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After an amazing 52 year run with the Winkler fire department, Captain Ike Dyck, shown here with wife and lifelong supporter Agatha in front of the department's refurbished antique fire truck, has hung up his helmet. The department hosted a retirement celebration for Dyck last Wednesday. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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# Winkler Fire bids farewell to longtime member

By Ashleigh Viveiros

When Winkler's firefighters respond to the next call for help, for the first time in half a century they'll have to do it without Captain Ike Dyck at their side.

After 52 years of service with the department, Dyck has decided the time is right to hang up his helmet.

"Part of it was my age," the 80-year-old said. "And I thought it was time to step aside and let somebody else fill the shoes.

"I didn't want to quit on a sour note," Dyck added. "I'm enjoying it ... I enjoy the work. I'll miss it. But I thought it was time."

It's been decades since Dyck was on the front lines fighting fires, but his role as station chief and communications manager at the fire hall is no less important.

"It's one in a million people that you have in an organization that will be truly hard to replace for a long time," noted Fire Chief Richard Paetzold. "He has served in so many capacities, not only on this fire department but for his community.

"He's 80 years old and the other night he's still getting up at three

in the morning [for a call] and here ahead of a lot of the guys a quarter of his age," he added. "It's taken a lot of dedication and just a true example of volunteerism. He loves his community and wants to serve it."

Dyck's dedication to the job was highlighted again and again at a retirement celebration held in his honour March 28.

Several speakers noted that he's been like a second father to many generations of Winkler firefighters over the years.

"I've considered Ike my dad away from home," Paetzold said in his remarks at the fire hall filled with Dyck's family, friends, and fellow firefighters past and present. "I hope to be positive in attitude with the same willingness to serve for as long as you have.

"You're a great example to the next generation, and probably a few in between already," he added. "You have sown positive seeds. Your family must be so proud of you. We need many more Ikes in this world."

"I've worked alongside Ike for almost 38 years and Ike has always been a father figure to me," added firefighter Ken Wieler. "A man I've held to a high regard in much respect.



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At a retirement celebration held at the fire hall last week, Winkler Fire Chief Richard Paetzold (centre), alongside Garry Reimer (left) and Phil Dueck (not shown) presented Captain Ike Dyck with a commemorative plaque in thanks for his 52 years with the department.

"You're going to leave a big hole ... I've always appreciated your work, your dedication, and your appreciation for us. I'm going to miss you, Ike."

When firefighters returned to the hall after a difficult call, Dyck was always quick with a humorous story to share to help take the pressure off, recalled firefighter Marvin Plett.

"I think a good leader is one that is dedicated, that shows the way, that doesn't tell people what to do but invites them to work. A really good leader is one that injects almost every conversation with some humour, as well," he said. "A lot of work that we do in as a fire department has a lot of grief involved, but you still need to have a well balanced life.

"So, yes, [Dyck is] a father figure," Plett said. "But more than that, a good friend."

## DECADES OF GROWTH

The Winkler fire department has grown by leaps and bounds over the past 50 years, and Dyck has been there for it all.

When he started in 1966, the department had just one truck and was made up of a small contingent of firefighters and ambulance drivers.

Today Winkler Fire & Rescue has 33 members on its roster and a fire hall filled with emergency response vehicles of all stripes.

Dyck has also served under six different fire chiefs, each bringing their own unique style of leadership to the role.

"I was going to tell [Paetzold] that I didn't want to wear him out, that's why I quit," he joked, adding that he feels he's leaving the department in good hands and great shape. Asked if he's proud of what Winkler Fire &

Rescue has become, he said simply, "Very much so. I think there's excellent leadership."

Dyck is quick to stress that he would never have been able to continue working with the fire department without the support of his family, especially wife Agatha.

For her part, seeing him do something that made him so happy was worth all the late night calls and missed family events.

"He's been doing it for 52 years and I have always supported him," she said. "I said, 'When the alarm goes off, just go.'"

"I knew he enjoyed it and so I supported him that way. He was happy to go and happy to come back and so far nothing has ever happened that he couldn't come back. You just never know when you go to a fire what might happen, but so far it was always good."

There's an awful lot Dyck will miss when he's off the duty roster for good—and a few things he won't.

"[I'll miss the] community involvement. Serving the community," he said, adding he'll also miss the bonds forged between firefighters, who have become a second family to him. "You work with them through thick and thin and it gives you a bond.

"What I won't miss the most," he continued, a twinkle in his eye, "is the midnight calls. Midnight calls in winter."

Looking back, he's proud of the difference he's made, and grateful he was able to make it home safely after every call.

"Firefighting and life are like baseball," Dyck reflected. "It's the number of times that you get home safely that counts."

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# ACU supports Explore Morden Winkler campaign

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Access Credit Union is supporting the new regional tourism campaign to the tune of \$10,000.

ACU representatives presented the donation to the Explore Morden Winkler committee last Friday.

"It's a great representative of the cooperative movement," said regional manager Chris Hildebrand of what attracted them to the campaign, which presents a new unified tourism brand for the Winkler, Morden, and Stanley area.

"It's working together, which is something that we obviously believe strongly in," she added, "so this is a great opportunity for us."

The donation was a joint one between the Winkler and Morden branches and ACU corporate.

Karina Bueckert, chair of the tourism committee, explained the money will allow them to put up a billboard on Hwy. 3 to welcome visitors to the area.

"It will cover everything except for the rent ... it's something that we'll own at the end of it, so we're really excited about it," she said.

Seeing local businesses buy into the Explore Morden Winkler initiative is exciting, as is all the positive feedback the campaign has received since its launch last month.

"We went into this knowing this would be bigger than what we thought, but you don't realize how big it's going to be until people all of the sudden say, 'Hey, we want to give you a cheque,'" said Bueckert. "How awesome is that? We have such a great community."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Access Credit Union staff presented the Explore Morden Winkler tourism committee's Karina Bueckert (second from left) and James Friesen (fourth from left) with a donation of \$10,000 on Friday.

The official launch March 15 unveiled the campaign's look and slogan—"Explore What We're Famous For"—and got the thumbs up from the community leaders in attendance.

"We didn't have any negatives ... everybody was totally on board," Bueckert said. "We really are coming in at the right time. Everybody is ready for that new era and we're really excited to be a part of it."

"I think that we're going to draw a lot of traffic here," she added, stressing that the promotional materials will encourage tourists near and far to consider what the Morden-Winkler area has to offer. "I think it's just going to double, triple anything that's coming in."

In addition to the Hwy. 3 billboard,

the campaign is also looking at similar advertisements further afield.

"Let's be real: Hwy. 3, they're already coming into our area, so how do we drive that new traffic?" said Bueckert. "So Hwy. 75 we're looking at, Hwy. 1 we're looking at. And then

we're also looking at the online market. That's another huge key that we need to get on top of."

You can check out the campaign yourself online at [exploremorden-winkler.com](http://exploremorden-winkler.com).

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## Countdown to SCRL book sale begins

Get your used book donations into your local library branch

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual used book sale of the South Central Regional Library continues to be a labour of love for volunteers like Elaine Ivey.

Having been involved since 1994, Ivey today serves as chairperson of the event, and she seems to look forward to it as much as the book bargain hunters who will converge on the Access Event Centre May 10-12.

"I love books. I love everything that our book sale does for our community and for our library," said Ivey, as she glanced through some recent donations.

"We have so many families coming and buying books that they can't afford with the price of books nowadays. We are recycling books ... we are encouraging reading in our community ... it's a win-win all around."

The annual book sale is the one and only fundraiser for the library system that has branches in Winkler, Morden, Altona, Miami and Manitou.

While the libraries get operational funding from local governments, they need this funding to help cover the costs of new materials.

"The fact that so much goes back into our budget to buy more books

really takes the pressure off," said director of library services Cathy Ching.

When it started in 1975, the sale made about \$1,200. By 1993, it was pulling in about \$4,400 a year.

The sale continued to increase steadily after it moved permanently to what is now the Access Event Centre in Morden in 1994. The total has reached a plateau in the last few years, raising around \$18,000, though the highest on record was about \$20,000 in 2013.

It is always interesting to see what all has come in for the sale each year, said Ching.

There is usually a wide variety of genres, though there are some perennial favorites—everything from hardcover fiction to children's books to Christian titles.

"We noticed donations were down in some categories last year. People really like the history and biographies, and they were considerably less," said Ching. "We'll see what happens this year. We can't keep really track of what's been priced. We never know until we start putting them out on the tables."

Thrown into the mix this year is what impact there will be from the expansion of the library network to include the Manitou branch.

"They normally have a small book sale at the honey garlic festival. They're not going to do that now," said Ching. "They are a very historical community, so I think we're going to



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Cathy Ching, director of library services, and Elaine Ivey, chairperson of the annual South Central Regional Library book sale, look through some recent donations dropped off at the Morden library for the sale set for May 10-12.

get a lot of good history books from their community.

"It will be exciting to see what comes out of their library storage," she said, adding that one of the sale's biggest sources of books is the Morden Community Thrift Shop. "They bring books every week ... that's where a lot of our good hardcover books come from ... they have done us a huge favour."

The preparations for the event obviously ramp up closer to the sale dates, but the library has been trying to spread out the workload a little more this year.

"We start pricing in August and go right through until the end of April ... even into the beginning of May we're still pricing, actually," said Ivey.

Rather than doing all the pricing in Morden, however, this year there are

volunteers at work in Winkler and Manitou.

"We were finding that everything was being packed and brought here [to Morden], and then it was almost overwhelming," said Ching.

