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A volunteer from the Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre took one of several birds they brought to the La Riviere Raptor Festival outside for a little fresh air, which he immediately took advantage of by stretching his wings. The fifth annual festival saw upwards of 500 people come out to celebrate the spring migration over the Pembina Valley. For the full story and some more photos, see Pg. 14-15.



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Urichuk, Friesen answer to voters at candidate forum

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two of the four candidates vying for your vote in Morden-Winkler squared off at a forum at J.R. Walkof School last week.

Hosted by the Winkler and Morden chambers of commerce, the event featured Progressive Conservative candidate and incumbent Cameron Friesen and Green Party candidate Mike Urichuk. Benjamin Bawdon from the Liberals and the NDP's Elizabeth Lynch, both Winnipeggers, declined to attend.

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Each candidate got several minutes to pitch themselves to the 40 or so people in attendance via opening and closing statements. In between, they spent about 20 minutes fielding questions from voters.

In his opening, Friesen stressed that Manitobans are disillusioned after years of NDP governance.

"We believe that after 17 years the NDP legacy is one of broken trust with Manitobans. It's a broken record and it's a broken government, as well.

"The NDP have a spending problem. There's not a revenue problem in this province," Friesen said. "They're going in the wrong direction in terms of deficits and debt.

"If a government overspends it means at the end of the day we have less money to do the things that we must do," he continued. "That means less money for education, that means less money for health care, it means less money for roads, and it means higher taxes for Manitobans. And

Manitobans already pay the highest taxes in all of Canada west of Quebec."

Friesen stressed that the Conservatives have a plan they feel will meet the needs of Manitobans in a fiscally responsible way.

"A plan for better ideas. A plan for a stronger Manitoba. A plan to pay down debt and invest in front-line services. A plan to prioritize personal care home construction and make sure that people can get the health care that they need, where they need it."

Friesen also noted the Tories, if elected, plan to lower the PST back to seven per cent down from the current eight per cent.

In his opening, Urichuk focused on the Green Party's plan for a guaranteed annual income for all Manitobans.

Growing up in a single-parent home after his father's death, this issue hits close to Urichuk's heart.

"[My mom] would reach into the food cabinet and only touch a bare wall," he said.

"But I consider myself one of the lucky ones," Urichuk continued, noting they had family and friends who helped them through those rough times. "But there are families in Manitoba who do not have this support, where both parents are still alive, still working or trying to find work, but they're still impoverished and they still cannot make ends meet.

"In Manitoba we have the highest rate of CFS child apprehension in the world. That's unacceptable. Our government has not done enough to help children and families that are improv-

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PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Green Party's Mike Urichuk discussed how the guaranteed annual income plan laid out by his party would eliminate poverty in Manitoba, which would ripple out to other aspects of society.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Conservative candidate Cameron Friesen lays out his party's plans to tackle our province's ever-growing debt at the all-candidates forum hosted by the Winkler and Morden chambers last week.

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"I believe we are the absolute best party to sustain this issue," Urichuk said. "We need to help our children come out of poverty so that our future generations can help themselves and can strengthen Manitoba and can build an economy and an environmental situation that can last for generations upon generations."

The Green Party's guaranteed annual income plan—which is funded in part by restructuring the income tax system, cancelling select non-refundable and refundable tax credits—is the answer, Urichuk stressed.

"We are dedicated to ending poverty in Manitoba," he said, noting that doing so ripples out to affect other aspects of society, including health care and crime.

FIELDING QUESTIONS

Come question time, voters had plenty for the candidates.

Urichuk was asked why, if the government provides guaranteed income to residents, anyone would choose to save for retirement.

"You'll still need to invest [for your own future]," he answered, stressing the plan doesn't allow people to rely totally on the government to care for all their needs. "[It] isn't enough to get you through the whole year without you having done anything [to save] in the past. So there is incentive to take care of your own needs.

"This amount will allow people to be bumped up to the poverty level to meet basic needs," Urichuk said, adding that studies on similar programs have shown this gives people a leg up out of poverty rather than a hand out as they work to find employment and better themselves.

Friesen, meanwhile, fielded ques-

tions about how the Conservatives plan to tackle the billions of dollars the province is in debt.

"How do we chip away at that debt? We do it incrementally, we do it over time, but we do it in a way that we've outlined as a party," he said. "We've had these discussions ... with Manitobans, we've had these discussions with university professors and with business owners—we know that there is waste in government."

The Conservatives intend to target that fiscal mismanagement to cut the waste, Friesen said.

The government also needs to set goals and show they're actually making headway towards them, he said.

"We're talking about an idea that we believe resonates with Manitobans: a government that is more inclusive, a government that is more transparent, a government that sets targets and works to achieve them."

Manitobans head to the polls on Tuesday, April 19. Advance polling stations were also open all this week.

In Morden-Winkler you can still vote in advance at the Returning Office at 886 Thornhill St. in Morden and the Morden Friendship Centre at 306 North Railway through to Saturday.

"WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ... A GOVERNMENT THAT IS MORE INCLUSIVE ... MORE TRANSPARENT ... THAT SETS TARGETS AND WORKS TO ACHIEVE THEM."

WA+C centre on track for June opening

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Arts and Culture Centre has passed the halfway point on its renovations and is well on track for a late June opening.

WA+C president Ray Derksen says the transformation of the old Park St. water treatment plant into Winkler's first arts centre is moving ahead smoothly.

"We are on schedule," he said last week. "Most of it should be done by the end of May, actually, and then June will just be used for tidying up a few ends."

Right now, WBS Construction is in the midst of installing new flooring at the site en route to creating a large main gallery room, studio spaces, and a front office.

That will be Phase 1A of the project; Phase 1B would add a second gallery space in what is now the back room of the building.

Even as work continues, WA+C is still fundraising to pay for it all.

"We are still knocking on doors because we still need to raise about another \$180,000 just to finish this phase that we're in right now," Derksen said of Phase 1A. "And then another \$200,000 for the back room."

The second gallery space could be done at a later date, but the sooner the building is fully operational the better, Derksen said.

WA+C has thus far raised about \$518,000 for the project. They plan to hold at least one more fundraiser before the gallery opens: a poetry/coffeehouse at Garden Valley Collegiate May 10. More information on that event will be coming out in the next few weeks.

And they are still reaching out to local businesses for support, Derksen said.

"There's still doors to knock on that have not yet been knocked on," he said, noting that anyone who would



Work to transform the former Winkler water treatment plant on Park St. into the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre has past the halfway point. It's expected the facility will open in late June.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

like to make a donation toward the arts centre can do so through City Hall.

With the grand opening just a few months away, excitement in the community is building.

"I'm asked about it all the time now," Derksen said. "There's still lots of hurdles to go for the development of this facility, but just to finally have the first part of an active building is extremely exciting. Now we have a location where people can meet."

WA+C plans to use the centre to

house regular art shows and exhibitions, art classes, and cultural events designed to bring the community together.

"I am so amped to what this place will do," Derksen said, stressing the value of giving local artists a place to come together to share and collaborate, learn and educate.

You can stay up-to-date on what's going on with Winkler Arts & Culture online at winklerarts.com or through their Facebook page.

Council names Dyck as interim city manager

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler is taking a breather from its hunt for a new city manager.

The community has received a number of applications for the position left vacant by Dave Burgess in January, but none have quite been the right fit, says Mayor Martin Harder.

"We had some that we were considering and it just wasn't quite the right timing for them and some who just didn't quite work out," he said.

"Maybe we're too fussy, but you do have to make sure you have the right individual. The training that takes place, as we did with Dave, it can happen after ... but we need the right person. At this point in time, we just haven't quite been able to find them.

"So we're going to put it on a bit of a hiatus," Harder said of the active hunt. "We'll likely put it on hold for

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Birds' Unique Leg Structure Says No Evolution from Creation Moments Radio Program

Genesis 1:21

"And God created ... every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good."



Countless television programs, museums, textbooks, and popular articles tell us that the birds evolved from dinosaurs. It now appears that this claim is even less credible!

Researchers at Oregon State University have made a fundamental discovery about how birds breathe. Unlike land animals, birds have immovable thigh bones, and they walk and run by bend-

ing their knees. All land creatures can move both their thigh bone as well as bend their knees to walk and run. This included the dinosaurs and other theropods from which birds supposedly evolved.

Birds need twenty times as much oxygen as cold-blooded animals. To supply this need, birds are designed with unique lungs and supporting musculature. Researchers found that if birds had the usual muscle structures and could move their thighs, their high-performance lungs would collapse. Even the evolutionists at Oregon State University said that this makes it unlikely that birds evolved from dinosaurs, and they added that birds appear earlier in the fossil record than the theropods from which they supposedly evolved!

There are other transition problems associated with bird evolution that are seldom mentioned. For example, reptiles are cold-blooded and birds are warm blooded; yet, this major transition has seemingly been overlooked.

Of course, the Bible has always taught that birds were specially made by God and did not evolve from any other creature.

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Community fdn. reports on year of rapid growth

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation shook things up at its annual general meeting on Monday.

WCF's board of directors bid farewell to three members, welcomed four new ones to the table, and installed a new president to lead the way into the future.

Phillip Vallelly stepped down from the president's role and the board after six years of service.

This past year has been one of incredible growth for the foundation, he says, owing in large part to a \$2.2 million bequest from the late Gordon Wiebe to establish a scholarship endowment fund.

"This year we witnessed an individual's vision in the past to challenge our board in the present to make a visible difference in the future," Vallelly says. "Each of those stages has made us as a board stronger. It has forced us to move beyond our current state and expand our vision of what is possible."

Indeed, jumping from endowments totaling \$1.5 million at the end of 2014 to \$4 million at the end of 2015 necessitated a major restructuring of the foundation's infrastructure.

"We have had to learn what it means to manage a large gift, plan and implement a scholarship fund, and strategically plan for an exciting future," says Vallelly.

Looking back over his time with the foundation, Vallelly lists as highlights projects like 2012's Vital Signs report, which continues to bear fruit today.

That snapshot of the community and its issues and needs has been used by civic leaders in planning for Winkler's future and by the foundation in focusing its granting efforts.

"We were the first ever rural community to do this," Vallelly says, noting the foundation intends to undertake another report in the future to see what progress has been made.

Stepping into Vallelly's shoes is Chris Hildebrand, who just finished her first year on the board.

"I'm really excited. The future looks really bright for the foundation," she says. "We've had such an excellent year and so many new things happening and now we have four new board members which will bring some new energy, ideas, and vision to the table."

Hildebrand notes the foundation is

"THE FUTURE LOOKS REALLY BRIGHT FOR THE FOUNDATION."

celebrating 20 years of granting this year and they're looking forward to coming up with a special way to mark that milestone.

She also reminds Winklerites that "any gift given to the foundation gives back forever. It will outlive us all."

GILMOUR STEPS BACK AFTER 16 YEARS

Also departing from the board was vice-president Tamara Klassen, who has served since 2013 and was vital in the creation of the foundation's Pay It Forward campaign, and secretary Gary Gilmour, who has been involved either on the WCF or the Community Foundations of Canada boards since 2000.

Gilmour, who served two years as president, helped lead the way in the foundation's steady growth over the last 16 years. He says he's proud to see how far the organization has come.

"As per always, some things didn't



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Phillip Vallelly has stepped down as president of the Winkler Community Foundation's board of directors. Chris Hildebrand stepped into the role at the foundation's AGM on Monday.

work out. But a lot did," he says.

"We brought on some really good people" with a passion for giving back to their community, Gilmour says, which further helped the agency to grow.

Gilmour says he wishes people were more aware of just how much of an impact community foundations can have on the communities they serve.

"I think the most important thing to know is how really flexible and varied its activities can be," he says. "It doesn't have to be doing just what it's doing now. Right now our community foundation is becoming very scholarship orientated—three years ago it wasn't."

"Something may happen five years

from now that, while we retain our scholarship interest, a huge new vista may open up that pulls us in a direction that we haven't been yet, maybe in health care or senior facilities. It is such an insanely flexible instrument that can go so many different ways."

Stepping up to fill the vacant spots on the board are Tash Olfert, Corey Hildebrand, Zahid Zehri, and Wendell Ewert. They join returning members Justin Funk, Stacy Wiebe, Martin Harder, Scott Doell, and Hildebrand.

The new board members will get the chance to get their hands dirty sooner rather than later—the foundation is slated to launch its 2016 Pay It Forward May campaign in the next few weeks.

Plum Fest going bigger and better

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With four months to go until the big weekend, organizers are getting the ball rolling on planning for the Aug. 19-21 Plum Coulee Plum Fest.

The organizing committee held its first meeting last month, says incoming festival director June Letkeman.

"We're just getting going with it," she says.

They've already started firming up the entertainment line-up, which right now includes performances from The Pylons, Ten Four, and homegrown musical success Rosemary Siemens.

"We're trying to get more local bands this year," Letkeman says, noting it's the homegrown feel that

has made the festival such a success. "We have the local entertainment and we have lots of children activities and lots of things for families. It's just a wholesome family festival. I think that's what attracts people."

This year's community celebration will also include a few very special events, including the Plum Coulee School Reunion Social.

The social is aimed at anyone who attended the old brick school, which was in operation from 1931-1985.

"We've had a lot of interest there," Letkeman says. "I really think that's going to be really successful."

Social tickets are \$10 each and are available at local businesses.

Another special one-off event is the ceremony unveiling a new sign

slated to go up at the town's entrance honouring the community as "the home of Rosemary Siemens."

Siemens is an accomplished violinist who has performed all over the world and who got her start growing up in Plum Coulee.

"She's very proud of coming from Plum Coulee and we're very proud of the exposure she gives us," Letkeman says, noting Siemens has written a special song for the community she'll be performing at the festival.

Other activities are still in the works, but Letkeman says they're looking at fun stuff like a "backhoe rodeo."

"It's going to be something new

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Homegrown music at this year's Harvest Fest

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Homegrown entertainment is the name of the game at the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition this summer.

Warming up the audience in advance of Canadian icons Tom Cochrane and the Road Hammers festival weekend will be several local or close-to-home acts, the festival committee announced last week.

Opening for Cochrane Friday evening will be blues duo Link Neufeld

and Stephen Dueck and Winkler's own Julie C. Myers and her All-Star Band featuring classic rock hits.

On Saturday, in advance of the Road Hammers, world champion juggler Robin Chesnutt from Winnipeg will take the stage, followed by up and comer Leanne Pearson, winner last fall of the Emerging Artist Award from the Manitoba Association of Country Arts.

Chesnutt will return Sunday for more juggling antics in advance of headliners The Color.



Rounding out the Harvest Festival & Exhibition schedule will be Winkler's Julie C. Myers (right) and up and comer Leanne Pearson (left).

The evening will also include the James Fehr Gospel Group, a local group who will perform an hour of traditional and classic gospel music.

The festival takes over the Parkland fairgrounds Aug. 12-14. For information on this year's schedule, check out www.winklerharvestfestival.com.

ACU in a solid position moving forward: Davey

By Lorne Stelmach

The year ahead will largely remain business as usual for the Access Credit Union.

ACU brass, including CEO Larry Davey, do have one thing on their wish list, though.

"If we could convince the Bank of Canada to raise the interest rates, that would be good," Davey said after the credit union's annual meeting held in Morris April 5.

It was declining interest rates in the past year that had the biggest impact on ACU's financial picture.

But it still remains in a solid position overall, Davey said, with total assets climbing to the \$2 billion level, loans increasing from \$1.7 to \$1.8 billion, and retained earnings hitting \$134 million.

Profits, however, did decline, with net income declining by about a million dollars to around \$12.8 million.

"The one area we are dealing with is the Bank of Canada lowering interest rates. It puts a little bit of a squeeze on our financial market," said Davey. "The net income was down and that was a direct result of the drop in the rate ... the Bank of Canada lowered the rate twice ... and that had an impact."

