi, who competed in Winnipeg last year. "If you want to learn something new ... be able to express yourself with a story ... it's a good opportunity to learn some things."

"This was a great opportunity for me to show what I can do verbally and maybe I can learn something from it," agreed Stewart.

At the Concours d'art oratoire which is held at l'Université de Saint-Boniface, the students will be judged on their voice, quality of language, choice of subject, and gestures.

GVSD announces several administrative changes

Spring is the season of administrative announcements in Garden Valley School Division.

Earlier this month, the division announced that Carrie Friesen will replace retiring Garden Valley Collegiate principal Scott Jantzen in fall.

Friesen has served GVSD for 13 years, including working in guidance/resource, as GVC

vice-principal, and, most recently, as principal of Parkland Elementary School.

Meanwhile, in Schanzenfeld, Anny Froese has been appointed to the vice-principal/classroom teacher role at Prairie Dale School for 2019/20.

Froese has been with GVSD for 13 years, mainly teaching Gr. 4-7 and serving as an acting

principal since 2016. She currently works as a resource/classroom teacher at Prairie Dale.

Over at Border Valley School, Donovan Giesbrecht, who stepped into the principal role for the remainder of the year last month, will fill the role permanently starting this fall.

Giebrecht has spent much of his career with GVSD as a Gr. 9-12 classroom teacher at GVC. He has taught English, social studies, math, Mennonite Studies, and guidance/resource.

Finally, joining the staff at the new Pine Ridge Elementary School in September will be Ashly Dyck as vice-principal/teacher.

Dyck currently serves the division as a Kindergarten/resource teacher at J.R Walkof School. She has been with GVSD for 16 years teaching everything from K-7.

> BUDGET, FROM PG. 7

"At the end of the day, somebody's got to pay the bill," she said. "Guess who's going to pay for it with tax hikes if [Trudeau] gets re-elected? Canadians will be paying for it."

"The thing that really gets us, and we've been saying this for some time, is that Trudeau has really failed on a lot of things," Bergen added.

"He's failed on the energy sector, he's failed on getting pipelines built, he's failed small businesses, and Canadians are paying for all of his failures."

The government is also touting money that is in the budget for infrastructure. Bergen noted the Liberals had previously promised about \$14 billion in infrastructure spending, but only about half of that has been paid out.

"I can tell you a lot of it sure hasn't been in Manitoba. It sure hasn't been in Portage-Lisgar," said Bergen, who went on to cite a number of examples of wasteful spending ranging

from \$300 million "to pay youth to volunteer" to \$40 million for the 2020 World Expo in Dubai.

That is the Liberal way, Bergen said, describing it as "massive spending and very little direct help."

Bergen outlined a few areas she would have liked to see the budget address.

"I would have liked to have seen the carbon tax scrapped," she said. "I would have loved to have seen direct tax cuts for Canadian families. We gave Canadian families a tax break when they sent their kids to university. Trudeau took that away. We gave Canadians a tax break if they signed their kids up for sports. Trudeau took that away. I would have loved to have seen those re-instated."

"I'm again not seeing anything for agriculture. We have a crisis right now in the canola industry ... and none of that is addressed in the budget."

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A mother's gift inspires sisters to open new biz

By Lorne Stelmach

Family plays a big part in many respects with new local business Kessah Clean.

Not only are three sisters behind it, but the inspiration for the idea came from their mother.

Celebrating the launch of their business Saturday at the Morden Discount Centre (MDC), sisters Sara Froese, Susie Williams, and Kathy Wieler recalled it all began when they got a gift of nice tea towels from their mother about two years ago.

"We loved them so much that we found the material and we started sewing," noted Froese, adding that in itself was unusual for them. "We had never sewn in our life before, never touched a sewing machine."

The name Kessah is made from the first initials of the three of them as well as their three other siblings.

Working from home, they created what they are calling Kessah cloths. They are high quality microfibre cloths that are green and eco-friendly with the added benefit of being made locally.

Their products so far include tea towels, dish cloths, a cloth for windows, and a multi-purpose cleaning cloth.

"We can sew them ourselves, and we can sell them for a fraction of the price," said Wieler.

Froese said they have very pleasantly surprised by the initial response since they started up last October.

"We've only ever had good feedback ... and we are having a hard time keeping up with the demand," she said. "We're doing a lot of craft shows across southern Manitoba, and we just got into MDC here and we sell them out of our homes as well."

"It was so well supported. We're



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Morden Mayor Brandon Burley was on hand Saturday to congratulate Sara Froese, Susie Williams, and Kathy Wieler on the launch of Kessah Clean.

actually just stunned by how well the community has responded to us," said Wieler. "We just thought we would maybe do a few hobby shows ... here we are now."

"We've taken some risks but they've paid off ... we're really excited about

what the future holds ... we've got some really good stuff that we're working on."

If you are interesting in learning more, you can find Kessah Clean online on Facebook and Instagram.

Morden courthouse hosting Law Day events

By Lorne Stelmach

A classic fairy tale will again be used to help shed some light on the workings of the Canadian justice system.

The Morden provincial courthouse plays host to the fourth annual Law Day April 5 as part of a nationwide event that also serves to promote and celebrate the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Organizers hope the trial of Alice from *Alice in Wonderland* will help bring some focus to sections of the charter in relation to how the Canadian court system works.

"We hope that the students and public walk away with a better understanding of how they apply to the criminal justice system," said lawyer and former prosecutor Carli Owens.

"We know as Canadians that we have the right to a fair hearing and the right to full answer and defence, but most people, fortunately, will not come into contact with the justice system," she said. "It is our hope that seeing these principles play out in a mock trial will help them better understand how the trial system works and understand the trial outcomes that are reported in the news."

In particular, Owens said they will

focus on sections 7 and 11 of the charter.

The former is a constitutional provision that protects an individual's autonomy and personal legal rights including the right to life, liberty, and security.

The latter protects a person's legal rights in criminal and penal matters, including both criminal and regulatory offences.

The mock trial will delve into the tale of Alice, who follows the White Rabbit through the rabbit hole and into Wonderland. She finds herself charged with offences ranging from break and enter with intent to the White Rabbit's home to mischief over \$5,000 to the Queen of Heart's prop-

erty and assault on the Queen's card soldiers.

Helping to bring the mock trial to life will be teacher Lindsey Jacobs' Gr. 6 class from École Morden Middle School. The kids will play the roles of the lawyers, accused, witnesses, and jury members.

Meanwhile, court registrar Jan Moody is playing herself, while Morden Police Cst. Jeff Forster will play the Knave of Hearts. Presiding over it all will be Court of Queen's Bench Justice John A. Menzies.

"It is a great way for the children to learn about the criminal court system in a fun setting alongside a real court clerk, sheriff officers, police officer and judge and give them exposure to

an employment sector they might not have considered," Owen said. "It is an event that we look forward to each year."

The public is welcome to come watch the mock trial. Seating is limited, though, so people are encouraged to be there by 9:45 a.m.

Following the trial and a break, there will be a presentation at around 12:30 p.m. on business organizations. For those wondering if a sole proprietor, partnership, or corporation is the right structure for their business, there will be a chance to hear from and ask questions of a corporate law lawyer.

PVHS 12th annual steak night April 13

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society holds its annual sud, spud and steak night fundraiser April 13.

It's the 12th year for the event at Rock's Bar & Grill in Morden, and this year it is sponsored by Sawatzky's Furniture with support from Pembina Valley Transfer.

