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Donate Love hosted a Kairois Blanket Exercise in Morden last week to give participants a taste of the historical experience of Indigenous people in Canada. For the full story, see Pg. 8.

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SERC wins provincial award, welcomes new coordinator

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Southern Emergency Response Committee was honoured with a Manitoba Community Emergency Preparedness Award last week.

Representing the communities of Winkler, Morden, and the RM of Stanley, SERC was lauded for its excellence in developing and maintaining its emergency management programs. Also receiving one of the annual awards were the communities of Cartier, Hanover, and Louise.

"This award recognizes communities with programs meeting or exceeding recognized national and international standards for emergency preparedness," said Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler.

"When an emergency strikes, the importance of preparedness quickly becomes obvious," noted Joe Masi, executive director of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and a member of the judging committee. "The level of preparedness these communities have achieved gives their citizens a high level of confidence should a disaster occur."

SERC emergency coordinator Darin Driedger, who stepped into the role April 1, said the award is an honour that recognizes all the hard work put in by SERC's many volunteers, especially former coordinator Chris Kalansky.

"We've applied for it in the past but this is the first time we've gotten it,"

he said. "It's good news for the group. It really recognizes Chris especially. He's been coordinator for about 10 years and he put a tremendous amount of effort into it and so this is good recognition of what he's done for the program and for the community."

While you can never be 100 per cent prepared for whatever life might throw at you, Driedger stressed that advance training and procedure work can make a huge difference when an emergency does hit.

"I think it's critical if you want a community that can respond and recover as quickly and efficiently as possible," he said.

"I think we have a pretty strong program," Driedger added. "We've done a lot of good training and exercises in the last number of years."

Driedger takes on the emergency coordinator mantle after volunteering with SERC for the last nine years, including spending the past year as Kalansky's deputy.

"[Emergency preparedness] is something that's interesting to me," he said on what drew him to the committee, "as well as it's a way for me to help my community, serve the community."

"We've got a good group of people, too, and that makes it easy for me to stay on and continue my role."

Kalansky will remain involved as deputy emergency coordinator to help Driedger learn the ropes.



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The Southern Emergency Response Committee received provincial recognition for their emergency preparedness work last week. From left: On hand for the presentation was AMM president Chris Goertzen, SERC deputy emergency coordinator Chris Kalansky, Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe,

Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson, Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler, Winkler Mayor Martin Harder, and SERC emergency coordinator Darin Driedger.

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Winkler council waiting on federal government

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler is still waiting for a commitment of federal funding towards the Meridian Exhibition Centre project.

What the upper levels of government might kick in for the project, if anything at all, remains up in the air, as federal officials recently responded to the City of Winkler's queries with no promise of money.

Infrastructure Canada is looking at an 11-year, \$1.1 billion infrastructure investment for Manitoba, but the answer Winkler received from the federal government basically stated it needs direction from the provincial

government on what projects should be a priority.

"It wasn't really a surprise ... the feds have shown over the last number of years that they like to take suggestions from the province in terms of where priorities should lie," deputy mayor Henry Siemens said after the meeting of Winkler council April 10.

"We were excited to see that Manitoba has signed on to the accord ... so that there will be some dollars flowing. Our goal now is to make sure that the province realizes that this project is important to us," he continued.

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Voice honoured at provincial newspaper awards

The *Winkler Morden Voice* was recognized in a number of categories at the Manitoba Community Newspapers Association's 99th annual Better Newspapers Competition last week-end.

The competition shines a light on the top examples of community journalism from the MCNA's 49 member weekly newspapers.

The *Voice* brought home a second place award for Best in Class and third for Best Front Page in the 10,000+ circulation category.

Reporter Lorne Stelmach clinched first in the Best Tourism Story for his piece on the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre's new interactive app.

Also honoured was Peter Cantelon, who was named Best Columnist for the third year in a row, and photographer Rick Hiebert, who won second place for Best Sports Photo for a shot he snapped at the Miami Fair & Rodeo and came in third overall in the Photographer of the Year category.

Our sister papers the *Selkirk Record*, the *Gimli Express Weekly News*, and the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* were also recognized at the awards ceremony.

The *Record* received Best in Class,



Staff from the Winkler Morden Voice and its sister papers the *Selkirk Record*, *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*, and *Gimli Express Weekly News* celebrate their wins at the MCNA Better Newspapers Competition.

Best Layout and Design, and Best Front Page in the 10,000+ circulation category. Photographer Robert E. Wilson also took first in Best Sports Photo.

The *Tribune* received third place for the Best Layout and Design in their class, second for Best Front Page, and third for Best Agricultural Section.

Tribune reporter Jennifer McFee also received first place in the Arts and Culture Story category and third in the Best Column or Feature Article on a Business Topic, while Jo Anne Proctor won third for Best Spot News Photo.

The *Express* won first place in Best

Advertisement for a piece done by Sandra Barnes and Best First Nations Coverage for a story from Patricia Barrett.

The *Voice* would like to thank all our staff for their hard work this past year and our readers and advertisers for their ongoing support.

Chimps' Brains Work Differently

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Ecclesiastes 3:20-21

"All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?"



A recent report in the journal *Science* has reached the startling conclusion that human brains and chimp brains are entirely different. A study led by scientists at Yale University has discovered that much of the gene activity in the human brain is completely alien to that occurring in the brains of chimpanzees. These fundamental differences were discovered in all sorts of areas of the brain – including the cerebellum. The cerebellum is described in the article as "one of the evolutionarily most

ancient regions of the brain, and therefore most likely to share similarities across species." We can see immediately that this statement contains assumptions which are not proven but merely based on prior belief in evolution. Describing the cerebellum as "ancient" implies that it must have been present in ancestors of both humans and chimps, dating back a very long time. The fact that the chemistry in the cerebella of humans and chimps is so radically different should suggest that the two do not have a common ancestor.

Of course, this sort of thinking does not occur to the evolutionary scientists involved in the study reported. Rather, they suggest that the chemistry in the human cerebellum must have been present in the common ancestor of humans and chimps and that it disappeared in chimps but reappeared in humans. But the chemical studies were not carried out on this alleged common ancestor, so even its existence should be doubted.

The truth is that God made humans separately from animals, like chimps. When we die, the animal rots to the ground, while the human soul ascends to God to be judged (Ecclesiastes 3:21).

Prayer: Thank You, God, that You made fascinating animals, like chimps. We do not know why You made them to look so similar to us, but You have given us a solemn responsibility to discharge, to look after these and all parts of Your creation. Amen.

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"We continue to hope, we continue to lobby, and we continue to bring our case forward that this is a project whose time has come ... it's something that is really needed for the region."

Council is somewhat more optimistic in regards to another major project in the works.

Recent discussions around the regional wastewater treatment project offered some indications from the federal level that they would be receptive to a 40 per cent share of funding.

"The feds have, for the last while, kind of been warming to that idea," said Siemens as the city pushes for 40 per cent support from the provincial government as well, which would leave 20 per cent of the cost at the local level.

"They recognize that, for many communities in Canada, when you start looking at \$30 million projects, a municipality ... is simply not going to be able to fund it at an equal ratio," he said.

"Manitoba hasn't really let us know," Siemens added. "In order to move them forward, we have to have Canada and Manitoba at the table. Winkler cannot, even in partnership with Stanley, cannot build

this project on their own."

Another matter that came before council last week saw Coun. Marvin Plett's name brought forward to be part of the Tri-Lakes Development Group.

It is a partnership struck to promote the management and development of the tri-lakes region of the Pembina Valley including the Pelican, Rock, and Swan lakes. Its aims include addressing water level management of the lakes, water quality enhancement and economic development around the area's water resources.

"It's really good for us, as one of the larger players in the area, to be at that table," suggested Siemens. "Water is a vital resource and it needs to be actively managed, actively researched, and made sure that there is a plan not just here locally in Winkler but there's a larger plan on how we're going to deal with water and what that looks like."

Council also approved tenders for a number of projects for 2018, including just over \$180,000 for sewer relining, approximately \$15,000 for extension of the 15th St. public parking lot, \$215,000 for walkway construction, and just over \$122,000 for the rehabilitation of 4th St.

Hydro workers support local women's shelter

By Ashleigh Viveiros

When you're stuck inside for days on end—even if it's for your own safety—things can get pretty boring.

Which is why the Genesis House women's shelter is thrilled to be able to replace its broken Wii gaming console thanks to a \$2,000 donation from IBEW Local 2034, which represents many of our area's Manitoba Hydro employees.

"This came at a great time. Our Wii for the kids broke a couple of months back ... so this will replace that, which is fantastic," said Genesis House executive director Ang Braun.

The donation will also allow the shelter to replace the aging, mismatched chairs in its meeting room.

"Once they're retired from our crisis office they're moved to our meeting room and often they've got a little bit of a problems," Braun said. "So we

will get some matching chairs that ... start off good and stay in there."

The local union chapter was happy to help, said Kym Pauls, union unit recorder and storekeeper with Manitoba Hydro.

"Every unit in the IBEW has a \$2,000 community awareness cheque to give" to charity each year, she explained, noting they try and spread that annual donation around to non-profits throughout the region.

Manitoba Hydro employees took part in the shelter's recent trivia night fundraiser and wanted to do more to give back, noted Carla Harder, a clerical worker at the Morden Manitoba Hydro office.

"I have had family sheltered here, so I'm completely on board with it. I think it was an awesome idea," she said. "It's a great facility ... I think it's a necessary facility."



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IBEW Local 2034 members and Manitoba Hydro workers Kym Pauls (right) and Carla Harder (left) presented Genesis House's Ang Braun with a \$2,000 donation last week.

Winkler Co-op ends fiscal year well in the black

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Consumers Co-operative soared through its management transition year without much of a hitch.

Longtime general manager George Klassen stepped down in early 2017, opening the way for Evan Toews to take on the mantle.

At the Winkler Co-op 77th annual meeting last week, board chair Milt Olfert called the transition a seamless one.

