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From left: Salem Foundation chair Arlen Hildebrand, WBS Construction's Derek Thiessen, and Salem Home board chair James Peters broke ground on the Winkler personal care home's new Cottonwood dining room on Friday. For the full story, see Pg. 2..

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# “We are blessed and humbled”

Salem raises 94% of project costs in just five months

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Just five months after kicking off the fundraising campaign for a new Cottonwood dining room, Salem Home broke ground on the project last Friday morning.

Throughout this summer, the Winkler personal care home will build an 1,100 square foot addition that will provide space for up to 24 residents to enjoy less crowded meals and recreational activities.

The \$325,000 project has already received about 94 per cent of the dona-

tions necessary to cover it, with just \$18,000 still needed to be fundraised.

“Today is an exciting day, as vision, planning, and community become a reality thanks to the gifts from many donors,” said Salem board chair James Peters. “It is a day that demonstrates the commitment and selfless giving of corporate community members to benefit the many.”

Corporate donations are covering the bulk of the construction, Peters noted, alongside several anonymous gifts to the Salem Foundation.

“We are blessed and humbled by your demonstration of care toward our residents,” foundation board chair Arlen Hildebrand told project sponsors.

“It is because of you that the residents’ home environment and dining experience can be improved,” he said.



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The new Cottonwood dining room will provide a new, less congested space for residents to enjoy. Work is slated to be completed by the end of the summer.

“You’re blessing them with a second dining room, providing all the Cottonwood residents ... with a quieter, less chaotic dining experience as well as a space to live, to enjoy small group activities such as reading or baking, visiting with family or friends.”

This project has been a long time coming, noted Peters, as the unit’s current dining space is bursting at the seams during mealtimes.

“When you have 50 residents in one dining area, there are many distractions and space issues with the food service carts and the number of staff required to serve,” he said, adding additional hallway noise adds to the confusion in Cottonwood’s existing dining room, dubbed Cotina’s.

“Cotina’s dining room is too congested, too noisy, and overstimulating for many residents,” said Peters, adding the issue is exacerbated by the fact 97 per cent of residents on the unit use one type or another of am-

bulatory aide (often large wheelchairs) to get around.

In addition to more elbow room, the new space will also feature large windows to provide residents with plenty of natural light and a chance to enjoy the changing scenery.

“The new dining room will make a

better living environment for the residents,” Peters said.

Salem hopes to have residents enjoying the new space by August.

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## Winkler teen arrested in armed robbery

A Winkler teen was taken into custody for armed robbery last week.

Just before 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, Winkler police were called to the area of 7th Street South and Peters Avenue after receiving a report of a man being robbed by another man who was armed with a weapon.

Police learned from the victim that the male suspect had stolen a quantity of cash while threatening him with a can of bear spray.

A search of the area located the sus-

pect a few minutes later on 7th St., north of Pembina Ave., where he was taken into custody without incident.

The 17-year-old suspect, whose name won’t be released due to his age, has been charged with robbery and was released on a promise to appear in Morden Provincial Court.

The suspect and the victim were known to each other and police believe this incident to be related to the local drug trade.

# Winkler Horticulture preparing for spring planting

Volunteers needed for planting blitz June 4

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Horticulture Society spent last Tuesday morning creating the beautiful hanging baskets and pots that will adorn Winkler's streets this summer.

"We planted up more than a hundred hanging pots and baskets this morning," said president Margaret Penner as volunteers put the finishing touches on the floral creations at the New Leaf Greenhouse May 8.

They'll be installed throughout downtown Winkler and in various parks across the city next month and are just one part of the society's larger plans for community beautification.

The society has set Monday, June 4 as its big planting day and they need your help to get it all done.

"We're always blown away because we do not know in advance who's coming," Penner said. "And so when

From left: Winkler Horticulture Society volunteers Margaret Penner, Betty Klassen, Valerie Harder, Nettie Friesen, and Carol Neufeld were hard at work last week preparing flower baskets and pots for distribution throughout the city this spring.

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people come, we're always so thrilled. "Last year we had approximately 70 volunteers that came out to help us with the planting and we got it done more or less in one day."

It used to take three days to get all

the plants in the ground, but the society has scaled back on some of the more time-consuming floral displays in recent years.

These days they focus their efforts on the planters and plots along Main

St., in Bethel Heritage Park, at City Hall, Parkview Gardens, the Parkland area's public spaces and gardens, and the cemeteries, among others.

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# Bookworm frenzy

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There were plenty of bargain reads to be found as the South Central Regional Library held its annual fundraising book sale May 10-12 at the Access Event Centre in Morden. Organizers estimated on Monday that the sale, which is the only fundraiser held in support of the five regional branch libraries, brought in close to \$18,000. "Everything was selling. Sometimes we have so many hard cover books left over, but people were just buying everything," said sale committee chair Elaine Ivey, who noted the Saturday \$10 bag sale did very well. "We probably did 360 bags of books on Saturday." Leftover books go to a few different places, including the Morden fire department and the local Canada Post office for use in their own fundraising projects.

## "If you can dig a hole, that's all we really need"

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"People have given us so much feedback about how much they enjoy the parks and just how the city looks when it's planted up and then in bloom," Penner said on what keeps them motivated to do all this work each year. "As a committee we take a lot of pride in making our community look beautiful. It's for us to enjoy, but it's also for anyone that comes to visit our community."

Penner added that the society very much appreciates the City of Winkler's support in these efforts.

"The big thing behind it is that the city supports us financially and structurally," she said. "So for us it's like the icing on the cake: we select the flowers and we choose the patterns and we plant them."

"This year our theme is purple, pink, white, and silver, so we should look awesome this summer."

Anyone who wants to help out with planting is asked to come to the Winkler arena at 9 a.m. on June 4 to be assigned to a work crew.

"We have volunteers assigned to each area that people are planting, so people will be placing the plants in the designated areas under their direction ... it's a very methodical and well organized plan," Penner said, stressing that you don't need a green thumb to help out.

"We need a variety of volunteers. All the plants need to be popped out of the containers—that's something that you don't need gardening knowledge for," she said. "If people have a little trowel and a pair of gloves and can dig a hole, that's all we really need."

In addition to getting to see your work translate into a beautifully decorated city this summer, volunteers will also be thanked with an appreciation lunch on June 5.

If you'd like more information about helping out on planting day, contact Penner at 204-362-2552.

# NPC librarian honoured with provincial award

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate library technician Liz Stobbe was honoured by the Manitoba School Libraries Association last week.

The longtime school librarian received the Outstanding Library Support Staff of the Year Award at the MSLA's annual gala May 7.

Stobbe, who is the first librarian outside of Winnipeg to receive this award, had no idea she was up for the honour.

"I didn't know at all," she said of the fact that NPC vice-principal Jeff Osinski had nominated her. "So I was very shocked and honoured and humbled all at the same time."

Osinski said he nominated Stobbe "because of the dedication she's shown at Northlands Parkway Collegiate to promote literacy. She comes to work with a 'can do' attitude and is always willing to help both students and staff."

In the award citation, Stobbe was lauded for being instrumental in setting up NPC's library when the school first opened in 2013.

"She took on the enormous task of designing the new library space, ordering furniture and purchasing

various types of materials to support student learning and reading engagement.

"As a result of her careful planning, Northlands Parkway Collegiate has developed into a warm and inviting library environment for both staff and students to enjoy and learn."

In the years since, Stobbe has worked hard to develop the library's collection, integrate new technologies, and continually promote a love of reading through student contests, "get caught reading" coupons, creative book displays, and other initiatives.

"Every year she has increased student readership and visits to the library," the citation said. "She has an amazing knowledge of all the students' reading interests and goes out of her way to match students to books."

For her part, Stobbe, who has worked as a librarian at schools in Carman and Winkler for 25 years, says the fact the job is ever-changing is part of why she loves it.

"Things have changed so much," she said. "We're incorporating a lot of technology now with e-books and tablets and laptops."

But old-fashioned page turners still very much have a place in today's

world, Stobbe stressed.

"In this school I see a lot of readers," she said. "A lot of kids still prefer to pick up a real book."

NPC librarian Liz Stobbe (right) was honoured at the Manitoba School Library Association's gala May 7 with the Outstanding Library Support Staff of the Year Award. Stobbe is shown here with Cathy Auld of the Winnipeg Foundation.

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## Let's face facts

**T**he fight never ends. The minute you let up the floodwaters push forward and we are all threatened with drowning.

I am speaking of course of the tide of ignorance that continues to ravage our world and seeks to pull down and destroy everything we have so carefully built.

Did you know that there are people today who believe the world is flat? Seriously?? How in the big round world is this even possible when 2,200 years ago the Greek mathematician Eratosthenes proved the world was spherical scientifically?

The breakdown of knowledge is pretty incredible it seems with people who refuse to believe all sorts of scientifically proven facts. The universe is nearly 13.8 billion years old. The earth is 4.5 billion years old. The climate is changing due to a number of complex factors, including human. Vaccines

actually work. Dinosaurs existed and gum does not stay in your stomach forever if you swallow it.

"Well that's just your opinion," some say.

No. Science is not an opinion. Science is observed, measurable, provable facts.

"Evolution is just a theory," comes the retort.

Yes, well, so is gravity but things don't fly off the earth. This is because scientific theory is not the same as your theory about why Little Caesar's pizzas are so good. A scientific theory, to quote Wikipedia's excellent definition, is an explanation of an aspect of the natural world that can be repeatedly tested, in accordance with the scientific method, using a predefined protocol of observation and experiment.

"Well, you believe what you believe and I'll believe what I believe," one might say.

This is fine for the most part, but is often code for "science is wrong but it's not worth arguing with you about it."

Why the seemingly sudden increase in ignorance?

Perhaps there isn't an increase. Perhaps we simply live in a cultural climate where people are feeling like they have more permission to spout

such things. Whatever the reasons, the reality is that teaching and defense of science is a never-ending task. You cannot let up.

What's the worst that could happen if we relax a little and let people believe whatever they want?

Well, the last time a significantly advanced society collapsed and its collected knowledge was lost or hidden was Rome around the fifth century CE, which led to what's been called the Dark Ages that lasted throughout Europe for more than 500 years.

Science is necessary for the advancement of our society. Science is why we no longer pull plows with oxen and hunt with stone arrowheads. Science is why the rate of poverty and hunger around the world are collapsing faster than any other time in recorded history. Science is why profoundly devastating diseases that were once common are vanishing.

Not opinion. Not "what I can see from my backyard tells me the earth is flat." Nope. Science. And we need to keep teaching and educating and reading to make sure it continues to do its job because I for one do not want to see us return to the days of getting my news via the next traveler that wanders into town ... I like my internet waaaay too much.



