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Garden Valley Collegiate's Youth In Philanthropy group distributed \$1,000 in grants to several community organizations last week, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler and Central Station. See the full story on Pg. 4.

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Bailey Neufeld Winkler's first Make It A Reality winner

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation presented its first ever Make It A Reality Scholarship last week.

Garden Valley Collegiate Gr. 12 student Bailey Neufeld has been selected as the award's inaugural winner.

Courtesy of the foundation's Gordon Wiebe Post-Secondary Scholarships program, Neufeld receives \$20,000 towards his post-secondary education.

At a celebration at city hall last week, project manager Karina Cardona noted that the recipient needed to represent "the very best of our community: a giving spirit, commitment to leadership, and excellence in their pursuits."

Neufeld certainly fits the bill.

"How many teens spend their sum-

mer volunteering for their church, their school year representing on student council, theatrical productions, and Youth in Philanthropy?" Cardona said of Neufeld. "Perhaps the same students that would volunteer for mission work, lead Sunday school, and initiate a Peer Helpers group."

It's a lengthy list of involvements for a high school student, but Neufeld takes a great deal of pleasure from his work.

"I just really have a drive to help other people," he said, noting that through the GVC Peer Helpers program, for example, simple acts of kindness—greeting classmates as they enter the

school in the morning, handing out free snacks—can go along way toward putting smiles on people's faces.

"We just kind of did a bunch of small events ... things that kind of get neglected. We just wanted to support the wellness of other students,"

"I FIND MY ENGAGEMENT IS IN HELPING OTHERS ..."



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Winkler Community Foundation board and scholarship committee member Corey Hildebrand with Bailey Neufeld, winner of the inaugural Make It a Reality Scholarship, which is valued at \$20,000.

Neufeld said. "It's such a small thing ... but it definitely brightens up people's days.

"Some people play sports and enjoy that engagement with people. I find

my engagement is in helping others or working alongside people trying to [help others]."

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Participants in the Morden Parent and Child resource Centre's Kids in the Kitchen session couldn't wait to dig into the pizza buns they were cooking up last week. The program for Gr. 3-4 students ran weekly in May and has proven to be a popular activity for the centre.

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GVC YIP donate over \$1K to local non-profits

By Lorne Stelmach

About a dozen high school students played a part this year in bringing Youth in Philanthropy back to Garden Valley Collegiate.

Presenting just over \$1,000 in grants recently, the group was revived after it previously had lost its core group of members to Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

"The ones who had led it went to NPC ... so this is the first year Youth in Philanthropy is running again at GVC," explains staff leader Amy Warms

"So we're really excited about what we've done for our first year," she says, adding it was a learning experience for everyone. "As leaders, we were all new at it and trying to figure out what we needed to do, and the students have really contributed greatly to that."

The group held events throughout the year to raise funds, including bake sales, barbecues, a rose sale on Valentine's Day, and a campaign encouraging school staff and students to donate their spare change.

"In addition to fundraising, our

Youth In Philanthropy at Garden Valley Collegiate was revived this school year after an absence of a few years. YIP raised enough to grant out \$1,000 its first year back.

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program is about education and volunteerism ... and so we did some volunteering in the community and also just here in school," says Warms. "We also looked at what are some of the needs in our community and talking about them."

As a result of their efforts, YIP was able to distribute funding to several local non-profit groups last week.

The grants included \$400 to Big Brothers Big Sisters to sponsor their Go Girls program, \$300 to the Central Station Community Centre to help with the purchase of a washer and dryer, \$200 to Katie Cares for toys, and smaller amounts to Salem Foundation, Winkler Day Care, and the South Central Regional Library.

"We really wanted to have more money to support their causes, but maybe next year we'll have even more to grant," says Warms.

For student Isabel Wallace, supporting the Go Girls program in particular was an easy choice because it helps kids in junior high who "could potentially come to GVC and be part

of Youth in Philanthropy."

The Gr. 12 student says she got a lot out of the YIP experience and encourages other students to check it out.

"I just found it exciting and interesting to be able to see what is going on in my community ... even just getting out there a little bit really changes your perspective on what you think your community is ... you might not actually understand there are needs in our community.

"If you're interested in fundraising, if you want to help out in an impactful way, if you want to actually do something with your high school ... it's a great option," she says.

"IN ADDITION TO FUNDRAISING, OUR PROGRAM IS ABOUT EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEERISM ..."

Ens humbled by Manitoba's highest honour

By Lorne Stelmach

Phil Ens expressed a mixture of surprise and shock when he learned that he would be receiving the province's highest honour.

"My first response to some people was they must have run out of names," the founding partner of Triple E Canada says of being one of 12 named to the Order of Manitoba this year.

Cited for being widely respected as a community builder, leader, and mentor as well as an entrepreneur and philanthropist, Ens says the appointment is "very gratifying and very humbling ... it's indeed an honour to receive it."

It puts him among some pretty es-

teemed company, which makes him add that "you feel like you don't really belong in that group."

"But it does mean a lot to me," Ens says, while pointing out that one doesn't go looking for recognition like this. "We're not in business to try to get the applause from people ... you're in business first of all to make a living and ... then you think of how you could help."

Ens says that he would almost be more comfortable with the recognition being for the company as a whole and all those who have been a part of it.

"I almost think that would be more fair," he says.

The bottom line has always been

about the importance of giving back.

"What is life all about ... is it about building a personal empire? I would say no ... if we are going to have a good society ... we receive help as we grow up ... many people helped us to develop our company ... in gratitude, you simply give back. I think that's a philosophy of life that we have endorsed here."

Ens will be officially invested into the Order of Manitoba on July 13.

Triple E founder Phil Ens was surprised and honoured at the announcement he's being named to the Order of Manitoba.

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Jumpstart Day marked with carnival Saturday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Day is going bigger and better this year.

Instead of the annual hot dog sale, this Saturday the Winkler store marks the day with a Jumpstart carnival featuring inflatable bouncers, balloons, popcorn, and cookies.

"Just come down to Canadian Tire and, first of all, have lots of fun, especially if you're a kid," says Pembina Valley Jumpstart chapter chair Michael Penner. "And then if you can support it financially, that's great."

"But, really, with all this what we want to do is make people more aware of what Jumpstart is and what it does for the community, how it helps kids."

The local chapter distributed \$32,000 this past year to 327 children who without financial support wouldn't be able to get involved in sports or other recreation programs.

"Every dollar that we raise for the fund gets used virtually every year," Penner says, explaining that the bulk of the funds go directly to help cover the costs of registration and equipment, but some also supports group programs like Big Brothers Big Sisters' Kicks for Kids or the Skate for Kids sessions organized to help immigrant children learn how to ice skate.

If you can't make the carnival this weekend, you can still support Jumpstart by stopping by Canadian Tire or Mark's Work Warehouse and making a donation.

Canadian Tire owner David Dunseath is an avid supporter of the Jumpstart program.

"When you look at how does hav-

Canadian Tire's David Dunseath (right) and local Jumpstart chair Michael Penner invite you to the Jumpstart Day carnival at the store this Saturday.

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ing a child in sports and recreation help them later in life, it's amazing," he says, noting studies have shown, for example, that active kids have lower rates of divorce in adulthood and a much higher chance of pursuing post-secondary education.

"So there's a lot of benefits of being part of a team as a kid ... it benefits them later in life. But if they don't have the money to do it, then they're not going to learn those really needed skills that you can use to get along with people and progress in life."

Dunseath notes that the local Jumpstart chapter has struggled to reach out to the families who could most use their help.

They've partnered with community organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters, KidSport, Regional Connections, and the local recreation departments to ensure every child who wants to participate is able to do so.

"I think it's cool that we have a place in Winkler that people can go to anonymously and get the help they need to get their kids involved," says Dunseath.

If you'd like to learn more about how the Jumpstart program works, go to

jumpstart.canadiantire.ca or contact your local recreation programmer.

The Jumpstart Day carnival, meanwhile, takes place at the Winkler Canadian Tire parking lot on Saturday, May 27 from noon until 3 p.m.

Our mistake

A May 18 story on the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's upcoming season incorrectly referred to one of their new events as "Cowboys and Chaps Days."

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Chaps, which runs July 15 and Aug. 14. Visitors those days are invited to come explore the museum decked out in their favorite western clothes.

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Welcome to the Matrix?

Lately I have been pondering the idea that we are all living in a computer simulation.

Not in any serious way, like Elon Musk, but maybe semi-seriously. I wonder at the concept as more of a thought exercise than anything else.

Today I am sitting on the porch writing this and it is as close to a perfect evening as it could get.

The sun has just set and it is warm with just a hint of a breeze; there are no bugs to speak of; a warm orange glow suffuses the sky and glints off of the few clouds that are out. It is perfect.

Maybe a little too perfect. I am generally an optimist but when things are going really well I can start

to become suspicious. I wonder at why things are going so well—as if the shoe is about to drop. I suspect some outside influence is directing things—as if I am being setup.

This is when thoughts of living inside the Matrix come to mind. Of course this is actually a pretty ego-centric line of thinking. If I am living inside of a simulation then maybe the whole thing centres around me. I mean, I cannot really prove you exist outside of my own senses, so maybe you are all there to make the simulation convincing.

It's ridiculous and more telling of my own narcissism than the reality of my simulation theme.

Some people's talk of a simulated reality (oxymoron alert) is meant as another way of dismissing the idea of God.

"Aha!" they say in a moment of eureka. "You see: there is no need for an external deity because we are all just lines of programming in an advanced alien computer program."

Of course all this does is push the idea of God one generation past us, but this is not something that is gen-

erally mentioned.

No, I find it difficult to believe I exist inside of a simulation, as perfect as this evening is. There is too many glitches outside of this evening to convince me that this is all artificial. Any intelligence that could write such elegant computer code as to create self-aware sentient life should be able to handle programming errors like tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, death, disease and suffering, etc.

And if they can handle it and we really are in a simulation? Well, the alternative is too disturbing to consider in the space of a fluffy column like this one.

In this instance perhaps it is best to live in blissful ignorance, as the saying goes. Perhaps it is best to simply not concern ourselves with who is or is not pulling our strings.

Why worry about whether I am writing this or someone or something else is writing this through me or it is just the result of some automated code on a celestial super computer somewhere ... at the end of it all, it is still a perfect evening.



By Peter Cantelon

> BAILEY NEUFELD, FROM PG. 2

Neufeld plans to turn that passion into a career by studying psychology at the University of Manitoba.

"I feel like it's the best way that I can help people," he said. "It's a career that I can focus around my interests and then just be there to support other people and their well-being, whether I'm a school psychologist helping students or a clinical psychologist helping patients."

