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PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE There were striking displays of quilts of all sizes and designs at the Barnswallow Quilt Guild's annual show last weekend at the Morden Access Event Centre. For more photos, see Pg. 13.

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Blum honoured as volunteer of the year

By Lorne Stelmach

Ron Blum stood reluctantly in the spotlight Monday in being honoured as the outstanding community volunteer in Morden this year.

Most everyone in town knows Blum in at least seeing him taking his regular walk around the city and collecting garbage as he goes, as he has done most every day since coming here 14 years ago.

"I never thought anything of it," Blum said of receiving the honour from the Morden Area Foundation. "Hopefully ... somebody will kind of follow in my footsteps. That's kind of what I was hoping would happen."

"Everyone knows the guy that walks around collecting garbage. He's the kind of volunteer we should celebrate," said Tom Sibbald, who nominated Blum for his efforts in keeping the community of Morden clean and beautiful. "Ron works quietly in the background while we go on with our day."

Foundation chairperson Avaline Widmer observed that Blum isn't the typical winner of this award-someone who heads up several organizations or volunteers the most hoursbut he is a shining example of a person who gives freely of his time to make a difference in the community in a quiet way.

"He's always out there ... doing something no one asked him to do," she said. "He does it without any expectation of reward or even a thank you. So that's what the true spirit of volunteerism is about ... doing some-



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Ron Blum receives the outstanding volunteer of the year award Monday from Avaline Widmer, chair of the Morden Area Foundation.

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thing you haven't been asked ... out of to Gilmour and then down to Mounthe kindness of your heart."

Noting how well his example ties in with the foundation's Pay It Forward May campaign, Widmer

said Blum is "a perfect example of how you don't have to do great big things ... you can just do one simple thing ... but do it consistently and do it well."

As for Blum, his trash collecting walks are something that started innocently when he moved here from Ontario.

It began simply as a way to get a little exercise and explore the community.

tain and Stephen before returning home.

"Now it's just to the point that I've

been doing it so long, if I see something, I've got to pick it up. I just can't walk by," said Blum. "Sometimes it's embarrassing ... you look around to see who's looking at you ... you just do it. It's like going for a walk every night ... it's hard to quit.

"I never did it before we moved here ... Morden is a relatively clean town ... it's just those odd bits of garbage ... if somebody just picked it up, it just







Winkler **Mayor Martin** Harder was downtown last week to hand out homemade cookies and issue a challenge to the community to continue to pay kindness forward all month long.

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Mayor issues Pay It Forward challenge

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's not unusual for a politician to hit the streets to meet their constituents face-to-face.

But handing out homemade cookies while they do it? That may be a new one.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder was doing just that last week as a way to highlight his Pay It Forward May challenge to the community.

Harder and his wife Valerie had baked 15 dozen cookies and were downtown May 2 handed them out to passersby, encouraging recipients to find a way to pass along the kindness in turn.

"It's all part of Pay It Forward and just to show acts of kindness," the mayor explained. "Hopefully the community gets on board and continues to do that. We'll be a better community for it."

This is the third year the Winkler and Morden community foundations have spearheaded Pay It Forward campaigns, urging residents to commit random acts of kindness throughout the month.

"I think it's phenomenal and I've seen it—whether it's at the drive-thru at Tim Hortons or whether it's at a store, somebody just going to carry somebody's groceries or opening up a door ... the simple thing is it doesn't cost anything to be kind," Harder said. "Paying it forward is just simply doing an unselfish deed for somebody else ... that really is what creates community, whenever you have people who are more concerned about somebody else than themselves."

As he prepared to set out on his cookie mission, Harder took a moment to jot down his challenge to Winkler on the Pay It Forward message board located just outside Whitecap Coffee on Main St.

"The best return on investment that costs nothing is the selfless act of kindness for others," he wrote. "Pay it forward."

Harder had to squeeze his message on the board, which had only been up for a few days but was already full of encouragements and stories.

Winkler Community Foundation board member Tash Olfert was pleased to see the community so embracing the campaign.

"We're hoping this just continues the momentum that has started. That seems to be growing," she said. "It seems to be taking on a life of its own now."

The message board is a new piece of the puzzle this year that's meant to inspire Winklerites, Olfert said.

"We are wanting to use it to spread

> BLUM, FROM PG. 2

makes it look better."

As part of the award, Blum also received a \$1,000 donation for the charity of his choice. He picked the Morden and District United Way.

It was a fitting choice, Widmer sug- n

gested, given how the United Way pays it forward.

"It also supports local organizations in our community ... so that's great ... it just keeps building in our community." kindness in a different way," she said. "You can share an inspiring story, you can remind yourself, you can challenge someone else.

"Kindness is happening in this community all the time," Olfert added. "It has been fun to highlight it one month a year, even though we're doing it all year round, and then see it take on a life of its own where you're almost challenged and you challenge yourself: how can I spread kindness?"

If you have a Pay It Forward story to share, the foundation urges you to do so on social media using #PIF17.



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Seniors, youth team up for walking group

By Ashleigh Viveiros

An intergenerational walking group took its first steps in Winkler last week.

The Winkler Senior Centre has partnered with Winkler Elementary School to pair up seniors with Gr. 8 students for a 45 minute walk every Wednesday morning for the next few weeks.

The idea was the brainchild of occupational therapy student Shannon Toews and a few of her classmates, who were at the centre in April to host a falls prevention workshop.

"We wanted to address the issue of safe walking somehow and we decided we wanted to do a walking group, an intergenerational walking group," she said. "There's a whole bunch of benefits for both groups.

"For the kids it increases their awareness of aging issues, just an increase in knowledge about seniors and more acceptance," Toews said. "And for seniors there's increased cardiovascular endurance and balance and also just reducing isolation and increasing acceptance for the younger generation."

While both groups were a little nervous to be meeting at Bethel Heritage Park for the first time May 3, the conversation between the 23 or so pairs of walking partners flowed freely once they hit the pavement.

"I was excited but yet nervous thinking of how it was going to go and maybe I'd be talking too fast. But it went perfect," said student Caitlyn Neufeld.

"My partner was really relatable," added classmate Kayleigh Peters. "Even though there's a big age difference I could relate to her."

That chance to show the kids another side of the seniors is what drew Tina Derksen to the program.

"I want to get some exercise, keep fit. I'm only 89, after all," she said. "I'm looking forward to getting to know the kids. And for them to get to know us not just as old people.

"It's a lot of fun to interact with the kids," agreed Frank Unrau, who



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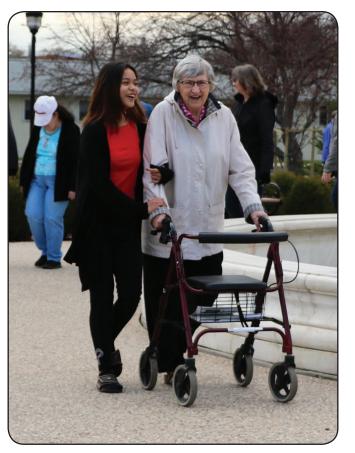
Local seniors paired up with Gr. 8 students from Winkler Elementary School for a stroll through Bethel Heritage Park last week. The walking group will meet weekly through to the end of the month.

signed-up alongside wife Jessie. "For me, it's about the fellowship." Senior centre exec-

senior centre executive director Nettie Dyck said they were blown away by the response the program received.

"I think we have just as many seniors as we have students," she said. "It's amazing and we're really excited about it."

Dyck said the group will likely hew close to the downtown park to make the most of its stable walking paths and many benches, though they may go further afield as the weeks go by.



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"I cannot express how helpful the boot camp was," said Daniel Friedrich of Perimeter Vision, who won 2nd place in the day two pitch competition, "It was truly an eye opener for me and provided me with the necessary information to take things to the next level."





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Styles of days gone by were on display last Wednesday as South Central Cancer Resource held its annual fundraising fashion show. The Spring Indulgence Vintage Edition evening sold 350 tickets and raised around \$26,000. Now in its fifth year, the fashion show helps the organization support its programs and rising costs of things such as its transportation services for cancer patients. In between models—many of whom are cancer survivors—walking the catwalk, there was also a barbershop quartet on hand to entertain the crowd.

Winkler Police bid Kehler, Friesen farewell

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Police Service have bidden farewell to two experienced members this spring.

Insp. Brad Kehler hung up his police cap last week after over 30 years with the department. In April, Sgt. Ray Friesen retired after over 20 years.

Both men started their careers in Winkler and the fact they also finished them here speaks highly of the community, says police Chief Rick Hiebert.

"It's a great sign for your police service, for your morale, etc., to see an officer started his career here and finished his career here," he says. "It's good for the city and it speaks volumes."

Friesen and Kehler have been valuable assets to the department, Hiebert says, and their wealth of experience will be missed.

"I feel fortunate to have served side by side with both of them for many years through their entire careers," he says. "We solved a lot of cases together and there's a lot of great memories we'll keep.

"I would like to say a huge congratulations to the guys and just a big thank you from our police service and the City of Winkler for their many years of service to our community."

While the departure of two veteran officers is always an adjustment, the chief says the department remains in good shape.

"Almost all of our police officers have more than 10 years experience," Hiebert says, noting several have been on the job for over 15 years. "So we're not in any kind of trouble. We have tons of experience. They all know exactly what they're doing."

"A BIG THANK YOU FROM OUR POLICE SERVICE AND THE CITY OF WINKLER FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY."

