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From left: Plum Coulee Age Friendly Committee members Nettie Kehler, Moira Porte, Mary Bergen, Allen Funk, June Letkeman, Wilf Unrau, Brian Derksen, and Dorothy Derksen (missing is member Heather Unger) cut the ribbon Saturday on The Centre on Main, the town's new active living centre. The project came together in record time thanks to an outpouring of community support. For the full story, see Pg. 10.

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Unwanted book sale items bound for recycling

Organizers respond to social media furor

By Lorne Stelmach

The fate of leftover books from a recent sale in Morden became a social media controversy this past week.

Three large dumpsters loaded with books behind the Access Event Centre provoked many questions and concerns after photos of them were circulated on Facebook over the weekend.

Booklovers voiced their horror at seeing so many books in the bins and anger at the fact they weren't passed on to other charities to use or sell.

Local book sale representatives responded on Monday by stating that the unsold books were not bound for the landfill but, rather, will be recycled.

They also stressed the books, which were picked over by readers at multiple used book sales in Manitoba this spring, are unwanted leftovers.

"People in the past have phoned and asked for them ... this year we didn't have anybody request them," Morden fire Chief Andy Thiessen said after the department held their annual sale Friday and Saturday in support of the Children's Hospital Burn Fund.

Thiessen explained that the books for their sale are primarily leftover from the Children's Hospital book sale in Winnipeg.

Most years they have had options for disposing of the remaining books, including passing them along to a range of organizations and charitable causes.

"In the past we've sent a container of books over to Africa," Thiessen said, adding it simply didn't work out that way this year.

"Shipping is the biggest thing ... if people are willing to cover that ... we'll send them," he said. "When we don't know where to go with them, we can't hang on to them."

All of the leftover books from the department's sale this year are slated to be recycled, Thiessen said, even if in poor condition (according to local sources, the weekend rain did not exclude all the books left outside from being candidates for recycling).

"What was leftover now goes to Gateway Resources and Gateway now recycles them. It gets put back into paper products so more books can be printed," Thiessen said. "They actually get shredded and water gets added to it so you can actually make

fresh paper with it."

Though the bins behind the event centre this weekend were full of the fire department sale's leftover books, the South Central Regional Library, which held its own sale earlier this month, also responded to questions they received from residents upset to see so many unwanted tomes.

Director of library services Cathy Ching explained in a Facebook post that they "also have concerns about the leftover books from our annual sale. We agonize every year over what happens to the unsold books."

"We try to get the books to as many groups as possible, but many find they do not have the capacity for storage," Ching said. "We do not keep any books over for the following year as we depend on the generosity of the Town of Morden and the Access Event Centre to make room for them starting in the fall."

Ching noted the regional library had 1,616 boxes of books priced, sorted, moved, and unpacked for the 2018 sale—about 20 tonnes of books.

Unsold SCRL sale books were dispersed mainly to Canada Post in Morden for their book sale table as well as to Betterworld Books and the Prison Libraries Book Sale, Ching said. Only 12 boxes went to the Morden fire department sale.

Even after passing on many books to other sales and organizations, Ching said they still had three labelled bins of books bound for recycling at the sale's end.

"The softcover books were taken straight to a business to be shredded into fibre for insulation," she said. "The hardback books were taken to have the covers removed and the same process would be done to them."

"No books were wasted, as our bins had lids to keep the weather out. If we cannot sell the books, we feel they are at least being put to good use."

Ching added that they welcome suggestions for alternative solutions as to what should happen to the leftover books, but she also echoed Thiessen's concerns about the potential costs.

"Shipping them to other countries or communities is cost-prohibitive. Other communities and literacy groups are welcome to take the books, but no one has found a solution on how they would pack, move, and store them for their own sale."



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Bins filled with hundreds of unpurchased books after the Morden fire department's used book sale prompted an outcry on social media over the weekend.

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Icon celebrates new home, 20 years in biz

By Ashleigh Viveiros

May 24 was a day of celebration for Icon Technologies Ltd. in Winkler.

The RV parts manufacturer not only cut the ribbon on its massive new plant in the city's northeast industrial park, but also marked 20 years in business.

Icon has come a very long way from the "glorified two-car garage" they started out with in 1998.

Owner John Loewen said that back then he could never have imagined the global reach the company would have today.

"Never in a million years. I didn't even imagine this three years ago," he said. "The market opportunity was there and we just took that opportunity and built on it.

"It's pretty intense," Loewen added. "But I have a very good team. A team that's worked together for many years ... they understand what the vision is and what the big picture is."

Still, it's been a challenge to keep pace with demand for their products, which include all manner of fender skirts, skylights, wind deflectors, water and waste tanks, and more.

By the time work wrapped up on a major expansion to their old location in south Winkler just a few years ago, the company already needed more space.

"The fact is that what we started designing in 2013, by the time we had that building done we had outgrown it completely," Loewen said, adding that in just the two years it's taken to get this new building up and running they've doubled their business. "Since 2012 ... we've doubled



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Icon Technologies cut the ribbon on its massive new plant in Winkler's industrial park last week. The RV parts manufacturer is also celebrating 20 years in business.

our business about every 22 months. We're up about 800 per cent since 2012."

And so, this time around, Icon has built very much for the future, with the new 105,000 sq. ft. site more than doubling their space and also leaving plenty of room to expand in the years ahead.

"It's exactly what I envisioned and it's functioning very, very well," said Loewen.

While he's proud of the state-of-the-art facility, it's the company's reputation that stands out to him as a highlight looking back over the past two decades of hard work.

"The way we've been able to market

ourselves as an international company, that's what I'm most proud of," Loewen said. "We're better known in southern California than in Winkler, Manitoba."

Though there's been no shortage of attempts to woo Icon to other places, including south of the border, the community of Winkler has been a vital part of the company's success.

"People sometimes say, 'Winkler, Manitoba? Where is that? It's the middle of nowhere,'" said Icon business development manager Harv Giesbrecht. "But if you take another look at that map, we're right in the middle of everywhere ... when you're in Winkler, it's the centre of North America."