"With the retiring of George and the hiring of Evan, it's created some challenges but great challenges and we're really excited how it all came through," he said. "The strength of our management really helped with the transition.

"We're extremely excited for the future with Evan at the helm."

The year was a solid one financially for the business. Co-op had sales in excess of \$98 million and operational savings of over \$625,000.

When combined with the \$3.8 million received for being a member of Federated Cooperatives Limited, Winkler Co-op ended the year with over \$4.4 million in net savings.

They were then able to give back \$3.5 million in patronage cheques to local members (who total 16,687 strong)

Another \$300,000 was donated to a variety of charities and projects.

"I think most people don't understand how much Co-op gives back to the community," noted Olfert. "Roughly \$150,000 just in gift cards and another \$150,000 in straight out donations. And they're always small donations, because we want to help as many organizations as possible ... we want to continue to do that."

Aside from an upgrade to the aging offices at the Rosetown Agro site, 2017 was a year of paying off down capital debts instead of making new ones.

Olfert said the board plans for 2018 to be the

same kind of year.

"We have nothing, no big capital projects. It's more maintenance stuff," he said. "Our facilities look fantastic right now, so we just want to try and maintain them. We want to have the cleanest gas stations, we want to have the nicest, brightest stores. We want to be proud of what

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A kind of spring has sprung

I want to tell you a secret. Lean in close ... we own a bidet. A bidet. Pronounced: bid-eh.

It's true. My wife came home one day with said bidet and, as she is a handy person, she installed it in the bathroom and I bravely cheered from the sidelines.

What is a bidet, you ask? Well, for one thing it's an item you never realized you needed until you bring one home and then suddenly you don't know what you did without it before.

The bidet or, inverted cheek fountain, as it has been called, is a French invention from the late 1600s that you position yourself over after using the toilet sans clothing (you can keep your shirt on if you are into that sort of thing) that takes care of business, so-to-speak, via a fountain of water. The wondrous device can be set anywhere from gentle rinse to deep cleaning to HELLO! and right up to

"Jaaane! Stop this crazy thing!"

I deeply appreciate this definition from Wikipedia (especially the use of the word "trot"):

"Bidet is a French word for 'pony,' and in Old French, bider meant 'to trot.' This etymology comes from the notion that one 'rides' or straddles a bidet much like a pony is ridden. The word 'bidet' was used in 15th century France to refer to the pet ponies that French royalty kept."

It took me less than an 80th of a nanosecond to learn that when turned to just the right level we can have a lovely indoor fountain that arcs perfectly across the bathroom and into the bathtub. Sort of a make-shift hot tub. I have yet to try this but, rest assured, it will happen.

Now, there are a few rules of engagement to consider when you own a bidet:

DO NOT use as a drinking fountain (unless you are a dog then go ahead).

DO NOT wash your face and/or hands in the bidet.

DO NOT wash your fruit and/or vegetables in the bidet (unless you are a racoon).

DO NOT accidentally turn on the bidet while leaning in very close thinking you are testing the self-cleaning

mode or you will be refreshingly blasted in the face...trust me, I know.

There are some pretty cool things about bidets I was not aware of. A recent article from *Scientific American* provides great insight:

"Americans use 36.5 billion rolls of toilet paper every year, representing the pulping of some 15 million trees. This also involves 473,587,500,000 gallons of water to produce the paper and 253,000 tons of chlorine for bleaching. Manufacturing requires about 17.3 terawatts of electricity annually."

According to the article, if just the United States switched to bidets it would reduce toilet paper usage by 15 million rolls annually.

Not only this, but making a single roll of toilet paper requires 37 gallons of water, 1.3 kilowatt/hours (KWh) of electricity, and some 1.5 pounds of wood. Bidets actually use waaaay less water than toilet paper, not to mention the other resources.

So our bidet (or Upside-down Nether Shower) is here to stay. I cannot imagine the washroom without it now and the screams of surprise from nosey guests have never been sweeter.



By Peter Cantelon

Letters

Thank you to Winkler and Coulee Daffodil Day supporters

A BIG thank you to the businesses and residents of Winkler for their continued support of the Canadian Cancer Society by joining the fight against cancer and buying daffodils in March.

We sold about 1,030 bunches and together with donations we raised \$7,350.

In 2018, Daffodil Day will be Friday, April 27. All Canadians are encour-

aged to wear the "Badge of Courage" (daffodil pin) throughout April but especially on April 27 to show people on a cancer journey that they are not alone and to honour loved ones lost to cancer. This badge will be available by donation only and can be found in the "Join the Fight" blue boxes at various Winkler and area businesses during the month of April.

Special thanks to our team of about

30 volunteers who sell the daffodils year after year. And to Winkler Co-op, Wal-Mart and Superstore for allowing us to use your facilities for our campaign.

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

Nettie Friesen,
rural coordinator

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Speaker talks ticks

By Lorne Stelmach

Ticks are an unfortunate fact of life, especially in the Pembina Valley region, but a speaker in Morden last week doesn't want it to stop people from enjoying the outdoors.

Kateryn Rochon, assistant professor of entomology at the University of Manitoba, told an A Rocha Nature Talk last Wednesday it is just a matter of being educated when it comes to ticks.

"My message is to go out and enjoy the outdoors ... that nice season in Manitoba is so short, you really can't let the ticks make it a bad thing," Rochon said following her presentation at the Morden Library.

"Some people don't go out in May and June just because the ticks are everywhere ... you just need to be aware the ticks are out there, and you need to protect yourself against tick bites. Being tick aware really is the best way to protect yourself," she continued.

"Just realize if there's no snow on the ground, this is tick season," Rochon stressed. "Check yourself, check your pets, check your children ... personally, I would say every day but especially if you are going out hiking and things like that, even just walking the dog.

"Protect yourself and be aware ... and educate yourself."

Rochon touched on what she saw as a key factor that makes the Pembina Valley a hotspot for ticks.

"Part of it is one of the ways those ticks come into Canada is through migrating birds," she said. "So in the spring, wherever the birds stop on their migration route, that's where they will drop some of the nymphs, and then those nymphs will molt into adults ... because of that, there's more ticks that are dropped here."

Rochon also went through the characteristics of ticks and the differences between wood ticks and black-legged ticks.

A key difference between them is the habitat that they like, she explained. The American dog tick prefers open areas with long grass or other sunnier areas around woods with high light. The black-legged tick likes the wooded areas better or locations with heavier ground cover and vegetation and cooler, more moist environments.

"In the back yard, there's all kinds of places that can attract ticks," said Rochon, encouraging people to consider such key things as perimeter zones and alternatives to mulch as well as good grounds maintenance overall. "And be careful where you put the play set."

She went on to explain the risks of such conditions as Lyme disease,

Kateryn Rochon, an assistant professor of entomology at the University of Manitoba, was in Morden last week to share information about protecting yourself from ticks while out enjoying nature this summer.

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noting that people need to know the potential for infection is low, though they still need take the necessary precautions.

"It's the black-legged ticks that can be infected ... but it's not all of them," said Rochon.

Tick bite prevention includes keeping pants tucked into your socks and shirts tucked into your pants, wearing light coloured clothing so you more easily see the ticks, and using repellent.

Beyond that, be ready to check yourself thoroughly and often and to remove any ticks you find safely and as promptly as possible.

"I go out every year with the specific purpose of going out to find ticks, and I rarely have any ticks attach to me, and I have never had a black-legged tick attach to me just because I know what to do and I do it consistently," said Rochon. "I check all the time, every 15 minutes or so I look down at my pants ... it's a lot easier to flick a tick off your pants."

Jamie Fox, director of the A Rocha Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre, said it was their hope that "this talk can equip people to be able to venture confidently into nature ... there's a lot of misinformation out there."

Winkler seeking Citizen of the Year nominations

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation has put a call out for nominees for the 2018 Citizen of the Year Award.

The honour is presented to an individual who continually gives of themselves and helps many others in the process, explains foundation executive director Myra Peters.

"The individuals that are helping and giving back in our community, helping to build our community, they're not doing it for recognition or awards," she says. "They're doing it because they're passionate about something, they want to make a difference in some way and they put the time and energy into making things happen."

Still, the Citizen of the Year Award is an opportunity for the community to say thanks.

"It's our way to say thank you for

the hard work that's being done," says Peters. "And I think it's also a great way to inspire others."

The nomination form is a simple one, Peters stresses, though the more information you can provide about the nominee's activities in the com-

munity, the better.

If you've nominated an individual in the past who was not selected as citizen of the year, Peters urges you to contact the foundation to update their nomination form.

Forms are available online at win-

klercommunityfoundation.com or at the Winkler Community Foundation's office in City Hall.

The deadline for nominations is June 1. The award will be presented at the Citizen of the Year banquet Sept. 27.

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we have."

Preliminary plans are in the works for minor upgrades at the Winkler Co-op food store, but Olfert said "that's more of a minor capital expenditure."

Looking to the future, Olfert said the marketplace is only going to get more competitive and the Co-op board is always looking for ways to remain a strong retailer.

"As a board we spend most of our time looking ahead to see where we

are going. The future looks bright, with many opportunities surrounding us," he said. "Now the question we ask is which opportunities do we want to be part of? Where do we want to grow our business to serve and give our members more options? How do we continue to be sustainable?"

While other Co-ops in Manitoba, such as those in Carman and Portage, have turned to amalgamation, Winkler currently has no immediate

plans to follow suit.

"We are very strong on our own. Would we entertain the idea if someone came and talked to us? We would definitely talk about it," Olfert said. "We don't want to do an amalgamation just for the sake of an amalgamation. It has to be a benefit to our members."

"The bottom line is, whatever we decide, we want to make sure it's the best decision for our Winkler Co-op."

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Exercise aims to promote understanding

By Lorne Stelmach

An event last Thursday aimed to put reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous people into a new light.

Just over a dozen people participated in the Kairos Blanket Exercise at Donate Love in Morden April 12.