As the donated books are sorted, another benefit is that some are used to replace existing worn copies in the library collection.

"We check our copies in all the branches ... the amount of books we replace with new copies is huge," said Ching, who added as well that books that don't get sold are recycled, including by sending them to Better World Books, who sell them online and send back a percentage to the SCRL.

Donations of used books in saleable condition are accepted at all SCRL library branches year-round.

## New principal at Winkler Elementary this fall

Garden Valley School Division has announced Winkler Elementary School will have a new principal at the helm this fall.

Cindy Hamilton, who has served as the school's vice-principal since 2015, will step into the role effective Sept. 4, taking over for the retiring Barb Neufeld.

Hamilton brings to the position 19 years of teaching experience with GVSD. She has completed her Level 1 school administrator's certificate, and is working towards her post baccalaureate diploma in school administration.

In a statement, Hamilton outlined her educational philosophy belief, in

part, is that "it is everyone's responsibility to support the students in their education. The school should be a place where everyone, adults and children, parents, and community members, work together to assist and inspire each child to succeed.

"Inclusive classrooms are imperative for all students to feel that they

belong in their classroom with their homeroom teacher and together with their peers, regardless of their abilities," she said. "Celebrating differences and learning from each other is the best way to appreciate diversity and promote acceptance of others."

# BALC supports spina bifida association

Mike Chute and Charity L'Heureux of the Buhler Active Living Centre recently presented Nancy Spenst (centre in photo at right) of the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Manitoba with a donation of \$1,500, representing the proceeds of the centre's Valentine's Day Dinner.

Eighty-five people came out for the meal, leaving room to grow next year, said L'Heureux, adding that they hope to make this an annual event.

"They inspired us to host the event

to raise funds and to help support the sledge hockey fundraiser," she said of SBHAM, adding that they were glad to help.

SBHAM was thrilled with the success of the supper, said Spenst, who explained the money will be used to help the association assist families living with spina bifida or hydrocephalus cover medical bills, recreation programs, and other related costs.



# Stakeholder group formed to input on pot use

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler is making progress towards figuring out how it is going to handle the legalization of marijuana this summer.

Community stakeholders are working to provide input and direction to the city as the July 1 deadline set out by the federal government draws closer.

"The group that was chosen was a cross-section of all the different areas of the City of Winkler ... from medical to legal to schools," Mayor Martin Harder noted after council had received an update on those discussions at their committee meeting last Tuesday.

Their planning had been hampered by a lack of direction from the province, which only recently introduced the Safe and Responsible Retailing of Cannabis Act, which will set the legal age to buy cannabis at 19 and ban Manitobans without a medical licence from growing any plants in their homes.

Smoking or vaping cannabis will also not be allowed in most indoor, outdoor public spaces. Penalties will be similar to those for smoking tobacco where it's prohibited, starting at \$100 to \$500 for a first offence and climbing for subsequent infractions.

"That's been the problem all along. We've always had such a little bit of information ... as we continue to work at this thing, then all of a sudden more information comes along," observed Harder.

He said the stakeholder group will give the city direction in such areas as narrowing it down to what particular zone in the community marijuana

sales will be allowed.

"If we were going to approve marijuana distribution within Winkler, what the parameters would be?" said Harder. "One of the things that is very clear is that if there is going to be a facility, it would definitely not be an industrial zone that was kind of hidden. It would be very, very well lit and open regular hours."

"Some of those things have already been kind of narrowed down, but we'll take a look and see what the next step is after they take a look at the areas that potentially could serve."

"The decision of council hasn't been made yet, but we're looking for the recommendations coming from this group," said Harder, adding they are making it a priority to do public consultations as well.

"We're not sure if we're going to take it to a town hall," he said. "We're certainly interested in feedback because we don't want to necessarily just to be a political decision. It needs to be a community decision."

"We feel we have a very good cross-section of people that are involved in looking at this from all angles."

## COUNCIL IN BRIEF

At their meeting last Tuesday night, council also dealt with a number of planning and development matters:

- A subdivision was approved for the area of land south of Pembina Avenue and west of 14th Street. A parcel of just under 18 acres is being subdivided from a property of about 28 acres for development. The city is eyeing land further south from there

for future park space.

- A lot of one and a half acres is being subdivided from a 3.45 acre parcel north of PTH 14 for further commercial development on Diamond Drive west of 15th Street North.

- Two sections of land in southeast Winkler are being rezoned for further industrial development. The parcels in the area of Airport Drive and Canada Road are being rezoned from community reserve to industrial business and industrial general zones.

- A conditional use permit will allow for the development of a dog boarding business in an industrial zone on Cargill Road.

- A rezoning on South Railway from industrial to commercial use clears the way for the redevelopment of the property.

# PTM hosting vintage fashion show

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum kicks off its 50th season next month with a special new event.

On Sunday, May 6, PTM hosts its first Victorian-inspired Fashion Show and Tea.

The festivities will include home-made dainties from the Valley Harvest Maids and models showcasing 50+ vintage outfits on the catwalk.

It will be "an upscale trip down PTM's fashion lane," says general manager Kim Striemer, noting the

outfits are sourced from the museum's own collection as well as the private collections of staff and volunteers.

This has been an event the museum has been hoping to do for sometime now.

"We've got the right group of volunteers now eager to do this," says Striemer, adding the fact this is their 50th anniversary is icing on the cake.

The show's models range in age, which gives the museum a chance to really showcase a variety of fashions from the turn of the 20th century.

It's a fashion era like no other, Striemer says.

"They're so flirty and beautiful and unique," she says. "You don't see a lot of it around anymore."

Doors open for the show at 1:30 p.m., with the models taking to the runway from 2-4 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 a person. Seating is limited, so pre-registration is required by May 4.

To sign-up, email [info@threshermuseum.com](mailto:info@threshermuseum.com) or phone Betty at 204-822-5318.

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# Diversitas tackles anti-Semitism

By Lorne Stelmach

With anti-Semitism on the rise again around the world, more awareness and education is needed, a speaker in Morden stressed last week.

Belle Jarniewski told a March 28 session of the Diversitas series that she encourages people to reflect on the roots of anti-Semitism.

"I'm hoping that we live in a better world today ... but when I see what is happening in the United States today, the resurgence of anti-Semitism there, it's very frightening," Jarniewski said. "I think that with the rise of the alt-right ... it's not [U.S. president Donald] Trump himself but it's many of Trump's supporters have made it seem more acceptable to make racist statements of all kinds.

"I don't think that anti-Semitism ever ceased to exist. I think it's always been there, but there was a certain period of time when society made it clear that it was inappropriate," Jarniewski continued. "Today, with the rise of certain movements ... people seem to think that it's okay to say all kinds of hateful things including statements against Jews.

"Certainly because it's been tied to religion, and I think that's a major reason. It's been tied to religion, it's been tied as well to racism."

A child of two Holocaust survivors, Jarniewski is the director of the Freeman Family Foundation Holocaust Education Centre. Since 2013, she has served on the federally appointed delegation to International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and is also the current president of the Manitoba Multifaith Council.

Her 2010 book, *Voices of Winnipeg Holocaust Survivors*, documents the history of 73 local survivors before, during and after the Shoah.

"The word Shoah means a calamity or disaster, and it also comes from the Bible," said Jarniewski, suggesting that term is preferred by many over holocaust, which means burnt offering or sacrifice. "This of course has a very problematic theological meaning because it would mean that the death of six million Jews is somehow a sacrifice."

Her address went into some of the history of anti-Semitism from its early origins in ancient Greece into the modern day, suggesting that it is important "really to connect historical anti-Semitism with what is happening today and the resurgence of anti-Semitism."

Jarniewski also touched on the importance of the definition of anti-

**"TODAY WITH THE RISE OF CERTAIN MOVEMENTS ... PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK IT'S OKAY TO SAY ALL KINDS OF HATEFUL THINGS."**

Semitism put out through the IHRA: "Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

"Often, people misunderstand what anti-Semitism is and they think that for instance any criticism of Israel is anti-Semitic, which it isn't ... so this definition delineates what is legitimate criticism of Israel and what crosses the line over into anti-Semitism," Jarniewski explained.

"Sometimes, it's very clear ... sometimes it's not," she suggested. "It's very useful for administrators or educators or many others ... to be able to look at statements that are made or even when crimes are committed and to decide exactly when that has crossed the line over into anti-Semitism."

Jarniewski touched on, for example, the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement where people are encouraged to boycott products from Israel.

That in itself is not anti-Semitic, but the danger is what that can lead to, she added, noting a reported 89 per cent rise in anti-Semitic incidents on U.S. campuses where that movement has a presence.



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE**

As the latest speaker in the Diversitas series, Belle Jarniewski talked about the origins and impact of anti-Semitism.

Jarniewski also reflected on the controversy around Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

"Many Israelis have difficulty in other countries making this a difficult issue and adding to a very complex situation," she said, adding that "someone like President Trump I don't think quite understands the extent of these complexities."

In the end, Jarniewski expressed hope that the tide could turn around not only anti-Semitism but all that divides humanity.

"I do a lot of interfaith dialogue ... I see every human being as made in the image of God, and I see every human being having infinite and equal value. I don't see a difference between any human being in any way. I don't differentiate between people."

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## PVHS to host 11th Sud, Spud & Steak Night

By Lorne Stelmach

New arrivals always come with increased costs for the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

Recent newcomers like a cat named Mystic, who had five kittens two days after arriving before then being put in a foster home, require care that is supported by fundraising events like the organization's upcoming Sud, Spud and Steak Night.