"We're as close to Orlando, Florida, as we are to L.A. and New York and any place in between," Loewen agreed. "We can service from here better than anybody can if they were

from California or any other place in the U.S."

"It's a great place to be, it's a great place to do business, and it's a great community to draw people from with talent and skills and ability and a willingness to learn new things that allows us to grow," said Giesbrecht. "This company could exist in a lot of other places, we choose to exist here. Not to just make an existence out of it, but to live and thrive and to grow. And it's due in large part to the quality of people that we've got right in our own backyard."

Another major part of the company's success? Dedication and planning.

"You develop the full plan and you work out all the details and then you execute it," Loewen said. "And if it doesn't work the first time around you don't quit. You keep going until you get it right."



Brimberly Village update

After the story in last week's *Voice* about the opening of the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's new Brimberly Village exhibit, the museum shared with us some updated information about the origins of the theatre seats in the village's cinema.

While it was previously believed the seats came from the Kenmor Theatre in Morden, PTM has since learned they actually date back to the original Morden Theatre that was located on

Stephen St. before the Kenmor was even built.

PTM manager and village creator Kimberly Striemer would also like to stress that the involvement of seasonal staffer Breanna Giesbrecht in the creation of the village included many extra hours spent over the summer helping to design the new exhibit and reorganize the artifacts, in addition to time spent during visits throughout the school year.

Scoular gives back in a big way to Genesis House

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Genesis House women's shelter was the beneficiary of an overwhelming display of generosity from Scoular last week.

Scoular employees stopped by the shelter on Friday to deliver dozens of boxes filled with donations for the victims of domestic violence. They also stuck around to help weed the facility's flower beds and tidy up the yard.

Ben Friesen, Scoular senior market manager, said the two Winkler area processing facilities and the company's Winnipeg office teamed up under the new Scoular Gives program to spend the last few weeks collecting the donations.

"We wanted all our facilities to get involved with giving back to the communities [that we're in]," he said, adding staff collectively decided Genesis House was the local non-profit they wanted to support this year.

The 60-plus employees at those three sites fully embraced the chal-

lenge, quickly checking off the items on the shelter's provided wish list.

"We were pretty pumped on it," said human resources coordinator Cassie Harder, noting the final week really saw the donations pour in.

The campaign had a personal side to it for Harder, who was once the victim of domestic violence.

"I was once an abused woman, so I understand," she said. "I never had the opportunity to come to a place like this, so this is kind of near and dear to my heart and I was so happy that they chose this ... knowing this will go to people deserving of them."

Altogether, Scoular collected \$2,347 in cash and item donations ranging from backpacks to personal hygiene products to toys—enough to completely cover the shelter's meeting room table, with a few boxes overflowing onto the floor as well.

The company also matched the funds raised by the staff with a monetary donation to the shelter, bringing the total value to \$4,695.

In accepting the donation, an emo-



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Staff from Scoular stopped by the Genesis House women's shelter Friday to drop off a huge donation of goods and funds.

tional Angela Braun, shelter executive director, said the community's generosity in support of Genesis House continues to amaze her.

"I know we were fortunate in our area, but when you really hear all the voices [from other shelters in Manitoba] I realize we have it so much better than many," she said. "And that's the community that just comes to bat. It's not even a direct request; somehow they just step up."

The Scoular donation happened to fall at the end of Pay It Forward May, which has been a very good month for the shelter.

"It's a good way to end the month," Braun said, adding that a number of local businesses were kind enough to think of Genesis House when planning their PIF projects. "There's been so much over the course of this month. When you just put it all together, it's a lot."

Winkler to vote on pot sales

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler will give its citizens the chance to have a say on allowing retail sales of marijuana in the community.

A plebiscite will be held on the issue Oct. 24 in conjunction with the municipal election.

Mayor Martin Harder said council feels this is the best way forward on what is a contentious issue for many people.

"There is lots of chatter around both sides of the fence here," he said. "In reality, council does want to know what the public opinion is ... I hope they give us a true picture as to what the desires of the community are."

In a statement released by the city last week, council acknowledged residents will have full legal right to consume cannabis as soon as the federal legislation is enacted this summer, and that it will be available to the public at retail stores and online.

In dealing with the sale of the drug in Winkler specifically, there is the option of simply amending the city's bylaws to accommodate retail cannabis sale in prescribed zones while establishing buffers from schools and certain other facilities. In order to obtain a business license in Winkler, retail operations wanting to sell the drug would be required go through a conditional use hearing.

The other option is to allow public input as to

whether to simply ban marijuana retail stores in the city entirely.

Rather than waiting for the necessary percentage of voters to sign a petition to force a plebiscite, council has opted to start the process on its own.

"That to us is the fair and right way to proceed in dealing with this issue," said Harder, calling it the best way for the city to ensure it gets "public input in the democratic process and abiding by the wishes of the electorate, thus giving equal and fair opportunity for the public to speak on this issue."

"If it is initiated by the community, it's an all summer affair in order to come up with the plebiscite signatures in the first place, and it just prolongs the issue rather than just dealing with it," he added.

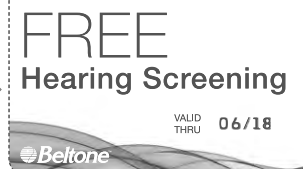
The mayor also noted that they want to clearly settle the issue before any potential retailer begins establishing a store here only to then have a community vote to remove it.

"We believe a retailer should be able to establish in our city with confidence of a future rather than be subjected to a referendum after the store has been established," Harder said.

He said the city will now work with provincial officials in drafting an appropriately worded

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It's National Curmudgeons' Day

Have you ever noticed that we're all increasingly entitled, whiny, privileged, oversensitive jerks lately?

Maybe I've just been having a bad week, but it seems to me that people (myself included) are rabidly seeking after affirmation and have little to no time for anyone who does not want to massage our precious egos.