Sawatzky's were inspired to get involved in memory of a beloved Labrador who passed away in 2018, so the society is promoting the personal sponsorship of tables (minimum of \$20) at the event in memory of special pets who are no longer with us, and they encourage people to share something about their pet at the event.

"It can be a memory, a quote or any-

thing you would like to say about your pet. And every person who sponsors a table has a chance to win a \$50 gift card from Sawatzky's," noted Holly Thorne, public relations chairperson for the humane society.

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“Faces” exhibit showcases everyday Winklerites

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture is once again shining a spotlight on the everyday people who make up our community.

The Park St. gallery unveiled its Faces of Winkler exhibition last week, highlighting the lives of 11 Winklerites through photography and art.

WAC board chair Karina Cardona Claros noted that though the third annual show had to be pushed back from last fall, it was important to keep it in the gallery's rotation.

“We didn't want to lose it because we think it's really the heart of Winkler, which is the people,” she said. “We love how it builds relationships and it draws to people's minds, too, what matters here and what things people do to make a difference.”

“A lot of times it's behind-the-scenes people. You don't always know someone's story if they're not a public figure.”

“Everybody has an unbelievable story,” agreed past board chair Tom Penner, who spearheaded the launch of the show three years ago. “This isn't about what people have done—this is about who people are.”

Helping to paint that picture were 11 artists and four photographers. They

each met with their subjects—most of whom were strangers to them—one or two times before tackling the task.

For photographer Lynette Giebrecht, the show gave her a glimpse into the lives of three very different Winklerites. She photographed subjects Ty Franz, Dr. Chandy Jacobs, and Mary Goertzen.

“Getting to know people in the community who have impacted the community and just getting to know their stories was a real privilege,” Giebrecht said. “It was kind of a treat to go into their homes and find out what their struggles are, what their joys are.”

“THIS ISN'T ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE HAVE DONE—THIS IS ABOUT WHO PEOPLE ARE.”

“It's a very interesting rendering of people's spaces, people's minds, and their lives,” she added of the show as a whole.

Artist Ruth Hiebert had 94-year-old Mary Goertzen as her subject. Her piece includes portraits of Goertzen both today and as a young woman against a background of elements of her full life.

“It was an interesting process because I had never met her before. I didn't know her at all,” Hiebert said. “She was so sweet and so humble and just thought she wasn't worthy to be in a show like this.”

“But I said this is what we need to do. We need to ... feature people who are real people and who helped make



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Artist Kathy Forness (left) tried to capture subject Val Harder's life in her painting for the Faces of Winkler exhibit on display now at Winkler Arts and Culture. Photographing Harder for the show was Kristen Neufeld.

this community what it is.”

As for the subjects, seeing your life summed up, in part, in a couple of pieces of art on the wall is an odd experience, to say the least.

Joyce Bergen, who has headed up the Winkler Welcomes You program for decades, said her nomination came as a surprise.

“Very surprised. It's an honour,” she said, adding she loves the spirit behind the show. “I like that you don't have to be a board member or a CEO of a company—it's just a variety of people who make up this community.”

Val Harder was impressed with how well artist Kathy Forness and photographer Kristen Neufeld captured her. Neufeld's photo has Harder sitting amongst a pile of books, while Forness' painting includes images representing her faith, career, and family.

“It's beautiful. I think it represents who I am, that's for sure,” Harder said. “It's got all the pieces of my life.”

Other faces in the Faces of Winkler exhibit include Don Friesen, Amanda Heide, Ian Hart, Nicole Penner, Connie Bailey, and Marvin Plett.

The exhibition is on display until the end of April.



Faces of Winkler subject Dr. Chandy Jacobs with the artwork created by Ray Doerksen and photographer Lynette Giebrecht in his honour.

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ter's animals.

“This event is so important to the PVHS because we rely heavily on our donors—be they monthly donors, one-off donors, or those who support our events—to continue to provide humane and sustainable communities for all animals,” said Thorne.

“We can do so much more for animal responsibility advocacy, education and care when we have the community supporting us,” she continued. “We made a pledge: every animal that comes to our shelter will be given a fair chance at finding

a new home regardless of age, initial health assessment, or how they look and we can't do that without the support of donors and volunteers.”

Last year's steak night raised \$5,000.

“This year we'd love to be able to up that to about \$7,500,” Thorne said.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Morden Motor Inn, at the shelter at 462 Jefferson Street in Morden, or online at pvhsociety.ca.

The supper runs from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

Finding inspiration in other artists' work

By Lorne Stelmach

The message last Thursday at the Pembina Hills Gallery centred around drawing on the work of those who inspired you to find your own identity as an artist.

The Art Talk for March featured local artist Hugh Gilchrist speaking on a trio of artists who have inspired him over the years.

While it is good to be inspired by a certain artist's work, at the same time you need to find your own personal interpretation, said Gilchrist.

"I think, as a painter, you're always trying to find a little niche for yourself," he said. "I've always tried to figure out where do I fit? When I see something like that, I say can I do that ... but can I find something that's me in there?"

He touched on the works of artists Frank Western Smith, Kenneth Gordon, and Faye Gustafson as sources of inspiration for him.

Gordon's work very much followed

in the footsteps of the Group of Seven. He created oil sketches from his many hiking and canoe trips through Canada's wilderness country and in the early 1990s painted abandoned Haida villages on the Queen Charlotte Islands in British Columbia.

Gustafson is known for her portraits, landscape, and wildlife paintings with a minimal yet realistic style and depiction of the western way of life.

"I don't consider myself as an artist, I consider myself as a painter. When I look at their work I see how they've used brushes and used colours and how they've used light and they've used dark," Gilchrist observed, noting he feels he can't quite duplicate how the latter two artists capture certain colours.

He also speaks admiringly of the work of artists like the Group of Seven in a similar way.

"They just captured the character of the tree or the lake or the mountains ... to me, that's hard to do," he said.

Hugh Gilchrist shared some of his artistic inspirations at this month's Art Talk at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

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"I admire them, but I know I would never get myself into that position," Gilchrist continued. "But I can look at something that somebody else has done, take a little bit of this, little bit of that ... and try to put something together for myself."

"Somewhere along the line, even they had to find their way," he added in reference again to the Group of Seven, "and I can sort of use them for finding my way."

Tricia Dyck, program and outreach co-ordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council, thought that kind of message fit in well with their hope for the art talks.

"I think it is important to hear about what is going on for artists, their intentions, what drives them," she said.

"Often, as viewers, we see the output of that, but we often don't know what the process has been," she said. "It's always fascinating for me to hear from artists, what they've been thinking, what they've been learning and who they're inspired by because it reveals so much more about the layers."

The next art talk set for April 18 is connected to National Free Film Day and will feature a screening of *Maudie*, a film about much-loved folk artist Maud Lewis.

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Festival du Voyageur: J.R. Walkof School edition

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The staff and students at J.R. Walkof Elementary School bid farewell to winter with a day-long bash last week.

The Winkler elementary school hosted its own mini version of the Festival du Voyageur March 19.

Kids spent either the morning or the afternoon rotating through a series of stations inspired by the lives of the French Canadian fur traders of the 18th and 19th centuries.

They strapped on snow shoes, carried sleds of supplies over challenging terrain, played survival games in the gym, and chowed down on bannock, among other activities, all to get a small taste of the life of a voyageur.

