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The Selo Ukrainian Dancers offered a lively, colourful display Saturday as part of the We Are The World concert Saturday at St. Paul's United Church in Morden. See the story on Pg. 3 of this week's Voice.

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Winkler chamber hands out honours

Award recipients give thanks to the community

By Lorne Stelmach

As much as the evening honoured the five recipients of the 2018 P.W. Enns Business Awards Thursday, it was also the community itself that shared the spotlight.

The annual gala of the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce saw all of the award winners offer their thanks and praise for the community in making it all possible for them.

"This career is extremely rewarding, and this community has been fantastic to us," said Dr. Jacqueline Enns of the Winkler Veterinary Clinic, which received the business excellence award.

The other honours included the business builder award for Heat Innovations Inc., customer service award for Other Brother Roasters, not for profit award for the Winkler Day Care Centre and community builder award for the Central Station Community Centre.

The Winkler Vet Clinic continues to grow and expand what it can offer in terms of services and procedures, and Enns gave credit to her three partners as well as their staff and families.

"It is certainly a team effort. Everything we do is all about team, and for us, a huge part of that team is the caregiver," said Enns. "For me, I feel every day like I am partnering with my clients, who over the years have truly become my best friends."

Accepting the community builder award, Central Station Community Centre executive director Bev Wiebe said it was meaningful for them to know their work in the community is valued.

"At Central Station, we want to serve and love on our community, putting



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Receiving the 2018 P.W. Enns Business Awards were Ladawn Neufeld and Lenora Fassett of the Winkler Day Care Centre, Dr. Jacqueline Enns of the Winkler Veterinary Clinic, Erin Plett of Other Brother Roasters, Bev Wiebe and Krista Rempel of Central Station Community Centre and Ryan, Colton and Braeden Wall of Heat Innovations.

people at the heart of everything that we do," she said.

Wiebe called it a privilege to be part of such a great community was grateful for the hundreds of volunteers who are involved.

"It is exciting to be part of an organization that gives a voice to the voiceless and dignity, respect and hope to those who are disadvantaged," she said. "We want to continue working in collaboration with the many supportive agencies in our community to advocate for changes and improve quality of life."

Giving thanks for the business builder award, Heat Innovations operations manager Colton Wall shared the honour with everyone from president Ryan Wall for his leadership to all of their staff, adding that "each and every one of them is valued and crucial to our operations.

"To us, this award shows that our company has made an impact in our community. Through many obstacles, we have grown, matured and rose to new heights," said

Wall. "I can't think of a better community or place to do this than Winkler ... we look forward to continued growth."

"It's reassuring to know that we are providing a valuable service for those in the Winkler community and surrounding area," said Winkler Day Care Centre director Lenora Fassett in receiving the not for profit award.

"There are many people who have had a part in making the Winkler Day Care Centre the successful facility it is," she stressed, citing all those including the board of directors and the front line staff who "provide the children a safe and loving place for them to grow, learn and have fun.

"We are so fortunate to have long time staff at our centre. They bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and wisdom to our daily program," said Fassett, who also gave "thanks to all the families past and present who have entrusted us with the care of their children and supported our centre."

Receiving the customer service

award, Other Brother Roasters owner Erin Plett noted the important role they can play as a small batch coffee roasting company with a focus on direct trade.

"Direct trade is so vital for all of the coffee farmers as it allows fair working wage, and those farmers work very, very hard ... so we want to make sure that we are specifically sourcing that kind of coffee," she said.

Plett said the award was encouragement for them to keep moving forward, and she was particularly honoured to receive recognition for customer service.

"It is surprising how sharing a simple cup of coffee can connect people ... coffee is such a personal and social product, and it is used in so many different situations in life," she observed.

"Caring about people is what the core value of Other Brothers is ... it's the heartbeat of the company ... from those who grow the coffee all over the world to those who buy our roasted coffee."

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Mordenite finds her passion with Ukrainian dance

By Lorne Stelmach

Amber Bezte's passion for dance began with ballet when she was a child.

It all changed for Bezte though when a member of their church invited her family to a Ukrainian dancing recital.

"My brothers actually were really interested in it ... they were going to join ... I just decided to join too," recalled Bezte, who was called Morden home now for the last five years.

She now has nine years under her belt as a member of the Selo Ukrainian Dancers, who performed as part of the We Are The World concert of the St. Paul's United Church Choir in Morden this past Saturday.

Ukrainian dancing offered Bezte a change from ballet with dancing that was energetic and fast-paced.

"It was really exciting ... the Ukrainian dancing was just amazing to watch," she recalled.

"The boys do crazy jumps, crazy

tricks, and the girls are doing all this spinning ... I was nine or ten at the time, and I was just in awe of it and was thinking 'wow, I wish I could do that'."

The Selo Ukrainian Dancers began just over 30 years ago when Lorraine Boitson set out to provide her young family and others with a Ukrainian cultural experience through the medium of dance.

Starting with an initial group of only nine dancers, the group that was known as the Anola Ukrainian Dancers eventually changed the name to Selo - the Ukrainian word for village, which couldn't be more perfect for a group that had its humble beginnings in the village of Anola.

The group continues to thrive with around 100 young performers overall, covering a wide age range from perhaps five up to 20. Bezte is with the

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Amber Bezte in performance with the Selo Ukrainian Dancers at a recent competition in Brandon.



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The We Are The World concert Saturday in Morden featured not only the Selo Ukrainian Dancers but a performance by the St. Paul's United Church choir.

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• YEAR OF THE BIRD

Wood Ducks on the hunt for spring real estate

By Paul Goossen,
Discovery Nature Sanctuary

Have you ever walked through a wooded area in spring and been surprised to see a pair of ducks standing on a large branch of a tall tree? A closer look tells you they are Wood Ducks on the hunt for a piece of spring real estate.

Wood Duck pairs like to search for tree cavities in the morning. Usually the cavity occurs where a large limb has broken off the main trunk.

Landing on a branch and with the male nearby, the female cranes her neck, looking for an opening, preferably about seven metres off the ground.

Finding one, she visits the site and checks its suitability. There is a good chance she will be back next year, so it better be comfortable!

Once it passes inspection, she settles down to laying and incubating her

eggs. The average clutch size is about a dozen eggs. Returning from a break, the hen may find she has an additional egg in her nest, and over time her clutch seems to grow in number. On the extreme side, the clutch might even reach over 40 eggs. Wood Duck hens like to leave the incubation of their eggs to others, so they sneak into the nests of neighbouring Wood Duck hens and add their eggs to those already in the nest.

After about 30 days the young hatch with a full downy coat and within a day are ready to explore the world.

Their mother calls encouragingly from the ground or a nearby branch and one after another the fluffy ducklings jump safely to the ground. After the last duckling lands, the single parent family marches off to the nearest water hole to find safety and food.

Initially, the ducklings feed mostly on tiny water insects. Later their diet broadens to include plants with a

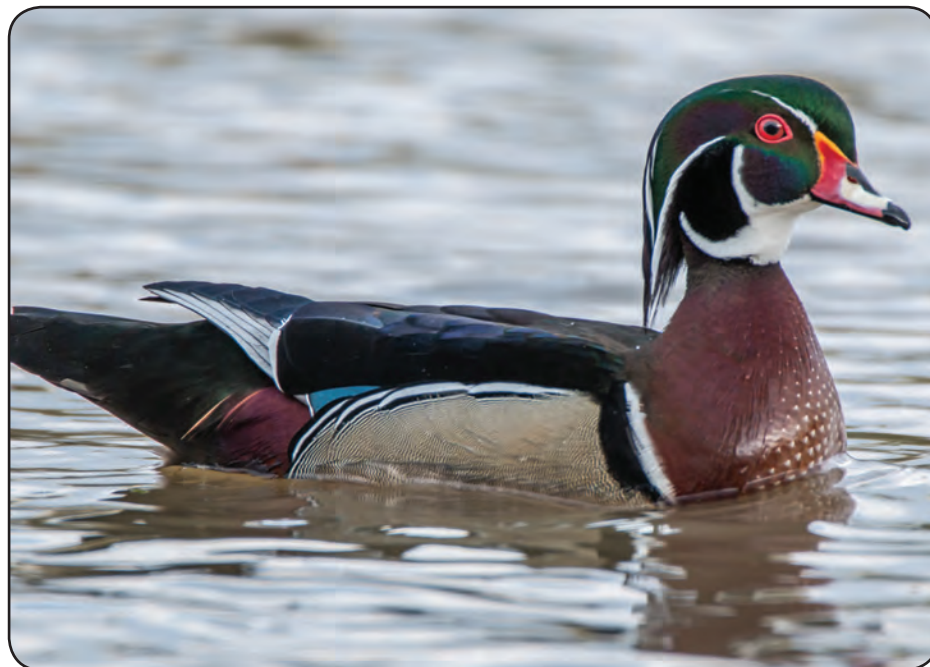


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The male Wood Duck is the most colourful duck in North America.

fondness for acorns.

You can help this duck by setting up a nest box near a wooded stream or pond. With habitat loss, it is important that landowners protect forested creeks and wetlands to provide habitat for Wood Ducks and other wildlife.

If you have never seen a Wood Duck, visit the Discovery Nature Sanctuary

in Winkler and look for them along the wooded creek.

Conservation organizations around the world are marking 2018 as the Year of the Bird in recognition of the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Check out this column each month for a snapshot of the diversity of our local feathered friends.

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Famed Olympian offers perspective

Wickenheiser touches on Humboldt tragedy as part of Winkler address

By Lorne Stelmach

Regarded as one of the best female hockey players in the world, Hayley Wickenheiser came to Winkler last week with a message to inspire.

The decorated Olympian who led Canada to four gold and one silver medal did talk about things like perseverance, but she also addressed perspective, especially in the wake of the tragic accident involving the Humboldt Broncos junior team.

"I think it hit us all very hard," Wickenheiser said in opening her keynote address at the P.W. Enns Business Awards gala of the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce last Thursday.

Having grown up in Saskatchewan, Wickenheiser noted she has had a number of connections to the team over the years, and she noted how closely connected everyone really is when it comes to our game.

"It is a national tragedy. I do feel that way ... I hope I'll never have to experience the grief and the sorrow like that ever again in my life," she said, noting she spent the better part of 10 days there with victims and families.

"But out of that, what I did see was also the best of humanity," she added. "That's the great thing about sport is that it unites us all and it brings us together, even when tragedies like this happen."

Wickenheiser has had a storied career including not only Olympic medals but being named most valuable player in both 2002 and 2006 as well as serving as flag bearer for the Canadian Olympic team in 2014.

Off the ice, her achievements range from being Sports Illustrated number 20 of 25 toughest athletes in the world to multiple times among the Globe and Mail's Power 50 influencers in



sport to also being one of QMI Agency's top 10 greatest female athletes in the history of sports.

She addressed the pressure that comes with something as high profile as being part of the Olympic experience.

"We live in relative anonymity for about three and a half out of four years," she noted. "Our expectation is that of performance on demand ... when you go to the Olympic games, you don't really get a chance to do it over again. You get one chance, and you have to shine, or that's it."

A key to handling it all is learning how to live with and how to handle the expectations, said Wickenheiser, who also addressed the idea of failure.

She recalled her first experience of failure with the Olympics in 1998 in Japan when they lost the gold medal to United States.

Amidst the 'Olympic depression' that followed, her coach at the time gave her a quote that she has since carried with her.

"The gold medal is a wonderful thing, but if you're not enough without it, you'll never be enough with it," she said.

"It was a really good lesson to learn ... for the next four consecutive Olympics, we went on to win gold medals," said Wickenheiser.

"Sometimes you need to hit that failure mark to really realize what it is we need to do to actually have success," she continued, adding as well that "sometimes in life, we need little doses of perspective when we get a little

"WHAT I DID SEE WAS ALSO THE BEST OF HUMANITY ... THAT'S THE GREAT THING ABOUT SPORT IS THAT IT UNITES US ALL AND IT BRINGS US TOGETHER."



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Hayley Wickenheiser took time for photographs and autographs following her Winkler address, in which she touched on such ideas as how "sometimes you need to hit that failure mark to really realize what it is we need to do to actually have success."

caught up in what we do ... it's just a silly game at the end of the day."