Take for instance the number of days dedicated to self-love and self-congratulatory expectation. Did you know there are more than 2,300 holidays, observances and generally indulgent LOVE ME! days every year? Let that sink in for a minute.

There are literally not enough days in the year for us to pat ourselves on the back for something.

Here are a few of these wondrous days that we absolutely must have: National Hug a Newsperson Day (a real thing, but one I apparently missed April 4), National Chinese Almond Cookie Day, Lima Bean Re-

spect Day, Rat Catchers' Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparents Day, Children's Day, Aunt's Day, Uncle's Day, Singles' Day, Couples' Day, Teacher's Day, Administrative Professional's Day, and even a freaking Spongecake Day!

Okay ... deep breath.

Why? Why oh why are we sooooo insecure in our worth that we need to dedicate a day to literally everything and everyone and every aspect of everything and everyone?

Did you know that some people actually get hurt feelings if you forget "their" day? Did you know that even if you remember their day people get annoyed and upset if you don't remember it in just the right way?

"Last year we got a full breakfast buffet on National Love Me or I Beat You With a Broom Day and this year we're only getting a lousy fruit platter! Where's my broom?!"

You might think I am exaggerating, but there are people who actually measure their value and how much they are appreciated by how well they are recognized on an arbitrary day of the year. Incredible. Some will actually weep and assume nobody loves them.

When did the human race become so pathetically needy?

Recently I forgot it was National Love Yourself Day and when I got home boy did I let myself have it.

"Thanks for nothing!"

"What??"

"Never mind!"

"What in the world is wrong?"

"Just never mind, you big jerk."

I didn't speak to myself for a week.

Look, if someone forgets one of your 37 special days this year it doesn't mean they don't love you. Maybe they just lost track amidst the 496 other special days they have to try and remember for all the people in their lives. Maybe they didn't think you measured their appreciation of you by cheap gifts on National Black Pumps with Red Pants Day.

It will be okay.

I think its time to wipe the calendar clean and stop burdening ourselves and others with desperate pleas for attention.

It's time to look inside for our value and not to others. Stop forcing your kids to give you crap and stop spending thousands of dollars a year on stuff that is clearly meant to say "this item is a physical reminder of how I value you" but really just says "please don't yell at me ... I remembered you with this half-dead plant."

Also, don't forget: next April 18 is National Columnists' Day and if I don't get a pile of cheap garbage stacked up like a shrine on my porch I will seriously question your love for me.



By Peter Cantelon

Letters

We're not here by evolutionary chance

Hats off to Rachel Voth for her courageous and bold letter to the editor in the *Voice* dated May 24.

Evolution is being taught and presented today as "Science" (so called). As Rachel so eloquently shared, it should not be confused with genuine science which demands careful experimentation yielding objective, repetitive results and giving truthful conclusions. Few people will stand up and expose the lie of evolution

that it is the real cause of all creative life.

I have always had a problem with the Theory of Evolution, one of which (among many) is the fact they keep changing the years. What had started with millions of years has now reached into the "billions."

Let me get the story correct: Evolution began with a big bang, an explosion, and all the pieces fell into precise order and complexity we

see today. But by changing the distance of the earth to the sun or to the moon by a relatively minute number would give disastrous results to all life on earth. Not to mention numerous other changes such as the gravity pull or the magnetic field, etc.

Yet to entertain this "chance" explosion here we live on an earth that rotates at a speed of 1,000 M.P.H.

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Big plans for old Morden chamber offices

By Lorne Stelmach

Plans were announced last week for an estimated \$3.7 million project that will transform a property in the heart of downtown Morden.

Imperia Management announced in partnership with the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce and the Corn and Apple Festival plans to redevelop the space at 379 Stephen Street into a new four-story, mixed-use property.

"We will do our best to make sure that the building is going to be one of the nicest buildings in the downtown," Volodymyr Shynke, chief executive officer of Imperia, said of their plans for the site of what had formerly been a municipal building for both the Town of Morden and RM of Stanley and in recent years has been home to the chamber and festival offices.

"This is very exciting to see such a big project come to life. We hope the community will recognize the impact this project will make in our city for decades to come," said Michelle Sawatzky, chair of the Morden chamber.

As part of the sale to Imperia Management Group, the chamber and

festival will retain ownership of a 1,500 sq ft office space within the new building.

The current building will be demolished to make room for the new construction, which will include 15 luxury residential suites, underground parking, a main floor café, and the chamber/festival offices.

Shynke said they plan to start demolition within a week or two and would like to have the basic shell of the new building in place by Corn and Apple Festival weekend, at which point they will pause construction for the celebrations.

"After that, we'll continue again ... and we're planning on a year for completion," he said.

He called it an exciting project for Imperia Management.

They have done a few larger scale developments in Morden, including 58 condo units on Loren Drive and the Pembina Connection strip mall.

"We have a couple larger scale projects in mind as well," noted Shynke, who said they jumped at this opportunity because they have a lot of confidence in the community.

"The business environment is great, and that's why our company is devoted to this community and having



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Volodymyr Shynke of Imperia Management says their confidence in the Morden market is behind their plans for a \$3.7 million redevelopment of the downtown property housing the Morden chamber, Corn and Apple Festival, and Morden Area Foundation.

so many projects here," he said. "It's a really good area to develop business, and we enjoy doing business here."

"We've had a couple multi-family projects ... we see there is a demand here, a big demand. That's why we decided to expand our business here and to go further and start thinking about new projects ... we've had a good experience here."

Shynke sees the residential component being especially geared for seniors, given the very convenient location in the heart of downtown.

"And we are looking for a company

that is willing to open a restaurant or cafeteria here," he said, adding that he sees the chamber and festival benefitting as well.

"We have more space than we thought ... so it's actually going to be a big area for the chamber. They will have a nice meeting room ... it's going to be a really beautiful office. It's a good partnership."

In the interim, the chamber of commerce and festival will operate in rented space in the marketplace mall at 104 8th Street.