"We have newborns to teenagers, and they're all looking for their forever home. Some of our kittens are growing up in the shelter and we would love to see them be adopted," noted public relations chairperson Megan Rodgers. "All of these babies mean more spay and neuter surger-

ies, which is why it is so important for our fundraising events to be successful."

The humane society's 11th annual Sud, Spud and Steak Night takes place April 14 at Rocks Bar & Grill from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each at Thornview Grocery, the Morden Motor Inn, and at the shelter.

The evening includes a prize raffle—with prizes that include a Broil King barbecue, fire pit, personal mini fridge, and a Winnipeg Jets jersey—as well as a 50/50 draw and a door prize draw for a \$50 gift card for Rocks Bar and Grill.

Learn more about the Pembina Valley Humane Society online at [pvhsociety.ca](http://pvhsociety.ca).



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The Pembina Valley Humane Society's annual Sud, Spud, and Steak Night will raise funds to support the care of animals like Mystic, shown here with her litter of five kittens.

## Morden Festival of the Arts continues this month

The Morden Festival of the Arts concludes this month with the vocal choral and speech arts sessions.

Vocal and choral performances takes place next Thursday, April 12 at 9 a.m., 1:45 p.m., and 7 p.m. at the Morden Mennonite Church.

The 32 entries include K-12 students performing a variety of genres. Choirs slated to take the stage include those from ÉMMS, Maple Leaf School, and Morden Collegiate.

Session adjudicator Margot Sim has appeared in a variety of opera and musical roles, including with the Canadian Opera Company. She has been teaching voice at the Canadian Mennonite University for over 25 years.

The festival then continues April 17-19 with French and English speech arts at the Morden Alliance Church with performances at 9 a.m., 1:15 p.m., and 7 p.m.

There are 181 entries, which is up from 143 last year, and it includes all levels from kindergarten to adult in classes featuring solos, duets, trios and quartets as well as 19 speech choirs participating from ÉMMS, Maple Leaf and Minnewasta schools.

Classes include prose reading, readers theatre, drama created script, 20th/21st century, classical, Canadian and Manitoban prose.

Adjudicator Francis Fontaine is a re-

tired teacher who taught French, English, and drama for 30 years. He has been a consultant now for 15 years with extensive experience in acting.

The festival, which this year saw an increase of 20 entries overall to 566, concludes with the hilites concert April 29 at 2 p.m. at the Morden Alliance Church.

All festival sessions are open to the public for an admission of \$2 to help offset expenses.



## Border Valley supports Imagination Library

The Grade 8 students at Border Valley School, together with teacher Patrick Derksen, organized a French Café to practise the French speaking skills they've been learning in class all year. The event raised \$110, which the kids chose to donate to the Winkler Imagination Library.

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# Winkler police chief retires after three decades of service

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After over 34 years of serving and protecting the community of Winkler, Police Chief Rick Hiebert left the beat for the final time last Thursday.

Hiebert, who announced his decision to retire last summer to give the city ample time to find a replacement, is succeeded in the role by Chief Ryan Hunt, a 16-year veteran with the department.

"It was time," Hiebert says simply when asked what prompted him to hang up his hat.

"Time for a new person at the helm, somebody to take our police service to the next level and, coupled with my age, I thought it was a good time to enjoy the rest of my life in a different manner," he says, pointing out he recently celebrated his 60th birthday.

Speaking to the *Voice* last month as the days counted down to the final one, Hiebert reflected that preparing to leave behind the position he's held since 2000 has been a surreal experience.

"Even already I experience that on a regular basis here knowing that, okay, that's the last time I'll be doing this, I won't be doing that again," he says.

Glancing around his office at Winkler police headquarters, he adds, "And to think, this is not going to be

my office anymore. It all just feels very strange."

## "JUST KIND OF FELL IN MY LAP"

Unlike the kids who always opt for the badge when playing cops and robbers, Hiebert didn't grow up dreaming of becoming a police officer.

Raised on a farm near Lowe Farm, he came to the Winkler area looking for work after high school. A few years later he found himself facing looming layoffs from his manufacturing job at Lode King.

Policing "just kind of fell in my lap," Hiebert says, explaining that a friend in the department told him they were looking for officers and urged him to apply.

"I was about to be looking for work and it looked interesting," he says, reflecting on just how different the application process was back then compared to today.

"There was no advertisement, so I walked in and talked to Chief Herb Klassen and we had a brief chat and he said that if I was interested and serious then I should get a haircut and come back next week for an interview."

The day of his interview, Hiebert dutifully headed to his barber for a trim, but couldn't bear to hack all of his shoulder-length hair off.

"I just couldn't handle cutting it off to over the top of my ears in one shot. So it was halfway down my ears ... and then I went home, put on a suit, and I walked into Herb's office. He took one look at me and said, 'I thought you were serious about wanting to become a police officer?'"

"I said I was and he said, 'Well, you still need a haircut,'" Hiebert recalls, chuckling. "So I had two haircuts that morning."

The second trip to the barber did the trick and, after a short interview with the chief and formal approval from town council, Hiebert became Winkler's newest police officer, bringing the department's numbers to six.

The town needed someone immediately and there wasn't a police academy class scheduled to start for some time, so the 25-year-old got his police training on the job. He donned the uniform for the first time on Dec. 1, 1983.

"I learned everything with questions—lots and lots of questions," Hiebert says. "It was all accepted at



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Police Chief Rick Hiebert worked his final day on March 29, wrapping up a career in Winkler that stretches back to 1983, including 18 years as chief.

that time ... now the process takes a year and a half from when we start advertising to when an officer graduates. You couldn't get it more different than that."

To learn the ropes, for his first month on the job an unarmed Hiebert was accompanied by a sergeant on shifts.

"Then, somewhere between Christmas and New Year's, it was decided I would be on my own come January, so then my sergeant took me for firearms training," says Hiebert. "We went to the dump and I fired 12 shots at a fridge. I had a nice group—I'd had a hand gun, a revolver, since I was old enough to buy one at 18—and he said it was obvious I had shot before. And that was it, we were done."

"It was too cold. We didn't want to get out of the car, so I actually just shot from the open car door."

### Highlights on the beat

What followed was over 16 years of street-level policing. It's the time in his career Hiebert cherishes most.

"What I'm going to miss most is what I've missed already for 18 years. And that was doing the street work," he says candidly. "The investigations. Catching people in the act committing the crime. Those were easily the best years and the highlights for me."

Leading the department has come with its own set of rewards, Hiebert

reflects, adding that he took on the role because he relished the idea of challenging himself with something new.

"These last 18 years as chief were a very different way to serve the community," he says, explaining that the job is less about making arrests and much more a matter of "trying to make sure that our beat officers have what they need to continue the most important work, the work that really counts ... it is they that keep our community safe."

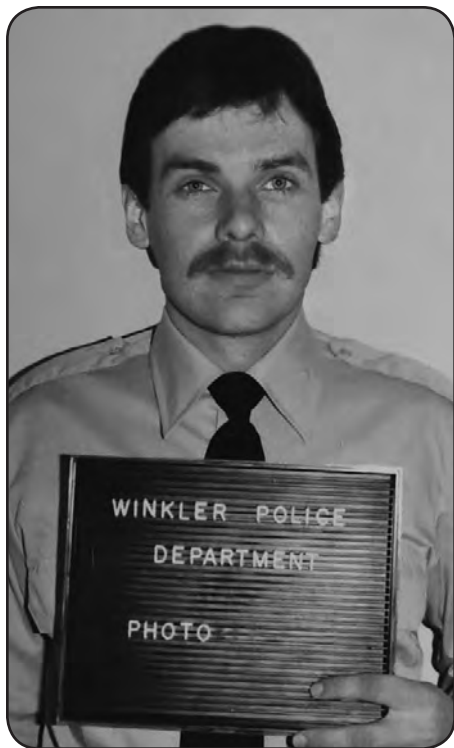
And while he's proud of the work he's done as chief—not the least of which was for-

malizing the officer hiring process to ensure the very best candidates, the ones most well-suited to policing and most likely to commit to it for the long haul, get the job—it's the on-the-beat stories that bring a real gleam to a veteran cop's eyes.

Stories like the time early in his career when he pulled over an overloaded truck in the wee hours of the morning and discovered he'd nabbed the culprits behind a series of copper wire thefts that had been plaguing the region.

Or the time he and another Winkler officer found themselves testifying in a case of Mexican Mennonite drug trafficking in El Paso, Texas after a

**"THE INVESTIGATIONS. CATCHING PEOPLE IN THE ACT ... THOSE WERE EASILY THE BEST YEARS AND THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR ME."**



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A 25-year-old Rick Hiebert on his first day on the job with the Winkler Police Service on Dec. 1, 1983.



# Winkler Festival of the Arts underway next week

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Festival of the Arts gets started next week at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

The annual celebration of music includes vocal/choral sessions April 11-12 and piano sessions April 13 and April 16-20.

Piano entries are way up this year, so much so that they have to start on the Friday to accommodate everyone, says organizer Dorothy Plett.

"We have enough entries that we have to do six days of piano instead of five," she says, adding they also brought in a second adjudicator for the session. "[Piano] seems to be something that is still very popular in the Winkler area. There's more and more piano teachers that are encouraging their students to participate."

While vocal entries are up slightly as well, choral entries are down. Regardless, Plett expects that will also be a great couple of days of music.