"The biggest impact comes from the money we keep at credit union central. We have to keep about 10 per cent of our deposits ... which is a couple hundred million dollars ... and they gave us half a per cent less, so that's about a million dollar drop in income ... just because the rate dropped."

Despite that, Davey said they remain

in a healthy state moving forward.

"We enjoyed a very strong year," he said. "Our growth was over eight per cent, which is well above the system average. And our loan growth was a little over six per cent, and that's again above the system average."

"We enjoyed strong income mainly because we were able to keep our expenses under control."

Davey added the credit union had its best year yet in terms of its involvement and engagement in the community, granting over \$535,000 to local projects and charities.

"We were able to give more to the community than we've ever done before," he said. "We had significant volunteering from our staff as well, and we also were named one of the top 25 employers again ... so we were proud of everything that happened throughout the year."

In the end, Davey suggested some good also came from the proposed amalgamation with Assiniboine Credit Union, which was rejected twice by Access' members.

"It made total sense to take it to the membership and look for direction from the membership, and the membership was clear that they wanted to stay the course," he said. "And that's great. We now know that is what they would like to do, so that's the intention going forward."

Looking ahead, Davey noted they see the use of new technology becoming a significant area of growth.

"We've seen significant uptake in the technology. Probably the one that surprises the most ... was the 'deposit anywhere' where people are depos-

iting with their phones," he said. "I think we saw in the neighbourhood of 42,000 cheques deposited that way over the course of about 13 months. And that continues to grow each month, so there's no doubt the membership is gravitating to technology."

The annual meeting also saw a number of board members either re-elected or newly elected, including Ben Dueck in the east region, Ray Kirk and Sherry Woods in the west region, and Alvin Elias for the central region.

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Time to ditch democracy?

When was the last time democracy actually worked in an election?

Has it ever worked? Noted British Prime minister and part-time bulldog Winston Churchill once said, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

I suppose I would have to agree, particularly these days when it seems everyone would rather have their own form of totalitarian dictatorship.

Oh sure, we would never say so in polite company, but behind the scenes and inside private minds it has no doubt occurred to some that "wouldn't it be better if BLANK Party and/or Suchandsuch Leader simply vanished so that the party/person I support would be elected to leadership FOREVER?"

The Oxford Dictionary defines democracy as: "A system of government

by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives."

When has it ever felt like the government represented "the whole population?"

Let us redefine democracy for the common era as: "A system of government representing the ideals of the 32 percent of the population who voted them."

We could further refine it to state: "The people are represented by those representatives who are part of one of two or three large, well-funded political parties."

At the risk of sounding cynical (too late?) perhaps voting should be done away with all together and we create a complex software program with a powerful algorithm that can select political leaders based on a combination of their region's socio-demographic profile, along with the candidate's height, jaw prominence, and body shape.

I'm enjoying watching the nightmare that is the lead up to the American election in the same way I enjoy watching an Ultimate Fighting Championship match—it is a little horrifying, but I can't look away.

You have to admit when candidates are disqualifying other candidates because they have "small hands" or they simply consider them unattractive something has gone awry with the

noble institution of democracy.

As Canadians lately it has been easy to look down at our southern neighbour's system of electoral process, but we should not get too smug because we do the same thing up here.

Maybe it is time to ditch democracy altogether in favour of leaders who compete in a Hunger Games style competition that happens every four years like the Olympics. The winner can lead a benevolent dictatorship.

The system has clearly been gamed and the populace have been conditioned to support candidates based on the most extreme emotional appeals and rhetoric. The most complex of issues have been reduced to black and white Us versus Them, With Us or Against Us scenarios where no matter how you lean politically, secretly you feel like pure evil or, worse yet, just pure.

I am going to go out on a limb right now and assert to you one thing: no political party has the exclusivity on the truth. Every single party has good policies and bad ones, good beliefs and bad ones.

But there must be something better than a system that forces you to choose between the best of the worst party surely?

Perhaps a robot overlord? Sure, I could get behind that ... ALL HAIL ROBOTO, KING OF CANADA!



By Peter Cantelon

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> CITY MANAGER, FROM PG. 3

at least six months."

Still, city operations stop for no one, which is why assistant administrator Barb Dyck will step into the role on an interim basis.

"Her attention to detail and ability to manage the finances of the city are paramount to maintaining continuity and helping council to continue the path forward, leading the city in a progressive and exciting future," Harder said.

Dyck has worked for the City of Winkler for 24 years. She says she's eager to tackle this new position alongside her current

duties, with some help from other administrative staff members.

"I believe the role will be both challenging and exciting," Dyck said. "The city is growing and along with it come the challenges of providing the services to our citizens and infrastructure to sustain it."

"I look forward to being an advocate and resource to council as they lead and plan for the future of Winkler, and to provide leadership and support in our administration as we carry out the plans brought forward by council."



Barb Dyck, interim city manager

Geocaching 101 to celebrate Earth Day April 23

"IT'S A GREAT ACTIVITY FOR FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS, AND IT'S A SKILL YOU CAN TAKE ANYWHERE."

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is aiming to introduce more people to a treasure hunt that utilizes the modern day tools of the trade.

An introductory workshop called Geocaching 101 will also serve as a celebration of Earth Day on April 23.

It will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lions shelter at Lake Minnewasta. Should the weather not cooperate, the event will take place at the Access Event Centre instead.

"I was wanting to do something for Earth Day that would get people outside and enjoying our surroundings," said recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck.

"Geocaching was something that came to mind as something that is a lot of fun that a number of people know about but also a lot of people don't know much about it. I thought it would be great to teach people how to go about geocaching."

Volunteers from the Manitoba Geocaching Association will be on hand to help people learn how to use GPS to find hidden treasures or caches that will be located around the lake.

GPS units will be provided for those without. People can also download a GPS app from www.geocaching.com/mobile.

A Rocha is helping with the little treasures that will be inside each of the caches, including pieces of information relating to Earth Day.

Dueck said a great aspect of geocaching is that it is an activity for anyone and all ages, and you can do it anywhere in the world.

"It's a great activity for families, individuals, and it's a skill you can take anywhere with you," she said. "You can take it when you're on vacation, travelling somewhere, because there's a cache everywhere."

The Pembina Valley region especially is a great location for geocaching, Dueck said, and she hopes this event will get more people involved in the hunt.

"There is a very active community in this area and we're tapping into their expertise and enthusiasm for geocaching to help other people learn about it," she said.

"I think a lot more people could be involved and might just need an opportunity for somebody with expertise to help them."

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and different" she says. "It's using the backhoe for various 'rodeo' events. It should be a lot of fun."

Other festival favourites will, of course, be back, including the farmers' market, Saturday morning parade, dance tent, children's activities, food vendors (more than ever, Letkeman hopes), and more.

Right now the committee is putting the call out for volunteers to help pull this community event together.

"We would like more volunteers," Letkeman says, noting there are a few holes on the committee itself as well as a need for people willing to help out at events festival weekend.

If you'd like to get involved, contact Letkeman at 204-362-0501.

Stay on top of Plum Fest plans online at www.plumfest.com or on the festival's Facebook page.



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Mordenite helping plan Portage air show

By Lorne Stelmach

How does a university student from Morden who is majoring in geography end up helping to organize the first air show in Manitoba in nearly a decade?

It's a question Salina Wall has been getting a lot lately.

"Every time I tell people I'm helping plan an air show they're like, 'You're doing what?'" Wall said. "It's something I never thought I would be learning about, so it's a great opportunity."

Organizers through the Manitoba chapter of the Ninety-Nines, an international organization of female pilots, are spearheading the Manitoba Air Show set for June 4 at Southport near Portage la Prairie.

The hope is that the event could attract between 6,000 and 10,000 spectators.

Wall, who is majoring in geography at the University of Manitoba, got involved with the show through a course on the geography of aviation.

Her professor, Jill Oakes, is a member of the Manitoba 99s and also serving as co-ordinator of resurrected Manitoba Air Show.

"Instead of doing just regular class things, we decided that we were also just going to be part of the directors of the air show," said Wall. "We each chose something that interested us. I'm the director of the artisan market ... that interested me because I used to be a crafter myself."

Wall has organized a large artisan tent that will have 28 vendors with at

least 20 more that will be setting up outside the tent; she is hoping to have about 60 in total by show time.

Organizing the artisan market is a job in itself, but Wall also welcomes other duties related to helping organize the event because it is all a huge learning experience for her.

"I didn't know a whole lot about air shows or actually aviation in general when I started, so it's nice to get behind the scenes with all of this," she said.

"It's definitely a lot of work and a lot happens behind the scenes," Wall added. "And we're doing it in half the time that most air shows are planned because we actually only got approval in February from Southport in Portage."

"A lot of people are dedicating a lot of their time to this."

The show will feature exciting aerobatics displays by the Snowbirds and the Canadian Forces CF-18 Demo Team.

As well, spectators will be treated to a demonstration by the Sky Hawks Parachute Team, as well as a search and rescue demonstration involving the Canadian Forces Search and Rescue crew and the massive CC-130 Hercules.

In addition to the displays of aviation and military aircraft and demos, the show will also feature a variety of other displays including model aircraft, remote control vehicles, classic cars and vintage motorcycles, army vehicles and weaponry, a recruitment career fair, traveller's fashion show, musical entertainment, and cuisine.



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Salina Wall of Morden with Jill Oakes, who is not only Wall's geography professor but also a member of the Manitoba 99s organization of female pilots which is reviving the Manitoba Air Show this summer. Among the highlights of the show will be an appearance by Canada's famed Snowbirds (right).

There will also be some free flights for students, although space will be limited.

People can find out more about the event online at www.nbairshow.com.

As for Wall, it's two months out and she's already counting down the days.

"It's exciting. I think there's lots of interest and lots of buzz about it so far," she said. "It's definitely going to be a big thing."



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Winkler Family Resource welcomes new coordinator

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Family Resource Centre has a new leader at the helm.

Cathy Savage stepped into the coordinator role in February.

"I've always worked with kids and I enjoy working with kids," she says, noting her community involvements include volunteering with the local Girl Guides program and teaching Celtic dance at DanceWorks.

Now that she's had a few months to get her feet wet, Savage is spearheading the launch of the centre's free spring programming for pre-school age children and their parents.

The new Rhythm and Rhymes drumming program that started last Friday is already booked full, but they plan to offer that again in fall.

"We'll definitely be running it again next year because there was a huge demand for it," Savage says.

One program that still has room is Growing Up Green, which will run for six weeks on Fridays starting May 20 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Bethel Heritage Park.

"That's another brand new program to our centre," Savage says. "It's an outdoor program that teaches kids to use the natural resources around them to play. There are neat games to play with sticks, with water.

"It's very literacy-based—lots of books and songs and games. It's basically just bringing our programs outdoors ... and who doesn't love to be outdoors on a nice day?"

Also coming up in May is a Kit and Kaboodle Beach session, running Wednesdays May 11 to June 14 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Central Station (545 Industrial Drive).

"There will be lots of books, songs, finger play, a craft, movement," Savage says. "All sorts of fun things."

Also, for the first time ever the centre is putting on a program aimed at Low German speaking families this spring.

Lacht un Lieet (Laugh & Learn) will run every Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. April 19 to May 10. It's aimed at kids age three to five.

"It's just a chance for moms and

"THESE PROGRAMS ARE A LITTLE GOLD MINE IN OUR COMMUNITY ..."

kids to come together and enjoy a program in their own language," Savage says. "It will include singing, reading, playing."

There are so many Low German families in the Winkler area that this program is long overdue, Savage says.

"There is a huge Low German population in our community and so we're trying to serve the needs of our entire community," she says.

For more information on Laugh & Learn or to sign-up to take part, contact program facilitator Mary Krahn at 204-325-8405.

And if none of these programs work for your schedule, the centre also hosts a weekly Jolly Tots drop-in program at Central Station every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. No registration is required.

FUN AND LEARNING

While having fun is a big part of all the centre's programs, so too are the social and the educational aspects for both the kids and their parents.

"All our programs are geared for early childhood literacy and spending time reading with your child," Savage says. "They're really just a chance for moms or dads to bond with their children and learn new things with their children.

"I think these programs are a little gold mine in our community that's not being used enough," she adds, recalling how invaluable she found such activities as a stay-at-home mom with her two children. "It gets you out of the house and out with other mom or dads. You make really good friends ... if you're willing to come out and try it, your kids will love it and you'll love it."

Savage notes that their programs

Cathy Savage is the new coordinator for the Winkler Family Resource Centre. The centre has several new programs starting up this spring.

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usually have child minders on site to watch babes in arms, so parents with a pre-schooler and a younger child need not feel they can't take part.

"It's a great way to spend some quality time with your older child."

You can learn more about the Win-

kler Family Resource Centre online at winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com or follow them on Facebook

Also, mark your calendar for this year's Teddy Bears' Picnic in Bethel Heritage Park May 28. More details on that event will be coming soon.

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'God's Little Artists' show off their work

By Lorne Stelmach

Stirring their creativity and imagination is the aim of a new local program for pre-schoolers.

God's Little Artists offers Christian educational creative arts and recreation classes based in Winkler.

Instructor Jennifer Krahn said the reward of the program is seeing that spark come from the children.

"The kids just think that they're having fun ... they don't know that they're learning," said Krahn, who developed God's Little Artists from the similar Clock Tower Corner program she offered in Morden.

That program ran for about five years out of the Pembina Hills Art Gallery, but seeing a lot of interest coming from Winkler led to her decide to move the program there recently.

"There was a lot of interest from Winkler, so I decided to start a Tuesday class in the fall ... then I decided to add a Thursday class ... and now I have a waiting list now for this year," she said, noting 36 kids currently take part each week.

It is much the same program as what she had in Morden but now with a Christian perspective that includes Bible stories and verse memorization.

Krahn is trained in Montessori, which is an educational approach

that puts emphasis on independence, freedom within limits, and respect for a child's natural psychological, physical, and social development.

After being educated in the U.S., Krahn came back home to Morden to apply her training here with the Clock Tower classes.

"I felt there was a need in the community because our day cares and other pre-school facilities are so full," she said.

"I love seeing them come alive in their creativity at a young age," Krahn said. "They are the future of our communities, so I want to see them blossom from a young age, knowing that they can be creative in their minds, in their hearts, with their hands."

She added that she aims to vary her program "even with music ... it's not just arts and crafts ... it's all of the creative arts ... it's all encompassing."

There was even a field trip last week for her students to Whitecap Coffee, which agreed to put up a display featuring two pieces of art from each of the budding young artists.

Krahn noted she appreciated the support of Whitecap, which also provided a special snack for the kids.

"It's such a cool win-win for our community, my students, and our program," said Krahn.