Offering a Canadian history experience from the perspective of Indigenous people, the blanket exercise is an interactive teaching tool to raise understanding of our shared history.

The exercise tells a contemporary parable that speaks a message of reconciliation, but it more actively involves and engages people in the process.

"In reality, we are all a part of the history ... we're all part of what we are learning about ... this sort of ties it all together," said Courtney Yeo, an organizer of the event alongside Denise Thiessen. "If they're leaving with a more positive outlook for the future, that would be what I would hope to see come of this exercise."

By word and physical movement, participants compress centuries of life into about an hour, moving from the time before the arrival of the first Europeans in North America to the present day.

As the name suggests, the exercise begins with blankets arranged on the floor to represent Canada before the

arrival of European explorers and settlers. The participants, who represent Indigenous peoples, begin by moving around on the blankets.

While narrators read a prepared script, other participants—the Europeans—join and begin to interact with those on the blankets. As the script traces the relationship between Europeans and Indigenous nations, the participants respond to various cues and interact by reading prepared scrolls.

At the end of the exercise only a few people remain on blankets, which have been folded into small bundles and cover only a fraction of their original area.

As such, participants, if only for a short time, get to live out the history of Indigenous people in Canada.

Doreen Cameron, an elder from Swan Lake First Nation who addressed the group, was interested herself to symbolically go through the experiences of her ancestors.

"I was very anxious to find out what was going to go on here ... and it might be something I will be able to take back with me," said Cameron, who shared some of her own experiences and perspectives.

"The most important thing is for people to be educated and to know what's going on, regardless of your nationality, what people are going



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one of the participants of last week's blanket exercise hosted by Donate Love contributes to the unfolding story.

through and how you can support them," she suggested.

We make too many assumptions about people, she said, adding it is not just about the Indigenous people but even the many immigrants coming to call Canada home.

"It's nice to be able to talk to them and find out what they went through, where they come from ... so we'll be able to empathize with them more," Cameron said. "There are many new people here in our country, we really need to understand ... if we understand, we won't be so quick to judge.

"We have to learn to forgive and forget so that we can move on and heal ... I see a lot of my people, how they are still suffering ... there's too much blame. We need to learn forgiveness."

Yeo sees the exercise as a way for people to more visually and physically participate.

"A lot of people learn better when they're visually or physically involved. You're more likely to retain the information and, with participating, you actually feel like you are a part of it," she said.

"My main hope then is that people will be able to learn history that in school they may not have been taught," she added, saying things like this can help us in building more positive relationships.

And that, Yeo suggested, made the exercise a good fit for Donate Love.

"I think with Donate Love ... we are a community organization and we want to see the community come together with all walks of people," she said. "This is an exercise where everyone can come together and learn about a specific part of our community ... and we can work to educate others."

Clarification

A story on the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's upcoming Fashion Show and Tea requires some clarification.

Organizer Kim Striemer says the outfits the models will be wearing on the catwalk May 6 will not be sourced

from the heritage museum's own collection of vintage outfits, but rather all come from the personal collections of PTM volunteers.

Tickets to the show are still available for \$10 each by calling 204-822-5318 to pre-reserve a seat.



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Brian Thiessen fills the role of a European settler entering the story.

Harvest for Kids puts call out for drivers, volunteers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Listen ... do you hear it?

Can you hear the distant rumble of 300 combines working together in support of Children's Camps International?

Harvest for Kids organizers Dave Thiessen and George Klassen certainly can.

Just over 100 days out from the Aug. 4 Guinness World Record attempt on a 320 acre field south of Winkler, planning is kicking into high gear.

"We've got 80 combines registered," said Klassen last week. "And we know there's lots [more] guys who will do it ... they're getting excited about this."

Klassen is hopeful they'll pin the last few hundred drivers down by the end of next month.

He urges farmers who want to be part of this event to register sooner rather than later. Once their combine target is met (about 320 in total to act as insurance in case of breakdowns), they won't be accepting any more.

"We encourage you to sign up your combine now. And we particularly would like people who have older, smaller combines to register," Klassen said. "There's some excitement building in the air. People want to see these older smaller combines back in the field somewhere."

Whatever the age or size, your combine needs to be in decent working order—for a few minutes, at least.

"We need five minutes. That all we ask," Klassen said, chuckling.

"We have some unique ones coming," he added. "We have pull-type combines coming, which are very rare these days already. And we have some very rare ones that were made years ago that are going to show up. It'll be exciting for people, especially farmers that are history buffs, to see some of these unique combines."

Every registered driver will receive a free hat that matches their combine's colour.

"So they can wear it and say, 'I'm in,'" said Klassen. "That's going to be just so beautiful to have these farmers walking around with their colours."

Aside from the hundreds of volunteer drivers, another 700 or so volunteers are needed to pull this all off, helping to shepherd the estimated 20,000 people on site to witness the harvest.

Positions run the gamut from food services to safety officers to parking attendants to clean-up crews.

"There's so many places we can use volunteers for," Klassen said, again urging people who might have a volunteering preference to sign-up early to avoid disappointment.

"THERE'S SO MANY PLACES WE CAN USE VOLUNTEERS FOR."

"We have a whole mile in the middle of the field where we can display wares from almost any company," Klassen said, adding they're hoping people will come out and make a day of it.

Organizers have also confirmed the line-up for the community concert taking place at the Parkland stage the night before the harvest.

"Rosemary Siemens is going to be here. The Hunter Brothers are going to be here. And High Valley," Klassen said. "That will be a huge concert ... we couldn't ask for a better line-up."

Admission to the show is free, with donations accepted toward the cause.

"We want it open to the entire community," said Thiessen. "We want everybody there."

Harvest for Kids also has a few other fundraisers on the go to add to the event's tally, including auctioning off several large grain bins, each valued at over \$26,000.

"We have bins we're auctioning off and we also have one bin we're giving away," Klassen said. "So you just get on HarvestforKids.com and you register to Win the Bin. That's available to everybody across Western Canada."

AIMING FOR \$5 MILLION

The hope is Harvest for Kids will raise enough funds to send one million children to CCI's camps worldwide.

"We're putting a huge emphasis on raising \$5 million to do that," said Thiessen. "It's a God-only goal. We realize that."

"I have no doubt we're going to get there," Klassen added. "There's so many God stories that are coming together here. It's just awesome to see."

To that end, sponsorships are slowly starting to come in, including a recent one from a very generous anonymous donor.

"We have one sponsor who just came up to us ... and said he will match every donation or sponsorship we get up to a quarter of a million dollars," Klassen said. "That is huge."

They've also heard from families who have decided to pull together to sponsor a combine.

"For \$1,000 they can sponsor a combine, they can get their name on a combine," Klassen said. "That is going to be such a momentous thing for them, their families ... what a legacy



HARVEST FOR KIDS PHOTO

Harvest for Kids is running a Win the Bin competition. To enter, simply head to harvestforkids.com.

to leave."

Klassen recently returned from a trip to India to see firsthand the impact CCI has on kids and their families.

It solidified for him just how important this work is.

"I always heard the stories over the years, but until you're there and you actually see how that organization works over there. They're extremely cautious that they use money that's sent there for ministry," Klassen said. "When you see those pastors getting together from all the different denominations ... and then you see the kids ... you're just like, wow, this is a good cause."

"They are just so hungry for the Word and that's really so great to see."

Every child who comes to camp brings the message back to their families and some grow up to become involved in spreading the Gospel themselves, added Thiessen.

"With an event like this, a billion people could hear the message," he said.

All information about getting involved with Harvest for Kids is available online at harvestforkids.com. You can also contact Klassen at 204-325-3255 or george@harvestforkids.com.

WEEKEND TAKING SHAPE

Harvest weekend itself is quickly starting to take shape.

Aside from the harvest run, the day will also include on-site food vendors and a massive farm show featuring ag and non-ag vendors alike.

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RRTVA students medal at Skills Manitoba

The Red River Technical Vocation Area sent a strong contingent to Skills Manitoba in Winnipeg last week.

Several youth brought home medals from the provincial trades competition, including Northlands Parkway Collegiate students Miranda Klippenstein, Helen Wall, and Emily Isaac.

Klippenstein clinched gold in the aesthetics event and will now represent Manitoba at the 24th annual Skills Canada Competition in Edmonton this June.

Wall, meanwhile, earned silver in nail technology while Isaac took home a bronze in the job skills demonstration event.

Medaling as well was W.C. Miller student Dawson Giesbrecht, who came in third in the carpentry competition.

Also representing our region proudly at the event was Emmanuel Richtor (outdoor powersports and recreation), Fernando Neufeld (electrical installations), and Riley Dueck (automotive technology).



Winning medals at the Skills Manitoba competition last week was NPC students Miranda Klippenstein (centre at right), who won gold in the aesthetics event, and Helen Wall (left), who earned silver in the nail technology competition.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Morden courts putting Goldilocks on trial

Law Day mock trial, courthouse open house next week

By Lorne Stelmach

A class of students from École Morden Middle School will have their day in court next week.

They won't be the ones in the prisoner dock, however, as it will be Goldilocks on trial as part of the third annual Law Day festivities at the Morden courthouse.

The mock trial is the highlight of the event marking the anniversary of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The day also includes an open house at the law courts from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

It serves as a fun way for not only students but the general public to get a better idea of how the court system works and especially for kids to have a positive interaction with the legal system, say organizers.

"I think they really get a kick out of it ... seeing how it all works," said Carli Owens, a former provincial

prosecutor for 10 years who worked out of Morden and is now a private lawyer.

"I just hope they learn something about how the justice system works, how juries make decisions and the factors judges take into consideration when they go to sentence a person," she said. "It's a good chance for the public to come and see as well how the justice system works and who all the players are ... and if that's maybe what someone is thinking about for a career, then it's a chance to ask questions of everyone."

"I know the students are really looking forward to it, and we hope the community comes out," said teacher Lindsey Jacobs, who is working with about 20 students to put on the mock trial of Goldilocks.