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with a speed of 67,000 M.P.H. in its orbital travel around the sun within a solar system that is moving about the Milky Way at a speed of 575,000 M.P.H. and have not run into other stars, clusters, gaseous clouds, blackholes, or space debris such as asteroids, all having been formed by CHANCE, requires greater faith than believing in a Creator who designed the universe and human life for a purpose.

Another problem I have is the development of the human eye, with all its intricate working

parts, evolving over time would be vulnerable to predators before it became a well functional organ with the ability to warn the brain of pending danger. The same could be said of our many other organs—the ear, nose, etc.—all vital to our safekeeping.

God's creation is so unique and wonderful that it would take a miracle (which He in fact did) to put it all together.

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Students install Little Free Library at event centre

By Lorne Stelmach

A small cabinet in a corner of the Access Event Centre foyer is part of a global movement to help promote literacy and learning in the world.

The latest Little Free Library introduced in Morden last Friday is the third set up locally by Western School Division, but it is among over 65,000 tiny free libraries in 80 countries.

Through the Little Free Libraries non-profit organization, millions of books are exchanged each year to help inspire a love of reading while also building community through a

simple book exchange concept: take a book and leave a book.

"It's encouraging literacy in the community and not just seeing it as a school thing," suggested Darlene Keith, literacy coach for WSD.

The initiative arose here through the division's innovation learning program, and part of the appeal is that the students themselves are involved in all aspects of planning and setting up the local libraries, which also include locations at the Maple Leaf and Minnewasta schools.

There is also a fourth one that was put in privately by a community mem-



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Students were anxious to stock the new Little Free Library unveiled last Friday in the foyer of the Access Event Centre in Morden.

ber across from Maple Leaf School.

Keith noted they very much want to promote this as a community project.

"It's the community ownership that everybody is helping to take care of it," she said. "We're challenging other people in the community to build a little free library maybe in front of their house or another public area."

She added the libraries can include books for all ages and a wide array of interests.

"Some of them are new, some of them are donated ... it's a little mix of everything, just like your library at home. It's nice to have things changing ... perhaps there will be some seasonal books," said Keith. "There's

some real gems that end up in the Little Free Library."

Having these installed in public locations like the Access Event Centre ensure they're accessible to as many people as possible.

"The kids thought that this was an important spot to put it ... because it's got lots of traffic, and they can come here no matter the weather," said Keith, adding the students wanted to encourage "everybody to be reading, and they wanted to make a positive impact on their community."

"It's just a really important lifelong skill ... it's got to be the whole community."

Morden-Winkler riding to lose parts of Stanley

By Lorne Stelmach

The provincial riding of Morden-Winkler is potentially about to shrink into a largely urban constituency encompassing the two cities and the corridor between them.

The change is part of the recommendations made recently by the Manitoba Electoral Divisions Boundaries Commission.

An interim report released earlier this month outlines the proposed new boundaries and a few name changes for the 57 electoral divisions in the province.

Morden-Winkler is slated to lose a large portion of its surrounding rural region into the now even larger Emerson riding.

The change comes about because the exploding population of the riding was 23 per cent above the target average based on the 2016 census.

The provincial population of 1,278,365 divided by the 57 provincial electoral divisions established a tar-

get quotient for each riding of 22,427 people.

The reduced geographic size of the Morden-Winkler riding would now put it at 1.9 per cent below the target, giving the population room to grow in the future.

"What our job is as a commission is that we set the boundaries for the next 10 year period," said commission chair Richard Chartier.

The projected population growth of the two cities was the key factor in this proposed changes, said Chartier, who noted they try as much as possible to respect existing municipal boundaries.

"If at all possible, we wanted to not divide those entities ... if we do have to divide those entities, it's going to be by way of major highways, rivers, lakes, parks and things like that," he said, adding that the RM of Stanley becomes one of just 11 municipalities in the province that will be divided up among ridings.

As far as population growth, Chart-

ier noted only three ridings in the province actually saw a decrease in population since the last boundaries review.

"What we saw clearly ... there has been an increase in population throughout the province, but some areas of the province, the growth is more significant. Morden-Winkler is an area that grew a lot more quickly than other areas of the province," he said.

The new boundaries would shrink the riding "significantly in size ... it's very similar now to an urban riding essentially," Chartier said, noting they recognized the importance of the highway link between the two cities.

"It's just growing very, very quickly ... and that population growth is expected to continue," he said. "When you see ridings that are below the quotient, it's because we're anticipating that the population will grow more quickly in that area over the next ten years ... we're anticipating in 10 years time, it should still be within

range."

Other recommended changes include the Midland riding being split up into Morris to the east and what will again be called Pembina to the west (the riding name used in that area prior to 1998).

The interim report along with maps showing the proposed electoral division boundaries are available online at boundariescommission.mb.ca.

The commission is now taking public submissions on these suggested changes. Public hearings are also scheduled to take place across Manitoba this fall, including in Winkler Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. at the Quality Inn. You must register in advance to present at one of the public hearings. Information is available at the website above.

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen did not return requests for comment on this story at press time.

Discovery Nature Sanctuary grand opening June 9

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Haven't had a chance yet to explore the Discovery Nature Sanctuary in Winkler? Next week Saturday is the perfect day to rectify that.

The 32 acre nature sanctuary on the northeast end of the city is holding its grand opening celebrations on June 9.

"A lot of people still don't know exactly where this place is," says sanctuary committee chair Paul Goossen. "We're hoping this event will really help bring people more in the know as to where the sanctuary is and what a neat place it is, the kinds of things they can see there."

The day will kick off with opening ceremonies at 10:30 a.m.

Once the dignitaries have had their say, Goossen hopes people will stick around to see what the sanctuary has to offer.

"After the official ceremony we're going to encourage the public to walk

the trails," he said. "We're planning to have a number of interpretive stations set up that will provide information about particular aspects of the sanctuary."

Volunteers will be on hand to talk about the pollinator garden, bat house, bird boxes, native plants, wetlands, and other features of the site.

