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Manitou Opera House cuts ribbon on accessibility expansion

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's been decades in the works, but the wait was more than worth it, said Manitou Opera House Foundation chair Thor Thorleifson at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the major expansion to the 86-year-old building.

"We developed a pretty good idea of what we needed for an accessibility addition close to 10 years ago," Thorleifson told the full house at the ceremonies on Saturday.

"Since then the cost has doubled—no surprise there—but we have refined our plans, we waited patiently for the right time to start, and now I hope you will agree that the finished project is a source of pride for Manitou, for the municipality of Pembina, and for Manitobans in general."

Three years ago the foundation spearheaded a fundraising campaign to raise the nearly \$1 million needed



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Manitou Opera House Foundation's Lindy Sharpe (left) and Al Thorleifson join long-time area resident Marg Durham in cutting the ribbon on the major accessibility expansion to the performing arts centre.

for the renovations. While support has come in from all levels of government, the bulk of the money came out of local wallets.

"The Manitou Opera House Foundation would like to thank all of our donors from all over the region who have made this project possible," said

treasurer Lindy Sharpe in unveiling a lengthy donor list that will soon be

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The company is also very proud of its work with G-Force, a church ministry that helps provide vehicles and vehicle repairs to people in need.

Chad Berg stressed the award “doesn’t mean that we have arrived, but it does mean we are reaching” and always trying to be better.



Clockwise from above: Shoppers Drug Mart staff, Chad and Agatha Berg of Chad’s Auto Repair Shop, and John and Trish Loewen of Icon Technologies with their business awards.



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April is the month we recognize all the wonderful volunteers in all the awesome organizations across Canada that would not exist without those dedicated volunteers.

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And you SCCR volunteers—you know who you are—walk tall and be proud, for you truly are very special people.

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MP should park the partisanship and contribute to change

Apparently the sole Conservative voice speaking out on Parliament Hill after the Duffy verdict was our very own Candice Bergen.

Did she offer sober reflection on the real or potential abuses of the centralization of power in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)?

Perhaps she had something to say about the necessity of accountability in the Senate (and possibly the House of Commons as well)?

Could she put forth suggestions as to how we can learn from this costly exercise?

I'm afraid not.

She chose to bristle at the judge's comments that took her old leader, Stephen Harper, to task for micro-managing through the PMO in a ruthless and covert fashion.

She complained, "That was the narrative. It wasn't true. He was a strong, strong leader." In her world, Harper still rules with glorious authority.

Bergen was never part of the in-circle, that holy of holies, the PMO. Yet she claims to have first hand knowledge of the congenial and collaborative atmosphere existing in that se-

cretive place.

She dismissively categorized Judge Vaillancourt's scathing indictment of the PMO's operation as 'his opinion' with which she respectfully disagrees. That's her prerogative. But it sounds familiar. Wasn't it Dean del Mastro who, upon his conviction for election fraud, also insisted the judge got it wrong while he, del Mastro, knew the truth?

The thing is, judges listen to the evidence and spend a lot of time weighing it, considering precedent as well as witness credibility. If Ms. Bergen had been sitting beside the judge, listening to those 60 days of testimony and then writing a 308-page judgment, I might give her opinion some weight.

As it is, the MP for Portage-Lisgar appears to be living in a past of her own making, one in which Stephen Harper lives on as a great and inspiring leader whose time in power was cut much too short.

She repeatedly uses silly schoolgirl taunts, referring our current Prime Minister as Selfie King. I would have expected she would have learned

from the CPC's failed attack ad tactics during the last election. Apparently not.

I can't give her guidance as one of her constituents since she no longer represents me—I'm part of Brandon-Souris now—but I will pass on some free advice: recognize that many Canadians disliked and even detested the secretive, controlling style of Stephen Harper; understand that many of us felt it crucial to turf her party because of their meanspirited and divisive methods and creations, from the Barbaric Cultural Practices snitch line to ridiculously large omnibus bills to the Unfair Elections Act.

Rather than defending the indefensible, Bergen's time would be better spent coming up with ways to improve the system—you know, the transparency and accountability that her government trumpeted back in 2006 but then turned around and gave us the PMO from hell.

Park the partisanship for a moment and be the change Candice.

Bill Tiessen,
Crystal City

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Friesen eager to pick up where he left off

Morden-Winkler incumbent wins by a landslide

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two days after the April 19 election and newly re-elected Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen was already back at work in his Morden constituency office.

"It's a different kind of a feeling this morning as I wake up and come back into the office," Friesen reflected last Thursday, noting it's a far cry from his first time being elected, which was followed by weeks of work setting up a local office and getting his bearings as a rookie MLA.

This time around it's much more of a "turn key operation," he said. "We come in, and I can tell you casework has been coming in this morning already.

"In one sense, you've started off where you left off. But still there is that thrill. You come into this office and it's humbling."

Friesen retained his seat with 6,686 votes, handily beating out fellow local resident Mike Urichuk of the Green Party, who received 666 votes. Also-rans include Winnipeggers Benjamin

Bawdon of the Liberals (276 votes) and Elizabeth Lynch of the NDP (213 votes).

Friesen received over 1,700 more votes than he did in his first bid for office in 2011, a fact he attributes to a campaign that had he and his supporters knocking on a lot of doors in the Morden-Winkler area.

"Obviously, experience matters. And perhaps it allowed us to focus better, strategize better, and I think we saw the results of that as a team with a thousand more votes cast in my direction," Friesen said. "That was not coincidental and that was not a blue wave. That was hard work by my team going out and identifying new voters."

New, too, is the fact Friesen returns to office for the first time as a member of a majority government.

The Tories swept into power with 40 seats, making Brian Pallister Manitoba's next premier and moving the New Democrats, who have formed the government for the past 17 years, into the role of the opposition with 14 seats. Rounding out the Legislature are the Liberals, who won three seats.

"It is an opportunity to do more," Friesen said of the power shift.

He stressed that he is eager to make government more transparent and open to not just the Conservative MLAs, but all MLAs.



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Re-elected Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen and his family—wife Shelley and kids Gwendolyn, Evan, and Madeleine—celebrate his win with Premier-elect Brian Pallister at the PC campaign HQ April 19.

"I have been personally frustrated at the difficulty faced by an opposition MLA trying to access ministers and their departmental resources on non-political issues," he said.

"I have been dismayed in the past at the blockade put up. Minister's responses on important issues pertaining to health, social services, and conservation and agriculture that were four, eight, 12 weeks late. Issues that need immediate response put on the back burner. We need to fix that ... and we will."

The Conservative government is one Friesen feels will finally be willing to listen to the needs of the growing Morden-Winkler area.

"It has been difficult at times to be able to convey the legitimate con-

cerns of this community, of these two communities to government," he said. "It's time to have a provincial partner that will recognize that with the incredibly growth that this region has sustained over the last number of years come challenges related to affordable housing, infrastructure, capacity building, and delivery of education and health care services.

"These are the issues I will continue to work on," Friesen said.

"I think that the heaviest lifting gets done at the constituency level ... we have big issues to solve in the macro in Manitoba, but it is in the micro that MLAs must direct their attention. A conscious constituency caucus is the way you represent, the way you take on this work."

Pedersen, Graydon re-elected in Midland, Emerson

By Lorne Stelmach

The traditional Tory ridings of southern Manitoba remained staunchly Conservative in last week's provincial election.

The tidal wave that painted a vast majority of the province blue saw the incumbent MLAs re-elected in the ridings of Midland and Emerson.

"It was humbling. I've had big support in the past and even more support this time in terms of the total vote ... and certainly appreciate the support I got," said Blaine Pedersen, who won the Midland riding with 6,097 votes.

Green candidate Stacey O'Neill came in second in Midland with 789 votes, followed by Jacqueline Theroux of the NDP at 708 and Julia Sisler of the Liberals at 511.

Pedersen's sentiment was echoed by Cliff Graydon, who won Emerson with 4,942 votes. His competitors Loren Brault of the Liberals and Alanna Jones of the NDP received 1,419 and 431 votes, respectively.

Graydon says he's looking forward to sitting on the government side of the Manitoba Legislature.

"It was great to see us reach that goal and especially the way we did reach it with a large majority," he said.

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replaced by a permanent plaque to honour all those who supported the project.

The expansion adds a spacious new foyer, a new kitchen, and additional washrooms, meeting, and storage spaces to the popular performing arts centre.

And, most important of all, it makes the main floor of the building fully wheelchair accessible for the first time in its history.

Showcasing the benefit of accessibility was long-time area resident Marg Durham, who was on hand to help cut the ribbon on the project.

Durham was just 11 years old when the town's first opera house burned down in 1930. She was too young to join her family to watch the blaze, but remembers seeing the rubble the next day on her way to school.

The facility was rebuilt within a year—at a cost of just \$15,000—and it has been at the heart of the community ever since.

"Marg didn't just stop by walking past the burning wreckage—she performed in festivals in the early 1930s. She was involved in several of the musicals that took place in the late 1930s here," said project manager Al Thorleifson. "Once she got married, many of the special events in their lives together, in her family's lives together, took place at the opera house and she remembers decorating this place more than once.

"But a few years ago Marg said, 'Well, I can't go there very easily anymore.'"

"THE FOUNDATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR DONORS FROM ALL OVER THE REGION WHO HAVE MADE THIS PROJECT POSSIBLE."

Gesturing to the renovations that have breathed new life into the facility, Thorleifson, choking up a bit with the weight of it, added, "Well, now you can."

A SEAMLESS ADDITION

After the ceremony, Thorleifson led tours of the new and improved facility, pointing out the care that went into ensuring the addition matched seamlessly with the existing building.

"We put in an awful lot of effort to make sure that we got the same look," he said, noting the exterior siding had to be specially made in Ontario by a miller who uses old-fashioned tools and techniques. Similarly, the wooden floors and door and window frames were all custom-made to make it hard to tell where the old building ends and the new one begins.

While accessibility was the focus of the expansion, the benefits of the additional space will be felt by everyone who uses the building, especially behind-the-scenes.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The new addition to the Manitou Opera House (shown above at far right) seamlessly blends with the 86-year-old part of the facility. Right: Foundation board chair Thor Thorleifson said they're excited to be able to finally make the arts centre accessibly to all. Below, left: Lindy Sharpe and Laurie and Haley Nakonechny performed a musical piece at the ribbon cutting ceremony. Below: Project manager Al Thorleifson led visitors on tours of the new and improved facility.



Previously, the backstage area was nothing more than a narrow walkway. Now a huge backstage space gives local theatre troupes room to dream big when it comes to set design.

"It's wonderful to be able to use sets that are much bigger and actually just move them forward and back," Thorleifson said.

While this major expansion project is now complete, work on the opera house is an ongoing undertaking that

has spanned decades and generations.