"Goldilocks is charged with a break and enter into the Three Bears' home, theft of property of the Three Bears and committing mischief by damaging property," explained Owens.

"So the kids play the roles of Crown prosecutor and defence counsel. They are also the witnesses ... but it's a real judge, it's a real court clerk, it's a real sheriff, and Cst. Jeff Forster from the Morden Police Service plays the role of the investigator," she added.

"Other class members play the role of a jury and jury foreperson ... the jury will render a decision and the judge will sentence Goldilocks."

Jacobs and his students started work on the script for the trial alongside Owens about a month ago.

The kids are eager to bring it to life next week.

"They love doing drama and acting," Jacobs said. "It's real world, though. The context of it is this is real world stuff."

"I think the students really appreciate doing something for the community within the community," he added.

In addition to the mock trial and open house, there will also be a presentation touching on topics that include power of attorney, wills, and probate.

The Morden activities are part of events going on across the country as branches of the Canadian Bar Association celebrate Law Day.

"The first year it was standing room only ... so if you want a spot to sit then you should get there early," suggested Owens.

GVSD hires WES vice-principal

Garden Valley School Division announced last week that Debra McKinnon has been appointed vice-principal at Winkler Elementary School.

Starting in fall, McKinnon will spend 75 per cent of her time in the administrative role and 25 per cent as a classroom teacher.

McKinnon is currently a resource teacher at the school. She returned to GVSD in 2012 after previously being employed here from 2001-2006.

Access CU supports Eden Foundation

By Lorne Stelmach

A \$10,000 contribution by Access Credit Union is continuing a long standing partnership between the financial institution and Eden Foundation.

The donation presented April 10 will go a long way to help cover overhead costs for such Eden fundraisers as Head for the Hills, Tractor Trek, and the Ironman golf tournament.

"We are grateful for that continuing relationship with Access Credit Union," said Earl Reimer, director of development for the foundation, adding the relationship between the two agencies is likely "as old as Eden Health Care Services."

"Our partnership with Eden goes back many years ... we're honoured to be able to partner with them over the years and to continue that partnership," said Rob Unruh, Winkler retail branch manager.

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about really what they do and the incredible amount of impact that Eden has," he suggested. "I think when the credit union looks at what organizations can we support to impact the majority of our members positively, I think there's no better place to leave our members' money than with Eden."

Just as important as the financial support is the fact Access Credit Union does have that level of understanding of the importance of what



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From left: Rob Unruh, retail branch manager for Access Credit Union, presented a \$10,000 cheque to Earl Reimer, director of development for the Eden Foundation, along with Wesley Ngwenya, manager of marketing for Access.

Eden does in the community, noted Reimer.

One in five people deal with some degree of a mental health issue, he noted, so that can involve a vast array of services and supports from counselling to housing.

"The donations that are being made

to Eden Health Care Services are in fact going to go to the work that Eden Health Care Services really does ... those things that impact the community," Reimer said.

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Corrina Siemens (left) and Heather Derksen were all smiles as they got to work on their paintings at the Garden Valley Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy Paint Night April 12. The evening raised \$1,050 for the student group.

YIP paint night raises \$1K

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Garden Valley Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy group's first ever Paint Night was a huge success last week.

Eighty people came out April 12 to enjoy an evening of food and art at the Winkler high school.

"We were looking at something that we could do for the community and have everyone come in and learn a little more about Youth in Philanthropy and what we do," explained group advisor Amy Warms. "We're so happy with the turnout and just the support from the community.

"It's neat to see the diversity in the people that are here," she added, noting it wasn't just parents or friends of YIP members, but community mem-

bers at large as well.

Supper was cooked and served by GVC staff and students, while art teacher Scott Bell led participants step-by-step through creating a painting of Winkler's Bethel Heritage Park.

After expenses, the event raised \$1,050 for the group's granting fund.

The students are currently evaluating the 2018 grant applications with an eye to handing out donations to local non-profit groups and projects later this spring.

"Even before this evening, we'll be able to give out almost twice as much money this year as last year," said Warms. "So we really feel like we've built a lot of momentum this year."

GVC YIP hope to make the Painting Night an annual event.

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"This relationship that we have with Access Credit Union allows us to engage in that so that we can engage the broader community. The contribution that Access Credit Union makes to us we hope to leverage into a larger pool of funds."

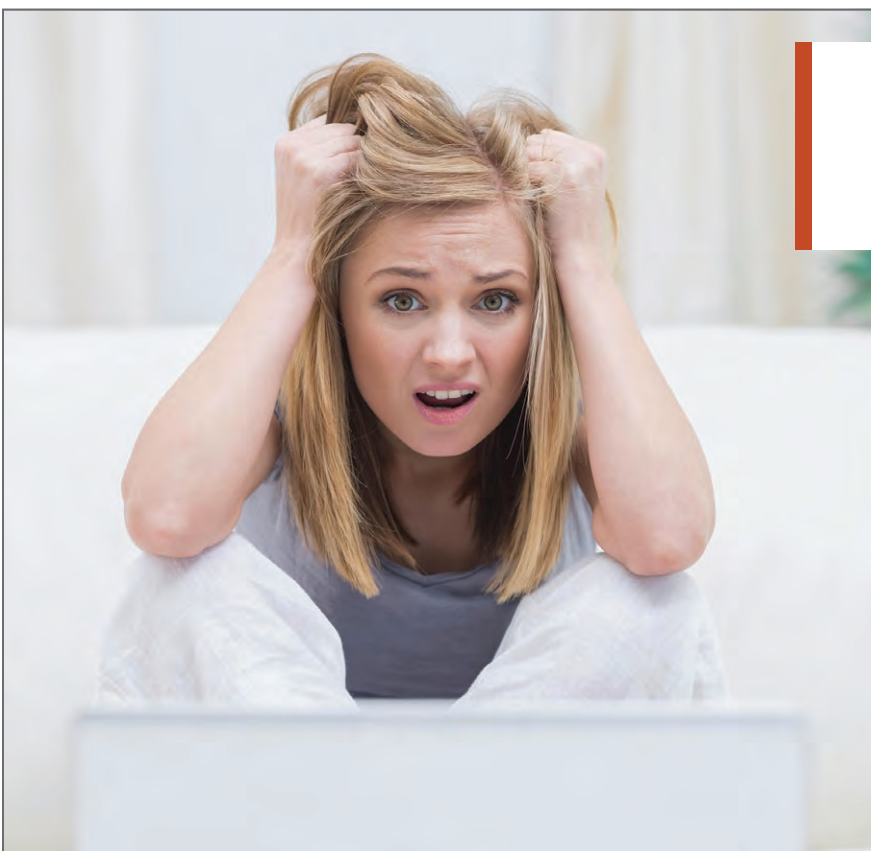
In addition to supporting ongoing

projects, funding like this also allows Eden to undertake a number of new initiatives, Reimer said, including increasing the level and variety of activities through their community choices program, renovating six more of their apartments, and installing a playground at Enns Courts.

"We're doing something on men's mental health ... it's not a subject material that has been frequently dealt with," Reimer continued. "We will be working together with the Winkler immigration services and the community care program through the Central Station in providing counsel-

ling service, focussing specifically on child and adolescent care as well as immigrant populations.

"We're very grateful for the fact that we can do some of these things because we have a relationship with Access Credit Union."



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Parkland bringing Mary Poppins Jr. to the stage

Shows run at the school nightly April 25-26

By Ashleigh Viveiros

"Winds from the east. Mist comin' in. Like something's a brewin', about to begin ..."

What's brewing at Parkland Elementary School next week is the Gr. 5-8 production of *Mary Poppins Jr.*

The kids have been working on the show for months, and now they're eager to bring this classic musical to the stage April 25-26.

"We've been practising for a couple months already, so we've got it down," says Christina Klassen, Gr. 8, who plays the title role.

Klassen has taken part in school plays before, but this is her first starring role.

Mary Poppins, she says, has a lot going for it as a play.

"It's very cool and it's in a really interesting time era," she says of the Edwardian setting. "And the songs are all really good."

It's also Matthew Larlee's first crack at taking centre stage. The Gr. 8 student plays the jack-of-all-trades Bert.

Larlee says it's been a blast working with a cast and crew of 70 kids to bring this story to life.

"[I enjoy most] where you have to have everybody come together for the show," he says. "I think that's my favourite part of these plays."

The school puts on a big musical production every other year, says producer Theresa Klassen.

"We are always looking for shows that have a high number of ensemble roles so that we can involve as many students as possible," she explains.

"Students may not always remember the academic experiences in school, but we feel that they will always re-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Mary Poppins and Bert (Christina Klassen and Matthew Larlee), strike a pose at rehearsals for Parkland Elementary School's upcoming production of *Mary Poppins Jr.*

member the excitement and camaraderie they felt while preparing and performing a great musical show.

"We also like to do shows that have lots of great chorus numbers so we can really have fun with the singing and dancing," Klassen adds, noting there's certainly no shortage of either

in *Mary Poppins Jr.*

Shows run nightly at the school at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for students at the door or in advance at the school office.

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The Winkler Festival of the Arts wrapped up its vocal/choral sessions last week with a celebration concert that featured performances from standout entries such as the Parkland School Gr. 4 choir (left), soloist Lauren Ginter (right), and the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Senior Choir (below).

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Youth singers shine at festival

The Winkler Festival of the Arts vocal and choral sessions wrapped up with a celebration concert April 12.

The two-day festival saw young singers take the stage at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall on their own and as part of their school choirs to receive feedback on their performances from adjudicator Rick Heppner-Mueller.

The wrap-up concert saw standouts from the sessions take the stage, including Lauren Ginter, Kiana Ens, Katrina Banman, the Parkland School Gr. 4 Choir, and the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Senior Choir.

The evening also included a guest performance from Grace and Orlando Sukkau.

Earning festival trophies was Maria Bergen, who took home the Southland Honda Award for best vocal performance in the 12 and under age group, and James Bergen, who won both the Leatherdale Insurance award for best performance from a singer 14 years and over and the Justina Wiebe Trophy for best overall vocal performance.