Participants will perform pieces from a range of genres, culminating with the Vocal/Choral Celebration Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

The evening will feature award winners from the session along with performances from the NPC Senior Choir and special guests Orlando and Grace Sukkau.

For fans of piano music, the evening session on Tuesday, April 17 may be of particular note, as diploma level students will be performing advanced pieces, including piano concertos.

"We don't have diploma level every year, and we never, as far as I know, have had a concerto being performed," says Plett, explaining the performance includes two pianos on stage. "I think that's a first for Winkler."

The piano sessions will wrap up with an awards night on Friday, April 20 at 6 p.m. featuring the top performers from the week.

In addition to the concert finales, music-lovers are also more than welcome to come to any of the sessions, says Plett, adding admission to any festival event is by donation.

"We rely solely on donations from the community do keep doing this," she says.

It's something they hope to continue doing for years to come, giving young performers a place to show off their skills and receive feedback from professional adjudicators.

"It's about encouragement. That's probably the biggest thing," Plett says. "We always hope that there is a little something they can take away to work on, to challenge them, but most of it is the encouragement from the adjudicator and inspirations from other performers."

"Invariably they will come away say-

**"WE ALWAYS HOPE THAT THERE IS A LITTLE SOMETHING THEY CAN TAKE AWAY TO WORK ON, TO CHALLENGE THEM."**



Adjudicating this year's Winkler Festival of the Arts are, from left, Rick Heppner-Mueller, Tracey Regier Sawatzky, and Loren Hiebert.

ing, 'I love that song. I want to play that one someday.' It can be a big motivator."

A detailed festival program is available online at [winklerfestivalofthearts.com](http://winklerfestivalofthearts.com).

## ADJUDICATORS

Adjudicating the vocal/choral sessions this year is Rick Heppner-Mueller.

He has taught music and conducted the choral groups at MCI in Gretna for the past 20 years. Outside of school he is active as a guest conductor and choral clinician throughout Manitoba.

Heppner-Mueller has also appeared as a tenor soloist with the University of Manitoba Singers, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Mennonite Oratorio Choir, the Winnipeg Singers, and Prairie Performances.

Piano session adjudicators this year are Tracey Regier Sawatzky and Loren Hiebert.

Regier Sawatzky has been an avid

piano instructor over the last 20 years, maintaining large teaching studios in Winnipeg, Edmonton, Illinois, Ohio, and Paraguay. She has also developed a career accompanying a variety of soloists and choirs.

Regier Sawatzky is currently a faculty member in the music department of Providence University College and teaches piano through the Community School of Music at Canadian Mennonite University in addition to maintaining an active private piano and theory teaching studio.

Hiebert has been a music teacher in the area since 1980. His students have excelled at local festivals and have been awarded numerous scholarships at the provincial level.

Hiebert has adjudicated in music festivals across Manitoba and western Ontario. He is also a member of the International Music Camp piano faculty, has been the accompanist for numerous individuals and groups, and is active as a chamber musician in various classical and jazz combinations.

## Police work only possible with community's support: Hiebert

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suspect spilled the beans about his drug dealings to them during a stop-over in Winkler, thinking it couldn't be used to convict him in American court (it could and it did).

Other investigations into burgled businesses and homes or vehicle theft rings, cases that took hours of old-fashioned police work to crack, remain high points for Hiebert.

"When you start your career you're just excited to go out and write tickets," he says. "And then over time you need a bigger challenge ... those

investigations that take weeks to unravel, getting to arrest the thieves at the end gives you a real sense of accomplishment."

Reflecting further on some of his accomplishments, Hiebert notes he's especially proud of the reputation the Winkler Police Service has in the community.

A survey of local businesses a few years ago ranked the department as number one in satisfaction in city services by a wide margin.

"To say that that's the way the business community thought, that was huge," he says. "I think we have a really great group of staff, officers and

civilian alike.

"I'm also proud that, and I'm not taking credit for it, but that in my tenure we didn't lose anybody," Hiebert adds, pointing out that prior to his time as chief the department would see one officer quit about every year and a half. Since 2000, only two officers have left the department, both longtime members retiring just this past year after decades of service.

"To be able to stop that, it was a joint effort between council and myself, together with the fact we had a police association, all working together to stop that drain of skilled, trained talent," Hiebert says.

Of course, police can't do their jobs well in the first place without support, not just of the community they serve but also their families.

"You need your family to support you. And the community has to support you," Hiebert stresses. "Without that it's impossible to do this work."

"It's the community that embraces the police service and what it does. Without that you couldn't police," he continues.

"So I'd like to say a big thank you to my family and the community for all the support that our police service has received during my career."



# Discovery Toys spreads Easter cheer to women's shelters

By Lorne Stelmach

Discovery Toys once again did its part to make Easter a little bit brighter for families across the province last week.

Consultants this spring joined forces to raise funds to create and deliver Easter baskets for children staying in Manitoba women's shelters over the holiday.

As a result, 205 baskets were delivered to 10 shelters, including the local Genesis House.

"That is up considerably from other years because we did add Ronald McDonald House this year," noted area consultant Heather Deamel. "This region, the numbers were down slightly ... in this region, which includes Winkler, Portage and Brandon, there were a total of 40 baskets created."

Deamel estimated they delivered about 140 province-wide last year to surpass 500 baskets total since the program started a few years ago.

The campaign is only possible thanks to the support of the community, with donations helping to fill the baskets with toys and treats.

"The goal behind the baskets is just to make the children's experience a little bit brighter," said Deamel.

"All children need a little bit of

Discovery Toys consultant Heather Deamel with the Easter bags and baskets packed and ready for delivery to family shelters across the province, including the local Genesis House.

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magic in their lives, and Easter is no exception. We have a tendency to remember people at Christmas time but not so much the rest of the year. You have to remember that there are other magical times of the year, and Easter is one of them," she said.

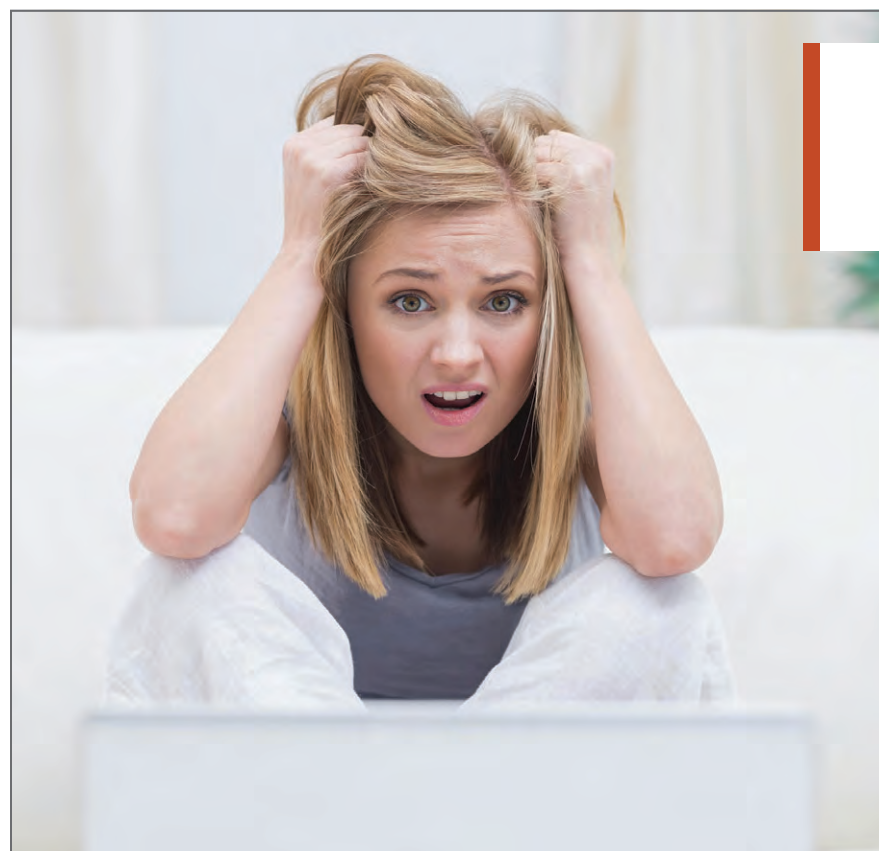
"When a child is displaced from their home, it usually is a stressful sit-

uation, and if we can help make that better in any way, shape or form, that is something that should be done."

Deamel said she is always grateful for the positive feedback they receive from the shelters. One story shared that stands out is that of a past recipient who is now donating to make it happen for another family.

"That kind of brings it full circle for us ... it's somebody who realizes how important this program is and how much it meant to their children at the time," she said.

"It would be great if there were zero baskets needed ... but I'm happy that we were able to meet the need."



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# Manitou Opera House hosting blast from the past

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming concert at the Manitou Opera House will take the audience back in time.

It will be a journey to the days of transistor radios, sock hops and cassette tapes when REWiND performs there Saturday, April 14.

The show by the eight-member band that brings back to life the hits of the '50s, '60s and '70s comes about after someone had heard the group performing and suggested to them that people in Manitou would love them, said local organizer Loretta Thorleifson.

She likes that the group covers such a wide spectrum of music.

"REWiND does such a large era ... that golden era of rock, pop, doo-wop, spanning a good three decades of music. So that just gives it such a wide appeal," Thorleifson said.

The performance here will also be in support of the venue, with all the proceeds going to the Manitou Opera House Foundation.

"We have this beautiful building here. It's getting used pretty much every day of the year," said Thorleifson, noting it has been two years now since the grand opening of the expanded building.