There will also be a tent set up to host displays from the sanctuary committee, the local butterfly garden, Pembina Valley Conservation District, and the Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre, who will be bringing along a few feathered friends.

"They'll be bringing out live raptors," said Goossen. "So people will be able to get up real close, face to face with these things. I think that will be a real highlight for a lot of people."

A barbecue lunch will be available for a modest fee starting at around noon, with proceeds going toward the ongoing development of the site.



People are encouraged to bring along a picnic blanket or lawn chair.

Goossen also hopes to be able to present some of the results from the Bioblitz taking place in the 24 hours before the grand opening.

Local high school students and nature enthusiasts plan to spend June

8-9 performing an in-depth field study of the sanctuary to record all the species living there.

The Discovery Nature Sanctuary can be accessed from Eastview Dr., immediately south of Hwy. 14.

You can learn more by visiting www.discoverynaturesanctuary.ca.

Winkler launches Vital Signs 2018 survey

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's been over six years since the Winkler Community Foundation spearheaded its first community check-up with its Vital Signs 2012 project.

Now it's time for a new snapshot of the priorities and concerns of Winklerites.

The foundation last week launched its 2018 Vital Signs survey, inviting community members to weigh-in on a variety of issues.

"We hope this will generate dialogue in the community about what is needed," said Vital Signs research coordinator Karina Cardona Claros, stressing this is a way for people to have their say about what Winkler is doing right—and what we need to do to improve.

With the Canada 2016 Census results released over the past year, this is the perfect time to combine that detailed information about our community with the data gathered through Vital Signs, Cardona Claros noted.

"We have the most timely available data right

now," she said. "That's a huge advantage."

SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES

The 2012 Vital Signs report highlighted both the community's successes and a few challenges in areas ranging from recreation and community involvement to health and education, to name just a few.

"It encourages some pondering, for one, just within the community about who we are and what we do and how we prioritize some things," said Cardona Claros.

The results have since been used by countless stakeholders—business, immigration, education, health, real estate, and arts leaders—in their programming and planning for the future.

With that in mind, the foundation consulted with dozens of stakeholders earlier this year to aid in the creation of a survey that tackles the most pressing current local matters (again, ranging from affordable housing to transpor-

tation options to community safety, among many other issues).

There are two Vital Signs surveys available this time around: a community survey aimed at adults and a youth survey for residents age 14-18.

"We know that they'll be adults by the time the next survey comes out, so it's important to see their view on things, too," said Cardona Claros.

The local high schools are helping the foundation reach out to students, while the community survey, which is 18 questions long and takes just a few minutes to complete, is available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/wvs_community.

To make the survey process as inclusive as possible, printed copies, including those with enlarged text, are also available at the foundation office at the Winkler Civic Centre.

"My mission is to make sure that anybody who wants to has a chance to do the survey," said Cardona Claros, stressing, of course, that the more people who respond the clearer a picture the survey will paint of the community.

Foundation representatives will also be setting up booths with access to the survey and help filling it out at several public locations over the next week.

They plan to be at the Teddy Bear Picnic in Bethel Heritage Park on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Winkler Senior Centre on June 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Winkler Arts and Culture June 5 from 7-8 p.m., Winkler Central Station June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and at the Winkler library June 7 from 1-8 p.m.

Regional Connections is also getting involved by conducting the survey in a classroom setting to reach out to the newcomers they work with.

The survey will be open until June 14. All responses are anonymous.

Vital Signs 2018 results will be made available to the community this fall.

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Celebrating The Centre on Main

By Ashleigh Viveiros

When the community of Plum Coulee gets to work on a project, it gets done in record time.

Such was the case with The Centre on Main, Plum Coulee's new active living centre.

Just a year and a half after first getting the ball rolling on tearing down the old Main Ave. senior centre and replacing it with something designed for young and old alike to enjoy, the community cut the ribbon on the facility on Saturday.

It all came together much faster than anyone imagined, said June Letkeman, chair of the Plum Coulee Age-Friendly Committee that headed up the project.

"When we first called that public meeting in November of 2016, I

thought, you know, maybe five years. But here we are ... and we've raised more than enough to pay for our building," she said.

Between that first public meeting and today, the community raised in excess of \$400,000 to pay for the project in its entirety.

"It's amazing. We have an amazing community," Letkeman said. "The people here are so very generous. We just pulled together."

There's even enough money leftover to tackle a few of the wish lists items for the facility, she noted, including putting up a dividing wall in the main gathering area so that multiple events can be held at the same time.

In the meantime, the community is already enjoying the facility as it is.

Built on the same site as the senior centre it replaces, The Centre on Main



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The Centre on Main offers the community of Plum Coulee plenty of space for family gatherings, coffee, and recreational activities.

offers a kitchen and coffee shop, lots of space for floor curling and other recreational activities, and a separate billiards rooms in the back.

"We seat 75 people, so it's the perfect spot for rentals for family gatherings and things like that," said Letkeman. "It's going to be very well used."

Diversitas series tackles Mormonism

By Lorne Stelmach

The leaders of the Mormon Church in Manitoba addressed an audience of about 30 people in Morden last Wednesday as part of the Diversitas speaker series.

Rocky and Christine Baronins made a presentation that touched on the history of Mormons and also aimed to dispel some misconceptions about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Both also stressed the importance of having this kind of dialogue to increase the level of understanding in the world.

"People don't generally come up to us and ask us a lot of questions, but I think there's a lot of mispercep-

tions and I don't realize as I'm walking around that people are perceiving that of me or of my faith," Christine said following their talk.

"As a convert, I had that experience as well where I didn't know what a Mormon even was ... so I think that these education sessions and these opportunities to be able to clarify what we believe, I think it's wonderful. I wish there was more opportunity to do that."

"There are still people who think we're a cult, who refer to us as a cult ... we have 16 million members, it's a big cult ... people don't know who we are," added Rocky.