The support from the community remains encouraging to Krahn, who noted she was already taking

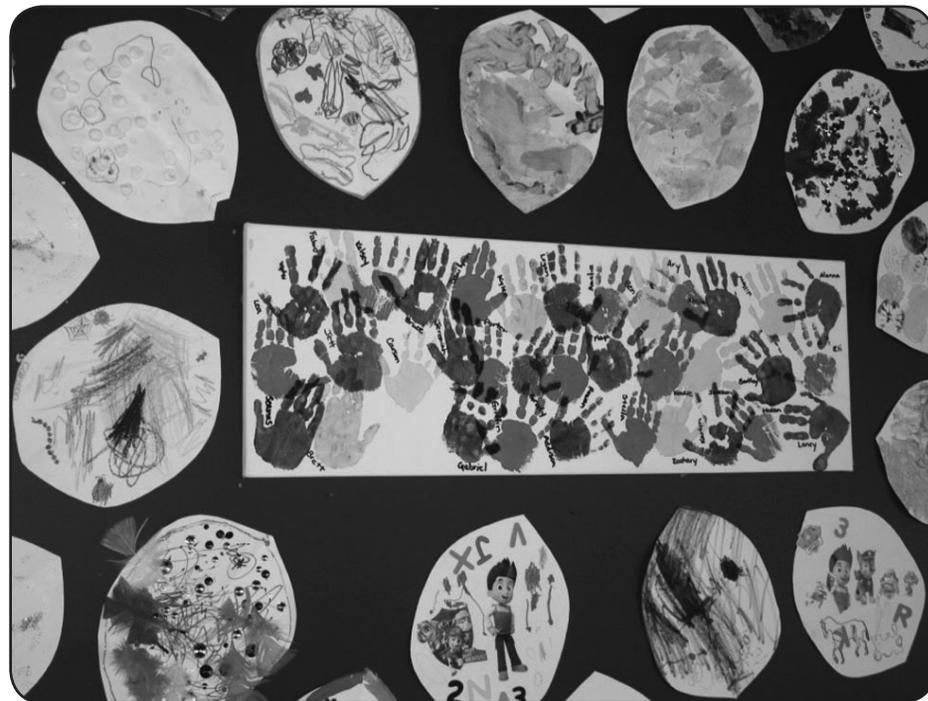


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Whitecap Coffee in Winkler is displaying some of the artwork created by students from the God's Little Artists program. Formerly offered in Morden as Clock Tower Corner, the pre-schooler program is now based out of Winkler two days a week.

registration for this fall and only had four spots left.

"I just think parents love the small numbers, the one on one attention that I give the children. And there is the Christian element that I think

parents were looking for as well," Krahn said.

"The kids are leaving happy and coming to class happy."

You can get in touch with Krahn at 204-384-1077.

Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare

By Lorne Stelmach

If you believe all the world's a stage

and all the men and women merely players, the Pembina Hills Arts Council has the event for you.

It is planning events over two days next weekend to mark 400 years since the passing of William Shakespeare.

Shakespeare 400 will be held April 22-23, which also coincides with Shakespeare's 450th birthday.

"It's part of global events marking his influence on art, literature and culture," said administrator Krista Walters.

The festivities begin Friday night at the gallery in downtown Morden with an Art Bar Painting Party called Midsummer Night's Dream.

Participants will be doing a painting with a night sky theme with the moon and silhouettes.

"And you don't have to have any special artistic skills to participate," said program co-ordinator Margie Hildebrand in encouraging anyone to get involved.

The evening goes from 7-10 p.m. for

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Campaign aims to raise LGBT+ awareness

By Lorne Stelmach

A Mordenite is working to build awareness and understanding around the LGBT+ community in the area.

Addressing Western School Division trustees Monday, Demian Vaisies said the aim of the Grey Elephant Awareness Campaign is a straightforward goal.

"I hope that the community in general will be more aware and more open to just talking about these things and being comfortable with them ... and kind of not sweeping them under the rug or avoiding them, but just being open," said Vaisies.

The campaign follows a number of aims including promoting acceptance and diversity, raising awareness of issues and different identities within the LGBT+ community, providing education and resources, promoting ally support within the community as a whole, and encouraging positivity, love and respect.

The name Grey Elephant "basically just comes from my love of elephants," said Vaisies, adding that elephants are "very, very dependent on their communities, and they really need their community support in order to thrive and survive well."

Born in Winnipeg but having called the Morden area home since the age of two, Vaisies would just like the community to be open about these issues and to having an open dialogue on them.

"I always kind of felt there was a need for more of a conversation in this community about LGBT+ people and about this community being safe for them," he said. "That was

always something that I kind of wanted to do. Then when the Take Action project idea came up in the Global Issues class, that was the first thing on my mind of what I wanted to do with that."

Vaisies feels there is more of an openness in Morden than in other communities.

"I lived in Winkler for two years and it generally was hard there ... it was something I didn't want to bring up," said Vaisies, while acknowledging it has also been a case of getting more comfortable with it personally.

"Still, even living in Morden, it's something that I don't tend to bring up with people because I don't necessarily feel comfortable that I will get a reaction that won't be hard to deal with, and that's not something that I want to deal with on a daily basis is getting negativity from people."

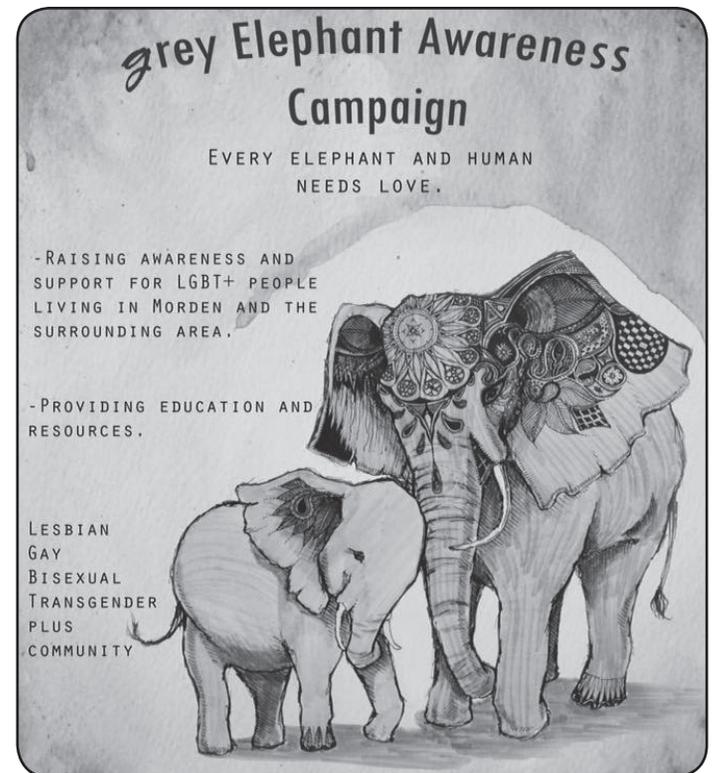
"It has been a journey for me."

Vaisies suggested that Western School Division has done well with its policy on diversity.

"I read their diversity policy a number of times ... it's a good policy. It's very well worded, and it's very inclusive," he said. "I just hope that it is really put in place and that the students are aware that this is there so they know that they are protected."

As for the Grey Elephant campaign, Vaisies noted there are plans being made with the Pembina Hills Gallery about an art exhibition sometime next year.

"I would hope that I would be able to contact the school division and maybe have them talk about that in their art classes and maybe have some input from the school. I definitely think that would be a lovely way for them to get in-



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The Grey Elephant Awareness Campaign hopes to reach out to and raise awareness for the LGBT+ community in the Morden area.

volved.

"I am planning right now hopefully to be able to have a few smaller information nights with people who are LGBT+ from this area who would come out and speak about their opportunities," Vaisies added. "I am in the process of contacting people right now ... and kind of feeling that out about whether they would be comfortable with that."

Vaisies encouraged people who are interested to follow or get in touch with the Grey Elephant Awareness Campaign on Facebook.

"I HOPE THAT THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL WILL BE MORE AWARE AND MORE OPEN TO JUST TALKING ABOUT THESE THINGS ... NOT SWEEPING THEM UNDER THE RUG OR AVOIDING THEM."

Correction

The April 7 edition of the Voice included a piece on National Autism Awareness Month that featured incorrect contact information for the South Central ASD Family Support Group. The correct person to contact to reach the

group is Dianne at 204-822-4587.

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The Back 40 Festival's annual spring fundraiser played to a full house at the Kenmor Theatre Saturday. The '70s Show featured local artists on stage as the biggest stars of the decade, including The Committee (above) as ZZ Top. Other tributes included On the Edge as Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young, The Dirty Dogs as Led Zeppelin, Frank MacLean and The New Originals as Pink Floyd, August Jack as Cat Stevens, and many more.

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a cost of \$65, which includes all materials and two complimentary drinks.

The weekend's events then continue with an open mic evening Saturday from 7-9 p.m.

Walters said they invite all writers, poets and musicians to share their work musically or as spoken word. Admission is free.

As well, the gallery is promoting a Show Us Your Shakespeare Poetry Challenge, which also coincides with April being poetry month.

"We challenge writers of all ages and skill levels to write a poem this month," said Walters. "Want more of a challenge? Incorporate a phrase coined by Shakespeare into your work."

You are asked to share your writing on or before the Shakespeare 400 weekend.

Contact info@pembinahillsarts.com for more information or to send your work. They will accept works of any length, on any topic, and in any style.

"We hope writers will present their work at our open mic event," added Walters.

She added they were also trying to organize an informal theatrical presentation of Shakespeare's work during the afternoon Saturday as well as a writing workshop, but those two events have not yet been confirmed.

The Lion King comes to Parkland

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Theatre buffs are invited to come check out the “circle of life” at Parkland School next week, as the Gr. 5-8 students tackle *The Lion King Jr.*

The streamlined version of the Broadway mega-hit takes to the school’s stage on Wednesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m.

This will be one of the most elaborate spring musicals ever at the school, says show producer Theresa Klassen.

“There are some really amazing masks and costumes,” she says, noting the school’s art teacher has spearheaded the creation of the animal masks, which, alongside the costumes, transform the middle schoolers into lions, elephants, giraffes, and other animals of the African savanna for several huge musical numbers. “This show also has more dance choreography than we’ve ever done before.”

With a cast and crew of upwards of 90 kids and another dozen staff members, it has become quite the undertaking.

But the result, say the young actors, is going to be so worth it.

“I loved the movie and I thought

The Gr. 5-8 students at Parkland School are putting on *The Lion King Jr.* April 20-21. The show will transform the kids into animals with the help of several intricate handmade masks.

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the musical would be really fun to join, and I was right,” says Benjamin Bower, who is bringing the villainous Scar to life.

For the uninitiated, *The Lion King Jr.* is based on the 1994 Disney animated classic about Simba, a young lion prince who flees into exile after the death of his father and then returns as an adult to save his kingdom from his uncle’s tyranny.

“You get to hear most of the songs from the *Lion King*, all the best ones,” Bower says. “The music itself, the overall show—it’s all just really great. It has a great feeling. You feel scared, sad when Mufasa [Simba’s father] dies ...”

“And then the feeling of hope after that,” chimes in Rachel Klassen, who plays the wise baboon mentor Rafiki. Klassen also points out that comedic characters such as Timon and Pumbaa and their laid-back lifestyle bring a lot of laughs to the show.

Whether you love the movie or

haven’t seen it in years, the kids urge you to come check out their version.

“You won’t be disappointed,” Bower says.

Tickets are available at the door or in advance from cast members or at the school office for \$7 an adult and \$3 a student.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Gr. 7 student Hayden Wiebe strikes a pose as adult Simba alongside Tatiana Gorchynski as Timon and Rosela Wiebe as Pumbaa at rehearsal for Parkland School’s production of *The Lion King Jr.*

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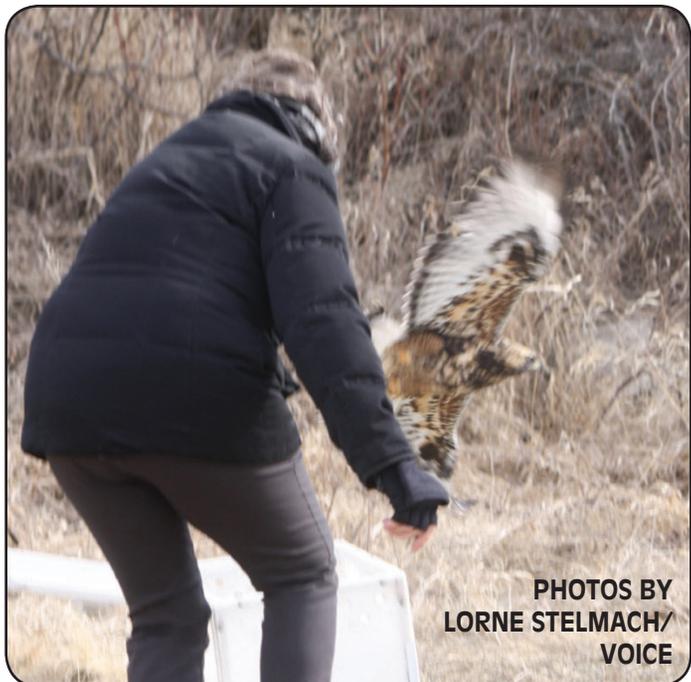
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A rough-legged hawk that was hurt in a car accident and then nursed back to health by the Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre instantly took flight upon its release to kick off the Raptor Festival in La Riviere Saturday. Right: A large crowd was in attendance with cameras ready to capture the moment.



Hawk gets new lease on life at Raptor Festival

By Lorne Stelmach

For a day dedicated to the wide range of raptors that pass through the Pembina Valley, setting one free was a fitting way to kick off the fifth annual Raptor Festival in La Riviere.

The Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre released the rough-legged hawk first thing Saturday morning, and it wasted no time in taking flight on the cool, windy spring day.

"Thank heaven it's an Arctic day ... he's an Arctic bird," said centre vice-president Judy Robertson, who added it is always a rewarding moment releasing a bird they've nursed back to health.

"They never say thank you ... but it's okay," she joked.

The hawk released was a mature male found on the side of a road near

Portage la Prairie last November with some blood near its mouth.

"So it had some kind of trauma ... probably a collision with a car," said Robertson. "He came in at about 6,300 grams, and he's now 7,400 grams. So he's a good weight, and he's been rehabilitated since then. We've been flying him, so he's ready to go and strong."

The rehab process for animals taken in by the centre varies depending on the extent of the injuries.

"You have to allow them to build up the muscles so they can be released," Robertson explained. "With rehab, you identify what it is, then you identify what the injury is. You can keep them longer than, say, a vet.

"Sometimes it's only weeks ... depends on the nature of the injury. In this case, he needed a lot of time to

get back up to his fit self so he could leave.

"Some things are just a collision with a window and it might have a headache for a few days and then they're ready to go. In this case, it's a collision with a vehicle, so the injury is a little more extensive," Robertson continued. "In his case, there were no bones broken. He had a wing droop, but it's back ... where it should be ... so he was good to go."

The centre cares for anywhere from 1,300 to 1,700 animals each year.

"Seventy per cent are birds and the other 30 per cent are mammals or amphibians," said Robertson. "We do get hundreds of babies in spring ... they're either orphaned or they may be injured, mom and dad may be gone. People rescue them and bring them to us, so it's a busy time for us in spring.

"Then during migration in the fall it is busy ... migration in the spring is busy as well. You never know what's coming through the door. Last year, we had a baby bobcat. She came a year ago in November, she was a three month old ... and we released her last June at her top weight of 25 pounds."

The Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre has been rehabilitating injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife from all over Manitoba and north-western Ontario for over 30 years.

Since 1984, the volunteer-based organization has cared for over 35,000 animals.

It now has started work on building a new facility and is in the midst of a capital fundraising campaign which has raised about 64 per cent of the estimated \$2.5 million needed for the project.

Robertson said being part of events like the Raptor Festival here is important to them.

"Everybody here is interested in wildlife, so we love coming to this. We've been coming every year," she said. "This is the first year we're doing a release. You don't always have something to release, but we did, so we knew this guy would be ready, so we waited. This is great for awareness."

Blair Morrison Hall in La Riviere hosted the day-long festival that offered to learn more about birds of prey and gain insight into the challenges they face.

The day included guided tours that also brought an opportunity for migration counts. Organizer Evelyn Janzen said highlights included sightings of five bald eagles and ten red-tailed hawks, with other species ranging from American kestrels and the northern harrier to turkey vultures and wild turkeys. Two of the more rare sightings included a yellow-rumped warbler and a fox sparrow.

Several wildlife rehab centres brought along their ambassadors, giving everyone a chance to get up close to owls, kestrels, hawks, and even one snake.

Other exhibits included displays by the Pembina Valley Conservation District and A Rocha as well as a number of other provincial conservation organizations. Conservationist, ornithologist, and wildlife photographer Dr. Christian Artuso presented on his research.