Hiebert says they're currently taking a look at the inner workings of the department to see how best to fill the holes left by Kehler and Friesen.

"We're doing a review of our whole structure. It's a good time to do when you've got a lot of changes taking place," he says. "So just a review of our organizational chart and what if any changes we want to make going forward."

Earlier this year, the police service received the green light from city council to hire one new officer to bring their total to 19.

The process is already well underway, Hiebert says, and now they'll be hiring a total of three officers from that pool to fill these new vacancies.

"We're very happy with the quality of the applicants we've received," he says.

Untrained hires will be sent to the next training session at the Saskatchewan Police College, which would put them on Winkler's streets for field training early in 2018.







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Winkler Senior Centre now fully accessible

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Thanks to the support of the Winkler Community Foundation, local seniors won't have to worry about accessibility barriers at the Winkler Senior Centre anymore.

The senior centre took one of its eldest members for a ride last Thursday to show off just how it had spent the \$10,000 grant it received from the foundation.

David Peters, 101 years old, demonstrated the recently installed wheelchair lift, which makes the main stage area easily accessible to all.

"It's real nice," said Peters after taking it for a spin."Especially if there are old people that want to go up there, they can ride up."

Taking some of the stress out of using the stage is exactly what the lift was purchased for, said senior centre executive director Nettie Dyck.

"There are already a lot of barriers in our golden years and so if we can eliminate any of those barriers and include people, have them come out and feel part of things and not feel Centenarian David Peters demonstrates the new wheelchair lift at the Winkler Senior Centre stage. Behind him are (from left) BALC director Mike Chute, the Winkler Community Foundation's Myra Peters, and the senior centre's Nettie Dyck.

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intimidated by any mobility barriers that could be there, what a great opportunity," she said, noting centre members regularly make use of the raised stage for everything from choir practices to jam sessions.

"When we had our grand opening here we wanted Mr. Peters himself and a few of our other volunteers to



come up on the stage and cut the ribbon for us," Dyck recalled. "The biggest worry of the day was how were they going to get up on the stage because we didn't have the lift yet. So this is just a real blessing."

That's music to the ears of commu-

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Esso Cup family grateful for community's generosity

Dear residents of Morden and kindness that we were shown. We Winkler, were never made to feel like "out-

This past week we were guests in your towns for the Esso Cup as parents of one of the players on the St. Albert Slash.

When we heard that the Esso Cup was going to be hosted in a small town in Manitoba, we didn't know much about your community. Now that we have been there, I can honestly say that Morden and Winkler will forever hold an incredibly special place in our hearts.

On the Wednesday of the tournament, my husband suffered a heart attack at the rink. From the stranger in the parking lot (who I now consider my friend) who jumped in the vehicle with me and directed me to the hospital, to the employees at the Boundary Trails Health Centre, we were overwhelmed by the care and kindness that we were shown. We were never made to feel like "outsiders" and the understanding and compassion that we were given as we balanced our daughter's hockey schedule with trips to the ICU was incredibly comforting.

Cheryl Lyons, thank you for helping me in my most traumatic moments and taking a risk by jumping into the car of a couple you didn't even know. You were instrumental in saving my husband's life and there are no words that will sufficiently express my gratitude.

Aside from the health crisis that we were dealing with, it was awesome to see the many volunteers who gave countless hours of their time and were excited to put on a world class event. Your enthusiasm was contagious every time we came into the rink and made our Esso Cup experience feel extra special.

The various hotel, restaurant and business owners that we interacted with were also polite and welcoming and gave great customer service.

This might be the only time that we visit the towns of Morden and Winkler, but we will forever be impacted by the kindness, hospitality, and dedication to excellence that your residents so clearly embody.

For us, the Esso Cup is a once in a lifetime experience. Our daughter will graduate from Midget this year and move on to play university hockey. Thank you for making this once in a lifetime experience an incredible one for our family. Forever grateful,

> Shane, Janet, Korlan, and Kaylee Vader

Tabor Home lift helps man half a world away

By Lorne Stelmach

A local Christian organization recently got a first hand account of the impact its work has had on one family in the Ukraine.

A lift that came from Tabor Home in Morden has given Vasyl Elenchuk in Chernivtsi a greater degree of independence.

"I thank God for people like you who are ready to help those who are in need," Elenchuk writes in a letter of thanks.

"We were excited to see how it worked out," says Jake Elias of Faith Mission, noting they often are not able to see the end result of their efforts on a personal level. "Very often, we don't get to see or hear where exactly it goes, but once in a while we get letters."

Affiliated with Missionswerk FriedensBote in Germany and independently run by a Canadian board of directors, Faith Mission (FriedensBote) is a Winkler-based non-profit that aims to provide humanitarian and spiritual aid to the people of former communist countries.

It's also calls others to pray for the suffering people of the world and provide information about the people of former communist communities to fellow Christians in North America.

Over the years it has shipped a lot of old hospital beds from the former Morden and Winkler hospitals to places like the Ukraine.

Last year they were approached by

the personal care home in Morden as it was in the midst of preparing for its upcoming move to its new facility and were asked if they wanted some old wheelchairs and lifts.

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"It just so happened that the one lift ended in some home somewhere in the Ukraine ... and they sent us a follow-up with a bunch of photos," says Elias.

In his letter, Elenchuk explains that he has been disabled for many years and has spent most of the time in hospitals and rehabilitation centres.

"I started my rehabilitation program at home because the professional care is very expensive," he explains.

"My wife couldn't transfer me to and from my bed to the training machine or training mat. Very often, she had to ask the neighbours to come and help," Elenchuk continues. "It was very inconvenient because sometimes we had to wait a long time because the neighbours were busy.

"Now, with the use of the hydraulic lift ... it is possible for me to transfer from the bed or wheelchair without a third person helping."

It feels rewarding to make such a connection, and Elias is hopeful they may be able to go a step further yet.

"If all goes well, we're planning to go down there the end of June and see where our stuff is going ... and hopefully we can maybe even see this family that got the lift."

If you'd like to support the Faith Mission in its work, check out its annual garage sale this weekend featuring

> WHEELCHAIR LIFT, FROM PG. 6

nity foundation director Myra Peters. "The opportunities open up when you have a lift like this," she said."Accessibility is such a huge thing and it just opens doors for individuals. We're happy to be a part of this."

Mike Chute, executive director of

the Buhler Active Living Centre, which houses the senior centre, noted this was the last piece in the facility's accessibility puzzle.

"It's great to have the building now totally, 100 per cent accessible to everybody," he said.



A lift that Home in Morden has given Elenchuk Chernivtsi in the a greater degree of independonation cilitated Faith Mis-SUB-MITTED PHOTO

donated items not suitable for shipment overseas. The sale takes place at 425 Roblin

Blvd. East from 1-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 12.





CFDC honours the late Dr. Nicholls

By Lorne Stelmach

The second annual Dig Deep fundraising gala hosted by the Morden Area Foundation in support of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre honoured the past while also building for the future.

The event Saturday paid tribute to Elizabeth "Betsy" Nicholls, whose work established the significance of the CFDC collection as the largest marine reptile collection in Canada.

It included the announcement of a new memorial award named in her honour to recognize her outstanding contributions to the field of paleontology.

"It's a real thrill for me ... it's really something else to have her recognized like this," said husband Jim Nicholls, who attended the gala alongside daughters Jenn and Kat. "I think she would have liked to have been here today."

Nicholls, who passed away from

cancer in 2004, was "one of the most significant people in our history as well as in the field of paleontology," said CFDC executive director Peter Cantelon. "So to be able to celebrate Dr. Nicholls in the presence of her family is a great honor for us."

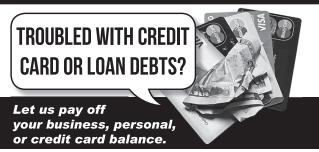
The keynote presentation on Nicholl's achievements was delivered by paleontologist Dr. Anthony Russell, who had served as her Ph.D. thesis supervisor.

Russell offered an account of the American-Canadian paleontologist's life and career, including working for the former Morden Museum and later with the Royal Tyrrell Museum.

He said Nicholls had a major impact on paleontology in general but especially in Canada through her work on the Morden collection.

"It allowed it to position itself as a major player in this area ... and recognition that the fossil material that comes from here has a lot to say about life of the past and how we interpret





BAL, RATES FROM 2.1% APR, BAD CREDIT OK CALL 1888-268-2723 OR capitalfunding@financier.com Jim Nicholls was joined by daughters Jenn and Kat and the CFDC's Kevin Campbell in announcing a new award in memory of Dr. Elizabeth Nicholls.



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At the CFDC's Dig Deep gala Saturday, Dave Lumgair chats with paleontologist and guest speaker Anthony Russell and Jim Nicholls, husband of Elizabeth Nicholls, who was the subject of Russell's keynote presentation.

it," said Russell.

"She put Morden into perspective as part of what was once a massive interior seaway. The discoveries that were made here ultimately led to the greatest, the most numerous collection of marine reptile fossils in Canada ... and in the world really," he added.

"What Betsy was able to do ... was place the animals that were found here in the context of the whole stratification of animals throughout the seaway."

He noted how much Nicholls enjoyed and was dedicated to the field work, which while at the Tyrrell took her to remote areas of northern B.C.

"She was able to excavate massive amounts of new material," said Russell, who reflected on what was lost when she passed away at the age of 58.