In the near future, plans are in the works to improve the woodwork in the original part of the building, paint the exterior, turn the Kinsmen room downstairs into a ballet studio, and get an archival room set up in the basement as well.

"It's a work in progress," Thorleifson stressed, "and it's a work of love."



Malarchuk shares story of mental illness

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Guest speaker at this year's P.W. Enns Business Award gala was former NHL goalie Clint Malarchuk, who took to the stage alongside wife Joanie.

The Malarchuks shared the story of Clint's mental illness and his long road to recovery.

"Looking back, even as a kid I didn't feel normal. I knew I was struggling. I was anxious," Malarchuk said, noting he showed signs of having obsessive compulsive disorder as a boy but was not diagnosed until he was grown.

His obsessive tendencies were what pushed him to succeed and are what he ultimately attributes his success in hockey to.

"When I played hockey, I was free. I wasn't anxious, I wasn't depressed, not obsessive compulsive. I was just doing what I loved.

"My coaches loved me, absolutely loved me, because I worked," he said. "They had to chase me off the ice."

Still, Malarchuk said he was plagued by insecurity and doubt all through his NHL career, but things really came to a head in the aftermath of the accident on the ice he has become famous for.

During a game in Buffalo in 1989, a skate blade sliced Malarchuk's carotid artery and jugular vein, causing him to nearly bleed out on the ice.

He survived and was back at work just 10 days later, but the accident and resulting post-traumatic stress it caused sent his already precarious mental health on a downward spiral.

"I came back as soon as the stitches were out. Ten days. Because that's what you do," he said. "I didn't have counselling. It was offered but I didn't take it. I didn't think I needed it.

"I didn't realize what was going to happen to me psychologically, emotional, spiritually."

Malarchuk's OCD, anxiety, and depression worsened. He began having nightmares about the accident every night.

When he was finally diagnosed with OCD and depression, it was initially a relief, Malarchuk said, but then began the years of attempting to find the right medication to control his disease.

The stress of his illness coupled with the side effects of the drugs prescribed to treat it affected his performance on the ice. Malarchuk was eventually cut from his team and found himself playing back in the minor hockey leagues.

"[It was] devastating to go to the minors ... my NHL career was over," he said. As things in his life worsened, Malarchuk became suicidal. "I prayed to God, 'Take me or take this' ... I felt like my brain was on fire."

But being bumped back down to the minors proved a blessing in disguise. It was during this time that Malarchuk saw a new doctor who managed to find the right medication to treat him.

What followed was over a decade of relative stability that was derailed when an airline lost a bag that contained his medications in it.

Malarchuk found himself unable to

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"We had a great team ... and there also was a wind of change," Graydon added said, suggesting "the people of Manitoba were fed up with the programs and platform of the NDP. At the same time, they wanted somebody who brought the real values of Manitobans to the forefront. They wanted to see some value for their money and less waste."

"It certainly was satisfying to see the win ... an overwhelming win," agreed Pedersen. "We got a solid mandate from Manitobans for our plan for Manitoba.

"Now the work begins when we get back in the Legislature," he added, saying there will be lots of issues to

be addressed once they have gotten through the transition.

"It will be interesting to work with a much expanded caucus," said Pedersen. "We're over twice the size now. We're looking forward to helping these new MLAs get adjusted. I'm prepared to do whatever I'm asked."

"That also adds responsibility ... to mentor the newcomers and make them welcome," added Graydon, who agreed it will be great to have a large caucus to draw on, though he joked it will be a difficult task for Premier Brian Pallister to pick his cabinet ministers. "He has a tough job. He's got a lot of choices."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Clint and Joanie Malarchuk shared their story of mental illness and recovery as guest speakers at the Winkler chamber's P.W. Enns Business Awards gala last week.

leave his hotel room. Joanie had to coax him over the phone, over many hours, from the room to the hotel lobby to the airport to home.

"It was her first experience with me and mental illness," Malarchuk said.

"I just thought, 'What the heck is happening?'" Joanie recalled.

Life stresses continued to exacerbate Malarchuk's mental issues and he began drinking excessively in an attempt to quell his growing fears and compulsions.

"Alcohol for me calmed me down when I was anxious," he said. "It brought me up when I was depressed."

That was the beginning of many dark years for the couple, culminating in Malarchuk's attempt to take his life with a gunshot to the head.

He survived and was committed into a mental health centre to receive treatment, where he slowly came to admit he needed help.

"That wasn't the real me that pulled that trigger. That was the sickness," he said.

"It got him the help that he needed," said Joanie, noting that a big part of her own healing came from recogniz-

ing that her husband was suffering from an illness, and that his anger and depression were symptoms of it that could be controlled.

The Malarchuks urged their audience to recognize that mental illness is a disease like any other—the people suffering from it need support and deserve to be treated like anyone else suffering from a physical illness.

In their own lives they've learned to accommodate Malarchuk's illness, and while it will never go away, he is able to live a full life in spite of the challenges it poses.

Sharing his story has been greatly fulfilling, Malarchuk said, as he's able to turn his pain into something that has helped others.

"The two most important days in your life is the day you're born and the day you figure out why you were born," he said, noting he felt he had achieved the latter when his memoir *The Crazy Game* was released and struck a chord with so many people facing the same issues. "For me, I'd found my purpose, and my purpose is to be of service as a mental health advocate and keep speaking out."

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

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"Eden does such great work and they have so many wonderful programs that so many people in our community are able to take advantage of," said Access regional manager Chris Hildebrand. "Not every community has those programs, so we feel very fortunate to be able to partner with them to bring those services to our community."

Access has been a long-time supporter of Eden, noted foundation director of development Earl Reimer in accepting the cheque.

"We are very grateful for the opportunity to continue our relationship with Access Credit Union," he said. "They have obviously recognized the work that is being done here with Eden Health Care Services."

Eden has several projects on the go that the money will help with, including a new aqua-cise program their Community Choices program is starting up, purchasing books for the Steinbach Eden office's Wellness

Library, renovations at the Pathway Community Mental Health office in Winkler, re-shingling the residential facility in Steinbach, and installing artwork at a number of Eden locations, including the Winkler care centre.

The funds will also help offset costs for several major fundraisers coming up over the next few months.

On May 15, the organization hosts Songs & Stories of Hope, Healing, and Community at the Winkler Emmanuel Mennonite Church at 7 p.m.

The evening includes performances from several Providence University College music faculty members as well as stories of mental health recovery from a number of local guest speakers.

Heading into summer, Eden hosts its annual Ironman Golf Tournament—this year becoming a four-round golf event instead of the former daunting 100 holes—on June 20 at the Winkler course.

A month later, on July 9, the Visit the Villages Tractor Trek will take participants from Reinland to Altona in a cavalcade of vintage tractors.

Finally, wrapping up the summer, the 14th annual Head for the Hills



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The Access Credit Union's Joel Billing (right) presented Earl Reimer of the Eden Foundation with an \$8,000 donation last week towards a number of Eden Health Care Services programs and events.

sends bikers out into the Pembina hills for a 36 kilometre ride on Sept. 10.

Eden hopes to reach out to as many people as possible with these events, Reimer said.

"We're hoping that we can appeal to a broad spectrum of people," he said.

There is a willingness in the community to support the work of Eden, Reimer noted, for which they are most grateful.

"Most of us have been affected in one way or another by a mental health issue, either our own or by someone else who is close to us," he said. "So

there is, if nothing else, a willingness at least to start talking about mental health issues. And there's a willingness to participate in being part of the remedy.

"The purpose of the Eden organization is to provide people on the mental health journey with hope, healing, and community," Reimer added. "And the willingness for people to take part in that is rewarding."

If you would like more information on any of the upcoming events, go to edenhealthcare.ca or contact the Eden Foundation at 204-325-5355.

Tickets on sale now for CFDC gala banquet

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming gala fundraiser will make a lasting impact on the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

The May 28 event at the Morden 55+ Activity Centre will support the CFDC fund within the Morden Area Foundation, which means it will help kickstart what will become an ongoing source of revenue for the museum.

"This is not just the same as giving us funds that we'll spend immediately. This is actually investing in the CFDC in a way that other kinds of donations are not necessarily doing the same," said executive director Peter Cantelon.

"The fund will generate revenue on an ongoing basis. It's not simply a one time donation. Their money

will continue to generate additional funding for us over the long term."

Tickets are already selling very well for the gala, which Cantelon said is a win-win for the CFDC and the Morden Area Foundation because both will benefit.

"I cannot say enough about how important an event like this is to the community," added Lynda MacLean, foundation executive director. "Supporting a fundraiser like this helps us to grow the foundation, which means everyone the foundation supports wins."

"For us, once our fund gets over \$10,000, which we believe this gala will help us do, then we can start receiving dividends from our own fund," Cantelon said. "There's all kinds of options then as far as what we could do with the dividends. We

might reinvest ... and let it grow faster."

The gala will feature guest speaker Dr. Kevin Campbell with special guest host Virgin Radio 103.1's Ace Burpee, who Cantelon noted is a huge fan of the CFDC.

Campbell, originally from Morden, is a professor at the University of Manitoba and now also president of the CFDC board of directors.

"He is an incredibly dynamic speaker," said Cantelon, who added the presentation entitled *Will An Extinct Species Save Your Life One Day?* will provide an important perspective on the CFDC's mission.

"The subject is perfect for us because what it does is it directly links the science and research of long extinct creatures to our own well being today," he said.

"That's been a struggle for a lot of people to understand ... why invest in and why have museums that contain artifacts of the past that are no longer relevant to us? He's going to make sure that everybody understands why that's so important."

The gala will feature a dinner created especially for the event by a local chef, paired with wine through the sponsorship of BDO Dunwoody. There will be a rainbow auction and also music from the Morden Collegiate jazz band.

Tickets are \$60 and are available through the Morden Area Foundation at info@mordenfoundation.ca or by calling 204-822-5614.

Tickets are also available through the Winnipeg Foundation by calling 204-944-9474.

Leaders of tomorrow check out council

By Lorne Stelmach

Some of them will very likely be future leaders in the community, so members of the 179 Air Cadet Squadron came to see Morden's current leaders in action last week to pick up some tips.

A group of first year members of the squadron took in the Morden city council meeting on April 18.

"Part of their citizenship component is to learn about different levels of government and how local governments work," explained Captain Chris Flook. "As opposed to bringing a public speaker in, we thought we would come to a council meeting and see what it is all about."

It is just one aspect of a program that teaches and instills in the cadets a wide range of life skills they will be able to apply to wherever their lives and careers take them, Flook said.

The Morden squadron now in its 34th year is part of a national program with a 70 year history of developing the attributes of leadership, involved and active citizenship, and physical fitness in youth.