**By Peter Cantelon**

# Letters

## Province's sale of Pineland Forest Nursery a misstep

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Vera Froese,  
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# Small steps can turn one's life around: Rempel

By Lorne Stelmach

Taking small steps to turn his life around became what saved Kevin Rempel.

The athlete, speaker, and author overcame challenges that included not only losing his father to suicide but becoming paralyzed himself as a result of an accident.

Speaking in Morden last week as part of the city's Mental Health Week activities, Rempel recalled finding himself in a downward spiral that led to his having suicidal thoughts.

"I stopped paying attention to nutrition. I stopped going to bed at a decent time, I was staying up late. I was drinking a lot. I was isolating myself from my friends ... I didn't have any new goals.

"The first thing I did ... I went to the grocery store ... how do you go from you want to end your life to getting better? I went to the grocery store. The next thing I did, I got myself a trainer, got myself back to the gym ... then called a friend.

"It can literally be that simple. That's a hero moment," said Rempel, who made both a keynote address the evening of May 8 as well as a presentation to students at École Morden Middle School in the afternoon.

The latter session, entitled *Be the Hero in your Own Movie*, emphasized the idea of worrying less about the end destination and focusing more on your direction.

"The decisions that you make and the things that you say to yourself in those difficult times ... those small actions create big results," Rempel said.

"When you feel like giving up, do you continue to repeat to yourself that I'm not going to get through this, that I can't do this? Or do you decide ... whether it's as simple as picking up a new book to read or picking up the phone and texting or asking for help ... it's reaching out.

"Those decisions that you make in those moments are what's so crucial, and those are the hero moments that I believe can help you live that story of being the hero in your own movie."

Rempel not only overcame the challenges of his recovery but has gone on to inspire and motivate others.

He took up sledge hockey and has helped Canada earn multiple medals, including gold in the 2013 World Championships and bronze in the 2014 Paralympics.

He has travelled the world and published his biography, *Still Standing - When You Have Every Reason To Give Up, Keep Going*.

An ambassador for RBC and Wings For Life, Rempel still loves to ride his motorcycle and is focused on helping grow the sport of sledge hockey through his newest venture, the Sledge Hockey Experience.

Rempel reflected on his own journey of recovery and how everything is connected.

"The physical side was not the toughest," he said. "The mental side was the toughest.

"I've had so many reasons to give up, where I thought nobody would blame me if I did ... but I didn't want that to be the end of my story," he con-



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Kevin Rempel spoke to local students May 8 in advance of his keynote address as part of the Morden Mental Health Week activities. The Paralympian shared his struggles with depression and advice for getting through the difficult times in life.

tinued. "What is that comeback story going to look like for you because everybody loves the comeback story.

"If I can get through the things that I've been through, I promise that you can get through your challenges as well."

He reflected on his father and how his downfall in part was in blaming other things and blaming the situation he found himself in on those around him.

"The failures in my life, I've created; the successes I've created.

"When I look at all of the things that I've accomplished ... learning to ride, learning to walk, writing a book or starting a business ... every single one of those goals was a slow process," said Rempel. "Ordinary actions consistently done create extraordinary results ... I want people to see those small actions create big results."

He outlined what he found where the three key steps: "Accepting responsibility for your

situation, taking things one step at a time, and never giving up.

"That's all just from trial and error," said Rempel, who said he came to embrace the opportunity that his journey offered to help others.

"I really want to be on stage because I'm in a good place in my life to give back ... I can take all these experiences, and I see so many people in need where my story can inspire them.

"I want people to believe it's necessary to not give up. Your life is not over yet, and there are better days ahead," Rempel stressed. "You have the ability to write your own story ... and in those hero moments, those small decisions in your life is what's going to make a difference.

"You too can be a comeback story and you too can write a new ending."

**"THE DECISIONS THAT YOU MAKE AND THE THINGS THAT YOU SAY TO YOURSELF IN THOSE DIFFICULT TIMES ... THOSE SMALL ACTIONS CREATE BIG RESULTS."**

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# Mental Health Week tackles stigma, misinformation

By Lorne Stelmach

A week of speakers, activities and workshops put the focus on mental health in Morden last week.

The variety of events May 7-13 were part of the 67th annual Mental Health Week in Canada that also marked the milestone of the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

"I would say it went really well. We had great participation in events and lots of positive feedback from people," said organizer Stephanie Dueck, recreation programmer for the City of Morden.

The week was highlighted by keynote speaker Kevin Rempel, who has not only faced losing his father to suicide but also becoming paralyzed himself in an accident. Rempel offered a public evening address as well as a presentation for École Morden Middle School students (see Pg.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

In addition to expos and speakers, Morden's Mental Health Week included several physical activity workshops like cardio drumming.

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"He did speak to over 500 middle school students, so I feel like we did

have a good impact," Dueck said.

The week also included a mental health expo for students, two safe-

TALKs offering suicide-alert training, a lunch and learn hosted by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce, a talk from a local dietician on the connection between food and mental wellness, and several physical activity workshops highlighting how physical health impacts mental health.

Dueck suggested they would like to run this again next year, noting the importance of addressing mental health when it is estimated that over 60 per cent of people with problems don't seek out the help that they need

"And the stigma is one of the main reasons, so I think hosting events like this helps to target that problem," she said. "Hopefully more people will be open about mental health ... and hopefully people will be more proactive about caring for their mental health by participating in activities and keeping active in different ways."

# Winkler police on lookout for good biking behaviour

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Police Service is setting its sights on rewarding good behaviour this summer.

The department has teamed up with Winkler's McDon-

ald's Restaurant for its new Bicycle Safety Initiative on now through to the end of August.

"We thought it would be a good idea to reward kids that are riding bikes and wearing helmets and using hand signals like they're supposed to," said Chief Ryan Hunt.

And so, thanks to the generosity of local McDonald's owner Scott Robertson, Winkler officers this summer will be carrying around coupons for free ice cream cones to present to cyclists who are seen following the rules of the road.

For the most part, Winkler's young cyclists are already being pretty safe out there on their bikes, Hunt said, but every bit of extra motivation helps.

"It's not too bad. I don't think there's many

people using the hand signals, though," he said, "but with helmet usage, especially with small kids, we see that a lot."

This campaign is also a great way for police officers to take a moment to interact with our community's youngest members, Hunt said.

"That's a big part of it. Just having that connection for kids to meet a police officer and have a positive interaction with them."

"It can be any time of the day or evening," Hunt noted. "The coupons are in the cruisers, so every officer that's on patrol has the opportunity to do that."

In addition to keeping an eye out as they patrol the community, officers will also be making the occasional stop at the Pine Ridge Skate Plaza to reward youth wearing safety equipment there.

Winkler police Chief Ryan Hunt with some of the McDonald's ice cream coupons officers are carrying around this summer to reward youth cyclists they see following the rules of the road.

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# Morden Health Auxiliary celebrating 50 years

## Anniversary tea planned for May 26

By Lorne Stelmach

Its role has changed and evolved over the years, but the Morden Health Auxiliary continues to be vital part of the community.

As the organization prepares to celebrate its 125th anniversary this month, its leader took a moment to look back on decades of accomplishments.

The auxiliary's biggest task, said president Margaret Ann Popplestone, may be to raise funds to help purchase equipment, but it is also there to provide additional levels of care and comfort to everyone at the hospital.

"It's really just to help meet the needs of the staff, the public and the patients in the hospital," she said as the auxiliary finalized plans for an anniversary celebration May 26. The milestone will be marked with an old fashioned tea from 2-4 p.m. at the Morden Activity Centre.

The Morden auxiliary's beginnings go back to the construction of the Free Mason's Hospital in 1893 when local ladies began sewing linens for what was the fourth hospital in Manitoba at the time.

What became the Women's Hospital Aid Society continued to grow over time. By the 1920s, it was busy taking silver collections at functions

and putting on a variety of events and fundraisers such as garden parties, poverty dances, and charity bonspiels as well as catering, but the hands-on work of things like sewing remained a constant.

By 1940, the society amalgamated with the Nurses' Home Aid Society, and by 1946 the Morden auxiliary was instrumental in the formation of the Manitoba Hospital Auxiliary association, with Mrs. J.M. George of Morden serving as the very first president.

The rich history continued through to the opening of the new Morden District Hospital in 1952 and the expansion in 1960 into distributing a scholarship to Morden graduates pursuing nursing as a career.

Moving into the 1980s, the idea of a gift shop arose, starting with taking a wheeled cart to patients' rooms. A stationary shop finally opened in 1989, later becoming the Boundary Trails Health Centre gift shop, which today is run jointly with the Winkler auxiliary and generates much of the organization's funds.

Those funds raised for the hospital are as important as ever, said Popplestone.

"The government may pay for a basic blood pressure machine, but if you want one that is a little more up to date, then that's where the auxiliary funds can kick in," she said. "We do purchase a range of equipment. They give us a wish list of things that they may need during the year and then we give them an idea of how much we have on hand for funds. From there,



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The Morden Health Auxiliary got its start assisting at the Free Mason's Hospital back in 1893. Today its fundraising efforts benefit the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

they give us an idea as well what's of prime importance."

There has been almost \$200,000 worth of equipment, furniture, and other supplies provided through the auxiliary just since 2001.

The lengthy list includes \$15,500 for a gastroscope and colonoscope in 2003, \$15,320 for a fetal heart monitor in 2011, just over \$11,800 for three vital sign monitors in 2013, and almost \$10,700 for an ultrasound probe in 2017.

The amount of money that they raise and are thus able to give back varies from year to year, though Popplestone estimates it is close to \$20,000 on average annually.

With about two dozen members, the auxiliary continues to host a number of regular events, including a luncheon in the

spring involving the Zion Lutheran Church ladies and another event in the fall involving the United Church.

Popplestone reflected on how their role has changed with more of a focus now on fundraising than the more hands-on activities of the early years.

"We still do those kind of things if we are asked," she noted. "We always remember the patients in the hospital like on Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas ... we alternate with Winkler year by year ... just give them a little something on those special days.

"It would all help fill some of the gaps," she said. "But when you read what the ladies of the community and the surrounding areas did back in the 1890s ... I think our jobs now are pretty easy."

# Council outlines smoking bylaw

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler is introducing a bylaw regulating smoking within the city.

The smoking bylaw was introduced by council at its meeting May 8, and it basically is in keeping with the provincial Non-Smokers Health Protection and Vapour Products Act.

"Allowing smoking on patios was okay before, it is not going to be okay anymore," Mayor Martin Harder said in highlighting a key stipulation.