"The voyageur experience is a big part of Canadian history," says vice principal Scott Hiebert, "and so we thought this would be a great way for our students to experience some of those activities they've been learning about."

"The kids are all really engaged in the activities," he added. "Some of them are really challenging, but they're sticking with it, they're having fun with it."

Helping make the day possible was a small army of parents who came out to volunteer their time at the various stations, Hiebert noted.



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As part of J.R. Walkof School's Festival du Voyageur activities last week, students carried a sled full of supplies over a snow mountain (above), worked together at the plank cross country skiing station (left), and practised survival skills in the gym (right), among other challenges.



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Going the distance

Morden goalie Reed Peters dives to rob Warren's Brock Genyk of a sure open net goal in the first period of game four of the SEMHL championship series. The Redskins won the game 4-2. The series went all the way to game seven for a decision this Tuesday night.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League championships series is going the distance this week.

At press time, the Morden Redskins and Warren Mercs were poised to head into game seven Tuesday evening for a decision on the trophy.

Earlier last week, on March 19, Morden tied the series at two with a 4-2 victory in front of a hometown crowd.

Tyler Grove had a two goal night while Mike Rey and Jay Fehr contributed a goal in the victory. In net, Reed Peters kept Warren to one goal each in the first and third periods, turning away 45 shots on net while his teammates fired 32 the other way.

The Redskins made it a 3-2 series three nights later playing in Warren, coming home with a 5-2 win.

David Victor tied the game at 1-1 in the first, while Rey's goal pulled Mor-

den into the lead in the second.

Warren got the tying goal early in the final period, but goals from Jesi Freund, Grove, and Rey (with an empty-netter) sealed the deal. Peters made 44 saves in net.

Game six back in Morden Sunday night was the closest match yet, needing overtime to decide it.

Jordan Cameron, Rey, and Victor got the Redskins off to a fine start in the opening frame, up 3-1.

But Warren chipped away at that lead steadily in the next two periods, scoring three goals to take a 4-3 lead. Grove managed the tying goal midway through the period, sending things into overtime.

There, it was Warren who got the game winner to extend the series, as Trent Genyk completed his hat trick 2:27 in on a powerplay.

Peters made 39 saves in net as Morden outshot Warren 44-42.

Twisters bounce out Hawks to advance

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters completed a four game sweep of their Manitoba Major Junior quarterfinal series.

They ended the Charleswood Hawks' season Friday with a 4-0 shutout in Winnipeg.

The quarterfinal had been decided by one goal games until the end, with the Twisters having taken a 3-0 series lead earlier last week with a 2-1 victory.

Special teams played the pivotal role that night, as Pembina Valley got on the board first in connecting short-handed only 15 seconds after taking a roughing call, with Jordan Keck feeding Dylan Dacquay.

The Hawks did connect on that man advantage to even the game at one, but Travis Penner scored what ended up being the game-winner at 12:10 of the second.

Ryan Hall again kept Charleswood in the game, as the shots on goal were 48-29 for the Twisters, who got 28

saves from Travis Klassen.

In game four, Klassen got a 34 save shutout as the Twisters edged in shots 38-34 while taking period leads of 1-0 and 2-0.

Elijah Carels connected for his first two goals of the playoffs including a powerplay marker, while Sven Scherfer got his third and Jeremie Goderis put it away with his second into an empty net with three minutes remaining.

Pembina Valley now awaits a somewhat surprising semifinal opponent

after the seventh place Stonewall Jets completed an upset of the second place Raiders in five games.

The Twisters took four of their five regular season games against Stonewall. The schedule for the series was not set at press time.

In the other playoff match-ups, the third place St. James Jr. Canucks eliminated the sixth place Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins in five games, while the fifth place Transcona Railer Express went into the week up 3-2 on fourth place St. Vital Victorias.

Morden's Szeremley honoured for his volunteer work

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Morden native's commitment to community has earned him a trip of a lifetime.

Garrett Szeremley recently received the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League's Make Every Moment Count Award in recognition of his extensive community involvement.

Szeremley, a former Pembina Valley Hawk, has spent the past two seasons playing for the SJHL's Weyburn Red Wings.

In addition to being a keen supporter of his teammates on the ice, the 19-year-old also volunteers his time outside the rink by participating regularly in school visits, reading programs, and with the Salvation Army Kettle Bell campaign.

In the wake of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash last summer, Szeremley helped spearhead a fundraiser for those affected by the tragedy, raising \$16,100.

Using his platform as a junior hockey player to do some good is something Szeremley takes quite seriously.

"I just think it's so important when we have a platform like we do play-

"IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT WHEN YOU HAVE THAT INFLUENCE THAT YOU PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD ... AND DO WHAT'S RIGHT."

ing high level hockey to be able to be a good role model for younger kids and other people in the community," he said.

"I know when I was younger I was always that kid that was kind of following the hockey guys around and whatever they were doing I was wanting to be doing too, so I just think it's so important that when you have that influence that you put your best foot forward ... and do what's right."

The Make Every Moment Count Award comes with round-trip airfare and a 10-day European Magic adventure to eight countries courtesy of the



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From left: Morden's own Garrett Szeremley receives the Make Every Moment Count Award from Joel Danyluk of Contiki Canada and Kelley Neiszner of CAA at the SJHL awards banquet earlier this month.

Contiki travel company and CAA Saskatchewan.

"Contiki's #1 core value is Making Every Moment Count, and this award recognizes an unsung hero from within these communities who are mak-

ing a difference for no reason other than they want to," said Contiki's Joel Danyluk. "We're proud to be able to give something back to a dedicated

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First Shift program gets kids out on the ice

By Lorne Stelmach

Mike Breiter might become a hockey dad after all thanks to the First Shift program.

He wasn't encouraging his six-year-old son Nate to take up the sport, but the program hosted by Morden Minor Hockey allowed them to test it out before making a commitment.

"For us, without this program, I guarantee you he would have never played hockey ... for us, it's a game changer, that's for sure," Breiter said Sunday as the First Shift program wrapped up at the Access Event Centre.

The Canadian Tire First Shift program is designed to provide a positive experience for new-to-hockey families by making the sport more accessible and affordable.

In Morden for the first time this year, it began with a welcome event Feb. 3 where kids were sized for equipment provided by the program. That was followed by six one hour on-ice sessions. Participation was just \$200 per child.

Organizer were thrilled at the response, with upward of 40 kids from all across southern Manitoba coming to try hockey for the first time.

Minor hockey executive member Dantin Reimer said they saw it as a great way to introduce younger children to hockey without requiring families to make a costly season-long commitment.

"It's a great way to try out the sport of hockey, and hopefully, if they enjoy it, they can then sign up," he said.

"We were happy with the turnout,"

Reimer added. "We were happy to see that people saw value in this and that we were able to introduce that number of kids to the sport."

"Cost is always a barrier for a lot of people," suggested Breiter, who noted that, if anything, they had originally discouraged Nate from getting into hockey.

"When the opportunity arose, he really wanted to try," he said. "So we could just see how we liked it. It turns out he loves it, so we may end up being a hockey family after all."

"It takes a lot of dedication, a lot of time from the family," Breiter continued. "But we figured if he really wants to try ... and he loves it enough ... so this has given us enough of an opportunity to see what it's like and to change our mind about it."

Breiter added he could not only see how much Nate enjoyed his time on the ice each week but also how much he progressed in a short period of time.