Janzen said nearly 500 people attended, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

"I'm very happy with the numbers," she said.

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Fehrway Feeds staff are all smiles in their new, larger store in Winkler, located just down the road from their old one on 1st St.

Fehrway Feeds moves to a bigger facility

By Harry Siemens

Fehrway Feeds has moved its Winkler storefront down the road to a much larger facility.

The family-run operation has moved its shop on Winkler's 1st St. from its old location near Roblin Blvd. down just a few blocks south to 415 1st St.

Store manager Dennis Rempel says the store has grown substantially in the last few years.

"We've grown lots in the last four or five years and [are] always looking to expand so we can give the customers what they are asking for," he says. "By doing that, you need to get bigger and you need to get better."

The current move was long overdue, Rempel says.

"We were compounding at the previous location, piling things onto other things, and it kind of gets in the way and becomes cluttered because we're getting too small," he says. "We try to base our stock and products and what we bring in, on what customers are asking for."

"We sell an awful lot of feed and cattle supplies, tagging products, chick feeders, waterer—anything and everything to do with livestock is what we try to take care of."

"We sell a lot of oil, barrels, totes, or bulk, selling a number of common brand name oils, oil stabilizers, fuel conditioners lubricants grease and sprays," he adds.

Fehrway Feeds has been a key provider for local farms of all sizes for over 20 years.

They operate out of three locations, including the Winkler store, a new

"WE'VE GROWN LOTS IN THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AND [ARE] ALWAYS LOOKING TO EXPAND SO WE CAN GIVE CUSTOMERS WHAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR."

store in Ridgeville, and their main feed mill in Haskett.

The company got its start when founders Dave and Nancy Fehr got married in 1988 and purchased an old homestead with an outdated and well-used seed/feed mill elevator on it (many years earlier known as CC Reimer's Haskett Feed Mill).

Dave started mixing his own hog feed and soon friends and neighbors started requesting feed for their animals.

As the livestock industry grew, so did the demand for feed, and the company has continued growing with new customers and new and larger locations ever since.

Today, Rempel says they service producers of all sizes.

"We have a lot of people, we call them back yard farmers, where they raise their own chickens, might have a dairy cow or two, have a few animals for themselves at home, as well as some bigger farmers," he says.

When it comes to pigs, they're seeing again a lot of smaller "back yard" producers, but also a number of larger operations, Rempel says.

"We do sup-

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Agriculture

Dairy Farmers of Manitoba meet in Winkler

By Harry Siemens

Dairy Farmers of Manitoba held a district spring meeting in Winkler on Monday, bringing farmers from a large area to town to hear updates on the organization's work.

One key issue that had producers asking lots of questions has to do with processing the milk that Manitoba produces.

"Processing is pretty much running flat out for the most part, particularly the butter powder processing," says board chair David Wiens, a Grunthal area dairy farmer.

"These are older plants that have come to the point where it is hard for them physically to put enough milk through to meet first of all the demands of the Canadian marketplace," he says. "For Manitoba's part of the national production, our plants can no longer handle the full capacity."

Production capacity varies somewhat, especially at the expanded Saputo plant in Brandon where they process on and to the demand for the more current products like fluid milk, cottage cheese, and sour cream.

"There you get more of a give and go," says Wiens. "They will simply produce enough for the immediate market."

"Obviously that isn't the kind of product we can store like cheese and butter. Although that plant isn't running to full capacity, they are taking what they can in those particular products they make there."

Wiens says the biggest concern are the industrial plants, particularly the butter powder side where the capacity is well below demand.

"We're seeing some of that in other provinces too. Ontario is affected by it and some of these plants definitely need to be upgraded or rebuilt," he says. "Today we have the Parmalat fluid milk plant they're building in Winnipeg, a brand new plant and will be an excellent addition to what we do. At the same time, an old plant will close down. Certainly this provides the opportunity for Parmalat to increase their throughput in their Manitoba facilities."

The key factor, he says, is attracting more industrial processing for a more refinable product like the

heavier milk protein concentrates and protein ingredients.

"That's where the demands of the marketplace are today and so the processing lines and capacity need to shift, and that reinvestment needs to happen sooner than later," Wiens says. "If we can provide that market with what it wants in that particular area, well, that is a demand we can fulfil."

With supply management, if the situation arises where processors simply can't meet the demand, the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, and Dairy Farmers of Canada can make the processing changes through quota adjustments, says Wiens, who is also vice chair of the national organization.

"Currently, our quota in this province is under issued. So what happens, the province receives its share

of the national allocation, we have not been able to put out all of Manitoba's share to our producers because we don't have the processing capacity," he says. "If you have no one else to receive the milk in another province, there is very little we can do about it at this point. There is no point in producing the milk if you can't find a home for it."

In the past, Manitoba has moved some milk to different provinces. Before Christmas, some of their milk moved to a processing plant in Quebec. But that didn't last long. As fluid processors cut back, it pushed Quebec farmers' milk into the industrial plants, leaving no room for Manitoba milk. The same happened in Vancouver.

"Our challenge then is we need to have this processing here in Manitoba. With milk, it makes a lot of sense.

It's a bulky product to move and very costly," says Wiens. "Despite all that, production today compared to a year or two years ago is up in Manitoba."

While facing some challenges, it really isn't bad for the industry because the market is growing.

"If we went to the production we had a year ago, or even two years ago, we wouldn't been in such a tight position," Wiens says. "The point is, the market is growing and we want to be in the market."

In Canada, consumption of milk and related products is on the rise.

"So they aren't problems, but good challenges we need to face," says Wiens. "The question becomes: how do we position ourselves so can continue to meet the demands of the Canadian marketplace? Because there are all kinds of opportunities within those challenges."



By Harry Siemens

Last month I reported and commented on how the contractors for Manitoba Hydro didn't use proper biosecurity protocol in dealing with farmers while trying to build the BiPole III power line through southern Manitoba.

One Manitoba woman, Heidi, has spoken out on exactly how these contractors treated her:

"My family and I were bullied, intimidated, and assaulted by Manitoba Hydro employees," she says.

I have been in regular contact with this family, knowing the anguish and heartache they have experienced up until this point.

Last month Heidi wrote a letter to the Kelvin Shepherd, president Manitoba Hydro, in which she gave a very personal account of the intimidation tactics of Manitoba Hydro with respect to the BiPole III project.

"The first incident happened while I was walking on the municipal road as part of the demonstration. One of the Manitoba Hydro security guards stepped towards me, grabbed my

arm, and attempted to restrain me," she says.

"I was shocked and scared by his aggressive behaviour and felt very uncomfortable in his presence after this incident. I made sure that I was out of his reach and never alone at the site after that.

"The second incident happened to my parents when two Hydro trucks (side by side) started backing up towards their car, threatening them to move, and only stopping a mere foot or so from their car's front bumper.

"The third incident happened to my brother when Hydro employees called a concrete truck to the site (despite the demonstration), and had the truck drive right up to the site where my brother and another demonstrator were standing, putting their lives and safety at risk. The road conditions that day were icy and the driver blasted the horn, stopping only a few metres from where they were standing. Within seconds, the Hydro site supervisor stalked up to my brother and angrily threatened him with a lawsuit.

"I think it's really important for

Manitobans to know that throughout the entire demonstration the RCMP was aware of all of our actions. We were never told we had to leave our posts or move our vehicles. Hydro employees had no right to physically stop me, to recklessly intimidate my parents to move their car, or to threaten my brother with a lawsuit."

Heidi says she received two positive responses about her letter—one from MBLC chair Jürgen Kohler and the other from Blaine Pederson, MLA for Midland, both of whom expressed their support of her decision to address this bullying head-on.

She was less impressed by Shepherd's response.

"Frankly, his response felt very dismissive and condescending. I was very disappointed that he did not seem to take my concerns seriously.

"I remain disappointed that Mr. Shepherd feels he can dismiss or minimize reports of his employees assaulting, bullying, harassing, and threatening landowners."

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BiPole III bullying continues

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ply some larger hog and cattle farmers and their feed trucks basically go non-stop," he says. "However, it's an area we'd like to get into, and we hired a well-known livestock supplies and equipment salesperson, Jake Klassen, to help us with that expansion."

Fehrway Feeds employs a staff of about 16-18 people, Rempel says, and they hope to see continued growth.

The new location will help them on that path.

"With this new location, we have a huge parking lot, which hindered

us at the other place," Rempel says. "Here you can come in and do donuts and never worry about hitting someone else, enabling us to bring in many more items like corral panels, and freestanding panels, wind breaks, and all the bale feeders, railway ties, and fence posts."

The feed store's new, much larger location is at 415 1st St. (Hwy. 32) in Winkler.

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MAAS Open Farm Day looking for hosts

The Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies (MAAS) has put a call out for participating farms for the seventh annual Open Farm Day this fall.

Open Farm Day is an opportunity for Manitobans to tour a number of agriculture sites and venues and learn more about Manitoba's diverse agriculture industry.

It's also a chance for farmers interested in direct marketing to connect with new customers.

"This year we want your farm along

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 18

Heidi stresses that the NDP government pushed BiPole III and its preferred route through, threatening landowners with expropriation if they refused to sign a less-than-desirable easement agreement that passes liability of the towers onto them and gives up their right to speak out or challenge the actions of Manitoba Hydro.

"My understanding is that Manitoba Hydro has been given direction by the government to move ahead with this project at all costs," Heidi says. "I am sure that most Manitobans would be shocked to learn that this support from government has meant that Hydro employees think they can intimidate, bully, and assault landowners along the way. The push from the NDP government to move this project forward has been at the expense of the safety and well-being of landowners and their families.

"Before casting their vote, I would like Manitobans to check out the website StopHydroBullies.ca and consider signing the petition requesting that Manitoba Hydro negotiate with landowners."

with your agriculture knowledge to aid us in connecting the Farm to our Food Plan," says MASS chair Annette Young.

Last year, 37 farm operations took part in Open Farm Day, opening their

doors to over 6,500 rural and urban Manitobans.

This year's Open Farm Day takes place on Sunday, Sept. 18.

To register your farm or agricultural operation, sign-up by April 30

by emailing info@openfarmday.ca or calling 2040-727-1852.

You can learn more about Open Farm Day online at www.openfarmday.ca.

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> MEAL IDEAS

Crunchy wild rice salad with blackberry dressing



Prepare the wild rice up to 2 days in advance to make quick work of this gorgeous salad. A perfect accompaniment to any grilled or roasted meat, also a lovely side in a packed lunch. Serve warm or cold.

Recipe provided by CanolaInfo.org ©

Ingredients
 ½ cup (125 mL) wild rice
 2 cups (500 mL) water
 ½ cup (125 mL) celery, diced
 ½ cup (125 mL) cucumber, diced
 ¼ cup (50 mL) green onion, chopped
 ½ cup (125 mL) fresh or frozen blackberries, divided
 3 tbsp (45 mL) red wine vinegar
 1 ½ tbsp (22 mL) canola oil

2 tsp (10 mL) granulated sugar
 ¼ tsp (1 mL) freshly ground pepper
 ¼ cup (50 mL) toasted pecans, chopped

Directions

In a large saucepan, combine rice and water. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer for 45-60 minutes, until grains have started to pop. Remove from heat with lid still on and allow to stand for 30-60 minutes until desired texture is achieved. Drain and cool.

In a large bowl, combine rice, celery, cucumber and green onion.

Prepare dressing: Whisk well or use blender to combine ¼ cup (50 mL) of the blackberries, red wine vinegar, canola oil, sugar and pepper.

When ready to serve, in a large bowl or individual plates, place rice mixture on bottom, sprinkle with remaining ¼ cup (50 mL) blackberries, pecans and drizzle attractively with dressing.

Orange Sesame Chicken Salad



Ingredients
 Makes 4 servings
 20 square wonton wrappers
 2 ¾ cups vegetable oil, divided
 1 head romaine lettuce, cut into bite-sized pieces (about 8 cups)
 ¼ cup soy sauce
 ¼ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
 2 tablespoons sugar
 1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
 3 to 4 cups coarsely shredded

cooked, rotisserie chicken
 1/2 cup chopped green onions
 2 navel, Cara Cara or Valencia oranges, peeled and segmented
 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted
 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted
 Cut wonton wrappers into 1/2-inch-wide strips and separate on paper towels. Heat 1/2 cups vegetable oil in a large, wide saucepan over medium heat. Fry the wonton strips, 5 or 6 at a time, gently turning over once with a slotted spoon, until golden, 10 to 15

Gallery showcases student artwork

By Lorne Stelmach

The creative work of the next generation of artists is in the spotlight this month at the Pembina Hills Arts Centre.

The joint exhibition of artwork by students from four area high schools is featured at the gallery in downtown Morden.

The exhibit offered a broad theme for students from Garden Valley and Northlands Parkway collegiates in Winkler as well as Morden Collegiate and Altona's W.C. Miller.

The display opened April 6 with all of the work done based on the word red, and organizers from the gallery and the schools all loved seeing what the classes did with such a broad theme.

Arts council program co-ordinator Margie Hildebrand observed that it offered "some very creative interpretations of red ... the passion, sacrifice, blood ... all kinds of things."

"Some students just took it literally ... the colour palette they chose was skewed heavily towards reds," said GVC art teacher Scott Bell.

"Others thought thematically what does the idea of red represent ... it's associated with the emotion of anger or it has other connotations. The students were challenged to think of that as well."

"Certainly, out of this school, everybody did something so different, and it was fantastic," said Dawn Rigaux of Morden Collegiate.

The interpretations vary from straightforward images of red flowers to ones that convey the feelings

and emotions of flamenco dancers or arms raised in protest.

Hildebrand said the gallery tries to do a student art show every year, and they like the idea of following a theme.

"I think it's really pulled the show together as a cohesive body of work," she said, noting the show includes many paintings but also drawings and a few sculptural pieces.

Bell called it a fantastic opportunity for his Gr. 12 students to showcase their talents.

"This is their last opportunity with visual arts in high school and to have a public display opportunity in a professional gallery is great for them," he said.

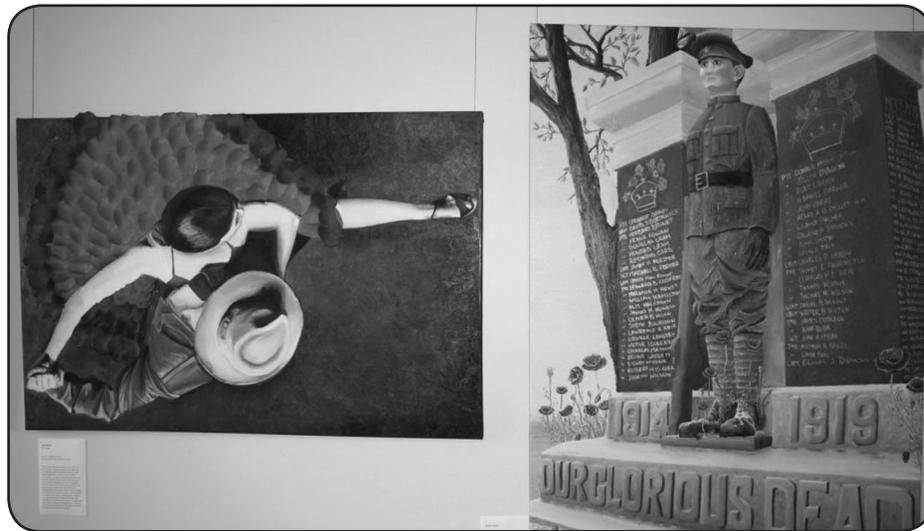
"I like the idea that all of the participating schools decide on a theme together," he added, "and there's a lot of communication back and forth as we work out the common theme that all the students will be working on."

"The kids go to work, make their projects ... then you don't really see how it all pans out until it's all hanging up in the gallery, and it's really something to see."

"I'm always impressed with the ideas the students come up with ... how well they technically execute the art work as well ... and the care they put into making some great visual art," Bell continued.