The bylaw, however, was also needed to reflect the rules coming with the federal legalization and regulation of cannabis in Canada, Harder noted. The consumption of cannabis will not be permitted in any indoor and outdoor public spaces.

"It addresses the cannabis, it addresses vaping,

it addresses smoking. It kind of combines it so that we are ready for when cannabis becomes legal," the mayor said. "It kind of dovetails into this one, so you have to include the terminology in there in order to get the groundwork done right."

Council also dealt with a number of planning matters at last week's meeting, including:

- Final rezoning was approved for a section of land south of Pembina Ave East from community reserve to clear the way for industrial development.

- Rezoning of a section of land north of PTH 14 from community reserve to rural residential was tabled. Also on hold is a conditional use to then allow a short term rental development on the



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# Morden fire department honours past members

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Fire and Rescue is honouring Mordenites who have formerly served on the department.

A new wall of honour unveiled May 9 at the fire hall includes 46 former firefighters who still call the Morden area home.

"I think it helps to keep some of the history alive," suggested Chief Andy Thiessen. "It's a bit of recognition for them for their time spent for the community."

The wall features photos of past members who served for at least two years. Each entry lists their last rank or position as well as their years of service.

The decision was made to dedicate the wall only to members who are still in the Morden area for practical reasons.

"There wouldn't be enough wall space for everyone," noted Thiessen, estimating there would be well over 120 photos up there if they opened it up to past members now living elsewhere.

Part of their thought as well was for the wall to act as a way to make the department's current members more aware of former firefighters who they



**PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE**  
Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe with fire Chief Andy Thiessen in front of the fire department's new wall of honour, unveiled May 9.

may see in the community day in and day out.

"Some of our new guys who have come on in the past year or so ... if they are walking down the street, they could go past someone that's been on the fire department ... but they don't know it," said Thiessen. "Now they can put a face to someone that they see on the street or have come to know."

Thiessen said the idea came to them when a sibling of one of their members saw a similar display while visiting a fire hall in Alberta.

"We thought that was a great idea. It's something that acknowledges someone's time for their community," he said, adding that they name people lifetime members if they were on the department for more than 10 years.

"When you put some time and energy into something and then that is finished, and it carries on but you back away, nobody may really know that you were involved with it," said Thiessen, who himself has been involved with the department for 30 years. "I think that is what has happened with a lot of guys who have quit for whatever reason ... there's a little bit of that recognition that wasn't there."

The photos currently on the wall of honour will remain up until the former members pass away, at which time the photos will be presented to their families.

"As long as they are alive and living in Morden, their picture will always be on that wall," said Thiessen.

One exception was made for the time being with the recent death of Lyle Meeks.

"We're going to leave his picture on there for a while ... we were lucky enough to get a picture of him before he passed away," Thiessen said. "He was on the department for almost 30 years, and some of the young guys never knew that."

"So it's a little bit of history, a little education for the guys ... and just a little token of appreciation for them."

## PVCD offering well water testing program

Submitted by the Pembina Valley Conservation District

Drinking water can contain many things because water is a universal solvent. Basically anything that water touches leaves a trace and this is a good thing because our bodies need the minerals contained in our drinking water. If we drank distilled water all the time, it would leach minerals from our bones and make our bones weak.

There are, however, some things that get into water that aren't so good for us. The province has established limits for water parameters for over 100 water constituents. Most of these additives to pure water are harmless and more of an aesthetics limit. For example, if your water has more of the mineral manganese than is recommended, you may have staining of your plumbing fixtures, but no adverse health effects. In fact, you need manganese to be healthy. The aesthetic limit is 0.15 mg/L and if your water test shows more than this you

may notice staining.

The three water quality parameters most concerning in terms of well water health are coliform bacteria, *E. coli*, and nitrates.

According to PVCD manager Cliff Greenfield, well water should be tested every year for bacteria and about every 10 years for a larger suite of parameters to make sure your drinking water is safe.

"If you notice a change to your well water, then it makes sense to try to determine the cause and to test for an impact the change might make," he says.

Surprising enough, at any given time approximately 40 per cent of private wells test positive for total coliform bacteria and roughly five per cent test positive for *E. coli*. Coliform bacteria are commonly derived from fecal matter. *E. coli* are one family of naturally occurring bacteria in our digestive tracts. Everyone needs to guard against *E. coli*, but the risk from illness are greatest for young children, the elderly, pregnant wom-

en and anyone with a weakened immune system.

In most cases, the bacteria contamination is due primarily to construction and maintenance issues associated to the well or nearby on-site septic systems, not widespread aquifer contamination.

Good water quality should be a number one priority for all and if you are concerned about your water, start with a thorough independent water analysis through a reliable private laboratory.

The Pembina Valley Conservation District will be offering a well water testing program the first two Tues-

days in June.

Landowners can pick-up testing supplies and drop-off samples at various locations within the district. The landowner is responsible for the cost of the lab test, and PVCD will transport the samples into the lab in Winnipeg at no additional charge.

For a better understanding of well water issues and what to do about them, contact the Pembina Valley Conservation District at 204-242-3267 or email [pvcdd@mtsml.ca](mailto:pvcdd@mtsml.ca).

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property in order to allow a neighbour's concerns relating to such issues as privacy and water drainage to be addressed.

Harder also suggested council

needed to take a closer look at that extended area to better guide future development there overall.

"We want to make sure that we do it consistently," he said.

# CFDC unveils new hands-on exhibit

By Lorne Stelmach

A new exhibit unveiled Saturday at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre focuses on the province's important role as part of the fossil record.

"It's part of our effort to make sure that people understand that Manitoba has a pretty significant fossil history," said executive director Peter Cantelon at the Manitoba Day celebrations at the museum. "It's different than what people consider a traditional fossil history ... we're rich in the aquatic fossils.

"It's also ironic because people think of Manitoba as it is today, they don't think about how it's changed over time," he added, pointing to the three fossil eras the display highlights. "So this is a great way to educate people ... we haven't always been a landlocked prairie far from a major body of water. We've basically been a major body of

water for most of our history, and this illustrates that."

The exhibit builds on the story introduced a year earlier for Manitoba Day that began with a single panel display.

"This year, it's a pretty significant addition. We wanted to turn this part of the museum into a very Manitoba-centric display from an educational perspective," said Cantelon.

"It goes in detail through the Ordovician period, the Cretaceous and the Quaternary ... three key periods for Manitoba fossils ... what they were and most importantly fossils representing those three key periods."

A key part of the display, Cantelon suggested, are the interactive elements.

"We've got facts that you can flip up to see the answers underneath. We've got drawers that you pull open and there are fossils inside them," he explained.



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Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre executive director Peter Cantelon shows off the new exhibit unveiled on Saturday.

"We had made a decision about a year ago that every new exhibit ... would contain interactive elements," Cantelon added. "The more senses we can engage people with, the more they're going to learn, the more things stick."

He called it his favorite exhibit of the museum, noting how well done

it was in terms of the quality of the workmanship.

"The work itself was done by volunteers," Cantelon said, highlighting the contributions of people such as Terry Gibson and Rick Klippenstein. "To me, it's a testament ... we can create world class exhibits with volunteer skill sets."

# Last call for Morden incubator mall applications

By Lorne Stelmach

Chad Sheldon is excited by the level of interest in the new space aimed at giving birth to new small business in Morden.

As the deadline looms for applications for space in the retail incubator mall going up on the east end of the city, it sounds like the business development specialist for the City of Morden may not have an easy time selecting the first half dozen or so tenants for the building.

"Before there was a ton of publicity

or knowledge around the concept, my office had a steady stream of people coming in and inquiring about space. The buzz that's out there before this has even opened is very encouraging," Sheldon said last week as the incubator mall approached the final stages of construction.

Located in the Pembina Connection development on Hyw. 14, the building offers about 2,000 square feet of affordable, low-risk space for fledgling businesses to get on their feet.

"This is intended to be a little bit transient, so we need to have very

flexible options for space," said Sheldon, noting the plan is for businesses to outgrow the mall so that new start-ups can move in on a continual basis. "This is a success if that is happening."

With construction nearing completion this month, a final call has been put out for applications by May 25. Sheldon is hoping things will be ready for a soft opening near the end of June and a grand opening in July.

"It's a bit of a moving target ... before we make too many decisions, I want to include that vendor group in terms of ironing out some of the details," he said.

The final number of vendors will depend on the business models and how much space they need, but the early thoughts of perhaps up to a dozen has been scaled back by half.

"We altered the number a little bit to allow for little bit bigger food spaces. There's going to be two anchor tenants in terms of food space; we've given them little bit bigger space," Sheldon explained. "That all depends on how much space people need ... I suspect it will be four to six smaller artisan or boutique spaces"

"We wanted to have a space where people could come in, have a sit down meal ... it'll be kind of a food court," he

continued. "That's one of the markets I'm trying to capture because this Pembina Connection area is growing so quickly."

Sheldon suggested applying for a spot in the mall is a fairly simple application process, but the key is that he does want to see a business plan.

"So that I get a scope of what products, what service, what is it that you're doing and including where do you want this business to go," he said, noting they otherwise are keeping an open mind. "I wanted to leave it open, so really the application process is exactly that ... introduce a business that you think would be a good fit, and we'll consider that fit and that business."

He is encouraged by what he has seen come in so far.

"I do have a stack of them already, and the applications I've got are varied ... it's almost everything you can think of ... from small little artisan craft ideas up to some people with fairly aggressive business plans to grow quickly.

"It will be an interesting combination of a lot of things."

Interested parties can find applications online at [mordenmb.com](http://mordenmb.com) or contact Sheldon at [business@mordenmb.com](mailto:business@mordenmb.com) or 204-822-2570.

Morden business development specialist Chad Sheldon hopes to see the city's new incubator mall open its doors in June.

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## Pay It Forward May in full swing

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Above: The community was invited to Central Station May 9 for a free barbecue lunch courtesy of the Winkler Community Foundation's Pay It Forward May campaign, which is encouraging people to do a random act of kindness for others all this month. Right: Representatives from Time Out Sports, Country Cycle, and the Winkler Community Foundation were on hand downtown May 10 for the Get You and Your Bike In Tune event, which offered free bike tune-ups and chats with local health care professionals.



Left: The Winkler Day Care Centre set up a lemonade stand Friday to raise funds to buy new blinds for Salem Home. The kids stop by to visit with Salem's residents once a month and wanted to do something to make a difference for their elder friends, said daycare director Ang Nickel. "Our daycare kids have a bond with the grandmas and grandpas. It's an amazing bond," she said. Several Salem residents stopped by the sale to thank the kids for their support, as did Salem CEO Sherry Janzen, who said the youth bring a lot of joy with them on their visits. "You can hear the laughter throughout the entire building." The kids had hoped to raise \$300, enough to replace the blinds in one room. They ended up raising enough for three rooms with money left over. For more Pay It Forward coverage, see Pg. 14 and Pg. 19.