Receiving such a significant financial boost certainly takes some of the stress out of attending school.

"And since I've been involved so much it kind of reinforces everything that I have done and it encourages me to be involved in university as well," Neufeld said.

A DIFFICULT DECISION

The foundation received 28 applications for the Make It a Reality Scholarship, which was narrowed to

five finalists.

Picking a winner was a challenge, admitted selection committee and foundation board member Corey Hildebrand.

"We were not expecting that many kids at all. We were wondering what to do with all this money that we had," he said. "But clearly there was some engagement from our community and our students, and we very much value that."

Fellow scholarship committee member Gary Gilmour reflected that the sheer number of students going above and beyond to give back to the community is heartening.

"We were looking for high degrees of community involvement and we had that from a lot of applicants," he said. "Those [finalist] interviews were five very impressive young people. Those were not easy decisions at all."

Selecting this award winner is just

one decision of many the scholarship committee has had to make recently.

Including the Make It A Reality Scholarship, the foundation will be distributing 29 awards this year from the Gordon Wiebe Education Fund, totalling \$61,000. Additional recipients will be announced in the coming months.

The fund was made possible thanks to a \$2.2 million bequest from the late Winkler pharmacist, who wanted to leave a legacy that made post-secondary education more accessible for local students.

"It was his wish that these awards make life dreams possible for young people who demonstrate commitment to community service," said Cardona.

"We are confident that [Neufeld] is living proof that Gordon's vision and legacy are alive and strong in Winkler's next generation."

Winkler Dog Park hosts BBQ Saturday

By Lorne Stelmach

A community group has their sights set on getting a Winkler dog park in place this year.

Fundraising efforts continue for the project, with another set for this Saturday in Winkler Park.

The fundraiser goes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include a barbecue lunch with food and drinks from Winkler Co-op, a silent auction, dog costume contest, \$5 nail trims, and homemade dog treats. The Pembina Valley Humane Society will also be on hand to raise awareness about the dogs in their care.

Organizers hope the event will get them a little closer to the \$15,000 needed to have the park up and run-

ning.

"We would really like to see it up by the end of the summer," says representative Trudy Wall. "It all depends on how we do with our fundraisers and if enough corporate sponsorship comes through."

Wall estimates they have raised \$6,500 so far thanks to a major \$5,000 boost from Peavey Mart.

"We've made a good dent in it," she says, further explaining that city council supports the project but wanted the funding for it to be a community-driven initiative.

"Originally there was a piece of land just south on 14th St. that the city was proposing, but we had couple different bumps along that road," Wall notes. They are now working on a lo-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Supporters and their canine companions checked out the future location of the Winkler Dog Park last week. The group is holding a major fundraiser this Saturday in Winkler Park in the hopes of getting a bit closer to their \$15,000 goal.

cation north of Hwy. 14 near the water treatment plant. "The city donated the land and it is up to us to fundraise for the fencing ... as well we're hoping to get some benches and some trees up in the park."

Knowing how well the Morden dog park has been used—including by many Winklerites who make the trip to enjoy it—Wall says it's clear there's a very real need here as well.

"We do have over 200 dogs registered in Winkler ... and there is, I'm sure, many more who aren't registered," she says. "It would be a really nice place to have for the dogs to

socialize with one another ... just let them go off leash and get their exercise ... for them to socialize at an earlier age, it really is beneficial."

It will also promote active living for the dogs' human companions.

"It helps bring the community together," Wall says.

The dog park has an account set up at the Access Credit Union for those who want to support the project. Donation jars are also up at various businesses throughout the city.

You can keep up to date on the project by checking out the Winkler Dog Park Facebook page.

Entrepreneur Boot Camp returns June 5-6

By Lorne Stelmach

An upcoming two day workshop aimed at helping people get their business off the ground or take it to the next level is an opportunity not to be missed.

Many regions of Manitoba don't have the kind of opportunity that is offered through the Pembina Valley Entrepreneur Boot Camp, suggest organizers.

"We're really lucky to have this available here," says Candace Olafson, executive director of the Morden Chamber of Commerce, which is involved in the boot camp along with the Winkler chamber and Heartland Community Futures.

"I think we're very fortunate to have this offered in rural Manitoba ... they want to bring these things outside the perimeter knowing that in rural Manitoba there are many entrepreneurs with drive and skills and great ideas."

Taking place June 5-6 at the RM of Stanley office, the boot camp is aimed at people who are in the early stages of developing and growing their business.

This is the second year it has been offered here, with last year's inau-

"WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THIS OFFERED IN RURAL MANITOBA."

gural workshop attracting six businesses.

Organizers want the boot camp to provide entrepreneurs with the information and tools they need to enhance their business skills. It offers a good forum to sharpen their business direction by learning how to focus on key elements of their business strategy as well as how to communicate those in a compelling way. It is also a chance to network with other entrepreneurs.

"The boot camp is really great for someone in the early entrepreneurial stage with just an idea ... they want to get some help getting a business plan off the ground ... or it could be for an existing business that wants to grow," says Olafson.

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WTA grant gets Indigenous lit into local schools

By Lorne Stelmach

An acclaimed collection of Native Canadian writings will be a small but significant way to introduce more di-

versity into Morden's schools.

A grant allowed the Western Teachers Association to purchase 30 copies of *An Anthology of Canadian Native Literature*.



Twenty years after the publication of the ground-breaking first edition, this fourth collection provides comprehensive coverage of Canadian Indigenous literature in one volume.

"We know that diversity is something that needs to be in our school division ... so this was a way we could provide a different perspective," says Heather Boulet of Minnewasta School and WTA representative. "I hope that it provides the students with a different perspective ... and know that we are here to accept everyone no matter their differences."

Emphasizing the importance of oral tradition, the anthology offers a diverse selection of songs, short stories, poems, plays, letters and essays written by First Nations, Inuit, and Metis authors across Canada.

Boulet notes the teachers' association consulted with the English department at Morden Collegiate to come up with ideas of what they

would like to have, and there was particularly interest in something related to native issues.

"Diversity is a big topic right now, so we thought providing them with some books that cover some diversity topics would be important," she says, adding it is a benefit as well that the

collection includes a great variety of genres and writing styles "We have a little more than a class set, as well, so they will be able to use it in multiple classrooms."

"There is a push for diversity right now," agrees Lisa Penner, who teaches English at Morden Collegiate.

"We found that with

all the newcomers coming in ... perhaps native issues can get pushed to the background," she adds. "I hope the students get a better understanding of a different culture ... perhaps this will break down some of the stereotypes as well."

"DIVERSITY IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE IN OUR SCHOOL DIVISION ..."

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BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Western School Division teachers Lisa Penner and Heather Boulet with one of the 30 copies of *An Anthology of Canadian Native Literature* now available to students at Morden Collegiate.

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Prizes up for grabs in biz pitch competition

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ment, but that could be instrumental in "really focusing and working on your business," she suggests.

"We have some mentors who come as well ... local business people who can provide advice or answer questions," Olafson adds.

Led by Jan Lederman, president of Innovate Manitoba Inc., day one of the program will have participants take part in an interactive workshop that covers five key areas startups need to consider: products, customers, markets, business models, and management teams.

Day two then moves on to learning how to make an effective business pitch as well as offering one-on-one business mentoring sessions. Participants then compete in a business pitch competition to receive feedback and a chance to win prizes.

The first five camp registrants have the chance to have their registration fee paid by Heartland Community Futures. Otherwise, it is \$175 for the first person from a company and \$75 for additional attendees.

For more information or to register, you can follow the link at the chamber websites or go to www.innovatemanitoba.com.



Students talk mental health at NPC's MILE 5 program

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Students at Northlands Parkway Collegiate got an in-depth look at mental health last week.

A Gr. 11 health class at the school took part in Canadian Mental Health Association's Mental Illness Literacy Education five-day program (MILE 5).

The course, which has been used by schools in Winnipeg for a few years now, recently began venturing out into rural areas to better inform students about mental illness, explained CMHA community educator Brent Robertson.

"The main goal of the program is to increase mental health awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage students who are dealing with mental illness to seek help," he said.

Each day of the week focused on a different aspect of the topic, starting with going over different kinds of mental illnesses and moving into addressing misconceptions about mental health, doing exercises that mimic symptoms of schizophrenia, and hearing from guest speakers about their personal experiences.

NPC teacher Jo Voth felt the program lined up perfectly with the curriculum in the Gr. 11 health course.

Speaking to the *Voice* four days into the program, he said it was clear students were having their minds broadened by the experience.

"The most impressive thing to me has been the empathy that has come out through the questions that the kids have had for Brent and also for our guest speaker who came in today," Voth said. "I was impressed with the complexity of the questions and the empathy that was obvious in the way the questions were asked, trying to gain understanding about various mental illnesses that we were learning about."

"I think it was really good to have just that warm environment and empathic environment being on display for everyone in the class," he added. "You never know how many students are suffering from mental illness or trying to figure their way through

hardships."

That's certainly one of the lessons student Teresa Janzen took away from the week.

"There's a lot of people with mental illness. A lot of people perceive it as something only a few people have, but in reality a lot of people are struggling with it," she said.

"There's always this stigma and this view that people with mental illness are not to be trusted upon or they're mentally not accepted into society ... we have to learn to understand where they come from, understand what they're going through, and just be there for them."

Classmate Demaris Guenther said the audio hallucination exercise was an especially eye-opening activity.

In it, a student would try to hold a conversation with another while a third student, representing the voices a schizophrenic might hear in their head, distracted them with nonsensical questions and orders.

"I think it just makes you understand that they're not trying to ignore you, they just have

something else going on inside their head and they're trying to focus on both but they can't," said Guenther.

"It was extremely hard," chimed in Shaylean Miller on the experience. "You were getting very distracted ... I just couldn't even understand what she was saying."

Thursday's guest speaker gave the kids a first-hand account of the impact mental illness—in her case, depression—can have on a person's life.

It changed how Guenther looks at the issue.

"Understanding mental illnesses better and accepting them more and



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE
NPC's Jo Voth (right) with Canadian Mental Health Association community educator Brent Robertson, who spent last week delivering the MILE 5 program on mental health to Gr. 11 students at the school.

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trying to see it from their view more often," she said of what she'll take away from the course.

"And being there for those who need it, as in a friend or just listening to them," added Janzen, "because sometimes all they need is someone to talk to."

Robertson said these kinds of responses are exactly what they're hoping for.

Pre- and post-course testing show the program has a notable impact on the youth who take part.

"There's also kind of the first-hand impact that I've seen where I've personally seen students who have become more confident talking about men-

tal illness," Robertson said. "I've seen students who have changed their attitudes just in the five days that I've been in that classroom."