The Mormons have around 30,000 congregations on six continents including 197,000 members in Canada

and over 4,600 in Manitoba, including a group in the Winkler-Morden area.

Its roots go back to the period of religious revival in the early 19th century when founder Joseph Smith said God appeared to him.

The Book of Mormon, published in 1830, has been described as the keystone of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From the beginning, church members have accepted it as scripture, and the Bible and the Book of Mormon are used side by side in their preaching and personal study.

The Baronins touched on a number of things that some people don't realize about the Mormon church, including that polygamy is strictly prohibited and women serve in a range of important leadership roles.

They noted there has been criticism that their leaders have all been "old white men," but Christine suggested that will continue to change "as the church becomes more global ... that is going to happen."

The church is evolving with the issues that they face, they both suggested.

"I think it's a natural process ... as we become familiar with the things around us, the way we deal with them evolves," said Rocky.

"The way the church has grown over the last 180 years, the way we minister to the members has evolved. We've changed the way we do things. We've made different kinds of statements to

reflect our increased understanding of certain issues."

"It might move slower than what the world might expect, but we look at revelation and we look at leadership as being inspired ... we defer to leaders for the church as a whole," added Christine.

They both also see churches overall playing an important role, especially with all of the strife in the world.

"The role is paramount because with all the things that are happening ... the church helps us to have perspective," said Christine.

"In this world, where everything is coming at us ... it's hard to sort of recognize priorities, and the church helps me personally to recognize what's most important, and having God in my life helps me to recognize, and Jesus Christ helps me to recognize the things that matter and the things that are eternal."

Rocky also emphasized the importance of having a multi-faith perspective, noting they certainly don't believe only Mormons will attain the glory after death.

"I have an aunt who is a Mother Superior, she's going to make it before me. She's a wonderful person," he noted.

"But what the Gospel, what the church for us gives us is perspective," he said. "So when we experience trials like a death in the family



Christine and Rocky Baronins speaking on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints May 23 as part of the Diversitas speaker series.

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Auxiliary celebrates

By Lorne Stelmach

As the Morden health auxiliary marked a major anniversary this weekend, one of its volunteers also had a personal milestone to celebrate.

While the auxiliary has hit 125 years of service to the community, Julia Elias is also at 50 years of involvement with the organization.

The soft-spoken Mordenite doesn't necessarily see her personal achievement as being especially noteworthy or special, though.

"People say you've been there that long? To me, it just isn't a big thing. I just attend and work at their fundraisers," said Elias, who joined others at the special 125th anniversary tea Saturday at the Morden Activity Centre.

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Elias moved to Manitoba first to Dauphin then Darlingford and then Morden, where she settled in 1958.

Her introduction to the auxiliary happened simply enough.

"At the church that I was going to, which was the Alliance, I was just asked to go to the meeting, and I've just stayed there since then. I kept going all the time," said Elias.

What has kept her involved since then is just being part of the good work the auxiliary does to raise funds

to help purchase equipment for the hospital and to provide additional levels of care and comfort to patients.

"What they do for the hospital is very important. All the fundraisers that we have ... I see the value of what we do," she said.

Those contributions are significant, with the auxiliary these days raising close to \$20,000 every year. Since 2001, they've donated nearly \$200,000 worth of equipment and furniture to the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

The group's role has evolved since its beginnings going back to the Free Mason's Hospital in 1893 when local ladies began sewing linens for what was then only the fourth hospital in Manitoba.

What became the Women's Hospital Aid Society continued to grow over time, continuing through the opening of the Morden district hospital in 1952 and then BTHC, where the Morden auxiliary jointly operates the gift shop with the Winkler auxiliary.

The gift shop program is one Elias has long been involved with.

"I was treasurer of the gift shop ... and that was a learning experience ... what kind of stuff to get into the gift shop and what would sell," she recalled.

"The one at Boundary Trails was probably three times the size ... it was



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A packed Morden Activity Centre Saturday afternoon enjoyed a tea in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Morden health auxiliary. Right: Member Julia Elias says the chance to do some good in the community is what has kept her involved for 50 years.



quite different ... we had a gift shop at the old hospital, but it was very small. Now it's a much bigger one, and we make a lot more money with it than we did back then.

"We have about 80 volunteers there," she noted between the Morden and Winkler auxiliaries. "It has done very well."

Elias sees herself remaining involved and she encourages others to do the same.

"It's just nice being involved ... we donate a lot of stuff to the hospital that is really required at the hospital," she said. "It's a good organization to be in ... and there isn't that much work involved."

Winkler's Teddy Bear Picnic on this Saturday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Saturday is the day the teddy bears have their picnic in Winkler.

The Winkler Family Resource Centre hosts its annual Teddy Bear Picnic at Bethel Heritage Park June 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A host of local health care professionals—doctors, optometrists, dentists, pharmacists, physiotherapists, and chiropractors—will be setting up booths for kids to bring their furry friends to for check-ups and treatments.

"It's a great way to get children to interact with medical providers and have a positive, fun experience," said Cathy Savage, WFRC executive director.

"It's a fun family day out," she added. "It's free, there's lots to see and do, and it's a great way for

us celebrate with our families who come regularly to our centre and also get our name out there so new families can learn more about us."

Savage encourages families to make their first stop at the picnic be the WFRC's booth at the north end of the park to pick up a free book and enter to win prizes.

Other fun stations include an obstacle course, guest readers, a special visit from "Mrs. Potts," and the chance to build a teddy bear house with Habitat for Humanity.

Starting at noon, the park stage will feature entertainment from the Danceworks Celtic Dancers, Jake Chenier, Lulu and the TomCat, and Cassandra from Music for Young Children.

Also available will be a \$3 hot dog lunch, with proceeds going to the resource centre's free programming.



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Stuffed animal check-ups are free at the Teddy Bear Picnic in Winkler this Saturday.

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Richard Falk, managing director for Winkler Canvas, and Chris Unrau, company president, were on hand Saturday at the company's 40th anniversary open house to greet people and show the workings of the facility east of Winkler. Right: A fundraising barbecue at the celebration helped provide for a \$640 donation to STARS.