# Jumpstart Day carnival at Cdn. Tire May 26

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Jumpstart chapter celebrates Jumpstart Day with a free carnival next weekend.

The community is invited to the Winkler Canadian Tire parking lot on Saturday, May 26 from noon to 3 p.m. to enjoy free bouncing inflatables for the kids.

Donations will be gratefully accepted at the event, but the afternoon is really more aimed at raising aware-

ness about the importance of the Jumpstart program to local families, said Michael Penner, chapter chair.

"I think the biggest focus of Jumpstart Day is awareness for Jumpstart itself, both for potential donors but also for people who maybe want to use our services," he said. "I feel like there are still people out there who maybe aren't sure exactly what it is we do."

What Jumpstart does is provide funds to families to ensure no child

has to miss out on participating in sports and recreation programs due to financial hardship. Jumpstart funding can help cover the costs of program registration, equipment purchases, transportation costs, and other related expenses.

Over the past year, the Pembina Valley chapter was able to provide \$26,000 to support 258 kids in a variety of activities.

"There's lots of people that do benefit," Penner said, "but there's also lots

that I think could still benefit if they were aware of us."

Next week's carnival is the kickoff to Jumpstart Month at Canadian Tire and Mark's Work Wearhouse, which will be accepting donations towards Jumpstart all through the month of June.

"The donations all stay local," Penner stressed. "Anything we raise here helps kids in local communities."

Learn more about Jumpstart online at [jumpstart.canadiantire.ca](http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca).

# Artist presents bold vision for Winkler water tower

By Lorne Stelmach

A Winnipeg-based artist and consultant has a vision for transforming Winkler's water tower.

Specializing in not only public art and sculpture but specifically work on a large scale, Cameron Cross came to Winkler council May 8 with a conceptual idea for the Winkler structure towering above the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.

"It's a very unique water tower," Cross told council in making the pitch for his idea of re-imagining the structure as a large water fountain and water park.

His idea is of water leaking from the top of the tower and then descending down to the ground via a series of platforms.

"I guess you would call this an expression of interest ... to put it on your radar," he told council. "If there's an interest then we could work toward it."

Cross, who was behind the giant Vincent Van Gogh sunflower painting in Altona, is becoming known for these kinds of large-scale works.

The Van Gogh piece has inspired an

idea for other similar massive projects where paintings measuring seven by ten metres would be resting on giant steel easels.

As well, he is developing another idea that would see a prairie crocus flower arrangement installed atop the historic abandoned smokestack at The Forks in Winnipeg.

Cross said he has been drawn to the idea of projects revolving around disappearing Canadian icons such as the train caboose, grain elevators, and water towers. He was encouraged to think about possibilities for the Winkler water tower by John Fehr of Jelcan, a Winkler construction company that specializes in structural steel fabrication and erection as well as pre-engineered steel building assembly.

"There really is something about falling water ... it's like watching fire," said Cross, who envisioned the Winkler water tower park project as tying in the theme of immigration. "The true idea behind the piece is immigration ... and the symbolic nature of water for new immigrants."

His idea is purely conceptual at this stage with no estimates of potential



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Winnipeg artist Cameron Cross pitched his idea to city council last week to turn the Winkler water tower into a giant cascading waterfall art piece.

costs, though Cross sounded an optimistic tone in suggesting, "I don't think there would be any trouble getting money."

Given how our governments are cost cutting, Mayor Martin Harder was less optimistic about funding,

though he embraced the concept in principle.

"This is certainly a unique vision and very impressive," he said. "We've been looking for ideas ... there's no dollars attached to this thing, but the concept is very unique."



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den are both handing out \$1,000 in \$10 bills as part of this month's Pay It

Forward campaigns in the two communities.

ACU members can simply stop by the branches to pick up the money (while supplies last) to be passed along in some way to someone who truly needs it.

"That's roughly the amount of money that Access Credit Union gives away to community initiatives, that we donate to different causes in the community, per member," explains Winkler retail branch manager Rob Unruh. "So this is an opportunity for our membership to grab their share of that and direct it for something that they see useful and impactful to the community in the pay it forward spirit."

Members are urged to share how they paid it forward by posting a photo or comment to social media using #PIFMAY.

At month's end, ACU staff will pick the top story from both Winkler and Morden and the winners will receive \$500 to donate to the non-profit of their choice.

The campaign proved to be hugely popular when ACU introduced it during the 2017 Pay It Forward May.

"We did have a number of really neat stories shared last year," Unruh says. "They were cool, feel-good stories. People really took that \$10 and multiplied it to much more."

"We hope that the people that receive this money do pass it forward, pay it forward."



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Access Credit Union Winkler retail branch manager Rob Unruh holds up one of the crisp \$10 bills that the credit union is giving away to members to do some good.



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## Turn your yard into an outdoor haven

Canadians look forward to the summer when they can emerge from their homes and enjoy time in their yards. Here are some simple ways to transform your own yard into an outdoor oasis:

First, determine how you most like to use your yard. Do you prefer relaxing outside with a book, playing with the kids, gardening, or entertaining? The answers to these questions will determine how to design your space. "I'm frequently asked how to make the best use of an outdoor space," says Mark Cullen, Home Hardware's Gardening Expert. "As I tell people, just a few small changes can really transform the overall look and feel of your space."

To create an "outdoor room" and an area that offers shade from the sun, pergolas are a great choice, and a growing trend. They allow you to create a shaded walkway or sitting area where you can enjoy your

garden without worry of the sun. To outline your "outdoor room", lay out your furniture and define the "walls" with end tables, planters and other decorative elements. A fountain or a pond act as a focal point and also add an element of relaxation and nature to the space.

If you enjoy spending time with friends and family, a spacious deck will provide the perfect area for entertaining. There are many options available. Wood offers a natural look and is generally the most cost-efficient option. If you are eco-minded, composite decking is made from up to 95 per cent recycled material and requires little maintenance. Patio stones can be a more natural looking option which can also give more height to your privacy fence as the stones are flush with the grass line.

When it comes to privacy, there are many fence options including various woods, materials and

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designs, while iron decorative inserts, toppers or caps are also a great way to add appeal. If you have a small yard, a privacy fence with built-in benches and planters is a great space-saving solution. For natural privacy, consider a trellis, which is also a great sound barrier.

Last but not least, your oasis will not be complete without lush green grass and plants. Soil and grass require nitrogen to grow strong and our harsh winters can often leave grass deficient of this important nutrient. Apply a quality fertilizer which features a

slow release of nitrogen into the soil root zone, will improve the long-term health of your lawn. Fertilize in the spring, summer and fall: 90 per cent of the success of plant health is the result of soil nutrition.

To maximize plant growth it is worthwhile to invest in a high-quality soil mix that is specially formulated for the purpose. It's worth noting that not all growing areas are alike. Containers require different soil than a garden or flower bed, so to ensure you have your plants at their greenest, make sure you are using the right products.

## Common pests in our gardens

With its top-quality soil, mild seasons and abundance of rain, there's no question that the West Coast is a garden-friendly region. However, your precious plants aren't the only ones who benefit from these optimal conditions. Some bothersome bugs are particularly suited to the western climate and can pose a true threat to your harvest. You should get to know the top three.

### APHIDS

These tiny terrors exist in a variety of sub-species that share a common goal: to snack on your tasty vegetable garden. They feed in colonies and reproduce at an impressive rate, so it's important to eradicate them before they become an overwhelming threat to your plants. Signs of aphid damage include curled, atrophied leaves and stunted growth among young stems. To get rid of these unwanted guests, your greatest ally is none other than the common ladybug; you can purchase an army of these aphid-eaters at your local garden supply store.

### SLUGS

If you wake up to find irregular holes with smooth edges on your plants' leaves, there's a good chance you have a slug problem. These slimy foes attack at night and are most active during wet, humid and overcast weather — a frequent forecast for the West Coast. To get rid of them, skip the potentially damaging salt. Instead, lure slugs into a tempting trap using citrus rinds or beer.

### SNAILS

Like slugs, snails mainly snack on foliage, but they also enjoy fruits that grow close to the ground, such as tomatoes and berries. Eliminate these unwelcome guests using the same type of trap as for slugs, or pick up some pet- and kid-friendly iron-phosphate bait from your local garden supply store.





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# Buhler Active Living Centre pays it forward to MCC

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Buhler Active Living Centre was one of dozens of businesses who received free donuts from the Pay It Forward May campaign kick-off May 1.

Last week Tuesday they did their part to keep the chain of kindness going.

Staff from the senior housing complex stopped by the MCC Thrift Shop to deliver a free lunch to its' volunteer workers.

"We were talking about Pay It Forward and we wanted to do something for the community," explains executive director Mike Chute. "Martin [Evans, the centre's chef] had the idea of why don't we take some salad and

sandwiches over to MCC to thank the volunteers who give their commitment to the community and do God's work."

MCC volunteers poured into the lunch room to enjoy the meal, which was a most welcome gift, said store manager Peter Kornelsen.

"We appreciate the recognition. It makes our volunteers feel a little more like their work is being appreciated," he said.

For Chute, the Pay It Forward campaign is a great opportunity to highlight just how generous of a community Winkler truly is.

"We take a lot of stuff for granted," he said. "This is a great way of recognizing that good things happen every day."



**PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE**  
Buhler Active Living Centre staff, joined by Mayor Martin Harder (in green), served up a free meal to the MCC Thrift Shop's volunteers last week in thanks for all that they do for the community.

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# New vice-principals for GVC, Parkland School

Mike Friesen steps into the vice-principal role at Garden Valley Collegiate this fall.

The division announced last month that the long-time math teacher will move into the administrative end of things at the Winkler high school effective Sept. 4.

Friesen is currently the vice principal at W.C. Miller Collegiate in Altona. He previously worked in the Garden Valley School Division from 2008-2014.

GVSD also announced that Jason Shepherd has been appointed to the vice-principal position at Parkland Elementary School this fall. He will split his time between administrative work (75 per cent) and classroom teacher du-

ties (25 per cent). Shepherd is currently the school's guidance counsellor. He's worked for 15 years with GVSD, also serving as a classroom and resource teacher.

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# Comedian Derek Edwards coming to Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

What led Derek Edwards to a life as one of Canada's favourite stand-up comics is simple enough.

The native of Timmins, Ontario doesn't point to a big revelatory moment or any kind of grand motivation or inspira-

tion that led him here.