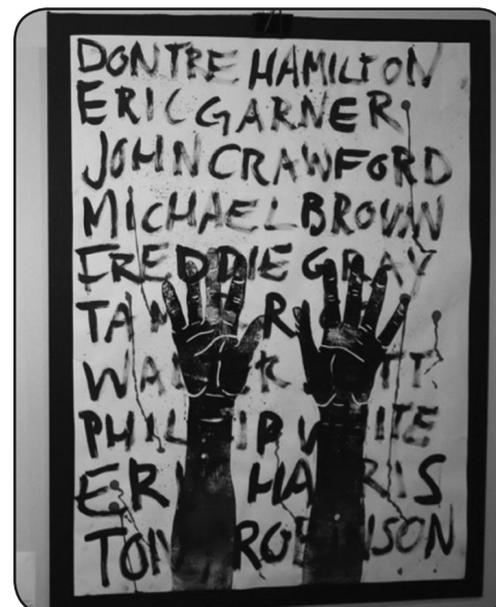
"And then the added bonus is the chance for the students to see how other students in other schools responded to that theme," he said. "I really like the regional community it creates amongst all the high schools."

Rigaux agreed it is great for the stu-



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The Pembina Hill Arts Centre is hosting a joint exhibition of artwork from high school students in Winkler, Morden, and Altona this month.



dents to have their work shown in a public space.

"We have a big art show ourselves but it's nice to have it in an actual gallery," she said. "It's a great opportunity to show with the other schools ... to work on the common theme and see what's coming from other students in other communities."

She noted the schools put out a number of ideas for a theme and then agree on the most popular choice, and she said it is important to have a theme that leaves it wide open.

"It has to be something that is open to a lot of different interpretations ...

otherwise, you might get a lot of art that looks the same."

In working with the students, she said they kind of mapped out all the possible connotations of red.

"I had a lot of kids who painted but not necessarily. I had one who made postcards from Mars," she noted.

"Part of the project is figuring out what your message is and the best way to communicate ... what medium is going to best communicate it."

Hildebrand said the gallery loves having the youth involved.

"It's thrilling for us, and I think it's thrilling for them as well."



Doc Walker show supports Donate Love

Veteran Canadian country music group Doc Walker performed Friday to a large crowd at the Access Event Centre. The show supported local charitable organization Donate Love, which at press time did not have a final tally of proceeds. Spokesperson Brian Thiessen said, "The money generated by this, including the sponsors, helped make it successful for us, which in turn will put food in our shelves so others can have food in theirs."

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Pistons knock out Flyers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was close but no cigar last week for the Winkler Flyers, who found themselves knocked out of the running for the MJHL title after losing game seven to Steinbach April 6.

Rewinding a few days earlier, Winkler was up three games to two over the Pistons in the semi-final series, and could have put an end to things with a game five win April 3.

Instead, Steinbach capitalized on the weakened Flyers' roster—several key players were out with injuries—for a 4-1 victory that was just the first step in a come-from-behind series snatch.

Game six two nights later saw the Flyers' finals hopes slip further away with another loss.

Jordan Wall opened scoring for Winkler in the first and Scott Gall got goal two in the third, but the Pistons ran roughshod over the Flyers' defensive line, firing 41 shots at Nathan Warren in net and scoring seven for a 7-2 victory.

With that, the series was tied at three apiece, and it all came down to game seven in Steinbach.

For the first time this series, it was the Pistons who opened scoring as Steinbach's captain Tyler Penner chipped a loose puck in front of the net in at the seven minute mark.

The Pistons doubled their lead less than a minute later thanks to a controversial goal from Quintin Lisoway. During a scramble in front of the Winkler goal, the puck lay sitting on the goal line as the net came dislodged. The official awarded the Pistons the goal.

Winkler finally got on the board at 8:27 thanks to a shorthanded goal from Jordan Williamson, scored unassisted. But Steinbach got that one back 30 seconds later during the same powerplay to send the game into intermission up 3-1.

Winkler fared better in period two,



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Winkler's Jordan Williamson is robbed of a seemingly sure goal by the outstretched leg of Steinbach's Anthony Kapelke in the first period of what ended up being the final home game for the Flyers April 5. Steinbach took the game 7-2 and then took the series four games to three the next night.

with Jeff Michiels and Zac Hicks each scoring around a Pistons goal from Cole Smith.

Winkler's comeback hopes took a hit early in the third period when Hayden Goderis capitalized on a Flyers' turnover and pushed the Pistons back in front by two goals just 1:20 into the third.

Steinbach would protect their lead and add an empty netter at the end to win the game 6-3 and win the series

four games to three.

The Pistons outshot the Flyers 43-20 this game, with Warren once again going the distance in net.

And with that, the best season Winkler's seen in 14 years came to an end.

The Flyers came in third place in the regular season with a 42-13-5 record behind the first-place Portage Terriers and the Pistons in second.

They knocked the OCN Blizzard out in the first round of playoffs four

games to one before falling to Steinbach, who are now facing defending RBC Cup champion Portage in the finals. The Terriers led the series 2-0 as of press time.

Coach and general manager Ken Pearson said things just didn't come together for the team in the semi-finals, especially after losing players like Kayden Jarvis and Nathan Kar-

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Orioles tryouts on this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

The new bench boss for the Pembina Valley Orioles is unequivocal about his ultimate goal for the Manitoba Junior Baseball League team this season.

"Our goal is to find a way to be competing in the last game of the season for a championship ... this year and every year," said Mike Wil-

son. "Our goal is to compete to win everyday we show up at the yard. Any team who is sound in the fundamentals, has solid pitching and defense, timely hitting and is pulling on the same end of the rope will always compete well."

Wilson will be looking for that this weekend and the next as the Orioles host open tryouts April 16-17 and April 23-24 from 1-4 p.m. each day

at Joe Wiwchar Field. The tryouts are running alongside the team's youth clinic for 10-15-year-olds from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the same days.

Wilson takes over a team that finished fifth in the seven team league last season with a record of 12 wins and 17 losses for fifth place.

After eliminating the Elmwood

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Morden curler brings home U18 gold

By Lorne Stelmach

Hockey's loss has been curling's gain with a young Morden competitor who has enjoyed a stellar season with an up-and-coming young foursome from this area.

Morgan Reimer, who played third with the team skipped by Mackenzie Zacharias of Altona, started curling around the age of eight, deciding hockey wasn't her game.

Reimer then turned to curling with some inspiration and support from her mother.

"I thought it looked like fun, and I was willing to try it ... and she really helped me," said Reimer last week.

Now 15, she found herself on the Zacharias team, which includes Mackenzie's sister Emily at second and Jenessa Rutter of Carman at lead.

"We all kind of knew each other from playing each other before ... just kind of worked out."

A bit of an understatement given their success this year.

After winning a couple bonspiels early in the season, they went on to make it to the provincial junior championship in Rivers where they made it to the semi-finals.

Then of course came qualifying for the Scotties provincial championship in Beausejour, and their run continued with capturing the provincial under-18 championship in East St. Paul.

From there, they went on to compete at the 2016 Optimist International Under-18 championship earlier this month.

They reeled off seven straight wins on their way to a 5-1 semi-final win over a Japan foursome and then took the final 3-2 over a team from New Brunswick.

Reimer said it was an amazing experience to come home with a title to cap off quite a year.

"I had an awesome year," said Reimer, saying that the four of them worked well as a team from the start.

"The way all four of us get along ... it's almost like we're sisters," said Reimer. "We do fight sometimes ... and we have good days and bad days ... but we always get through it."

"It's just so much fun curling with them. They make it so much fun," she said, adding they have really been able to support each other.

"We always want to motivate each other to do our best," she said. "We're always going to have some bad games



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Team Zacharias includes Jenessa Rutter, Emily Zacharias, Morgan Reimer, Mackenzie Zacharias, and coach Sheldon Zacharias.

... we know how to pick each other up from them and make sure we always play to the best of our abilities."

Reimer would have never imagined they would have had this level of success, but they have enjoyed the ride.

"Just to qualify for some of these events was a big accomplishment for us," she said. "When we got there ... we just soaked it all in and had as much as we possibly could."

Reimer said a lot of practice and leaning on each other as teammates seemed to really pay off through it all and especially leading up to the U18

championship.

"It was kind of nerve wracking at the beginning," she said. "Two of the girls had been there last year so they helped prepare us for it. We just wanted to have as much fun as we could ... and of course, we wanted to play our best."

Reimer said she is not looking too far ahead right now but the foursome do plan to continue as a team next season.

"We just hope to have another great year."

New coach has sights set on a stand-out season

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Giants in three games, the Orioles bowed out to the eventual champion Altona Bisons in three straight in the semi-final.

Wilson plans to put all that behind the team as he takes on coaching duties. The job came his way because he has known previous skipper Brent Laverty since they played together on the Orioles in 1996 and 1997.

"We have always been in touch off and on over the years and the conversation would always center around baseball," said Wilson. "During a visit last year, he had mentioned that he was thinking of moving on from the program to spend more time with his family. I was in between coaching gigs out in B.C., where I had been coaching and instructing since going out to play

college baseball there in 1997, so the timing seemed somewhat serendipitous."

Wilson had most recently been coaching the North Shore Twins of the B.C. Junior Premier League, a 10 team elite league comprised primarily of 14-16-year-old players.

He said he has had the good fortune of coaching many teams at many levels over his years in B.C.

"It was rewarding to watch many players go on to great success in both college and professional baseball, while winning a few championships along the way."

As a player himself, Wilson said he always had to play big being a smaller guy.

"I think it forced me to be aggressive and learn to pay attention to the game within the game in order to develop the instincts," he said in leading into what he will emphasize

here in leading the Orioles.

"This game is all about tools, but you can't be one to excel at this game, so I am all about guys understanding the game and their role in it, given the tools that they have," he said, "while working with the athlete to maximize his strengths while recognizing and shoring up his weaknesses."

"I think I have been able to recognize the tools in myself that helped me to be successful as well as those that I lacked to make me a more complete player."

Wilson said his hope is that he can make the guys both humble and hungry to get better both individually and collectively every time they step on the field.

"Every player will have his chance to be the hero in this game, but one has to be prepared physically, mentally and emotionally for that mo-

ment to make the most of it," said Wilson.

"My job is to make sure every player is prepared to succeed at any given moment."

For the tryouts, Wilson said they are asking prospects to attend at least two of the four days.

"That's so that they can get a fair shake and a good look, but obviously all four days is preferred," he said.

"Everybody needs as many quality reps as they can get with such a short pre-season out here, and we have a phenomenal line-up of coaches to provide just that and then some," concluded Wilson.

"Any player 16 and up is welcome to attend and has a chance to make our team. We're just looking for athletes who love the game and have a desire to compete."

Twisters facing down Jets for MMJHL title

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters kicked off their quest for the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League title this week.

The Twisters hosted the Stonewall Jets Tuesday in Morris for game one of the best of seven championship final.

Third-ranked Pembina Valley advanced after a 3-2 overtime win Friday eliminated the second-ranked Charleswood Hawks in six games, while fourth place Stonewall had completed an upset four game sweep of the first place Raiders.

Gavin Klassen helped lead the Twisters to the victory with a 39 save performance as Pembina Valley was outshot 41-25.

Alex Tetrault scored his third of the playoffs in the first period, then Fraser Mirrlees had his fourth in the second to give the Twisters a 2-0 lead after two periods.

Charleswood shut down the Twisters in the third, outshooting them 12-2 while scoring twice including the tying goal with three and a half minutes remaining.

Tetrault became the series hero at 4:20 of overtime with his second goal

of the game.

Charleswood came up with a solid game last Tuesday in blanking Pembina Valley 5-0 to avoid elimination in cutting the series deficit to three games to two.

The Hawks held period leads of 2-0 and 3-0 and scored on their one pow-

erplay of the game.

Ben Thorlakson earned the shutout on 26 saves, while Klassen made 35 saves on 39 shots. The Hawks' 40th shot went into an empty Twisters' net with just over two minutes left in the game, and that marker completed a hat trick for Shawn Pachet.

The regular season series was relatively even between Stonewall and Pembina Valley, with the Twisters winning three of the five games and losing one in overtime.

The final moves to Stonewall for game two Friday. Game three is back in Morris Sunday.

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lowsky, among others.

"So our match-ups with Steinbach, they just didn't match-up and they were able to take advantage of certain situations, especially in their arena," he said. "We also needed to score some goals at some key times, and we didn't ... and that certainly made a difference in the games, also."

The game five loss certainly stung, but the Flyers weren't ready to give up, and Pearson said they hit the ice each night hoping to regain the momentum they'd gained early in the series.

"We were hoping we would get a break that would put us just over the top," he said. "But it just didn't happen."

Still, Pearson said he's proud of the team and eager to get to work on next

season. Indeed, the Flyers' spring training camp gets underway this Friday, with 102 players coming out to show what they have to offer the junior club.

"It's a good break down of the age, from bantam age guys for the draft to graduated midget high school guys that are coming to compete for a spot in the fall," he said.

Winkler has 14 players eligible to return next season; they bid farewell to nine graduating 20-year-olds, including forwards Tristan Keck, Cam Whyte, Kayden Jarvis, Thomas Mansbridge, Kurt Sonne, and Jordan Williamson, defensemen Nathan Karlowsky and Zak Hicks, and goalie Nathan Warren.

"Those guys were the building blocks for the success we had this

year," Pearson said, noting they'd been grooming many of the retiring players for several years.

As such, they leave some pretty big shoes to fill behind them, but Pearson is confident the younger crop of returning veterans will do just that.

"It's time for guys like Nolan McGuire, Jeff Michiels, Coltyn Bates, Nico Labossiere, those guys, it's their turn to take the next step," he said. "We're excited about next year."

As they close the book on this season, Pearson sends out the club's thanks to everyone who supported them.

"Thanks to the fans, to the sponsors, the billets," he said. "It was a great year both on and off the ice and I hope we can continue to build on that."

• HEALTH CORNER

Vitamins: what are they good for?

Vitamins are substances known to be essential to the human body, in that if your body is lacking in one you will become ill.

The classic example is vitamin C. Without this vitamin found in fruits and vegetables a person will develop scurvy. In the past many sailors on long voyages with no access to fruits would die of scurvy, until a British navy doctor discovered that including citrus fruits in the rations prevented the disease, thus earn-



By Dr. Dan Hunt

ing British sailors the name "limeys."

In modern times, if you are a healthy adult eating a well-balanced diet, it is very unlikely that you will develop any vitamin deficiencies. This is in part due to the vitamin fortification in our food supply: dairy products have added vitamin D, salt has added iodine, and flour has added folic acid.

That said, for certain people, vitamins can be useful. For example, women planning on becoming pregnant can reduce the risk of birth defects by taking folic acid daily, and older adults with osteoporosis can reduce their risk of broken bones with calcium and vitamin D.

If you are eating a very restricted diet a multivitamin may help prevent specific nutrient deficiencies, but it will not give you the health benefits of eating a wide variety of foods in a balanced diet. This is because whole foods contain many nutrients other

than vitamins and minerals that are essential to health; these cannot be replaced with a simple pill.

There is a wealth of evidence that eating a balanced diet consisting of large amounts of fruits and vegetables, large amounts of fibre, a few servings of dairy products, and a small amount of fish or poultry can reduce our risk of cancer, diabetes, obesity, heart disease and stroke.

In contrast, taking a daily multivitamin has not been shown to improve health or reduce the incidence of disease in otherwise healthy adults.

Okay, so there's no proof of benefit in a daily multivitamin for the average person, but what's the harm of taking vitamins? There have been several trials showing harm from certain vitamin supplements.

The SELECT trial, including 35,000 men was designed to test if selenium or vitamin E could prevent prostate cancer.

What they found was that the men taking the vitamin E were 17 per cent more likely to develop prostate cancer than those taking no supplements.