"The future of the program is kind of uncertain in terms of what form it will take, but I believe that the results ensure that this will be something that is going to continue on."

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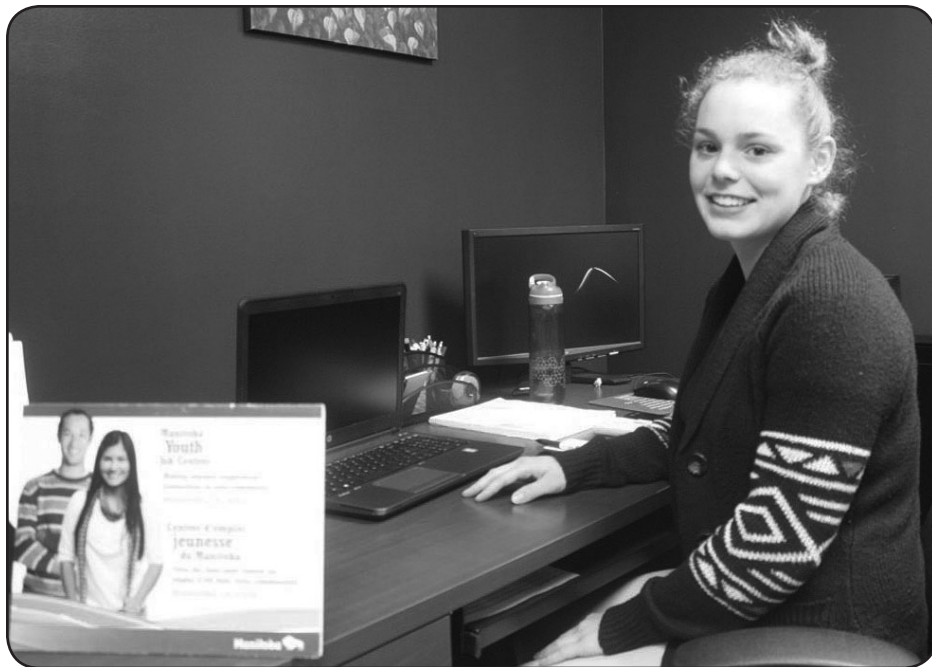
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Headed up by Natasha Penner (right) in Morden and Esther Schwarzkopf (left) in Winkler, the Manitoba Youth Job Centres are officially open for the season.



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Youth job centres open for business

By Lorne Stelmach

Chances are good that local youth who want work this summer will be able to find it.

Representatives of the Manitoba Youth Job Centres in both Winkler and Morden say they are hopeful it will be a busy few months for them.

"We already have a few job orders placed ... so it's a good start so far," says Natasha Penner, youth engagement leader at the Morden centre. "I think Morden is a good community for this ... I think it will be a very good summer."

"I'm very optimistic for this season," agrees Esther Schwarzkopf at the

Winkler office.

This is the 42nd year for the seasonal summer job centres in the province.

The aim is simply to meet the employment needs of students and youth as well as the needs of employers who have vacant positions or need short term help.

The centres are a free referral service for those looking to hire, whether it is for full-time, part-time or even just casual work.

Youth over the age of 12 can register with the centres, which also offer help in other areas such as resumé writing and job interview skills.

"To me, it's about getting the youth

engaged in the workforce," says Schwarzkopf.

"Many of them don't have a lot of work experience ... many of them are looking for their first jobs ... many of

these youth don't have any prior work experience, which makes it hard for them to get their first job," she says.

For younger kids, the centre's Odd Job Squad can help them take their first steps into the workforce.

"They can come and work for a couple of hours and they gain some work experience," Schwarzkopf says.

"For the first time this year, we're also offering a first-time job experi-

ence certificate program, which is a one day event where I teach them the basics of how to be successful at a job," she adds.

"We cater to all interests and all capabilities. You need no experience ... just come in here with a good attitude," stresses Penner.

The Winkler MYJC, located in city hall, hosts an open house on May 30 over the noon hour. Morden does the same on June 7 from 4-6 p.m. at its space in the Morden chamber of-

office downtown.

You can also reach the centres at 204-823-2423 or 204-332-0971.

"WE ALREADY HAVE A FEW JOB ORDERS PLACED ... SO IT'S A GOOD START SO FAR."

Winkler festival unveils varied stage lineup

By Ashleigh Viveiros

We're two and a half months and counting to the 2017 Winkler Harvest Festival & Exhibition and the main stage entertainment is already firmed up.

Earlier this spring, the festival committee announced Aerosmith Rocks, Gord Bamford, and Hawk Nelson as the headliners for the Aug. 11-13 community celebration.

Last week they unveiled the rest of the lineup.

Opening for the Aerosmith tribute show on the Friday night will be

Winkler's Musical All-Stars featuring Jayme Giesbrecht and friends followed by country group The Hunter Brothers.

"So we're going from kind of a jazzy, blues type show to country to classic rock," says festival director Deb Penner. "But that's okay. I think at an outdoor festival like this it can go every which way and people can come and go based on their interests. It might actually be a really good formula."

Taking the stage Saturday prior to Bamford's show will be Winnipeg comedian Big Daddy Tazz followed

by Ed Wayne and the North Border Band.

Finally, rounding out Sunday will be The Boy and the Sea and Flood the Stone opening for Hawk Nelson.

Also confirmed is Safari Jeff as the festival's main children's performer.

Safari Jeff will bring his menagerie of live reptiles and hands-on educational activities to the children's tent.

"This guy's travelled the world learning about animals and collecting some of his own pets and animals to show off," Penner says. "He calls his shows 'edu-tainment' ... he's really, really hands-on and I think he's go-

ing to be very popular."

Bringing a live show like this to the children's area is something new to the festival.

"My vision for the festival as it grows is to keep adding little stages and entertainment areas like this," Penner says. "So we have the main stage and we have the showcase stage and now this is the beginning of the third stage kind of area."

In other festival news, the entry form for the Saturday morning parade is available now online at www.winklerharvestfestival.com. The application deadline is Aug. 1.

Back 40 to fill park with music June 4

By Lorne Stelmach

Musicians lined up for next Sunday's Back 40 Folk Festival in Morden agree on the appeal of this kind of event.

The beauty of such a venue is the opportunity to be more intimate and interactive with the crowd, says headliner Joey Landreth.

"It's really nice to have that community feeling as opposed to club shows," says the singer and guitarist who will head up the Joey Landreth Trio as one of the main acts for this 28th edition of the festival.

"There's nothing more fun than playing in front of a huge crowd, but there's also a certain disconnect that you get," he says. "It's nice to be able to see people's faces and hear them."

"And also I'm a Manitoba guy, so anywhere in the outdoors ... I feel comfortable and at home."

"It's always great to play at the Back 40 with the local crowd," agrees Link Neufeld, who will share the stage with Steve Dueck as Reckless Tram and the Frying Pan.

"The atmosphere there is good ... it's always a good crowd that enjoys good music," says Neufeld, who has played the festival a number of times, including as Link and the Moustaches.

As a local musician, he appreciates the opportunity offered by the Back 40 to play along with some bigger Manitoba acts.

"When some get to play who aren't maybe as known ... it's a great mix," he says. "And the Back 40 is just great hosts for musicians ... they always just do a great job."

Festival chairperson Janessa Kehler says offering that kind of variety has always been a key part of their mission to keep homemade music the focus of the event.

"We always try to make sure we highlight local musicians and give them a chance to perform," she says. "We also like to get a few people from outside the area that people maybe have never heard before ... so it's a mix of both, that's what we always aim to do."

"We also aim to be family friendly, so there's something for all ages," adds Kehler, who believes that has contributed to building their following now for almost three decades.

"We have some pretty loyal people

who come out every year ... you see a lot of the same groups," she says. "And one of the unique things about this festival and the size of it is the interaction you can get between the audience and artist."

Having gone through a bit of a renewal in the last year with a number of new directors coming on board, Kehler suggests they are in good shape to keep the festival moving forward.

"Last year, we were just getting our bearings ... we feel more comfortable now ... and a lot of the board members are musicians as well ... it's been really fun to work together and put these events on."

QUITE A LINEUP

The musical lineup for this year is as diverse as ever, starting with the aforementioned Joey Landreth Trio.

The singer and guitarist from The Brothers Landreth offers a bluesy wail of electric guitars and vocal prowess.

He played here a couple years ago with the Brothers Landreth, and he says their fans can expect much of the same from the trio.

"It's not a grand departure from what the Brothers Landreth are doing. It's a slight turn. It's a slightly more guitar driven-show ... there's still a lot of musicianship," he says.

The trio started up as an avenue for him to keep playing while the group sought a break from the pressure of touring.

"The whole idea of it was to create another outlet ... it's not necessarily a side project."

As for Reckless Tram and the Frying Pan, Neufeld and Dueck have been playing together for years, first in Link and the Moustaches and now as a blues duo.

Neufeld's harmonica and Dueck's guitar mesh together for dynamic and expressive versions of their favorite blues.

"We like to play the old blues that



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The Back 40 Festival takes over Morden Park on Sunday, June 4.

we love ... like the old post war-blues ... that's the kind of stuff that we really enjoy," says Neufeld.

Another headline act will be Sweet Alibi, who since 2009 have been charming audiences with their personal performances that mix elements of folk, roots and country into pop.

Also set to perform are:

- Bill Dowling and the Even Breaks: a popular local songwriter performing original songs that tell life's stories in a folksy, gritty, rough and ready style.
- Lakes and Pines: a local band who bring a wide array of sounds to the table while staying true to their folk roots.
- Dan and Laurel: offering broad influences ranging from folk, classical, old time and Celtic to gospel, jazz, vintage country, rock, blues, and bluegrass.

• Sol James: Winnipeg-based Sol James is a force to be reckoned with and a voice to match, bringing a unique take on roots and blues with a soulful flair.

Also taking to the stage is the songwriters workshop at midday and local up and comers Paige Drobot, Donovan Giesbrecht, and Karl Redding performing in between headline acts throughout the day.

The schedule also has Sheena Kil-

patrick from Harmony Tree Studio leading Yoga in the Bowl at 10 a.m. with live music by cellist Melanie Schwarz.

There will also be an afternoon full of interactive activities in the kids' tent, and artisans from across the province will be selling a variety of crafts and handmade items in the festival market in partnership with the Pembina Hills Art Council.

"We're hoping we have more food vendors ... we had a few drop off last year," notes Kehler.

She encourages festival-goers to consider getting in on the Fill The Bowl campaign by purchasing groups of tickets in advance.