Addressing the level of commitment needed, Wickenheiser touched on the heavy intensive training that was involved including the boot camp where the team was tasked with a gruelling bike ride to the top of Apex Mountain at Penticton, B.C.

Then only a few months before the 2014 games, the team suddenly needed a new coach, who turned out to be recently fired NHL bench boss Kevin Dineen, and Wickenheiser reflected on the lessons learned.

"We talked a lot about leadership, and Kevin always talked about your role ... no matter what your role is, you're going to have to accept it and you're going to have to blossom," she said, noting how that came into play when they came from behind late in the gold medal final to beat the United States in overtime. "This was our Apex Mountain."

Wickenheiser finally touched on a few life principles she has come to believe including that you need to "con-

trol what you can and be able to let go of what you can't.

"The second thing is the ability to be able to reinvent yourself ... if you're not willing to adapt and change, then you're going to get left behind," she said. "The last thing would be dealing with pressure ... on the national team, we always looked at pressure as a privilege."

She concluded with a short video that was the result when she was asked to write the story of her life in hockey, and it reads in part:

"Dear hockey ... you have been my heart and my soul ... my blood and my tears ... you were my true first love ... you gave me the greatest gift anyone could ask for ... true freedom ... you gave me both joy and pain, but I wouldn't have it any other way," she stated. "Dear hockey ... you gave me everything I have in my life ... I'll spend the rest of my life giving what I can back to you ... I can only hope that those who follow will get to experience the love for you like I did.

"Dear hockey ... thank you."

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Free range vs. helicopter parenting

Thwipthwipthwip... that sound you hear is a helicopter parent hovering nearby.

Like anxious hummingbirds agilely buzzing around their precious golden child, the helicopter parent is the bane on a new generation of youth that might never have the strength and desire to bust out of their cocoons and into the world.

What is helicopter parenting, you ask?

Simply put, it is the phenomena of one or more parents who seek to spend every nano-second of every millisecond of every second with or around their child for the purpose of ensuring maximum safety, love and enrichment.

In reality, according to a recent *Maclean's* magazine article, "Research has also shown that helicopter parenting can lead to issues for children like anxiety, entitlement, and poor coping skills."

People are already whining and winging about Millennials. I can't even imagine what the next generation might be called—maybe the Cocoon Generation?

At the risk of sounding like "when I was young EVERYTHING was bet-

ter," I need to talk a little about a different style of parenting.

From as young as I can remember, as soon as summer or the weekend happened I was up with the sun and out the door.

"Where are you going?" Mum would ask.

"Out with friends" or "Biking" or "To the Dead End," would be the answer.

"Well, try to be back for supper."

"Okay"

That was it. I was gone. She had no idea where. The basics had been laid out already: Don't stick anything in the electrical socket or you'll DIE. Look both ways before you cross the road or you'll DIE. Don't talk to strangers they might want to KILL you.

The world could kill you or at least seriously maim you. This was the basic understanding we were given with the follow-up advice of "don't be stupid."

And so, armed with this sage wisdom and equipped with an appropriate amount of fear, we would venture into the world to see what else might kill or seriously maim us as though we were recently trapped scientists probing the boundaries of new condition.

This looked like me walking out of the house on a sunny summer day with a flashlight and rubber boots.

"What are you doing?" a suspicious Mum would ask.

"We're going to explore the storm drains." (True story.)

"Okay ... be careful and try to be back by dinner."

I'll admit, maaaaybe Mum could have hovered a tiny bit but, frankly, I am glad she didn't.

Once, when I was four, I remember running ahead of my mum down a path through some trees and hearing her say, "Don't run or you will fall and get hurt."

I ignored her. I fell. I got five stitches in my hand.

But I'm glad she didn't just carry me or force me to stop running. I learned something valuable: listen to your mum; she knows things. Mum knew I wouldn't die, she knew the risk was worth the lesson.

Look, there's nothing wrong with being a worried parent. Heck, contrary to how it sounds, Mum was always a huge worrier, and I in turn probably worry too much about my kids. But worry doesn't have to translate to hovering over them every second of the day.

Part of the human experience is to learn. We learn in many ways and adversity and pain are two legitimate ones.

I don't think helicopter parenting is as much of an issue for farm folk compared to urbanites.

"Don't play in the field during harvest ... don't climb in the combine ... stay out of the bull pen."

After all, you have to have a certain privilege to be able to spend every waking moment within two feet of your over-padded, precious little eggs. The kind of privilege that allows one or both parents the flexibility and spare time others do not have.



By Peter Cantelon

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Corrections

The April 12 article Morden Chamber ends year with surplus incorrectly listed the new general board members for this year. They are in fact Reg Braun, Jared Hildebrand, Charlene Friesen and Grant Nicholson in addition Michelle Sawatzky as board chair, Ron Funk as vice chair and Chad Sheldon as treasurer.

The April 19 article Minnewasta camping reservations online incorrectly stated the number of camping sites with there in fact being 166 sites. As well, to clarify, the website where people can reserve their sites online is mordenmb.maxgalaxycanada.net.

Charge laid, drugs seized in Winkler

Winkler police were backed up by the regional tactical support team Saturday when they executed a drug-related search warrant at a residence on Main Street South.

The search resulted in the seizure of an amount of marihuana and shatter, say police.

A 17 year old male was arrested for possession of marihuana, and this investigation is ongoing.

Other items of interest from the weekly police reports include:

- Winkler police were called April 11 about a domestic assault at a 3rd Street South home. A woman told officers her husband assaulted her and left the scene. Police later located and charged the 53 year old male for assault.

- Morden police got a call April 19 from a resident concerned about a suspicious group of youths running from a local business. Officers located six youths between the ages of 15 and 17 years of age and learned they had entered the business but had only moved some property around.

While dealing with the youths, however, police also found some drug paraphernalia on one of them and discovered another had been reported missing to the RCMP. The youth was subsequently turned over to the RCMP and police relinquished the drug paraphernalia for destruction.

All youths were turned over to parents with warnings.

- Winkler police received a complaint April 13 of past assaults from a woman saying her husband assaulted her multiple times over the last several years including many while she was pregnant. She also believed she lost her unborn baby due to the assaults. Police arrested the 31 year old man on seven charges of assault and forcible confinement.

- Morden police received a report April 16 that some vehicles had been rummaged through overnight in the 400 block of 5th street. Stolen was some loose change and sunglasses, but nothing else appeared damaged or missing. People are once again reminded to lock their doors at all times.

- A complaint of fraud was made to Winkler police April 14 from a man saying someone had booked flights using his credit card totaling \$3,800. Police advised the male to report the fraud to his credit card company and to have the credit card cancelled.

- Morden police responded to a 911 call April 17 to a residence in Morden on an unrelated matter. While speaking with the caller, officers observed obvious signs of intoxication and knew the individual to be on court orders not to consume alcohol following an incident in December of 2017 where the accused was charged for

aggravated Assault and assault with a weapon. The accused was charged for breaching his court conditions and remanded into custody.

- Winkler police received a report of fraud April 16 from a 74 year old woman who received a phone call April 13 from an individual posing as her son-in-law.

The caller stated he was in an accident, and if he paid for the damages he would not be charged. The fraudster also stated the complainant would receive a phone call from his attorney. The complainant then received a phone call from an individual posing as an attorney who provided a CIBC account number and stated that if she paid \$4,951 to that account, her son-in-law would be free to go.

The complainant made the payment, called her son-in-law the next day and learned he had not been in an accident. The woman notified her bank, which is continuing the investigation.

- Morden police received a report April 19 of a theft from a motor vehicle on Conner Hill Drive. The victim reported that their vehicle had been entered overnight and a purse was stolen. The wallet was recovered later in a field.

- An Albert Street resident reported an attempted break and enter into the attached garage of the home April 18. She heard voices in the backyard

and then heard someone attempting to force the door open. Police did not find any evidence and patrolled the area but did not observe anything suspicious.

- Winkler police received a report April 19 from a man who received a message via Facebook advising him his phone had been hacked and inappropriate pictures of himself would be posted on Facebook if he didn't pay \$800 to the suspect. The victim was advised it was unlikely his phone was compromised, however as a precaution he should delete his social media accounts.

- Winkler police received a report April 21 of assault outside a Main Street South home involving a female and two men who assaulted her ex-common-law husband. They fled the property, but the 21 year old female, a resident of Grunthal, was later located in another jurisdiction and arrested for assault and remanded into custody.

- Winkler police were called April 22 to a 4th Street South home regarding a possible domestic dispute. Police spoke with a man who stated he and his girlfriend were arguing but no assault had taken place, and she backed that up. Police then learned however he had been under an order not to be in contact with the her and arrested the 25 year old man.

> UKRAINIAN DANCE, FROM PG. 3

more senior group of dancers which includes perhaps ages from Grade 8 to second year university.

Balancing it all now with her studies, Bezte said a lot of time and work is involved with the group practicing every Tuesday.

"All of our dances are choreographed, and they are all from traditional regions of the Ukraine with the traditional costumes and everything," said Bezte.

"Our group, being the senior group, we practice for two and a half hours ... and then once we get closer to performance times ... we've been practicing on Sundays as well for three hours," she noted.

"Our busiest time for performances is definitely in the summer. There are a lot of dance competitions, but we only go to one a year," said Bezte, noting that came just the previous weekend in Brandon. "We also do a lot of performances ... the Christmas season usually is busy ... then we have our year-end recital in May."

Bezte was uncertain how much longer she would continue with the

group, but she said she has been drawn back because it very much became a passion for her

"It's the people mostly. We've become like a family now," said Bezte, noting it is the fellow dancers which have

drawn her back each year now.

Uncertain what lies ahead for her, she however said she would like to stay involved in dance in some way.

"I would love to keep dancing. I love dancing. It's basically my life."

2018 MMF Provincial Election

Voting for the MMF 2018 Provincial election will take place in the seven MMF Regions from 8:00AM to 8:00PM on **May 31, 2018**.

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The Beef for the Build raffle raised over \$2,500 and helps the centre towards the \$90,000 capital goal.

"We are really happy with the results of the raffle," said executive director Linda Marek, noting the prizes ranged from 15 up to 90 pounds of beef with the names drawn at the annual banquet in March. "It feels great to know there was such wide community support ... from the generous donation of grass-fed, inspected ground beef to the donation of printed tickets to the support of all those who purchased tickets."

So far, the centre has raised over \$20,000 and is looking to the community to help move the projects forward. The capital projects include

finishing touches to the new Winkler location, as of November 2017, along with relocating and renovating a new space in Morden.

Marek noted the two locations are substantially larger and will allow the centre to develop and expand its programming while better meeting the needs of their clients.

"Relocating to a larger space in Morden is absolutely necessary, and it needs to happen as soon as possible. We have had increasing client numbers, more people reaching out for help, so now is the time to move forward," she said.

She sees the move as helping the centre better achieve its goals to empower women in their pregnancy decisions, equip men and women for parenting, extend healing to anyone impacted by grief at the loss of a little one and help people engage in real life choices and struggles as well as encourage a culture of life.

"It is an exciting time, a lot of change for us this year," said Marek.

"We did not plan on two relocations so close together, but with providing supports in both Winkler and Morden, we needed to make decisions as opportunities presented," she said.

"We believe these expansion projects are crucial for meeting the needs



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Linda Marek, executive director of the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, with Bob Billing, grand prize winner of the Beef for the Build fundraiser.

of our community as well as allowing for future growth," Marek concluded. "We have new clients in regularly, needing a pregnancy test or help with parenting, or looking for healing from their past. It's important that we have the right spaces to provide these nec-

essary supports in the community." Donations are welcome, and you can make a contribution marked capital on your cheque to PVPCC, Box 2504, Winkler, MB, R6W 4C2, or you can also donate online at the www.pvpcc.com website.



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New choir aimed at young adults

By Lorne Stelmach

A new program is aimed at keeping Winkler and Morden students singing after they have graduated from school.

A new community choir program is starting up next week and continuing through May, and it is for singers aged 18 to 25.