"And we really want to put our debt to bed so that we can get on with the business of running the building and just enjoying and celebrating it," she said.

At the core of REWiND are founders Gord Kudlak on vocals and Larry Ruppel on vocals and guitar along with vocalists Linda Ruppel, Harvey Peltz and Gloria Harris, bassist John Wrublowsky, multi-instrumentalist Rick Hemmerling, and drummer Chris Wheeler.

Formed in 2011, the band recently released their second album *Let's Go to the Hop*, and audience members will recognize hits made famous by the Beach Boys, the Beatles, Chuck



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REWiND will rock the Manitou Opera House April 14 with hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s. Tickets are on sale now at Sam's Foods in Manitou, by calling 204-242-4414, or at the door the night of the show.

Berry, Chubby Checker, Patsy Cline, Bobby Darin, the Drifters, the Everly Brothers, the Four Seasons, Buddy Holly, the Mamas and the Papas, Elvis Presley, Linda Ronstadt, Neil Sedaka, the Turtles, and many others.

Featuring vocal harmony, full instrumental accompaniment, chore-

ography, and comedy, REWiND provides an entertaining blend of music and fun which the band has dubbed a "retro-remedy for whatever ails ya."

"REWiND has evolved the way it should, from a focus on five-part vocal harmony to the fuller sound of an eight-member band," said Ruppel,

who arranges most of the band's music. "We can now really do justice to those tunes we all love."

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# 'Birth of a Family' screening at Kenmor Theatre Sunday

By Lorne Stelmach

A local group is sponsoring the screening of an acclaimed film this weekend on Canada's infamous Sixties Scoop.

The National Film Board documentary *Birth of a Family* tells the story of four Indigenous children removed from their birth homes and

adopted into white families or placed in foster care.

The screening is part of the efforts involving a number of area churches and individuals who are "interested in fostering better relationships with indigenous people," said organizer Ken Froese.

It's a grassroots advocacy effort, he explained,

led by a group of people from the Pembina Valley who are passionate about Indigenous rights, awareness, and education.

"I think it's important for us to understand what's happened with our neighbours ... our Indigenous neighbours over the years. And also understand how that's affected them individually as well as in communities.

"I think understanding is one of the keys to us improving our relationships and doing a better job of being neighbours to each other."

*Birth of a Family* tells the story of Betty Anne, Esther, Rosalie, and Ben, four Dene siblings who were among the 20,000 Indigenous children taken from their families between 1955 and 1985.

They grew up separately across North America, reuniting for the first time in middle age—a moment captured in the documentary.

Froese believes the film will humanize what are huge issues that our society is grappling with more than ever.

"It's a way of looking at how it affects individual families ... it's actually putting a face to the numbers ... it brings it closer to home," he suggested.

"What I have heard is that it is quite emotional for the participants," Froese added, "coming to the realization that you can actually rebuild a family after all those years and try to find common points."

He ultimately hopes seeing the film will help raise the level of awareness and compassion in people.

"I'm hoping it will spur us on to looking at improving our relationships ... and helping them rebuild their own communities and individual families ... and hopefully we don't repeat this in another way."

The show begins at 7 p.m. this Sunday, April 8 at the Kenmor Theatre in downtown Morden. Admission is free.

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Getting Down to Business

## Pullan Kammerloch Frohlinger has deep roots in Morden

The Morden law office today associated with the Winnipeg-based Pullan Kammerloch Frohlinger has roots in the community going back over 90 years.

It became involved with that firm seven years ago when long time local partner Gordon Hoeschen decided to start cutting back on his practice.

"This office would be one of the longest running legal offices in Manitoba," noted Hoeschen, who came to Morden in 1976 and joined Jack Duncan and Ken Hanssen in the firm. He later partnered with Brent Stewart and then Ed Sloane. "I've been practicing for 43 years ... it's been good ... it's been a great community, a vibrant community."

Hoeschen's practice has primarily focused on real estate, commercial and corporate law, wills, and estates.

"We're a fairly broad-based general practice that offers a lot of services," he said. "Every year, the office is busier ... it's a reflection of the amount of work that's being generated in the area."

Hoeschen said he sees many advantages to their association with Pullan Kammerloch Frohlinger, as the firm offers a tremendous level of knowledge and experience that they can draw upon when needed.

"You need people who have that level of expertise," he said, pointing to the complexity of much of what they handle. "A real estate transaction is the biggest thing that most people do in their lives."

PJ Singh came here in 2013 to article under Hoeschen. Today his areas of practice cover commercial law, criminal law, residential real estate, as well as wills, estates and elder law.

Singh observed that the firm very much takes a proactive approach to address their client's needs.

"We all chose Law so that we could help people," he said. "You get a chance to know your clients, and when people see us again for other work, it means that we did our job well. It says that we continue to uphold the quality of work, and the values, of the lawyers who came before us and taught us our craft."

He also sees the advantages to the association with Pullan Kammerloch Frohlinger.



*Pullan Kammerloch Frohlinger articling student Levi Taylor and lawyers PJ Singh, and Gordon Hoeschen offer expertise in a variety of legal services. The Morden location is one of the longest running legal offices in the community.*

"At the end of the day, the reason the law is so complex is because people are complex," said Singh. "Fortunately, we have partners who have taught the law for over 20 years, and others who have appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada. That provides us with some incredible expertise to draw upon."

Now articling with the firm and working through their Winkler office, Levi Taylor echoed those sentiments.

"One of the benefits is having 20 or more lawyers in the Winnipeg office with wide ranging expertise," said Taylor, who grew up in the area. "For me, in my short time here, I've found that to be one of the most beneficial things for our clients and for me as I develop my practice."

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# Daffodil Days coordinator passes on the torch

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a decade of leading the charge for the Morden area Daffodil Days,

Lois Dudgeon has passed on the torch.

"I'm an even number kind of person, so this seemed like the year to do



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After a decade of heading up the campaign, Daffodil Days coordinator Lois Dudgeon (left) has passed the daffodil torch onto Neha Kohli.

it," Dudgeon says, noting she took on the mantle of coordinator from her mother, Marion, back in 2009.

"You all get involved because of personal reasons," she reflects, explaining that she lost her sister, Judy, to cancer 25 years ago. The anniversary of her death usually falls right in the middle of Daffodil Days, making the campaign especially poignant for the Dudgeon family.

"It's interesting that my mom and I have been delivering daffodils for the last 10 years right around if not right on the same day that my sister passed away," Dudgeon says. "It's something that my mom and I have been doing in memory of her, in a way."

Ten years of fundraising certainly makes for some impressive numbers.

Dudgeon figures she helped sell about 9,500 bunches of flowers—95,000 individual flowers in all—and raised \$66,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society, plus another \$7,500-\$8,000 from the April daffodil pin sales over the past several years.

What she's most proud of is seeing the campaign grow year by year.

"In the first three years we were at about \$5,000+ in sales each year," she says, noting that one year, thanks to a matching corporate donation, hit heights of \$10,800. "The last five years, we've been averaging at about the \$8,000 mark."

"The group that did this before us—and you have to understand that prices were different then—they were at about the \$4,000 mark a year. So for us to be at \$8,000, we've doubled our numbers."

Dudgeon will also cherish the sto-

ries shared with her about the impact a single bouquet of flowers can have.

"So many of our daffodils are bought and donated to the cancer patients at the BTHC cancer ward," she says. "Somebody this year told me how one of the cancer patients, when she got her daffodil bunch that day, had tears in her eyes. And I went, 'That's why you do this.'"

"You don't know how much it means until you hear those stories."

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Dudgeon's campaign area encompasses the communities of Morden, Miami, Manitou, and Darlingford, all manned by a core group of dedicated volunteers who spend hours canvassing businesses and setting up flower selling stations.

"I'm only one volunteer on a team of 20-30 people. Without those people this isn't going to be a success," Dudgeon stresses, adding she's been fortunate to have many volunteers who were with her from the very beginning.

Those that have left in recent years have been replaced with fresh faces, so Dudgeon leaves the campaign behind knowing it's in good shape for her successor.

"So when she's ready to go and I start training her in January ... she's not looking for replacements—she's going to be going into it with a full team."

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# An art-filled spring break



Budding Pi-cassos spent spring break at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre last week. Kids age five to 12 took part in the gallery's Art Frenzy and Paint Party workshops, getting the chance to try their hand at a variety of different mediums and painting techniques.



## BILL 8, BILL 19 MAKE GOVERNMENT LESS OPEN



### > DAFFODILS, FROM PG. 14

Picking up the torch—or, rather, the daffodil—from Dudgeon is Neha Kohli.

Kohli last year came on board as administrative co-ordinator of the Morden Activity Centre, which has long been home base for the campaign.

“I wanted to do something in volunteering,” she said, explaining she began researching what opportunities the cancer society had in the area, which led her to Daffodil Days. “And when I heard that they were doing it here at the centre, it made a lot of sense.”

Kohli said she thrives on the challenges of coordinating events like this and is looking forward to tackling the campaign next year, with some help from Dudgeon as she learns the ropes.

“Hopefully she’ll pick up the torch and she’ll go with it for another 10 years,” says Dudgeon.

*Missed out on buying a flower during Daffodil Days? Pick up a daffodil pin at retail locations across the region to wear throughout the month of April and especially on Daffodil Day on April 27.*

### The recently introduced Planning Amendment Act and Government Notices Modernization Act recommend amendments to 25 provincial government statutes relating to the publication of official notices.