Winkler Canvas marks four decades in business

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler Canvas celebrated a local business success story over the weekend.

The company marked its 40th anniversary Saturday with an open house at its facility east of Winkler.

With representatives citing the importance of community to the company, the day included a fundraising barbecue which helped the company make a \$640 donation to the STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service) air ambulance.

"It was important to us to choose a charity, to give back to the community we've been a part of for 40 years," said Jennifer Faux, director of marketing for Winkler Canvas. Faux also noted that there was a personal connection behind the decision to support STARS.

"STARS came quite naturally to us because we had one of our longest serving employees get really, really sick ... Boundary Trails did the best they could for him, but he had to go to Brandon, he had to go right now," she explained. "STARS took him and he was back to work next week."

As for the company's impressive four decades of business, Faux said it is a source of pride for all involved.

"It is quite an achievement ... 40 years," she said. "We started in Reinfeld, moved across the road ... and we're always looking for more room. We're busy every day."

Winkler Canvas has been manufacturing products for a diverse range of

sectors since 1978 when it was started in a small shop by Dave and Eileen Dyck.

As a long distance truck driver, Dyck discovered the local truck box manufacturers were importing their truck tarps from the United States. He set out to meet that need closer to home.

The company continued to grow and diversify over the years, eventually outgrowing their small facility as the demand for their products steadily increased.

In 2000, they relocated to the 32,000 square foot facility just north of their founding plant in Reinfeld. In 2007, a 20,000 sq. ft. expansion was added to the fabric manufacturing facility. The company then outgrew their facility once again in 2010 and built a 3,000 sq. ft. office expansion.

Faux said they always want their customers to know that "when they come here, they know that they're getting the best."

She gave credit to the continued

dedication of all of their staff and management.

"They are what makes this place go. It's a dedication to this place, a dedication to quality and to be proud to be part of something like this ... we have low staff turnover and high staff longevity.

"To stay locally owned, stay locally operated, I think at this time is very important."



The Pembina Valley Jumpstart chapter celebrated Jumpstart Day Saturday with a free carnival set up in the Canadian Tire and Mark's Work Wearhouse parking lot. Families were invited to enjoy several giant inflatable bouncers and learn more about how the Jumpstart program is helping ensure every kid can take part in sports or other recreational programs, regardless of financial circumstances. Both stores are accepting donations towards the program throughout the month of June. You can learn more about Jumpstart online at jumpstart.canadiantire.ca.

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Parkside Home Hardware celebrates grand re-opening

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Parkside Home Hardware Building Centre celebrated not only the completion of major renovations last week, but also the start of a new era.

At the grand re-opening festivities for the Winkler store, owner Henry Enns announced he is passing on the leadership of the business to his son Jimmy, son-in-law Jonathan Peters, and long-time employee John Heinrichs.

"It has always been my desire that, in some shape or form, I could transfer it over to family or a special employee like John," said Enns, who noted Heinrichs has been with the store since 2002.

Winkler's Home Hardware has seen a lot of growth since Enns started with a 2,000 sq. ft. store over two decades ago. New builds and expansions brought the store to 13,000 sq. ft.

This past year they moved their distribution warehouse off-site and redesigned the Memorial Drive location to add another 6,000 sq. ft. of retail space, bringing the facility to 19,000 sq. ft.

"It's been a very good journey. It's been exciting," said Heinrichs. "Each expansion is challenging, but more exciting than challenging."

This latest jump in space allows the store to bring in more lines of hardware, kitchen, and home appliance products.

"Now the whole family can come and shop here," Heinrichs said, adding the renovations also create a roomier shopping experience for customers.

Important as well was ensuring the store was able to continue meeting the needs of local contractors, noted Jonathan Peters.

"When we decided to go ahead with this expansion ... we gave a lot of thought and consideration to where

"WE GAVE A LOT OF THOUGHT AND CONSIDERATION TO WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM ..."



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Parkside Home Hardware Building Centre hosted a special event May 24 to celebrate the completion of renovations that added 6,000 sq. ft. of retail space. Owner Henry Enns also announced he is passing on the leadership torch for the store to son Jimmy, son-in-law Jonathan Peters, and long-time employee John Heinrichs.

we have come from and took steps to ensure that we do not forget our history as a lumber yard," he said.

To that end, the redesign also boost-

ed space in the store's contractor sales department, reorganized and updated its warehouses for greater efficiency and safety, and opened up more contractor parking.

Looking back on how far Parkside has come, Enns attributes the business' success over the years not just to the support of dedicated staff and customers, but also the very culture of Winkler itself.

"We still have the old system where we can trust each other," he said. "You can build a house, order the materials, without a single signature. I don't believe there's anywhere else ... where you can still do that, where you have trustworthy contractors, customers, and a community who wants to do fair business."

"You build a relationship with your customer and you know the community well enough that you can trust people"

Staff and invited guests celebrated the expansion and redesign of Parkside Home Hardware Building Centre in Winkler last week.

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Harvest for Kids hosting volunteer expo June 5

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With just over two month to go until the big day, Harvest for Kids is ramping up its volunteer recruitment efforts.

The Guinness World Record attempt takes place on a 320 acre field south of Winkler on Aug. 4.

Event organizers and beneficiaries Children's Camps International hope to see over 300 combines rum-

ble across the field that day, raising enough funds to send 1 million children to their Christian camps around the world.

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to pull this event off, says Harvest for Kids national director Dave Thiessen.

"Here's an opportunity for you to get involved with such an incredible event in the community ... a chance to do something good for your community and for kids around the world,"

he says, adding that no matter your skill set, they will have a place for you.

Volunteer jobs run the gamut from safety officers to parking attendants to clean-up crews.

While many people have already signed up for a shift or two, Harvest for Kids organizers hope to reach out to even more through an upcoming Volunteer Expo.