"I guess there's just a satisfaction ... there's a really great feeling ... everybody has those nights where they're kind of on. It's like you're at a party in the kitchen, you're standing by the fridge, and you're just on a roll and it just feels so great," explained Edwards, whose *Alls I'm Saying* tour brings him to Winkler May 31 at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

"Trying to change gears and making it for the public rather than just your buddies is the hardest part, of course," he said. "It's different when you know the person ... or you can get that one guy to laugh, know the right way to get that one lady to chuckle. When you're working for a large group of people, the gauntlet is down. You've got to pull up the socks."

Edwards has been succeeding at that challenge for three decades now.

The *Just For Laughs* veteran is considered to be among the comic elite in Canada, where his peers have made him a four-time nominee and winner of Best Standup Comic at the Canadian Comedy Awards.

Edwards said he had a range of comedy influences in his younger years.

"I was a huge fan of Monty Python ... one of the biggest comedic influences in my life," he said. "Second City, George Carlin ... old time greats like that make up the meat and potatoes of it ... there's always been all kinds of great Canadian comics as well ... really solid, funny people.

"It was something I found that I could do," he added, recalling, though, that it didn't necessarily come easy for him at first.

"It was always something I wanted to try ... kind of like people want to try jumping out of a plane just once ... but the risk of dying is just as great," he said.

"It's not as though it was, 'Oh, I want to do this for a living forever'. When you try it the first time, you just want to say you did it ... but it went terrible, and then I tried it like a year later, and it went great ... so I've got to try it again now."

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# Morden clock tower gets the Lego treatment

By Lorne Stelmach

A Lego replica of what is likely Morden's most famous building earned a top prize recently at a competition in B.C.

The re-creation of the historic clock tower building now housing the Pembina Hills Arts Council came about with Kevin Bergstresser's family links to Morden.

A lifelong devotee of Lego, Bergstresser got the idea in tandem with his wife and passionate former Mordenite Nikki Kroetsch Bergstresser, and it earned one of the top prizes at Brick-Can, an annual Adult Lego builders exhibition in Richmond.

Bergstresser's mini version of downtown Morden won a Best Build award from among over 1,000 entries submitted by more than 250 builders.

Bergstresser loved the idea of tackling the clock tower since it was a classic historical building that also brought back many memories for his wife from her days growing up in Morden.

"It's just a really cool building to build," he said, estimating he had it about 80 per cent complete for the show.

The remaining 20 per cent—including the streets on two sides as well as the suncatch in the back—is very much a reflection of Bergstresser's penchant for perfection when it comes to devoutly practising his hobby.

"I wish I could do it a little bit better, but honestly it's as close as I think I'm going to get with the brick. I do have a tendency to want to get it absolutely perfect ... I can spend hours and hours."

Bergstresser said his love for Lego started when he was very young, at about age seven, when he got a space-themed Lego set for Christmas.

"I played with that sucker like crazy, and I still have that set to this day ... usually at Christmas or my birthday, my parents would always get me usually two or three new sets," he said, recalling at times taking over the entire family pool table with his Lego.

"It was lots of creativity, lots of fun," he said, noting, however, that he eventually put it aside while at university and then when starting his family.

Sometime in late 1990s when Lego first came out with Star Wars sets, his curiosity was piqued and he started to collect once again. Then his family went to the Lego store at Disneyland

in 2009.

"That was about the time that they started to make sets that were somewhat more oriented to adult fans ... so I really started to dive back into it again," said Bergstresser, who eventually joined an Abbotsford Lego users group.

"There's so much imagination there," he said in explaining what draws him to Lego. "Some people just love to build the sets and build it from instruction, and then others love to just accumulate loads and loads of parts and build something else ... it's really quite varied."

Work began on the art gallery building in January in conjunction with plans for a coordinated show this fall set around a town in the 1950s. Bergstresser wanted to do a drive-in theatre, which is inspired in part by Morden's Stardust Drive-In, as well as another historic building.

He got to work by poring over old photos of the building and then got some on-the-ground help from Tim Harsant, a facility manager in Morden who provided detailed measurements, and his mother-in-law, who snapped several street level photos.

Even with these guides it proved a challenging project.

"There's so many creative possibilities that you can't do ... you also are limited by the bricks," said Bergstresser, noting he had to order a lot of the parts, especially for the red brick. Another big challenge was the clock tower roof. "We must have spent an hour just trying to problem solve ways to do the roof ... we really wanted to capture the arches."

In the end, Bergstresser is happy with the piece, noting if it works out he would like to have it brought to Morden this summer.

In the meantime, there are always more projects in the works, including working with his daughter on an abandoned city park scene.

"Trying to do something in Lego that is dilapidated and abandoned is a real interesting challenge ... we had a blast doing it," Bergstresser said, adding he is also working on a Richardson building replica.

Remembering it as an iconic building when he grew up in the city, the hockey fan in him noted he just might have to add to the plans with the Winnipeg Jets in the Stanley Cup playoffs now.

"If I do it, that's something that will



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Kevin Bergstresser re-created Morden's iconic clock tower in Lego for a competition in B.C. He hopes to bring it to Morden this summer.

be about eight feet tall," Bergstresser. around that building that will be said "If I can pull it off, and the Jets even much bigger yet." win the Stanley Cup, I have an idea



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# ACU sponsors local soccer

Access Credit Union's Joel Billing (right) presented the Winkler Storm soccer club's Phil Unruh with a cheque for \$3,000 last week in support of both the senior men's team and the new SC Riot developmental team this summer.

"Our sponsorship of the Winkler Storm goes back a number of years and we support them year after year," said Rob Unruh, Winkler retail branch manager. "It's just a unique opportunity for us to give back to the community for a sport that many people love."

Phil Unruh said ACU is one of the club's largest sponsors and their annual donation goes a very long way indeed.

"There's a lot of expenses that we have—anything from league fees to the field fees and, most importantly, this year we added another men's team to our mix," he said. "So there's a lot of additional costs for that."

The Riot will be using old Storm uniforms for the time being, Unruh noted. The Division 8 team only recently got its own logo, designed by Garden Valley Collegiate graphic design stu-



dent Thomas Fehr.

Both the Storm and the Riot hosted their first home games of the seasons

last weekend. Check out Pg. 24 for those results.

# Booklet shines a light on local grasslands

By Lorne Stelmach

The grasslands of the Pembina escarpment are important remnants of the historic prairie landscape, and a university student's project is playing a role in helping promote their preservation.

Leanna Wiebe launched the booklet *Grasslands on the Manitoba Escarpment: The Prairies in the Rural Municipality of Stanley Saturday* at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

The project resulted from Wiebe completing a study of the local grasslands in conjunction with the Pembina Valley Conservation District and the RM of Stanley.

She spent the past summer doing research and work that included making an inventory of these grasslands and interviewing the people who own the land to learn about why

they nurture these spaces and the value they see in them, and that then led to the book with pictures of these grasslands and excerpts of her interviews.

Wiebe, who also addressed an A Rocha Pembina Valley Nature Talk in Morden in March, said she wanted to get across "how valuable the remaining native grasslands are and how they make the landscape in the Morden area quite unique."

"I didn't want it to be just my words though," she added. "The purpose of the project for me was to connect with people who have first hand knowledge managing grasslands and

give them a platform to share their knowledge about why the grasslands are valuable.

"I learned a lot from the people that I interviewed as well as my own research," Wiebe said. "I interviewed 15 different people whose perspectives are shared in this booklet, and nine different people also contributed photography and artwork, so this is really a community project. It's definitely not just my project."

Wiebe has described the grasslands as perhaps the most productive but least protected of landscapes.

Wiebe sees her work as being a first step toward developing strategies to

protect and enhance the grasslands by mapping them and documenting how they are currently being used and managed as well as getting the input of various stakeholders.

"The main thing that I hope it will do is attract awareness to the fact that we do have remnant native grasslands along the escarpment," she said. "I think, for myself even, I didn't realize how many grassland areas we have or the value they have."

The booklets are available at the Pembina Hills Gallery for \$10 each, with proceeds from sales going towards the University of Manitoba's Aboriginal Issues Press Scholarship.

## > EDWARDS, FROM PG. 20

Edwards laughs when asked about his creative process.

"You know, it's the oddest thing. People ask me that and I flounder," he said. "I'm influenced by all of the hilarity that's around us in Canada. Sometimes you're just walking along and an idea hits you ... that's going to work, and you're absolutely sure, and you try it and it's great. Then the same kind of thing will happen and it just bites, it just totally dies."

"There's some things that just hit you and you write it down real quick," he said, recalling one time when something as simple as changing one word from vacation to holiday suddenly somehow made a joke work. "Sometimes it's finessing words like that and finding something that finally works ... that's great."

As for the current tour, it has been described as "brazenly tentative ... like a sniper with the hiccups. Edwards takes aim at life's galling moments, exhales slowly and jerks back the trigger."

"I'm not really that politically driven ... it's never really been a deep well for comedy in Canada anyway ... those who can do it end up working with Rick Mercer or something," Edwards said.

That said, he admits it is hard to ignore some of what is happening in world affairs, particularly south of the border.

"I do touch a little bit on politics in the States," said Edwards, but he added it is "just observational stuff on life in general that is really my bread and butter."

A big part of what keeps Edwards stepping back out onto stages across the country again and again is just the people and places he gets to encounter along the way.

"That's part of the gravy of being on the road is that you're enriched ... people feel like they know you," he said.

It is also just finding the inspiration that can be found in anything from a chat in a coffee shop to a quirky road sign along the route.

"And it hasn't lost its fun," Edwards said. "It's been a pretty fortunate ride for me."

"You meet countless really nice people. It's amazing how many great folks you meet."

For information on tickets to the show, head to [winklerconcerthall.ca](http://winklerconcerthall.ca).



Leanna Wiebe launched her new booklet, *Grasslands on the Manitoba Escarpment*, on Saturday.