"I think we've lost a lot because her work was obviously going to go on a lot longer. It's been inherited by other people, but she had made a massive impact," he said.

"She was a gregarious sort of person, a bubbly person ... she drew other people into that interest area ... fostered joint works with other people," added Russell, describing her work as that which others in the field would be measured by."She left a very powerful legacy."

For Jim Nicholls, Betsy's multiple roles in life including as a mother and a wife were obviously important to him, but it was her passion for paleontology—born at the young age of nine—that stands out for the rest of the world.

"She's the only person on the planet who could get that big fossil out of the ground and then do all the science on top of it," he said, recalling how they could go camping or for a walk, find a bone and she would immediately be able to identify it.

"Her depth of knowledge of anatomy was second to none," Nicholls said, adding he remains very proud of her achievements.

"You realize how she could visualize life of the past ... she thought of each fossil as a page out of a history book that we are seeing for the first time. She could make it come alive ... an ancient scenario that she could put together from the fossils.

"She had a passion for fossils but she had also a bigger passion I think for the life they represented ... the nature of life on earth," Nicholls concluded. "She never tooted her own horn ... she was just very good at what she did, and I don't think she knew quite how extremely good she was."

The CFDC now has a committee in place to set up guidelines and take the next step towards presenting the award in Nicholls' honour.

A fundraising total for this year's gala was not yet available, but last year's inaugural event raised over \$10,000 toward the CFDC's fund with the Morden Area Foundation.

Emergency responders urge residents to be prepared

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Know the risks, make a plan, get an emergency kit.

These are the three pillars of emergency planning the Southern Emergency Response Committee wants you to think about during Emergency Preparedness Week.

SERC coordinator Chris Kalansky sat down with local media in advance of this week's campaign to stress the importance of being prepared.

"You need to be able to take care of yourself for 72 hours in case of an emergency," he said. "Whether it be a tornado, a chemical spill, power outage, or whatever else, it will take some time for emergency responders to assemble and deal with the problems and restore services."

Knowing the potential risks of your area is the first step, Kalansky explained.

"In our community we face things like tornados, chemical spills, power outages, ice storms, a little bit of overland flooding," he said.

"Once you know the risks you need to make a plan based on those risks. In this area you may be required to shelter in place or you may be required to evacuate and you need to be able to deal with both those potential instances." That means having an emergency kit in your home stocked with the basics—food, water, medications, food for your pets, a sleeping bag, and so on—to tide you over until things get back to normal.

This kit should be easy to grab in case you need to leave your home unexpectedly.

"You want to be able to take care of yourself wherever you're at," Kalansky said.

If you have seniors or people with disabilities in your family, you need to take extra steps to ensure their needs are going to be taken care of.

"There are a variety of special circumstances, special needs that senior citizens can have," Kalansky said. "Oftentimes there's medical issues, mobility issues, so there's some additional planning that has to go into emergency planning for seniors.

"We're hoping that people will start a discussion, whether it be children with their parents or grandparents or vice versa."

Talk with your elderly or disabled family members about whether they would be able to weather 72 hours of an emergency on their own.

Have a plan in the case of an evacuation as to where everyone should meet or who affected family members can contact outside the community to



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

SERC coordinator Chris Kalansky (right) goes through an emergency checklist with former Winkler fire chief Abe Suderman. This week is Emergency Preparedness Week and residents are urged to consider the special considerations seniors in their families may require to be able to successfully weather an emergency.

let others know where they are and that they're all right.

"By having those plans in place and having discussed it with everyone, you can alleviate a lot of those concerns as an emergency is unfolding," Kalansky said.

In addition to making sure they have all the medications and specialized equipment they may need, seniors should also have handy their prescriptions, health background, doctor's name, family contact information, and so on, Kalansky stressed, adding that an emergency booklet with all this information filled out well in advance is your best bet.

"So if you walk into an emergency reception shelter and the people there don't know you and maybe you don't remember all the medications that you're on or all the ailments that you have right now, you can have the booklet there and they can see what you need," he said. "All those things don't necessarily come to mind when you have to answer someone's questions in a stressful emergency situation."

You can learn more about preparing for an emergency by heading online to www.GetPrepared.ca.

Farmers' market registration May 17

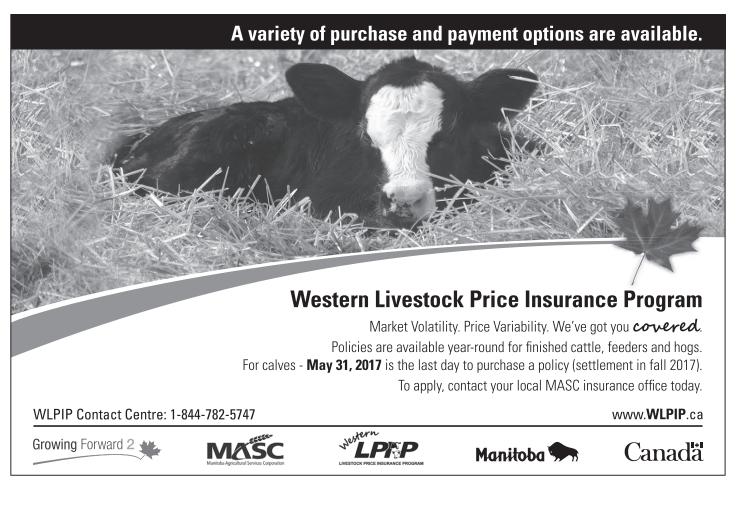
By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Farmers' Market is preparing for a new season starting with its registration night next week.

The information and registration evening next Wednesday at the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce office at 7 p.m. gives returning vendors first opportunity to book their spot.

Those places will not be guaranteed after May 17, and market committee chairperson Dean Hildebrand suggests there are usually some changes each year.

"There may be a few vendors not coming back this year ... there's always openings for some new vendors," says Hildebrand, who operates Thousand Hills Ranch near Morden.



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10 The Winkler Morden Voice Thursday, May 11, 2017 BTHC Fdn. funding supports youth rehab

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation representatives got a peek last Friday at how the hospital's rehab services department have made use of their fundraising dollars.

The BTHC's children and youth rehab program, which operates out of space at the Southland Mall in Winkler, purchased several pieces of specialized play equipment—a climbing wall, jungle gym, slide, matts—to help kids receiving occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language pathology, and audiology treatments.

The funds came in part from the radiothon hosted at the hospital last fall, which collected donations for both the local program and the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

The event bought in around \$12,000 for BTHC, with the foundation contributing another \$9,000 to cover the costs of the requested equipment.

It's a donation that has made a huge impact on the services staff are able to provide kids, says client services manager Nancy Klassen.

"We see a lot of children with au-

tism or children with attention issues and learning disabilities ... such a wide range of children and they all benefit from this environment.

"For some of our children who have motor delays, this is a safe place to try some of these movements that they wouldn't try on a playground because they're too afraid," Klassen added."Here we can grade [the activity] according to where kids are at ... and so they build up their confidence, they build up their skills, and then they can take those into the community and participate and feel more comfortable."

The department has been working out of space at the mall for nearly three years now.

"At Boundary Trails space is at a premium and at rehab services we'd just really outgrown our area," Klassen said."We were using a hallway as a gym. We called it our'slim gym' and we would do running and jumping activities in a hallway and try to pad the walls the best we could. This is a million times better.

"It's a very busy place" she added. "It's totally booked from 9-4 ev-



Funds from the BTHC Foundation and last fall's radiothon have allowed the **BTHC** rehab services department to outfit their child and youth services centre with a host of play structures for kids to explore.



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The BTHC Foundation's Debra Enns (seated, far left) and Shannon Samatte-Folkett (far right) joined children and youth rehab services' Nancy Klassen (standing) and Catherine Reid (seated) at the program's space in the Southland Mall last week to see the equipment purchased with local funding.

ery day and we're having to expand our times a bit as well into the after school slots."

Kristin Bazin from Notre Dame de Lourdes was at the mall space last week for the first time with her twins Brianne and Geneviéve.

The girls, who turn four next month, were born several weeks premature and have been receiving physiotherapy to help with their fine motor skills ever since.

They had a blast climbing and playing on the equipment as a physiotherapist stood nearby to assess and assist.

"It's the first time we've been here and it's been really great," Bazin said. "They can run around and stimulate themselves without really feeling like they're being watched and feel like they can do what they need to do so the therapist can see. It's not as structured."

BTHC Foundation board chair Debra Enns was pleased to see the equipment being so well used.

"Anytime that we can help out the community and especially the children, we're just willing to do that ... we want to try to fulfil those needs,"

"THEY BUILD UP THEIR CONFIDENCE, THEY CAN BUILD UP THEIR SKILLS ..."

she said. "This beautiful equipment here is here to help all the children and youth that are in need of it."

Klassen sends her thanks out to everyone who made the purchase of the equipment possible.

"Just undying gratitude towards the generosity of the people in our region. Not only the Winkler-Morden region—there was a wide variety of people from outside this area that also participated in the radiothon.

"And specifically the BTHC Foundation for the vision that they have for our centre, for the appreciation that they have for the work that is done here, and the ongoing support of projects like this that there just would not be any funding for if they had not stepped in."

Domestic disturbance leads to arrest

A disturbance at a Morden home ended with police tasering a man, and a woman facing several charges.

The Morden Police Service got several 911 calls May 1 about a domestic disturbance, with one neighbor reporting screaming.