Cadets are not part of the military, although the program is a partner-



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Members of the 179 Air Cadet Squadron took in a Morden council meeting last week—and got the chance to see what the view's like from behind the council table.

ship between the Canadian Forces and the Air Cadet League of Canada and it has trained over one million air cadets since 1941.

They do a lot of varied activities related to not only flying and gliding but such areas as first-aid, survival, team sports, music, effective speaking, and leadership training.

Youth can join at age 12 and continue until they turn 19, meeting once a week from September to May and for one weekend activity every month.

"Morden is actually a fairly strong program," Flook noted. "We have between 40 and 45 cadets who come out weekly. That's been the average for us the last number of years."

"We draw from a vast area ... from as far as Manitou and Carman to Altona," Flook said. "And we've got a lot of dedicated cadets."

During training sessions, the cadets tackle a variety of outdoor activities, including field training exercises.

"We go camping for a night out in Stanley Park. We've done range days

where we do marksmanship training. We've taken them cross country skiing for a day," said Flook. "And we support the Legion, so we are involved with Remembrance Day services across the region. We like to support the Legion as much as we can."

Flook sees the cadets gaining a lot of intangible skills from being involved in the program.

"It definitely brings a lot of experiences and creates a lot of responsibility," he said, adding there is a degree of discipline through such things as ensuring they maintain their own uniforms. "Each week the uniform has to be pressed and polished, so it's teaching a lot of discipline and having them maintain that."

"They learn the skills to teach other

cadets things like citizenship, as well. We're kind of developing them to be instructors and take charge and sort of take responsibility themselves,"

Flook said. "The more hands off we can be the better because we've taught the older ones to teach the younger ones."

Flook pointed out that there are many famous former cadets who can be an inspiration and an example of what the members of the Morden squadron can achieve.

"I think the most prominent would be astronaut Chris Hadfield. He was a cadet back in the day and he's been very supportive of the movement still."

Learn more about air cadets at www.cadets.ca.

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Plum Coulee townwide garage sale May 7

By Lorne Stelmach

Garage sale junkies looking for bargains will want to set their sights on Plum Coulee next weekend.

The community's townwide garage sale takes place Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Now in its seventh year, the popular event began simply enough.

"I just wanted to have a garage sale, and I thought it would be better if we could all have one together and it would benefit everyone," said organizer Vicki Hildebrand.

The day features garage sales at homes all over Plum Coulee and just outside town, as well.

"Usually, we've had at least 30 people. It's been growing. There's usually a couple per street, which is nice," said Hildebrand.

She has usually collected \$2 towards the cost of advertising but "this year, the chamber has made a donation to cover that cost."

The dozens of sales are a big draw every year, Hildebrand says.

"We live on a bay, and the whole bay turns into a parking lot just be-

cause we get a lot of people out," she says, noting people are often able to park and walk to several sales in a neighbourhood at once.

"I think it's like a one stop shop," she says. "I know the people who are doing garage sales themselves, it's a little less work because we do the advertising."

"Usually it's nice weather ... if it's not, we still go ahead with it."

In addition to the wide variety of items up for grabs all over town, organizers have also added a fundraising component to the day.

"This year, there's also going to be a fundraising barbecue for Plum Fest. That will be great ... to give our garage sale customers a place to grab a quick snack."

The food will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the town square at Main Ave. and Peters Street

For more information on the sale, contact Hildebrand by e-mail at victoriaejordan@hotmail.com or call 204-332-0112.

Otherwise, stop by May 7 and keep an eye out for signs and balloons to guide you to the sales.

Bike-a-thon looking for riders May 14

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Stationary Bike Race is hoping to go bigger and better than ever in its sixth year.

The six-hour biking marathon moves from Schanzenfeld to Winkler May 14, taking over the Emerald Centennial School gymnasium to raise funds for the Movement Centre of Manitoba.

All they need is now is riders, says organizer Marie Wiebe.

"We have a few signed up already but we are looking for more bikers," she says, noting participants sign up for half-hour slots on one of four stationary bikes throughout the day—as many or as few slots as they like. "So if you like to bike, it's great. And if you just like to go for a casual ride, go for a casual ride.

"All we ask is that bikers raise a minimum of \$100 in pledges," Wiebe says, noting riders receive an event

T-shirt for their participation and a chance at prizes for their fundraising efforts.

Last year's bike-a-thon saw 38 riders raise over \$20,000 for the Movement Centre, a Winnipeg treatment facility for children and adults with physical disabilities.

Wiebe's daughter, Kathy, has been going in for weekly conductive education sessions at the centre for years. It has helped the 19-year-old, who was born with cerebral palsy, gain a greater range of motion.

"It's an incredible help that they get there," says Wiebe. "It just opens up so many opportunities and so much more independence."

The Movement Centre is a non-profit organization, so it relies on fundraising to be able to continue its work.

"It's not funded by the government ... so in order for the Movement Centre to keep it as affordable as possible,



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Marie Wiebe (left) and daughter Kathy with the Movement Centre of Manitoba's Margy Nelson at last year's Stationary Bike Race, which raised over \$20,000 for the centre. This year's race is May 14.

they rely on fundraisers," says Wiebe.

You can learn more about the Movement Centre online at movementcentre.ca.

To sign up to bike on May 14, contact Wiebe at 204-362-4998.

If you can't take a shift on the bikes,

you can still support the cause by stopping by to purchase lunch by donation (on the menu this year is hot dogs and homemade burritos).

There will also be a silent auction full of prizes donated by area businesses.

International ed. program seeks host families

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Western School Division's International Education Program is ex-

pecting to host more students than ever this fall, but they need the community's help to do it.

The program, which is on track to

host 14 international students for the 2016-2017 school year, is in need of several more host families in Morden, says homestay coordinator Tami Thiessen.

"I need six more homes for Gr. 8 girls," she says, noting all of the girls are from Mexico.

Homestay families commit to providing the student with a safe and friendly environment for the school year.

"The students need their own bedroom ... they need that private space," Thiessen says. "They pay for all their own expenses—their own school supplies, extracurricular fees, and so on. What the homestay families needs to pay for, basically, is their food."

Homestay families do receive a monthly stipend to cover some costs, she notes.

"But the money isn't so much for the food as it is for their time of being another parent to a child, and everything that comes with that," Thiessen says, stressing that you're committing

to taking in a child as one of your own for the year. "It's a big job, but it can be super rewarding."

Her own family hosted a young girl from Mexico a few years ago and today they consider her a part of the family.

"I still consider her my daughter. It was hard saying goodbye at the end of the year," Thiessen says. "We keep in touch and she's hoping to come back to Canada again soon."

Since 2001, the international student program has hosted over 150 students from Mexico, Brazil, Korea, Spain, Japan, Germany, and China.

Many of the families providing a home for those kids were repeat participants in the homestay program, Thiessen notes.

"A lot of our host families return every year," she says. "We have some that have hosted kids for over 10 years, which is awesome. It's obviously a rewarding experience for them

"IT'S A BIG JOB, BUT IT CAN BE SUPER REWARDING."



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Kassidy Curry, 13, with Santa Lucia Robles Felix, 14, an International education student who has been living with the Curry family this past year. The Morden program is looking for more homestay families to host global students for the 2016-2017 school year.

Elks help with new lake dock

The Morden Elks club rolled up their sleeves and got to work helping to build the new swimming dock for Lake Minnewasta last week.

In addition to contributing \$5,000 to the project, several Elks joined in its construction on April 19.

"We are pleased to contribute to our community and help provide active living options that are accessible to everyone," said the club's Charlie

Members of the Morden Elks club recently helped the city get started on the new swimming dock going into Lake Minnewasta. The club also contributed \$5,000 towards the cost of the project.



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Hildebrand.

"The Elks lottery was a success again this year. Funds raised were used to assist with the swimming dock, an infant stabilization unit for BTHC, Mor-

den District Cancer Association, and the Elks Purple Cross fund," he said.

Boasting safer, state-of-the-art components, the new dock will comply with current safety regulations.

"Current regulations require that we no longer use treated lumber for docks in the water. The old dock was

getting pretty weathered, so it was time to update," said Clare Agnew, Morden's director of community services, who notes the new structure will be made of aluminum.

The dock should be ready for use in time for the opening of the beach this summer.

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and their own kids have grown up always having international students with them."

That's the case with Lane and Krista Curry, who have welcomed international students into their home for 13 years.

"We've hosted 14 kids—we had twins one year," Lane Curry said.

"When we first moved to Morden my wife was the [program] coordinator and they were looking for a home," he explained. "And so we hosted that year to help out ... and we liked it and so we decided that as long as they were looking for homes we would sign-up. As long as it worked for our family, we would keep doing it."

As such, the Currys' four kids have grown up alongside their international guests. Thirteen-year-old Kassidy wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's pretty amazing because you get to learn about the different things that they do to celebrate different holidays," she says, noting she also enjoys trying new recipes from other cultures.

This year the family is hosting

14-year-old Santa Lucia Robles Felix, and she and Kassidy have become fast friends.

"I would definitely say Santa is my best friend this year ... we have lots of the same interests," Kassidy says.

For her part, Santa says her year in Morden has given her a valuable opportunity to hone her English skills.

"And now I also have new friends and more family," she says. "They treat me like part of their family."

Getting the whole family on board is a big part of becoming a homestay home, Thiessen stresses.

"It has to be a family decision. It doesn't work if Mom and Dad are really on board and the kids in the family are not," she says. "One hundred per cent of the family has to be on board, because that's the only way it's going to work."

But if everyone's eager to give it a go, they're signing up for a great year, says Kassidy.

"It's definitely an amazing experience for students and for your family," she says. "You definitely get a friendship, and it's a lifelong friendship. I still keep in touch with students that we've had two years ago, five years ago."

For information on becoming a homestay family, contact the Western School Division office or contact Thiessen at 204-822-6870.

You can also learn more about the program online at www.studyin-morden.com.



Notice of Public Hearing

TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF ALLOWABLE FEES FOR CASHING GOVERNMENT CHEQUES

PURSUANT to amendments made to *The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Government Cheque Cashing Fees)*, S.M. 2006 c.17 the Public Utilities Board (Board) conducted public hearings in 2007, 2010 and 2013 towards determining maximum amounts to be charged, required, or accepted as a cheque cashing fee for cheques issued by the federal and provincial governments, local government bodies, and government agencies as designated by regulation. On March 7, 2014, the Board issued its decision (Order 25/14), which is available for viewing on the Board's website, www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

THE ACT REQUIRES THAT

169(5) The board must review its existing orders under this section at least once every three years. After the review, the board must make a new order that replaces the existing orders.

Such reviews resulted in Board Orders 72/07, 51/10 and 25/14.

The Board has now begun the process of conducting the required triennial review and seeks input from any and all interested parties.