# sports & recreation

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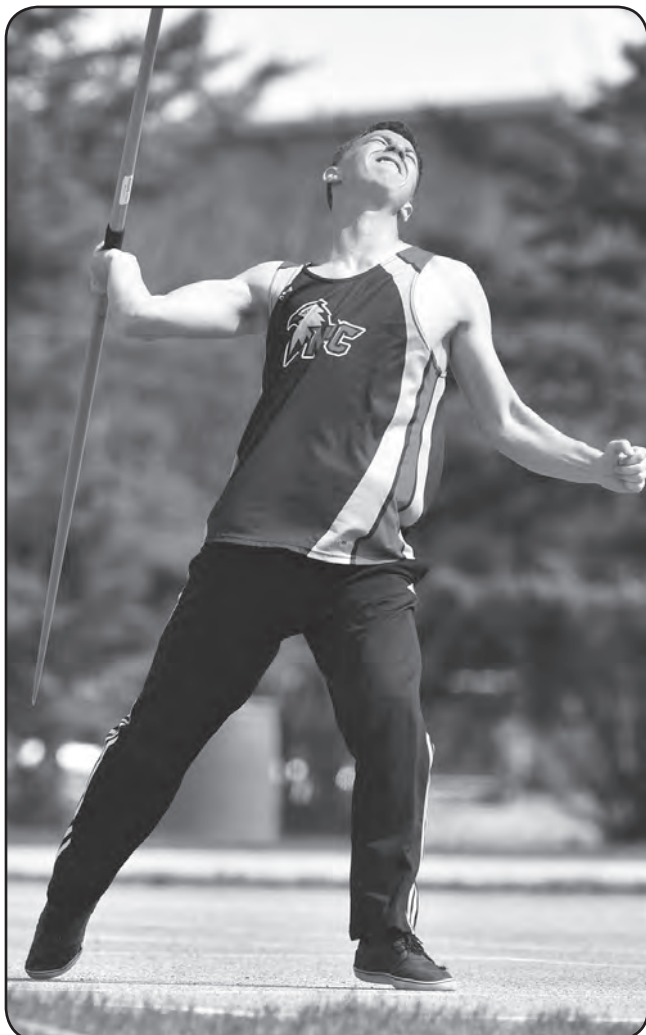


## Winkler invitational track meet

PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Winkler hosted its invitational track and field meet Wednesday at the Garden Valley Collegiate field. Clockwise from above:

NPC's Katelyn Ens shows great form in the Girls Junior Varsity 80m Hurdles; Morden's Alex Reimer goes the distance in the Boys Varsity Long Jump; GVC's Johanna Kwast runs in the Girls JV 200m Dash; fellow Zodiac Ajulu Akway makes a toss in the Girls JV Shot Put; Nighthawk Bogdan Dremailov mid-throw in the javelin event.





# Storm ties, Riot wins in first home games

Winkler's senior soccer teams walked off the home field this weekend without a loss to their names.

The Winkler Storm, playing in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 1st Division, battled the Granite United to a 1-1 tie on Saturday. Scoring for Winkler was Phil Unruh.

On Sunday, the South Central Riot, playing in the league's 8th Division as the Storm's development team, played their first home game against the Wolverines.

The SC Riot's Jake Hildebrand and the Wolverine's Jordan Koerner collide in Sunday's game in Winkler. The Riot got the win 5-1.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

The Riot bolstered their record to 2-0 with a 5-1 win. Arni Schott scored a hat trick while Martin Plet and David Green contributed singles.

This week the Storm played at the Hanover Kickers on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. Next Tuesday, May 22, the team hosts the Wasps FC at 7 p.m. The Riot's next game is in June.

The region's female team also took to the field this week for their first home game of the season in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League's 2nd Division.

The SC Hurricanes hosted BA United on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

The 'Canes play at home next week Wednesday, May 23, against CCC United at 7 p.m.

## Orioles start season with wins

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles got their new season off to a promising start last week.

The Manitoba Junior Baseball League team found themselves just a half game out of first place after winning three of their first four games.

"We're super excited about our start," said assistant coach Sheldon Bergman, saying the coaching staff like what they're seeing so far from the team. "We've got a bunch of boys who really want to play baseball and they're really committed. It's fun to coach a ball team like that."

The Orioles kicked things off with their traditional opener against their regional rivals and rode a strong start to an 8-3 win May 9 over the Altona Bison.

After following that up with a dramatic 5-4 extra inning victory Friday against the St. Boniface Legionaires, Pembina Valley split their Sunday doubleheader in Elmwood, winning 13-7 and then falling 2-0 in game two.

The Orioles scored four runs in the bottom of the second against Altona to move ahead 4-2 and then added one more in the third and two in the fourth to take control of a game where the hits were 11-7 in their favour.

"They struggled with pitching and we scored quite a few runs on walks,"

noted Bergman, who added that "we had everybody hitting one through nine ... everyone contributed."

In game two, the Orioles defied the odds as the game was tied 4-4 after seven and then St. Boniface had the based loaded with no outs in the eighth. Pembina Valley ultimately ended it in the 10th with a game winning hit by Donovan Fehr.

"We held them, they couldn't get a run in, and I think that was a game changer for our team. They realized that anything is possible ... never give up," said Bergman, who noted Liam Giesbrecht pitched a solid game into the ninth inning while also contributed three RBIs.

The O's came out strong again in game one Sunday against Elmwood, scoring six runs in the first and another five in the second.

"Again, everybody contributed that first game ... everybody was doing their jobs," said Bergman, noting, however, that then changed for the second half of the doubleheader. "We just couldn't hit the ball ... or we hit the ball but it was always to somebody ... we couldn't find the holes."

Coming up, the Orioles play in Interlake against the Blue Jays on Friday and then host the defending champion St. James A's for a doubleheader Monday, May 21 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

## Border Baseball season gets underway next week

The former Border West Baseball League starts the season with a new team and a new name next week.

They welcome the Carman Cardinals to the field this season, bringing the senior baseball league to eight teams.

With the league's expansion east in recent years (the Morden Mohawks joined in 2012 and the Winkler Whips started up in 2016), they've decided to drop the "West" from their name to become the Border Baseball League.

Vying for the WG (Gerry) Coulthard Trophy this season alongside the three above teams are also teams from Baldur, Cartwright, Clearwater, Killarney, and Pilot Mound.

The Mohawks claimed their fourth championship title last sum-

mer, beating out the Pilot Mound Pilot in four games. Morden went on to bring home silver from the AA Provincials in Neepawa.

Also earning silver at the A provincials were the Cartwright Twins.

The league also claimed gold at the Senior AA All-Star Provincials, earning the right to represent Manitoba at the Western Canadian Championship this summer.

Closer at hand, Pilot Mound and Morden will open the regular season in Morden next Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m.

The Winkler Whips head to Carman that same night to play the Cardinals, while Baldur hosts Killarney and Clearwater plays in Cartwright.



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Over 150 kids took part in the Winkler Minor Basketball program this winter, supported by more than 50 volunteers who work hard to keep the program running smoothly every season.

## Minor basketball winds up

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Minor Basketball wrapped up another successful season late last month.

The league had over 150 youth players and more than 50 volunteers take to the courts this winter and spring.

"It has strong place in our community," said executive member Mike Urichuk of their programs for kids in Gr. 3-8. "It's helped build basketball in our community for at least a generation now.

"There's been so many kids that we've been able to see develop from Gr. 3, Gr. 4, Gr. 5 on," he added. "I

think that skills development has had such a large impact on our high school teams. Our basketball seems to be getting better and better year after year."

Urichuk said it's been exciting to see the interest in basketball in the area grow each season. The league this year had 23 teams of boys and girls competing.

None of it would be possible without the tremendous support they receive from parents and other supporters.

"The volunteers make the program what it is," said Urichuk. "From coaches to referees to the parents who are scorekeepers and driving their kids to



the different venues to the executive who help plan and schedule ... all the volunteers have been fantastic."

Winkler Minor Basketball finished the season with a slight surplus, which was donated toward the surface upgrade at the city's outdoor basketball courts.

Though the new season is months

away—registration dates will be announced next January—the league does have a hand in organizing the Harvest 3on3 tournament Winkler Harvest Festival weekend in August.

For more information on that and on the other Winkler Minor Basketball programs, head to [winklerminorbasketball.ca](http://winklerminorbasketball.ca).

## Stonewall Rams win GVC fastball tournament



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

A GVC runner slides safely into second base in Friday's game against the Stonewall Rams. Stonewall got the win 6-0 and went on to win every game they played to win the invitational Winkler tournament.

The Stonewall Rams clinched the trophy at the Garden Valley Collegiate invitational fastball tournament over the weekend.

Stonewall, who was 3-0 in the round robin, knocked out Carman 10-0 and then beat Altona 12-2 in the championship bracket.

The Zodiacs, meanwhile, were 2-1 in their pool, falling to the Rams 6-0 but besting Killarney 9-0 and Major Pratt 5-0.

GVC went on to lose to Boissevain 2-0 in the B-side bracket playoffs and then beat Virden 5-3.

Also at the tournament were the Morden Thunder, who beat the Pilots

9-1 but fell to Steinbach 19-3 and to Virden 10-5 in their pool and then lost to Goose Lake 11-7 in the first round of the C-side bracket playoffs.

In Zone 4 regular season action, the Zodiac girls bested Altona 17-3 May 9 and then beat the Thunder 18-10 Monday night.

Morden's girls also posted a 13-1 loss to Carman May 9.

On the boys' side, Morden's boys fell to the Sabres 11-4 and 5-2 May 10 while GVC downed the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks 4-0 and 6-0.

NPC went on to best the Blues 3-1 and 10-0 Monday night.

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# Agriculture

## Lessons learned from the 2017 PEDv outbreak

By Harry Siemens

Early in 2017, as the swine industry in Manitoba was gearing up for another great year, a PED virus outbreak hit the industry hard, and it took most of the year to get the disease under control.

Dr. Glen Duizer, an animal health surveillance veterinarian with Manitoba's Chief Veterinary Office, said recently in a meeting all but two of the 80 cases last year were reported in southeastern Manitoba and included 25 sow herds, 16 nurseries, and 39 finishers.

"Our current status is that we have 67 presumptive negative premises of which 19 of the 25 infected sow herds are now presumptive negative and 48 nursery finishers that are presumptive negative," said Duizer. "We have three remaining premises that have not moved from the positive status but essentially there are no clinical or actively shedding pigs on those premises and biocontainment is in place.

"We have ten transitional premises, five sow herds and five nurseries or finishers. Those are premises that are working their way through to a presumptive negative status."

Duizer said they're still targeting for the end of May to get most if not all of the remaining herds to presumptive negative.

The need for stepped up biosecurity in the event of an animal disease outbreak was among the lessons learned from this outbreak.

The industry discussed those lessons in a recent town hall phone call on a report conducted by Manitoba Pork, Manitoba Agriculture, and the Canadian Animal Health Coalition.

Jenelle Hamblin, the manager of swine health programs with Manitoba Pork, said the report focuses on what worked well, what didn't work and needed to change, and recommendations for future outbreaks.

They found the industry practiced a wide range of biosecurity across the sector. Some had very strong biosecurity in place.