Officers arrived and were met by one of the parties saying a female suspect had thrown a bottle at her oneyear-old, causing the child to cry. As police approached, the woman threw an object at the officers, who followed her inside to arrest her, though she continued to resist.

While this was happening, a man at the home became aggressive with officers, who had to use their taser to subdue him. Police were then able to get everyone out of the home. The

Refugee group working to reunite family

By Lorne Stelmach

A local group who have helped members of two related Syrian families settle in Morden are now working towards bringing two more family members here.

Members of the Morden community were treated to an authentic Syrian meal April 30 cooked by the recent newcomers to Canada.

The event raised around \$4,000 which will go towards eventually allowing two teenage sons of Abdulkadir Daoud to join the family here.

"We as churches will support them for their first year here as we did with the rest of the family," says Michael Pahl, pastor with the Morden Mennonite Church.

"We don't know what the timelines could look like ... it's impossible to guess ... the applications are still in process," he adds. "We were very surprised when these two families came ... we initially thought we had several months to prepare, but then we got a phone call that they were coming in a week."

The families of Daoud and Halima Shihab served up a meal of spiced couscous, vegetarian rolls in grape leaves, cardamom coffee and more.

It was a way for them to say thanks and to give back to the community that welcomed them 15 months ago as refugees fleeing the civil war in Syria.

The two related families with seven members were sponsored here by members of St. Paul's United Church, Pembina Fellowship, and Morden Mennonite Church.

Pahl says it has been quite a journey not only for the families but for the two dozen people from those churches who made up the core of the support committee.

"Some of them have poured just tonnes of hours into helping them over the last 15 months. Others have helped out when needed," he says. "It's been a pretty good sized group of people involved overall.

"Fifteen months ago we met an extraordinary family. We have been on a journey with them ... a journey of mutual hospitality and genuine friendship ... and that journey continues."

The group has held a number of fundraisers and events over the last year and a half to help the family get settled.

The biggest challenge for them has been learning our language.

"English is the third language for most of them. Their first language is Kurdish, their second is Arabic," says Pahl, noting classes have been offered through Regional Connections.



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A local group hosted an authentic Syrian meal April 30 to raise funds to bring to Canada the two teenage sons of a refugee family who settled in Morden last year. The meal raised around \$4,000.

"They've been learning English since they've been here. The children have learned English quite a bit faster than their parents and grandparents, which is natural, but all of them have learned some English.

"The kids have adjusted well to school," he continues. "I think they're feeling very much more part of the community here now."

Pahl notes the community in general has been very welcoming and encouraging.

"It's been great. We haven't had a lot of negative pushback, it's almost all entirely positive, not only from within the churches that are involved but also just the wider community."

The volunteers helping the families

are getting a lot out of the experience as well, he adds.

"This really is about mutual friendship and hospitality. They've had so many people over to their own home ... they've been so open to having people over ... in a way this is kind of taking that and making it available for even more people to help.

"We are glad to help out anyone in need, wherever they are from," Pahl said. "That's just the Canadian way. It's the Christian way."

Through an interpreter, Daoud expressed the Kurdish family's appreciation of the generosity and welcome they have received from the people of Morden.

> MARKET, FROM PG. 9

"There's several vendors who have been coming back for many years now," he adds, noting the market on average will have around 20 vendors every Thursday, with some coming and going on a seasonal basis. Hildebrand is optimistic for this year after a good 2016 season.

"We generally had good attendance. There were a few rainy days that cut it back a bit ... that seems to happen a little bit every year," he says.

"Last year, we had a few more vendors than normal drop off near the end of the season ... so it got a little smaller ... but overall it was a good season."

Hildebrand says they are hoping to introduce a couple new features this summer.

They are waiting for word on

possible funding from the Morden Area Foundation to support one new initiative.

"We're going to invite some bands to come play in the Kinsmen Suncatch once a month. If that comes through, we'll see about inviting some food trucks for that same day just to make it a bit more of a festive atmosphere." Committee member Holly Neufeld,

> POLICE, FROM PG. 10

child did not require medical attention.

As a result of this incident, the 31-year-old woman has been charged with assault, resisting arrest, breach of recognizance and breach of probation. She was remanded into custody, Other items of note in the weekly

Morden police report include: • Police issued a warrant May 2 for loffery Isaac Lee Dyck 44 of Winkler

Jeffery Isaac Lee Dyck, 44, of Winkler. Dyck had been released on his own

meanwhile, is heading up planning for a farm to table fall supper in September.

"She's been talking with some local chefs about preparing a meal for that using some local foods," says Hildebrand, noting the market tried a fall supper a number of years ago at the Morden Legion. "I think this one they were going to try to do it on the

recognizance on prior charges and failed to comply with the conditions of his release.

Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com, or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

• Morden police investigated a sus-

street."

The aim is to build on what is already a well established local event and "just make it a little more festive overall," he says.

Interested vendors can RSVP for the registration night to the Morden chamber's Brandy Holenski at 204-822-5630 or email admin@mordenchamber.com.

picious vehicle stuck in a drainage ditch at the Minnewasta campground May 4. A licence plate check revealed it had been reported stolen from Roseau River.

Three female youths in the vehicle were arrested. All three, aged between 12-13 years old, have been charged and turned over to adult relatives. Members of the Dakota Ojibway Police Service are assisting with the investigation.



WES students bringing The Little Mermaid to the stage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Elementary School's junior high classes invite you to go "under

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the sea" with them next week.

A cast and crew of 60 kids brings Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* to the stage at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall May 17-18. Putting on this much-loved fairy tale comes with its own unique set of

challenges, says teacher and director



Winkler Elementary School students perform The Little Mermaid Jr. at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall May 17-18.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/ VOICE Hayley Friesen.

"It's a very unique set of costumes, definitely, so we've rented some from Candlewick Productions because they did this one last year," she says, "and some of it we've created with people from our school, parents that were willing to volunteer, students have brought in some really unique pieces."

The students have been rehearsing for the show since just after Christmas and they're eager to share the results of all that work with theatregoers.

"It's a fun opportunity and the community can get together and support the school," said Erica Lepp, who plays Ariel.

Lepp says she's enjoyed tackling the famous role.

"It's a classic Disney movie," she says. "I first auditioned as Ariel and I was really hoping to get the role and it turns out I did ... I have lots of acting parts and I think just the character itself and its personality is really fun."

Angelina Enns, who plays the crab Sebastian, says the colourful mix of costumes, songs, and choreography makes this a perfect show for all ages.

"It's honestly so much fun because it's something where a lot of younger people can come and experience it and they can decide whether they want to be in theatre in the future, and that's really good," she says.

The 60-minute show starts at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 18.

Admission is \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Age three and under get in for free. Tickets are available by calling the school at 204-325-9501 or from cast members.



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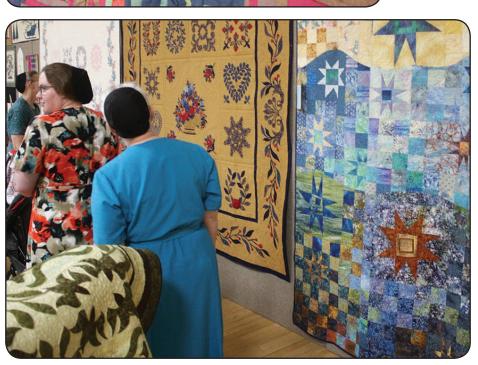
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A spring tradition now for almost 30 years, the Barnswallow quilt show last weekend had many works with a Canadian theme and story to mark the nation's 150th year, including one (at left) made out of material

from soldier's uniforms going back to the Second World War. There was also a merchants mall, guild boutique, skills demonstrations, and a rainbow auction in support of South Central Cancer Resource and women's health at Boundary Trails Health Centre. PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE





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Basic Car Maintenance: Getting a Tune-Up

Some people wind up with a car that seems to run perfectly for five years while other individuals re-main discouraged because their car seems to break down every two years, and they wind up buying another one. To go from the second group into the first, it's important to remember that car maintenance is the key to keeping a car running wonderfully for many years to come. One of the most important things is to guarantee that a car receives a regular tune-up.

Spark Plugs Getting a new set will not hurt the car, and it may improve the performance of the vehicle.

Double Check Safety Options

This is the time when everything should be double checked, including but not limited to: windshield wipers, headlights, tail lights, brake lights, and the horn. These parts of the car are a necessity to making sure that everyone riding in the car is safe, particularly in dangerous

weather. Headlights can determine whether a driver sees another car coming down the road or not, and may prevent a fatal car accident.

Brakes

It is a good idea to take off the tires and give them a quick look while performing maintenance on the car. If the brakes show an excessive amount of wear and tear, it is a good idea to replace them.

Oil change

Every car needs an oil change some time, and this is the one thing that most people neglect. Instead of getting an oil change every 5,000 kms as recommended, some owners never get an oil change. The oil can become gritty and then it will not lubricate the engine properly, resulting in a wealth of damages later on down the road.

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Basic Car Maintenance: Getting a Tune-Up *Continued from previous page*



Fluids

All fluids should be checked on weekly, or, at the very least, monthly, but most vehicle owner's ale tend to neglect this important part of maintenance. If this isn't done regularly, it's that much more important that it be done during a tune-up. If there is a problem, it should be fixed along with everything else.

Properly maintaining a vehicle is vital to making sure that a vehicle lasts longer than average, and to making sure that everyone in the vehicle remains safe. Simply installing new spark plugs can improve the performance of a vehicle, and making sure that the horn works properly can prevent a car accident, and possible save a person's life.