The ATBC study enrolled 29,133 male smokers and found an increased risk of lung cancer when using beta carotene supplements versus no supplement.

These are just two examples of the potential danger of excessive vitamin supplementation, there are other well-known vitamin toxicity syndromes which are too numerous to list here.

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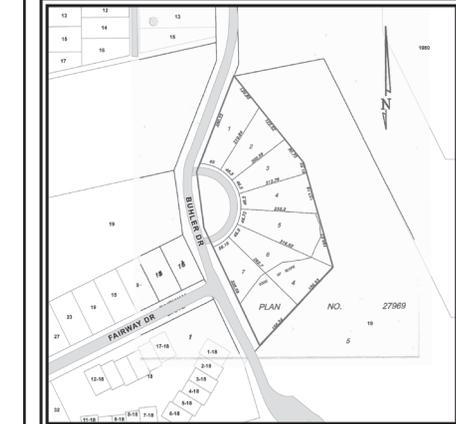
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6	5	4	7	9	2	1	3	8
2	7	1	3	8	6	4	5	9
9	3	8	4	5	1	7	2	6
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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Crooned
- Luck
- Cosecant function
- Rock bands play here
- Surrounds the earth
- Jessica _
- A type of clique
- No seats available
- Greek sophist
- Stiff hair
- Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- Legal periodical
- Saloons
- He tricks you
- Closing over
- Man's best friend is one
- Distinguish oneself
- Immoralities
- Marsh elder
- Blasts
- A discerning judge
- Avenge for a wrong
- Doctors' group
- Jerry's friend
- Type of sword
- Swedish rock group
- Black tropical American cuckoo
- Blatted
- Cain and _
- Strong liquor flavored with juniper berries
- Cocoa bean
- Get free of
- Cardiograph
- A cargo (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Bird genus
- One point east of northeast
- A type of fly
- Hurry
- Lighter-than-air craft
- Ask to marry
- Thick rope made of wire
- Imposters
- Central nervous system
- Pie _ mode
- Robert _, poet
- Dwelt
- Firewood
- Voices
- Water in the solid state
- Superman's foe
- Chris Paul's team (abbr.)
- Employ
- Mineral
- Vessel

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- Nigerian City
- Romania
- Sirius Satellite Radio (abbr.)
- Potential difference
- A class of synthetic detergents
- Drunkard
- Doesn't win or lose
- Appellative
- Spiritual leader
- Implant
- Language (Afrikaans)
- Basics
- A one-time Giants center
- Every one of two or more
- A way to gather
- Swiss river
- Small spot

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BIRTHDAY

Friends and relatives are invited to a 90th Birthday Celebration for Katherine Klassen

Sunday, April 24 3:00-6:00 p.m.

(Short program at 3:30 - Faspas to follow)



at the Grace Mennonite Church 1350 Pembina Ave., Winkler

ENGAGEMENT



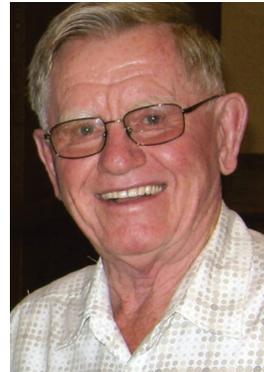
Wilf and Janice Clayton of Manitou, and Christine and Brent Checkley of Pilot Mound are thrilled to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of Marlana and Nevin. An August wedding is planned.

A bridal shower will be held May 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Manitou C.E. Building. Bring your favorite recipe. Marlana and Nevin are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, and locally at Ellis Pharmacy.

An evening in honor of Marlana and Nevin will be held May 14th from 9 - 1 at Darlingford Hall. Tickets are available at Ellis Pharmacy, Reds Convenience, Mound Service, Park's Foods, Dobson's Lucky Dollar, or any of the Wedding Party.

OBITUARY

Jacob (Jake) Olfert 1933 - 2016



On Friday, April 1, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre Jake Olfert aged 82 years passed away.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Helen (nee Fast); his children, Sharon and husband, John Klassen, George and wife, Martha Olfert, Lois and husband, Rick Fehr, Len and wife, Bev Olfert; step daughters, Tammy and husband, Orval Pierson, Brenda and husband, Dave Thiessen, Carla and husband, Jason Dyck; 13 grandchildren; seven step grandchildren and three step great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Beth (nee Hildebrand); his parents, Herman and Elizabeth Olfert; two sisters and one brother.

A celebration of Jake's life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Winkler Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

Anne (Froese) Pelsler 1923 - 2016



On Monday, April 4, 2016, surrounded by her loving family and in the comfort of her own home, Anne Pelsler, aged 92 years, passed away.

She is survived by two daughters, Wanda Pelsler (Joe Piotrowski), Jennifer Pelsler (Robert Rymer); one son, Errol Pelsler (Donna); six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one sister, Jessie Zacharias. She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard in 2006 as well as seven sisters and four brothers.

Her family and everyone who knew her, will cherish her memory, bravery, courage, laughter, and love.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment at

Winkler Cemetery.

The family would like to thank everyone who provided friendship, care and support to Anne and her family.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Anne's memory to Centre Cancer Care Manitoba.

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OBITUARY

Mary Heide (nee Thiessen) 1931 - 2016



On Sunday, April 3, 2016 at Salem Home, Mary Heide, age 84 years, passed away peacefully.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband of 61 years, John Heide; six daughters, Mary and Neil Reimer, Marge and Peter Klassen, Susan and Peter Friesen, Helen and Abe Fehr, Betty and Wes Hiebert, Connie and Pete Reimer; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and two sisters-in-law. She was predeceased by her parents, three brothers, three sisters and one great grandson.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Church with burial after the service at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Mary's memory to Salem Foundation Inc. where she was dearly loved and cared for.

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OBITUARY

David Wiebe 1928 - 2016



On Friday, April 1, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, David S. Wiebe, aged 87 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Gnadenthal, went to his eternal rest.

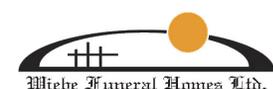
He leaves to mourn his passing his children, Jake and Cindy of Leduc, AB, Pete and Mary of Winkler, Dave and Anna of Elm Creek, Isaac and Tina of Morden, Marge and Henry Elias of Morden, Henry and Agatha of Winkler, Ben and Gloria of Gretna, John and Tina of Hochfeld, Frank and Lena of Winkler, Susie and David Wiebe of Manitou, Willie and Helena of Riding Mountain, Brant and Agatha of Cartwright, Neta and David Peters of Eden, Aan and Mike Driedger of Morden as well as 75 grandchildren, 97 great-grandchildren and their families.

He was predeceased by his wife, Aganetha (nee Peters) in 2015.

German Old Colony funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at the German Old Colony Mennonite Church Cemetery in Hochfeld.

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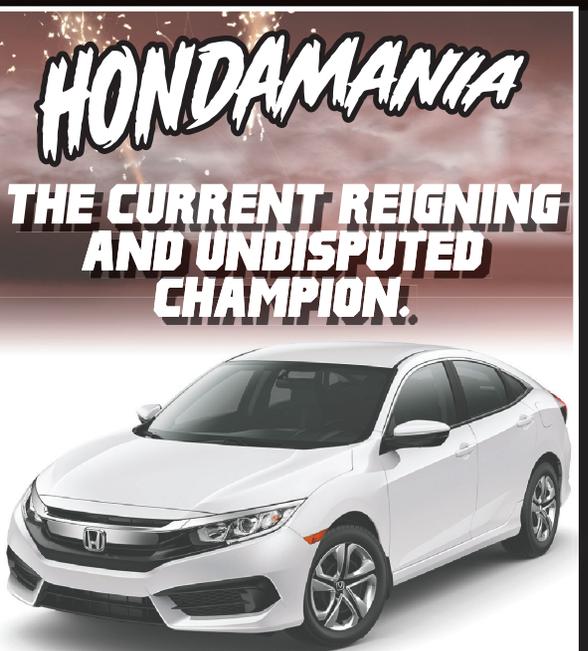
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How to take care of your trees

Lawns and gardens tend to draw the bulk of homeowners' attention come spring and summer. But it's important that property owners tend to the trees that dot their property as well.

The types of trees homeowners have on their property may influence when it's time to trim and prune the trees. Homeowners concerned about tree maintenance should speak with local landscaping professionals and

tree services about caring for the trees on their specific properties, but there are a few tricks to pruning trees that homeowners should keep in mind when dusting off their gardening tools.

· Prune at the right time. The Arbor Day Foundation® notes that pruning during dormancy (i.e., winter) is the most common practice. Pruning in late winter, after the season's coldest temperatures have passed, can lead

to impressive and healthy growth in the spring. The ADF advises that some trees, including maple and birches, may bleed sap during pruning. But this is normal and should cease as the tree starts to bloom. Novice landscapers should confirm with landscaping professionals about the best time to prune trees on their properties to ensure they are not inadvertently harming the trees or making them more vulnerable to fungus.

· Use appropriate tools. When removing branches, use sharp tools to minimize damage to the bark. The ADF notes that young trees are best pruned with one-hand pruning shears with curved blades. For trees with high branches, use a pole pruner or hire a professional tree service. Novices should avoid anything too risky when pruning their trees, leaving the more difficult jobs to the professionals.

· Follow the rules of pruning. When pruning trees, the ADF advises homeowners follow the one-third and a quarter rules of pruning. In adherence to these rules, no more than a quarter of a tree's crown is

removed in a single season, and main side branches are at least one-third smaller than the diameter of the trunk. When trimming deciduous trees, homeowners should never prune up from the bottom more than one-third of the tree's total height. Finally, where possible, homeowners should aim for side branches that form angles that are one-third off vertical to form 10 o'clock or 2 o'clock angles with the trunk.

· Water correctly. Like lawns and gardens, trees need water to thrive. Insufficient watering can make it hard for trees to thrive in summer, but overwatering can be harmful, too. The ADF suggests that watering each tree for 30 seconds with a steady stream of water from a garden hose equipped with a diffuser nozzle should be sufficient. Newly planted trees may need more help as they try to establish deep root systems, so consider laying mulch around newly planted trees. Mulch helps the soil retain moisture and form deeper, stronger root systems.

Trees maintenance should be a priority as homeowners once again start tending to their lawns and gardens.

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How to help kids get into golf

Golf is a game of skill that can take years, if not decades, to master. Many golfers find their time on the golf course both rewarding and relaxing, even on those days when the fairways seem impossible to find.

Though many players never swing a golf club until they reach adulthood, it's never too early to hit the links. Some of the world's most accomplished golfers, including four-time Masters champion Tiger Woods, began playing as toddlers, and many feel that getting an early start can lead to a more successful game down the road.

Getting kids into golf is a great way for parents to bond with their children while enjoying the great outdoors. Golf can also be used to teach kids humility, sportsmanship and the importance of hard work. Thanks to the often frustrating nature of golf, parents may find it somewhat challenging to instill a love of the game in their youngsters. But there are ways to introduce kids to this wonderful game that kids might just play for the rest of their lives.

· Focus on having fun. Few, if any, golfers at your local golf course on a given weekend could say with certainty that golf has never frustrated them. The challenge of golf may be its most appealing characteristic to older players, but young kids can be easily overwhelmed by the challenges golf presents. By focusing on having fun instead of perfecting techniques, parents can get kids to look forward to their time on the links. The more fun kids have, the more likely they will be to embrace the game and its many challenges. Don't put pressure on youngsters as they develop their games, but encourage them through their struggles and reassure them that you faced the same obstacles when you started playing.

· Hire an instructor with experience teaching children. Instructors with experience teaching children will understand the basics of the game and how learning those basics provides a great foundation for future enjoyment and success on the course. Instructors who have taught kids in the past also know that teaching youngsters the finer

points of golf requires patience and encouragement. Ask a fellow parent or an employee at the club where you play to recommend an instructor for your child. And take advantage of any kids' courses your club offers.

· Purchase the correct equipment. Even the best golfers are bound to struggle when using the wrong equipment. While it might be unwise to invest in especially expensive equipment for youngsters likely to grow out of it in a few months' time, deals can be found on used kids' equipment. Used kids' equipment is typically subjected to less wear and tear than used equipment for adults, as kids tend to play less often and fewer holes than adults when they do play. But make sure to find correctly sized equipment that kids feel comfortable using.

· Play some holes. Instructors may teach kids the differences between the types of clubs and how to swing and putt. But golf is most fun when players are out on the links going from hole to hole. Instruction is important, but don't forget to play a few holes with your child each week as well.

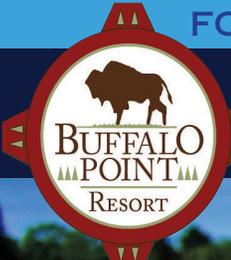


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Help your home's exterior rebound from winter weather

The seasons can be harsh on homes, and perhaps no season is more taxing on a home's exterior than winter. Harsh winter weather can take a toll on roofs, gutters, landscaping, and just about any other part of the home that must face the cold head-on. The following are a few areas of your home that might need some help rebounding from winter now that spring has finally arrived.

· **Gutters:** Gutters are vulnerable to winter weather, as strong winds may blow debris into the gutters or even blow the gutters off of the house. Gutters should be cleaned prior to and immediately after winter to ensure they're working properly and not backing up to the point that water can build up and damage the roof. Reattach any loose gutters and clear them of any debris left behind by winter winds.

· **Roof:** The roof is another area of your home's exterior that may have been beaten down over the winter. Examine the roof for cracked, missing or deformed shingles that can allow water to enter a home and damage its interior. Some roof

damage is visible from the ground, but homeowners who just endured especially harsh winters may want to climb up on their roofs or hire a professional to get a closer look. Another way to determine if the roof was damaged is to go into your attic and check for water damage near roof trusses. Water damage indicates something went awry over the winter.

· **Walkways and driveways:** Heavy snowfall or significant accumulation of ice over the winter can result in cracked or damaged walkways, driveways and porches. Some of this damage may have resulted from aggressive shoveling or breaking up of ice. Look for any cracks in areas that needed shoveling over the winter, as such cracks can be safety hazards and may even prove to be entry points into your home for water or critters.

· **Landscaping:** Landscaping also tends to take a hit in areas that experience harsh winters. Winter storms may damage trees, which can put a home right in the line of falling limbs or worse. Walk around your property to inspect for tree damage,



removing any fallen limbs or cutting down any limbs that appear dead or that might eventually prove a safety hazard. In addition, check the grass for any dead spots that might have fallen victim to winter freeze, and address those spots when the time comes to revitalize your lawn.

· **Appliances:** When surveying your property after a long winter, inspect

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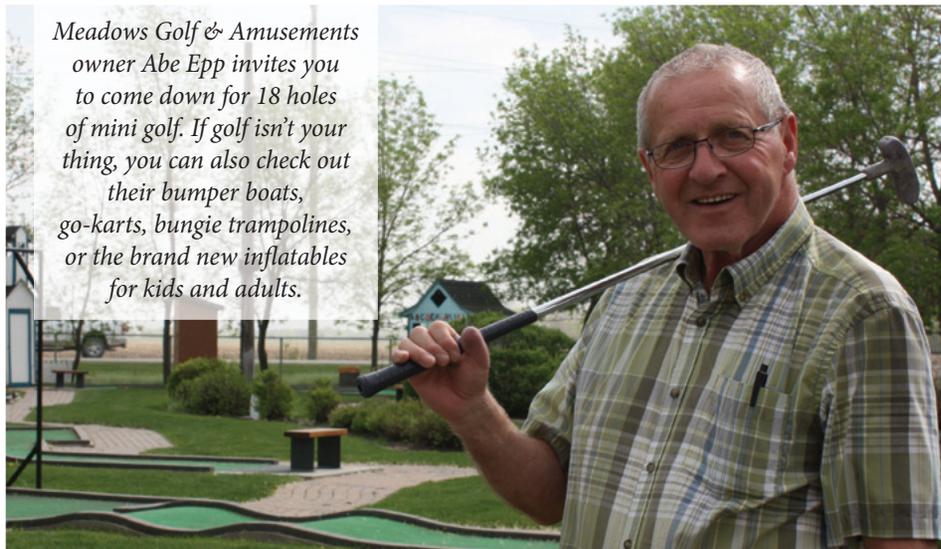


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Meadows Golf adds inflatables to its arsenal of fun

Meadows Golf & Amusements owner Abe Epp invites you to come down for 18 holes of mini golf. If golf isn't your thing, you can also check out their bumper boats, go-karts, bungee trampolines, or the brand new inflatables for kids and adults.