"Our Fill the Bowl this year is a discounted ticket ... if you want to buy a ten pack, the

tickets are cheaper," she says, noting it costs \$150. To purchase, call 204-362-7038 or e-mail info@back40folkfest.com.

Individual advance tickets are \$20. Admission at the gate is \$25. Kids 12 and under get in for free. New this year is a student rate of \$10 available only at the gate with appropriate identification.

Advanced tickets can be purchased at Whitecap Coffee in Winkler, Thornview Grocery in Morden, or online at www.back40folkfest.com.

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Citizens on Patrol looking for volunteers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's Citizen on Patrol program is looking for people interested in being an extra pair of eyes and ears for local police after dark.

The program, which last week received its annual \$4,500 operations cheque from the Winkler Police Service, currently has about 20 active members, says coordinator Dustin Brown.

"We take turns in pairs of two. Sometimes we have one car out, sometimes two. It depends on the night," he says, noting member spend their nights on duty patrolling the city and calling in anything suspicious they see to police.

"There's a lot of things that you don't know happens unless you are out at that time of night," says Brown. "Suspicious activity, suspicious ve-

hicles, impaired driving, things like that. Mischief."

Citizens on Patrol have been on duty in Winkler since the late '90s. In that time, they've helped police out on an awful lot of cases, says Chief Rick Hiebert.

"We can't police a community like this just by ourselves. So whether it's the public or the COP program that helps, [providing] eyes and ears, is huge," he says.

"They've helped us solve a lot of crimes and I'm hoping it's also a big deterrent. People know that they're out there and any ordinary vehicle could be one of them driving around reporting to us," Hiebert says.

"It's just an all together group effort to keep our community safe.

"We're just really appreciative that there's people that are willing to volunteer their time and take that step

"THEY'VE HELPED US SOLVE A LOT OF CRIMES ..."



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Winkler Police Chief Rick Hiebert presents Citizens on Patrol coordinator Dustin Brown with a cheque for \$4,500 to fund the program.

forward and help us out," he adds. "They're sacrificing an evening, a night, and maybe losing some rest for the next day ... it's a big contribution, but it shows that people care."

COPP volunteers do what they do because they want to help make the community safe for everyone, explains Brown.

"I think it's just a sense of giving back to the community and feeling

safe for their families," he says.

If you'd like to get involved, stop by the Winkler chamber office in City Hall for an application.

Brown says they're looking for people who are "willing to give a little bit of time back, who can function after dark. That's about it."

You'll also need to pass a criminal record check and take part in an orientation session.

WFRC hosts Teddy Bear Picnic June 3

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The fifth annual Winkler Teddy Bear Picnic takes over Bethel Heritage Park next weekend.

Hosted by the Winkler Family Resource Centre, this free family celebration gives kids a chance to interact

with health care professionals in a casual, non-intimidating environment, explains WFRC executive director Cathy Savage.

"It's great for kids just to have a positive first experience with one of these professionals," she says. "It's a really fun setting and a nice way to ease

your child into getting used to seeing some of these professionals without actually being in the real clinic or dentist's office."

The Teddy Bear Clinic will span the park and include local dentists, optometrists, pharmacists, nurses, and doctors all ready to diagnose and

treat whatever ails a child's favourite doll or stuffed friend.

"The kids really enjoy it," Savage says. "It's such a fun way to be introduced to some of these professions."

Also on tap that day are Celtic dance performances from DanceWorks students, music from Tom McDermott, a presentation from Music for Young Children, and a visit from a pair of popular cowpokes courtesy of Heather's Pretty Parties.

There will also be face painting, a carnival games area hosted by Royal Bank, representatives from the local police, fire, and ambulance services giving kids tours of their emergency vehicles and talking about their work, and a fundraising barbecue featuring hot dogs, chips, and drinks.

Thanks to a grant from the Winnipeg Goldeyes, WFRC will be giving away a free gift to every child who visits their booth, says Savage.

"Stop by our tent and they'll receive a book bag and a free book," she says.

The fun gets going at 11 a.m. and wraps up at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3.



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The Teddy Bear Clinic at Winkler's Teddy Bear Picnic gives kids a safe space to interact with local medical professionals, including nurses (left), dentists (right), optometrists, doctors, and pharmacists.

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Valley Fiber breaks ground on fibre optic network

By Lorne Stelmach

Work officially started Friday on making the City of Winkler a technological hub with a complete fibre optic network that will provide it with better and faster internet service.

Officials with Valley Fiber were excited to see their fibre optic network get started with the installation of the first of many feet of infrastructure in the city.

"We've kind of likened it a little bit to almost finally giving birth ... now we're here and actually in the field deploying it," said CEO Hank Wall as work got underway at the intersection of Hwy. 428 and Red Hawk Trail north of Northlands Parkway Collegiate. "This is the start of the next generation of economic development ... the tech industry in the region."

The Valley Fiber project will involve an individual fibre optic line soon being brought to every home and business within city limits.

It has been estimated the cost of the initial build-out will be in the range of \$15 million and that it could be done within three years.

It is touted as being able to offer the highest performance and reliability possible through underground infrastructure and individual dedicated lines to every property.

This could make Winkler the Silicon Valley of southern Manitoba and Wall has been asked by many people: Why in Winkler?

"We consistently just keep answer-

ing why not Winkler?" he said. "We can do this here ... we're extremely proud and we're extremely happy to be able to keep the community focus."

The project got a big boost when the City of Winkler committed to pay for the routing of the proposed fibre optic lines to every facility that the city owns—representing a half million dollar commitment—and also designated property for Valley Fiber to use for its data centre.

"They've been very passionate about making this very accessible by everybody," Wall said.

He said they have made enough progress to date to push ahead with construction.

"We've had some good success in raising funds. We're moving forward on the production ... there's a lot of details still to be worked out as far as final layouts ... we're able to start this project."

The company is currently eyeing a special provincial tax credit that would be available for those who invest in the project, Wall noted.

"We're still looking at about \$15 million ... we're well on our way on raising the funds for the \$10 million to be able to offer the provincial tax credit."

Wall said the fibre optic installation will initially cross west from the starting point on Hwy. 428 into the Rosebrook development as its test rollout of the service.

"Everything has to wait for the central office to be live before we can do any of the hookups," he noted.



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Valley Fiber broke ground on its first stretch of optic cable last week.

"We've started working on our central office ... it will take us about a month or so to finish the buildout ... to get us over to where our central office will be located ... should be completed by the end of July ... which means by the end of July we'll finish our testing in Rosebrook.

"We're hoping end of July, early August to start getting a large portion of the northern segment of Winkler here live and up and running," he continued. "So essentially everything north of Hwy. 14 and west of the 428 here is going to be our initial target market ... from there, we'll be cross-

ing the highway at multiple different points and bringing that initial distribution into the core of Winkler."

Wall added they will be providing more information to the community soon through a website as well as a social media campaign.

"It will be free to access if you get us when we're coming by," he stressed in encouraging residents to hook up when the installation comes their way in the future.

"And we will be very aggressively priced ... so faster, cheaper, better and dedicated," he said.

Winkler PD mourning loss of Tika

The Winkler Police Service lost one of their own this spring.

The department confirmed last week that police service dog Tika had passed away in March after a relatively rapid decline in health and a series of health related complications. She was 10 years old.

Tika became Winkler's first police dog in 2010 when she was assigned to her partner, Cst. Arnie Klassen.

Tika and Klassen specialized in drug

detection and were also a fixture at local schools and community events where they talked to kids about police work and displayed Tika's drug finding abilities.

"During her years of service, PSD Tika earned a stellar reputation within the Winkler Police Service for her hard work and countless successes in locating controlled substances," the department said in a statement. "She also became a dear friend to all of our

staff and their families.

"PSD Tika was an important member of our community and will be greatly missed by all."

The department is currently working on securing a new police service dog.

Tika served as Winkler's drug detection dog for seven years before her death this spring.

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Volunteers prepare space for butterfly garden

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Many hands made light work of the Winkler Horticulture Society's fence building project last week.

On May 16, two dozen volunteers came out to help install privacy slats in the chain link fence adjacent to the future home of the society's first butterfly garden.

"We're fulfilling a dream of building a butterfly garden ... everything looks pretty much disorganized right now, but it's all a work in progress," said project organizer Martha Bergman as she surveyed the greenspace carved out for the garden on the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre grounds.

Closing off the neighbouring fence will do more than provide privacy for the garden, Bergman noted.

"It will also provide shelter for the butterflies," she said, adding that they've selected plants to attract and nurture monarch butterflies and nine other colourful species.

"It began with the dream for the monarch butterfly because they are an endangered species ... but then

other butterflies can certainly benefit from it," Bergman said. "We really just wanted to have a place where we can preserve and protect nature."

Volunteers will be planting a variety of species of grasses and plants within the next several weeks designed to beautify the space and attract butterflies.

"It's all local prairie plants, native to this area," explained fellow project leader Tanya Wainio. "We've done a lot of research in this area figuring out which are the host plants and which are the nectar plants for the different butterflies."

The garden was originally supposed to be on another piece of city-owned land, but when that site became unavailable this new space was put forward as the perfect replacement.

"The city helped us locate a piece of land that would not be disturbed where we could make a permanent garden site," said Bergman. "We quite like this place because it's also very sheltered, and that is what we need for the butterflies. It's also a nice traffic area—foot traffic and visitors to



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

A couple dozen volunteers came out to the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre grounds last week to help install privacy fencing around the future home of the city's new butterfly garden.

the park and pool.

"It's just going to be another place where people can go for a walk and enjoy the beauty of nature and hopefully enjoy the butterflies that will come to live here."

While the garden itself will be completed this summer, it's expected the first butterflies likely won't make an appearance until next year.

"I think this summer it'd be a piece of luck if we would see any butterflies because our plants are going to be so young and the butterflies are well into their development stages by now," said Bergman. "It's better for us to think of next year where we'll be attracting butterflies as more realistic. I think we look at this year as a building year."

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Are you planning on spending some quality time with your family this summer? No matter what your destination, the length of the trip, or the age of your children, the success of this adventure depends on rock solid organization. Route, documents, insurance — everything has to be in order before departure day. Try and do your packing well in advance so that no essentials are forgotten, such as bathing suits, eyeglasses, and passports for crossing the border into the United States. Make sure all the necessary reservations have been made for lodgings (hotel, motel, cabin, campground) and activities (zoo, day trip, amusement park).