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Mothers Day Gift Ideas

Finding that mother's day gift can be quite tricky, just like any other occasion. If your mother is anything like my mine when you ask her what gift she wants the usual reply is the "I don't want anything", thanks mother... but that doesn't really help.

The perfect Mother's Day is about making your mother or the mothers in your life feel appreciated and special. The traditional Mother's Day gifts have been flowers, perfume and candy. Perfume can be tricky because perfume choices can be very personal so if you go that route make sure you know what she likes. Flowers and candy rarely disappoint again knowing what she likes is worth big points. Carnations have been the most traditional Mother's Day Flowers so those would be a good choice.

Another choice is maybe get her some jewellery, what woman does not like jewellery? Maybe you could get a necklace or pendant with a picture engraved with your name or mum onto it. Why not make her a hamper of all her favorite pampering products and little gifts, including flowers and chocolate. That would be something different.

Don't forget the card! Though buying a card may seem impersonal it does not have to be if you choose the right one. The perfect Mother's day would include a card that reflects how you feel about the mother involved and would be even better if you add a handwritten portion that shows that you have put some thought into how you feel about her. Don't worry about writing a mother's day poem just write what you feel.





Mothers Day Gift Baskets from the Heart

The idea of Mother's Work Day was brought about by Ann Jarvis in the 18th century. Back then, it was supposed to be a day when mothers were to work for better sanitation. Now the holiday has been highly commercialized after President Woodrow Wilson made it into an official holiday on May 9, 1914. Since that day, things like Mothers Day gift baskets were born.

Maintaining the Real Meaning of Mother's Day

Giving mom a gift for Mother's Day, whether it is some small bauble or an entire Mothers Day gift basket, one must not lose sight of what it is for - that is to say, a token of thanks

and honor for her and all the mothers in the world. Although the appreciation of mothers should be an everyday thing (yes, even on bad days, she's still mom), it is a good thing that there is one special day that can be celebrated for her.

Not Quite Enough

Whatever we do, it will come to a point where we still think that it is not good enough after she brought they brought us into the world and reared us to be the persons that we are now. But this is not the case with mothers. As long as it comes from you, they would be happy about it. Hence, to show your mother the different sides of your love for her, a

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Mothers Day gift basket would be perfect.

A few roses in the Mothers Day gift baskets can symbolize the beauty, protection, life, and love that encompass motherhood. Add in a few chrysanthemums for luck, happiness and wealth, and perhaps a few lilies to signify her purity, perfection, mercy and majesty, and you've got yourself the perfect Mothers Day gift basket.

On to the other contents of a Mothers Day gift basket, a few pieces of gourmet chocolate truffles is appropriate for the sweetness that they've given throughout the years. Perhaps a few scented candles can be bundled on the Mothers Day gift baskets to signify that they are the light of the home. Then maybe you can throw in a few accessories or trinkets that she might like.

Fill it with Love

You can make a Mothers Day gift basket from scratch, or get one off the shelves. Remember that this special day is only celebrated once a year, so do not let it pass without getting anything for your mother. After everything is in place in your Mothers Day gift basket, there would be one last thing to add in - love







Two adoptions, \$1,500 raised at PVHS BBQ

Lexi put her best paw forward Saturday at the Pembina Valley Humane Society annual hot dogs for hot dogs fundraiser and adoption fair at Giant Tiger in Morden. The event raised around \$1,500, and also resulted in two adoptions that are now pending. Lexi, a female shepherd retriever mix, is currently the longest term resident of the shelter and is still looking for her new "furever" home.



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Sask. dugout study to capture carbon

By Harry Siemens

Three researchers at the University of Regina have been awarded a provincial research grant to study the role of agricultural dugouts in greenhouse gas capture.

Drs. Kerri Finlay, Peter Leavitt, Gavin Simpson of the biology department along with Dr. Helen Baulch of the University of Saskatchewan have received \$255,030 from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture's Agriculture Development Fund.

"We are hoping to provide guidelines for dugout management to maximize CO2 uptake. If successful, this would offer a very low-cost option for carbon offsets to farmers, as they already have the dugout infrastructure in place," Finlay says.

This new research is an application of previous work done at the U of R.

In their earlier work, they found that lakes in southern Saskatchewan are absorbing more carbon dioxide as a result of global warming. This is contrary to previous research that suggested global warming is increasing CO2 emissions from lakes.

Now they will focus their research on dugouts.

"In this research we want to pursue this further by examining whether, and if so how much, CO2 is coming into farm dugouts," Finlay says. "We further want to investigate whether this CO2 is being buried in the sediments and might thus be used as carbon offsets for agricultural emissions.

"Additionally, we will be measuring the other, more potent greenhouse gasses, like methane and NO2, as they might completely negate the CO2 uptake."

The province of Saskatchewan may have 65,000 dugouts or more, and Finlay hopes to sign up 100 of them for the three-year study to find out if dugouts, in fact, are net carbon collectors.

Finlay said 25 years of data show the Qu'Appelle Lakes collect carbon but wonders whether the province's largely alkaline soil and higher alkaline dugout water also combine to pull in carbon.

She believes the Qu'Appelle Lake's typical pattern also happens in dugouts.

"There's a lot of algae growing. Algae, like any other plant, is going to pull up CO2 and it's going to pull it into the water," Finlay said. "Then, when that dies, it just settles into the bottom of the lake, and it accumulates in the

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sediment, and it's a nice, long-term storage of carbon."

An interactive website will track the project. "And then eventually, once we start to get the data sorted out, what we're hoping to do is to be able to get sort of like an interactive aspect to it," said Finlay. "Where producers could put in information about their dugout, like the age of it, the size of it ... whether they use blue stone in it.

"We think that's going to be important and able to spit out a rough estimate of whether they are actually pulling in carbon. We also think that these might actually be producing methane in which case it's not going to work very well in carbon sinks but this is exactly what we're trying to figure out with this project."

There are many variables for them to consider. "The land usage around it whether cows on

Manitoba company launches prebiotics

By Harry Siemens

MSPrebiotics Inc., a privately-held natural health product company in Manitoba, recently announced results from their clinical trial that will shake up the emerging field of prebiotics.

Results from the trial, published in the *Clinical Nutrition* journal, demonstrate the potatoderived digestion-resistant starch supplement MSPrebiotic meets prebiotic criteria.

"Specifically, the publication shows patentpending MSPrebiotic significantly increased the abundance of several species of healthy Bifidobacteria, which are known to promote numerous health benefits," said vice president Derek McLaren. "Elderly people taking MSPrebiotic also saw reduced constipation and an increase in the relative abundance of butyrate, a type of short-chain fatty acid that is the main source of energy for cells in the colon".

Dr. Michelle Alfa at the St. Boniface Albrechtsen Research Centre led the collaborative study that evaluated daily consumption of MSPrebiotic versus a digestible cornstarch placebo over the course of the twelve-week trial in middleaged and elderly individuals.

Other data from the trial, currently still under review, may show the most valuable benefits of MSPrebiotic: Elderly individuals taking the product saw significant and meaningful decreases in blood glucose levels and insulin resistance. Increased blood glucose and insulin resistance are both parameters associated with the development of type two diabetes.

"We are delighted to have a clinically-backed prebiotic that will assist people struggling to pasture land, or not used at all, whether it's been dredged, or the age of the dugout," said Finlay. "We really want to get a good distribution across the province."

Other researchers are looking into sloughs and wetlands to ask the same carbon capture questions.

"In this project, we think that wetlands and sloughs are most likely carbon sources. They're probably releasing CO2 and methane to the atmosphere but we're going to compare our notes with people working on those systems after a few years of research to see how the dugouts compare," Finlay said. "We think just the difference in the shape, the lack of plants in the dugouts, probably suggests that they're more likely to be carbon sinks."

find a solution to their gut health issues," said Earl McLaren, president, and CEO of MSPrebiotics. "The role our gut health and microbiome play in our overall wellness has become one of the hottest topics in health care."

MSPrebiotics Inc. is becoming a global leader in the research, development, and commercialization of prebiotic supplements.

The product MSPrebiotic is a digestion-resistant starch prebiotic derived from Solanum tuberosum tuber extract and is manufactured in a Natural Health Products site license approved facility near Carberry,

The supplement stimulates the growth of healthy bacteria and probiotics, and is fermented in the gut to serve as a glucose-independent source of energy.

"The key benefit is that, what you're doing is feeding your own organisms, like bifidobacteria, and those are the good ones, and when you feed them and they increase, your gut health is much, much better," said Dr. Alfa. "One of the things it looks after is if you have constipation it reduces the risk of that. It also ensures that your gut will stay healthy for a longer period of time, so you don't start having inflammatory issues related to it.

"I was really excited to see that the bifidobacteria increase because this is scientifically solid," Alfa said."We had a placebo control there, to see that change means it is really due to the MSPRebiotic. And so I'm excited because it's solid science, behind something that will improve the health of elderly, and now that I'm in that age group I'm really happy to be part of coming up with the information for others."



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OIL CHANGES

ACU handing out \$2,000 for members to pay it forward

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Access Credit Union's Winkler and Morden branches are getting in on the Pay It Forward action in a big way this month.

The financial institution is giving away \$10 bills to the first 100 members at each branch who come ask for them.

The only requirement, aside from ACU membership, is that you promise to take that money and do some good with it, explains Winkler retail branch manager Rob Unruh.