Submissions are to be made in writing to the Public Utilities Board, a) by mail to

the Board at 4th Floor 330 Portage Ave., Winnipeg MB R3C 0C4, or b) by email to publicutilities@gov.mb.ca. Submissions must be received by the Board on or before May 20, 2016.

Following review of submissions received, the Board will determine whether there is a need for an oral hearing. If not deemed necessary, the Board will deliberate on the fee schedule, taking into account all comments submitted. If a public hearing is deemed to be necessary by the Board, it will begin June 20, 2016, and, in that event, interested parties will be notified and provided with procedural information ahead of the hearing date.

PROCEDURE

The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure apply, and are available on the Board's website and either upon request to the Secretary of the Board (at 400-330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 0C4) or by calling at (204) 945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698 (toll free). The Board's email address is publicutilities@gov.mb.ca.

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Cutting the ribbon on Petro-Canada Winkler

Doing the honours at the Petro-Canada ribbon cutting in Winkler Saturday were (from left) Nathan Unrau, Tina Unrau, Chamber vice-president Kori da Costa, Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen, Mayor Martin Harder, owners Kevin Braun and George Sanders, MP Candice Bergen, Don Sawatzky, and John Dueck.

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winklerites were lined up down the block for the Petro-Canada gas station/convenience store grand opening on Saturday.

Petro-Canada Winkler dropped its fuel prices to 69.9/litre for the day, and that, coupled with free coffee and slushies and deals on any number of items inside the store, brought people out in droves.

"Today we are backed up a little bit," admitted owner Kevin Braun as he looked out at the line-ups of vehicles waiting for their turn at one of the new Hwy. 14 station's pumps.

"We've got four pumps which gives us eight fueling positions," he said. "Normally we can move a decent amount of traffic in a quick hurry ... we've got highly trained staff that can move customers through quickly."

Petro's 14 employees were certainly

kept hopping during the grand opening, which kicked off with a ribbon cutting mid-morning.

Braun said he and business partner George Sanders have been working on developing this location for well over a year. It's gratifying to see all that hard work pay off, he said.

"The response has been overwhelming. We've had a lot of people coming from this community, coming in and just saying, 'Thank you for setting up here,'" Braun said of the ever-growing residential development located north of the Hwy. 14 and 15th St. intersection.

"The town is growing and it's growing aggressively and this is becoming a community within a community," he said. "It's a big help for the people who are living just down the street."

Petro-Canada aims to offer shoppers a wider range of grocery products than the average gas station convenience store.

nience store.

"We've got the 'Neighbours' theme convenience store, which is Petro-Canada's convenience store that's designed with a heavier grocery offering," Braun explained. "So everything from milk and bread to Kraft

dinner to buns—all that kind of good stuff someone might need on a Sunday afternoon."

Stop by Petro-Canada Winkler to see what they have to offer or check them out on Facebook to stay up-to-date on deals.



Celebrating the Bard

Artist Margie Hildebrand offered instruction in painting techniques while leading participants in the Art Bar party Friday at the Pembina Hills Arts Centre. Entitled A Midsummer's Night's Dream, the painting of a moonlight scene was inspired by William Shakespeare's play of the same name. The evening was the gallery's way of marking the 400th anniversary of the death of the famous English playwright.

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Judy Cook enlisted some young help to show off some fancy footwork as part of her reading from her book *When Dinosaurs Go Dancing* Saturday afternoon at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre. In addition to the reading, book illustrator Sonia Nadeau also offered some artistic instruction.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Dino dancing at the CFDC

By Lorne Stelmach

When Dinosaurs Go Dancing is a children's book where art and science elegantly dance together.

It's that blend of education and imagination that so appeals to its author.

"There's the fantasy part of it ... but then there's the real bones ... just go have a look at Bruce [the museum's dinosaur fossil]," Judy Cook said at a book reading at the Ca-

nadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden last Saturday afternoon.

Originally a dance graduate of Ryerson University in Toronto who now makes her home in Winnipeg, Cook has been actively educating children through the arts for over 30 years.

She has written and performed her original songs and

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Gr. 3 students from Maple Leaf School got the chance to get their hands dirty during a tour of GVC Tec's horticultural program last week.



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Future students get hands-on at GVC Tec

By Lorne Stelmach

Horticulture students in Winkler are not only learning their trade but also helping in turn teach it to others.

It's an educational partnership that gives other students in the region a hands-on opportunity to learn a bit about such aspects of horticulture as soils, propagation, composting, and even greenhouse maintenance.

"My students get to see a hands-on approach as well. They're learning the

curriculum as well as being able to apply it," said Kathy Byrka, horticulture and landscaping teacher at the GVC Tec campus.

Byrka's horticulture students put on a workshop for the Gr. 3 students from Morden's Maple Leaf School on April 19.

They had earlier done a similar session for Gr. 3 students from J.R. Walkof and will be having students from Gr. 1 from Southwood and Gr. 8 from Prairie Dale schools in the near

future.

Byrka said they like to do these kinds of activities with other schools in the region because everyone involved benefits from the experience.

"It's kind of a cross-curricular integration where what they learn in the classroom can be put to real life ... we show them hands-on what they're going to be learning about soils ... they're going to be learning about propagation ... greenhouse maintenance ... and composting," she said.

"I'm hoping that what they learn in the classroom is something which happens in real life. It's taking a textbook version of what is taught in the schools and in the classrooms to be brought into a real life situation.

"It helps improve the creative thinking of students ... their cognitive thought process ... where they can actually apply what they've learned in the classroom and apply it to real life situations."

Byrka noted her own students also regularly get to apply what they're learning to help the community at large.

"We also work with the Winkler Horticulture Society. We help with

their spring and fall cleanup and the spring planting as well. We've done some work with the City of Winkler, helped plant the trees at Bethel Park as well," she said. "We try to do as much as we can ... try to support and make community partners. This spring, we're going to be working with transplanting some of their plants.

"Another component that we do is landscape design, so my students have completely landscaped the structure that you see outside of GVC TEC," she added.

For the younger students, the visit was a great practical learning opportunity, said Maple Leaf teacher Courtney Becker.

"In the Gr. 3 science curriculum they talk all about plants, so this is an awesome opportunity to see how plants work, how different composting works as well," she said. "It's also really good that they can see high school students working in the field ... so they can aspire to that if that's what they choose."

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The time is long gone when players used a pile of sand to elevate the ball! The arrival of the wooden tee



not only allowed golfers to improve their drives but also to avoid damaging the grass on the tee-offs. Tees have become much more sophisticated over the years. These days they are made mainly from variously coloured wood or plastic. Some golfers prefer the traditional wooden tees for their effectiveness, while others will opt for those made in plastic because of their greater durability.



Large manufacturers of golf equipment are constantly searching for improvements and a wide variety of tees are now available on the market. One option is the wooden tee in two colours and varying lengths, while the range of plastic tees is more elaborate. Apart from conventional tees it is also possible to obtain "zero friction" tees, where the ball is placed on three small supports. There are also oversized



"brush" tees that reduce the rotation of the ball and tees of adjustable heights. Biodegradable tees made of bamboo are also available in specialized stores.

It's hard to believe that one of the smallest and most useful accessories continues to help golfers improve their game!

Prepare for your best golf season

If you haven't been in a sunny climate all winter, the time to prepare for your golf season is right now. But before you head out to your first tee-off, think about adopting a good training program that will help you avoid injury.

It cannot be repeated often enough: good physical fitness plays an important role in even this slow-moving sport. Regular exercise helps with flexibility, cardio health, and the smoothness of your swing. It will also help you prevent injury to the back, shoulders, and hips. Even simple stretches will help to improve your flexibility and balance. Don't hesitate to seek the advice of a professional who will know how to adapt the appropriate exercises for your physical capabilities and requirements.

Once golf courses open for the season, it is important to plan several sessions on the practice range in order to work your muscles and regain your rhythm with the iron in your hands. It's not recommended to make your maiden outing of the season be a full round. Devote your first baskets of balls to your short game, using your 8 and 9 irons as well as your pitching wedge. Apart from sparing your body, you will master shots of less than



100 metres more quickly. This aspect of the game often makes the most difference on a score card. You can then gradually continue your preparations with longer irons, finishing off with your woods.

Always take about ten minutes to do some stretching exercises before each round of golf. And it is wise to plan to spend some time on the practice green in order to improve your concentration. Regular visits to the practice range are always a good idea in order to correct errors or to re-establish your routine. A few lessons with a pro can also be of real benefit.

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Many golf schools offer lessons to all calibers of golfer. Beginners can become familiar with the equipment and the different aspects of the game, while regular golfers will have the opportunity to develop their skills and improve their techniques. As for experienced golfers, they can sharpen their game with a few refresher lessons to refine certain movements and techniques. Over the last few years, technological developments have improved teaching tools for golf pros, enabling them to round off lessons in the practical aspects of the game. More and more sophisticated video technology allows your swing to be analyzed and then

corrected where necessary.

As in all sporting disciplines, physical fitness plays a major role in golf. So, before starting your season, it is important to prepare your body. A golf pro can guide you in your choice of exercises to help you avoid injury, and a few lessons will also help you to get back into the rhythm and perfect your technique. After this, be sure to make time for a few sessions on the practice range. Even during the season, don't hesitate to go back to the practice range and spend an hour or two following the advice of a pro in order to perfect your routine and regain your confidence.

For all types of golfers, the mental aspect of the game is an important factor. Here again, your golf pro can give you tricks to improve your concentration and be better able to forget about the shots you miss. The most important thing, after all, is to enjoy the game and appreciate your improvements as the season goes on.

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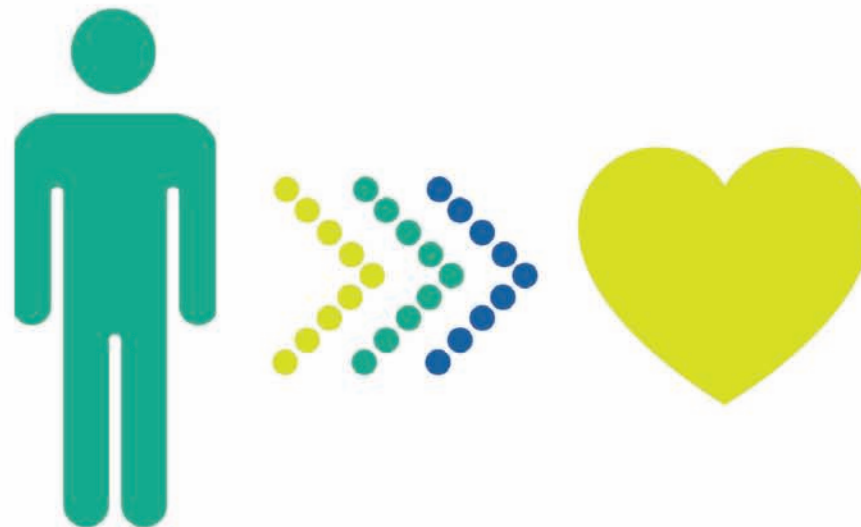
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APRIL IS DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

What is the right age for braces?