Bergen also received two provincial recommendations for his singing, including one in the vocal solo category and another in musical theatre.

Scholarships were also handed out to Katrina Banman, Lauren Ginter, Desirae Klassen, Kiana Ens, and the NPC Senior Choir.

The Winkler Festival of the Arts continues this week, with piano sessions running at the concert hall



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PHAC serving up art and chili

By Lorne Stelmach

It's an annual event that serves dual purposes for the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

The chili bowl fundraiser involves and promotes the work of local artists while also raising funds for the organization.

"The fundraising is very important because we are a non-profit," programs and outreach coordinator Tricia Dyck said of the supper set for May 5 at 6 p.m. at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

"Everybody who comes out to support the art gallery in turn helps the community because we are able to have more programs, more events and just be able to collaborate with artists from all over the region."

This is the 10th year for the chili bowl fundraiser, which usually brings in around \$1,000.

Dyck said it has been a popular event built around the idea of enjoying some homemade chili in a unique homemade pottery bowl which you then get to take home with you.

"Our local artists have donated ... they make pottery specially for this event, so everybody gets to take home a unique piece every year," she said. "I've heard that people are collecting the bowls from this fundraiser."

The evening will include contributions from Thousand Hills Ranch, Giant Tiger, Co-op and Loaf and Ladle Cafe and Bakeshop, and musical entertainment from Joel and Erin Klassen.

"We'll have a Cinco de Mayo theme, so the decor and decorations will have a fiesta flavour," said Dyck.

Seating is limited. Tickets are available at the downtown gallery for \$35 each.

Morden Lions give back



By Lorne Stelmach

Proceeds from the Morden Lions Club annual toy show last month are going back into the community.

The service organization on Friday presented \$700 each to Katie Cares and to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation for the children's rehab ward.

"We usually choose two places to divvy up our money ... usually geared towards supporting children in our area," said club president Shannon Dueck.

Nancy Klassen, client services manager for the children and youth rehab services program at BTHC, expressed thanks for the support.

"We're very grateful for the generosity of our community agencies, and the Lions in particular have been a supporter of our programs throughout the years," she said. "This will go towards buying equipment that we will use in our therapy program here for children and youth."

Ruth Reimer of Katie Cares and the Katie's Cottage respite home said all donations from the community mean



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Morden Lions Club members Sandra Lawrence, Ron Peters, Shannon Dueck, and Rob Lawrence presented donations of \$700 each to Boundary Trails Health Centre to client services manager Nancy Klassen (above, centre) for children's rehab services and Katie Cottage's Ruth Reimer (left, centre) last week.

a lot to them.

"We really appreciate every donation that comes in. It means that this community, the Lions, are a part of us. They are a part of this whole building."

Reimer noted the money would go towards care bags for kids.

"We are in four hospitals right now

in the province," she said. "We're proud to be able to give that to the kids ... these bags have become so important to the hospital, to the staff. Kids come in with a lot of fear and anxiety about being in the hospital, now they don't have to have so much fear and anxiety."



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Back 40 hosts The 70s Show at Kenmor April 28

The Back 40 Folk Festival's lone fundraiser of the year is taking place at

the Kenmor Theatre in Morden next week.

On Saturday, April 28 at 7 p.m., the festival brings The 70s Show to the

stage, featuring tributes to the biggest musicians of the decade.

"We do one fundraiser a year and this is it," says festival chair Jenessa Kehler, stressing the money raised from the popular concert makes up a significant slice of the festival's budget each year.

The 70s Show has been going on for about 20 years, making it a few years younger than the festival itself, which celebrates its 29th year this summer on June 3.

When it first began, the show focused on the hits of the '60s, but organizers have in recent years found '70s music really resonates with local concert-goers, Kehler says.

"People love the nostalgia of it," she says. "Love hearing the stuff they listened to when they were younger."

"And for the newer generation, this kind of stuff is becoming more popular for them as well," Kehler adds. "It's sort of something for everybody in that way."

The performer line-up includes a host of local artists, including Ed Wayne, Jayme Giesbrecht, The Committee, Paige Drobot, Lorretta Thorlielsen, The Bare Yogis, Steve Dueck, Jenessa Kehler, and many more.

They'll be playing chart-toppers from The Doors, Burton Cummings, Elton John, Don Williams, Janis Ian, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Jackson 5, and Paul McCartney, and Wings.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at Whitecap Coffee in Winkler, Thornview Grocery in Morden, or by contacting the Back Forty Folk Festival at back40folkfest.com.

Since going on sale a few weeks ago, tickets have already been selling pretty quickly, so Kehler urges anyone who wants to come to get theirs sooner rather than later.

Meanwhile, with two months to go until festival weekend, planning for the event is in the home stretch.

"We have all of our acts booked and we're going to announce them at The 70s Show," Kehler says, adding they'll also have this year's Fill the Bowl ticket bundles available for purchase at the concert. Once again, \$150 gets you a block of 10 entry passes (\$15 per pass). Otherwise, festival tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate.

"So the fundraiser is a good chance to snap up some of those tickets," she says.

For more on the Back 40 Folk Festival, including the entertainment line-up once it's announced next week, head online to back40folkfest.com.

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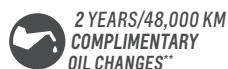
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Flyers hopefuls come out to spring camp

Team Blue's Spencer Kaminski tries to take puck possession away from Team White's Matty Harold at the Winkler Flyers' Spring Showcase game Friday night. The training camp, which ran from Friday through Sunday, gave young prospects the chance to show the junior team's coaching staff that they have what it takes to be considered for the 2018 MJHL Bantam Draft in June. The Flyers also hosted a fundraising barbecue in support of the SJHL's Humboldt Broncos on Saturday, raising nearly \$7,000 for the victims and families of the fatal Saskatchewan bus accident. Winkler Co-op has committed to matching that amount.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE



Esso Cup proceeds continue to benefit community

By Lorne Stelmach

Local hockey players have the Esso Cup to thank for their improved digs at the Access Event Centre.

Legacy funds from Morden playing host to the national AAA female hockey championship last year helped pay for recent upgrades.

The City of Morden worked in partnership with Morden Minor Hockey to construct cubbies in the Co-op Gold Arena dressing rooms and all the referee rooms.

"This project was started with building the cubbies in the Huron Window Corporation Arena in preparation for the Esso Cup," noted Clare Agnew, director of community services. "At the end of the event, when there was a financial legacy, it made sense to make these available in both arenas.

"Morden Minor Hockey was a major contributor to the project," she said, adding that "the cubbies add so much to both the look and feel of the dressing rooms. The kids feel like professionals when they can walk into each room and sit in their own stall."

"It's also easier for the coaches and parents to move around when things are organized and not all over the floor and falling behind benches," added Steve Mullin, president of Morden Minor Hockey.

Jerry Fehr of JMF Construction completed the work in both arenas and donated the time and materials to complete dressing room six in the Huron Arena.

"It's great to partner with local groups and businesses to improve the facility," said Agnew.



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Funds from last year's Esso Cup helped pay for recent improvements to the Co-op Gold Arena dressing rooms and referee rooms.



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Former Winkler Flyers player and Morden native Scott Gall was named the top freshmen hockey player and top male freshman athlete overall at the Lakehead University 2018 athletic awards.

Gall shines at Lakehead U

By Lorne Stelmach

A Mordenite had a strong first season of university hockey out east in Ontario.

Scott Gall, a first year student at Lakehead University, received two honours recently at the school's annual athletics awards, being named not only top freshman for the Lakehead Timberwolves hockey team but also the school's top male freshman athlete overall.

"I'm extremely happy with the award ... it's pretty surprising," Gall said of receiving the double honours from the university in Thunder Bay.

In his first season there, the former Winkler Flyer led the team in scoring 15 goals and 11 assists for 26 points in 37 games.

He earned praise for his role as a power forward and a consistent scorer with the majority of his goals coming from the hard areas around the net.

Gall contributes by using his size and ability to get into the tight scoring areas.

"I think I work pretty hard, and I'm also a pretty positive guy," he suggested.

The 6'2" 200-pound winger played four seasons for the Flyers. His final two years were quite productive as he tallied 61 points in 56 games in 2015-16 followed by a 50-point campaign in just 44 contests last season—enough to lead his team in scoring despite missing 16 games.

Gall felt he has made the transition to university hockey quite well.

"What really stood out to me is the physicality and the time you have to make plays is cut down a lot ... and there's a lot more going on all over the ice.

"The lineups are a lot deeper down to the fourth line," he added. "It's all pretty even. You don't even really have a weak line, it's all guys who can really skate and all guys who can really make plays and shoot."

Gall, who is studying business, said he looks forward to seeing what the team can do next year after having lost their Ontario west division quarter-final to the York Lions in three games.

"We're pretty young right now ... but I think we have a lot of potential for next year. It's looking really good."

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Most of us wouldn't hesitate to see a doctor about abdominal or chest pain and yet we are inclined to ignore dental or oral problems until pain leaves us no choice. Is that because we're afraid that treatments will be painful or costly? In order to raise awareness about how important oral health is to our general well-being, April has been designated National Oral Health Month by the Canadian Dental Association.

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Janzen Chevrolet collecting hockey sticks for Humboldt

By Lorne Stelmach

What's become a symbol of support for the Humboldt Broncos is now being turned into financial support for the junior hockey team and its community.

Janzen Chevrolet is running a campaign where they are donating \$100 for every donated hockey stick up to a \$10,000 target.

Their aim is to generate \$5,000 at both the Winkler and Carman dealerships through the campaign that

will be running until the end of the month. Donated sticks will be given to local hockey programs.

Paul Janzen said they saw a similar fundraising effort done by dealership in Calgary, and they saw this as a good way of "getting people involved locally."

"We would like to do something for the Broncos, but at the same time we would like to have some community

support," he said. "For us, it's symbolic ... it's the symbol of the community making the effort."