Meadows Golf & Amusements prides itself on being a one-stop family entertainment spot, and it's holding true to the name with the introduction of something new this summer.

The Winkler amusement destination, located at 585 Pembina Ave. E, now offers no less than seven giant inflatables for children and the young at heart.

"We have inflatables for the kids, of course, but also a few giant ones for adults to get out there and enjoy," says owner Abe Epp, who, alongside wife Mary, has run Meadows for the last 20 years.

The kiddie inflatables give youngsters a place to bounce, crawl, and play all over several imaginative designs.

The larger inflatables, meanwhile, provide teens and adults with the opportunity to let loose with games like Adrenaline Rush 3, a giant obstacle course to race through with friends; the Rock Slide, another team event where you try to beat your opponents to the bottom; and the Joust Arena, which gives you a chance to get in touch with your inner American Gladiator as you attempt to topple your opponent.

Of course, these new inflatables are just one offering in Meadows Golf and Amusements' ever-growing arsenal of fun.

In addition to the classic 18-hole mini golf course, Meadows also offers go karts for all ages (including ride-along karts for parents with young children), bumper boats to cool off in while targeting your friends, and bungee trampolines that sends harnessed jumpers up to 16 feet in the air.

"We want to provide a family-friendly place for everyone to be able to come and have a great time," Epp says, noting their goal is to see every customer leave with a smile on their face. "Without the friendly and caring staff that we have, this would not be possible, they are very much appreciated."

Whether you're coming for a night out with a small group of friends or want to host a party of hundreds, Meadows Golf & Amusements can accommodate you.

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Meadows Golf & Amusements is currently operating under its spring hours: Fridays from 4-9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-9 p.m. It will be open seven days a week for extended summer hours starting in late June.

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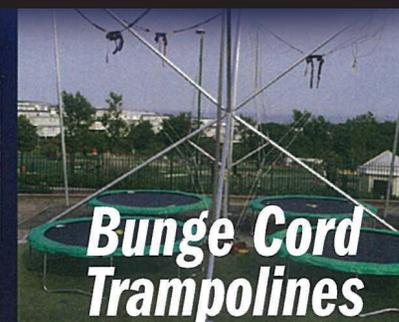
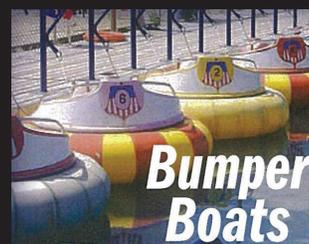


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While many cyclists focus on safety and strictly adhere to the rules of the road, some cyclists engage in behavior that may go against the flow of traffic or is downright dangerous. The League of American Bicyclists reminds riders that whether in a car or on a bike, the rules and rights remain the same. It's necessary to obey traffic signals and stop signs. Also, ride with traffic and use the right-most lane headed in the direction you are going. To prevent injuries, make your intentions clear to others by signalling when making a turn. Try to ride in a straight line and avoid swerving in between parked cars. With these practices in mind, everyone can safely share the road and ride responsibly.

The majority of grass species have chlorophyll to thank for their appealing green color. Chlorophyll is a bright pigment that absorbs both blue and red light especially well. But chlorophyll largely reflects green light, which is why the yards and fields we spend so much time in are green. And chlorophyll does more than influence the color of grass. Chlorophyll also plays an important role in the process of photosynthesis, during which green plants use sunlight to synthesize foods from carbon dioxide and water. According to LiveScience.com, chlorophyll molecules absorb light and then transfer that energy to special molecules that, when stimulated, fire off electrons that produce chemical changes in the plant. That chemical energy is ultimately turned into sugar, highlighting the essential role that chlorophyll plays in lawns' survival.

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Are you ready **TO PLAY OUTSIDE?**

Let's play outside!

Spring is back! Who isn't happy about that? What's left of the snow is fast disappearing, the temperature is climbing, and buds are beginning to appear in the trees. Spring is a time of year that children particularly like, as it means the return of much-anticipated summer activities. Even though the school year is not yet over, it is already time to be thinking about the summer and taking time with the family to choose which activities will be this year's focus.

For those who choose to send their children to summer camps, it's a good idea to start looking around and making reservations immediately. Rock climbing, water sports, nature and wildlife classes, arts and crafts, or science classes are just some of the special options available at day camps or sleep-away camps. The same thing goes for team sports such as soccer and baseball: contact your municipality's recreation department right away so you won't miss the registration period.

While you're getting organized, why not reserve your favourite camping spot for the long weekends. This way you won't lose out by waiting until the last minute to book. You might also get ready to launch into summer activities by squirting some oil on your bicycle chain and tackling the bike paths in your area. Making the most of the warmer spring weather by playing outside and spending quality time with family is a great way to greet the season.



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Rediscover the pleasures of spring

For most of us the end of winter is synonymous with freshness and freedom. How wonderful it is to once again enjoy meals cooked on the barbecue and smell the freshly cut grass. Of course, laying claim to our decks, yards, and patios once again means doing some basic maintenance: cleaning the pool, removing snow fences and other winter protection from trees and shrubs, raking the lawn, and perhaps giving a fresh coat of paint to the garden shed.

For aficionados of sport fishing and boating, now is the time to service your outboard motor, check the sails of your little yacht, and get ready to launch. This is also the perfect time of year to sell a used boat or look around for a new one. Road warriors are getting out their motorbikes to enjoy day trips on sunny country roads, or they're making reservations for longer trips through new regions or across the country. For more conventional travelers who long for a change of pace, why not realize your dream of hitting the road by buying or renting a motor home or a tent trailer? Imagine being care-

free and able to camp comfortably in places of your own choosing.

Whether you were born to be wild or raised to sip drinks on a sun lounger, the spring season is a unique opportunity to please yourself. So when the warm rays of the sun and summer are knocking at your door, say "hello" and invite them in!



How to guarantee your garden starts off on the right foot

As winter slowly winds down, many gardeners cannot wait to soak up the springtime sun and get their hands dirty in the garden. Such excitement is not just good for gardeners, but can benefit the garden in the months to come as well.

Late winter or early spring is a great time to get a head start on the gardening season. Even if gardening season is still around the corner, completing the following projects can ensure your garden gets off on the right foot.

One of the best things you can do for your garden as winter winds down is to clear it of debris. Winter can be especially harsh on a landscape, and gardens left to the elements are often filled with debris once spring arrives. Dead leaves, fallen branches, rocks that surfaced during the winter frost, and even garbage that might have blown about in winter winds can all pile up in a garden over a typical winter. Clearing such debris likely won't take long, but it's a great first step toward restoring the garden before the time comes to plant and grow the garden once again.

Soil plays a significant role in whether a garden thrives or struggles. Examining the soil before the season starts can help gardeners address any issues before they plant. Ignoring the soil until a problem arises can turn the upcoming gardening season into a lost opportunity, so test the soil to determine if it has any nutrient or mineral deficiencies.

This may require the help of a professional, but if a problem arises, you might be able to adjust the acidity or alkalinity of the soil and still enjoy a successful gardening season.

Another way to examine the soil is less complex but can shed light on when would be a good time to get back to work. Reach into the soil and dig out a handful. If the soil quickly crumbles, you can start preparing for gardening seasoning. But if the soil is still clumped together, it needs more time to dry out before you can begin your prep work. Edging is another task gardeners can begin as they get ready for the season. Edge plant and flower beds, but be sure to use a spade with a flat blade or an edger designed to edge flower beds. Such tools will cut deep enough so grass roots that may eventually grow into the flower bed are severed. Depending on how large a garden is, edging can be a time-consuming task, so getting a head start allows homeowners to spend more time planting and tending to their gardens once the season hits full swing.

Though weeds likely have not survived the winter, that does not mean they won't return once the weather starts to heat up. But as inevitable as weeds may seem, homeowners can take steps to prevent them from turning beautiful gardens into battlegrounds where plants, flowers and vegetables are pitted against unsightly and potentially harmful weeds. Spring is a good time to apply a pre-emergent weed preventer, which can stop weeds before they grow. Though such solutions are not always foolproof, they can drastically reduce the likelihood of weed growth.

Though gardeners might not be able to start planting their gardens in late winter or early spring, they can still get outside and take steps to ensure their gardens thrive once planting season begins.

See www.billklassen.com for up-to-date listings & photos!

Frank Peters and Estate of the late Jake Peters

16 April, 2016 • 11:00 am

On the FARM of Frank Peters 3 1/4 mile north of Roseisle, MB on PR 240. From ST Claude, MB Hwy #2 and take the 240 south 8 miles yard # 37075. Will have some signs up auction day.

Two IHC model 1440 combines with 810 pick up heads, one has excelerator rotor 200 and 400 hrs on engine overhauls, shedded, 1985 GM 70 Truck Detroit diesel, 5 & 2, 18 ft Midland box and hoist roll tarp, Tag axle with lift, 1970 GM c-50 Truck 15 1/2 ft box and hoist Roll Tarp 350 big block V8, 4 & 2 One owner unit, 1980 Ford 9700 tractor cab, 3pth, dual hyd, 18.4 x 38 duals, 2300 hrs on Drop in new engine. Case 2470 tractor 4x4 power shift, 18.4 x 34 duals newer insides, good unit, IHC MODEL W6 TRACTOR RESTORED. Case 900 diesel not running, Cancade blade sells separate. IHC model 300 gas wf, not running, with mounted Dual loader may sell separte. Two IHC 810 combine heads 20 ft with knife and reels. IHC 4row x 36 in corn head **Implements:** John Deere 7100 3pth, Planter 8 row x 36" rebuilt planter units, no fertilizer, 4 row 36" Lilliston and Westgo cults, IHC Model 70 plow 5x16" kick back. 21 ft Bush hog tandem disc. 10 ft JD? Breaking disc (23" front discs & 24" rear discs) Two sets of 21 ft coil packer with folding hitch. 14 ft dual compartment drill fill system. Westfield MK 10"X 70" w/twin auger low profile hopper. Sakundiak 7" x 41" pto auger. Farm king 7" x 41" auger. 14 ft Pittsburg tandem disc with notched front blades. IHC Model 6200 press drills 2x12" w/ good markers. IHC Model 100 12 ft and 2 x 7' press drills. John Deere 6 ft PDA Press drill. Set of 3 pth track erasers. Antique 21 ft single disc. IHC model 45 cultivators 21 ft, and 16 ft. Case 12 ft deep tiller. Case IH model 3650 Round baler. 514 Hew Idea haybine hyd pump drive. New Holland 358 Grinder mixer w/power bale feeder. Gehl model 125 manure spreader. 128 Massey Ferguson square baler. 60 ft hyd. harrow. Some older implements may go for scrap or parts. Pallets of brand new merchandise, wheels tires, repair steel etc from Mandako Manufacturing in Plum Coulee, Trailer load of misc items from yard, household, some tools etc. **This sale will be approx 1 hour.**



Retirement Farm for Murray and Susan Seymour

19 April, 2016 • 10:00 am

From Darlingford carin at corner of pth #3 and pth #31 go 4 miles East and 2 miles North on RD #36 West and 1/2 miles West or from West end of Morden 8 miles West on pth #3 to RD 36 West 2 North and 1/2 West.

Harvest: 1990 JD 9600 fine cut chopper, 6 belt 14ft pickup, 3500 threshing hrs, shedded clean machine. 1985 JD 8820 Titan 11, 6 belt 14 ft pickup, 3841 hrs shedded clean machine. JD 924 straight cut head bat reel. 1997 IHC 8825 sp Swather U2 reel 25ft swather, 2074 hrs. IHC 25ft pt auto fold swather. **Tractors:** 1993 JD 6400 front wheel assist, c/w JD 640 loader and grable, 3ph, /540/1000 pto, good rubber, approx 10000 hrs. 1978 Case 2390 3ph 1000 pto duals, power shift redone less than 1000 hr total hrs 5000. 1974 Versatile 800, 6 new tires, \$10,000.00 engine overhaul less than 1000 hrs ago. Massey 1105 c/w Massey 246 loader 3ph currently having a engine job done should be up and running by sale date. White 18 hp riding lawn mower. 1997 Suzuki 300 King Quad. **Trucks:** 1991 Freightliner tandem, Cummins L10 engine 10 speed trani, 8 1/2 by 22ft Loadline box and head hoist, Saftied truck. 1970 Ford 2 ton yard truck 14ft Cancade box and hoist no safety. **Tillage:** 1996 Bourgault 8800 40ft seeding tool 550lb trips, mulchers, knock on shovels, c/w Bourgault 3225 tank with Koler engine for fan drive. Great unit for a tractor with poor hyd. 2320 Flexicoil 240 bushel double shoot tow between air cart. Extra fine and fine meter rollers plus extra inserts for fine and course. Completely serviced (field ready), very good condition. **This unit from the farm of Dennis Lesage Darlingford, MB. (204)246-2220.** Wilrich 47ft tri fold field cultivator. Case IH 5600 31ft deep tiller with mulchers. CCIL G100 24ft discer seeder. 51ft Herman tine harrow. Melroe 911 5 by 16 plow. Melcan prong type stone picker. Versatile 580 sprayer 68ft. New 500 gal tank for sprayer. 1200 gal poly tank. **Grain Handling:** REM 2100 grain vac. Sakundiak 7/41 auger with 13 hp motor 2 Westfield augers 1 pto 1 with motor. Labtronics moisture tester. **Haying:** IHC 8480 round baler. NH #455 trailing type sickle mower. NH #55 hay rake. 4/5 round bale feeders. Some 12 ft pannels and gates. Rays automatic head gate. Short hr of smalls to

start auction. 60 gal air compressor and mic tools. **FOR INFO E MAIL** seymourm@inetlink.ca or text Murray @ 1-204-362-0215. Auction Rep Morris Olafson 204-325-2141 or 204-822-3742



Farm Auction for Milton and Brenda Shirtliff

23 April, 2016 • 10:00 am

From Starbuck on Hwy #2 1 mile north, 1/2 mile east and 1/2 mile south. Will have signs up auction day.