"May being Pay It Forward Month, we wanted to participate and pay it forward in a new and exciting way," he says. "Paying it forward lines up with our corporate values—one of our pillars is supporting the community.

"Of course, we deal with money, so we thought what better way to pay it forward then giving some seed money away and then also encouraging people to continue paying it forward and sharing their experience?"

Access asks people to pass along

the money to someone who needs it more than them and then share their stories on social media using #PIF17 to inspire others to follow suit.

At month's end, the best posts in both Winkler and Morden will receive \$500 each to donate to the nonprofit of their choice.

A good number of the \$10 bills have already been picked up by members who heard about the campaign through word of mouth and social media, but there were still a few left at both branches as of earlier this week.

"It's the first 100 [members] in Winkler and the first 100 in Morden to ask for it, so we actually have a combined \$2,000 that we're giving away," notes Unruh.

Many of the early birds have opted to donate their \$10 to charity, using the #PIF17 to generate some awareness about the good being done by local non-profit organizations.

Others have passed the funds along to an individual in need as a way to brighten up their day.

"It's not necessarily about the



amount," Unruh says. "It's more about the act of doing something kind. We consider it 100 micro investments into the community and that will hopefully then multiply." If you'd like to pick up one of the \$10 bills, simply stop by the reception desks at the Winkler and Morden branches.

Morden on the hunt for new Daffodil Days organizer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Imagine a year without daffodils.

You won't have to if nobody steps up to fill the role left vacant by local Daffodil Days coordinator Lois Dudgeon after next year.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Lois Dudgeon will lead up one more Daffodil Days campaign in the Morden area—her tenth—before stepping down. Dudgeon has headed up the Morden area daffodil campaign in support of the Canadian Cancer Society for nine years now.

She's decided to officially hang up her organizer's hat after the 2018 campaign.

"That's 10 years for me. I'm an even number kind of person," Dudgeon says, noting she was also involved with the Winnipeg campaign for over a decade before coming to Morden. "So I've done my share ... we need somebody younger to step up."

While the campaign—which includes the business canvass in February, the retail flower sales during Daffodil Days in March, and the pin box drive in April has a small army of dedicated volunteers giving a few hours of their time for each leg of it, no one has come forward to fill Dudgeon's shoes just yet.

"We need somebody to coordinate the whole thing and about 20 some odd volunteers," she says. "Not everybody likes to do that."

For Dudgeon, though, spearheading the annual fundraising drive has proven to be an incredibly fulfilling way of honouring the members of her family who battled and succumbed to cancer.

"My sister and my dad had cancer the same year," she recalls.

Dudgeon's sister, Judy, died of the disease, but her father, Allan, survived his bout with it and went on to help wife Marion launch the local daffodil campaign.

"You're raising money and the big thing is you hope the more money you raise the more they can do with it and that some day they'll find a cure," Dudgeon says. "It's not going to help my sister, but it may help my other brothers and sisters or myself or friends, all the other people that you know around you that are diagnosed or dying of cancer."

So what does it take to orchestrate this drive each year? A passion for the cause and a bit of organizational skill, says Dudgeon.

A helping hand or two wouldn't hurt either.

"The best way to do this would be to have cocoordinators. So friends, two friends coming together, or a couple," says Dudgeon. "You split up the work."

> Dudgeon has her fingers crossed that someone will step up to carry the torch forward sooner rather than later so they can assist and learn the ropes from her during the

2018 activities.

"WE NEED SOMEBODY

YOUNGER TO STEP UP."

"I've got one more campaign to go, so if I could find somebody before the end of the year then they can shadow me for one year and take over in 2019," she says."That would be ideal."

If no one volunteers, the Morden Daffodil Days will come to an end.

This year, the Morden area sales totaled around \$8,500. That's a pretty large chunk of change for the cancer society to lose, Dudgeon says.

"It would be a shame to lose it," she says. "This campaign's being going on for so long that I like to think if it stopped people would notice."

For more information on getting involved, contact Dudgeon at 204-822-6207.

Mordenites walking for indigenous rights Sunday

By Lorne Stelmach

As a former Mordenite continued on a 600 kilometre walk for indigenous rights this week, family and friends back home were also tackling a trek in solidarity.

Erin Froese, now a student at Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, has helped organize the Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights.

Starting on April 23 in Kitchener, a group of 30 to 50 walkers set out to tackle the 600 kilometre route across Ontario to arrive in Ottawa May 14.

That walk, organized by Mennonite Church Canada, supports Bill C-262, which calls for Canada to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Here in Morden, meanwhile, a group of local churches are hosting an awareness-raising walk in support Sunday starting at 2 p.m. to coincide with the pilgrimage as it concludes in Ottawa the same day.

People can meet on Spillway Drive on the south side of Lake Minnewasta off PR 432 to take part in either a 30 minute walk or a two hour one.

"I guess we're going to walk the talk," said Froese's proud father Ken, who together with wife Lynette were joining the pilgrimage for its final days this week.

"It's a solidarity walk ... this is our own local way of trying to encourage people to push our government a little bit ... but it's more reflective on our end," he adds.

"We're just trying to make ourselves aware of the issues around the rights of indigenous persons ... and make other people aware of it too."

The goal of the pilgrimage is to engage churches in conversation about the UN declaration, explore why it matters, the hope it offers and how Christians can respond, and for the 21-year-old environmental studies major, it was exciting to be getting support from her home community.

"It has been heartening to hear from people back home who are in touch with things that I am involved in but also people who are also just passionate about this," Froese says.

She was able to take an internship through Mennonite Church Canada to help organize the upcoming Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights, and it also is part of an independent studies project.

Her interest grew from years first as a camper then as a staff member at Camp Koinonia, one of three camps that belong to Mennonite Church Manitoba's Camps with Meaning.

Froese learned the camp three hours west of Winnipeg in Turtle Mountain Provincial Park is situated on land sacred to the Dakota peoples.

She worked as a nature instructor, and it led her to research the history of the land. She was eventually connected with a historian and a Dakota elder, and it stirred her interest in the importance of the land to the Dakota peoples and the damage and brokenness from being separated from it.

"There has been a lot of brokenness in relationships in this land ... I think seeing injustice causes you to want to act," says Froese.

"I have been stirred into this kind of work through my own understanding



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mordenite Erin Froese is helping organize the 600 km Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights from Kitchener to Ottawa. Family and friends are holding a solidarity walk Sunday at Lake Minnewasta in Morden to help raise awareness locally.

of human connections to land and the importance of the land in relation to human well being," she continues. "People have been stripped of their rights for access to lands that are sacred and important to them.

"I think also because of my own connections to places, I feel strongly that people should have rights to lands that are important to them ... and to those who come after them."

Speaking to the *Voice* about halfway through her pilgrimage, Froese felt it was going well and being well received.

"It's been a pretty powerful experience for me," she says. "It also feels like the momentum is building right now as we approach Ottawa. We are to the point where things are building not only for our group but for those who are following us. "We have been staying in churches and having conversations in the evenings around the United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous people ... we're able to learn together ... and the reaction has been very positive."

Ken Froese applauded his daughter for her conviction on the issue.

"We may be the ones holding title to the land now, but it really was someone else's sacred land prior," he says.

"It feels very good because we tried to raise both of our girls to respect not only the land but our neighbours ... and not to fear our neighbours but to be in conversation with them.

"So we're very proud that she has chosen on her own to follow that ... and take time out of her life to put her feet to where her thoughts are."

Spreading Easter joy

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual effort to brighten Easter for families spending the holiday at shelters was a success.

The Easter baskets for community kids campaign in this region was organized by Discovery Toys consultants Heather Deamel, Heather Scharf, and Jennifer Williamson, who donated all their commissions to the project.

Businesses and individuals in the area were encouraged to sponsor baskets for the drive by contributing \$30 for each basket.

The three local consultants then worked together on creating and delivering the baskets for the children in the women's shelters in Winkler (Genesis House), Portage la Prairie, and Brandon.

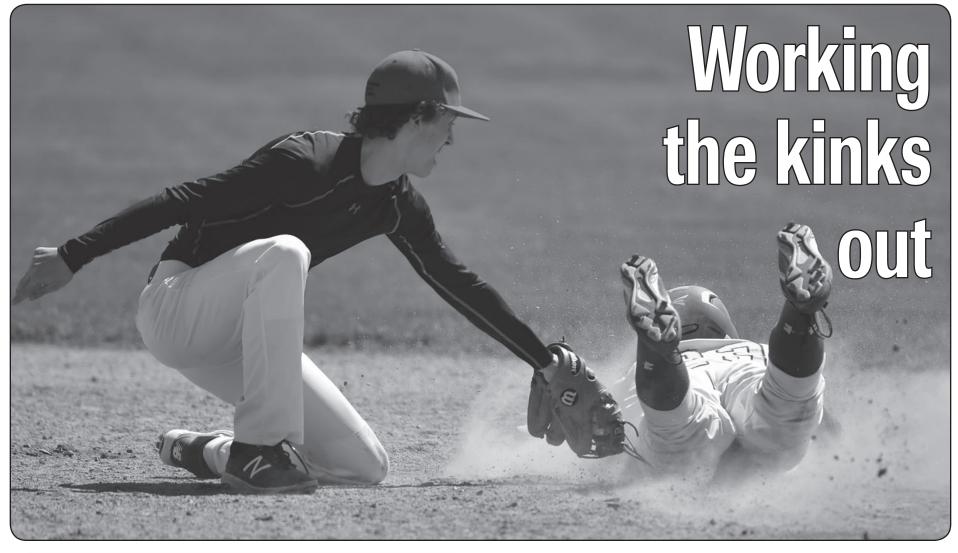
"Together we made and delivered 40 Easter baskets to the three local shelters," says Deamel, noting they work in conjunction with other Discovery Toys consultants across the province. "The efforts across the province met the need expressed by the shelters of 147 baskets for children being served by the 10 women's shelters."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Discovery Toys consultants Heather Deamel, Heather Scharf, and Jennifer Williamson together made and delivered 40 Easter baskets for three family shelters last month.







PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

A Winkler Whips player steals second past the tag attempt in Sunday's exhibition game with the Pembina Valley Orioles, which the Whips won 10-8. Left: The Whips' Jeremy Matuszewski safely crosses home on a hit by a teammate.

The Winkler Whips and the Pembina Valley Orioles got some of the pre-season rust out with an exhibition game Sunday afternoon.

The Whips, who play in the Border West Baseball League, downed the junior team 10-8.

Winkler officially kicks off the season when they face the Morden Mohawks on Friday, May 19 at the Parkland ball diamonds. The first pitch is

7 p.m.

Pembina Valley, meanwhile, played their first game of the summer in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League on Wednesday when they hosted the Altona Bisons. Results were not available at press time.

The Orioles hit the road to play the St. Boniface Legionaires Friday and the Brandon Marlins in a doubleheader Sunday.

Great day at the races

Winners at the ALH Motor Speed- and Derek Unrau. way's May 7th races include:

• Slingshots: Aiden Fehr in first place, Tyler Doell in second, and Sierra Staff in third place.

• A-Mods: Ward Imrie, Scott Greer, and Iames Wall.

• B-Mods: Grant Hall, Cody Wall,

- Pure stock: Les McRae, Brian Kentner, and Austin Overwater.
- Four-cylinder: Dean Miljure, Ian Cabernel, and Sheldon Simoens.
- Street stock: Adam Burrows, James Wall, and Jesse Teunis.
- Next race day is May 21.

Bezan tackling her third Cycle of Hope

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Roland woman is setting out on her third Cycle of Hope this summer in support of Habitat for Humanity.

In July, Nancy Bezan will join nearly 50 other cyclists in travelling from the mountains of Jasper, Alberta to Waterton Lakes National Park, and then from Portage la Prairie to Winnipeg, a journey totalling over 700 kilometres.

With two previous long-distance rides for the cause under her belt, Bezan comes to this year's marathon as an experienced veteran.

But that doesn't mean it's going to be easy.

"It's shorter kilometres this year, but it will probably be a lot more difficult as far as being in the mountains," she said. "What worries me a little bit is the distance of the incline. It's going to be quite a challenge."

Bezan is already well into her training regimen, spending hours each week cycling all over southern Manitoba to prepare for the upcoming ten very long days in the saddle.

It's a lot of work, but being able to combine her love of cycling with doing a little good in the world makes it

all worth it.

"It's pretty amazing seeing all these people working towards the same goal and helping someone working to achieve ownership of a home," said Bezan. "You're helping to make dreams come true."

Habitat for Humanity helps out lowincome families by offering them affordable mortgages with no interest.

Instead of a down payment, recipients earn their houses through sweat equity, helping to build their own home or the homes of others, or otherwise volunteering with the agency.

The recipient of this year's Cycle of Hope dollars is a physically disabled single mother of two in Winnipeg.

The cyclists will be greeted by that family at the end of their ride, as well as by Habitat for Humanity supporter and former U.S. president Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn.

"He kind of started Habitat in the States and has come up I think only once before to Winnipeg," Bezan said. "So it's going to be neat meeting him."

Also special to this year's ride is an alumni group of past participants who will join the cyclists on the last leg of their trip into Winnipeg, bring-



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN

Nancy Bezan sets out on a 700 km cycling tour from Jasper to Waterton Lakes this July in support of Habitat for Humanity.

ing the total number of cyclists entering the city to nearly 100.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Bezan is looking to raise \$3,000 in pledges to take part in the 2017 Cycle of Hope.

Every single dollar she collects in donations goes directly to helping Habitat build homes.

"One thing I don't know if people in the area know is that there actually is a Habitat chapter in Carman," Bezan noted."So anything that I raise about the \$3,000 I have them give to that local chapter.

"In the last two years I've been able to raise the money that I had to plus I've been able to donate just over \$1,700 to the Carman chapter. So that's been exciting."

If you'd like to support Bezan, you can do so online through the Cycle of Hope event page at www.habitat. mb.ca. You can also reach her at the Winkler RONA store at 204-325-8999.

Zodiac girls flawless at Portage tournament

The Zodiac girls fast pitch team were on fire this past week.

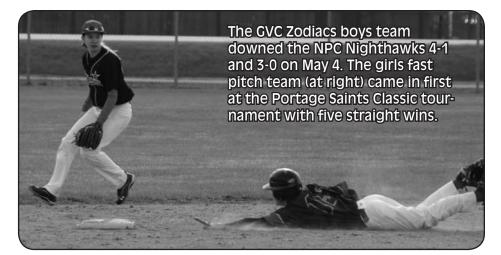
The girls bounced back from an 8-4 loss to the Altona Aces May 3 to go undefeated at the Portage Saints Classics tournament over the weekend.

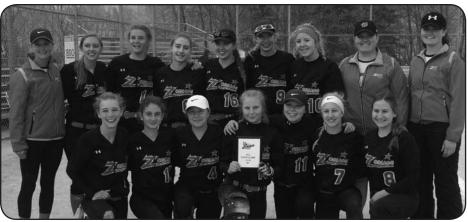
There, GVC beat Nellie McClung 9-4, Major Pratt 3-0 and Steinbach 3-1 in the round robin before moving on to crush Neepawa 13-5 in the semifinals and then beat Boissevain 7-1 in the final to sweep the weekend.

The winning continued Monday as they faced the Morden Thunder in a double-header that went their way 14-8 in game one but then swung Morden's way 4-3 in game two. GVC's boys baseball team were no slouches either, splitting their Monday doubleheader against Altona. They took game one 3-1 and then fell in game two 1-0. The Zodiacs also bested the Sanford Sabers 4-3 and 9-4 May 2 and the NPC Nighthawks 4-1 and 3-0 May 4.

The Morden Thunder girls, meanwhile, posted a 28-5 win over the Altona Blues on May 3, while the boys bested the Carman Cougars 12-0 and 2-1 May 4 and then battled Altona to a 2-2 tie and an 8-0 victory Monday.

The NPC boys split a double-header with the Aces May 2 and then went on to beat Carman 13-0 and 12-7 on Monday, while the girls fell to Carman 10-6 May 3 and to the Sabers 9-6 and 20-7 on Monday.









PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Friends and supporters were cheering on the volunteers who took on the sled push challenge Saturday at the Muscle Hut in Winkler. The event supported the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation on behalf of the family of six-year-old Tenley Falk (left), who took it all in with her mother Jaime.

Push for Tenley raises \$7,150 to fight cancer

By Lorne Stelmach

Six-year-old Tenley Falk was all the inspiration that was needed for those who turned up at the Muscle Hut in Winkler Saturday for its annual spring sled push fundraiser.

Individuals or teams of two or three had five minutes to push a sled weighed down with 150 pounds back and forth along a 50 foot length.

Their pledges and donations more than doubled last year's tally, with \$7,150 going to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation in support of the young Winkler girl battling leukemia.

"For us to be here and show support is just something we feel is necessary ... it's our duty to stick together," said Cst. Jeff Thiessen of the Winkler Police Service, whose team of three managed 35 passes."It hits home because we've got one guy in our office that's got this in the family," he adds.

"We are so honoured that they would think of us and consider us for their charity event," said Tenley's mother, Jaime Falk.

"We know that Tenley's treatment is only here because of the research done ... that research is only done because there's been funds to come in."

Muscle Hut holds two fundraisers each year with the fall event being a bench press and the spring one being the sled push.

"We change up what it's for, and this time around we wanted to do it for cancer care ... it's in support of Tenley ... a daughter of two of our clients," noted Kurtis Fox, who spoke on the strength shown by the family."We always talk about strength and getting stronger ... physically and mentally ... at the end of the day, when you compare that to a six year old daughter with cancer, there's no bigger strength than that.

"It's inspirational to watch the strength that they have ... so to be able to help out ... is a great opportunity."

Diagnosed with leukemia in January 2016, Tenley went through intensive chemotherapy soon after and has continued treatment ever since.

"We will remain on treatment for another year yet until March 2018. She is in Gr. 1, so we are looking forward to the end of Gr. 2," said Falk.

It takes a toll on the normally bubbly girl, who every month is also on a steroid medication for five days.

"WE ARE JUST PLANNING TO SIMPLY GET THROUGH THE NEXT YEAR ... AND LOOK BACK ON THIS AS PART OF OUR STORY.".

"It's a hard medication for anyone to be on ... for children, it has intense effects. We deal with medication side effects all the time," said Falk.

"Tenley is normally joy and dancing and music," she added as she held a subdued Tenley in the midst of one of those treatment spells. "I asked her to describe herself the other day, and she said I like to sing, I dance, I'm outside ... loves her sisters ... usually a very enthusiastic girl."