"The coaches have been really supportive," he said, noting Nate had recently been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, so they were uncertain how well it would work with issues like managing his blood sugar.

"The amount of improvement that we've seen in six weeks is beyond phenomenal. I can't even put into words how much improvement and confidence on and off the ice it's given Nate. He's very much a different kid."

Morden Minor Hockey president Steve Mullin, who also served as one of the coaches, said the six sessions covered all the basics of the game.

"The very first one, it was a lot of



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Upwards of 40 kids from across the region took part in the First Shift program hosted by Morden Minor Hockey this winter. The program, supported by Canadian Tire, provides a fun, affordable way for kids to try the sport for the first time.

skating. You are dealing with some kids who have literally never skated before, and you go up to some kids who obviously have had the opportunity to get on the ice before," he said.

"We're not worrying about any of the rules of hockey," Mullin added. "We slowly graduated into introducing pucks and some just kind of fun games where they can try their stick-handling and shooting skills."

Mullin said they didn't want to go into the program with overly ambitious goals.

"The big focus is just getting the kids to enjoy the game of hockey. This First Shift program is a little bit of a change of mindset where you just want the kids out there to enjoy and have as much fun as they possibly can."

"Our focus is giving kids the tools for success and to enjoy hockey, and

what they do with those tools going forward is up to them."

The minor hockey program may benefit from it in the long term, but Mullin said their priority was first and foremost to just see kids with smiles on their faces.

"There will be some of these kids who decide they want to participate in minor hockey, and we think that's fantastic, but the focus isn't about increasing minor hockey ... the focus is giving these kids an affordable way they can just go out and enjoy the sport."

Reimer suggested the positive response shows there is a need for a program like this in our area.

"It shows that the area is a hockey community and that families are wanting to try the sport out," he said, noting they are likely looking at continuing the program in the future.



> SZEREMLEY, FROM PG. 17

player like Szeremley whose commitment to both his team and community have been outstanding."

Szeremley, who was blindsided by the award at the league's banquet earlier this month, is excited to have the chance to travel this summer.

"It's something that I probably wouldn't have had the opportunity to do before," he said, noting he's most looking forward to visiting Venice. "I think the whole thing is going to be the opportunity of a lifetime."

This isn't the first time Szeremley has received accolades for his volunteer work. He is also a back-

to-back winner of the SJHL Community Ambassador Team Award, which recognizes players who make a difference. After winning in 2018, he donated his \$1,000 prize to the Weyburn Humane Society.

Meanwhile, on the ice, the Red Wings were knocked out of the playoffs in their wild card series and Szeremley was battling with an injury for much of the season.

Nonetheless, it was a season of growth for the forward.

"On a personal level, I did a lot of learning, did a lot of growing up over the past year, which is huge," Szeremley said. "I wouldn't trade this year for anything."



Gold for Pembina Pizazz

The Pembina Pizazz finished their season last weekend by participating at the Crocus Invitational Synchronized Skating Championship in Neepawa. The three teams—Beginner 2 (above, left), Juvenile (above), and Pre-Novice (left)—had an outstanding weekend, with each earning gold medals for their performances.

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La Riviere Raptor Festival takes flight April 13

By Lorne Stelmach

Pembina Valley will soon be welcoming birds returning north, and the excitement and awe around the migration will once again be celebrated at the La Riviere Raptor Festival.

The annual event now in its eighth year will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 13. Organizers are thrilled to see the festival continuing to grow a little year after year with both new participants and displays.

The event coincides with the return of thousands of migrating birds on their incredible journey to their breeding grounds in Canada from their winter homes in Mexico and Central and South America.

After a long cold winter, returning flocks of waterfowl, colorful songbirds, and soaring eagles warm the spirit, said festival co-ordinator Evelyn Janzen.

"And I think we've been cooped up all winter long, so it's a great time to get out and just enjoy a nice day," she said.

The release of a rehabilitated red-tailed hawk around noon will be a highlight of the day, of course, but Janzen suggested a big part of the festival's draw overall is the chance to learn more about the world around us.

"I think it's also the curiosity of

people who enjoy nature and want answers to the questions they have ... and I think this is a good place to come and get some answers," she said. "Part of the big draw of course is that there are the live raptors there ... that's something you don't get to experience every day ... there isn't often that opportunity to get right close to them."

Janzen estimated the festival has seen attendance grow from about 100 the first year to over 650 last year.

The original vision of the La Riviere

Raptor Festival remains unchanged: to bring awareness of the significance of the Pembina Valley as a migratory corridor for birds of prey and other birds.

It offers a variety of educational displays, tours, and viewing of migrating raptors, and it all highlights the importance of biodiversity and habitat conservation to our ecosystem health.

In addition to the chance to see live birds and other animals, other highlights of the day include guided walking tours hosted by Paul Goossen and

guest presentations by author and photographer Dr. Christian Artuso, provincial program manager for Bird Studies Canada.

"The guided walking tours are always very popular ... and the talk have also been very well received," noted Janzen.

Instrumental in generating funds to keep the festival going are the day's art raffle and rainbow auction. Wayne Benedet has donated two works of art currently on display at Westoba Credit Union in La Riviere.

Back 40 concert honours Woodstock

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Music lovers are marking two big milestones in music history in 2019.

On the local front, the 30th edition of the Back 40 Folk Festival will take over Morden Park on June 2.

As well, 2019 is the 50th anniversary of the famous Woodstock music festival, which Back 40 organizers are honouring by making it the theme of their annual spring fundraising concert.

"There's so many great bands" for local artists to pay tribute to, says concert organizer Steve Dueck. "Everybody is really excited about it."

This year's concert honours Jimi

Hendrix, Joan Baez, Santana, Canned Heat, The Who, CCR, Paul Butterfield Blues Band, Joe Cocker, The Band, Janis Joplin, Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young, among other hit-makers of the '60s.

Local musicians volunteering their talents include On the Edge, Frank Maclean and the New Originals, The Mood, Bill Dowling and the Even Breaks, Jenessa Kehler, Caleb Vallely Band, Dark by Three, and Link and the Moustaches.

Last year's concert at the Kenmor Theatre in Morden sold out, and Dueck is hoping to do the same at the larger P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler.

"We decided with the 30th anniversary of the Back 40 to go with a bigger venue to try to have a bigger celebration," he said, noting all the funds raised help make the June festival possible. "We couldn't do it without the money we raise here."

Details about the Back 40's performance lineup will be released in the coming months.

In the meantime, the Woodstock concert takes place on Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance at Co-op gas bars in Winkler or Morden or online at Back40folkfest.com.

Start down *The Meandering Path* with local author April 13



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Author Cheryl Lynn Plett hosts an evening of humour for the Pembina Hills Arts Council April 13.

By Lorne Stelmach

A local author hopes to both make you laugh and inspire you—all in support of the arts community.

Morden writer Cheryl Lynn Plett will host an evening of humour with a presentation entitled *The Meandering Path* April 13 at the Morden Activity Centre. The evening is a fundraiser for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

It is a good opportunity not only for Plett professionally but also as a way for her to give back to the community at the same time.

"It's an evening where people can come out, have fun ... support the arts," she said.

Plett said *The Meandering Path* is basically about her personal creative journey.

"I want to tell my story about what I have gone through on this crazy path of mine that I have taken in life," she said. "I wanted to talk to people to

make them laugh ... but I also hope to inspire people to go on their own creative journey."