These acts will remove the requirement for municipalities and the provincial government to provide ‘public notice’ of valuable information that impacts our daily lives, in exchange for ‘public access’ to that information. It allows them to post information only on their own government websites rather than using independent media to inform citizens what they are doing.

If these bills are passed, it will suddenly be up to you to find out if you’re going to be living down the road from a new feedlot operation, if your property will be overshadowed by a new high-rise condo, or if your favourite fishing hole has been designated as protected.

### It will be up to you to seek out information you don’t even know exists.

Bills 8 and 19 will effectively bury government notices in an Internet backwater, calling into question the openness of government and the very nature of democracy.

**Call, write or visit your MLA to let them know you deserve PUBLIC NOTICE, not just public access.**

A message from the Manitoba Community Newspapers Association







## Elks give back

The Morden Elks recently distributed the \$12,000 raised through their Cash is King Lottery to several local youth sports and activities. Elks Exalted Ruler Ray Kirk presented funds to Brian McElroy of the Morden Hockey Breakfast Club, Nathan Pitt of Morden Minor Baseball, Steve Mullen from Morden Minor Hockey, Kevin Convery from the Morden Junior Curling Club, Scott Andrew from the Thornhill Hall playground project, and Dale Wiebe of the Winkler Bible Camp. Funding is also earmarked for a new rest area with two benches to be built alongside the walking path at the Minnewasta Golf Course. The Elks send out thanks to everyone who purchased lottery tickets to make these donations possible.

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## Applications open for Camp Bridges until May 1

Prairie Mountain Health and Southern Health are organizing the 13th annual Camp Bridges weekend, a camp for bereaved children and teens.

Camp Bridges will be held at the Circle Square Ranch near Austin May 25-27.

The goal of the camp is to support children and teens with their bereavement through activities de-

signed to help share grief and honour memories in a caring community environment.

The camp provides a safe, supportive and fun environment where grieving children and teens learn that they are not alone in their grief and are free to share their thoughts and feelings with peers who are going through a similar experience.

Camper applications will be accepted until May 1 and are available online at [southernhealth.ca](http://southernhealth.ca).

Donations are being accepted to cover camp costs so that campers can attend for free. If you'd like to make a donation, contact Heidi Wiebe, regional palliative care coordinator, at 204-388-2038.

Camp Bridges 2017 was held last

year at Camp Wannakumbac and hosted 38 children and teens between the ages of seven and 15.

## A win-win project

The Pembina Valley Conservation District and the R.M. of Stanley joined forces to provide a more reliable and cost effective farm access road and hold back problematic temporary water.

The Baker/Demke Dam built by PVCD with Morden Excavating in 2017 serves as both a water retention structure impounding 11.57 acre feet of runoff, and as a crossing improvement on the municipally maintained road through Pat Demke's property on the NE 1-2-6W.

A portion of the upstream Hespler watershed is 375 acres that drains into the project site. Here the control pipe chokes down the flow through a 450 mm inlet pipe, temporarily retaining the excess runoff to effectively reduce the downstream flood peak.

Should the runoff prove more than the inlet pipe can handle, there is a vertical inlet pipe installed that allows more water through the dam, and an earthen emergency spillway as well.

The dam also raises the existing crossing and widens it to improve access for farm equipment and helps prevent erosion and sedimentation downstream of the site.

For more information on this or other programs offered by PVCD, call 204-242-3267 or email [pvcd@mtsmail.ca](mailto:pvcd@mtsmail.ca)

—Submitted by the Pembina Valley Conservation District

## Dino-mite arts and crafts



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

There was lots of fun to be had all last week at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre's Spring Break Dino Day Camp, including themed arts and crafts. Missed out on this session? Registration for the summer day camp begins May 1. The summer session kicks off during the Canada Day celebrations at Lake Minnewasta followed by regular activities starting July 3. The camps offer two sessions daily for ages three to five and six to ten.



# sports & recreation

INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN

## Oil Caps knock out Flyers

By Lorne Stelmach

An injury-depleted Winkler Flyers lineup in the end couldn't quite match up with the Virden Oil Capitals.

The Flyers were eliminated in four straight in the MJHL semi-final round after a 5-1 loss in game three March 27 and a 6-5 defeat in game four March 29.

"When we look at the pieces that were missing from our lineup, injuries ended up being our biggest opponent and downfall," said head coach Ken Pearson on Monday.

"We had some key guys out, making things difficult on ourselves," he said, noting they were missing leading scorer Matt Christian (32 goals, 81 points this season) for the entire series and then starting goaltender Troy Martyniuk for game four, among several others.

"The guys played hard ... it was just our depth overall, when it came down to it, was really pushed to the limits. Although they gave it their best, it just wasn't meant to be.

"They're a very good team," Pearson added of Virden. "They've got four solid lines and a good set of defence."

The Flyers gave up four goals in the second period March 27 in the 5-1 loss.

Weiland Parrish scored the Flyers' lone goal on a third period power-play, as the difference in the game came down to the Oil Capitals capitalizing on their chances.

Martyniuk, who had battled heavy traffic all night and was bumped hard on a number of occasions through the first 40 minutes, was lifted in favor of Aaron Brunn to start the third.

Martyniuk made 21 saves on 25 shots, and Brunn turned aside 11 of the 12 shots he faced in relief. Winkler outshot Virden 38-36 overall. The Flyers were one for eight on the



PHOTO BY RYAN SAWATZKY

Winkler defenceman Mitchell Dyck flies down the ice with a Virden player in hot pursuit in what ended up being the Flyers' final game of the season last Thursday night. They lost the game 6-5, handing the semi-final series to the Oil Capitals in four games straight.

power-play and four for six on the penalty-kill.

The season came to an end Thursday night with the 6-5 defeat.

Defensemen Erik Dahl and Mitch Dyck both scored in the period to give Winkler a 2-0 lead after the first, then Collyn Bates and Brody Moffatt expanded the lead to 4-0 in the second.

The Oil Capitals started to wear down the injury plagued Flyers. Martyniuk, who was injured during a collision in game three, was out along with Christian, captain Nolan McGuire, Jacob Lacasse, and Lucas Barker.

Virden rebounded to score four unanswered markers to tie the game 4-4 before Winkler retook the lead when Parrish hunted down the puck in the crease and scored his fifth of the playoffs.

The fully healthy Caps seemed to have more gas in the tank in the third and tied the game 5-5 with a power-play goal just five minutes into the final period. With the game on the line late in the period, Virden forward

Dylan Thiessen managed to flip a shot past the glove of Brunn with just 2:36 left.

Brunn made 39 saves in the game as the Oil Capitals outshot the Flyers 45-36. Both teams were two for four on the power-play.

Despite the disappointing end, Pearson took a lot of good from the Flyers' season.

"I think that we had a good year. We were in the top four for the better part of the whole season ... ended up finishing two points out of fourth ... overall I thought we had some good success," he said. "I thought our young guys developed well throughout the year, and that's what part of the whole process is ... to see players get better and have that success on the ice."

Pearson suggested they would be in decent shape for next season.

"You usually lose 10 or 11 players every year," he said, noting the Flyers were saying goodbye to their eight 20-year-olds with Martyniuk, McGuire, Christian, Bates, Parrish, Dyck, Will Blake and Brett Opperman all graduating from junior.

"I think our scouting staff has done a good job of identifying players ... plus there's a number of free agents out there that we're going to go after," Pearson said.

"I really like our guys that are going to come back ... I think it's a good core to build around,

and we've just got to identify the right pieces to add to that group to help us take the next step and get to the final."

The Flyers now shift focus to their spring camp April 13-15 to showcase young prospects as well as players eligible for the 2018 MJHL bantam draft, which will take place in June.

**"ALTHOUGH THEY GAVE IT THEIR BEST, IT JUST WASN'T MEANT TO BE."**



# Premium Walking Club set to hit the streets

Group to meet Fridays at noon starting April 13

By Lorne Stelmach

A local program is aiming to get Mordenites back being active outside with the arrival of spring.

The Premium Walking Club going for five consecutive Friday noon hours starting April 13 will take it a step further by providing some related health information while getting people moving.

"We don't all need to be runners to see the benefits ... little bits of walking actively can greatly improve your quality of life," said Sheena Kilpatrick, who will lead the sessions that will start at the Access Event Centre each week.

Kilpatrick said the walking club will be open to everyone of all ages and fitness levels. A grant through the Healthy Living Together program will provide pedometers for the partici-

pants to track their walk distances.

"It will be just under an hour, so those on lunch breaks can make it back to work," Kilpatrick pointed out. "This is just our way of getting people back outside after the winter."

The community had a walking club a few years ago, she noted, and there was some interest to bring it back this spring.

"We're going to offer it for outdoor walking, and if the weather is poor, we're going to use the inside of the Access Event Centre," said Kilpatrick.

"I've invited five different professionals to come out and walk each week with us as well," she added, noting they include physiotherapists, chiropractors, a dietitian and a pharmacist. "They all have an interest in walking and health."

"You will have your chance to ask questions of them. Sometimes you

can't get into your chiropractor regularly or physio, and you've maybe wondered about this or that," Kilpatrick said. "They will come and speak about walking from the perspective of injury prevention or better posture."

"We'll also have a local councillor to talk about active transportation and urban planning."

The hope is that the initiative might get people thinking a little more about the extended benefits of walking—from decreasing blood pressure and losing weight to increasing your

energy and improving your sleep.