Under the name Prairie Soundscape, it will be directed by Karen Giesbrecht of Northlands Parkway Collegiate, who was spearheading the idea with Melanie Urchuk of Garden Valley Collegiate.

"We need something for the kids who have just graduated ... they need a place to sing," explained Giesbrecht. "We know that there's various community choirs for the older set, but provincially there's a real movement towards some of these youth choirs."

She stressed it will be an un auditioned choir to keep it open to all who may want to be involved.

"If you have singing experience, great, if not, you can show up," she said. "And we're running it free this year. We'll see what kind of incidentals we need for it."

Giesbrecht said they were for now looking to just "kind of get our foot in the door with it" so they are meeting Thursday nights in May (3, 10, 17, 24 and 31) from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Northlands Parkway Collegiate choir room.

"We're looking at Winkler, Morden, the southern Manitoba area," said Giesbrecht.

"We're aware of a lot of kids who have sung in regional choirs, and they're graduating this year," she said. "I would like to start with at least 20, but I would be willing to have up to 50 ... in the 20 to 30 range would be ideal."

The choir's premier performance will be at the NPC spring concert June 5 at 7 p.m. at the PW Enns Concert Hall.

For more information and to confirm a choir spot, e-mail kgiesbrecht65@gmail.com.

"WE NEED SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS WHO HAVE JUST GRADUATED ... THEY NEED A PLACE TO SING."

Raising awareness about Sjogren's Syndrome

Little known disease affects 430,000 in Canada

By Lorne Stelmach

Area resident Gin Halabicki is among around 430,000 Canadians with Sjogren's Syndrome.

Despite that number, this chronic autoimmune disease is seen as often under-recognized, under-treated and under-diagnosed.

"How many more people don't even know that they have it?" wondered her mother Mary Anne Schmidt recently with April serving as Sjogren's Syndrome awareness month.

Schmidt and husband Paul as well as Halabicki are working to raise awareness about the disease and also perhaps connect with more families in southern Manitoba who live with it.

Adjusting to her new reality when finally diagnosed with Sjogren's Syndrome in 2012 came harder for Halabicki than she had expected.

"It was quite hard ... Nothing really quite prepares you. Your life is never really the same again ... it's just your new normal," she said.

Sjogren's Syndrome is a condition that preferentially attacks and damages the salivary, tear and mucous-secreting glands, resulting in dry eye, dry mouth and swollen salivary glands but it can affect any organ causing serious complications.

The salivary glands become painful and swollen in some people. Eventually, these glands fail and cannot produce saliva or tears. This is called primary Sjogren's Syndrome because it is the main illness.

Sometimes though, Sjogren's Syndrome is not the primary illness but instead is a part of another illness. It can accompany other conditions like Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Scleroderma, Rheumatoid Arthritis - known as connective tissue diseases because they are auto-immune illnesses that attack blood vessels, joints and other tissues that connect our body together. In this case, the condition is known as secondary Sjogren's Syndrome.

In general, auto-immune diseases affect more women than men, and this is particularly true of connective tissue diseases including primary Sjogren's Syndrome. These are diseases

that affect women in the younger years of their lives with peak incidence between 30 and 50, but primary Sjogren's Syndrome can affect children as well as the elderly.

Primary and secondary Sjogren's Syndrome together affect about one in every 100 people. Dry eye or dry mouth is much more frequent with an incidence of about one in 50 people.

The cause of Primary Sjogren's Syndrome is unknown, but a theory is that in certain people, there is a genetic predisposition that causes them to react abnormally to some environmental factor, such a virus. Whatever triggers Sjogren's Syndrome usually cannot be identified by the time the disease is diagnosed.

Halabicki initially had kidney surgery in 2010 after having been diagnosed in January. Then by April 2011 came auto-immune hepatitis followed by a second kidney surgery in June, and it was February 2012 when she was diagnosed with Sjogren's Syndrome.

"They realized with all the things



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Gin Halabicki was diagnosed with Sjogren's Syndrome after having a second kidney surgery in 2011.

going on that there had to be something more there," said Halabicki.

The disease can manifest itself in a number of ways and differently from one person to the next, but there are some commonalities such as dry eyes and dry mouth, and fatigue, and it overall makes day to day life challenging.

"There's a few drugs that help me," said Halabicki.

"I also have lovely little mints that stick to the inside of my mouth that slowly release the mint flavour to help my salivary glands," she noted, adding she also takes prescription eye drops. "I'm lucky that I'm not one of the few that have to get plugs in their eyes ... it'll plug the tear ducts so that you can actually keep your eyes moist."

Cavities due to dry mouth can be a concern as well with the dry mouth causing sores in the mouth, and she also noted you have to be careful with

your eyes as the dryness can scratch your corneas and cause vision problems.

"I was prone to sinus infections and had to have a surgery because it was infected so bad," she continued.

"Everything sometimes hurts. Getting out of bed some days isn't great, and I'm always tired. It doesn't matter how much sleep you get."

"It's challenging in different ways for each individual," agreed Schmidt, noting it means her daughter "is only able to do so much in a day."

"You find ways to cope ... and I take Wednesdays off, I don't work Wednesdays so that I can sleep to get through the rest of the week," said Halabicki.

"And you plan accordingly. I don't just go out willy nilly. It has to be something I would like to do because I know won't be going anywhere for a couple evenings after that."

Halabicki is grateful that there is a support group now that started up early in the year in Winnipeg.

"It's amazing the amount of people who showed up. We had 22 people in this little room," she recalled, "and all at varying stages ... everyone had something different."

"We talk about things that work and don't work ... a lot of people have digestive issues because they don't have the salivary gland."

Schmidt said she would like to know if there are more families in southern Manitoba who could perhaps connect.

"I'm sure that there's thousands of people who have it but have not been diagnosed and are not aware of it," she said.

"We have no idea if there's other people around here ... and there could be people who haven't been diagnosed."

You can find more information about the disease and the Sjogren's Society of Canada online at www.sjogrens-canada.org as well as on Facebook.

"YOUR LIFE IS NEVER REALLY THE SAME AGAIN ... IT'S JUST YOUR NEW NORMAL."

Winkler auxiliary raising funds for BTHC

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Winkler auxiliary is again supporting the regional hospital with its annual bake sale.

It takes place next Friday, May 4 starting at 9 a.m. at the Southland Mall.

There will be an array of homemade baking with coffee being served all day, and there will also be lots of used

books to choose from for only 25 cents each.

The proceeds all go for equipment at Boundary Trails Health Centre, and auxiliary member Nettie Friesen estimated income from not only the bake sale but cash donations can total anywhere from \$3,500 up to \$6,500.

This year, the auxiliary is aiming to raise \$21,700 for projects that include

three wall mounted blood pressure monitors as well as birthing bed mattresses and lounge chairs for same day surgeries.

"We are grateful for all the support we have received over the years. The bake sales receive good support," she said.

Friesen noted the generous support from the community means the

Winkler Auxiliary has now purchased \$453,488 worth of equipment for Boundary Trails Health Centre over the years.

In addition, the auxiliary has also paid out \$21,000 in bursaries to graduating students at Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate who are planning a career in the health care field.

Campaign aims for more radon testing

By Lorne Stelmach

South Central Cancer Resource is ramping up its efforts around radon gas in the region.

A campaign running throughout May has the organization working with Polar Plumbing and Heating to make a concerted effort to get more homes tested.

"It's all really just about awareness, getting the word out there, that's what's most important," said Gord Titchkosky of Polar Plumbing.

"It's to make sure that you have a healthy home for everyone who is living there," said Tracy Peters, administrative co-ordinator for South Central Cancer Resource. "South Central was looking at the programs that we have, and we had seen the need to get people to check for radon."

People can call Polar Plumbing and Heating at 204-325-2267 to book an appointment for a free radon reading.

Titchkosky stressed it is important for people to get their homes tested because this area is known to have areas with higher levels.

"Manitoba is the second worst prov-

ince in Canada, and southern Manitoba is known to be a really bad area for radon ... the levels that we're seeing here consistently are really high," said Titchkosky. "It's important to have testing done because it can vary

a lot, even from home to home ... the only way you really know what's in your home is to test."

Radon is a radioactive gas that is formed naturally by the breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water, and it is colourless, odourless and tasteless.

When radon is released from the ground outside, it mixes with fresh air and gets diluted resulting in concentrations too low to be of concern. However,

when radon enters an enclosed space, such as a house or basement, it can accumulate to high concentrations and become a health risk

Radon gas can enter a house any place it finds an opening where the house contacts the soil: cracks in the foundation walls and in floor slabs, construction joints, gaps around ser-

"IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE TESTING DONE BECAUSE IT CAN VARY A LOT ... THE ONLY WAY YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT'S IN YOUR HOME IS TO TEST."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Encouraging you to get your home tested for radon are SCCR clinical co-ordinator Deb Thiessen along with Gord Titchkosky of Polar Plumbing and Heating and SCCR administrative co-ordinator Tracy Peters.

vice pipes and support posts, floor drains and sumps, cavities inside walls and the water supply. Radon can also be found in groundwater from private or small community wells.

The amount of radon in a home will depend on many factors including: soil characteristics, type of construction, foundation condition, occupant lifestyle such as the use of exhaust fans, windows and fireplaces for ex-

ample and variations in weather.

"When it gets into our homes and it builds up in high levels, we breathe that in, and then the breakdown of that in our lungs can cause damage and can cause lung cancer," said Titchkosky.

"Because we are at a higher level, we really need to get every single home tested," said Peters.

New Morden sergeant in place

Public Service promote one of their own

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Police Service is promoting from within its own ranks.

Officer Chris Flook became a sergeant Thursday, filling the position left vacant with the retirement of Brent Menzies last June.

For Flook, who joined the Morden Police Service as constable in May 2007 after graduating from Winnipeg Police Service training in May 2008, it is an opportunity he welcomes and appreciates the vote of confidence in

him.

"It means a lot that they have put their trust in me," said Flook, who also previously worked as a constable with Victoria Beach Police Service.

Flook said he feels prepared for the additional responsibilities that will be involved including a more supervisory role.

"I spent some time being the acting sergeant over the last few months, and this is really the evolution of that," he noted.

"IT MEANS A LOT THAT THEY HAVE PUT THEIR TRUST IN ME."

"It's definitely something I was feeling I was ready to move on to," said Flook. "Lots of good guys applied, so it's an honour to be able to take on that role."

Police chief Brad Neduzak noted Flook has been involved in and taken



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Constable Chris Flook officially became a sergeant last Thursday.

a leadership role in various major investigations and projects over the past 10 years, and he took on a leadership role with the 179 Morden Royal

Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, where he serves as the commanding officer.

He said they felt Flook possessed the necessary leadership skills, knowledge and dedication to do the job.

"Along with his experience, he brings some strong leadership skills," said Neduzak. "We had very good candidates in competition for that one position, unfortunately there is only one position to fill." "We felt that Chris definitely possessed the necessary skills and leadership values that we were looking for to take on that position."

The promotion to sergeant now leaves a vacancy in the constable ranks, which Neduzak noted will not be filled in 2018, but he is hoping to have approval for that in 2019. The Morden Police Service is approved for 13 constables along with two sergeants including Sean Aune and the chief of police.

Remembering the Reeve triplets

Identical triplet girls born in Kamloops, heralded our local paper. That brought back memories!

I was 16 years old in 1959, in high school in Morden, and still babysitting to earn money for university. My pay was usually 25 cents an hour and 50 cents after midnight.

One night when Mr. Reeve drove me home after babysitting at their home, he said, "Well, I guess your rates will be going up in a few months when you'll have three more to look after."

I thought his wife might be pregnant, but I really did not know what he was talking about.

In our rather strict Mennonite home we didn't talk about family pregnancies, never mind the pregnancies of others. I smiled and let the comment pass.



By Florence Dyck

Neva and Harry Reeve already had three young children when their triplets arrived on October 6, 1959. (Jacquelyn was almost three years old, Murray was nearly two, and Vida was almost one.)

Guy James was born first and weighed 3 lbs. 14 1/4 oz., Glenda Rose was born second at 5 lbs. 1/2 oz., and Gordon Frederick, Guy's identical twin, was last, weighing in at 3 lbs. 9 oz.