Describing herself as a writer, entertainer, baker and cook, seamstress and quilter, home renovator, gardener, and all-around jack of all trades, Plett sees herself as "well versed in life's many and varied detours and distractions.

"From this well-spring of creativity, joyful living, honesty, goodness with a purpose and short attention span," she writes. "I want to tell my story of creative unfolding and bumbling in order to inspire and entertain."

Plett is the author of *The Erotic Eclair and Other Unseemly Stories*, which she describes as "a delectable medley of stories filled with glorious food, smatterings of sex and Mennonite angst.

"Along the way, we meet a bootlegging herbalist, a benevolent drug-lord, a runaway shotgun bride, women in pursuit of their dreams and men

vainly trying to understand those self-same women."

As for *The Meandering Path*, Plett likes the idea of getting her story across with the spoken as well as the written word.

"I got a degree in theatre ... I was trained to be an actor then realized that wasn't what I should be doing," she noted, adding it was good experience that she still draws on. "The writing comes more naturally to me ... but it helped me to evolve in a lot of ways though."

As for what she hopes people will take away from her presentation, Plett suggested that it's "not so much about what you've accomplished in the end but the joy that it gives you in life."

The presentation gets underway at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13. Tickets are available from the PHAC gallery in downtown Morden.

Discovery Toys collecting funds for Easter baskets

Gift bags will be distributed to kids staying at Genesis House in April

By Lorne Stelmach

Discovery Toys consultants across southern Manitoba are again hoping to make Easter a happier holiday for families in need.

Their annual campaign raises funds to create and deliver Easter baskets for children who are spending the holiday in family shelters, including Genesis House in Winkler.

"Kids staying at the shelters are still kids. They still want some magic in their life, they still deserve that magic in their life, and Easter is one of the magical times of the year," said Heather Deamel, a consultant in Manitou. "It's great, especially if they have been through a hard time, and they're not really expecting anything ... and then they wake up Easter morning to a surprise that is just for them."

"Easter is another holiday where families will get together, but if you have a broken family, that might be a more difficult time," agreed Julie Cwir, a consultant in the Brandon-Souris area. "So that's why we want to bring a little bit of joy to those fam-

ilies that may be struggling,"

Specializing in premium quality learning products for newborns through school aged children, Discovery Toys began when an early childhood educator first brought together a group of teachers, mothers, and parents to take on the important topic of education for children through play.

The network marketing and direct sales company was born, and it continues to promote play-based learning.

Consultants like Deamel and Cwir were involved in a similar fundraising campaign at Christmas. A number of local businesses made donations to

help provide Christmas gifts for families staying at Genesis House.

They now turn their attention to the Easter campaign.

"It's different than Christmas ... at Christmas, there's lots of support, lots of giving, but Easter maybe not as much," said Cwir, adding they want to "remember these people at all times of the year."

"This has become a very special campaign to me ... I've been part of it since it started, and it's in its fifth year in the province now," said Deamel.

"We have seen quite a bit of growth in the program, quite a bit of growth in both need and areas that are being

served," she continued, adding her daughter last year even contributed with homemade bookmarks. "So for me, it's become very much a family project, and my kids are quite involved with it."

Since the campaign's inception, they have delivered over 700 gift baskets to 10 women's shelters in Manitoba.

The Easter baskets, valued at about \$30, include a toy or game and a book as well as some Easter treats and basic toiletries.

For more information or to support the campaign, contact Deamel by e-mail at heatherdeamel@yahoo.ca or by calling 204-242-2436.

Connie Kaldor returns to Manitou

The Manitou Opera House Foundation welcomes back multiple Juno Award winner Connie Kaldor on Friday, April 12.

The Saskatchewan-born singer-songwriter last graced the Opera House stage 12 years ago when she delighted crowds with her songs and stories of the Prairies.

Kaldor has a wide-ranging repertoire encompassing multiple genres, including folk, gospel, rock, country and western, bluegrass, and adult contemporary.

Kaldor, who currently resides in Montreal, has toured North America, China, India, and Europe. She has shared the stage with the likes of Tracy Chapman, Sylvia Tyson, the Chieftains, and Daniel Lanois.

Sharing the stage with Connie Kaldor on this tour will be her husband, Paul Campagne, of Hart Rouge fame, and their two adult sons, Gabriel and Aleski.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. show are available by calling or texting 204-242-4287.



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Early dismissal-fueled creativity

School ended early in Morden last Wednesday, but a half dozen students took advantage of the opportunity to get creative with the early dismissal Art Attack program at Maple Leaf School. Winkler's Clay Owl Studio helped lead the hour and a half session of arts and crafts organized by Morden Recreation. The final one of four sessions for the school year takes place May 15. More information can be found at mordenmb.com/afterschool.

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Dialysis expansion announced for BTHC

By Lorne Stelmach

An expansion of dialysis services province-wide is bringing additional support to this region.

The announcement earlier this month included a six-patient expansion of dialysis services at Boundary Trails Health Centre as part of an investment of nearly \$5.2 million for dialysis services across Manitoba.

It includes \$2.4 million in funding under the 2019 budget to provide services for up to 72 patients while also hiring an additional 57 health care professionals, including nearly 30 nurses.

"Our government is committed to providing Manitobans with the right care in the right place at the right time," said Health Minister and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen in a statement. "This investment to expand dialysis services at Boundary Trails builds on that commitment and will deliver quality care right here in our community."

Given that about 14 per cent of Manitobans live with kidney disease and about one-third of them may develop kidney failure in their lifetime, health officials hailed this as a much needed investment.

"Manitoba's rates of kidney failure continue to rise," noted Dr. Mauro Verrelli, medical director of the Manitoba Renal Program.

"This addition of funding allows these local renal health centres to utilize existing infrastructure to meet a growing need for dialysis treatment across Manitoba. When possible, we want Manitobans to receive this vital treatment at home or as close to home as possible."

The funding builds on other recent service expansions in Brandon and

Winnipeg.

"Receiving services closer to home is integral to our government's approach to improving Manitoba's health system," said Friesen. "Expanding dialysis services in these communities will make it easier for Manitobans living with kidney disease and kidney failure to access the health care they need."

CAA launches Worst Roads campaign

CAA Manitoba is inviting Manitobans to weigh in on the worst roadways in the province.

The agency launched its annual Worst Roads campaign last week.

"Everyone has a role to play in making our roads safer, and that's why we want to hear from all Manitobans about their concerns," says CAA Manitoba president Tim Scott. "Our annual CAA Worst Roads campaign has influenced change for over seven

years by taking input and bridging the public's interest in the state of good repair of our roads and bridges."

Poor roads are classified as having potholes, crumbling pavement, poor road signage, limited or non-existent cycling or walking infrastructure, traffic congestion, or limited crossing opportunities.

Manitobans can nominate their Worst Road online at caaworstroads.com or through the CAA app.

Voters can identify themselves as motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, or transit riders and pinpoint a particular stretch of the road for crumbling infrastructure, safety, and congestion.

Voting runs until midnight on April 16.

At the end of the campaign, reports of roads voted on are distributed to government leaders for review.



Drumming session at Minnewasta

Minnewasta School students were treated to some fun music and drumming activities last week as part of the Artist in the School program, funded by the Manitoba Arts Council and the school's parent advisory committee. Evans Coffie, a.k.a. Coffieman, did a one week residency at the school to introduce students to African drumming. The entire student body got the chance to see him perform in an assembly. Coffie then spent the rest of the week working with K-2 students on the finer points of the instrument. "It gives our students a chance to experience something that is not necessarily part of the curriculum," noted teacher Renee Klassen. "For some students this might spark an interest that they will pursue later in life."