Because the weather doesn't always cooperate, be sure to have a few backup plans in place. You might want to scout out the nearest movie theatre, bowling alley, and shopping centre, for example. This will help you avoid unhappy faces and grumpy moods. Keep in mind that travelling with children is a totally different ball game than travelling as a couple. This applies to both budget and activities for the road trip and once you've arrived at your destination. You may think that admiring the beautiful countryside along the way is a nice way to pass the time, but your children are unlikely to feel the same way! Be sure to plan some

activities for the car ride. Although you might want to travel as light as possible, don't skimp on "survival material": snacks, notebooks and pencils, books, toys, portable DVD player and movies, and game console or tablet. Plan to do some singing together and brush up on your guessing games; these are great ways to help an impatient child endure the last few dozen miles of a long trip. Just remember that the chances of your family vacation being a successful one will multiply exponentially if you create a fun and relaxed atmosphere as soon as you leave home. Have a great holiday!

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Feats of strength, wrestling, hockey tournaments, kids activities, and more are back for the 2017 edition of the Morden Block Party next weekend.

Morden is ready to party

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Morden Block Party has become a popular tradition for the community.

It has come a long ways from its simple beginnings in 2007, observes organizer James Steedsman of Giant Tiger.

“The original intent was for it to be a thank you to our customers,” says Steedsman, who started it along with Jeff Sit of Velocity when they decided to join forces after each doing small events on their own.

“Eventually we started to get other businesses involved ... and Youth for Christ then came on board. We realized we could actually do it as a fundraiser as well.

“Since then, it’s kind of grown into quite a significant event where we can raise some money for YFC ... but also more businesses have gotten involved ... so we can promote our business community a little bit better as well.”

The event, which has collectively raised over \$35,000 since its inception, will this year again feature many of the same popular attractions when it takes over the central downtown area on Saturday, June 3.

Two of the most popular events are always the car show and the burnout competition.

Back as well is the Mighty Man competition, which is expanding to include a women’s division this time around.

“That’s always a good draw,” says

Steedsman, who points out so, too, is the Canadian Wrestling’s Elite matches. “They’ve kind of ramped up their card a little bit, so they’re bringing in some of their bigger superstars ... they’re doing about a two hour live event.”

The day will also include a three-on-three hockey tournament, a dodgeball competition, and a kid’s play area with performances by a magician and Lulu and the Tomcat.

Youth for Christ will be setting up the barbecues for its fundraising meal, and people will also have the opportunity to support the Pembina Valley Humane Society.

“There’s a lot going on ... there’s something for families, for everyone really ... even if people just want to go and spend the day downtown,” says Steedsman.

He is pleased that after a decade the Block Party has become as well established as it is.

“I think as businesses came to realize what it was about, more and more people wanted to jump on board.

“It’s kind of become way bigger than we ever thought it would be. We just thought of it as between the two of us, maybe somebody else might want to come on board, and we would just do a few little things,” Steedsman notes. “It’s grown into this huge thing where we now have a committee ... there were about a dozen people at our meeting ... so it’s grown quite a bit.”

Learn more about the Morden Block Party on its Facebook page.

Why Are Chimps and Humans Similar?

from *Creation Moments Radio Program*

Mark 7:37

And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.



Why are chimps so similar to humans? They have five fingers on each hand, like we do, and five toes on each foot. They have facial expressions a bit like us.

Chimps are probably the animals most similar in appearance to us. However, there are many other similarities among animals. Many animals, for example, have five sets of bones in their hands, front paws, flippers, or, in the case of bats, their wings. Why do these similarities occur? Is it because we have evolved from a common ancestor, as the evolutionists suggest?

Suppose you see two cars in a parking lot, and they were both made by the same auto manufacturer. Even though they are different models, they may have a lot

of things in common. They will have the same logo or badge. They may have similar shaped bodies or hoods. And these similarities extend to other vehicles from other manufacturers, as most cars will have four wheels and a steering wheel. Have they all evolved from a common ancestor? Of course not. They have been made by the same design team, or by similar designers, for similar conditions. We do not assume that they have evolved.

In the same way, chimps and humans have not evolved from a common ancestor. They were created by a common designer, as were all the other animals. If chimps look more similar to us than other animals, it is because the purpose for which they were designed by God requires them to have such similarities.

Prayer: We love the way You have created all the other creatures of the world, Father. Thank You for making chimpanzees, as a reminder that all we have comes from You, and was created for Your Glory.

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Packed-full schedule for Bethel park this summer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Bethel Heritage Park is going to be a hopping place this summer.

The city has unveiled a packed-full lineup of upcoming events for the downtown Winkler park.

Up first is the second year of live theatre in the park Mondays starting at 6:30 p.m. June 5 to Aug. 21 (minus the July and August long weekends).

Kicking things off are the students from DanceWorks and Candlewick Productions, who will bring *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* and the comedy *The Complaint Department and Lemonade* to the park stage June 5 and June 12, respectively.

Following them for the rest of the season are members of the Flatlands Theatre Company performing a variety of classic radio dramas, including *Father Knows Best* (June 19), *Flash Gordon* (July 10 and 24th), *Our Miss Brooks* (July 17 and 31st), *Candy Matson* (Aug. 14), and *Two and One is Awful* (Aug. 21). The June 26 show is still to be determined.

Working from original scripts from the 1930s, '40s, and '50s, the cast have a blast bringing these stories to life, says director Jeanette Hoepfner.

“It has that reader’s theatre style in there but we also have a lot of fun

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Kicking up their heels

DanceWorks students held their annual spring recital "Take Me to the Movies" at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler earlier this month. With close to 400 dancers in 45 different classes, the dances represented included performances of jazz (above), ballet (above, right), hip hop (right), breakdancing, Celtic, contemporary, dance exploration, Latin, musical theatre, salsa, tap, and tiny dancer.

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Lace up for Steps for Pets in Morden June 11

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society hopes Mother Nature will be kinder this year for the organization's Steps for Pets walkathon.

Last summer the annual fundraiser had to be rescheduled due to rain. Although it still managed to bring in about \$11,000, organizers feel the delay may have lost them a few walkers and pledges.

"We're hoping this year the total will go back up," said public relations chair Megan Rodgers, noting Steps for Pets would usually bring in at least

\$13,000 to \$15,000.

"This is our largest fundraiser of the year, so we really require it to be successful in order for us to keep our doors open," Rodgers said in advance of the walkathon set for Saturday, June 10 in Altona at Centennial Park and Sunday, June 11 at Morden Park.

"Just like with anything else in life, costs keep going up ... that's true of particularly our vet expenses," she said. "So more than ever, we need the public to go out and get pledges and come and join us for the walk."

With Access Credit Union now on board as the main event sponsor, the

walkathons get underway with registration at 2:30 p.m. followed by the three kilometre walks starting at 3 p.m. The event wraps up with a free hot dog barbecue for participants.

In addition, Sean Diamond from Diamond in the Ruff Kennels will be on hand in Morden to answer behavioral questions, and there will also complimentary nail trims available.

Each adult participant will receive one entry into a draw for a \$100 gift card for Sawatzky's Furniture for every \$50 in pledges.

The youth with the highest number of pledges in Morden will win a family pack from Rush Laser Tag and a \$25 gift card for Clay Owl. In Altona, the youth prize is a summer pass for the Altona Aquatic Centre.

There will also be prizes for biggest,

smallest, loudest, most energetic, and fluffiest dog at each location.

"People can come and walk with or without a dog," Rodgers said, "but it's always really neat to see the variety of breeds, sizes and colours when everybody comes down to the park bowl before the walk starts."

New to the fundraiser this year is online registration and pledging. Participants can register as an individual or sign up a team. Paper pledge forms can be printed from the website or picked up at a participating retailer.

You can find all the information you need at www.pvhsociety.ca, which is debuting an entirely new look.

"We're very excited," said Rodgers. "It's a fresh, clean new look, and it will also be friendly for mobile devices now."



The Pembina Valley Humane Society's Steps for Pets takes place in Altona June 10 and Morden June 11.

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> BETHEL HERITAGE PARK, FROM PG. 18

breaking out the costumes and really getting into character," she says, noting they also try to incorporate live sound effects wherever they can and even substitute local sponsors for the original in-script advertisements.

The old-school productions were a big hit last summer.

"We had people that were there every single Monday," said Hoepfner. "We're delighted to bring some excitement and laughs on Monday nights and help people ease into the week."

The park also hosts the hugely popular Concerts in the Park program for its fourth year Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. July 6 to Aug. 24.

The schedule includes bluegrass/folk band The Volunteers and folk musicians Jess Reimer and Jeremy Hamm July 6, comedian and magician Greg Wood July 13, the Jayme Giesbrecht Jazz Combo July 20, Christian band The Boy and the Sea July 27, country singer Warren Friesen Aug. 3, blues/rock band The Committee Aug. 10, country/pop artist Lindsay Rae Aug. 17, and children's entertainers Lulu and the Tomcat Aug. 24.

"We have a little bit of everything," says city events coordinator Deb Penner. "I think it's going to be a really great season."

Also back for its second year is the Food Truck Festival.

For three Fridays this summer—June 23, July 21, and Aug. 18—the park will be filled with food vendors to give people a chance to grab a bite to eat while enjoying a bit of fresh air on their lunch hours.

The festival was a success last year, but Penner feels bumping it up to a weekly happening would be too much of a good thing.

"I really think if we did it every week the novelty would wear off," she says, explaining the monthly schedule keeps the event as a special summer activity designed to "pull people out of their offices and give them an opportunity to do something outside. A nice break in the day."

Last year's numbers fluctuated throughout the summer, with the first week especially seeing long lines.

"The first week I was just amazed at how many people we had," Penner says. "But because it was such an unexpected number, the line-ups were a bit long ... it was a little bit of growing pains trying to figure out how it was all going to work, but I think we're ready for this year now ... we all know better what to expect."

The food trucks will be serving up lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Setting up shop all three weeks will be Mr. D23, The Bunker's pulled pork booth, and Roland's Road House. Joining them on June 23 is Pioneer Meats' Smokin' Haut truck.

Penner says these all of these events are bringing hundreds of people to the park each week.

"There's just so much happening there. It's really exciting to see how much it's getting used," she says. "It's becoming this real gathering place for the community."

For more information on any of these events, head to cityofwinkler.ca.

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Household hazardous waste depot opens

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden area residents no longer need to store their household hazardous waste all year long.

A permanent depot is now open two afternoons a week at Municipal Waste Management's facility in the city's industrial park.

Officials say it will be a benefit to the community to have year-round service rather than the one time annual depot that was offered up to now.

"This is going to help prevent this material from going to the landfill as well," suggests Tim Oliver, general manager of MWM. "When we can offer this service on a more regular basis then it gives that freedom for residents to be able to drop it off."

The hours of operation for the depot

are Monday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. at 456 Jefferson Street.