This birth caused quite a sensation in our small rural town. The Reeves must have been out of their mind to trust me with these tiny babies and

I must have been out of my mind to continue babysitting for them.

The first few times they called, I did try to convince my older sister to help but she absolutely refused. She didn't need money as badly as I did ... though my pay raise never did materialize.

The Reeves did try to have the older three children sleeping before I came. And I was told that I could prop the babies' bottles and that I didn't need to burp them.

They slept in three large cribs in the same small bedroom. When one woke, all three woke.

Many times, propping their bottles didn't work. So then I took turns holding them. Most evenings, I felt like I was running a race with no finish line in sight.

One night, after all three babies had been crying, the older children woke up one at a time and came to hang out in the living room with the rest of us. We were all in some kind of a group snuggle when Mr. and Mrs. Reeve came home. I thought I had failed miserably but they just laughed and started hauling the kids off to their own beds one by one. They said evenings could be like that!

Most of the time, Mrs. Reeve would have preferred not to go out at all. She was utterly exhausted at the end of the day. But Mr. Reeve insisted she needed a break. The neighbours, others from the community, and the Legion did come in every day to help with the children, the endless laundry, and the meals.

One Saturday I was asked to come in for the whole day. What a disaster! The older two were allowed out in their fenced back yard. They brought mud into the house that I didn't have time to clean up. Murray managed to

The Reeve children some time after the triplets were born. Identical twins Guy and Gordon at front in stroller with sister Glenda behind them alongside older siblings Jacquelyn, Murray, and Vida.

REEVE FAMILY PHOTO



open the back gate and take off. I had to leave the babies in the house with Jacquelyn while I ran after him. Then I insisted he stay inside, so he was miserable.

I fed the six-month-old babies by putting them into a triplet stroller designed by Mr. Reeve. He welded two small strollers together and attached an extra seat at the top. Parents did not have the choices of acquiring the luxurious twin and triplet strollers available today.

The Reeve family moved to The Pas in 1960 before the triplets were a year old. Mr. Reeve was offered a good position with the Manitoba Power Commission there. Mrs. Reeve had nursed for 10 years before they started their family, but with six young children in three years and no daycare, it was impossible for her to return to work.

Harry Reeve died in Dauphin in 2005 at the age of 83 years and Neva died in Dauphin in 2015 at the age of 93. The triplets are all doing well today—Guy and Glenda live and work in Dauphin while Gordon is in Boissevain.

When the Reeves moved north, I thought this would be the end of my triplet stories, but then I met my future husband. One day he casually in-

formed me that his mother was one of triplets. She had identical twin brothers. The three of them were born at home on May 8, 1923, with the help of a midwife. The babies were placed in small baskets on the open oven door for warmth. They all survived and lived to a good old age. We never could tell those uncles apart.

I hoped having twins or triplets just might be genetic. This was not the case, but our adopted daughter with no known history of multiple births had non-identical twin boys on Dec. 21, 2007.

Visiting them daily and pushing them in their twin stroller became an important part of my regime. Strangers who watched us out walking or playing often commented, "Double trouble!"

I would smile and respond, "Yes, but double fun, too!"

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

Rocking W Barrel Series starts up May 8

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Rocking W Barrel Series kicks off another season of high-energy racing next month.

The ninth edition of the barrel racing competition begins May 8 and runs every Tuesday night until the finals on Saturday, June 23.

Organizer Dusty van der Steen says excitement has been building for months now.

"We've had a very successful year with sponsorship already," she said, adding, however, that there's always

room for more.

Those sponsorship dollars mean there are over \$8,000 in prizes up for grabs for the top competitors.

"We've been able to do better on a lot of our high-end prizes," van der Steen said. "We have championship saddles again, and buckles. It's going to be pretty exciting."

The Manitoba Barrel Racing Association-sanctioned series features open, youth, select, and peewee divisions in a 3D format (4D if there are more than 50 entries; the open division will also be 4D at the finals) with weekly jack-

pot cash prizes.

"Last year we averaged about 60 or so competitors each week," said van der Steen, who points out this is the only weekly barrel racing series offered in the region. "We have a lot of diehards who really love the event and they can't wait for it to start.

"Word gets around and we're getting more and more new people every year," she added. "There's always new faces, which is great to see."

The racing begins at 7 p.m. each week at the Rocking W Ranch, which is located a mile and a half west of the

Winkler Bible Camp on Road 16N. Admission is free.

"There's no cost to come. Anybody can come and watch if they want to," van der Steen said, adding it adds to the excitement for the competitors to have fans cheering them on.

More information on the series can be found online at rockingw.com.

Competitors need to have a valid MBRA membership or permit to compete in the series. Details for that are available at mbra.ca.

Raptor Fest takes flight



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The seventh annual La Riviere Raptor Festival got off to a special start Saturday with the release of two bald eagles by Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre. A large crowd was on hand for that occasion then enjoyed other activities ranging from birding tours to viewing a variety of raptors up close as well as a variety of displays with A Rocha also manning the table for children's activities.



Shoes For Less supports Genesis House

By Lorne Stelmach

A Winkler-based business is supporting the work of Genesis House.

Shoes for Less, which also operates a store in Altona, recently presented a donation of about \$2,400 to the family shelter operated by the South Central Committee on Family Violence.

Marc Morin, co-owner of Shows For Less with his wife Sadena, said they wanted to help support a worthwhile local charity and appreciate the important role played by Genesis House.

"They're out there to support people ... we want to support them; we feel that they are a worthy cause," he said.

Shoes For Less donated 50 cents from every pair of shoes sold over the past year, and Morin was pleased with the support they received from

their customers.

"We were quite surprised, were quite happy ... the response from the customers was amazing. A lot of them read the brochures and were really happy that we were part of the campaign."

Genesis House executive director Ang Braun said they really appreciate the support because it goes beyond just the financial.

"It's a win win all the way around. The funds are awesome, but actually really it's a community outreach that will make

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such a big difference," she said.

"It's just amazing when the community comes together ... it's their idea to put something like this on, and it goes for the whole year. It means that more people are talking about the shelter, more people will know about



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Ang Braun, executive director of Genesis House, received the donation of about \$2,400 from Marc Morin, co-owner of Shoes For Less.

the shelter."

She noted the donation will go towards the day to day expenses of the shelter.

"We have really been struggling actually just with basic operating. It's

very difficult to get funding to operate ... so this will support our core program, which is the residential program," noted Braun.

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Journey of a lifetime for Winkler pilot

One Life Project now seen as a means to motivate others

By Lorne Stelmach

A self-professed aviation 'geek', Chris Unrau realized a dream come true when he flew his private plane across the ocean to Europe.

Having documented his adventure online through The One Life Project, the Winkler entrepreneur would now like to use it to inspire others on their journey of achieving their goals.

"The response has just been phenomenal," said Unrau, who completed his trans-Atlantic crossing in his Cessna 210 in March with his friend and flight instructor Luke Penner, while his son Adam also came along for the journey there.

Departing from Winkler, Unrau's route took them through the Canadian Arctic with stops in northern Manitoba then Rankin Inlet and Nunavut before leaving Canadian air space for Greenland. From there, it was on to Reykjavik, Iceland then to the Faroe Islands, the United Kingdom and finally Germany.

They flew a total of 9,335 nautical miles and over 62 flight hours stretched out over a period of 17 days.

The idea grew from what has been a life-long passion for Unrau.

"I've always been enthralled with anything that has to do with flight," said Unrau, who in his early 20s borrowed money to get his pilot's licence. "I started flying quite a bit for about three years ... and really enjoyed it, got some good experience."

He then put flying on hold for about 11 years for reasons including raising a family and starting a business. He started flying again about six years ago and then got his current plane in 2010.

"With having four kids, we wanted something that we could put our whole family in and go away," said Unrau, adding that his desire to go further distances meant he needed to get his instrument rating.

"What that allowed me to do was fly on instruments and not just visually,"

he said.

His Cessna 210 is a fast and stable airplane that is a little more capable than others, but he needed to upgrade it for longer trips.

"We've flown this airplane with our family all over North America ... and I just had this desire within me to go further and do something more challenging," he said.

There was a further inspiration for Unrau though in taking on this adventure when, in 2013, he lost his brother and nephew in a motor vehicle accident in which his dad miraculously survived.

This tragedy has been an inspiration for him to see life as a very precious, limited commodity and to make the most of the one life we have - thus the name of the project documenting his adventure.

"A TRIP LIKE THIS GETS DONE FAIRLY REGULARLY, NOT VERY OFTEN BY AN AVERAGE JOE KIND OF PILOT, BUT THEY ARE OUT THERE, AND IT DOES HAPPEN."

"For me, I love travel, I love Europe, and that was what my heart was set on was flying the airplane to Europe on the north Atlantic route," said Unrau, who went on to raise the funds to enable his brother's sole surviving daughter, Abigail, to pursue post-secondary education. "A trip like this gets done fairly regularly, not very often by an average Joe

kind of pilot, but they are out there, and it does happen," he said.

He said it proved to be a real learning experience and stressed it really was a team effort with Penner.

"He did my training to get my instrument rating ... so I've done a lot of flying with him over the last few years," he said.

"I concentrated a lot on the airplane and the mechanics of it, getting it ready ... we had to do some work to it to get it ready for this trip, we got a de-icing kit put on ... you want to make sure the airplane is in tip-top shape," he continued. "Luke did a lot of the leg work on the weather and the procedures of how we were going to be able to fly each leg ... we had to get oceanic clearances ... communications procedures are a little more specific, you're not always in reach of relay stations."

The logistics for the trip had to be carefully worked out, said Unrau, who noted that they kept each leg of



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Chris Unrau's trans-Atlantic flight covered a total of 9,335 nautical miles and over 62 flight hours stretched out over a period of 17 days.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS Unrau met many great people at his stops along the way and enjoyed some amazing scenery like the rugged UK cliffs seen here.



their trip to about four hours with the longest single stretch coming to about 750 nautical miles.

"The distances that we flew were entirely based on where airports were

... there's far fewer airports when you get up into northern Canada or across Greenland," he said.

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Bluebird Fund looking to set up nesting trails

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Bluebird Fund has put out a call for help in our area.

The Nature Manitoba fund dedicated to the survival and propagation of our province's diminishing songbird population is looking for bird-lovers to help set up and care for new "bluebird trails" in rural Manitoba.

A similar trail featuring 2,500 nest boxes has proven to be quite a success in Brandon, but MBF founder Guent Salzmann says they're looking to start much smaller with these new trails.

"Perhaps 10-20 nest boxes to start," he said, explaining MBF will cover the costs of building both the nest boxes as well as any necessary posts for them to rest on.

"The nest boxes are usually fastened to existing fence posts along country roads," Salzmann noted. "Where fence posts are nonexistent, sturdy posts must be 'planted.'"

These nest boxes will provide a safe home not only for bluebirds but also fellow songbirds such as tree swallows, chickadees, wrens, nuthatches, purple martins, woodpeckers, and flycatchers, among others.

Due to an increase in natural predators—including larger fellow birds such as crows and hawks and animals such as house cats—songbird numbers have been on a downward trend in recent years. Salzmann hopes initiatives like this will help turn it around.

"[We want to] spread the word that songbirds are in need of help and that the Manitoba Bluebird Fund is here to do just that," he said.

All you need to get involved is a love of nature and a willingness to roll up your sleeves and get to work.

"One also would need a work area, indoors or out, and some tools and know-how to assemble a nest box," Salzmann noted. "Also one must have time to monitor the nest boxes, check on the desired tenants, evict unwelcome occu-

pants."

Anyone interested in setting up a bluebird trail can contact Salzmann at salzmann@mymts.net or 204-253-4058 for more information.

Salzmann also urges people or groups who are already servicing established songbird nest boxes to get in touch with him.

The MBF also has a few other initiatives on the go right now, including financially helping homeowners buy certain trees that retain their fruit in the winter. This program sees the fund pay half the cost of the tree at the outset and then pay the other half if the tree survives for three years.

> LIFETIME, FROM PG. 14

"It was a lot of time in the airplane, but it was fantastic. We did have a couple mechanical concerns that really made things real ... we started reviewing our emergency procedures a little more intently ... but we were able to sort it out in the air," he continued.