Dental braces have been used for decades to correct various alignment and spacing issues in the teeth. Braces can be crucial to the future of one's oral health and prevent serious issues down the line.

Roughly 25 percent of the people in North America who get braces are adults. But braces still are geared toward young people and getting them on the road to straight and properly aligned teeth early on.

Braces correct a number of problems, including realigning the jaw and alleviating overcrowding of teeth. Crooked teeth can trap food and debris between them, making it harder to floss and brush. Wearing braces also corrects the bite. If teeth or jaws are not aligned correctly, it can lead to difficulty chewing food or

create jaw muscle pain. Braces also may boost self-confidence because they can remedy appearance issues that may prove embarrassing.

Parents eager to get their children on the road to straighter teeth may wonder when is the right time to get their kids braces. Many kids are getting braces earlier and earlier, but when to get braces typically depends on the child and the shape of his or her teeth.

The American Association of Orthodontics recommends that children see an orthodontist for an evaluation by age seven. The best time for braces will be when the orthodontist and parents collectively decide it's time to correct the misalignment of a child's teeth.

Some orthodontists prefer a two-

stage approach to orthodontic treatment. They may use a dental appliance or a preliminary amount of braces to begin moving the teeth while a child still has most of his primary teeth. The second stage begins when all the permanent teeth are in. The thought is to shorten the overall duration of treatment.

Other orthodontists follow the traditional approach of putting on braces once all the primary teeth have fallen out. This occurs between ages nine and 14. This is often a less expensive approach because braces need only be applied and removed once.

A number of studies have shown that, for common problems alleviated with orthodontic work, youngsters are better off waiting until all of their permanent teeth have come in. Antonio Secchi, a professor of orthodontics at the University of

Pennsylvania, notes that if parents choose to treat crooked teeth too early, the child may need another phase of intervention a few years down the road.

Some problems, like crossbites, overbites or severe overcrowding, warrant early intervention. Scheduling an orthodontic visit early on means children can get the care they need when they need it. The orthodontist will be able to monitor how teeth are growing in and map out the best treatment plan for all.

Braces can help fix an imperfect smile and alleviate oral health concerns. Parents should speak to a dentist or make an appointment with an orthodontist to evaluate their children's treatment needs.

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APRIL IS DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

How to ease your dental anxiety

Few people relish the idea of going to the dentist. Dentists prod and poke sensitive areas of the mouth, but their efforts are for the benefit of their patients.

Fear of the dentist's chair is not uncommon, and that anxiety prevents millions of people from seeking proper preventative dental care. The consequences of succumbing to those fears extend beyond pain or lost teeth. Diseases of the mouth have been linked to other ailments, including diabetes, stroke and heart disease.

A fear of the dentist may stem from past unpleasant experiences, such as a dentist with a poor chair-side manner, while others may fear the lack of control they experience while in a dentist's chair. According to Ellen Rodino, PhD, who has studied dental fear, lying down with a dentist hovering above you can be off-putting. Couple that with the discomfort many people have when instruments that interfere with their ability to communicate are placed in their mouths, and fear of the dental chair does not seem so unreasonable.

Easing fears at the dental office involves communication with the dentist and his or her staff, as well as finding a dentist with whom you feel comfortable. Working through your fears of the dentist is an important step toward getting the oral health care you need.

According to the American Dental

Association, authors of the study, "Gagging and Its Associations With Dental Care-Related Fear, Fear of Pain and Beliefs About Treatment" found patients who have a higher frequency of gagging problems during a dental visit are more likely to experience higher levels of dental care-related fear and fear of pain. They also may have more negative beliefs about dental professionals and dental treatment.

Patients should discuss their propensity for gagging with the dentist or hygienist in advance. Some dentists can recommend nose breathing and other relaxation techniques. Distractions, such as televisions in the examination room, also can help to relieve anxiety and the likelihood that you may gag while in the dentist's chair.

Dentist also may opt for smaller cleaning instruments or take other measures to reduce the likelihood of stimulating a gagging reflex.

The sounds of cleaning tools and drills elicit fear in many people. But ignoring or avoiding such sounds can help men and women conquer their fears of the dentist's chair. On your next dental visit, bring a pair of headphones and some favorite music to listen to while you're in the chair.

Some dentists cause unnecessary fear in patients because they assume every person in the chair has the same pain threshold. One person may be able to tolerate a

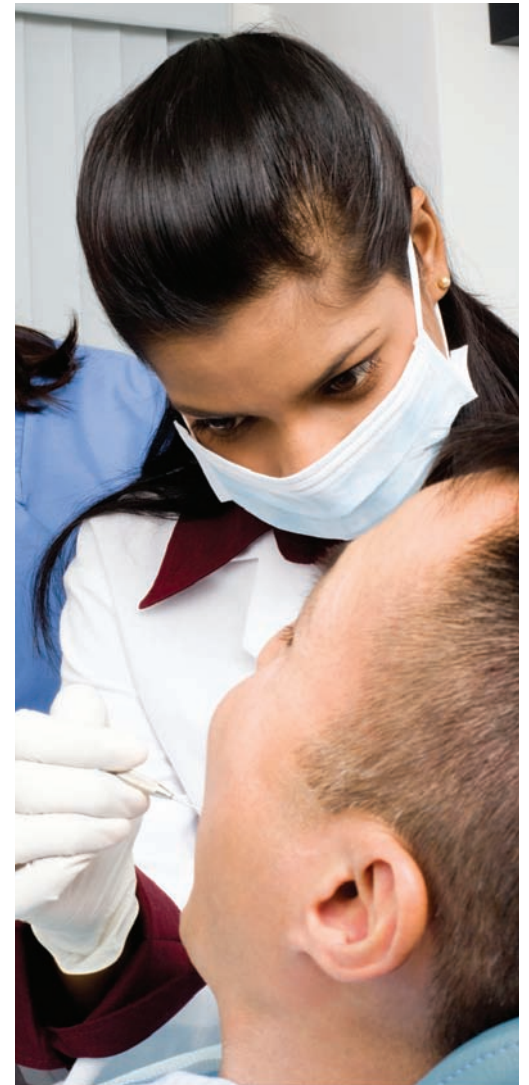
tooth extraction without numbing, while another may need pain relief for a routine cleaning.

Fearful patients should make their needs and fears known. Speak to your dentist about what can be done to deal with the pain. Discuss the procedure and find out if novocaine or another pain reliever can be used. Although use of nitrous oxide, commonly known as laughing gas, has diminished in dental practices, a dentist may offer medication to relieve anxiety or even sedate patients who are especially nervous.

Pain may be more tolerable if you ask the dentist to take frequent breaks or use a numbing agent on your gums. Dentists may prescribe a sensitivity-relieving toothpaste prior to certain dental procedures if your teeth are sensitive to hot and cold.

Patients can help themselves relieve anxiety by choosing appointment times that are convenient and at times when they're less likely to be rushed. An early-morning appointment or a weekend appointment may have patients in and out faster, which cuts down on anxiety-inducing wait time.

Your choice of dentist may come down to who is in your health insurance network. Those with more flexible insurance plans may have more freedom when choosing a dentist. In either case, people should interview dentists and get recommendations from others



to find a provider that will keep comfort and care in mind. Especially fearful individuals may need to use a dentist who specializes in sedation dentistry to make their visits more tolerable.

Avoiding the dentist because of perceived pain or other fears is unnecessary. Advancements in today's dentistry coupled with open communication can alleviate situations that cause anxiety.

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First WAC exec. director hired

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Arts and Culture Centre took another big step forward last week with the hiring of its first executive director.

WAC announced Friday that it has hired Wendy Klassen to fill the role in a part-time capacity. It's expected the position will become full-time in 2017.

Board president Ray Derksen says Klassen brings a great deal of enthusiasm and a love of the arts to the role.

Finally having someone on staff will allow the arts centre to provide more focused planning and administration of WAC programming, he said.

"What it does for the board is actually releases some of the board's duties to have a paid position person as a director who will be working with facility rentals, who will be working on education ... there's one person

now we can direct all that information to."

Klassen starts in her new position on May 1.

"I've done art all my life—music and art are my passions," she said, noting she's especially looking forward to leading the charge on new arts education in Winkler. "I'm really excited to bring arts into the community."

The Winkler Arts and Culture Centre, located in the former city utilities plant on Park St., is expected to be up and running by early July.

Winkler Arts and Culture's first executive director Wendy Klassen toured the under-renovation facility recently. Klassen will step into the role on May 1.

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Book gets kids excited about dinosaurs, CFDC

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stories in venues across Canada and the United States and has a wealth of experience in schools as a facilitator and conducts programs that include art as being integral to a well-balanced education.

The beginnings of *When Dinosaurs Go Dancing* go back at least 20 years or so, she recalled, when she was working with a group of musical and theatre performers.

"We wrote a musical all about dinosaurs and we performed it all throughout Canada. We had a lot of success with that and loved it.

"There was this song from the musical called *When The Dinosaurs Go Dancing*, and I kept doing it in workshops because I do dance workshops in schools.

"The kids always loved it, and I kept thinking somebody should write a book about it. Then I realized if I didn't do it, nobody would, so that's actually what happened."

Once that thought came to Cook, it still took time before it all came together.

"I didn't really know how to write a book, so that's why I took quite a few years for me to figure out how to do it," she said, noting it all fell into place when she teamed up with Winnipeg illustrator Sonia Nadeau.

"She had actually been using the music from our musical in her day-care for about six years ... so when I approached her she said, 'Yes, I love

that music' and she said she would love to work with me on this.

"We started slow, then we eventually got it done."

For Cook, a big part of the appeal is simply the thought that dinosaurs and humans shared the same planet.

"They're not here anymore but we did share the same place," she said.

"It gets your imagination going ... what would it have been like if we lived back then?" she added, saying there is a lasting sense of mystery about them that engages children in particular. "It's exciting ... the science of it ... it gets your imagination going."

Back when she and her fellow performers first created the musical, Cook said she didn't know about Manitoba's rich history with fossils.

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Byrka said ultimately she has the same goal for the visiting students as she does for her own.

"I would want them to take anything that they learn with them when they leave the program," she said.

"When they read something about soils ... it's one thing to read about sand, silt, clay ... what does that mean? When they come here, they'll actually be able to feel the sand, feel the silt, feel the clay. They'll be able to experience what it's like.