"The Canadian guidelines have now stressed about 150 minutes of physical activity ... in bouts of 10 minutes because they found that people who move from sedentary to just something have the greatest benefit in their health," said Kilpatrick.

The cost to be part of the walking club is just \$25. You can register online at [mordenmb.maxgalaxycanada.net](http://mordenmb.maxgalaxycanada.net), by calling 204-822-5432 (ext. 3), or by e-mail to [sdueck@mordenmb.com](mailto:sdueck@mordenmb.com).

Kilpatrick said they hope to extend the club into the summer if there's enough interest.

## End of the line for Pembina Valley Hawks

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Hawks may have been just a couple bounces or breaks away from repeating as provincial female AAA hockey champions.

Instead, the Hawks returned home as runner-ups after a second consecutive overtime loss last Wednesday handed the title to the Eastman Selects.

The Hawks lost 3-2 in double overtime in Ste. Anne in game four. It was a do-or-die game for Pembina Valley after having fallen 2-1 in triple overtime March 24 in game three in Morden, giving Eastman a 2-1 series lead.

"Definitely a disappointing evening ... but I'm proud of my girls," said coach Dana Bell the next day.

Cora Fijala and Sage McElroy-Scott each had a goal and an assist, while goaltender Halle Oswald stopped 35 of the 38 shots in net for the Hawks, who had opened the best of five final with a 3-1 victory in game one only to then be shutout 2-0 in game two.

"It came down to a goaltender duel," said Bell, as both league MVP Oswald and Selects netminder Raygan Kirk turned in solid playoff performances, including the latter helping fifth place

Eastman upset the top ranked Winnipeg Avros in the semi-final round.

After the loss, Bell told the team to be proud of themselves and hold their heads high.

"It's playoff hockey. You can't take anybody lightly," he said. "When everybody gets to that time of year, every team changes ... and I don't feel that we played bad in any way."

"We told them before the game that we wanted them to play like it was their last game of the year, and go out and leave it all out on the ice," he continued.

"To get a bad bounce and lose the game was definitely tough, but at the end of the day, we sat in the dressing room for half an hour after and basically told them ... we fell as deep as sixth place this year before Christmas, and then after Christmas we battled back into second place ... that was our goal."

It was a development year of sorts for the Hawks, as they came into the season with a fairly high turnover of players. Despite the challenges that can come with that, Bell said he liked how the players came together through the season.

**"WE HAD A REALLY GOOD GROUP THIS YEAR. EVERYBODY STUCK TO TEAM PLAY ALL YEAR LONG, AND THAT'S ALL YOU CAN ASK FOR AS A COACH."**



## Learning the basics

Instructors from the Manitoba Cricket Association guided students through the basics of the game last Thursday at the Alliance Church as the spring break sports camp offered by the City of Morden concluded. Other games and activities through four days included fencing, table tennis, pickleball, soccer, archery, curling, badminton and lacrosse. The camp was full with about 16 kids taking part each day.

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# Agriculture

## Promoting public trust in food and farming

By Harry Siemens

According to the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity, consumers are more interested than ever in how the food chain grows, processes and brings food to market.

President Crystal McKai told the 2018 Manitoba Swine Seminar the CCFI is new in Canada.

"Our makeup is everything from individual farmers right through to the biggest food company, retail, and food service in the country," she said. "We equip the food system with research, resources, and opportunities to come together for a dialog to do a better job."

The public's involvement in issues related to food production and farming has changed, and that's why she said it is essential to maintain the trust of the people.

"The Canadian public has questions about everything on their plate, from seed to table, and how producers grow it, and basically everything about what's on their plate," said McKai. "We didn't see that ten years ago. And their questions range from what happens on the farm right through to retail and food service."

McKai said it also became apparent the power and the importance of public trust for the growth and future of the sector.

"So not just about our product but our actual production," she said. "For instance, are you allowed to build a barn, allowed to expand, allowed to innovate with new technology? And I use the word allowed very specifically to because there are many cases, including in Manitoba, where that hasn't happened."

With saying all this, she said the Canadian sector is in a position of strength enjoying good public trust in food and farming. The key is Canada is a country wide but a centimeter deep.

"So once we ask specific questions about things like the environment or animal welfare, for example, it quickly erodes to being unsure," McKai said. "So I think the opportunity for us moving forward is what are we going to do differently to build the depth of that trust on specific topics."

On the of topics of importance to

the public, the rising cost of food and keeping healthy food affordable has come up as the top two issues the last two years in a row.

"That's important when we're framing up what we do and how we feed our country, is we're in the business of providing healthy, affordable food, and that is super important to Canadians," McKai said. "I think we need to reframe our conversations, our positioning of what we do in agriculture, and in the pork industry to be one of a positive strength, positive contributor to our country, meeting the needs of the public."

McKai said there is some watch out topics that the sector needs to improve, such as the use of antibiotics.

"I see this as giant conversations about food starting one on one, going right through to TV advertising

but based as an authentic conversation which includes acknowledging areas where we could improve, what we're doing for the future," she said. "It needs to be an authentic conversation, not an ad campaign, but it can start one person, one farmer at a time, right through to big national advertising efforts."

A significant advantage in this discussion is that farmers still rank very highly for overall impression, warmth, and trust on most characteristics. So do university researchers, government researchers, and veterinarians, for example, on animal welfare.

"The challenge is when we ask the public where do they get their information on all those topics, it's not from those trusted sources but online," said McKai. "So our opportunity to do better with trust is how do we

give those trusted, respected voices, like farmers, veterinarians, university researchers, a voice, and volume so the public can hear from them, the people they trust and want to hear from."

She said it starts one person at a time and not just farmers but anybody that's part of the pork industry or part of agriculture and food are on the team.

However, it is essential to look at some of the negative trends in other countries and what Canadians should be doing differently, she added.

"The biggest lesson learned from our friends in the UK specifically, and the EU is they weren't part of the conversations, and they have their practices dictated to them, either by governments or customers," McKai said.



By Harry Siemens

On a recent Twitter discussion, some producers expressed concerns, especially in Saskatchewan, that some grain companies maybe be discounting soybeans because of lower protein content.

I checked with Mr. Bean, a.k.a. Dennis "Bean" Lange, pulse specialist with Manitoba Agriculture working out of the Altona office. While not commenting on the alleged protein discounts by certain grain companies, he offered his advice on what had happened in some areas during the 2017 growing season.

"We had some very dry conditions in July and August, and that's critical when it comes to yield at that period 'cause that's when the beans tend to put the yield on," Lange said. "But also too, we see some lower proteins from certain areas of the province."

Looking back at their provincial trials, two of them the protein content was 45 per cent less than what it was in the previous year at the same site, and both of those sites had way less moisture during those summer

months, about 55 per cent of average moisture during that period.

"That contributed to some lower proteins in some regions of the province, but not in every area because some did receive enough rainfall during that August period and protein content seems to be okay," Lange said.

He cautioned farmers that when Mother Nature is in control of moisture, whether too much, just right or not enough, there isn't much farmers and researchers can do.

"The research on protein content and increasing that comes out to the fact that there are no real quick fixes for this," he said. "We can't just add more nitrogen in spring because all that does it puts it into plant growth."

"You can probably try that nitrogen later in the season on early pod fill, but, you'd have to add almost 100 pounds of nitrogen, and that's not economical to do that," said Lange. "We've worked on that concerning increasing yield when you don't get modulation. That's where we've seen higher protein that way, but again, 100 pounds of nitrogen at early pod

fill doesn't make sense because it's too costly to put in for that in the hopes that it might increase protein."

I asked Lange what he's seeing in terms of overall acres of soybeans in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

"We'll see a little bit of a dip in the acres in Manitoba, guessing right now in that two million acre range, so we're gonna see a bit of a drop there," he said. "In Saskatchewan, talking to a few different people over the last couple weeks, we're probably gonna see a drop in acres there too, maybe down from that 825,000 down to maybe 500,000."

"A lot of that's related to lower yields compared to 2016 where we broke records in Manitoba, and our provincial average was 42 bushels an acre. Where in 2017, our standard was 34 more along that ten-year average. But really, other crops like canola shone brightly last year with some big yields and growers will move their acres around a little bit and which will see the drop in acres in soybeans."

## Mr. Bean projects soybean acres to drop



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE**

> HAWKS, FROM PG. 18

"There's a good group of young girls coming up ... there will be a good core to build the team around next year."

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10. Perfected
11. British school
12. Colored with red powder
13. Tivoli
15. What bowlers hope to knock down
16. Finnish lake
17. Damaged regions of tissue
18. World-renowned guitarist
21. Political action committee
22. Oxygen reduction system
23. Part of a circle
24. Italian monk's title
25. Kidney problem (abbr.)
26. One point east (clockwise) of due north
27. Home to a world famous bay
34. Mollusk
35. Large nest of a bird of prey
36. Predict
37. Reconnaissance
38. Move in a particular direction
39. Cut with a tool
40. True fir
41. Heaven's opposite
42. Employed
43. "Partridge Family" actress Susan

1. Induces vomiting
2. Gloss or sheen on wood furniture
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4. Help shoppers save money
5. Heart condition
6. What tweens become
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9. Small knob
10. Island capital
12. Refinisher
14. Brazilian city
15. Pearl Jam's debut
17. Resinous substance of an insect

20. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
23. Reference works
24. Hoover's office
25. Confused
26. The Science Guy
27. A young woman
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Myra Peters, Executive Director  
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## NOTICE

## GARDEN VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Garden Valley School Division has deemed three modular classrooms located at 736 Main Street in Winkler, Manitoba to be surplus.