"You know that if that propeller stops turning, you are going down," said Unrau. "It's different than flying here ... there's an airport every 15 miles ... I don't know if I'm ever out of gliding distance ... but it's different when you're over water."

The preparations included wearing insulated suits as well as having an inflatable life raft.

"Our goal was that if we had to ditch, we need to be out of the water in 10 minutes," said Unrau. "Being prepared is the key, and you have to accept the risk of what you're doing, but it's a

measured and calculated risk."

A highlight of the trip was seeing the life that exists in these out of the way places as well as the wonder of the natural world out there.

"I had no idea there was that many people living in Greenland," said Unrau. "The beauty of the earth is just staggering ... and Greenland is just so beautiful ... seeing the beauty of all that is just incredible."

As for where he goes now, Unrau is uncertain but wants to use the One Life Project to be a blessing and encouragement to others.

"I'm not sure where this is going to go ... if I had a bit of a vision for it, it would be that I could continue to do this sort of thing and share it with others to hopefully motivate and inspire others," said Unrau. "I would also like to start a foundation that would in some way to raise funds to help someone who's experienced a tragic loss to go and achieve their dreams."

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TRANSMISSION

You can't go anywhere without your transmission. If you drive a standard, your clutch can burn out if not checked regularly. And automatic transmissions are easy to destroy and costly to replace. With an automatic, the first thing you should do is check the transmission fluid. If the level is low, you might have a transmission leak.

HOSE AND BELT DAMAGE

Even if you don't know much about engines, you can still pop the hood and take a quick look. The various hoses and belts that you see should all be free of cracks. For those you can't see, it is still possible to identify potential problems simply by keeping the hood up, turning on the engine, and listening for unusual sounds. If there are squealing or repeated clanking noises, then there is probably something wrong.



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Temperature control might not seem like a big deal for some of the year, but it's indispensable in the summer and winter months. There are a number of factors that could interfere with your AC or heater, but most of them need more than a small examination to locate. To see if there's a problem somewhere, just turn on the air flow, wait a few minutes, and see what the air feels like. The components of your air conditioning system, including hoses, should be checked regularly for performance levels.

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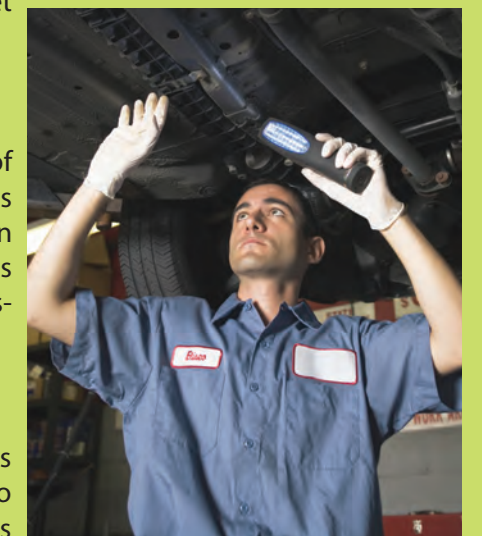
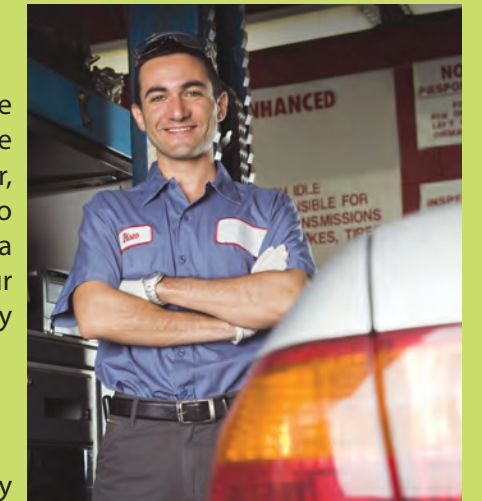
Like the human circulatory system, a car needs a whole network of fluids to keep running. If they are damaged, a number of problems could arise, from loss of air conditioning to weakened brakes or an overheated engine. The easiest thing to do when checking for leaks is to simply look underneath the car. Any puddles or stains on the asphalt could indicate fluid loss.

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Guild going strong 30 years on

By Lorne Stelmach

It began in 1987 with a group of friends gathered in a converted horse barn to hand quilt a charity quilt.

Fittingly, those who came together called themselves the Barnswallows, and the guild came to enjoy having 'show and tell', so in 1988 they held their first public quilt show.

It's come a long way now since those early days when visitors drove up and saw quilts hanging on the fence along the road with more hanging in the loft.

The Barnswallow quilters, who came to roost in Morden in 1998, host their 30th annual quilt show May 4 to 6 at the Access Event Centre.

"For 30 years, once a year, they hang all their beautiful quilts, and people can come and see them," said Edith Lovatt, who co-chairs the show with Sue Nelson.

With the theme of Then and Now, the show will highlight the guild's history and the evolution of quilting over the past thirty years by having members' earlier work featured along side more recent pieces.

"They're going to be set up side by

side, so people are going to see the changes that the different quilters have made," said Lovatt, observing it will not only be a celebration of the art of quilting but also explore the changes in techniques, fabrics and colour.

"Actually, there have been a lot of changes in quilting ... the colours, the fabrics ... that has changed probably more than anything," she suggested. "And there's new quilting techniques ... not everything is done by hand ... most of it's done by machine ... and you can have it computerized so it does a very specific pattern, or you can free hand it."

A common element is the level of artistry that goes into pieces, she said.

"Lots of people are doing what they call fabric art, it's not just quilts. Quilts started as a functional item that you put on a bed to keep you warm at night ... it's become an art form, and there is some incredibly creative work.

"We have incredible talent here, so we should celebrate it," said Lovatt, who estimated the guild includes perhaps around 60 people from all over the region.

The show this year will include short



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The annual quilt show this year takes place the weekend of May 4 to 6 at the Access Event Centre.

guided tours to draw attention to various techniques, styles and trends.

As well, another activity will be the 'bed turning' at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, when two quilters will talk about the inspiration behind a few of their quilts.

In addition, the annual challenge issued last year had participants create 16 by 16 squares that will be set up to look like a mosaic, said Lovatt, and kits will be available for next year's challenge.

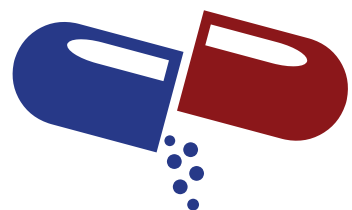
As well, in the tradition of that first charity quilt, a rainbow auction will raise funds for two local organizations – South Central Cancer Resource and Boundary Trails Health Centre for

women's health programs.

"We get lots of support for that," said Lovatt, who estimated it can usually raise in the neighbourhood of \$5,000.

Show hours are Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. with admission of just \$5.

In addition, the guild meets on a weekly basis year round with four membership meetings during the year to keep members informed about plans for the coming show and other events. There is also opportunity for further education through a variety of courses and workshops. For more information, go online to the barnswallowquilters.wordpress.com website.



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Jump Rope For Heart



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Students at Minnewasta School in Morden were taking part in the annual Jump Rope for Heart campaign Monday. Just over 300 students were involved in supporting the Manitoba Heart and Stroke Foundation. "I think we're aiming to be around \$3,500 ... we should be able to do really well," suggested teacher Kyle Turmbull, who noted "the heart and stroke foundation also gives a percentage back to the phys-ed department for equipment."

Harvest Fest announces lineup

Four stages this year, incorporating former culture fest

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Harvest Festival not only announced its headliners for 2018 but some new features for the weekend of festivities this year.

Headliners will include tribute band Night Fever Friday night followed by Restless Heart Saturday and both the Ball Brothers and Colton Dixon Sunday.

"I feel that we're going to have an amazing festival again, and we are proud to say that for the first time we will have four stages," announced Deb Penner, director of recreation, culture and tourism.

The four stages include the kids tent, which will feature Safari Jeff with shows each day.

"Jeff was here last year and wowed kids with his live animal shows, educational videos, and desire to share his knowledge of the creatures he loves," said Penner.

The country fair stage was formerly the second stage or showcase stage, and Penner said are trying to bring back the days of the county fair with several novelty activities including bingo, trivia contest, dance lessons plus the pet fashion and talent show.

The culture tent will include live theatre on Friday, provided by the Flatlands Theatre Company doing a Carol Burnett show, and both Saturday and Sunday afternoon will this year have Regional Connections offering ethnic

music, dance and crafts.

"This will actually replace the annual Culture Fest which had become too big for Bethel Park," noted Penner. "We are very pleased to have them part of the festival and look forward to giving them added exposure while adding a great event to the festival."

The main stage will kick off Friday with Night Fever, a tribute band that will play the music of Bryan Adams plus The Bee Gees.

Sunday will feature the Ball Brothers, a southern gospel quartet with amazing harmonies and Colton Dixon, winner of multiple Dove Awards who was also an 11th place finalist on American Idol in 2012.

The main headline draw on Saturday will be million selling band Restless Heart with six #1 hits to their credit including When She Cries, Big Dreams In a Small Town and The Bluest Eyes in Texas.

The band celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2013 with the same five original guys. John Ditttrich, Greg Jennings, Paul Gregg, Dave Innis, and Larry Stewart – the men who make up Restless Heart - have enjoyed one of the most successful careers in country music history, placing over 25 singles on the charts with six consecutive number one hits. Four of their albums have been certified gold, and they have won a wide range of awards from many organizations including the Academy of Country Music's Top Vocal Group trophy.

The Winkler Harvest Festival takes place the weekend of August 10 to 12. More information is available online at the www.winklerharvestfestival.com website.



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Restless Heart, which has had 25 singles hit the charts over 30 plus years, performs Saturday night at the Harvest Festival



Other headliners for the August 10 to 12 weekend include the Ball Brothers and Colton Dixon on Sunday.



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Bill Klassen celebrating 50 years of auctioneering

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Ask Bill Klassen where his love of auctioneering came from and he can pinpoint it to childhood afternoons on his family farm spent listening to the hypnotic chants of auctioneers coming in over the radio.

"My dad was a hub farmer. Not a big hub farmer like we have now, but he was a hub farmer," Klassen recalls from his home south of Winkler just a few miles away from where he grew up. "In our kitchen there was this big cabinet radio, and every noon he'd turn it on and an auctioneer chant came on and then the livestock market.

"So the chant came on, the market, the chant, and then it was over and he'd turn the radio off. The thing was on maybe two minutes while we were having lunch."

It was enough, however, to catch the imagination of the young Klassen, who soon began developing his own chant by make believing he was selling off his father's animals as he went about his chores.

"We had 15 cows in the barn and I walked along that barn and I'd sell every cow seven times a day. Or if I drove along the highway, I'd sell the hydro poles.

"One day I announced, 'When I grow up I'm going to be an auctioneer,'" he says. "I'm the oldest of eight, so everyone around the table just smiled and nodded."

With a whole lot of gumption and even more hard work, Klassen made it happen and this year his company, Bill Klassen Auctions Ltd., celebrates his 50 years in the business.

Asked if he ever thought he'd be doing what he loves all these decades later, Klassen shrugs and smiles, "I was sure hoping I would, and now it's here."

He got his feet wet by heading up charity auctions, the first to help raise money for a hockey team in Blumenfeld. Klassen spearheaded a pie sale where the winning bidders not only got a tasty pastry but also the chance to enjoy it with the lady who made it.

"I wanted to show what I thought I could do," he says. "So we did it and, what do you know, that took off."

From there Klassen found himself hosting more and more charity auctions across the region, helping villages and schools and churches raise funds for all manner of projects.

"Before long I was doing them all, or at least very many," he says, recalling that he certainly didn't let it go to his head—one time he arrived a bit late to an event and found himself having to purchase a ticket to get in, as they didn't recognize him at the door.

Backed with several charity auctions worth of experience, Klassen next set his sights on trying to make auctioneering a decent side job to accompany his love of farming.

His very first farm auction was for



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Bill Klassen in front of the auctioneer's window from which he's led hundreds of auctions over the years. Klassen celebrates five decades in the business this summer.

his neighbour, Albert Warms. Warms, after perhaps a bit coaxing from Klassen's grandfather, an old friend, decided to give the 20-year-old a chance.