"IT GETS YOUR IMAGINATION GOING ... WHAT WOULD IT HAVE BEEN LIKE IF WE LIVED BACK THEN?"

That changed when she heard about the CFDC in Morden.

"To discover, when I was writing this book, that we've got these in our own backyard in Manitoba, that just was so exciting to me. Even though I've done some of this material before, it was a new thing I could put into the book.

"I just think this museum is incredible ... and when I came and saw Bruce ... a lot of people don't even know that we've got this here.

"So I go around to schools ... I do dance workshops ... lately I've been doing workshops on the book, and we do a song called the Bruce Rap. Then the kids get excited ... they want to come to Morden."

When Dinosaurs go Dancing has proven to be wildly successful with children, parents, and teachers all over Manitoba.

Now Cook is looking at making it the first in a series called *Listen to the Bones*.

was a great opportunity, and one of her goals in talking to the kids about composting was clear.

"I hope they start composting," she said. "It's important for the environment and important for everybody to start doing ... my mom actually started doing eggshells this year ... it's good for your garden as well.

"I hope it's a good learning experience for all of them," Klassen said of the tour.

For GVC Tec student Betty Klassen, helping put on the workshop



The yard of Dennis and Sara Stoez (shown at left in full bloom last summer) has received the Burgess Shield Award for Best Urban Home Grounds from the Manitoba Good Roads Association.

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Morden yard wins provincial beautification award

By Lorne Stelmach

It is a labour of love when you have built up and created a home and yard like that of Dennis and Sara Stoez.

The Morden home at 50 Falcon Dr. has been a long term project since the couple moved there in 2008.

"It was almost kind of intimidating," Dennis said of the challenge of creating it all from scratch on a challenging hillside location on the west end of town.

Preparing the property alone had about 100 loads of soil taken from the yard when they built, he noted, leading him to observe that "what we've had in landscaping costs is close to what our first house cost."

Their efforts received recognition recently when they won the Burgess Shield Award for the Best Urban Home Grounds in a community of over 7,500 population from the Manitoba Good Roads Association.

The association annually holds a beautification competition throughout the province, and Morden council each year submits a nomination into the urban beautification division. This is the second time within the past three years that a Morden yard has re-

ceived this award.

The Stoez's were quick to give credit to a range of local companies who have done much of the heavy work.

Dean Klatt and DK Landscaping worked on a large stone retaining wall, while Jeremy Lumgair of Links International did most of the land shaping and rock placing, and Todd Braun of Elemental Stoneworks did a front stone wall and other stone features.

There was a lot of work to shape the yard and prepare it to handle the drainage, noted Dennis.

"There wasn't much in the back yard at all," he said, with part of the solution being a dry stone creek bed that runs from the high end of the back yard all along one side of the property to the front to not only provide drainage but also shore it up against erosion.

"Before that ditch was there, we had 10 acres draining right through our yard, which was kind of an interesting challenge," he noted.

"We did it in stages. First, we concentrated on the front yard, and once that was complete we moved over to the back yard,"

said Sara.

"So basically we more or less completed it last year, which was our seventh year of being here.

"It was over time ... and we changed our plans as we saw how the water flowed and how we needed to work with our backyard."

"Blade of Grass put in irrigation for the whole yard, front and back," noted Dennis. "That's probably how the trees are doing so well because they get irrigated all the time when it's dry.

"But even the scale of it all ... like the mulch in the front and back ... there's at least 10 cubic yards of mulch we put back there. In the old house, you would just get a bag from Home Hardware and you're good. This is all on a larger scale."

Now that the work is mostly complete, they can spend more time reaping the rewards of their efforts.

"It doesn't really stop. You always have more ideas," said Sara. "I enjoy it. It's where we spend our summers. We don't go camping, we're in our backyard. It's nice. It's rewarding now ... once it was at this stage."

It can be a lot of work "but at the same time, a lot of the plantings are maintenance-free. We have a lot of perennials rather than annuals," she added.

"And I guess because we can customize the irrigation quite well, you can control all the zones, so you can micro-manage what's getting too dry, what's getting too wet," said Dennis.

He noted it is having a beautiful location in Morden which made them want to undertake all of this.

"We were looking for sight lines where you can see the sunrise and the sunset from our house."

Morden festival Hilites Concert on this Sun.

The 41st season of the annual Morden Festival of the Arts concludes with the highlights concert this weekend.

The May 1 finale gets underway at 2 p.m. at the Morden Alliance Church. Admission is free, though a silver collection will be taken.

The Hilites Concert showcases per-

formances that have been recommended by the adjudicators of each discipline featured throughout the festival season.

It will include performances in strings, sacred, piano, vocal and choral, and French and English speech arts.

Awards will be presented to many

festival participants, some of whom have been recommended to represent our area at the provincial level.

As well, the 2016 Loreena McKennitt Award will be presented to a festival participant judged to have reached a level of excellence in their musical studies and with plans to continue studies and pursue a career in the

performing arts.

The festival this year attracted 545 entries ranging in age from the very young to adults from Morden and the surrounding area.

For more information on the festival, visit www.mordenfestivalofthearts.cfsites.org.

Flatlands brings Anne Frank to the stage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Flatlands Theatre Company plans to transport audiences into a tiny hidden annex in war-torn Amsterdam with its performances of *The Diary of Anne Frank* next week.

From May 5-8, the Winkler theatre troupe brings to life the story of Anne Frank, a young girl who spent two years with her family hiding from the Nazis during the Second World War.

Anyone who knows their history knows things did not end well for the Frank family and the others they were hiding with—they were betrayed to the Nazis and all but one of the eight people who had called the annex home died in the concentration camps.

But *The Diary of Anne Frank* is still very much a story of hope, says director Jeannette Hoepfner.

"There's huge moments of brevity and laughter and light; it's not all about doom and expected death," she says "This play is about life and the hope of future and the hope of possibilities. It is great to have a reminder that even when humanity is at its blackest ... in that darkness, being able to see that it's okay to hope."

Kennedy Daneault plays the role

Flatlands Theatre Company is preparing to bring *The Diary of Anne Frank* to the Winkler concert hall stage May 5-8.

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of Margot Frank, Anne's older sister. She says it's been an exciting challenge to bring this real-life story to the stage.

"Usually you're just playing characters, so you get to make up what those characters are feeling at that point, whereas here you have actual people who actually lived through this," she says, noting the close-knit cast has tried very hard to honour the people they're depicting.

"It's such a dramatic end to a horrific story, but it's also very full of love and life," she says. "It's been awesome trying to portray that in a way that respects them."

Community theatre veteran Chuck

Fefchak plays Mr. Van Daan, one half of the bickering Van Daan couple.

Considering how long they were shut up in such a small space, the fact that sometimes tensions were high between those in hiding is understandable, he says.

"For two and a half years it was just very cooped up ... and as the play progresses you get from the awkward, 'I don't know this person' to [knowing them all too well]," he

says.

With all its ups and downs, this is a story that needs to be told, Fefchuk stresses.

"The most important thing in my head is how many people don't even really know the whole gist of this sto-

ry ... this is something that shouldn't be forgotten, which is why I was so stoked to be able to do this," he says. "The play speaks to me and I think everyone that comes to see it, they'll take away something. There will be something in it that makes you realize we really do have it lucky."

"So much of history gets lost and I just feel this story brings so much life to something that was so horrible to so many people," agrees Daneault. "I think it sheds a lot of light on who we've become as a society and how we've grown. That there's still good people in the world even when bad things are happening."

The show runs nightly at 7:30 p.m. next week Thursday to Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 8.

Tickets are available in advance for \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Get yours online at winklerconcert-hall.ca or at the City Hall box office.

"THIS PLAY IS ABOUT LIFE AND THE HOPE OF FUTURE AND THE HOPE OF POSSIBILITIES."

Lydna Randle performs in Morden May 15



By Lorne Stelmach

Music became a way out of pain and heartache for Lynda Randle, and many doors of opportunity have opened up for her through this God-given gift.

You likely couldn't have convinced her early on, though, that this would be the award-winning and acclaimed Christian singer's life path.

Christian artist Lynda Randle will perform two shows in benefit of the local Christian Programs Committee at the Morden Access Event Centre on Sunday, May 15.

"I didn't plan to go into music at all. I didn't think about it in a serious way at all," Randle said in advance of her May 15 concerts in Morden in support of the Christian Programs Committee.

"I now do music for the right reasons, and I love singing for the Lord. I could have sung for anybody, any time, any type of music, but Christian music is for me."

Born in the inner city of Washington, Randle is the middle child of seven and feels blessed to have had the privilege of being raised in a Christian home, though she said she still experienced a tumultuous and pain-

ful childhood.

Singing in church was "just kind of ingrained as kids. My dad was a pastor part-time ... he drove a cab full-time," said Randle, referencing the inspiration for her children's book *The Cab Driver's Daughter*.

Despite being led to the Lord at the young age of 12, it would be years later before she really experienced the freedom from bondage that only God could give.

She said it was while in the ninth grade and in the midst of bit of rebellion that her parents "put me in a

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Fest. vocal winners

The Winkler Festival of the Arts wrapped up last week with its vocal/choral sessions and awards night. Clockwise from left: Tori Raelene Heppner received the Co-op Vocal Scholarship and a provincial recommendation; GVC Tonic received the Co-op Choral Scholarship; the J.R. Walkof Gr. 3-4 Choir received a scholarship to encourage them in their musical endeavours; Alyssa Unrau won the Justina Wiebe Trophy for best overall performance, while Lauren Ginter and Hallie Buhler took home the trophies for best performance in their age groups. The GVC and NPC Gr. 10 and Gr. 10-12 Tour choirs also received recommendations to represent our region at provincials.



> RANDLE, FROM PG. 26

Christian school, and it was a predominantly white Christian school, and they didn't have the classes that I wanted to take."

One subject she did opt for was music class, though she recalled being the only person of colour in it.

"They kept singing these negro spirituals, and they gave me so many leads on these songs."

She started entering competitions and got more interested in music "but sort of for the wrong reasons ... the hype ... I was kind of caught up in that very early."

Randle said it was a friend at college in Virginia who turned things around for her.

"She sat me down one afternoon in my dorm room and just told me all about myself ... everything I needed to hear but didn't want to hear ... and it totally changed the direction of my life."

It suddenly gave focus to a girl who used to try many things: drawing,

making clothing, styling hair, playing the piano.

"My mom would say I was a jack of all trades but not a master of any," Randle joked.

The rest, as they say, is history. Randle's distinct alto voice has created opportunities for her to minister around the world.

Her gift has also allowed her to share the stage with musical legends from Andre Crouch to Gladys Knight.

She was a popular musical guest for Billy Graham's crusades and has been a favorite on the Gaither Homecoming series.