Canadians have been paying to tribute to the 16 killed in the bus crash involving the Broncos by leaving hockey sticks on their front porches, and this offers a way to go a step further with it, added Shirley Janzen.

"If you drive around the community, you actually do see many homes that have sticks out there ... now we want to encourage people to bring those sticks

here and turn those sticks into a donation," she said.

"When something like this happens ... a lot of people can relate to it ... there's a lot of people who are hockey people, and they've grown up around hockey," she added. "When something heartbreaking like this happens, you just wonder what can we do that would show them our support ... we wanted to do something."

"FOR US, IT'S SYMBOLIC ... OF THE COMMUNITY MAKING THE EFFORT."

Broncos benefit events planned for April 28

By Lorne Stelmach

A Mordenite in his first season in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League is working with family and friends back home here to do his part in support of the Humboldt Broncos.

Cade Kowalski, who shared league rookie of the year honours in his first campaign with the Weyburn Red Wings, is involved with a fundraising barbecue and a steak, sud, and spud fundraiser next Saturday.

Like so many others across the nation, Kowalski was moved to do something to help in the wake of the bus accident that claimed the lives of 16 Broncos players and staff.

"It did hit pretty close to home," he added, noting he had some interaction with a couple members of the team in his time out west. "I played with a couple of them actually for a weekend ... I shared an award with another guy who played on that team."

"All the guys on that team were so nice, and it's just really so sad what happened."

The April 28th activities kick off with a fundraising barbecue and public skating by donation from noon to 2 p.m. at the Access Event Centre.

People are encouraged to come wearing hockey jerseys. A group photo planned as well as an opportunity to paint your message to the Broncos on the ice after the public skate.

The evening will then feature a steak, spud and sud at Rocks Bar and Grill from 5-8 p.m. for \$30 followed by a social evening for \$10 from 9 p.m. on. Tickets are available by texting or calling Kowalski at 204-823-2499.

The idea for all this arose when Kowalski was at a recent hockey tournament here where a number of people quickly chipped in \$500 for him to donate, knowing that he knew a couple guys on the Humboldt team.

"That gave me the idea that maybe there's more that we could do here," said Kowalski, adding a number of people stepped up to help organize the day, including his father Lee and teammate Garrett Szeremley, who is also from this area.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Henry Blatz, Shirley Janzen and Paul Janzen want you to bring your hockey sticks down to Janzen Chevrolet in Winkler or Carman this month. Each donated stick will result in a \$100 donation for the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team and community.

"My dad started getting things rolling ... and so many businesses all around here in Morden and Winkler are helping out so much. It's absolutely amazing," he said.

"It's absolutely amazing with all of

the NHL teams getting involved, and everyone from all around the world even ... places you wouldn't expect ... it's pretty awesome how everyone is getting together and helping out Humboldt and the families involved."

Locals honoured

A couple of locals came home from the Basketball Manitoba Awards Saturday with accolades.

Garden Valley Collegiate student Talia Peters received one of four \$1,000 Donovan Gayle Scholarships.

The award recognizes players who best represent Gayle's attributes of strength, resilience, positive attitude and perseverance.

This year's Jim Bulloch Coaching Award went to Morden Collegiate's Ashley Hoitink.

The award annually provides a basketball coach with financial sup-

port to allow them to upgrade their knowledge and expertise in basketball which will directly impact on player and program development.

The awards weekend also included several all-star games featuring local players, including GVC's Ryan Giesbrecht, who was named one of the AAAA Boys Players of the Game.

Also playing on all-star teams were GVC's Laney Harder, Talia Peters, and Tiago Oliveira, NPC's Mikayla Funk, and Morden Collegiate's Madison Wood.



Supporting Humboldt

People across Canada and right here in Morden-Winkler wore their hockey jerseys last Thursday in memory of the victims of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash. At left: A good portion of the Northlands Parkway Collegiate student body and staff took part. "We want to show our support for the Broncos community as they grieve and heal," said vice principal Jeff Osinski.

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Agassiz clinic issues walking challenge

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Agassiz Medical Centre has issued a challenge to its staff and patients.

The Morden clinic hopes to get enough people involved in its 2018 Walking Challenge to cumulatively hoof it all the way to Syndey Mines, Nova Scotia and back.

That's over 9.8 million steps, but organizer Brent Gouthro, a nurse practitioner at the clinic, is confident they can do it, especially with the community's help.

"I've expanded it to include patients, anybody that attends the clinic," he said. "With the weather changing, it's a great time to get people moving and hopefully it will spill over into the rest of the summer for people."

Gouthro picked up the torch in organizing this challenge from the late Dr. Bob Menzies, who for years had set up internal staff competitions to encourage healthier living.

"It's always been a fun way to bring staff morale up and have some friendly competition," Gouthro said. "In the spirit of that, I decided to keep it going ... it's another way to think about Bob a little bit."

Running from May 1 to June 30, participants are encouraged to walk as much as they can, tracking their steps via pedometers or smart phone apps, or figuring it out the old-fashioned way.

"You walk for 30 minutes, that's about 4,000 steps. You walk a mile, that's 2,000 steps," Gouthro said, adding registered participants will

receive several handouts outlining how to tally up steps or convert other activities into steps.

The clinic also has a limited number of pedometers it can give away to participants in need of them.

All participants are asked to stop by the clinic to sign-up for the program and then keep weekly totals of their activity.

Walkers can submit those totals online by registering at worldwalking.org (create a profile and then join the group called Walking Agassiz Medical Centre). Or, if you're not tech savvy, you can drop off your tally sheet at the clinic at the end of each week.

Everyone who logs in any amount of steps in any given week—be it virtually or by dropping off their sheets—will be entered to win a weekly Cof-fee Culture gift card.

And those who walk 50,000 steps

or more over the course of the two months will be entered to win one of several community challenge grand prizes, including a FitBit and prize packages from Cof-fee Culture and CrossFit Morden.

"It may seem like a lot of steps, but it really is not when you break it down," Gouthro said. "Some people, without much effort, can do 8,000, 10,000 steps a day. And you've got 60 days to do this."

The amount of steps you take is really less important, though, than the fact you're getting your butt off the couch in the first place.

"No matter what your ability is, just do what you can," Gouthro said.

"Don't think you have to be the one that's walking 10 million steps or whatever. Whatever you can do is better than nothing."

"You've got aches and pains? A good way to help manage that is to get the endorphins going with physical activity ... that helps reduce your pain."

Gouthro hopes this challenge will lead to an uptick in the number of people you see out and

about on the local walking paths and hiking trails.

"I think it speaks well of your town if people are out being active," he said. "Active communities are healthy communities."

"WITH THE WEATHER CHANGING, IT'S A GREAT TIME TO GET PEOPLE MOVING ..."

Minnewasta camping reservations now online

Campers can now go online this year to reserve their spots at Lake Minnewasta.

The City of Morden has introduced online booking to make camping reservations easier and faster.

"This new online booking system will eliminate the wait time for our customers," said campground manager Lisa Krueger.

"Up until this year, customers would

either email me or leave a phone message and I would get back to them in the order that the requests would come in," she explained. "Each booking I did was a process and would take time, so it did take me a day or more to get back to all the people and get them booked into a site."

The city hopes this new system will improve wait times and site selections, noted Clare Agnew, director of

community services.

"The booking system is used at other campsites in the area and it seems to work well," she said.

There are 336 camping sites within the Lake Minnewasta Recreation Area split into five areas, with another 15 unserviced overflow sites.

Campsites can be reserved online at mordenmb.com starting May 1.

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PJ Party next Friday

By Lorne Stelmach

Families are again invited to a community pajama party in support of the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre.

The PJ Jam family dance takes place next Friday, April 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Morden Legion.

"We do this every year just to have some fun together," said co-ordinator Janine North, calling it another way for them to involve and engage the community with the centre.

"It's a chance for families to come together," she added, noting there will be popcorn and refreshments as well as music and a bedtime story for just \$5 per child. "We'll also be doing some group sing-alongs and dances as well."

The event provides a minor amount of fundraising, but it is more about the fellowship, North noted.

"All of our programs are free to everyone in the community, so this just helps cover a little bit of that cost," she said. "It's also another chance for people to come and familiarize themselves with the parent and child resource centre."

Located in Boundary Trails Place, the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre offers a variety of programs for children and their caregivers, most of them for free.

The Kids in the Kitchen program, which does have a registration cost, is a hugely popular one of the centre's offerings. Other programs include ArtRageous, a program for children aged three to five, Let's Make Music, a music-themed play program targeting pre-schoolers and toddlers, and Stay and Play, a drop-in relationship building play time.

"We've been developing a few other new programs over the last couple



VOICE FILE PHOTO

This year's PJ Jam family dance takes place in Morden April 27.

months as well," said North, noting the example of an inter-generational program at Tabor Home.

"I think it's been a very positive community-building experience,"

she suggested.

You can find out more about the centre's programs and activities through its Facebook page.

DKSM hosting Cadenza fundraising concert

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming house concert in Winkler will raise funds for the Cadenza summer music week program.

The May 5 show at the home of Keith and Karen Kuhl will feature Natalie Dawe performing on cello alongside her father Dr. Edmund Dawe on piano.

The Winnipeg-based cellist has been teaching here with the Douglas Kuhl School of Music for the past three years and actually approached local organizers about doing a fundraiser for Cadenza, said program director Rochelle Drudge.

"It speaks to her dedication to our community," Drudge said, adding that Dawe commutes from Winnipeg two days a week to teach cello students in Morden and also lead one of the school's string ensembles.

"She has connected strongly with our community. She is a very good teacher and is very appreciated by her students and is supportive of the vision of encouraging young musicians."

Dawe said that she welcomes the chance to give her time because she feels "extremely fortunate to teach through the Douglas Kuhl School of Music."

"Since the fall of 2015, I wanted to find a fun way to give back to this very supportive community that has

provided countless invaluable experiences for many teachers and students," she said. "Not only will this concert raise money for DKSM's Cadenza Summer Music Week, but the preparation has kept me motivated in my own playing, allowing me to lead by example for local aspiring musicians. I also get to collaborate with my father, which is always very special."