Household hazardous waste covers a broad spectrum of products and materials—everything from paints, aerosol cans and cleaners to corrosive materials, pesticides, fuels and flammables.

People can get more information about the service at the site, notes Oliver.

"It provides information on what is accepted, what is not accepted ... a little bit about the whole program," he says.

With the company handling the city contract for waste, recycling and compost collection, this seemed to be a good fit for them as the next step in providing more service to Morden, Oliver says.

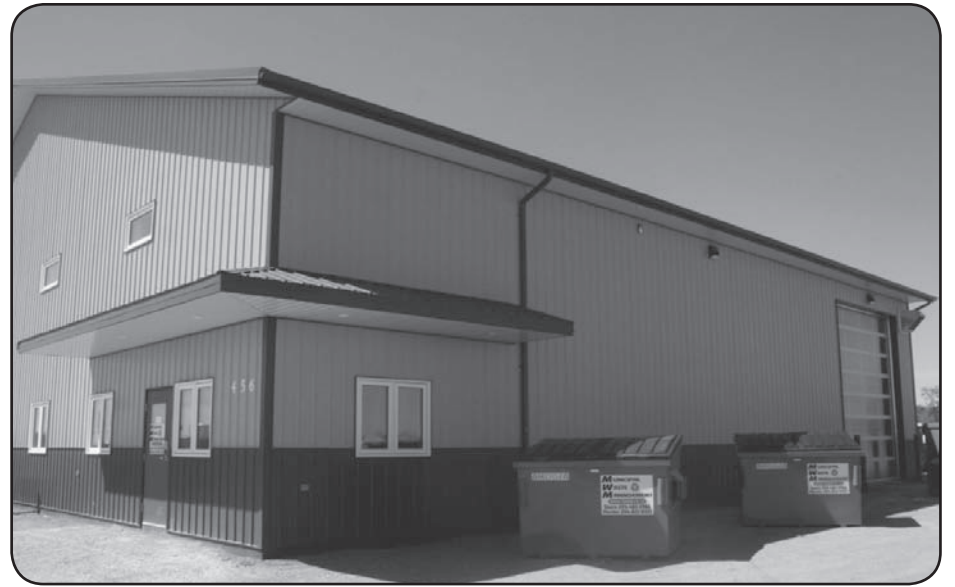


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Municipal Waste Management now offers a year-round household hazardous waste service at its Morden location. The depot is open to the public Monday and Thursday afternoons.

"We want to be the full spectrum provider for any kind of waste and recycling in the area. This was one next step we wanted to go in providing services to residents in the area."

Similar to other recycling programs in Manitoba, this program is funded

by an environmental handling fee applied to the sale of new products to cover the cost of collection, transportation, and recycling. Returned products are transported to an approved facility for processing, treatment, recycling, or proper disposal.

Police donate bike auction proceeds to Bunker, Katie Cares



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The Winkler and Morden police departments distributed the proceeds from the annual police bike auction to two local charities last week. Left: Morden Chief Brad Neduzak presented \$1,300 to Ruth Reimer in support of Katie's Cottage. Above: Winkler Chief Rick Hiebert presented The Bunker's Eldon Shore with \$1,900.



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Border West baseball begins

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In Border West Baseball League action last week, Morden third baseman Emmanuel Lantigua gets the tag on the Whips' Nic Friesen in the two teams' season openers Friday night in Winkler. The Whips got the win 5-3. Morden was hoping to bounce back Tuesday night as they hosted Clearwater. Results were not available at press time. Coming up, Winkler travels to play the Cartwright Twins Friday and then hosts the Pilot Mound Pilots Sunday at 2 p.m. and the Baldur Regals next Tuesday at 7 p.m. The Mohawks, meanwhile, play in Cartwright on Sunday.

Orioles trounce Interlake Blue Jays 18-7

By Lorne Stelmach

The expansion Interlake Blue Jays were just what the Pembina Valley Orioles needed this past week.

Having scored just seven runs through a 1-3 start in their first four games, the Orioles got their bats going last Wednesday against the Blue Jays, who have just returned to the MJBL after leaving the league in 2011.

Pembina Valley cranked out five runs in the first inning and then put the game away with a seven run fifth inning to trounce Interlake 18-7.

"It was not a very good game ... on our part either ... but we played well enough to win," said coach Joe Wiwchar. "We were hitting the ball pretty good though, that's for sure."

Wiwchar liked what he saw from their second pitcher of the game as Tanner Bergman went five innings until the mercy rule kicked in after the Orioles scored two more runs in the sixth.

"He gave up eight hits, but he only gave up one run ... struck out nine and walked two, so that's pretty good."

Starting pitcher Nelson Wilton gave up six runs

on five hits before giving way to Bergman, who also contributed a couple hits. Jordan Riddell had three hits on four at bats with two runs including a double and three RBIs, while Ty Enns and Bobby Matuszewski went two for three as well.

It turned out to be the lone game of the week for Pembina Valley as they had their Monday double-header with the Carillon Sultans at Iles des Chenes rained out.

This week the Orioles are scheduled to face Elmwood in Winnipeg Wednesday before welcoming the Giants to Morden on Friday.

Morden youth vying for MHSRA crown

By Darrell Nesbitt

The main purpose of public speaking from a 4-H perspective is to develop confidence and communication skills in the organization's youth members.

The same can be said for the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association (MHSRA) youth.

"I wanted to try competition from a different aspect," said Morgan Reimer on why she is pushing for the goal of becoming the MHSRA's queen. "I feel by being involved in the competition, it will make me a better public speaker and better upon talking to my peers."

The 17-year-old Morden Collegiate student is up against Stockton's Milagh Sattler for the queen sash and crown.

The winner of the competition to play out as part of the MHSRA's Finals in Swan River June 9-12 will lead the Manitoba contingent to the National High School Rodeo Finals (NHSRF) in Gillette, WY.

Although the queen competition in Canada isn't an elite showcase as seen in the United States, the experience definitely brings out character on and off the stage.

The cowgirl lifestyle, which became an intricate part of Reimer's life at age five, went from a seed to a blos-

som upon watching her elder sister compete as an athlete within the high school rodeo ranks.

"Seeing how much fun she was having, and the lasting friendships being garnered, it definitely made myself pull my hat down tight and join the association initiated in Manitoba 22 years ago," shared Reimer. "Being involved for six years, it has cast more adventures than what I ever expected in signing up."

While she feels the sport shows a person's character, involvement has also taught her responsibility in taking care of more than just herself. The other aspect of the rodeo team in Reimer's life is her horse, a four-legged gift that is cherished in each and every trip made.

Reimer finds goat tying to be a favorite event, as it deals with more than just horse and rider. With competitors not getting the same goat or draw each go, it's not always a given to what gal is going to take top honours and the 10 seasonal points that goes with a first place recording.

Away from rodeo, practice is blended into a very busy home life for the daughter of Steve and Sheila Reimer. Homework is predominant—not unlike any other high school student—but for Reimer her competitive edge is also lent to curling. This spring, she and her teammates made it to the

Morden's Morgan Reimer has thrown her hat into the ring for the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association's title of queen. The winner represents Manitoba at the finals in Wyoming in July.

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inaugural Canadian Under 18 Boys and Girls Curling Championships in Moncton, NB.

To see growth, it takes many hands on deck. For Reimer, she has the Mullin family to thank for showing her how to work well with her horses and pushing her to do things outside of her comfort zone.

"I have been blessed to have the Mullins by my side over the years, but I must say Ray Salmon of Stonewall has helped me the most to grow as a competitor in and out of the arena," Reimer said. "His knowledge of horses has helped me to improve my horsemanship skills, which do play a major role in meeting goals."

While Reimer has attended the ju-

nior high finals back in 2014 in the Iowa city of Des Moines, she is hoping to lead the charge into Wyoming in July as MHSRA Queen.

Should the title go to her rival in Sattler, a 15-year-old, the role of princess in the 2017-18 season, her graduate year, will be an individual accomplishment secured by many alumni.

"Upon graduation, it's my goal to attend university for law," said Reimer. "Oh yes, I must add horses and the cowgirl lifestyle will still enrich my personification, as the rodeo tradition has carved many great athletes here at home and across North America."

Darrell Nesbitt writes from Shoal Lake, Manitoba.

Hurricanes, Storm earn home field wins

The SC Hurricanes added another one to the win column May 17.

In their first home game of the season, the ladies downed SE Reunited 3-1 (at right). Erica Heppner, Emily Harder, and Esther Schwartzkopf all contributed goals.

This week the 'Canes were scheduled to host the Red Hot Pink Flamingos on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up this weekend, the team heads to Steinbach to take on Hanover Elite on Sunday. They also host Fusion next Wednesday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m.

The Winkler Storm also delighted hometown fans with a win, blanking the first-place FCNW Waverley Mitsubishi 6-0 Monday night.

Lukas Schulz and Tobias Marash contributed doubles while Cornelius Siemens and Goran Kucar evened out the score with singles. Mark Neumann was flawless in goal.

The Storm's next game is June 4 in Winkler against Dunvegan Castle at 7 p.m. The evening is sponsored by Decor Cabinets and fans are encouraged to come decked out in the team's colours.



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High school baseball season winding down

At right, a Nighthawk attempts to steal home on the wild throw but is tagged out by the Thunder pitcher in game one of the May 18 double-header. NPC swept the evening with 5-4 and 8-1 wins.

The high school baseball and fast pitch regular seasons wound down last week.

The GVC boys have 10 wins, three loses, and a tie under their belts, while the girls' record was 4-2 before falling 15-13 to the Sabres in the first round of playoffs May 17.

NPC's girls struggled in league play with five straight losses this season, while the boys fared better with a seven wins, six loses, and a tie.

Morden's boys had three wins, nine loses, and two ties, while the girls were 4-2 as they went into the playoffs against Carman last Wednesday. They won that match 8-1.

The boys baseball league playoffs began earlier this week. Results were not available at press time.



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> MEAL IDEAS

Island Fruit Salad

- Servings: 2
 2 tablespoons water
 2 tablespoons coconut sugar
 1/2 lime (1 tablespoon), juiced
 1 1/2 teaspoons rum extract
 2 kiwis, peeled and diced
 1 orange, sectioned and halved
 2 cups seedless watermelon, chopped
 2 teaspoons flaked, sweetened coconut



In small bowl, combine water and coconut sugar; microwave 20 seconds.

Stir to completely dissolve sugar. Let cool. Once cool, add lime juice and rum extract.

In medium bowl, add kiwi, orange and watermelon. Pour rum juice over top and thoroughly toss. Let sit 30 minutes to allow flavors to blend.

Divide fruit salad into two bowls and sprinkle with coconut.