Her two most requested songs are "God On The Mountain" and "I'm Free," and she won a Dove Award in 2005 for her album *A Tribute To Mahalia Jackson*.

Her most recent release *Ageless Hymns: Songs of Joy* is the last in a series of three albums dedicated specifically to timeless classic songs of

faith.

On stage, Randle says she always aims to build a rapport with her audiences and draw them together with a message and music that is truly cross cultural.

Randle said she feels the spirit of God when she sings.

"I feel his peace, I feel his pleasure, I feel his presence. I know he's real in my heart. I can see what's been done in my life.

"All I can say is I'm still standing ... there's no other music on this planet that brings me the peace of God and the comfort for my soul," she said. "I sing this music because I believe it's true, it's real, there's hope. That's what draws me, and I believe it's the spirit of God."

She hopes her listeners also come away from her shows with a sense of hope.

"I went through two years of great depression after a great amount of losses ... it was pretty rough ... and

had I not had the hope of what the lyrics of my songs talk about, and the hope of heaven and the hope of eternity, I don't know where I would be.

"It's something about where I've been and being able to communicate that ... all the truth I know ... and I'm not just there to entertain them ... at the end of the day I want these people to go away ... knowing, you know, there is more, there is hope. I don't have to live this way, I don't have to be this way."

Randle will perform a 4 p.m. matinee and a 7:30 p.m. evening show Sunday, May 15 at the Access Event Centre.

Admission is \$40 for general seating or \$55 for VIP front row seating and a chance to meet Randle.

Tickets are available at The Olive Tree in Morden, Bible Book Shop in Winkler or online through itickets.com or by calling 1-800-965-9324.

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Learning the basics

Rugby Manitoba held free rugby sessions in Winkler's Lions Park on Saturday to kick off a new program for children age four to 16. Rookie Rugby runs three sessions every Saturday morning until the end of June: Minis from 9-9:45 a.m., Flag Rugby from 10-11 a.m., and Tackle Rugby from 11 a.m. to noon. It's not too late to register your child: simply log on to rugbymanitoba.com or contact the Winkler Rec. Department at 204-325-8333 for more information.

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End of the line for Pembina Valley Twisters

Twisters fall to Jets in four straight

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters' season came to a crashing halt at the hands of an Interlake team that got hot at the right time.

Only fourth ranked coming into the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League playoffs, the Stonewall Jets completed a four game final sweep of the third-ranked Twisters with a 4-2 win last Wednesday.

It completed an 11 game winning streak for the Jets that began with a comeback after they had fallen behind 3-1 in games against the St. Vital Victorias in the quarter-finals.

They went on to upset the top-ranked Raiders in the semi-final and then rode that momentum against the Twisters with wins of 5-3, 3-0 and 6-2 through the first three games.

Pembina Valley didn't go down without a fight in game four, out-

shooting Stonewall 37-27, but they were again stymied by netminder Hunter Ploszay, who was named the playoff MVP with a 1.93 goals against average and .940 save percentage.

The Twisters, who got a 23 save performance from Morgan Wall, had

Chad Millar's fifth goal of the playoffs at 17:06 of the first period narrow the gap to 2-1.

Colin Grenier's goal at 7:06 of the third made it 3-2, but Stonewall sealed the deal with an empty net goal with 1:08 remaining.

Matt Mazinke led the Twisters in scoring through the playoffs with six goals and nine assists for 15 points, followed by Eric Lebrun at four goals

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Sports MB expands into Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

Sport Manitoba is aiming to provide rural athletes with more resources outside of Winnipeg.

As part of that goal, it recently created a second coach and athlete development co-ordinator who will be working out of Winkler.

"I think we saw that gap ... realized it's harder to come to us in the city, so why don't we bring more services to them in rural Manitoba," said Jacqueline Mazur. "Hopefully, we can provide better services

and better supports to athletes and coaches than we have been able to in the past."

Mazur is a kinesiology graduate from the University of Manitoba and a certified strength and conditioning specialist with a background in high performance athlete development.

Sport Manitoba created the first coach and athlete development co-ordinator last year with Brittany Bruinooge working out of Brandon, and it plans to add another



Jacqueline Mazur, Sports Manitoba

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Hitting the field

Some helpful advice on throwing is offered to one of the ball players trying out for the Pembina Valley Orioles Saturday at Joe Wiwchar Field in Morden. New head coach Mike Wilson has high hopes of improving upon the Orioles' fifth place finish in the seven team league last season. Right: Wilson, seen in the background, watched closely as players were put through their paces practising throwing and catching in a number of positions. The MJBL season gets underway next month.

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Katie Cares street hockey tourney looking for teams

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The second annual Katie Cares Street Hockey Tournament is looking for teams.

This year's event takes over the Winkler Recreation Complex on Saturday, June 4.

"We had nine teams last year and we're hoping to double it this year to maybe 20," says organizer Don Dueck.

Teams will square off in the three-on-three tournament throughout the day on one of several street hockey rinks set up inside the arena (effectively weather-proofing the event).

The tournament is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, with teams consisting of 4-8 players.

Last year's inaugural event was a success,

raising funds for Katie Cares' respite home project and also receiving a lot of positive feedback from the competitors.

They hope for a repeat of that success again this year, Dueck says.

"It's a lot of fun and it's for a good cause," he says, noting they hope to see this annual fundraiser grow each year.

Registration is \$200 per team, with all proceeds going to Katie Cares.

To register or for more information, contact Dueck at 204-361-6875.

Registration is open for the second annual Katie Cares Street Hockey Tournament, which takes place at the Winkler arena on Saturday, June 4.

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Bringing in more coaching, conditioning courses

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coach and athlete development coordinator in another rural location again next year.

Mazur said she looks forward to providing more opportunities for athlete and coach development in this region.

"We want to provide a whole new range of ser-

vices that have not been as available in the region up to now," she said. "It could be things like coaching education courses ... conditioning for athletes.

"We want to be building relationships in the community so we can better serve our rural athletes. We have a lot of really great rural athletes, especially from the Winkler, Morden and Carman area ... southern Manitoba in general."

Mazur suggested Winkler made sense to be a lo-

cation for the next regional co-ordinator.

"I think it is a pretty central hub for the region. Winkler is a great location," she said. "Right now, we're starting to network and build relationships within the southern region ... just letting people know I'm here now."

Mazur can be reached at 204-229-2673 or jacqueline.mazur@sportmanitoba.ca



Cribbage champions

The Morden Legion wrapped up its weekly cribbage league recently, handing out awards to the top doubles and singles players.

The first place winner of singles cribbage was Laverne Wiebe, shown at right with award presenters Shaker Ediger and Tammy Petkau.

Tops in the doubles competition were Neal Hand and Garnet Edwards, shown above receiving their award from Ediger and Petkau.

Legion cribbage returns every Thursday evening starting in October. It is open to both members and non-members.



Aztecs take fifth at prov'ls

The Aztecs 18U girls volleyball team had a rocky weekend at the provincials championships in Steinbach.

The ladies started off strong with two round robin wins, but then an injury forced a line-up shuffle for the remaining seven players, leading to a loss in the key quarter-final match.

The team rebounded with a B-side semi-final victory in two straight sets and then a win in the finals, also in straight sets, to take fifth place out of 12 teams.

The Aztecs are now nationals-bound, taking part in the 2016 Volleyball Canada 17/18U Championships in Edmonton May 5-8.



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and 10 assists for 14 points.

Pembina Valley's goaltenders couldn't quite make the difference in the playoffs. Gavin Klassen finished up with a 3.13 goals against average and .908 save percentage in nine games, while Wall in 12 games posted numbers of 3.72 and .894.

The Twisters' title hopes began with a tough seven game quarter-final where they had gone up three games on the St. James Canucks. They then knocked off the second ranked Charleswood Hawks in a six game affair that included three overtime contests.

The Twisters last won the championship in 2012-13 with a six game final series win over Charleswood.

Zodiacs fall to Trojans in two

The Garden Valley Collegiate boys baseball team got their season off to a rocky start last week as they hosted the Portage Trojans. The Thursday night double-header ended with two losses for the Zodiacs, who fell 6-2 in game one and 14-8 in game two. Coming up, on Thursday the GVC boys play at the Blue and NPC hosts the Aces. On Monday, the GVC girls fastpitch team hosts the Saints while the Morden girls host the Sabers and the Morden boys host NPC.

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Agriculture

Dairy farming brothers go with the flow

By Harry Siemens

In January 2001, two Altona area dairy farmers, brothers having taken over from their father's dairy some years earlier, built an expandable dairy barn in case the World Trade Organization would mess with Canada's supply management system.

So far that hasn't been the case, but they keep doing what they do best: producing as much milk as they can from their 65 cows.

Cornie and Dennis Penner of C and D Penner Farms moved into their free-stall dairy barn milking 35 cows in an L-shaped building expandable in every direction.

Today they're milking between 60-65 cows producing 74-75 pounds of milk per cow per day.

"We continue to have confidence in the dairy industry," said Dennis at a recent Dairy Farmers of Manitoba meeting in Winkler. "Some things stay the same and some things change. You appreciate the things that are stable, practise them, and stay with them."

"The dairy industry is just that—it's stable, it is here to stay. Yes, there will be some changes, low spots, some high tides, but we stay with what we do best."

DFM chair David Wiens says there isn't enough processing capacity in Manitoba to use up all the potential production and national quota allocation.

Does that affect the Penner dairy?

"Yes, we can't use some of the increases in production out there," says Penner. "But we'll need to be a little patient. We have a good board of directors, working hard doing what they can and working together with processors to hopefully work things out."

Canadian milk is produced according to standards that are among the highest in the world for safety and quality.

Right now, dairy farmers in Canada are implementing the Canadian Quality Milk (CQM) program. This program keeps track of a dairy farmer's actions to prevent and minimize the risk of exposing food to safety hazards with new storing, shipping, monitoring, and equipment sanitiz-

ing standards.

The program also requires all milk produced on Canadian dairy farms be tested for antibiotic residues before it is unloaded at the processing plant. Any milk that tests positive is rejected and discarded.

Because milk samples are taken at each farm, the farm responsible is easily identified and must pay a penalty as well as all related costs for the proper disposal of the milk.

Tile drainage improving field conditions

By Harry Siemens

Keith Loewen of Altona started the first Manitoba-based tiling company, K&S Tiling, 16 years ago after studying at the University of Guelf and completing the advanced tile drainage courses and completing his apprenticeship.

Today, Loewen still runs the tile plow himself, insuring that his customers get the best possible installation that will last for decades to come.

Scott Brandt, a farmer at Woodmore,

Being proactive in this way is a real positive, says Penner, because knowing that the milk is safe and being able to tell that message to consumers with the actual proof in consistent records will only help sell more milk.