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Agriculture

The Cdn. hog industry is in a quandary

By Harry Siemens

Tyler Fulton, director of risk management with HAMS Marketing Services, said futures markets had shown improvement in spite of substantially higher than expected live hog numbers.

In early March, most of the summer's futures recovered to roughly halfway back to their highs. Fulton acknowledged it's still very volatile, but futures values are significantly better than several weeks earlier.

"The reality is there's a huge hog supply that to some degree caught the market off guard," he said. "We've seen several weeks that exceeded five per cent growth over year-ago levels, and that is pretty close to double what we anticipated seeing."

"We usually don't get caught off guard on the supply side with that kind of an increase, and it's been quite consistent since the new year, and there's no indication of it stopping. Not only are the hog numbers up significantly but hog carcass weights are also heavier."

Fulton said in terms of weekly pork production the United States, in particular, are up a solid five per cent over year-ago levels. For whatever reason, the futures are willing to put this large supply on the back burner

and focus a little bit more on some of the longer term positive fundamentals.

"I believe that the market still thinks that the North American market place is going to benefit from higher export sales into Asia, in particular into China as a result of the short domestic supply there relating to African Swine Fever, but there's a great reason for caution," Fulton said. "When we get close to where we think there's going to be a tangible benefit to North American prices, it gets pushed further down the road. When you look at the current futures values and the current hog supply, it's had to reconcile the two."

Bob Fraser of Genesis Ontario said Stats Canada's Jan. 1 semi-annual *Hog & Pig Report* placed the Canadian sow herd at 1.24 million head. That puts the Canadian herd as basically flat for approaching a decade now.

"Or you can make an argument that it is slowly bleeding to death by a thousand pinpricks as it approaches the inventory of two decades ago, after a peak of just shy of 1.6 million sows in the first quarter of 2005," said Fraser. "A decline approaching a quarter of the sow herd. Granted productivity gains have lessened the overall production drain but still not exactly an encouraging picture."

He said there are a variety of reasons for this, but the result is a weakened infrastructure much in need of replacement. The bulk of the new "good" barns are from the hey day at the turn of the millennium when the industry grew to its peak.

"Those barns are now drawing onto 20 years old, with the bulk of everything else south of that. Most could use some serious refurbishing, where some should probably go away," Fraser said. "Lack of finishing space, at least in Ontario, seems chronic as I am asked constantly if I know of any space."

"I think many producers would agree that there is much space presently in use that might be better retire. However, replacement of capital assets takes just that: capital and, as Jim Long would add, courage. Something that has been lacking in this industry of late."

Fraser said for the last while margins have charitably been thin and spotty.

Olymel, Canada's largest pork processor and producer, reports in 2018 its eastern and western hog production divisions both suffered losses more significant than the previous fiscal year.

Their eastern fresh pork sector saw positive results second only to 2017,

their best year ever. Meanwhile, the western fresh pork sector had excellent results for the third consecutive year.

This would be consistent with most of the other Canadian packers and US packers for that matter in enjoying unheard of margins for three or four years now.

Fraser said unless fully integrated, a capitalist pork system struggles to figure out how to better share the margins, and this isn't without consequence.

Kevin Grier in his *Canadian Pork Market Report* suggested the Maple Leaf Foods plant in Brandon's fourth quarter 2018 kill to be 70,000 to 72,000 weekly against an 80,000 extra capacity. Olymel in Red Deer is running less than 35,000 weekly against 45,000 (single shift) capacity.

"This doesn't work. A pork plant like a finishing barn's per head costs soar when operating under capacity," Fraser said. "So, the question becomes who is going to blink first."

"The obvious easy solution to the need for more hogs certainly in producers' eyes is just paying more. However, to date, this seems to have only shuffled the deck chairs from one plant to the other, with no more hogs. Without a solution, it would seem a plant is vulnerable to closure."

PVCD, Ag Action grant helps local landowner



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dennis Hoepfner's land on the Walkof Coulee upstream of Winkler now has a dam on it that will reduce flood peaks throughout the area.

Funding from Ag Action Manitoba has allowed the Pembina Valley Conservation District to work with a local landowner to implement practices that conserve and enhance ecological goods and services on the agricultural landscape.

Dennis Hoepfner was looking at ways to improve his irrigation capacity for vegetable crops and provide a water source for cattle and he approached PVCD for assistance.

After survey work was completed at the site, PVCD came up with a design that would incorporate a retention pond and vehicle crossing.

The dam provides a dependable water source for irrigation, but also includes a flood peak reduction component through a vertical control pipe to handle normal flows, an armoured emergency spillway to handle ex-

treme events, and a smaller drain with a valve to allow dewatering of the reservoir to accommodate more runoff in the spring and allow for easier routine maintenance.

This particular site is on the Walkof Coulee upstream of Winkler and has a total capacity of approximately 10 acre feet (enough water to flood 10 acres, one foot deep).

The reduction in flood peaks will also help protect the municipal road downstream as well as mitigating flooding of downstream agricultural land.

"This project will be very valuable in numerous ways," said Hoepfner. "It will retain water for those dry years, assist with erosion downstream, and alleviate road washouts."

For more information on partnering with the PVCD on similar projects, contact them at 204-242-3267.

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- To execute the strategic initiatives of the Corn and Apple Board.
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- Social media execution and website maintenance.
- Maintain a positive public image with all levels of stakeholders.
- Recruit and supervise Corn & Apple Festival staff.
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NOTICE OF HEARING

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OF
THE BOARD OF REFERENCE
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THE WESTERN SCHOOL DIVISION
and
THE GARDEN VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION

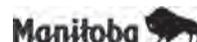
As required by Section 9 of *The Public Schools Act* (RSM 1987, c.P250), notice is hereby given that a public hearing of The Board of Reference, appointed as provided under Section 8 of *The Public Schools Act*, will be held as scheduled herein to hear any person or any person on his/her behalf in the matter of a request referred to The Board of Reference in accordance with Section 5 of *The Public Schools Act*.

The hearing will be held in the offices of The Western School Division located at Unit 4-75 Thornhill Street, Morden, Manitoba on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. to hear the request of Frank and Vanessa Wieler to transfer 1.85 acres known as Lot 1, Plan 46981 located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 3, Range 5 West from The Western School Division to The Garden Valley School Division.

Further information with respect to the hearing may be obtained at the office of the undersigned between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 28, 2019.

Sharon Curtis
Secretary
Board of Reference
c/o Manitoba Education and Training
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1 of 2 - 1998 Thomas A810-T245S



2005 Caterpillar 321C LCR



2 - 1988 Ford L9000 & 1979 Ford 9000



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Trucks

1988 Ford L9000 T/A Potato, s/n 1FDYU90WXJVA18716, Cummins 365, Eaton Fuller 15 spd, diff lock, 12000 lb frt, 34000 lb rears, 242 in. WB, BL Industries LBB2285 22 ft box, roll tarp.
1988 Ford L9000 T/A Potato, s/n 1FDYU90W2JVA18712, Cummins 365, Eaton Fuller 15 spd, diff lock, 12000 lb frt, 34000 lb rears, 242 in. WB, 20 ft box, roll tarp, 617,773 km showing.
1979 Ford 9000 T/A Potato, s/n U912VFF2278, Detroit, Eaton Fuller 13 spd, diff lock, 222 in. WB, BL Industries LBB2480 22 ft box, elec roll tarp, 230,782 km showing.
1976 Ford 9000 T/A, s/n U91TVA63599, Detroit V6, Eaton Fuller 13 spd, diff lock, 204 in. WB, 440,271 km showing.
2009 GMC 2500HD Sierra SLT Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup, s/n 1GTHK43639F170089, diesel, Allison A/T, 391,202 km showing.
2008 Ford F250 Super Duty Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup, s/n 1FTSW21R48EC20045, V8, diesel, A/T, 325,272 km showing.
2000 GMC 2500 Sierra Pickup, s/n 1GTGK24UXYZ293754, A/T, 331,576 km showing.