Noting that leukemia is one of the

most well researched childhood cancers as well as one of the more common ones, Falk said they remain optimistic for Tenley.

"Luckily for us, because of that ... because of the research done for leukemia, it is actually I think an 85 per cent cure rate," she said.

"So we are just planning to simply get through the next year ... and look back on this as part of our story."

Storm, Hurricanes take the field

The local soccer teams both had a rocky start to their seasons last week.

On May 3, the South Central Hurricanes fell 3-1 to Winnipeg's Synergy. Esther Schwartzkopf got the lone Winkler goal.

The Hurricanes, who play in the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League's 2nd Division, were slated to play at CCC United Wednesday. They have their first home game of the season on May 17 at 7 p.m. against SE Reunited.

The Winkler Storm, meanwhile, playing in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 1st Division, also lost their match against Germania SC on Friday. Mamadou Turay and Fabian Lutz scored for Winkler, but Germania got one up on them to take the game 3-2.

This week the Storm travel to play Forza on Friday. They host their first home game on May 22 against FCNW Waverley Mitsubishi at 7 p.m.

Police bike auction raises nearly \$3,00 for local charities

Winkler Police Chief Rick Hiebert takes a bike for a spin at the annual police bike auction last Thursday. The Winkler and Morden departments once again teamed up for the sale, putting 96 unclaimed bikes up on the auction block. The evening raised \$2,961. Winker's portion (\$1,912) will be donated to The Bunker, while Morden's (\$1,048) is headed to Katie Cares.

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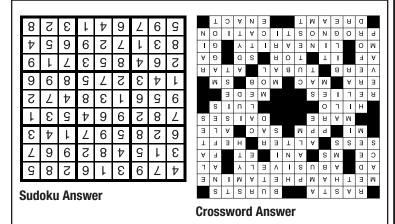
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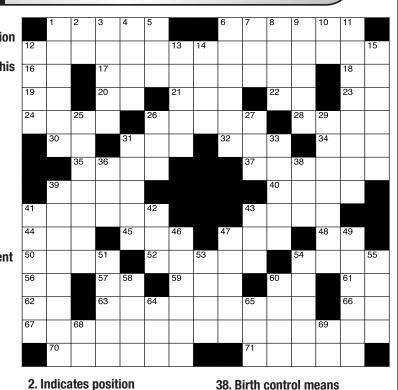


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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



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- 17. In a harmful way
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- 20. Female title
- 21. Singer DiFranco
- 22. Beloved alien
- 23. Free agent
- 24. Tax
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- 15. Makes happy
- 25. Close to
- 26. Mimic 27. Cool!
- 29. Simplest
- 31. Preface
- 33. Represents the Tribe of Judah
- 36. Boxing great

- 42. Test for high schoolers
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49. Enemy to grass

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hull

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Photographers share their views on light, life

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts & Culture is peering at the world through the lens of a camera this month.

The Park St. gallery unveiled its May exhibition last week, entitled Light: A Photographer's Perspective.

The show, which will be up until May 27, features the work of photographers Doug Friesen, Tyler Friesen, Lynette Giesbrecht, Jeff Scott and Terrance Klassen.

Each tackled the theme of the show in their own unique way.

"It's every photographer's take on what light means to them and how they see it," explained Friesen."In the end it's pretty much everything—everything is defined by light or the lack thereof." Friesen's pieces depict the absence, diffusion, quietness, and contrast of light. Several were taken during his travels to Europe and Banff, while one was shot locally.

Also an avid traveller is Scott, whose shots show some of his adventures over the years.

"I've been doing a lot of travelling for many years and a lot of adventure sports for many years ... I don't do those activities without my camera in my pack," he said.

Included in his display are two challenging night shots: one of the Milky Way over a local sunflower field and another featuring the cityscape of Sydney.

"As we travel kind of a consistent theme has been ... to always take a tripod, always go at night to take some

"IN THE END IT'S PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING—EVERY-THING IS DEFINED BY LIGHT OR THE LACK THEREOF."



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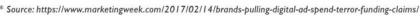
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A message from the members of the Provincial Community Newspapers Associations of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and AdWest.



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Doug Friesen with a few of his pieces featured in Winkler Arts and Culture's May show. Friesen will donate the artist's proceeds from any of his sold pieces on display this month to local charities.

shots," Scott said. "So I've got a full host of cityscapes from different places that we've been. This one is one of the first ones that I did."

Giesbrecht poured through her collection of photos for ones that would tell a story.

"Obviously the theme is light, but I kind of thought about the human relationship with light," she said. "Sure, it defines what we see physically, but also the deeper meaning of light is understanding."

Giesbrecht's pieces explore the light and darkness that exists in everyone.

"[I wanted to] explore that and hope and illumination and how light changes our perspective not just when we're living our daily lives but also in our spiritual lives and through our relationships."

If you've never been one to consider photography as art, Giesbrecht urges you to give it a second look.

"A lot of people say, 'Well, taking a picture, anyone can do that.' But there's an artistry to it and I think the photographer's eye in every photo is different," she said."It's very revelling into the artist themselves.

PAYING IT FORWARD

In honour of the Pay It Forward May campaign, Friesen is donating 100 per cent of the artist's profits for each photo of his that sells to a local charity, including the Winkler Community Foundation, The Bunker, Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Agassiz Medical Centre Community Board.

"All great organizations that help our youth and help children and also help the community," he said.

"I see a lot about Pay It Forward on social media ... and I was just trying to figure out what I could do to make that happen from my perspective this month," Friesen said. "I thought this would be a nice way to do it ... you benefit the charity noted, the gallery—which is also a non-profit organization—gets a benefit as well from that purchase, and I get the benefit of you having my piece on your wall and giving back to the community."



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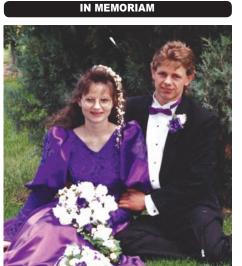


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OBITUARY

Leonard Frank Hink 1926 - 2017

Leonard Frank Hink, age 90, of Morden, Manitoba, passed away Saturday night, April 29, 2017 at the Boundary Trails Health Center. Leonard was born November 18, 1926, at the family farm, south of Miami in Thompson Municipality, he was the son of Anton Hink and Elizabeth Hink (Mayer). Leonard was hard working and had an unsurpassed passion for farming right up until his final days. He was still giving advice regarding the planting of the 100th crop on the family farm this spring. In his younger days, his hobbies

included hunting, fishing, and curling. He was survived by his brother, Bernard (Selma); sons, Vincent (Shelley) and Chris (Jacqueline); four grandchildren, Matthew (Valeria), Samantha, Justin (Katie) and Rachel.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 44 years, Ruth Hink in 2000; his parents; brothers, Andy, Joe, Rudy, Tony, Ronald and Edmund; sisters, Anne, Mary and Clara.

Funeral service for Leonard Hink was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden, with private interment at Hillside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Leonard's memory to the Boundary Trails Heath Center Foundation or a charity of one's choice.

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Kurt Guenther January 29, 1947 – April 30, 2017 Eat dessert first - Life is uncertain.

Henry and Irma Guenther welcomed Kurt, their first born. Kurt's fondest memory was growing up on the Red River, boating with his dad. His lifelong passion and memory maker was boating. Kurt completed high school at MBCI where he met his life's partner, Elfrieda. She caught his eye in a school play where she played a flirt and he was smitten. They married on November 25, 1967. Kurt received his MSW at the U of M and then moved his family to Morden, MB. He started his profession at EMHC as director of social services. We raised our "Blessings", Wendy, Michael, Karen and David in Morden and made cherished BFF's. Kurt enjoyed "retirement" as a probation officer and blessed the people he

taught life skills to. He absolutely loved any kind of committee work and participation. Life became uncertain in November 2014 when he was DX with NSC lung cancer so he vigorously continued to eat dessert first loaded with whipped cream.

His family, Elfrieda, Wendy, Neil, Michael, Karynah, Rohane, David, Amber and the cherished grandkids, Vivian, Henrik would like to THANK all the people who have nourished our lives: families, church family, friends and ALL personnel working in the medical field. Kurt appreciated ALL of you; freely dispensing TLC and compassion throughout the journey. Memory jars will be provided at the church. Write down your favorite memory of Kurt and pop them into the cookie jar. Donations will be gratefully accepted for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. For those attending the funeral, enjoy the dessert and whipped cream, compliments of Kurt.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at Westside Community Church in Morden.

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Matthew Miller 1927 - 2017

Matthew Miller was born in Winkler, Manitoba, January 27, 1927 to Matthew W and Maria Miller. He grew up in Winkler in a family with four sisters. At 23 years old while working at the bakery, he met the love of his life, Mary Dyck. They were married on September 30, 1951.

On Tuesday, May 2, 2017, with his family by his side, he passed away peacefully. He leaves to mourn his faithful, caring and steadfast wife of 65 years, Mary Miller; his five daughters, Irene (Kristen Nedohin, Joanne Froese, Laura Jaques), Joan and Walter Redekopp (Candice, Joseph, Rachel), Connie and Dave Sukkau (Steven, Allison), Grace and Orlando Sukkau (Jesse, Daniel), Audrey and Greg Friesen (Mikyla, Maryssa, Raina, Matthew) and

seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one grandson, Travis Sukkau. Memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Winkler Cemetery.

Donations in Matthew's memory may be made to the Gideon Memorial Bible Plan.

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