"The consumer is more and more interested in where their food is coming from, how farmers produce it, and it's inevitable that we must and we can provide and prove it to them. It will be a good selling tool."

is one such happy customer. In October 2014, K&S installed tile drainage on Brandt's 142 acre field because he was losing far too much crop because of water issues.

Earlier this month, Loewen tweeted a video showing water pouring out of the end of a pipe that was draining from Brandt's field.

The drainage tile on starts with the first tile 25 feet from the edge of the field and then 50 feet apart across the field.

There is a catchment area, a 36-inch

Wiens says here is one segment of the agricultural industry doing it together right across the country.

"That is why they want the same validating officers coming in to verify farmers records to see if they're actually doing what they say they're doing," says Penner. "In our case, we just take it in stride, a little more work, but we're doing it anyway, just need to record more data."

in diameter culvert 12 feet down installed vertically and closed at the bottom. From there a four inch variable speed electric pump moves the water into a municipal drain and eventually finds its way into the Red River.

"K&S installed that culvert because there is not enough drop in the municipal ditch to take the water by gravity, so we have to lift it and put it into the municipal ditch," says Brandt.

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It's a new day in Manitoba

By Harry Siemens

First off, congrats to Brian Pallister and his team of MLAs for winning the election. I'm happy the province will be lead by Conservatives now, and I believe they'll make a real difference.

Still, the new Conservative government needs to in all humility understand where their responsibility lies.

In my humble opinion, the reason Greg Selinger lost so overwhelmingly had to do with losing his way and forgetting that a government's responsibility lies with the people.

How long does it take for a new leader and a new team to forget that mandate and allow arrogance to set in and develop the attitude of We Know Best?

Oh, I do expect there will be a dif-

ferent attitude in how this group will govern, especially to people in southern Manitoba. That doesn't mean throwing money around and fixing all the problems at once, but taking a more sensible approach to dealing with the people when issues need dealing with.

I'm looking for a change in the whole Bipole III power line and how the Selinger government dealt with the people on that one.

While not going hog wild on hog expansion, I'm hoping the Pallister team will at least take a sensible approach to making it easier, firstly, to expand a current operation, and secondly, wherever it makes sense for new barns to go up.

While farm leaders in many organizations are going with the flow when it comes to carbon credits and

climate change discussions, privately many of them are telling me adding willy nilly carbon credit taxes for whatever reasons, will drive up the price of raising food in this country.

Again, we need a sensible approach to this issue and realize full well how well our ag industry adapts to normal climate change and sustaining their land and environment.

There are also things the NDP government changed, added, or took away, and what the PCs will do with all that is hard to say.

My hope and prayer is that the Conservatives will not immediately shift left of center and start looking the same as the NDP on social issues, fiscal issues, and farm policies that they at least have some say in.

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"The tile drainage takes the water to that catch culvert, a five feet lift."

He started using the drainage system for the 2015 crop year and being a wet fall, he never turned it off until freeze up.

"We let it pump, but didn't want the tile full of water when it froze in winter time," says Brandt. "It kept pumping until the ground froze up and it quit running and we shut the power off so it wouldn't try and run during the winter. It ran well into December."

Brandt says that tile drainage turned that field around from a mediocre producing field to a good producing field gives several reasons for going the tiling route.

With it being sufficiently dry only 50-60 per cent of years before, the tiling means he's now able to use it without constantly battling moisture. "Then there were wet spots in the

field that we'd could only get 20 per cent of the years, only two years out of ten that we even got a crop in some of the wet spots," says Brandt. "But we know the fertility is there because when it dry enough, we could get awesome crops because the land is decent, but it was a water issue."

In 2015 Brandt planted corn silage, but right off the bat he saw a few issues in spring because of the cold soil temperatures. Also, there was quite a bit of compaction from the tiling, being as it got put in so late in the season the year before, and so he didn't get the field worked very well.

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 31

I know much of the real farm policy come from Ottawa, but the provincial government can set the tone.

The question now is who will be Manitoba's next Ag Minister?

In the last 44 years, I've worked with many ag ministers, some at arms'

"Our corn population wasn't perfect, but we still got a very good silage yield, despite four inches [100 mm] of rain the week before we harvested it. We could go everywhere in the field with our silage truck. The only places we got stuck is when we would hit the trenches with a loaded truck, where the tiles went down, still very soft especially with all that moisture."

When the Brandt farm decided to start with tile drainage, they chose their worst field. Once they know how consistent the drainage tile work will, it sounds like they will do more.

"We'll see what the results are and

we'll go from there," he says. "I would say what it looks like we will do more tiling in the future. It takes that land and brings it up to speed and puts a new value on it."

Brandt says that is the other major reason for choosing this route.

"When you could buy more land for \$300, 400, \$1,000 dollars an acre, it was hardly worth the cost of tiling," he says. "But now when land is trading for \$3,000 an acre, we can afford to put some tile in and improve what we have. It cost just shy of \$1,000 an acre with the pump included. That is cheap land."

length, some on a first name basis, and others, often working as a sounding board for what farmers were telling me and what my thoughts would be on certain issues and policy decisions in the offing.

My pick for Manitoba's would be

Blaine Pederson, but there are others who could do the job well, too. I'm prepared to worked with any and all.

There are so many issues not only up for debate but that need decisions for the betterment of this province, not just for the governing party.



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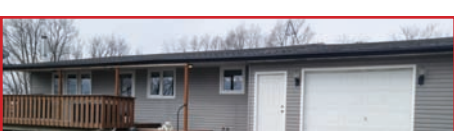
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OBITUARY

Elsie Titchkosky (nee Mayert) 1916 – 2016



On Friday, April 15, 2016, at the Glenboro Personal Care Home, Elsie Titchkosky aged 100 years formerly of Morden, MB went to her eternal rest.

She is survived by four daughters, Dolores Ehnes, Barbara and Colin Chakowski, Bev Cowan, Sharon and Gerald Ehnes; two sons, Archie Titchkosky and Carolyn McMurray, Gary Titchkosky; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; two sisters and one brother. She was predeceased by her husband, Reynold in 1950.

Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016 at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church with ash interment at Chapel Cemetery Columbarium.

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OBITUARY

Thelma Marion Millar (nee Phillips) 1922 – 2016



On Tuesday, April 19, 2016, three days short of her 94th birthday, Thelma Millar passed away at Pembina-Manitou Health Centre. She will be forever missed by her family including two sisters-in-law, Jean Spencer and Jean Prior; brother-in-law, Earl Millar (Joyce) and many favorite nieces and nephews. Thelma was predeceased by her husband, Don; her sisters, Mildred and Myrtle and brothers, Ralph and Wilbert.

Thelma was born on April 22, 1922 near Gladstone, MB. She spent her youth on the family farm near Amaranth, MB. That farm was always "home" to her. She attained her grade 12 and continued her education at Normal School in Winnipeg to become a teacher. She taught at several country schools before taking a position at Lloyd George School south of Miami. She found a boarding place with the Millar family who lived one mile from the school. This attractive young teacher caught the eye of one of the Millar boys, Donnie. Thelma and Don were married on October 9, 1948 in Winnipeg. They lived in the Millar family home for four years until they built their own little house just west of the main yard. In 1964, they moved across the road to a bigger house and yard. Donnie and Thelma then proceeded to turn that yard into a park. They worked together many long hours tending their apple orchard, berry patches and massive garden. Growing things was a passion for both of them but Thelma especially loved her flowers. Her interest in flowers remained with her even in advanced stages of Alzheimer's. Thelma's teaching career was interrupted for several years after the closure of Lloyd George School. It resumed with the establishment of the Miami Colony nearby. The Colony started a school and Thelma became their teacher - a position she held for 11 years. She was a dedicated teacher and her students were all very special to her. While gardening kept her busy in the summer, the winter months were filled with quilting, embroidery, cross stitch, knitting, sewing, reading and other crafts which she generously gifted to others. You could always find her at her jigsaw puzzle in the morning. She was active in many organizations in Miami and very much enjoyed curling. Being involved in organizations in small towns always includes cooking for their events. Many pies were made and taken to town, much to Donnie's dismay! Thelma and Donnie's home was a welcome place to everyone, but especially to their nieces and nephews. And what fun we had with all the teasing and foolin' around that went on! Their niece, Margaret Brydges stayed with them and attended school in Miami for eight years. Following that, Thelma's mother, Ethel, lived in their yard for five years. Thelma was a very devoted daughter and cared for her Mom and continued to do so after her Mom moved to the Boyne Lodge.

After Donnie's passing in 2004, Thelma moved to the apartments in Miami. Her heart was still on the farm and she made many trips back out to the farm. Her combine rides and field suppers every fall were a big highlight for her. As Thelma's Alzheimer's progressed in her later years, the people of Miami were very helpful in watching out for her. We will always remember and appreciate that she was able to stay in her apartment for one more summer. Thelma's last move was to Pembina-Manitou Health Centre in November, 2013. The care she received has been excellent. Thank you to all the staff who looked after her from the bottom of our hearts.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016 at the Miami United Church with interment at the Miami Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Thelma's memory to the Pembina-Manitou Health Centre or to the charity of one's choice.

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OBITUARY

Martha Ruby Dyck (nee Hiebert) 1929 – 2016



On Friday, April 22, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Center Ruby Dyck, aged 86 years of Winkler, MB went to her eternal home.

She leaves to mourn her passing daughter, Vallery and Terry Gray; two sons, Vernon and Colleen Dyck and Norman and Nett Dyck; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, John W Dyck in 2012 and her parents, Martha and Henry Hiebert, one brother and two sisters.

Funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church with interment at Winkler Cemetery.

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

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OBITUARY

Victor Zacharias



Victor Zacharias, 71, of Plum Coulee, MB, peacefully passed away on April 20, 2016 at Altona Community Memorial Health Centre.

Vic leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife Dorothy of 51 years; his daughter Deb (Dean), grandchildren Trista (Kai), Desiree, Shana, Dustin; one great-grandchild; nine sisters; six brothers; and 56 nieces and nephews. Vic was predeceased by his daughter Wanda; son Darryl; parents Henry and Mary, and eight siblings.

A celebration of Vic's life was held on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre in Altona, Manitoba.

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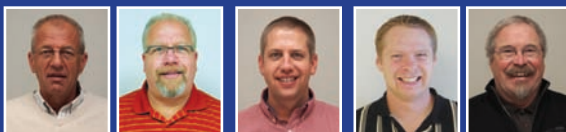
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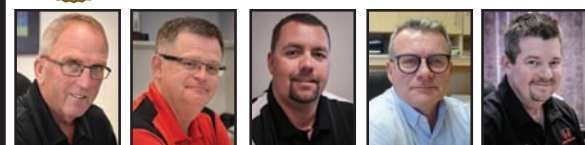
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