Step Deck Trailers

1994 Temisko GFT2W 29 T/A, s/n 2TMGF2920RN405301, 9 ft top deck, 19 ft x 8 ft deck.
1993 Temisko T/A, s/n 2TMGF292XPN382901, 10 ft top deck, 18 ft deck.

Environmental Equipment

2011 Prime Tech PT300 90 In. Crawler Self-Propelled Brush Mulcher, s/n 00243, A/C cab, Raptor 5.6/TL01-DM winch, 3317 hrs showing.
2013 Fecon FMA8039H 80 In. 3 Pt Hitch Hyd Sub Soil Mulcher, s/n FMA8039010102.
1997 Bear Cat 72854 Wood Chipper, s/n 24272, reverser, hyd feed, var spd.

Hydraulic Excavator

2005 Caterpillar 321C LCR, s/n CAT0321CCMCF00603, hyd Q/C, bkt, aux hyd, 5592 hrs showing.

Crawler Tractor

2004 John Deere 850C Series II, 6-way dozer, A/C cab, 15,971 hrs showing.

Wheel Loader

1975 Caterpillar 988, s/n 87A9231, bkt, 29.5x25.

Skid Steer Loaders

1998 Thomas 245 HDS, s/n LM000970, bkt, aux hyd, cab, 3628 hrs showing.
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Potato Equipment

Double L Mfg 22 Ft Potato Box, s/n 1844.
(2) Double L Mfg 20 Ft Potato Boxes.
CDE 22 Ft Potato Box.
2002 Dahlgren 2020 2 Row Potato Harvester, s/n 453221, Big 1000 PTO.
1997 Harriston 160 Separator Potato Clod Hopper, s/n 45748, quick adjust star table. (Contact Frank: 204.325.2957)
1998 Lockwood 4645 4 Row Potato Windrower, s/n L-6130-4640-DW30801, 1000 PTO, RH disch, elec over hyd, opening coulters, Cray fan, hyd orbital shaker. (Contact Gerald Giesbrecht: 204.856.6505)

Row Crop Equipment

1998 Arts-Way Mfg 4018W-HI 4 Row Windrower, s/n 2080, 1000 PTO, vine chopper.
Harriston 2010 6 Row Cultivator, 3 pt hitch, 38 in. spacing.
2004 Elmers RC20SS 830 Bean Cultivator, s/n 042154, 3 pt hitch.

Seeding, Tillage & Breaking

2002 Elmers Mfg 6400 36 Ft Cultivator, s/n 02598, 4 in. spacing, harrows.
1997 Case IH 5800 36 Ft Deep Tillage Cultivator, s/n JAG0623554, 12 in. spacing, harrows.

1998 Flexi-Coil 85 70 Ft Heavy Harrows, s/n S85B000-U085644, 25 in. x 9/16 in. tines, man tine adj.

Sprayer

1998 Elmers 16 Row 3 Point Hitch Field, s/n 981426, 1800 L poly tank, dbl nozzle bodies.

Irrigation Equipment

2003 Cadman 4000S WB Irrigation Wheel & Gun, s/n 334030840005WB, Honda, 5 in. hose, 1250 ft.
2003 Cadman 4000S WB Irrigation Wheel & Gun, s/n 332030840005WB, Honda, 5 in. hose, 1250 ft.
2002 Ocmis 110R4 Irrigation Wheel & Gun, s/n E220087, Honda, 4.5 in. hose.
2002 Ocmis 110R4 Irrigation Wheel & Gun, s/n E220088, Honda, 4.5 in. hose.
1996 Cadman 4000S Irrigation Wheel & Gun, s/n 22196074000S, Honda, 5 in. hose.
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2016 Haul-All 1200± Bushel Tri/A Tender, s/n 854016008, roll tarp, 3 comp't, remote gate openers.

Tractor

2014 John Deere 8310R MFWD, s/n 1RW8310REED083086, 310 hp, frt axle susp, IVT, diff lock, GS3 2630 display, StarFire receiver, AutoTrac SF1 activation, 6 hyd outlets, 1 aux hyd, 1000 PTO, 3 pt hitch, HID lighting, frt weights, frt wheel weights, rear wheel weights, 480/80R38 duals F, 480/80R50 duals R, 1093 hrs showing.

Seeding, Tillage & Breaking

1997 John Deere 1850 42 Ft Disc Air Drill, s/n H01850X670712, 7.5 in. spacing, sgl shoot, 4.5 in. pneu packers, 1900 270± bu tow-between tank, s/n H01900T675247, sgl fan, 7 in. load auger.

2014 Horsch Joker RT270 25 Ft High Speed Disc, s/n 3100270014053, 19 in. blades, 9.5 in. spacing, packers.

2005 Bourgault 7200 48 Ft Heavy Harrows, s/n 38110HH-24, 22 in. tines, hyd tine pressure, hyd tine angle.

Grain Handling Equipment

2016 Meridian SLMD 12-85 12 In. x 85 Ft Mechanical Swing Grain Auger, s/n 06072, 540 PTO, reverser, hyd lift, elec mover.

2014 Meridian TL10-39 10 In. x 39 Ft Grain Auger, s/n 3620131001248, 540 PTO.

For more information: Brian Smith: 204.856.9803, hotspuds@mymts.net

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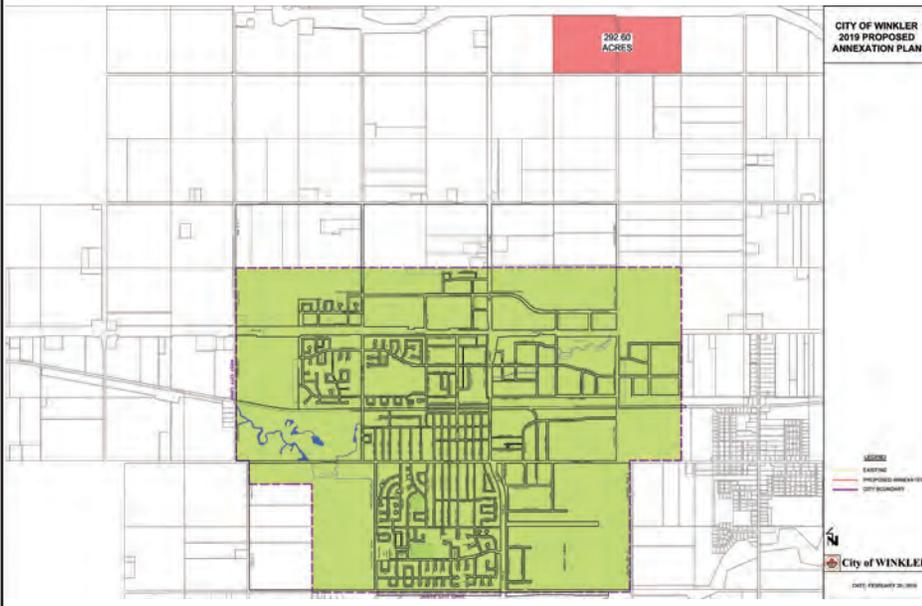


On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC CONSULTATION will be held to provide information and receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

LOCATION: City of Winkler - City Hall, 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB
DATE & TIME: Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
GENERAL INTENT: To provide information and hear representation on the proposal from The City of Winkler to annex lands described as SE 22-3-4 and SW 23-3-4 WPM, (also known as the City of Winkler's lagoon site) from the RM of Stanley.