"I grew up on the farm and I knew as much about that farm equipment as anybody," Klassen says. Still, aware of his inexperience, he promised to do the job for peanuts. "I told him I just wanted \$10, plus advertising expenses. I just wanted my foot in the door ... I would have done it for nothing. In fact, I would have paid \$10 to do it!"

Although he had to overcome some nerves stepping up in front of his first big farm auction crowd that July afternoon in 1968 ("I was nervous as all get out," Klassen recalls), the sale went off without a hitch.

Klassen was hooked. Later that year he headed to Kansas City to spend two weeks training at the Missouri Auction School.

"I learned a lot about the business end of it all," he says, noting his chant—the fast-paced string of numbers and filler words auctioneers use as they go about selling—was given a passing grade, though his instructors stressed there was so much more to the industry students needed to master if they were going to succeed.

"Everyone thinks that the chant is so important, and it really isn't," Klassen says. "The important thing is do people trust you? Because they've worked all their lives on these farms,

it's their life savings, and they're entrusting it to you to sell."

While Klassen was at school, his father had booked him another auction and he so returned home to host it within just 24 hours of graduating.

What followed was some lean times, as the auction business in the area already had several established auctioneers, including the Kehler Brothers, who dominated the local industry, and Jake Enns, who Klassen remembers as an old-school type of auctioneer.

"He really took his time and he tried to get another nickel out of you. In auction school we didn't learn that.

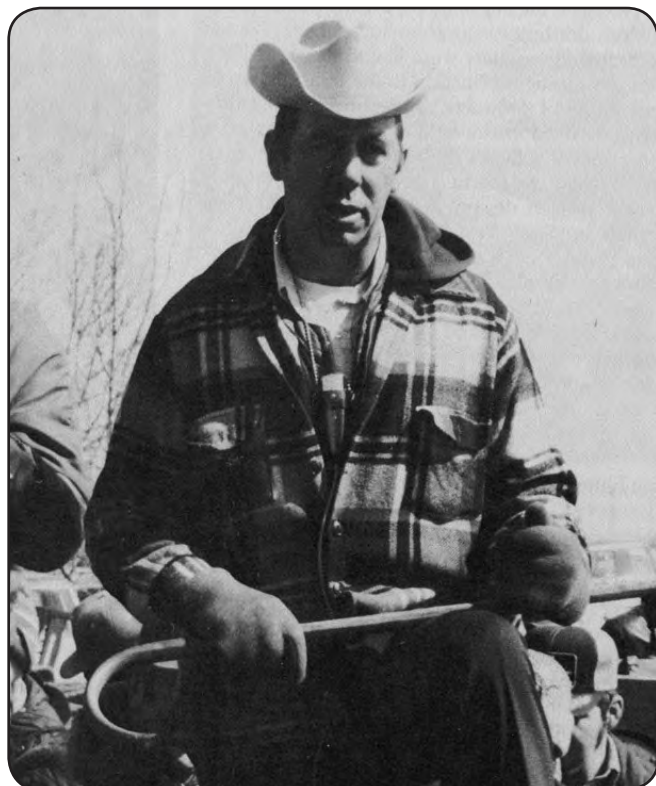
"We learned that when you're selling something and when people quit bidding," he snaps his fingers, "you sell it. So they know you mean business."

The difference in styles created some conflict when Klassen worked for a season under the tutelage of Enns. He struck out on his own the next year.

"I wanted to set my own path," he says. "And I did ... and that was a struggle. I had almost nothing that first year. But, it slowly happened. The auctions came in, and some good ones."

It all circles back around to trust, Klassen stresses. People have to trust

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Klassen at an auction in 1981 during a time he was trying out wearing a cowboy hat and holding a traditional auctioneer's cane. "It didn't suit me," he says, laughing, noting today he's more likely to be seen sporting a baseball cap, microphone in hand.

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Your FARM



Early seeding happening near Portage

By Harry Siemens

Farmers across the west were waiting for sunshine and warmer temperatures, but there was already some seeding happening.

Jim Palliser and his two sons had planted half of their canola acres and some wheat.

His son William tweeted a satellite map showing snow all around the Palliser farm at Portage la Prairie.

"I can see why nobody believes we are seeding. We had a no precipitation zone last year, and it continues," said Jim Pallister.

"Well, the only place it's wet, it has to do with snow melt. Because it was so windy, there's snow around the edges of the field ... but the field itself has been exposed all winter."

Conditions have varied wildly across the continent. There was a severe storm all the way in Nebraska as well as Ontario and other places.

"Look at the difference in Iowa's soil temperature this year versus last year," said Karen Braun, a global agriculture columnist at Thomson Reuters and meteorologist by training.

"In some cases, it is 25 degrees colder in 2018, indicating zero per cent of Iowa is ready. Field work ideally starts when temperatures are closer to 50. Snow free would help too. Corn will have to wait."

Will Mellencamp, a fertilizer application specialist in Iowa, noted there were there are still freezing temperatures April 20 in the Midwest.

"Not to mention the rain and snow. Farmers need to be planting, but the soil temperature is still only under four degrees Celsius."

While Palliser has worked since April 16, he was not aware of too many others going at this time except for one neighbour.

"Land is blowing not far from my place near Westbourne west of us ... the land is dry on the surface and needs working to make lumps," said Palliser.

"And seeding conditions are mellow, but we need to keep going cause it might not rain and get too dry ... even here in southern Manitoba. We started off spreading, I mean the land is dry on the surface and needs to be worked up to make lumps."

Jim's youngest son William said seeding is going well, noting that their tile drainage is not running, as the ground is thawing, giving evidence that the water table is low.

"We started off spreading a barley cover crop because of land vulnerable to wind erosion before establishing a crop ... very dry conditions carrying over from last summer combined with an open winter makes for a dry situation overall," said William.

"Having said that, seed bed moisture is excellent, as there is little issue with seeding into moisture.

"The previous week the frost was only three inches below the surface, now because of this heat, it is rapidly thawing. Since the forecast is dry with ample heat, we're making seeding a priority as to take advantage of the seed bed moisture that we have."



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you'll do your best and know what you're talking about. And that can take time.

"Relationships are so important in this business and in getting your name out," he says.

His advice for the next generation of auctioneers?

"Be honest. Do your job well. And know that integrity is very important," Klassen says. "If you goof up, don't be afraid to say, 'My mistake.' And sometimes you even have to pay up because of it."

EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY

Saying active in a fast-changing business for Klassen has also meant embracing new technology.

He was the first auctioneer in Manitoba on the online Global Auction Guide, he says, and in recent years his company launched its own auction app to further extend its reach and give customers more ways to bid.

"I'm not afraid to try new things," says Klassen. "The electronic trend, I don't know nearly enough about it all myself, but it is here to stay."

Five years ago, he would print a thousand of copies of his seasonal catalogue to bring to Ag Days and by the second day of the event he'd have to get a few hundred more printed to meet the demand.

Today, they're lucky if a couple hundred catalogues are picked up. More people than ever head online to see what's coming up for auction.

"So you have to stay with it," Klassen says. "You have to embrace change ... I have very good auctioneer friends who said, 'I'm not getting involved in that crazy computer thing' and, you know what, they have less auctions than I do."

Still, as the agricultural industry moves increasingly away from small family farms to large corporations, there are fewer farm auctions to be had, even for someone trying to stay on the forefront of technology.

During busy years in the 1990s, Klassen and his staff would do nearly 100 auctions a season, one almost every single day of the week. This year's schedule is still shaping up, but it's not unusual for the company to do closer to 40 auctions a season, plus several charity events.

"At my age, I shouldn't complain," Klassen laughs, figuring he's probably personally done upwards of 3,500 auctions over the years. "We've sold out so many farms ... now there's just

way fewer auctions to go around."

Klassen suspects the real future of the auction industry in Manitoba is in real estate.

"We should get into selling more real estate, which we do a little bit of already. That is a very good trend to be in on."

The official date of Klassen's anniversary is July 23—the day of that first paid farm auction back in 1968—and he's hoping not only to have an auction scheduled for that weekend somewhere in the Pembina Triangle but also a celebration to thank the community for its support over the decades.

"I hope to book a really good auction for that day and have a party," he says. "There's a lot to celebrate."

Much thanks as well go to his staff over the years, Klassen stresses. Today's group includes three auctioneers besides Klassen and several support staff.

"I love what I do and I have a very good staff—and over the years I've



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Auctioneer Bill Klassen has been doing what he loves for 50 years. His company, Bill Klassen Auctions, plans to mark the milestone with a celebration this July.

always had good staff—that help me do it."

Which is why Klassen says he's in no hurry to put down the gavel for good any time soon.

"I like working with people. I like the calls ... the excitement in the air," he says. "As long as the Lord gives me health, I'll keep going."



By Harry Siemens

Farmers need to tell their stories

For a long time now, I've told the story of farming one story at a time.

Sometimes those stories don't always involve farmers directly but by suppliers who make it possible for those farmers to produce the grain that feeds us and the rest of the world.

As the percentage farmers dwindle lower and lower while still cropping the same land in acres, it is imperative consumers speak directly with those people who produce their food. It isn't just about data and words, but it has to do with telling their stories.

That's why comments by Trish Jordan, director of public and industry affairs with Monsanto Canada, caught my attention.

Years back, I worked with her at Monsanto, doing seminars on communications and selling skills and toured their GMO research labs in St. Louis in 2004.

Jordan said those involved in food production need to focus more on conversation and less on data when engaging with the non-farming public.

That is why I keep challenging farmers wherever I encounter them

to step out and step up and tell their story, whether in the coffee shop, family gatherings or on public platforms.

Jordan said the tools used by modern agriculture to meet expanding demand for food have faced increasing attacks from activist groups.

The bigger and better the tools and buildings become, the bigger the target, and the louder the activists shout, and they do influence food policy makers.

Farmers hurtling accusations across the borders, whether between Canada and the United States or US and Mexico or in other parts of the world, is shooting ourselves in our collective feet.

Jordan said much of the messaging uses shock and awe, so you see a lot of videos on YouTube or Netflix dramas such as Food Inc, Cowspiracy, and Meritocracy with the objective of denigrating animal agriculture.

"The end game for these groups, the real vehemently activist groups is they don't want animal agriculture at all," she said. "They don't want the use of biotechnology in food production at all, and so their end goal, even though they don't state it, is to ban them."

"You go and check out these

groups and go to their websites; they have a plethora of videos, a plethora of stories and some people either lean towards that, to begin with so they're easily swayed to believe in these campaigns. Other people have a genuine interest. They might think, I've heard that pesticides are bad, therefore I better shop organic because organic doesn't use pesticides."

Jordan said those of us involved in agriculture know that's not true because organic farmers can use pesticides. But the consumer doesn't dig that deep. They have an attention span of seven to ten seconds.

"They don't dig that deep, they're being pulled in by the emotions, and that's where we need to do a better job of telling our story, not bombarding them with facts, research papers and science-based data, even though we're all driven by that."

Jordan said the Canadian agriculture sector is stepping up and realizing the need to have this conversation with consumers.

"It's more getting into a conversation with them and understanding where they're getting their information and then trying to open up a different view of agriculture than they currently have."

Piano in spotlight at arts festival

The Winkler Festival of the Arts continued last week with the piano sessions.

They took place at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall and concluded with performances and an awards evening Friday.

The winners in their classes were Jeremy Woo (Gr. 2), Emmalyn Klassen (Gr 3), Rachel Klassen (Gr 4), Elias Mierau (Gr 5), Marcel Alles (Gr 6), Joy Xia (Gr 7), Kylee Klassen (Gr 8), Clar-

issa Unger (Gr 9), Hailey Buhler (Gr 10), Benjamin Funk (Diploma), Kylee Klassen / Jakiya Friesen (Duets), Jakiya Friesen (Sacred), Samuel Klassen (Popular) and Jaelynn Nickel (Studies).