Case IH 7120 MFWA 2950 hrs new rear tires/894 Allied loader with joy stick. MacDon 1993 30ft Swather with mounted roller 2300 hrs. John Deere F91 diesel 60 in front mount mower. Kubota G1800 Diesel-450 hrs-with leaf bagger. 2001 GMC 2500 4x4 has 5th wheel hitch mounts. John Deere 7000 maxemerge planter 8 row 30" spacing always shedded. Case Sickle mower. 13" fireglass Boat with 35 HP Gale motor. 3" self-priming Irrigation Pump Wisconsin air cooled engine. Miniature Bauer travelling gun. 1976 Ford F600 Box & Hoist VG condition new rear tires, roll tarp. Brandt 130 gallon 3 point hitch 20ft sprayer. Westfield 10" x 51 ft TR new condition. Swather Roller. 580 Versatile sprayer booms only VG condition Keeping tank. Lilliston Rolling Cultivator 8 row x 30" adjustable. 14 ft Massey medium-duty cultivator. Case IH 16 ft 310 discer with grass seeder VG Condition. John Deere 6 row X 30" all crop header with Case IH adapter. Manitoba Pool Elevator Sign 12 ft VG shape. Harrow King 18 ft. Bourgeault 8800 40 ft air seeder 8" spacing knockon spoons & sweeps with 3225 air tank & markers new mains & secondary air hose-2350 Hours. GMC Camper mid 70's motor Home, not run for years. Load King Hopper bottom bins epoxy coated 2x62 tonne & 1x80 tonne never with fertilizer. 3300 Bushel Bin 1. 3300 Bushel Bin 2 & 3. Bin ring - 60 ft x 2 - used once. 60 ft Farm King Harrows VG condition. 100 Ft Powermatic Harrow Cart. Yurf-dog Old wagon frame undercarriage in gd condition. Drill fill to fit Ford grain truck. Pencil Augers. Toro push mower. 100 ft air seeder hose. Yamaha Zinger 50cc 4 wheeler. **Tools:** Craftsman variable speed drill floor model. Wood belt sander Air Compressor. **Household:** Dresser. Amour. Dining room table. Vintage arbrite table. Apartment size freezer. Fridge. Water cooler. PetSafe Deluxe System with 3 collars 2 regular and one heavy duty. Office desk. Microwave oven. Yellow slide. Rope ladder. Antique. Old kitchen wood stove and oven. Cream Cans. Scythe. Horse drawn Excavator. **Will have some small items, please be on time.**



Farm Auction for Ed Zacharias

30 April, 2016 • 10:00 am

From Morden Manitoba 1 mile East on hwy #3 then 9 1/2 miles South on Road 27W. From Winkler South on Hwy 32 than West on 201 West 6 miles and 2 1/2 South on Road 27W

Tractors: 1984 Versatile 555 series 3, 4x4, 18.4x38 duals, 4 remote hyd, 1000 large pto, serial #034605 had new drop in engine at 3850 hours, now showing 5606. Case model 1070, cab, pto power shift, axle duals, \$8000 spent on engine and transmission overhaul, 6563 hrs. 1971 IHC model 1066 diesel tractor add on 3pth, cab, TA, overhauled engine at 5550 hrs. Total hrs 5890. Roper 11hp garden tractor with mower. **Truck:** 1973 GMC C-65 16ft box and hoist, 366 V8 5&2 Excellent 10x20 tires all around, saftied truck. **Harvesting:** 1979 IHC 1460 Combine, pickup, 4077 hrs. Always shedded when not in use. IHC Model 4000 sp swather cab, gas, 19-1/2ft batt reel, Hydraulic centre link for header tilt. Drive on swather carrier for lighter machines. IH Model 810 head Flex head w/ pickup reel 20ft. MF model 35 pto swather 21ft. Comstar tapered swath roller. Westfield Augers. 7" x 36' Briggs. 7" x 41' E.S. Briggs. 8" x 46' belt drive pto w/ 12 volt winch. **Seeding and Tillage.** IHC 620 Press drills 2 x 10, rubber pan press, w/hydraulic carrier. MF 19ft deep tiller spring cushion shanks, mulchers. 60ft 5 bar tine harrows. Melroe 60ft, 5ft diamond section harrows hyd autofold. 14ft dual compartment drill fill system. Wilrich 26ft field cultivator with mulchers. Melroe 911 plough 5x16" auto reset. MF model 36 discer seeder 12ft. Westfield 12ft Harrow King. CCIL Model 203 26 ft Deep tiller w/mulchers. **Misc:**

Leon Prong type Rock picker, John Deere 5 ft Rotary mower. Pto Hammer mill. Cattle head gate. New Holland 12 ton 4 wheel running gear. Ferguson model 7ft 3 pth stiff tooth cultivator. Case antique 4ft one way discer on steel. 5"x11' drill fill auger. 3 pth post hole digger. Pair of 18.4x30 clamp on duals. Radial arm saw and trailer load of other farm hardware . 4" x 10 ft grain auger. Few PVC Palettes. Lincoln stick welder. King garvity grain cleaner . Western horse saddle and some tack. Ventura half ton truck cap. Lincoln 180 amp welder. Some Scrap Iron. Trailer load of Farm hardware at beginning of auction.



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7 May, 2016 • 10:00 am

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It's time to spring-clean!

As the balmy rays of the spring sun start to warm our homes, people often get the sudden urge to let the fresh air in and clean the house from top to bottom. Here is a plan to help you make the most of your efforts.

First of all, it's important to dust everything with a rag or a duster before washing: wet dust just forms a thin layer of mud that's no fun to clean up. Be sure to dust ceiling fans and replace filters in kitchen and bathroom ventilation fans. Dust bookshelves, window blinds, and light fixtures

and lamps. This is also the perfect time to clean the tops of kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

In the kitchen, clean away all the forgotten splashes and splatters that you've been ignoring. Wash the walls and the ceiling, paying special attention to the fridge and stove. Clean all your appliances inside and out. If your microwave oven smells funny, heat up a mixture of lemon juice and water in it before wiping it clean.

This is the time to thoroughly wash cupboard doors and shelves. While your head is in the cabinets,

reorganize them by getting rid of products that are too old or out of date. Do the same thing in the fridge and freezer, reminding yourself that even frozen products have expiry dates. If you feel like tackling the job, clean out the front closet too!

Finally, wash all the curtains and clean your carpets. Then wash the inside of your windows and then the floors before putting everything back in place.

You'll feel great after a spring cleaning: dust everywhere and wash your windows and floors!



Freshen up your home for the spring season

After a few months of chilly temperatures, come spring, many homeowners are eager to throw open their windows and doors and breathe new life into their homes. Simple changes made now - even before the weather begins to warm up - can improve interior spaces and brighten the atmosphere of a home.

· Go plant shopping. Research from NASA suggests adding at least one plant in your home per 100 square feet is efficient enough to clean air. Fresh foliage also makes a home feel warm and inviting. Watering and misting plants introduces moisture into indoor air, which can make rooms overcome with dry air from heating systems feel comfortable. Just be sure to avoid overwatering plants, which can lead to mold growth.

· Swap out throw pillows. Accent pillows on beds and sofas are quick and inexpensive ways to add new bursts of color to rooms. You may be able to make over a room's entire color scheme with new pillows. Invest in pillows that you can switch with each season so your decor will never look tired or dull.

· Clean existing light fixtures. Another way to brighten the mood in a home is to periodically clean light fixtures to make sure they are working effectively. Spend time dusting them and cleaning off any accumulated debris. If need be, switch out old lamp shades for newer ones that let more light shine through. If inadequate lighting is a problem no matter how many lamps you have, consult with an electrician about installing more overhead and accent lighting.

· Give rugs and floors a deep cleaning. Recirculated air may be full of dust and other microscopic particles that end up blowing throughout your home. Also, it's easy to track in dirt and other materials on your shoes that become imbedded in carpeting. At least once a year, rent or enlist the surfaces of carpet and upholstery cleaners to give floors a thorough cleaning. You may be surprised at how clean and fresh a home looks and smells once rugs and carpets are deep-cleaned. You also can make a dry carpet cleaner using baking soda, corn starch and desired fresh herbs for fragrance.

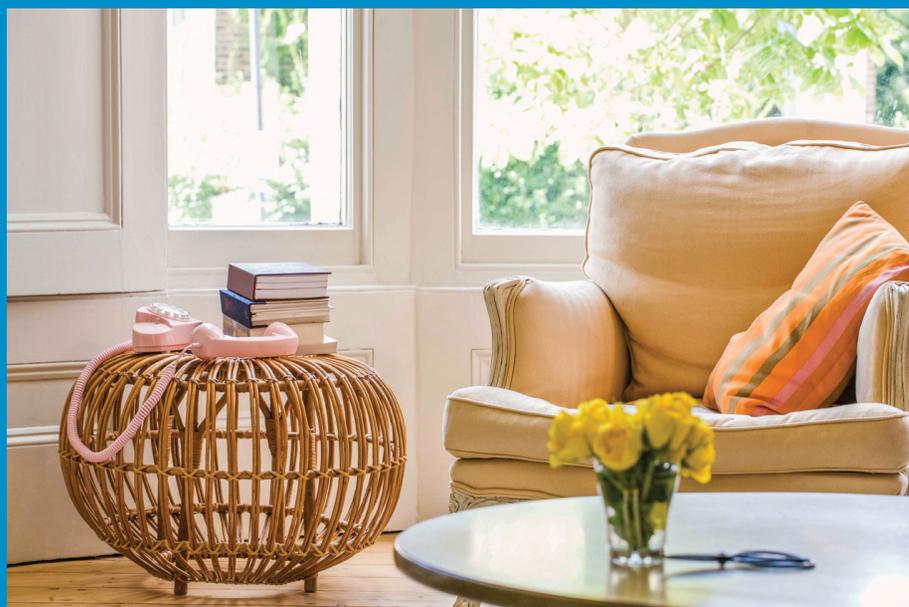
Sprinkle and then vacuum up after a few hours.

· Color-coordinate bookshelves. Group all books with similarly colored covers together for an instant and eye-appealing look.

· Simmer some homemade home deodorizer. In a large pot, boil water and some scented herbs, such as rosemary, citrus rinds, vanilla, or lavender. The aroma will waft through the home, creating a pleasing scent.

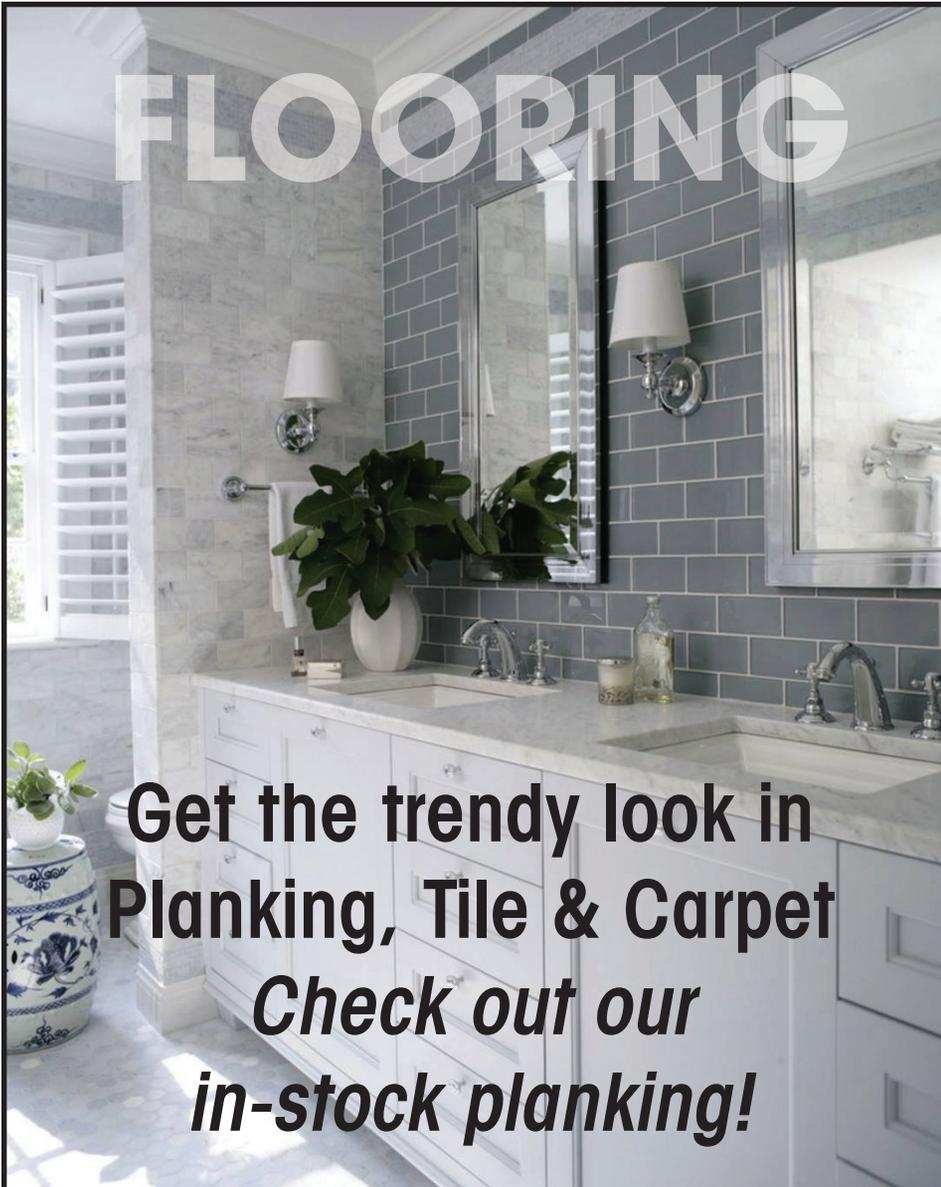
· Invest in new window treatments. Lightweight draperies or new blinds or shades can transform the look of a room. Be sure to keep curtains and blinds open during the day to maximize the hours of sunlight.

Homeowners can make some simple changes while they're stuck indoors and reap the benefits when the weather warms up again.



Fresh flowers, new throw pillows and lightweight draperies are some easy ways to transform a home in time for spring's arrival.

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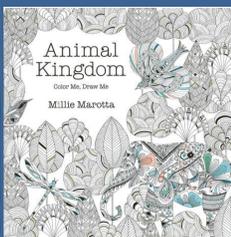
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Go green with an alternative ground cover

More than ever, North Americans are turning their backs on the quintessential grass lawn. And for good reason — traditional turf is high-maintenance, resource-hungry and has a dreadful impact on the environment. Choosing to go grass-free doesn't mean sacrificing your home's curbside appeal, either. There are many kinds of ground cover that make it easy to achieve a healthy-looking and attractive yard that doesn't cost a lot to water.

White clover, also known as Dutch clover, is perhaps the most cost-effective replacement option for grass. It covers the ground with a thick, green carpet that doesn't need to be mowed as often as its traditional counterpart; nor does it require nearly as much water. In fact, you shouldn't even need to water it at all, and when extreme drought does occur, it simply stops growing rather than turn brown

and dry. And you can also say "goodbye" to costly aeration treatments, as clover grows quite well in compacted soil.

Creeping thyme is another excellent choice. Not only does it tolerate foot traffic very well, but it also produces a lovely aroma when stepped on. Creeping thyme is a rugged herb that requires virtually no maintenance after it's planted, as it thrives in dry, rocky soil. It may become patchy in shady areas and so should be avoided if your yard doesn't get much sunlight.

Inorganic materials, such as synthetic grass or gravel, are durable and low-maintenance. Landscaping with gravel, volcanic rock or crushed stone can give your yard a unique look that requires very little resources. While the initial cost of this type of landscaping can be quite steep, it lasts for decades with very little upkeep.

Invasive insect species on Canada's east coast

When a non-native species of insect is introduced to an area, the consequences on local ecosystems can be dire. Invasive pests have a destructive impact on plants, trees and waterways and can often be overwhelming to deal with. Canada's east coast is no stranger to these unwanted guests; read on to find out who they are and how you can help get rid of them.

Emerald ash borer

One of the most widespread — and worrisome — invasive insect species in eastern Canada these days is the emerald ash borer. This beetle is native to Asia and was first discovered in North America in 2002. Since its arrival on our continent, the species has wreaked havoc on ash trees, killing tens of millions of specimens.

Asian long-horned beetle

Another unwelcome import from Asia, the long-horned beetle has no natural predators and is a threat to leafy hardwood trees, especially maple. These shiny, black insects are between two and four cm long. You might come across them in your firewood; if you do, be sure to

leave the wood where you found it to avoid spreading the invader.

Hemlock woolly adelgid

These aphid-like creatures feed on hemlock trees and already have a presence in the eastern U.S. In Canada, they have caused some destruction in Ontario, but those populations are under control for now. Nonetheless, given their proximity to the American populations, these invaders pose a real threat to Canada's forests.

You can help protect local biodiversity by learning how to identify the invasive species in your area. Our forests are under attack, and public awareness is the first step in fighting back





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