Drudge added that it is meaningful for them to see her wanting to give back in this way and that they support the goal of "inspiring kids and giving opportunities to kids in rural communities where those opportunities

aren't necessarily there.

"This is over and above ... she's connected with the families, and she gives of herself," said Drudge, who added it is also significant to have the Kuhls hosting the concert.

"They've been such strong supporters of our music school," she said, explaining the Kuhl Foundation as well as Keith and Karen Kuhl through Southern Potato have been their music school's strongest supporters.

In fact, Dawes' teaching is supported directly by the Kuhl Foundation, as they provide a grant for her mileage support.

Dawes' father is an equally talented musician and is retiring from his position as the dean of music at the University of Manitoba after this school year.

"They will be sharing a very high calibre concert," said Drudge, adding the semi-formal evening will include hors d'oeuvres, wine, and dessert.

There were still about 25 tickets left as of Monday. They can be purchased for \$100 online before April 25 at www.cadenzasummertime.com/may-5-fundraising-concert.

You can also donate directly to Cadenza at the above website.

Morden to mark Mental Health Week

By Lorne Stelmach

A variety of speakers, workshops and activities will mark Mental Health Week in Morden next month

The events set for May 7-13 are part of the 67th annual awareness week in Canada, with the additional milestone of it being the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

The campaign has been organized to help the public be inspired, active, and educated for mental health, said recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck, noting one in five Canadians are living with mental health problems, mental illnesses, or addictions.

"It's a growing health crisis, so I think it's important to draw attention to it and reduce the stigma around it," she said.

The City of Morden with the support of the Interagency Committee is planning a number of events highlighted by a feature speaker who has overcome incredible life challenges to bring a message of hope and resilience.

The keynote speaker Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at the Access Event Centre will be Kevin Rempel, who has not only faced losing his father to suicide but becoming paralyzed himself as a result of an accident.

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"IT'S A GROWING HEALTH CRISIS ..."

Agriculture

Imperial Seed helps farmers grow alternative crops

By Harry Siemens

Located in Winnipeg, Imperial Seed Ltd. is primarily focused on seed multiplication of forage and turf species. The company operates an accredited seed processing facility and works with Western Canadian farmers to ensure quality seed for domestic and international markets.

In 2017, the company made its most significant move and expansion to 8040 Park Royale Way in the Centre-Port area of the city.

The new space gives the company a 20-acre open area—up from the two acres at the old place—and also doubles their warehouse space and capacity.

“The key part is our forage and turf seed industries with lots of different crop production opportunities for producers across Western Canada,” said president and owner Kurt Shmon. “We contract all through Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba and our crops are competitive so we’re expanding our surface area and our exports. We’re also now a wholesaler-retailer of forage turf seed and cover crop seeds in western Canada. The timing was right for us to make a move.”

Shmon works directly with farmers to obtain seed multiplication contracts from around the world, bringing their parented seed back to Canada and then producing the seed and preparing it for shipment back around the world.

“Currently Imperial exports to over 26 different countries around the world,” he said. “Many people recognize that Canada is great to produce seed. Exporting to more than 26 countries means 26 different countries that have faith in shipping their parenthood seed here to Canada for us to multiply and then shipped back to their homeland.”

He said Canada’s currency also plays a huge role in attracting other countries to come here for seed production. Environmental conditions play a role, the quality of seed growers in western Canada, and some of the stiffest regulations to make certified seed.

“We’ve got some of the best seed growers in western Canada,” Shmon

said.

He purchased Imperial Seed in 2008, adding some new blood into the 50-year-old company and taking it from mainly a Manitoba business to one whose reach extends across western Canada.

“We try to provide producers across western Canada with alternative crops like perennial ryegrass, tall fescue, meadow fescue, alfalfa, Timothy, and the whole family of clovers. We’re providing producers across western Canada with alternative crops,” said Shmon. “We probably produce in the area of about 9 to 10 different species, but out of that 9 to 10 different species we probably deal with about 40 to 50 different varieties.”

Shmon said perennial ryegrasses are an excellent alternative crop, re-

ferring to an example where producers near Carman that grossed over \$1,000 an acre in 2017.

Following trade shows like Ag Days in Brandon, Shmon takes the accumulated names of producers interested in growing their crop kinds and meets with them face to face.

“We’re following up by drinking some of their coffee and sitting across the table from them. It allows for drawing out good questions of each other, opportunity to sit across from each other, answer any questions they may have, and sign on the dotted line. Let’s get this stuff growing,” he said.

He contracts about 80 per cent of their seed business while working with open market purchases for the common alfalfa, common timothy, and the like.

Imperial Seed also owns Integrity Seed Lab, which is an accredited seed testing laboratory performing seed testing for themselves. It is imperative to make sure their seeds are all making the grade for their customers to the different specifications they stand for.

Getting ready to head into full swing seeding in Western Canada, Shmon’s business enjoyed a great year in 2017.

“The saturated grounds that we had in 2016 was a savior as we rolled into ‘17, and with a few timely showers of rain we pulled off one of the best crops that has ever happened in my industry where the grasses and the legumes both yielded far above normal,” he said. “Very happy for ‘17. Very happy for it.”



By Harry Siemens

I remember Elmer Friesen starting a welding shop to make equipment he couldn’t buy, and then when farmers saw how well it worked on Friesen’s farm near Altona, he ended up building prototypes and then actually units for sale.

I love those kinds of stories because I’ve seen Elmer’s Welding turn into Elmer’s Manufacturing, retooling when existing lines of equipment, especially the sugar beet planters and cultivators, stopped selling because the sugar beet industry stopped.

Then Elmer turned his attention to the edible dry bean business as many of those farmers turned from sugar beets to edible dry beans.

Today I see Elmer’s Manufacturing making another transition now under the direction of Elmer’s son Mike.

Elmer’s Manufacturing just bought a 100 per cent stake of Dynamic Ditchers Inc, the manufacturer of the innovative Wolverine Extreme Rotary Ditcher, closing June 1.

The Wolverine Extreme Rotary

Elmer’s keeps growing

Ditcher has established itself as a market leader in innovation, quality, and design which will immediately complement the current offerings from Elmer’s Manufacturing, including the HaulMaster Grain Cart, Super 7 Harrow and Transfer Tracks.

Elmer started his business way back when he needed something for his farm and he now buys a solution another farmer developed for his use.

Dynamic Ditchers started in 1999 with a farmer wanting to close a gap in the current equipment market that provided an improved finish rather than a scraper and better performance than the rotary ditchers that were readily available.

After constant testing and modification on their current farm, they released the first Wolverine Ditcher in 2008.

By the end of 2014 they had sold 275 ditchers worldwide with demand growing.

“Dynamic Ditchers is very pleased with the growth we have experienced especially in the past few years, however, if this growth continues, we would have needed to

expand our facility beyond what we can do with the property we now have,” said co-owner Anthony Vaags. “Elmer’s have an imposing large manufacturing plant, a remarkable engineering team, a wider distribution network and a better parts warehouse that we felt would better serve new and existing customers.

“We would like to thank all our existing customer for helping us grow our company to this point.”

Elmer’s Manufacturing was familiar with the Wolverine Extreme Ditcher as Elmer Friesen had owned a model for many years on his farm.

“We’re extremely excited to help continue the vision of Dynamic Ditchers and to bring another high-quality product into our production and dealer network,” said Mike Friesen, vice-president at Elmer’s Manufacturing. “Anthony and Stan have done a great job building this product to where it is today, and we’re ecstatic to take it to the next level.”

The Wolverine Extreme Rotary Ditcher will continue to be available at existing dealers as well as being available at all Elmer’s dealers.

Steppler Farms receives conservation award

The Pembina Valley Conservation District (PVCD) in partnership with Manitoba Sustainable Development recently presented Steppler Farms near Miami with the PVCD 2018 Conservation Award.

The award, in memory of the late Mike Cabernel, is presented each year to recognize an individual, organization, family or business who actively promotes wise farm management and conservation practices.

Steppler Farms president Ian Steppler, his wife Sandy, and his brothers Geoff, Adam and Andre are third generation farmers.

The farm got its start with their grandfather in 1922 and was carried forward by their parents, Dan and Pat, in 1972.

In 2008, the farm was restructured into a company and has since expanded into a grain, cattle and bee-keeping operation.

The Stepplers crop 3,500 acres of land, calve 500 head of purebred Charolais cattle, and manage a 1,200 hive apiary.

The farm's enterprises are distinctly separate from one another, yet the interaction between the three is what makes this farm unique and provides an advantage moving forward.

"We make an effort to manage our lands according to our soil types and soil risk zones," said Ian Steppler. "The topography of our farm's landscape is extremely diverse as we manage the land up top around Deerwood, all the way down the hills of the Pembina Escarpment, to the heavy flatlands around Miami.

"We deal with hilltop wind erosion, hillside water erosion, wetland/muskeg maintenance, heavy flat land and salinity. A third of our farm is zero till,

"WE MAKE A POINT OF PROVIDING PLACES WITHIN OUR FARM WHERE WEEDS CAN GROW AS BEE FOOD."

a third is minimal tillage and a third is conventional tillage, all depending on the soil and land type."

The large cattle herd is grazed on the marginal lands, which are cared for in specific ways to maintain the integrity of the soil and plant health.

The pastures are fenced off into paddocks and are rotationally grazed, which manages the grass growth and creates healthy roots. Because of the pasture rotation, the diversity of the growing plants are able to establish and survive throughout the grazing year. The clover and grasses maintain a symbiotic relationship within the pastures which complements each other's growth.

With this availability of all types of clover, honey bee hives around the perpetually flowering pastures flourish from this available food source.