A map identifying the affected area is enclosed.
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: For information, written comments or questions, please contact:

Barb Dyck Dale Toews
City Manager Chief Administrative Officer
City of Winkler RM of Stanley
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OBITUARY



**Mary Martha Loeppky (nee Peters)
1951 – 2019**

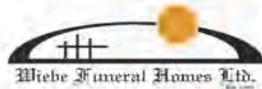
On Monday, March 18, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Mary Loeppky age 67 years of Morden, MB went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing her mother, Anna Peters; her husband, Bill Loeppky; three daughters, Jen and Terry Hiebert, Wanda Loeppky and Stephanie Unger; one son, Dallas Loeppky as well as five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three sisters, one brother and their families. She was predeceased by her father, Frank Peters; one brother and one sister.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Morden EMMC with interment prior at the Waldheim Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Mary's memory to Katie Cares or the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation (designated to Cancer Care).

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden
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OBITUARY



**Gregory David Ens
1970 – 2019**

On Saturday, March 16, 2019, Greg was released from the pain and suffering caused by cancer. For that we are grateful. He fought with determination and a positivity that we will always remember. He has left a legacy.

Greg was born to Alvin and Ruth Ens in Morden in 1970 and moved to Winkler shortly after. As a child, Greg enjoyed playing outside with his brother Steve, sister Christine, and the rest of the neighbour kids whenever the opportunity presented. In summer it was always riding bikes, baseball, soccer or jumping on the trampoline. In winter it was hockey – on the street or at the rink and fort-building and sledding. He had a sense of determination and was not afraid of hard work. This along with natural skill allowed

him to play many sports and play them well. He played for local teams and was asked to play for neighboring communities when his skills were required. Greg had fond memories of playing baseball for Altona, Morden, and Carman, winning a Western Canadian Baseball Championship with Altona. This enthusiasm for sport continued while at Garden Valley Collegiate (GVC), claiming the High School Hockey Provincial title with the Zodiacs and being acknowledged as Male Athlete of the Year in his grade 12 year. Greg made connections everywhere he went, even as a child. Greg was a natural leader and enjoyed his role as Class President his senior year. Following high school, he attended a semester at Briercrest Bible College and then continued to Canadian Mennonite Bible College (now known as Canadian Mennonite University) where he graduated with a Bachelor of Theology. In each of these schools he made lifelong friends. It was during one of his summer breaks that he was given the opportunity to sell power equipment and used cars at Southland Honda for his Dad. His previous experience at the dealership had been to wash/detail cars. Greg enjoyed this challenge and continued on at the dealership following his CMBC graduation. For him, work was never simply about the sale. It was about helping people and creating relationships. He thoroughly enjoyed his role at the dealership and was thrilled when the opportunity to purchase the dealership from his Dad presented itself. He worked hard at creating a positive culture within the team. His Southland Honda team became family.

Greg met the love of his life while attending high school in Winkler. Being too young for commitment in Grade 11, they parted ways for a few years and then later when the timing was right, they found each other again. We can say the rest was history. Greg married Kelly (nee Froese) in 1992. Together they were blessed with four wonderful children: Mackenzie, Maria, Lani and Lucas. Greg was extremely proud of each of his children; each with their own unique gifts and abilities. He loved and cared for them deeply, desiring each to have a personal relationship with Christ. He would often be heard saying to the kids as they headed out the door with friends "remember who and whose you are". For Greg, life was never about sitting still. Life was to be lived. On top of a busy work schedule, Greg spent significant time volunteering in many different organizations and roles. Greg served as a member of the Winkler Flyers Jr A Hockey Organization in many capacities including President and Billet Dad. Many boys graced the Ens home over his 10 years of involvement with the club. Many of these boys became one of the family and were seen as older brothers to the Ens children. Greg also enjoyed serving on the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association Executive, serving most recently as past Director. In addition to these leadership roles, Greg spent significant amount of time coaching his kids' different sports teams, from baseball to hockey to soccer or volunteering within his local Church. He enjoyed being a part of the Worship Band - singing and playing guitar for Sunday School and using his musical skills with a group called Out of the Fog.

It was in 2006 when Greg's first health challenge arose. He was diagnosed with Malignant Melanoma. Initially, Greg simply laughed. How was it possible for him to be diagnosed with cancer? Although it was believed that the cancer was completely removed following surgery, it changed him. He began to shift his focus to the important things in life, revisiting his 5, 10 and 20 year goals. Focus shifted to serving others - serving his wife and children better and seeking ways to serve his customers and team at work. In his words "I needed to become a servant leader not a cheer leader". He became much more deliberate in how his time was spent. Cancer reared its ugly head again in 2013 and again in July of 2018. As challenging as it was, Greg persevered. He did not allow cancer to define him. He used it to make connections and impact people wherever he went, be it HSC Emergency Department, Cancer Care or Boundary Trails Health Centre. He lived life to the best of his ability with God's help.

Memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

We wish to sincerely thank the many people who physically, prayerfully, and in many other ways cared for and supported Greg and his family. The staff at Boundary Trail Health Centre (Medical, Cancer Care, ER & ICU) were simply outstanding. Dr. Woelk, and Dr. Ralph Wong were compassionate and caring and sought only the very best for Greg. We are truly grateful.

One can honor Greg's memory in many ways. One way is by fully choosing to cherish the time you have with the ones you love. The most important way is by reflecting on who you are and whose you are. Do not waste a moment in determining this for yourself. Time is precious. If friends so desire, donations can be made in Greg's memory to Katie Cares or Hockey Ministries International.

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OBITUARY



**Leonard C Peters
1939 – 2019**

On Thursday, March 14, 2019 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, Leonard Peters, age 79 years formerly of Burwalde went to his eternal rest.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Elsie Peters; his children, Heather and husband, John and their two children, Tiffany and Matthew; Michelle and her husband, Terry and their five children, Sarah, Christopher, Joshua, Matthew and Tessa. He is survived by four brothers and their families. Leonard was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Helen Peters and one brother, John Peters.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made in Len's memory to the Winkler Bible Camp or to the charity of one's choice.

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OBITUARY



**John Heide
1932 – 2016**

On Friday, March 15, 2019 at St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, MB, John D Heide, age 87 years, passed away peacefully.

He leaves to mourn his passing six daughters, Mary and Neil Reimer, Marge and Peter Klassen, Susan and Peter Friesen, Helen Fehr, Betty and Wes Hiebert, Connie and Pete Reimer; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; four brothers and two sisters. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary (nee Thiessen) in 2016; son-in-law, Abe Fehr; one great-grandson and two brothers, three sisters.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

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

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