"Others had no biosecurity in place, and this is where we want to strongly encourage going back to basics and talking to these producers about the difference of regular biosecurity ver-

sus wartime biosecurity," said Hamblin. "We're talking about the practices you can implement that maybe aren't sustainable for the day to day but something that you can very quickly. Especially if you get a phone call saying that there is a case nearby, that you're able to enhance your biosecurity to that upgraded status in a short period."

She said that includes implementing strict restricted access protocols, enhancing controlled access zone protocols, including limiting the number of people that are entering the farm, reducing those touches that come onto your yard, limiting visitors,

dedicating the staff to certain barns, and just reducing the frequency of movements.

Hamblin said operations have reduced their numbers of animal movements to minimize the risks and are now dedicating specific equipment to specific barns to avoid cross-contamination.

The early sharing of swine health information is helping swine producers and veterinarians in western Canada improve their response to emerging swine disease issues.

The industry created the Canada-West Swine Health Intelligence Network, a western Canadian swine

disease surveillance system to help swine veterinarians share information on clinical disease in swine herds in the four western provinces.

Dr. Jette Christensen, the new manager of the network, said it serves producers by helping detect emerging swine health issues as early as possible.

"It could be a health issue as a disease that is always there but suddenly it flares up and becomes more of a problem, or it could be a completely new disease that we don't know anything about," said Christensen.



By Harry Siemens

Today, as I continue to sit by the bedside of my dear wife Judith, a shout out to all those who are working at the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

I know this is a farming and agriculture column and soon, most likely sooner than I like, I will be back to writing that which smacks of farming, ag policy, and the like.

Today, though, as I ponder life, death, and the life hereafter, I want to focus for a little on the BTHC.

I had never had to use the facility other than some family and friends visits. But my wife is the director of the Southern Manitoba Regional Health Board and being a nurse she fully understood BTHC and what it is, does, and stands for.

First off, the medical staff and the resident doctors are second to none. I won't mention many names except one, Dr. Kevin Earl, who is the lead doctor on Judith's case.

## Shout out to BTHC staff

Dr. Earl, thank you for your professional expertise, sound and consulting advice, and your caring and passionate care. Thank you as well to the technical staff managing and taking the images that are so vital to know what step to take, and to the nursing and support staff, whose knowledge, promptness, and carrying out of their professional duties so often goes beyond the call of duty.

Another one of the shining features of the BTHC, pardon the pun, is the cleanliness of the entire facilities, from the kitchen to the rooms to the washrooms and imaging areas. As one of the diligent cleaning staff said to me: "It has to start at the top with management, and when management enforces those policies, then things happen."

While all that doesn't take away the reality of dying, collectively they do make things easier, more comfortable, and there's comfort in knowing Judith is getting the best care and medical expertise.

I'm thankful to the Voice for allowing to share briefly the life-changing activity taking place in my life, our daughters' and their families' lives, and the lives of our extended family and friends.

Turning briefly to spring seeding, it is dry out there. Abe Friesen, the veteran pilot in Reinfeld, told me Sunday there is no water to see.

I've heard a lot of comments like how there is moisture about two inches down, but the seed is in dry ground needing much rain.

Another person said they put the seed down a little deeper and was able to put it in wet ground, but with forecasts for dry days and stronger winds at the time of this writing, there is a concern.

As Friesen told me, last year rains fell on June 7 and farmers grew mostly a bumper crop.

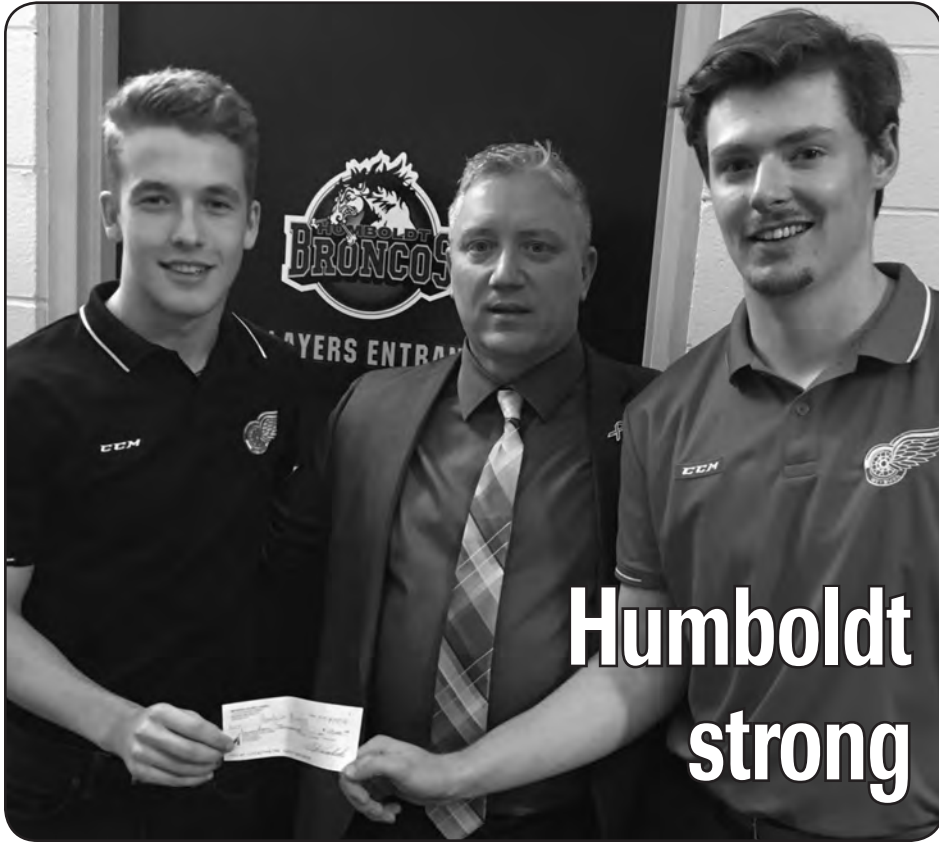
I reminded him that last year we had a full supply moisture reserve which helped sustain the crop growth and development.

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# Humboldt strong

Former Mordenites Cade Kowalski (far left) and Garrett Szeremley, who are now teammates on the SJHL's Weyburn Red Wings, made a trip to Humboldt last week to present the proceeds from the April 28 fundraiser in Morden in support of the team and community devastated by the tragic bus crash. They presented \$17,000 to Broncos team president Kevin Garinger (centre at left) and took time during their visit to view the memorial (at right) for the team members killed.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



# take a break

> GAMES

## SUDOKU

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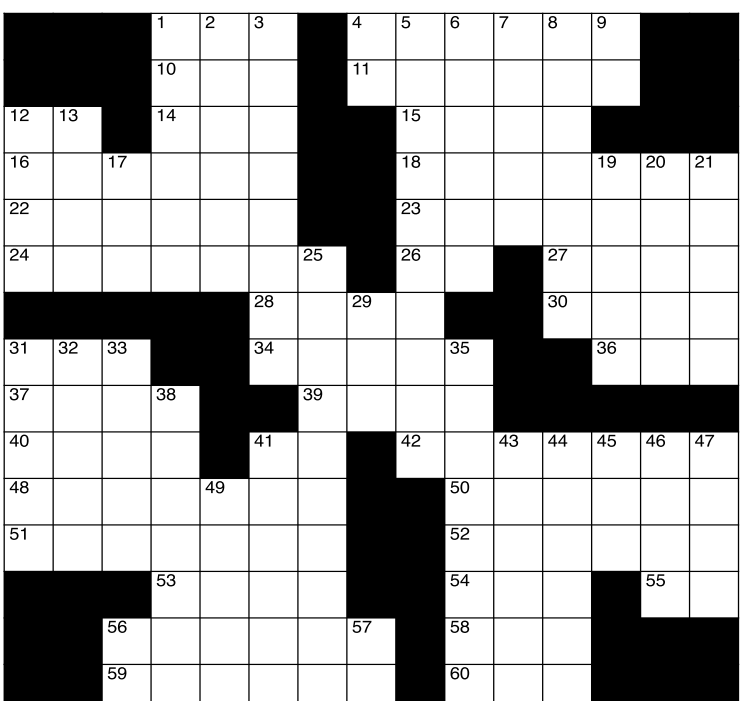
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**Crossword Answer**

# CROSSWORD

**CLUES ACROSS**

- Color
- English prince
- When you'll get there
- Pivot
- Actinium
- Greek letter
- Primordial matter
- One of a Polynesian island
- Most spacious
- What you owe
- Button-like ornament
- Ancient city
- Trauma center
- CNN anchor Burnett
- Enough (archaic)
- Lebowski's nickname "The \_\_\_"
- Printing speed measurement
- Waterbirds
- WWI airship
- Sudden attack
- Advice
- Sacs where fungi develop
- Where instinctive impulses are manifest
- Schoolhouse implements
- Brain parts
- Borne by or suspended in a liquid
- Of the desert
- Starbucks size
- Ancient Roman garment
- In a way, set aflame
- Samarium
- Heavenly bodies
- Water in the solid state
- Exchanged
- Int'l organization



**CLUES DOWN**

- Regain
- A colorless odorless gas used as fuel
- Delicacies
- Spanish be
- Miami Heat great
- More slick
- Turn away
- Made a second thrust
- Where injured ballplayers end up
- As quickly as can be done
- Military disguise
- \_\_\_ and Dad
- Mythological wind (Greek)
- Slides without control
- Principle or belief
- Unusually large
- Naturally occurring solid material
- Backsides
- Large orange-brown butterfly
- Old Testament prophet
- Women's apartments in a Muslim palace
- One who waters down
- Made a visual representation of
- Continent
- Flat pieces of rock
- Very long period of time
- Radioactivity units
- Fields of study
- Distinctive, pleasant smell
- The Constitution State (abbr.)
- South Dakota

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**City of Morden Emergency Communications Antenna Towers**  
**Locations: 3 Water Tower Drive, 188 Grant Street, 900 Gilmour Street, 186 Cochlan Drive, Morden, Manitoba**

The City of Morden is applying to construct a communication antenna tower (tower) on City of Morden property located at 3 Water Tower Drive, 188 Grant Street, 900 Gilmour Street and 186 Cochlan Drive in Morden, Manitoba. As part of that process the City of Morden is required to notify residents of these proposed constructions and to allow a period for feedback from residents.

These towers will be a freestanding structure and will not have any supporting guy-wires or tension cables attached. They will also have 10' anti-climb shields to prevent people from climbing it.

The City will use these towers for wireless IT networking equipment, which will be used for the City's community internet services.

For comparison purposes, a similar tower and antenna setup is located beside the Civic Centre, 195 Stephen Street.