"Because of our honey bee enterprise, our perspective on how agriculture is changing has broadened our perspective and forced us to acknowledge the natural world we are living in," Steppler said. "Balancing the world of business with the basic requirements of nature, which our bees live in, has been a challenging endeavor, almost an impossible venture, but the point is we acknowledge the



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From left: PVCD chair Murray Seymour, winners Ian and Sandy Steppler, Linda VanDeynze, and Cabernel family representative Eric Cabernel at the PVCD 2018 Conservation Award presentation.

problems presented by our changing landscape and we are making an effort to address it.

"Modern day farming practices are farming all places in our natural world. I need places of our natural world to raise our honey bees in, or to the greater extent, we need places of our natural world for the LIFE of nature to live in," he continued "Farmers see anything other than the crops they grow as weeds—beekeepers see these weeds as food.

"Our farm has embraced this modern day farming technology as well, and we also view weeds as weeds, but along with keeping our landscape weed-free, we make a point of providing places within our farm where weeds can grow as bee food."

Throughout the farm there are pockets of wetlands within and

around the fields, trees and shrubs are maintained along the natural waterways as well as a vast 500 acre natural ravine.

Field road allowances are left unsprayed and are only cut after important flowering plants have cycled into maturity, which helps maintain flowering diversity for the bees to forage on.

"As a farmer and beekeeper looking at our changing environment, all I ask of everyone is to simply make an effort to appreciate and maintain little pockets for the natural world to live in," said Steppler, "It's these natural pockets which help keep my bees and nature alive."

—Submitted by the Pembina Valley Conservation District

> MENTAL HEALTH WEEK, FROM PG. 21

In the wake of the accident, Rempel took up sledge hockey and helped Canada earn multiple medals, including gold in the 2013 World Championships and bronze in the 2014 Paralympics.

He has travelled the world and published his biography, *Still Standing - When You Have Every Reason To Give Up, Keep Going*, and his story has been featured on news programs around the world.

An ambassador for RBC and Wings For Life, Rempel still loves to ride his motorcycle and is focused on helping grow the sport of sledge hockey

through his newest venture: the Sledge Hockey Experience.

"I think his message is inspiring people to press on, to find hope and resilience," noted Dueck.

Rempel will share his story and speak on depression and what you can do to fight it. The evening will also include stories from local mental health heroes.

Tickets to the evening are free, but must be reserved in advance.

MORE ACTIVITIES ON TAP

The week will also see a partnership with École Morden Middle

School May 8 in which students will take in two workshops and a keynote presentation at a mental health expo.

There will also be two safeTALKs, which are half-day alertness training workshops that will prepare anyone age 15+, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper.

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce will also host one talk as a lunch and learn Thursday, May 10 with a repeat session on Saturday, May 12.

How Food Impacts Mental Health is another workshop set for Thursday,

May 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. that will be led by Kathryn Penner, a dietician and educator with Southern Health.

As well, several physical activity workshops are planned, as staying active is proven to be of benefit to mental health. These include a mindful triathlon, hoop jam, cardio drumming, yoga, tai chi and sledge hockey clinics. These workshops are free, but do require registration.

You can find a complete schedule of events and register online at mordenmb.com/mentalhealthweek. Or contact Dueck at 204-822-5431 or sdueck@mordenmb.com.

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Fun By The Numbers

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Genus of beetles
 - Time units (abbr.)
 - Fiddler crabs
 - Remove weapons from
 - Express delight
 - Energy
 - Roman general
 - Returned material authorization (abbr.)
 - Mortgage group (abbr.)
 - Parts
 - Leavened bread cooked in a clay oven
 - Type of cloth
 - Frankness
 - Causes disgust or hatred
 - A member of the British order of honor
 - Folk singer Di Franco
 - One's looks
 - Provokes
 - Partner of flow
 - Japanese warrior
 - Easy to perceive
 - Meet with one's agreement
 - Bird's jaw
 - Ballplayer accessory
 - Sword
 - Swiss river
 - Comedienne Gasteyer
 - Beat icon Ginsberg
 - Clinches a victory
 - Split lentils
 - Jewish spiritual leader
 - Book of the Bible (abbr.)
 - Electronic warfare-support measures
 - Fibrous plant material
- CLUES DOWN**
- Annoy
 - Two-toed sloth

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- Precipitation
- Barbary sheep
- Large stinging paper wasp
- Balkan country
- ___ Doherty, actress
- Arm bones
- Women's undergarment
- Genus of dabbling ducks
- Newts
- Sound unit
- Dab
- Puzzlement
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Actress Ling
- Natural solid material
- Burmese ethnic group
- Puts within
- Belonging to us
- They ___
- One of twelve sons of Jacob
- Grab a seat
- Rich fabric
- Fruits
- Very fast airplane
- Large primates
- Flammable jelly
- Less common
- Supplements with difficulty
- Chinese automotive company
- Every one of two or more things
- Swiss river
- Speak incessantly
- Italian Island
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Barb Dyck
Senior Election Official (S.E.O.)
City of Winkler

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CITY OF WINKLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2212-18, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2212-18, is to zone the land described below, Namely: **Lot 1, Plan No. (Dep. 1743-2017) MLTO in the NE ¼ 34-2-4 WPM**

as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE
TO: "MG" INDUSTRIAL GENERAL ZONE, AND
"MB" INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2212-18, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 29th day of March, 2018.
Designated Officer
City of Winkler



SCHEDULE "A"
To By-Law 2212-18

CAREERS

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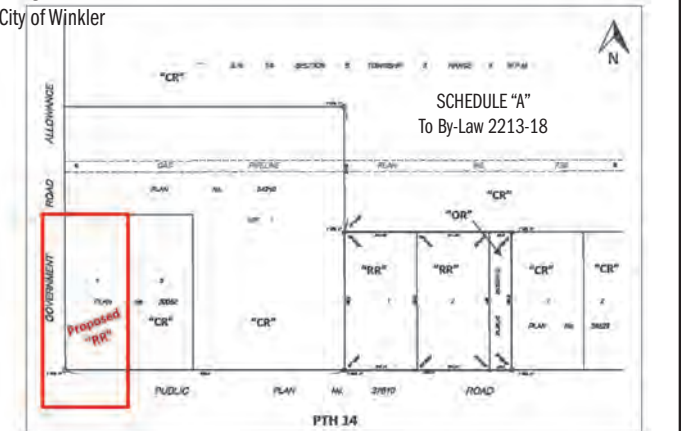
The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2213-18, is to zone the land described below, Namely: **13015 Road 23 West, legally described as Lot 1, Plan 30052 MLTO in the SW ¼ 8-3-4 WPM** as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE
TO: "RR" RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2213-18, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

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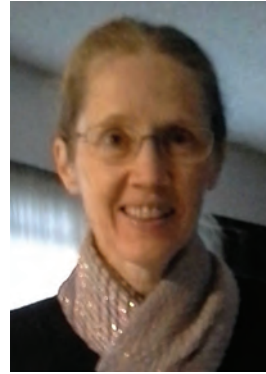
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OBITUARY

Susie Wiebe (nee Wiebe) 1964 – 2018



On Wednesday, April 11, 2018 Susie Wiebe of Manitou, MB. departed peacefully to go dance with her beloved saviour Jesus. She was 53 years old.

She will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed by her husband, David Wiebe and sons, Ezra and Titus.

She is survived by nine brothers, three sisters and their families, her husband's family: parents Abe and Tina Wiebe, three brothers, one sister and their families.

She was predeceased by her parents, David S Wiebe (2016), Aganetha Wiebe (2015), and one brother, Peter A Wiebe (2016).

Susie was born in Winkler, MB. to David S and Aganetha Wiebe on October 16, 1964. She grew up near Gnadenthal, MB. where she got her education up to grade eight. Susie always thoroughly enjoyed school.

As a young adult, Susie ventured out on her own. She continued her education and worked at Friesen's in Altona and at the Met, before finding her niche as a Tupperware Dealer. Her passion for this was apparent, causing her to excel; quickly becoming a very sought-after dealer in southern Manitoba. She enjoyed travelling and found a few opportunities to do so over the years. Feeling led to contribute to the lives of others, Susie became the song leader for a home school group, did some tutoring and was the secretary for Faith Mission. This was where she worked alongside David, and a friendship was formed. While she was living at Ens Court in Winkler in August of 1997, David caught her by surprise at her door, asking if she was willing to "share her friendship with him". Her response: "That's what I was waiting for!" After enjoying a beautiful evening walk together; before parting ways David asked if they could kneel together and dedicate their union to the Lord. Knowing that in doing this, their future together would lack nothing. This was followed by a beautiful eight-month courtship, culminating into marriage on March 28, 1998. They resided on a farm near Manitou; where to this day they enjoyed the many blessings of their life together. Including the wonderful addition of their boys: Ezra David on December 27, 1999 and Titus Abraham on October 16, 2004. They were married for 20 years, 14 days.

The core strength of their family grew as they continued to discover the knowledge of the freedom and truth found in God's Word.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 at the Winkler Mennonite Church with interment prior at the Darlingford Cemetery.

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OBITUARY

Agatha Peters (nee Krahn) 1943 – 2018



On Friday, April 6, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Agatha Peters aged 74 years of Schanzenfeld, MB went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing her beloved husband, Cornelius; three daughters, Agatha and Henry Wiebe and their family of Winkler, Judy Peters of Winnipeg, Anne and John Denheyer of Prince Edward Island; two sons, Peter and Kathy Peters and their family of Schanzenfeld, Henry Peters of Winkler as well as six sisters, five brothers, numerous sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and their families.

She was predeceased by her parents, Gerhard and Judith Krahn, one sister, two brothers, one daughter-in-law, two sisters-in-law, one nephew and by her parents-in-law, Cornelius and Anna Peters.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the Winkler Reinland Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Agatha's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to Palliative Care.

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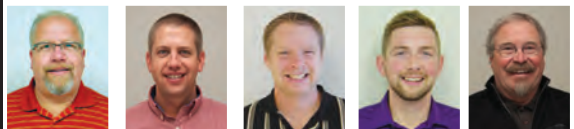
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