Scholarships of varying levels and amounts were awarded to Janika Friesen, Jeremy Lloyd, Owen Klassen, Sara Onishchuk, Tanis Wieler, Micah Loewen, Evelyn Alles, Samuel Klassen, Bethany Wiebe, Naemi Schaefer

and Jayden Wall as the adjudicator's choice (Co-op) while Benjamin Funk received the Tina Wiebe scholarship.

Provincial recommendations were made for the following:

• Preliminary - Emmalyn Klassen, Jeremy Lloyd, Rachel Klassen, Sam Bergen

• Junior - Elias Mierau, Marcel Alles
• Intermediate - Joy Xia, Kylee Klassen, Micah Loewen

• Advanced - Hailey Buhler, Clarissa Unger

• Senior - Benjamin Funk, Naemi Schaefer



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The Tina Wiebe Scholarship was presented by adjudicator Tracey Regier Sawatzky to Benjamin Funk along with Jennifer Wiebe representing the Tina Wiebe family.



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Marlie Enns kicked off the piano awards night of the Winkler Festival of the Arts Friday with her performance of Bach.

Grand finale for Morden arts festival

Morden wrapping up 43rd season with hilites concert

By Lorne Stelmach

The 43rd season of the Morden Festival of the Arts concludes with the annual hilites concert this weekend.

The festival's grand finale takes place this Sunday starting at 2 p.m. at the Morden Alliance Church.

The concert showcases performances that have been recommended by the adjudicators of each discipline featured throughout the festival season including strings, sacred, piano,

vocal and the French and English speech arts.

Awards will be presented to many festival participants including who have been recommended to represent the local festival at the provincial level.

As well, the 2018 Loreena McKennitt Award will also be presented to a festival participant judged to have reached a level of excellence in his or her musical studies and who plans to continue studies and pursue a career in the performing arts.

Organizers said the concert promises to provide an entertaining afternoon and encouraged people to come out and show their support of the talented, hard-working performers from the community.

It was a successful festival season

overall with the 585 entries representing an increase of around 40 from the previous year with the most notable increase coming in the speech arts.

Sessions over the last two months provided performers with feedback from very qualified adjudicators in each discipline.

The festival aims to foster and promote continued interest, development and growth

of talent within the arts community and provides a venue for student performance, instruction and adjudication in various areas of the arts. It strives to keep entry fees as low as possible to encourage participation while maintaining financial stability

Financial support is vital to help offset expenses, so donations can be mailed to Morden Festival of the Arts, Box 493, Morden, MB, R6M 1A5

More information is available at the www.mordenfestivalofthearts.org

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Orioles looking to get new season going

Pembina Valley looking to improve upon sixth place finish last year in MJBL

By Lorne Stelmach

Jim Odlum welcomes the arrival of baseball season each spring.

A coach and the assistant general manager for the Pembina Valley Orioles, Odlum always looks forward to seeing what talent might emerge for the coming Manitoba Junior Baseball League campaign.

"You always get excited when you see that young guy coming in that you don't really know much about ... after the first couple of practices, first games ... you think you've got a real gamer here."

Preparations for the new season were gearing up with Sheldon Bergman and Phil Hildebrand now also on board as part of the coaching staff.

The camp dates were set for this Sunday and the following Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. each day with the weather and conditions finally improving, said Odlum.

The Orioles tentatively have their traditional opening game with the Altona Bisons set for May 9 at 7 p.m.

Pembina Valley will be looking to improve upon their sixth place finish last year, though they had a good playoff run.

After a two game quarter-final sweep of the fifth place regional rival Altona Bisons, the Orioles gave the eventual league champion St. James As a good semi-final battle before falling in four games.

"We started really slow last year, probably didn't play to our potential at all ... at the end of

the year, we started coming on," said Odlum. "We had a great series against



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Pembina Valley Orioles had a good playoff run last year, beating the Altona Bisons before falling to the eventual champion St. James As.

Altona and gave St. James all that they could handle and battled right to the

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Special Olympics coach honoured

By Lorne Stelmach

A local Special Olympics coach received a provincial honour this past weekend.

Sabrina Klassen was among 58 coaches who international coaching certificates Saturday at the Sport Manitoba Coaching Manitoba Impact Awards ceremony.

It recognizes those who coached at an international event in 2017, and Klassen was one of three Manitoba coaches who were members of Team Canada at the 2017 Special Olympics World Games in Austria.

Klassen said it was nice to be recognized, particularly for coaching at the international level as that was a great opportunity for her.

"To be able to coach at the world lev-

el, it's an honour to be able to represent your country ... and to see everyone else from around the world doing the same thing ... it's pretty cool," said Klassen.

She added it was especially gratifying for her to have the opportunity with Special Olympics, as it is an organization she is very much dedicated to being involved with, she said.

"I've been coaching for about 14 years now," noted Klassen. "It is a passion. It's something I really love to do, and I don't see myself not doing it.

"It's great to see Morden has their two programs now," she noted, adding as well that they "were looking at expanding ... it's awesome to be adding another sport and another program come next year. It's great to see those things happening here."



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Sabrina Klassen received an international coaching certificate along with fellow Special Olympics coaches Joanne Zahaiko and Ron Struch.

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Gearing up for the Games

Pembina Valley
55 Plus team
members wanted

By Lorne Stelmach

Area residents are again being invited to be part of Team Pembina Valley for the Manitoba 55 Plus Games.

The games are being held in Glenboro June 12 to 14, and Pembina Valley games rep Lois Dudgeon is recruiting anyone and everyone who's interested in joining to represent the region.

"These 55 Plus Games have been running for 36 consecutive years since the first games in 1983 and are still going strong," said Dudgeon.

"The Manitoba 55 Plus Games are the only on-going multi-sport event for older adults in the province ... the

games really do have something for everyone," she added.

The games include such events as predicted walk/run, five-pin bowling, golf, floor curling and shuffle, scrabble, slo-pitch, snooker, swimming, track and more with a total of 24 events.

New to the games in 2013 was the ever growing pickle ball, and demonstration events this year include archery, badminton and Belgian bowling.

"Most events are open, so you simply register for your event," noted Dudgeon. "These games are all about fun, fitness and friendship. By participating in the games, you're not only getting active, you're staying active long after the games are over.

"It's also about being part of the fun and making new friends for life, not to mention renewing the many friendships from games past."

Team Pembina Valley has remained



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Members of Team Pembina Valley at the 2017 Manitoba 55 Plus Games.

constant at over 100 athletes in the past few years, and newcomers are always welcome, said Dudgeon.

The registration deadline for all events is May 11, and anyone who 55 plus by the end of 2018 is eligible to participate.

If you're interested, you can contact Dudgeon at 204-822-6207 for more information, and you can also find more details online at the www.alcoamb.org website of the Active Living Coalition for Older Adults in Manitoba.

Club honours members



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The Morden Curling Club held its annual general meeting April 18 and honoured two outstanding long time members. Club president Kevin Convery presented Dianne Lambert and Armand Tetreault with honorary life memberships in recognition of their contributions to the club.

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end."

It will be a bit of a rebuilding year for the Orioles, though that is always the reality at this level with players moving out of their junior eligibility.

"We lost seven guys last year, and of the seven guys that we lost, six were potential starters ... so we lost a bulk of our starting lineup," he said.

"We have talked to a few players about coming back. I think there's a lot of interest out there. We have nine guys who could be returning this year, I'm not sure if they all are ... I've spoken to a majority of them.

"We also have a number of really good guys who are going to be able to step in," he continued. "That's junior ball every year. You have guys leave and new guys come in. Every spring, there's new faces."

Odlum said he thinks their pitching could potentially be strong and

that they might also be pretty good at the bat, as he feels there is a good level of talent for them to draw on in the region.

"We have players coming from a large area ... last year we had kids from Carman, from Winkler, from Morden, Pilot Mound, Cartwright ... we cover a large area."

So optimism reigns supreme at this point, and Odlum encouraged any and all eligible players to consider coming out.

"I like it when there's a lot of players showing up ... show what you've got ... any player is invited," he concluded.

You can also follow the Pembina Valley Orioles on Facebook, and if interested in more information, contact Sheldon Bergman at 204-362-0335 or Odlum at 204-823-2495.

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ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be sent to the undersigned at 881 Thornhill Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1J9, on or before the 31st day of May, 2018. DATED at Morden, Manitoba, this 17th day of April, 2018.

WIDMER LAW OFFICE Solicitor for the Administrator

NOTICE OF HEARING

UNDER THE HIGHWAYS PROTECTION ACT AND THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a hearing of the Highway Traffic Board will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 204-301 Weston Street, Winnipeg MB R3E 3H4 Phone: (204) 945-8912.

PERMITS - PART I - SECTION 9 H.P.A. AND PART III - SECTION 17 H.P.A. 2/032/036/B/18 - JEFFREY & JUDY KLASSEN

Application for Dwelling with Attached Garage (Residential) adjacent to P.T.H. No. 32, N.W. 1/4 27-2-4W, R.M. of Stanley.

The Highway Traffic Board will be prepared to consider all submissions, written or oral, on the above applications by contacting the Secretary prior to or at the hearing.

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HEARING LOCATION: Morden Civic Centre
195 Stephen St., Morden, MB
DATE & TIME: Monday, April 30, 2018 @ 7:00pm
FROM: "CR" Community Reserve
TO: "PR" Parks and Recreation
AREA: LOT 11, BLOCK 6, PLAN 661 MORDEN, MB

As shown outlined in red lines on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin Sandhurst, City Planner; *Morden.* Planning & Engineering
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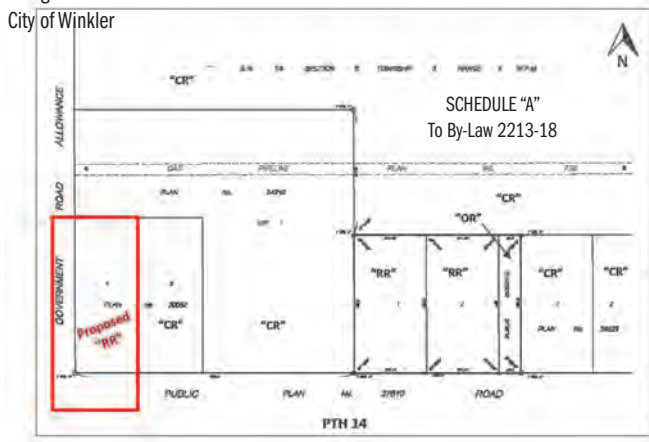
The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2213-18, of the City of Winkler. 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
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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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Designated Officer
City of Winkler



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

Crossword Answer

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CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- In bed
- Project portfolio management
- Bator: Mongolian capital
- Roamed
- Notre Dame legend Parseghian
- Nothing (Spanish)
- Not level
- Self-contained aircraft unit
- Baseball broadcaster Caray
- Tomei, actress
- "The Raven" writer
- Bathrooms
- Skilled inventors
- Forcefully silence
- Remove
- The arrival of daylight
- Split lentils
- "Walking Dead" actress
- A lazy person
- Doctors' group
- Crooks
- Fragrant essential oil
- Conjured
- One who predicts
- Scarlett's home
- Television network
- Something comparable to another
- What a thespian does
- Word element meaning life
- Italian island
- "King of Queens" actress Remini
- Jogged
- Norse gods
- Lazily
- Midway between northeast and east
- Hindu queen

CLUES DOWN

- Top Rank boxing promoter
- fide (Latin)
- At all times
- Hindu female deity
- Tufts of hairs on plant seeds
- Edited
- Portuguese archipelago
- Your parents' brothers
- Pakistani city
- Farewell
- Short sleep sessions
- Remove salt
- Drug officers
- One and only
- The Golden State
- Norse baby carrier (abbr.)
- Quid pro
- New England research university
- Baseball pitcher's stat
- Western India island
- Angeles
- Midway between east and southeast
- British singer Stewart
- Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- Riding horse
- Where wrestlers work
- Regions
- Of a main artery
- Competed against
- Biscuit-like cake
- Large ankle bones
- Computer company
- "Friends" actress Kudrow
- "Chocolat" actress Lena
- Brain folds

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ANNOUNCEMENT

CARD OF THANKS

A special thank you to those from near and far for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday. My family and friends made it very special for me and I will never forget the love that everyone showed me. Thank you for all of the cards, gifts, telephone calls and visits. Thank you to Ardelle and Brian from the Miami Variety for the delicious food.