The proposed height and geographic coordinates of the towers are:

- 36.6 meters  
N 49 degrees, 11', 2" by W 98 degrees, 07', 59"  
Water Treatment Plant, 3 Water Tower Dr
- 36.6 meters  
N 49 degrees, 10', 59" by W 98 degrees, 06', 3"  
Industrial Park Buffer, 188 Grant Street
- 31.7 meters  
N 49 degrees, 11', 46" by W 98 degrees, 07', 1"  
Lions Park, 900 Gilmour Street
- 31.7 meters  
N 49 degrees, 11', 15" by W 98 degrees, 06', 44"  
Incubator Mall, 186 Cochlan Drive

The towers will be CSA rated, and the installation will respect good engineering practises and structural adequacy.

The City's IT equipment will include several low frequency wireless radios sending signal to sites near the ground surface and towards various locations throughout the City.

The general public will be protected in compliance with Health Canada's Safety Code 6 including combined effects within the local radio environment at all times. The radio transmitters used for emergency communications at this site will be low power transmitters, ranging from 4 watts to 50 watts power.

The City of Morden has made applications in support of this project through Transport Canada, Nav Canada, and Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), along with the local land use authority.

These towers do not require an environmental assessment, under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012.

General information relating to antenna systems is available on Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada Spectrum Management and Telecommunications website (<http://www.ic.gc.ca/towers>).

The provincial office for the Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada Spectrum Management Operations Branch is:

Spectrum Management Operations Branch Manitoba District Office  
 400 St Mary Ave, 4th Floor Winnipeg, MB R3C 4K5  
[ic.spectrumwinnipeg-winnipegspectre.ic@canada.ca](mailto:ic.spectrumwinnipeg-winnipegspectre.ic@canada.ca)

The tower will comply with any Transport Canada painting and lighting requirements, if required.

The closing date for submission of written public comments is June 15, 2018. Written Comments can be submitted to:

**City of Morden - Tower Install**  
**100 - 195 Stephen Street Morden, Manitoba R6M 1V3**

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**TUESDAY JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> AND TUESDAY JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>**

Sample bottles can be picked up at the following places:  
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- Municipality of Cartwright-Roblin - Drop Off By - 9:00 a.m.
- Municipality of Louise - Crystal City - Drop Off By - 9:00 a.m.
- Home Hardware - Pilot Mound - Drop Off By - 9:30 a.m.
- R.M. of Thompson - Miami - Drop Off By - 10:30 a.m.
- Manitoba Agriculture Offices:
  - Morden - Drop Off By - 11:00 a.m.
  - Somerset - Drop Off By - 9:30 a.m.
- PVCD Office - Manitou - Drop Off By - 9:30 a.m.

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### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Lyle Meeks would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone for the acts of kindness, gifts of food, flowers, phone calls, visits, cards and text messages while Lyle was ill and after his passing. Your presence at the celebration of life and prayers are very much appreciated. Thank you very much to the doctors and nurses at BTHC; and thank you to the Morden Legion and everyone who participated in Lyle's celebration of life. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

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### OBITUARY

## Kenneth Peter Friesen 1962 - 2018



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Kenneth Peter Friesen in the early morning of Friday, May 4, 2018. Ken passed over to meet his Savior with his sister and niece by his side after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

He was born on April 27, 1962 in Portage La Prairie, MB. Ken was a happy go lucky man with a positive attitude and always took joy in helping others. Although unable to continue working at Decor Cabinets for the last number of years, he enjoyed his work as a painter.

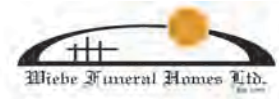
He leaves to mourn his passing a daughter, Cristina and Eldon Reimer; a son, Jonathon Friesen and his sister, Linda and Peter Kauenhofen and their families. He was predeceased by parents,

Peter and Mary Friesen.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with interment prior at Southside Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Ken's memory to CancerCare Manitoba.

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### OBITUARY

## Erdman Buhler 1925 - 2018



On Friday, May 4, 2018 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Erdman Buhler aged 92 years formerly of Bolivia went to his eternal rest.

He is survived by seven sons, Jake and Helen, Franz and Tina, Abram and Anna, Henry, Peter and Erna, John and Aganetha, William and Veronica and six daughters, Elizabeth and Jacob Giesbrecht, Margaret and Henry Dyck, Maria and Jacob Froese, Aganetha and Cornie Bergen, Katharina and Fritz Derksen, Helena and Frank Dyck and their families. He was predeceased by his wife, Anna; daughter, Barbara; a daughter-in-law, and a son-in-law, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday May 11, 2018 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at the

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**OBITUARY**



**Margaret Bernice Duncan  
(nee McIntosh)  
1932 – 2018**

Margaret passed away peacefully at Actionmarguerite (St. Boniface) Nursing Home, on Thursday May 3, 2018.

Margaret was predeceased by her loving husband, Jack Duncan; parents, Helen and Edge McIntosh; brother, Jim McIntosh; nephew, Jeff McIntosh and brothers-in-law, Jim Duncan and Weldon Ridley. Left to mourn are sisters-in-law, JoAnn McIntosh, Jane Ridley, Joanne Hudson and Joy Duncan; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Margaret's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2018 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel 1050 Thornhill St. in Morden with ash interment prior to the service at Hillside Cemetery.

Flowers are gratefully declined. If friends desire, donations may be made in Margaret's memory to Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation or a charity of choice.

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**OBITUARY**



**Lyle (Lyal) Martin Meeks  
1925 – 2018**

On Monday, April 30, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Lyle Meeks aged 92 years of Morden, MB went to his eternal rest.

Lyle leaves to mourn his wife, Leona Meeks; his sister, Myrna (Dennis) Woods; his daughter, LeeAnn Meeks; step-children, Earl (Marianne) Ferris, Colleen (Robyn) Copeland, Dale (Janet) Ferris and Sherry (Gerry) Neufeld; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Lyle also leaves to mourn his passing his special Legion family. Lyle was predeceased by his father, Albert Leo Meeks; mother, Olive Rose Meeks; infant son, Randy Leo Meeks; and son, Dennis John Meeks.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Lyle's life was held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Royal Canadian Legion

in Morden, MB.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, memorial donations may be made to the Boundary Trails Palliative Care Program or Cancer Care Manitoba.

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**OBITUARY**



**Abram Thiessen  
1923 – 2018**

Abe Thiessen of Winkler, MB aged 95 years went to meet his heavenly father on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at Salem Personal Care Home.

Abe was born to Johan and Maria Thiessen on May 1, 1923 in the village of Chortitz, MB. Although there was hard work and many struggles, Abe spoke of his childhood with fondness telling his children many stories of growing up in the village. He attended the school in Chortitz and completed grade seven and then ended his formal education to help on the family farm. Although he was not able to continue his studies, his obvious high intelligence was apparent in the judgments and decisions he made his entire life. Abe accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at a young age. He

publicly proclaimed this by accepting Baptism and became a member of the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church on June 9, 1946 by Bishop David Schulz. September 22, 1946 was a very rainy day but could not dampen the happiness felt by Abe as this was the day he married his sweetheart, Helen Friesen from the village of Schanzenfeld. Abe and Helen lived with her parents for a short time and then made their home in Chortitz. After a few years they moved to their home north of Chortitz where they lived for the next 40 years. During these years they welcomed five children into their home. Many happy memories were made on the farm. Abe was an excellent farmer. The summers were busy with the dairy, baling and custom spraying. He took great pride in making sure things were done right. Dad served as Chairman on the Chortitz School Board for many years and also served as a director on the Winkler Co-op Board. On retirement, Abe and Helen built a new home on Redwood Drive in Winkler. Sunday faspas and gatherings will always be remembered by the children and grandchildren. Much laughter and discussions took place around the table. Abe took up golfing and it became a passion of his. He had to have nine holes in every day. Should this not happen, he would call his son-in-law, Wally and say "What are you doing? Do you have time for a round?" After Helen became ill with Parkinson's disease, their lives changed drastically. Abe looked after Helen with great love and patience until she was placed in a personal care home in July of 2013. Helen passed away on August 29, 2014. Abe bore this loss with great dignity, holding on to the promise that he would see her again one day.

Abe moved to Crocus Village in 2013. Abe adapted to this move quickly, making many new friends. Throughout Abe's life he could be found having coffee with many friends young and old at many local coffee establishments. When he was no longer able to drive, he joined friends at the Co-op Café. These coffee get togethers were the highlight of his day. During his time at Crocus, he enjoyed may visits from his children and siblings. His siblings' love for him was very apparent. Their jars of soup, visits and phone calls were constant. He so appreciated each one of them. Abe's health began to deteriorate in late 2013. Abe spent 100 days in the hospital in 2016 after several bouts of pneumonia and a broken hip. Although his children and siblings knew the pain he was in, he never complained and constantly tried to reassure everyone around him that he was doing well. When asked, "How are you feeling today?" his response was always the same, "Well, it goes." ("Nah daut yeht."). In March 2017, Abe moved to the Salem Personal Care Home. He accepted the move with grace and made the best of his circumstances. As was his custom, he quickly made new friends and enjoyed visiting with the staff who enjoyed visiting with him in return. Due to congestive heart failure and pneumonia, Abe's health further deteriorated. On Tuesday, May 1, 2018 Abe's 95th birthday with his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and four siblings gathered at Salem Home to celebrate this milestone. During the party, Abe was relaxed, happy and sharp as ever. The smile on his face that day was something the family will always remember and be grateful for. The following day began as always. While having a rest before supper, the Lord came to take Abe home. He died as he lived; at peace. Abe loved life but was not afraid to die and had longed for the day he could see his heavenly home and again be reunited with Helen.

Abe is survived by two sons, Larry, Lenard (Madeline) and three daughters, Karen (Rod), Eileen Johnson and Elma (Wally) as well as seven grandchildren, Trevor, Eric, Erin, Jenny, Brenton, Keith and Marcus and eight great-grandchildren. He also leaves to mourn three sisters, Susie, Anne and Betty; one brother and their families. He will also be missed by the Friesen family.

He was predeceased by his wife, Helen; parents, Johan and Maria Thiessen; brother, John and sisters, Helen, Mary, Agnes and Margaret.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank the staff at Salem Home for their excellent care and kindness they gave Abe during his time there. Saying thanks alone cannot express our gratitude for all the prayers, visits and acts of kindness we have received from family and friends during this difficult time.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Abe's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc. I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me that at that day and not to me only but unto all them also that love His appearing. 2 Timothy 4: 7&8

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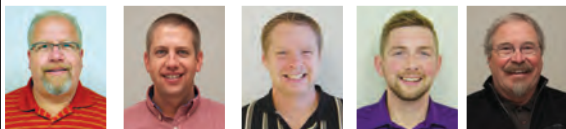
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