Steel-Cut Oats with Watermelon



- Servings: 2
 1 cup 1 percent milk, plus additional (optional)
 1 cup water
 1/2 cup steel-cut oats
 3/4 cup diced seedless watermelon
 2 tablespoons dried tart cherries or cranberries
 2 tablespoons chopped pecans
 2 tablespoons maple syrup
 In medium saucepan over high heat, bring 1 cup milk and water to gentle boil. Pour in oats. Stir; return to gentle boil then reduce heat to simmer, stirring occasionally, 20-30 minutes.
 While oats are cooking, in small bowl, combine watermelon, dried fruit, nuts and maple syrup.
 Portion out oats and top with watermelon mixture. Add additional milk, if desired.

Watermelon Protein Bites

Recipe courtesy of Anya Shinall of Anya's Eats

- 1 cup pitted dates, soaked
 purified water
 1 1/2 cups sprouted watermelon seeds, divided, plus additional for garnish
 1 tablespoon coconut butter
 1 cup fresh watermelon, chopped
 1/8-1/4 cup roughly chopped beets (optional)
 Chop dates in half.
 Place dates in bowl of purified water and soak 1-2 hours.
 Remove dates from water bowl and place them into food processor.
 Pulse a few times then add 1 cup watermelon seeds, coconut butter and watermelon.
 Add chopped beets, if using.
 Blend until well combined, scraping sides of food processor as you go.
 Add remaining watermelon seeds



- and pulse, leaving some seeds chunky.
 For smoother texture, continue to blend.
 Remove mixture from food processor, place in small bowl and cover, allowing to cool in refrigerator 30 minutes.
 Remove mixture from fridge. With fingertips slightly wet, roll mixture into balls and place on a plate.
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Agriculture

Fourteenth PEDv case found in Manitoba

By Harry Siemens

On May 16, Manitoba's Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Megan Bergmann confirmed positive test results for PEDv at a finisher operation in southeast Manitoba.

This farm is within five kilometres of the three infected farms that were determined to have the disease earlier this month.

According to a statement by Manitoba Pork, the four affected producers during this outbreak have made communication possible by signing a Sharing of Information Waiver.

"We encourage all producers to sign this waiver and provide it to their herd veterinarian and Manitoba Pork ahead of a disease outbreak," said the agency. "This enables quick sharing of information to prevent further spread, as well as more comprehensive support to the affected producer."

In light of this fourth farm within a five kilometre area, Manitoba Pork is encouraging producers within the area to restrict vehicles (staff and service providers) from entering their yards. Signage or temporary barriers should be erected to ensure compliance.

Service providers are encouraged to:

- Contact the barn manager or personnel prior to visiting the site even if you will not be entering the barn.
- Schedule visits to the area last thing of the week, if possible, or at least the last thing of the day, followed by a cleaning and disinfection procedure.
- If it's necessary to visit a site, park at the end of the driveway, put on plastic booties when exiting the vehicle, and remove the booties when returning to the vehicle.
- Minimize the amount of site contact to the essential service areas, only getting out of your vehicle when necessary.

"Only allow essential service providers to visit the site and insist they park at the end of the driveway and wear booties in the yard," said Manitoba Pork. "Push all garbage and deadstock pick-ups to the end of the driveway (if not already in effect) and away from where barn personnel

and visitors will park. Consider liming the driveways between the parking area and the barn—enough space to ensure all livestock and feed trucks entering the yard will get at least a full tire rotation worth of coverage."

Manitoba's Chief Veterinary Officer is also calling for heightened biosecurity.

Bergmann said efforts are underway to identify the source of the infection. They've taken action to contain the infection, she said, and with good surveillance and strong biosecurity practices the risk of transmission should be quite limited.

"The infected farms have all imple-

mented what we call biocontainment, which means that they're very cautious about any potential transmission of the virus outside the barn," said Bergmann. "So they're making sure they're implementing very good biosecurity practices both on entry but also when they're exiting the barn so that they're not bringing the virus out with them. We've also asked that any farms in the area enhance their biosecurity practices as much as possible."

She said biosecurity is the industry's best friend regardless of the time of year.

"I think we need to continue to re-

member that in Manitoba we have significant contact with the United States where this virus is quite prevalent," said Bergmann. "We also have some high traffic sites that are positive for the virus so we can never let down our guard with respect to our biosecurity to prevent introduction of this virus onto our farms."

Bergman said prior to the most recent confirmations, nine of the previously positive ten premises have achieved presumed negative status, which means they had completed their cleaning and disinfection and all pigs and pig contact surfaces within the barns were negative.



From Switzerland to Brexit

By Harry Siemens

"It's one of the last fully civilized places on Earth."

That is how a journalistic friend, Jonah, born a Canadian, living and working in the United States, summed up his thoughts on what he thinks of Switzerland when I shared with him our current travels to that great country.

"I hope it stays insulated from the rest of the mess in Europe," he said.

As I sit here in our London, England hotel writing this column on Friday afternoon having just arrived early in the morning from Basel, Switzerland, I'm thinking about the whirlwind tour of Switzerland, but certainly not from the eyes of the normal tourist.

Switzerland is most likely the only country in the world where the people make the decisions and not the politicians.

The executive is one of the three branches of the state, along with the judiciary and the legislature. It comprises the Federal Council and the Federal Administration.

The task of any executive branch is to execute and implement the laws enacted by the legislature. At the federal level, the highest executive authority is the Federal Council; its

subordinate authorities are the departments and the federal offices. The executive is, therefore, responsible for government and administration.

The Swiss government—the executive—is made up of the seven members of the Federal Council, each of whom has the same status, rights, and obligation, who are elected by the United Federal Assembly for a four-year term of office. Each member of the Federal Council heads one of the seven departments of the Federal Administration.

The President of the Swiss Confederation is elected for one year only as the 'Primus inter pares,' the first among equals. He or she chairs Federal Council meetings and assumes special representational duties. The Federal Chancellor acts as chief of staff to the Federal Council.

The Federal Administration comprises seven departments, the Federal Chancellery, and almost 90 offices, employing around 38,000 members of staff.

In order to prevent any concentration or abuse of power, in Switzerland, the powers of the state are separated between three independent branches, the legislature (the power that makes the law), the executive (the power that implements the law),

and the judiciary (the power that adjudicates on the law).

This means that no one can be a member of more than one of the three federal authorities—parliament, the government or the supreme court—at the same time.

Politics aside, everything in the country is clean, the people are courteous and kind and much more laid back, having time to visit and show you around.

One of the unique features of Switzerland is they are not part of the European Union. They protect their borders and work to keep their economy strong.

In our taxi ride from the airport, our cab driver Darryl Sirr answered my questions I posed to him about farming, politics, and, of course, Brexit. A taxi driver for nigh on 30 years, operating his own business before that, and a real interest in farming, we got along just fine.

While the mainstream media would have you believe there is real turmoil in England about leaving the EU, this taxi driver says just the opposite. Business is booming since that vote, the Conservative government is poised to win the snap election call, and small to medium-sized

How will NAFTA play out under Trump?

By Harry Siemens

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue issued the following statement May 18 after U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer notified Congress that President Donald Trump intends to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA):

"While NAFTA has been an overall positive for American agriculture, any trade deal can always be improved," he said. "As President Trump moves forward with re-negotiating with Canada and Mexico, I am confident this will result in a better deal for our farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers.

"When the rules are fair and the playing field is level, U.S. agriculture will succeed and lead the world. It's why we recently announced the creation of an undersecretary for trade at USDA, because as world markets expand, we will be an unapologetic advocate for American agriculture."

Perdue, who started his first day as Sec. of Ag on May 17, said if farmers continue to grow it, the USDA will be there to sell it.

Earlier, Perdue announced the creation of an undersecretary for trade and foreign agricultural affairs in the USDA, a recognition of the ever-increasing importance of international trade to American agriculture.

The new undersecretary will work hand in hand with Commerce and the USTR and help open up even more markets to American products.

"Agricultural trade is critical for the U.S. farm sector and the American economy as a whole. U.S. agricultural and food exports account for 20 per cent of the value of production, and every dollar of these exports creates another \$1.27 in business activity. Additionally, every \$1 billion in U.S. agricultural exports supports approximately 8,000 American jobs across the entire American economy," Perdue said. "As the global marketplace becomes even more competitive every day, the United States must position itself in the best way possible to retain its standing as a world leader."

Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) President Dan Darling and fellow beef producer group leaders in Mexico (Confederación Nacional de Organizaciones Ganaderas) and the United States (the National Cattlemen's Beef Association) issued

a joint letter to the elected political leadership of their respective countries to clarify their shared view that the terms NAFTA affecting beef producers are strongly supported as they currently exist and should not be altered.

The unlimited duty free beef trade that NAFTA enables between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico reflects the true integrated nature of the North American beef cattle industry, they stressed.

The U.S. is Canada's top export market, accounting for 70 per cent of Canadian beef exports and nearly all our live cattle exports.

In 2016, Canada exported 270,000 tonnes of beef and 764,000 head of live cattle to the U.S. valued at more than \$3 billion (\$1.7 billion as beef and \$1.4 billion live cattle). A further 16,000 tonnes of Canadian beef went to Mexico for \$109 million, making Mexico Canada's fourth largest beef export market.

On the import side, Canadians pur-

chased \$978 million of U.S. beef and \$19 million of Mexican beef in 2016.

"We believe that our economies will be stronger under NAFTA than without NAFTA. We urge you not to jeopardize the success of the men, women and families engaged in the cattle and beef industries of each of our countries, who depend on the success that market access provides under NAFTA," the joint letter states.

Colin Robertson, the vice president of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, said lobbying efforts from within the United States and from Canada and Mexico to salvage NAFTA are showing results.

Robertson said trade is important to the U.S., especially to U.S. agriculture.

"The Canadian and Mexican efforts to point out that trade works well not just for Mexico and Canada but for the United States, I think, is starting to show some result," he said, adding that he remains optimistic for the future.

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businesses are bulging with confidence knowing their future profits will stay at home, and not go to pay more than their share to run the super Europe.

We will spend the weekend—last weekend when you read this on Thursday—in London and then head off to Devon where our host Mike Lee will assemble farmers from the area

for dinner to give us some local flavour. Then we're off to Cornwall to meet with a farm family raising pigs, back to London, and then another five days in Switzerland.

Be well aware—your family's health depends on it

PVCD well water testing program starts next week

Your well taps into one of nature's treasures: cool, clean groundwater. You and your family depend on this precious resource every day for cooking, washing, and a continuous supply of safe drinking water.

As a private water well owner, it is your responsibility to be well aware, to protect the source, understand the basics of well maintenance and operation, test and understand well water quality, and take necessary action to keep your well in good running order.