The Division invites proposals for the removal and subsequent clean-up of the buildings from the property.

For further information or to view the property, please contact:

Davis Wieler, Maintenance Supervisor  
Garden Valley School Division  
204.325.8335 (office) or 204.362.0496 (mobile).

An information package is available on the Division website at: www.gvdsd.ca.

Proposals will be received in sealed envelopes marked "Modular Classrooms" by 4:30 pm on Monday, April 23, 2018 at the Garden Valley School Division Office, 750 Triple E Blvd, Winkler MB R6W 4B3.

The highest or any bid may or may not necessarily be accepted.

## NOTICES

During His life Jesus affirmed that He was "Lord also of the Sabbath day" (Mark 2:28). After His resurrection He signalized the first day of the week, and not the seventh, by His revelation on five different occasions, to His disciples. Archibald A. Hodge. Please visit our website www.clda.ca

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R.M. of ROLAND  
PUBLIC NOTICE -  
2018 FINANCIAL PLAN  
The Council of the R.M. of Roland will hold a Public Hearing to present the 2018 Financial Plan:  
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 • 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers,  
Roland Memorial Hall  
Interested persons may make representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Plan.  
Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review at the Municipal Office after April 12, 2018.



## NOTICES

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
REGARDING THE INTENTION TO GIVE THIRD READING TO A BY-LAW TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ELECTORAL WARDS  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 87(4) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Thompson intends to give third reading to a by-law to change the boundaries and reduce the number of electoral wards for the purpose of holding a Municipal Election.  
The third reading of the by-law is scheduled to be given at the next regular meeting of Council.  
HEARING: RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
530 NORTON AVENUE MIAMI, MB  
DATE AND TIME: Thursday April 19, 2018 6:00 p.m.  
Copies of the by-law to change the ward boundaries and reduce the number of wards are available for review and may be examined by any person during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday at the R.M. of Thompson Civic Centre located at 530 Norton Ave. Miami, MB.  
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Only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

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## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Rural Municipality of Thompson, including the Miami Golf & Country Club, Rosebank and the L.U.D. of Miami, intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2018:

1. To control noxious weeds on all road allowances and municipal property, Southern Manitoba Railway, MTS, Department of Highways, Prairie Rose S.D., Natural Resources and Deerwood WMA properties. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018. The herbicides to be used include: 2,4-D Amine 600, Amitrol 240, Tordon 22K, Glyphosate
2. To control weeds on the golf course property. The projected dates of application will be from April 15, 2018 to November 29, 2018. The herbicides to be used include: Roundup Original and Par III.
3. To control turf fungal disease on the golf course greens. The projected dates of application will be from April 15, 2018 to November 29, 2018. The fungicides to be used include: Rovral Green GT, Banner Maxx, Heritage Maxx, Daconil, Eagle WSP, Instrata.
4. To control grasshoppers and mosquitos within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Thompson. The proposed dates of application will be from May 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018. The insecticides to be used include: Decis SEC, Sevin XLR Plus, Lorsban, Eco bran, Matador, Malathion 85E
5. To control pests, including rats at the waste disposal ground at various times during the coming year. The rodenticide to be used is Brodifacoum.

Any person may, within 15 days after the publication of this notice, send a written submission to the department below, regarding the control program or register with the department their written objection to the use of pesticide next to their property:

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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE WINKLER CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider:

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2. Report of the Board
3. Election of 3 Directors
4. Auditors Report
5. Appointment of External Auditors
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## OBITUARY



### William (Bill) Enns 1943 - 2018

Bill (William) Enns was born on June 27, 1943 and after many years of vascular dementia, died on Sunday March 25, 2018. He quietly took his last breath just as he lived—peacefully.

Gratitude filled his life. Bill loved Betty, his wife. He cherished his children, Wendy and Colin along with their spouses, Peter and Susie. Bill took immense pride in his grandchildren, Nanau, Elyse and Micah (children to Wendy and Peter Loewen) and Allison, Brooke and Lauren (children to Colin and Susie Enns). And they in turn loved him dearly.

Bill graduated from Garden Valley Collegiate Institute in 1962. In spring 1963, he was baptized upon confession of his faith in Jesus Christ. After which he went to Teacher College in Winnipeg and

graduated in 1964. He attained a Bachelor of Arts from University of Winnipeg in 1968, and a Master of Divinity from Winnipeg Theological Seminary in 1989.

Bill was a schoolteacher in Birkenhead, Manitoba, a principal in Great Whale River, Arctic Quebec, and in Arviat, Nunavut. After leaving the north in 1975 he joined his older brother John and they farmed together for 20 years in Schanzenfeld, where they operated a dairy and grain farm. Bill's younger brother Don, nephew Doug, and son Colin worked together with Bill and John on the farm. He served as an ordained pastor in the Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church, at Hochfeld, and his later years at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. His community service included serving on the board of Habitat for Humanity.

His servant heart was visible as he strove to model love and peace in practical ways and in speaking a word of hope into the lives of many. This took him to Africa and to Mexico, serving as volunteer Country Representative for Mennonite Central Committee US and with African Inter-Mennonite Mission in Lesotho, Africa, and with MCC in Mexico.

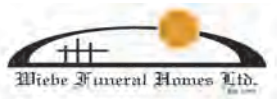
His daily life was filled connecting with family, colleagues and friends offering support where he could. Along with being a teacher, a pastor, a farmer, a bookworm, and an adventurer—Bill loved nothing more than to add a bit of mischievousness whenever he could.

Bill loved baseball. A friend recounted, "It was a tight ball game that evening in Reinland, we were about to win, Bill was up to bat, I knew the challenge, threw him a fast outside curve -- but he slammed the ball into the neighbor's yard, and we lost. I see it clearly. He was a star batter -- in many areas of life. Bill was a character worth imitating."

In all his endeavors, Bill and Betty were a team—four years before they were married and during the 53 years that followed. Bill's parents William L. and Mary Enns of Schanzenfeld predeceased Bill. Bill leaves behind his brothers John and Don, and sisters Mary, Ruth and Karen and their families.

As a family, we know God walks with us. We find joy and strength in remembering the well-lived life of a dearly-loved husband, father, grandfather and friends. We would like to thank those of you who knew and cared for him. Easter came early for Bill. He has entered his eternal rest.

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## OBITUARY



### John J. Siemens 1921 - 2018

On Monday, March 26, 2018 at Tabor Home, Morden, John J. Siemens, aged 96 years of Winkler, MB, our beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away peacefully. He leaves to mourn five children, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three step grandchildren, and one step great-grandchild: Vernon and (Linda) Siemens, Nathan, Jason and (Bridget) with Arielle; Alvin and (Audrey) Siemens, with Ian (Paige) Dubois; Rita and (Rob) McEwen; Norman and (Susan Kenny Siemens) Siemens, Trevor, Trenton and (Rita) with Jaden and Olivia, Andrea and (Matt) Duda, Chris and (Chandra) Kenny, Nicole and (Scott) Makinson with Sophie, Jon Kenny; Edwin and (Debbie) Siemens with Jessica; one brother-in-law Menno and (Nettie)

Janzen of Winkler, one sister-in-law Irene Peters of Winnipeg, one brother-in-law David Martens of Germany, and cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Elly (nee Janzen) November, 2014, his birth parents Johann F. and Maria Enns, adoptive uncle and aunt Johann A. and Cornelia Regehr and their three daughters Beth, Lydia, and Nellie; adoptive parents Rev. Jacob J. and Eva (d. 1931) Siemens, and step-mother Maria Peters. He was also predeceased by six siblings: Jacob, Johann, Elizabeth, Maria, Anna, and Heinrich (Betty); adoptive sisters Eva (Nick), Nettie, and Anne (Ike); step-brother Victor and (Elizabeth), step-brother John; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Rudy and (Katy).

John was born on November 16, 1921, in the village Lavarow (in the region of Stavropol) in Southern Russia. He was the youngest of seven children. His birth parents passed away before he was a year old, of Typhus, and he was given to his uncle and aunt while still in southern Russia. He was then adopted by the Siemens family who moved to Canada in 1924, settling in the Winkler area. In 1931, Rev. Jacob J. Siemens' wife Eva passed away, after which he married Maria Peters (a widow with two sons) in 1932. John was baptized on May 24, 1942, upon the confession of his faith and became a member of the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. He served in the church in many different capacities. John had a strong faith in God and was a man of character, principles and Christian values. On June 4, 1950, he married Elly Henrietta Janzen, daughter of John J. and Katharina Janzen, and they resided in the Winkler area where they farmed and he drove school bus for 20 years for the Garden Valley School Division. They were blessed with five children; four sons, and one daughter. John and Elly farmed until their retirement and moved into a condo in 1997. A few years after retiring Elly moved to Salem Home in Winkler where she lived for 15 years. John visited Elly every day and brought her many flowers and produce from the garden which he spent many hours working in. John enjoyed singing, playing chess (winning several Southern MB chess championships), stamp collecting, reciting poetry, and gardening.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2018 in the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church, with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

As a family we would like to thank all the health care professionals who gave Dad such excellent care. These include the Home Care team, Boundary Trails Health Center, Notre Dame Hospital and Personal Care Home, and Tabor Home. Thank you to Wiebe Funeral Home. Thank you also to the many family and friends who visited and supported us with your prayers and kind words of sympathy – we are deeply grateful. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to Tabor Home or Notre Dame Personal Care Home.

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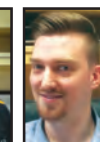
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