-Sincerely,
Jean Spencer

ANNOUNCEMENT

BIRTHDAY



John J. Hamm's
98th Birthday

Thank you for joining us in the celebration of John J. Hamm's 98th Birthday on Sunday, April 22, at Salem Home. We Praise the Lord for a dad who is a good example of what it means to live a full life with thankfulness and contentment in all circumstances.

ANNOUNCEMENT

ENGAGEMENT



Bergman-Holenski

Regan and Dallas, along with their parents Christine and Sheldon and Shannon and Glen, are excited to announce their engagement. A wedding on the family farm is planned for August 4th, 2018.

Bridal Shower - A bridal shower in Regan's honour will be held on Sunday, April 29th, 2 p.m. at the Evergreen Club in Darlingford.

Social Evening - A Social Evening for Regan and Dallas will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at the Morden Access Centre.

OBITUARY



Margaretha Banman (nee Krahn) 1925 – 2018

On Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, Margaret Banman aged 93 years formerly of Kronsgart went to her eternal rest.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Pamela Banman; five grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, George P Banman in 2015; one son, Gary in 2002 and one daughter, Barbara in 1977.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018 at the Grace Mennonite Church with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Margaret's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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OBITUARY



John Klassen 1933 - 2018

On Thursday, April 19, 2018 at Resthaven Nursing Home in Steinbach, MB, John Klassen aged 84 years formerly of Winkler went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mary; one daughter, Tracy (Harv) Friesen; one son, Bernie Klassen; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters; two brothers and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Jacob and Susan Klassen, two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 24, 2018 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at Southside Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Susana Miller (nee Doerksen) 1916 – 2018

Susana (Doerksen) Miller passed away Saturday, April 14, 2018. She spent the last few years of her life at Boyne Lodge Personal Care Home in Carman, Manitoba. She read the Bible every day until her eyes failed her.

Susana was born on September 12, 1916, to Maria (Braun) and Gerhard G. Doerksen on a farm in Reinthal, a few miles outside of Plum Coulee, Manitoba. She was the youngest of 14 children. When she was 11 years old the family moved from the farm into the Village of Winkler. She walked part of the way behind a wagon of hay with a cow tied to the back of it. As she grew older she worked for the Jewish families in the community doing laundry, cleaning, etc. to help out the family. She met the love of her life, Jacob L.

Miller and in 1935 they married. They lived in Winkler, then moved to Strassberg to look after a school there. From there they moved to Emerson where Jake worked for a farmer. In 1951 they moved to Ontario where he worked as a carpenter and she did housework. She also worked in the orchards picking fruit. Oh, how she loved fresh fruit. In 1956 they moved to Michigan where she also did housework. Jake worked as a finish carpenter and together they built a lot of furniture at home for others. In 1968, for health reasons, they returned to Winkler where they bought his mother's place at the corner of Mountain and 1st Street. Susana and Jake were baptized in 1973 and became members of the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church in Winkler. She began to volunteer her time at the Salem Home in Winkler and at the age of 77 was recognized as Activity Volunteer of the Year in 1994, by the Manitoba Activity Therapists Association. She had spent over 2,700 hours as a volunteer. Susana kept the old German language. She loved to read it and sing songs in German. She went many places to sing old German hymns to seniors. They loved to hear songs they remembered from the old days. Writing poetry was also something she enjoyed. She had two books of poetry published, one of her English poems and one of her Low German poems. A story of her life (Tonight I Will Dance) was also published.

Susana and Jake were blessed with eight children. Harold passed away in 2017. Surviving are Esther (Bill) Zacharias of Morden; Harvey, Marlene, Tillie, Dolores (Jim) Britton, and Isaac, all of Michigan and Berniece (Gary) Johnson of Saskatchewan. She was predeceased by her husband, Jake Miller in 1987; granddaughter, Linda Lee Miller in 1983; and grandsons, Joseph, and Ken Miller in 2014. She leaves to mourn 21 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 2018 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior at Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Susana's memory to either the Boyne Lodge Personal Care Home (designated to the Activities Program) or the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church.

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OBITUARY

Helena Driedger (nee Rempel) 1935 – 2018



On Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, Helen Driedger, aged 82 years, went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Linda and Cornie Quiring; four sons, David and Eva Driedger, Peter and Anne Driedger, Abe and Liz Driedger, Bill and Kathy Driedger as well as 24 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, four sisters, seven brothers and their families.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank F Driedger in 2005, a grandson in infancy, grandson, Donald Driedger, one sister and one brother.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018 at the Reinland Mennonite Church, Winkler with interment at

Reinland Mennonite Church Cemetery, Schanzenfeld.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Helen's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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OBITUARY

Debra Regina Hazel Libbrecht (nee Renton) 1955 – 2018



With heavy hearts, we the family of Debra Libbrecht age 63 of Kaleida, MB formerly of The Pas passed away peacefully at Grace Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 with her family at her side.

Deb was born in Gladstone, Manitoba on March 22, 1955. Deb graduated with honours from Morden Collegiate Institute. Soon after graduating Deb met her future husband, Gerald Libbrecht, which took them to The Pas, where they started their life together. Her career started at Keewatin Community College as the administrator for the next 21 years. Her next endeavour was at

Tolko where she worked for the next 15 years until she retired. Deb loved her special time with her grandchildren, fishing at Rocky Lake with friends and family, loved "playing" in her greenhouse to beautify their yard while she listened to country music.

Deb leaves to mourn her passing one son, Derrick; two grandchildren, Damian and Evony; one grandson, Rory Libbrecht; three sisters, Cindy (Abe) Froese, Kim (Lorne) Zacharias, Brenda (Howie) Sanderson and their families; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Deb was predeceased by her husband, Gerald (Fish); one son, Robert; her parents, Reginald and Audrey Renton; one sister, Colleen and one nephew, Tanner.

Cremation has taken place. A family memorial with ash interment will be held at the Chapel Cemetery Columbarium at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden at a later date.

If friends so desire donations may be made in Debra's memory to the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

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OBITUARY

Henry Martens 1922 - 2018



Henry Martens was born September 2, 1922 to Jacob and Helena (Wiebe) in Russia. He came to Canada along with his parents as an infant and settled in the village of Neuhorst near Gretna. He married Gertruda Driedger, daughter of Johann and Katrina (Dueck) Driedger at her family's farm yard at Neuhoftnung on September 27, 1947.

Surviving him are his wife of 70+ years, Gertrude; four children: Helen (Larry) Frith, Elsie (Ernest) Neufeld, John (Marilyn), Jake (Dorothy); eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Peter and three sisters-in-law as well as many nieces and nephews.

Dad was baptized into the Blumenorter Mennonite Church, later attending the Bergthaler Church at MacGregor and then joining the Whitewater Mennonite Church at Boissevain and finally transferring to the Winkler Mennonite Church when they moved to Winkler. Dad and Mom farmed most of their married life: first at Clearwater, then at Castle Point (near Carberry) and finished their farming career at Boissevain retiring in 1986 from a mixed farming and small dairy operation. He loved the animals he cared for and working the land.

After retiring Dad and Mom enjoyed camping in their little boler trailer and going on bus trips. He enjoyed playing chess, crokinole, watching TV and reading. Dad loved to sing and was definitely an asset to any choir or singing group he joined. He enjoyed gospel music especially if played with a lively beat and even in the last few days when he wasn't responding verbally would tap his toes to the beat of music played in his room. He was always a quiet, gentle person, hardworking and very honest. When his memory started to fail he had to give up his driver license, but he realized it was for the best and quietly dealt with that loss of independence. The last couple of years were very difficult with failing health and memory so was quite bored and slept a lot which has been difficult for the family to watch and extremely difficult for his life mate who couldn't understand the gradual loss of memory. Dad fractured a hip end of March and complications following led to his demise. He left for his heavenly home on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 with family at his bedside and will be greatly missed.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Winkler Mennonite Church with interment at the Rudnerweide Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Henry's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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OBITUARY

Mary Klassen (nee Franz) 1932 - 2018



On Sunday, April 15, 2018 at Rock Lake Personal Care Home, Mary Klassen left this world as she lived - with family beside her, in peace and grace to enter the arms of Jesus, her saviour, joining her husband John in their heavenly home.

Cherishing a lifetime of memories are her four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: daughter, Luella (David) Seabaugh; their children, Jennifer (Chris) Brannock, their children, Ty and Trent; Charles (Amy) Allen, their children, Noah, John, Caroline and Levi; Sarah (Stephan) Parent, their children, Liam and Isabelle; daughter, Ingrid (Menno) Dyck; their children, Melany (Trent) Krahn, their children, Rayah and Grayden; Carey (Jen) Dyck, their son, Braxton; son, Raymond (Charlotte) Klassen; their

children, Janessa (Ben) Damphouse, Seth and Luke; son, Arnold (Margo) Klassen; their children, Adam (Felicia) Klassen, their children, Lochlan and Bodhin; Jessica Klassen, her son, Amarii; Gina (Josh) Friesen, their children, Henry and Jaxon as well as brother, Peter (Margaret) Franz and many nieces and nephews.

In 1926 Mary's parents and three siblings joined Russian Mennonites leaving Ukraine to start a new life in rural Manitoba. Here Mary's older brother, Ed and she were born, Mary in October

1932. Their first farmhouse near Boissevain had a dirt floor. Amidst farm chores, tending plants and animals, Mary recalled abundant music, love and optimism born of a reliance on faith in God and Jesus. She publicly declared her faith in Jesus with her baptism in May, 1951. Mary remembered the thrill of ordering two dresses from the Eaton's catalogue; worn alternately for a week at a time, at a cost of 50 cents each. She was 10 before she saw food in a tin can. An avid, life-long learner, Mary loved flowers, cared for others, mastered piano and needlework. Her gifted hands created so much beauty! Many were blessed by her sewing, wheat weaving, knitting, crocheting and tatting skills. Her local school ended at grade 8. Mary completed grade 9 through correspondence courses and attended the Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna for grades 10-12. After graduation she earned her teaching certificate at Normal School in Winnipeg and was hired as teacher in Blumenort, Manitoba. Here she met "tall, dark, handsome--and important to her--Christian," John Klassen. Mary married John in 1954 and moved to a house John built on the Jacob H. Klassen farmstead in Blumenort. Their family grew as they farmed and were active in the community and Blumenort Mennonite Church. Mary's children remember her gentle way of working alongside them doing chores, reading to them and her keen interest in others, including their friends. She had a gift for hospitality and making others feel welcome and important. After moving to Winkler, John and Mary enjoyed their garden (who would grow the first tomato?), tending flowers, neighbours, and most especially, creating a warm welcome with hugs, a listening ear, family gatherings and treats--a basket of Smarties ("happy pills") always ready for grandchildren.

...Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. --Colossians 3:12

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Blumenort Mennonite Church, Rosetown, with interment prior at the Blumenort Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in remembrance of Mary Klassen may be made to Blumenort Mennonite Church, Missions.

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OBITUARY

Robert James Toews 1939 - 2018



It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert James Toews (Bob), on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the age of 78. Bob passed away quietly at his home after a long battle with asbestosis.

He leaves to mourn his wife of 57 years, Mary; two sons, Scott (Tessa) and Carl (Karen) and their two children, Madelyn and Danika; a brother, Ed (Helen) and their daughter, Yvonne (Peter). Bob also leaves sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews. Bob was predeceased by his parents, William and Maria; his sister, Vera and her husband, Harris; brothers-in-law, Dave Hiebert, Art McGinnis and sister-in-law, Pat Patterson.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018 at the EMM Church 600 Southview Dr. in Winkler with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

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

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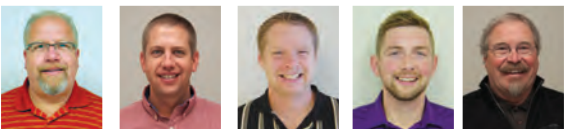
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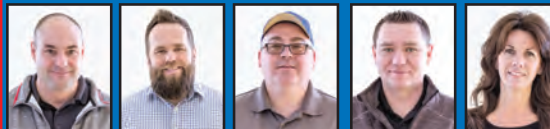
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