There are many risks to our groundwater, and once an aquifer is con-

taminated it may not recover for a very long time—if ever. Surface spills, poorly constructed or deteriorating wells and unused and unmaintained wells are just a few of these risks.

Protecting source water is the first step in protecting your well water. Source protection is often the most cost-effective way to keep contaminants out of drinking water. Further, it is almost always less expensive to keep water clean than to deal with the consequences of contamination.

A few steps you should take:

- Protect your well water at the ground surface by avoiding, eliminating, or reducing contaminants.
- Inspect your well regularly and keep your well in good running order.
- Check the well cap for signs of cracking or damage, and have it fixed

or replaced immediately if there is a problem.

• Test your well water regularly and respond to water quality problems.

Private well owners are responsible for testing and treating their water to ensure it is safe to drink. It is recommended that you test your well at least once a year for total coliforms and E.Coli.

Test regularly even if your water seems fine, because you can't always taste, smell or see bacteria or other contaminants.

Besides routine testing, you should also test after major plumbing work or well repairs, if you detect changes in water quality, including taste, odour, and appearance or if regular well users experience unexplained health problems that may be water

related or after flooding.

The Pembina Valley Conservation District offers a well water testing program the first two Tuesdays in June. Landowners can pick up testing supplies and drop-off samples at various locations within the district (watch for upcoming advertisements with more details).

The landowner is responsible for the cost of the lab test while PVCD takes care of getting the samples into the labs in Winnipeg at no additional cost.

For a better understanding of well water quality issues and what to do about them, contact the PVCD at 204-242-3267 or pvcd@mtsmail.ca.

—Submitted by Pembina Valley Conservation District

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• AN ARTIST'S LIFE

What makes a good music student?

Music teachers are always looking for good students, and students are always looking for good teachers.

Many teachers interview their students and will only accept a student if they feel they have the right qualities for their studio.

But just what are teachers looking for when selecting students?

First, a good student is respectful of the teacher's time, being picked

up and dropped off promptly. Their parents will make sure that both they and the student have read and understood the teaching contract, that payment is on time according to a mutually agreed upon method, and that the student follows the teacher's directions during the week.

Second, a good student commits to practice time as well as any other homework during the week.

While most students will encounter a

week here or there where practice time may be hard to come by, a good student does not make a habit of neglecting practice. Furthermore, a good student will ask the teacher how to practice effectively and will follow these directions during the week.

Third, a good student has supportive parents who set aside time for daily practice, ensure their student has a good instrument to play, support their student at performances, and emphasize enjoyment and the achievement of personal goals over winning competitions at any cost.

The parents of a good student should also take the time to keep their child's teacher informed of any successes or problems during the week.

Fourth, a good student shows perseverance and attention to detail. Music can be difficult and have many small concepts that need to be learned. A good student will pace themselves, never give up, and learn their music carefully.

Now, you may notice I have left one thing off the list of the characteristics of a good student: talent.

While talent determines how far a student may progress with music at a high level, it does not determine whether a student can enjoy music, learn to play well, and enrich the lives of those they meet in the music world.

Talent, you see, is the icing on the cake.

Reach Candace Hamm at ibcnu@mts.net



By Candace Hamm

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Muscular strength
 - 5. Not the front
 - 9. Japanese female entertainer
 - 11. Soars up
 - 13. Proof you paid
 - 15. Immobile
 - 16. Type of drug
 - 17. Traveling from place to place
 - 19. So
 - 21. Los Super Seven member Cesar
 - 22. Small insect
 - 23. Ancient Hebrew measure
 - 25. Beginner
 - 26. Consumed
 - 27. Fruit of the true service tree
 - 29. Part of Congress
 - 31. Needlefishes
 - 33. Blood serum of an animal
 - 34. Ancient measure of length
 - 36. Concubine
 - 38. One billion years
 - 39. Not false
 - 41. Vienna (German)
 - 43. Short-term memory
 - 44. Actresses Meg and Jennifer
 - 46. Clothed
 - 48. Basketball's "Zen Master"
 - 52. Irish bar
 - 53. Age-old
 - 54. Pride
 - 56. Niger's capital
 - 57. Makes amends
 - 58. Sound made by horses
 - 59. Russian river
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Cut the baby teeth
 - 2. Reflexes

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- 3. Midway between east and southeast
- 4. Beat
- 5. Sign of aging
- 6. Goidelic language of Ireland
- 7. Raise public concern
- 8. Make new again
- 9. Something unpleasant
- 10. Roman orator
- 11. Flavored
- 12. Subdivision
- 14. A pace of running
- 15. Allows to live
- 18. Terrorist organization
- 20. Feudal Japanese commander
- 24. Type of horse
- 26. Uncoordinated
- 28. Deceased actress Murphy
- 30. Get into __ : fight
- 32. Inflexible
- 34. Amusing
- 35. Be morose
- 37. Reviewing online
- 38. Denoting origin
- 40. In addition
- 42. The state that precedes vomiting
- 43. Ballplayer Denard
- 45. Spiritual discipline
- 47. Database management system
- 49. Fancy car
- 50. Off-road vehicle
- 51. __ bene: observe carefully
- 55. Jerry's pal

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THURSDAY, JULY 13 • 10 AM
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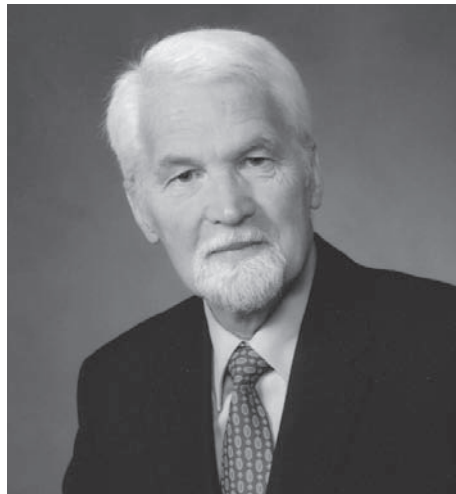
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(John 14:1 -3)

-With love and gratitude,
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OBITUARY



**Katy Janzen (Dyck)
 1929 – 2017**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Katy Janzen at the Foyer Notre Dame in Notre Dame de Lourdes, Manitoba on Saturday, May 13th, 2017.

Katy was predeceased by her parents, Isaak P. Dyck and Maria Dyck (Penner); brothers, Ike, John, and sisters, Hilda, Helen and Mary. Katy will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her children: son, Rick and Judy Janzen of Calgary; son, Harold and Lori Janzen of Morden; daughter, Heather and Marcel Tetrault of Winnipeg; four grandchildren, Christopher, Candice, David, and Daniel of Calgary and great-grandson, Cedar. She is also survived by her sister, Anne and brother, Wally; brother-in-law and wife, Menno and Nettie Janzen, brother-in-law, John J Siemens, of

Winkler and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Katy was born in Chortitz, on September 15, 1929 and went to school in Winkler and attended Grade 11 at Mennonite Collegiate Institute. Katy was a member of the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church, where she was baptized on June 5, 1949. Katy married the love of her life, Rudy Janzen on July 19, 1953 and together they raised three children while living in Winkler their whole life. Katy worked as a clerk at Rudy's father's Red & White Store, and later enjoyed working as a Customer Service Representative at the Winkler Credit Union for many years.

Katy was fun-loving and quick-witted. Even with her failing memory, she managed to maintain this quick wit which she cleverly used to mask her progressing forgetfulness. Still humorous during the last year of her life, many times she would keep the staff at the Foyer in stitches. Intelligent and curious about the world, she kept up with news and current affairs. CBC News or CNN News were always on in the background as she read the Winnipeg Free Press, McLeans, or Time magazine from cover to cover. She loved classical music and growing up, Katy's home was filled with the sounds of music. Katy's four sisters figured prominently and played a significant role at different stages in her life. The five of them were always known as the "beautiful Dyck girls". Although her siblings were scattered, Rudy and Katy would make many trips to see her sister in Calgary and road trips to visit her youngest brother in Texas. Earlier in her married life she spent a lot of time with her sisters Mary and Helen who were part of every family celebration seated at the dinner table. The return of her only remaining sister Anne in March 2015 from London, England to Winnipeg meant a lot to Katy. Together they enjoyed family dinners and celebrations in Katy's apartment, and later, warm visits at the Foyer where Katy was still able to recognize her dear sister. Katy was an avid gardener and tendered her large garden with care. She especially loved her beautiful wildflowers, canning and pickling vegetables and making tasty jams. She was an excellent cook that spoiled her family with traditional Mennonite dishes. The house was always filled with the aroma of food and cooking.

Katy's family was her passion and focus in life. She was firm, but gentle, and always wanted the best for her three children with whom she had a special connection. She was very proud of her children's and grandchildren's accomplishments and bragged about them at every opportunity. She was thrilled to become a great-grandmother and met her new great-grandson Cedar last June when she was still able to recognize him as being very special. When shown a picture of Cedar, she would always say, "Awe...what a sweetie, what a darling". Her husband Rudy, the love of her life, was "her world". After his bout with cancer she selflessly took care of him. Katy was a dedicated mother, grandmother, sister and wife..... a "mother bear" through and through.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at the Bergthaler Mennonite Church in Winkler, preceded by a private interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens in Winkler, MB.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the compassionate health care professionals that have contributed to her care. Dr. Day, Katy's doctor for many years, provided exceptional attention, compassion and care for mom. Special thanks to Notre Dame Hospital staff and the extraordinary, compassionate staff at Foyer Notre Dame who thoughtfully learned her unique needs, and treated mom with respect and kindness during her time living at the Foyer. Thank-you to everyone who has provided support during this time of loss.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimers Society Manitoba.

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OBITUARY



**Frances Sigrid Hunt (nee Gillis)
 1943 - 2017**

On Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Sigrid hunt aged 74 years of Morden, MB formerly of Darlingford passed away.

She leaves to mourn her passing two sons, Rodney (Christine) and Ryan (Dana); five grandchildren, Brock, Bryce, Matthew, Jenaya, Bernadette; three great-grandchildren, Zander, Marshall and Draven as well as one sister and one brother and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Glen Hunt in 2015.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with a private family ash interment at the Icelandic 1-6 Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Sigrid's memory to the Icelandic Cemetery Fund.

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OBITUARY



Barney Kroeker

Peacefully on Thursday, March 9th, 2017 at Crystal City in the Rock Lake Health District Hospital, Barney Kroeker, aged 93 years of Morden, MB. passed away.

Interment has taken place and a celebration of Barney's life will be held on Sunday, June 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church, 5 Parkwood St.

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