"We wanted to provide some more clarity as to what are we actually look-

ing for," says Thiessen. "We'll have all of our different coordinators at this expo so they can explain exactly what the job entails. So then people can sign up for what is a best fit for them."

The expo runs from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5 at the Quality Inn Conference Centre in Winkler.

To learn more or to register as a volunteer, check out harvestforkids.com/volunteers.

Get your hands dirty

Monday is P-Day for the Winkler Horticulture Society.

Planting Day, that is.

The society has put out a call for volunteers to help them get thousands of flowers into the ground in public spaces throughout the city.

All you need to help is a willingness to get your hands a little dirty.

"We need a variety of volunteers. All the plants need to be popped out of the containers—that's something that you don't need gardening knowledge for," society president Margaret Penner told the *Voice* earlier this month. "If people have a little trowel and a pair of gloves and can dig a hole, that's all we really need."

Volunteers are asked to meet at Bethel Heritage Park at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 4 to tackle the flower gardens at the park, library, civic centre, and concert hall.

Afternoon planting will begin at 1 p.m. and include the cemeteries, 15th St. plots, and public works yard.

If you can only join the work crews

The Winkler Horticulture Society needs volunteer help planting flowers throughout the city June 4-5.

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in the afternoon, contact Penner at 204-362-2552 to confirm the locations, as how fast things move will depend on how many volunteers come out.

Planting is slated to continue on Tuesday, June 5 starting from the

Winkler arena at 9 a.m..

The plan is to do Parkview Gardens, Grandeur Avenue, the Stanley Ag grounds, Parkland entrance, and the corner of Pembina Ave. and Hwy. 32 in the morning before taking a break

for the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ at noon.

Work will pick up again in the afternoon at about 1:30 p.m., but contact Penner to confirm the sites.

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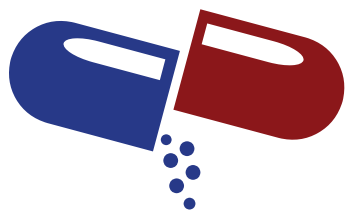
or a struggle with employment or something that's really a difficult life decision, it gives us perspective to have hope and to move on.

"Without it, there's despair, there's anguish. All the terrible things go-

ing on around us, how do you deal with all that?" Rocky continued. "And not only our church, but all the churches, they give people a perspective on what we're really doing here, what it really means ...

and without that, we're lost.

"We really love these kind of multi-faith, multicultural kind of things because together we can sort of figure it out. We don't have all the answers."



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3 tips to help your kids get the most out of summer

While the summer vacation provides children with more freedom and a much-needed break from formal education, experts say this time of year is critical for learning and development and can contribute to their health and self-esteem.

Here are three ways to ensure your child gets the most out of this break.

Leave time for unstructured play. Many parents rush to fill their children's time with scheduled activities, but don't forget to leave space for unstructured play. A growing body of evidence suggests that play is central to the development of the mental, physical and social skills kids need to achieve their full potential in adulthood.

Spend family time. A summer holiday is not only perfect for creating lasting family memories, it can also be incredibly valuable to support your child's self esteem. When parents make time for one-on-one interaction with their kids, it can help reinforce their sense of self-worth and even support some areas of your child's brain development.

Introduce your children to volunteering. Much of what young ones learn about community, integrity and generosity is learned from their parents. While busy schedules and homework can be an obstacle during the school year, the summer can be a perfect opportunity to engage your children in these issues through volunteering.



How to keep your family safe this road trip season

As you head out on the road this summer, it's important to remember not everyone is driving with as much care as you are. Fortunately, Barry Choi, a travel expert, has some quick trip tips to get you through the season safely.

Stay focused. From the kids fighting in the backseat to seeing an accident, it's easy to get distracted. A recent survey says that half of Canadians surveyed cite distracted driving as the cause of a fender bender, and 33 per cent say careless driving was the main cause. However, most said using a mobile device is the worst distraction. "These stats are important to note," says Choi. "They suggest that too many drivers on the roads aren't paying attention. Don't be one of them."

Check expiry dates. Don't forget that car seats and booster seats expire. Always make sure you keep warning tags attached and frequently check for recalls and parental advisories on your kids' seats.

Get the right coverage. While you may cave into distracted driving sometimes, insurance is one proactive measure you can

take. Do your research on which company you trust to provide you with the coverage you need. PC insurance consults up to nine auto insurance companies to find the best rate and coverage they can get you for your situation. They're also available 24/7 for claims, questions and advice.

Keep a first-aid kit. It's also important to pack for the unexpected. Always keep an up-to-date emergency first-aid kit in your car. You never know when someone will get an unexpected allergic reaction, need a bandage or get carsick. Stock it with over the counter anti-allergy medication, sterile adhesive bandages, gauze, antibiotic cream and anti-nausea medicine; be sure to read the packages to ensure you use them correctly.

Stay in touch. While you prepare for the unexpected, it's important to keep your family and friends updated. Make sure you have a phone charger, GPS and paper map in the car. And ensure you've left a rough itinerary back home with a loved one who you contact periodically to let them know your progress and location.

SUMMER

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5 tips to make the most of your summer trip

A vacation is a big investment — from the money it takes to save up for one, to taking time off work, to packing and preparing. Making sure you and your family get the most out of the experience can be stressful, but use these tips to create memories you won't soon forget.

Get creative with problems. No matter how much planning you do ahead of time, something is bound to go wrong. Instead of letting it ruin your trip, go with the flow and be open to new experiences. Get lost on the way to the museum? Look for hidden gems off the beaten path and try a cute café you'd never discover otherwise.

Research before you go. You don't want to wait until you get to Paris to figure out how to get to the Louvre, or find out that the Eiffel Tower is closed for renovations. Take some time to plan your itinerary at home and look up addresses, closures and routes for the places you want to check out so you're not disappointed or wasting time doing this in your hotel room.

Leave room in your schedule. That said, you don't want a schedule that's so tightly packed that you don't have time to stroll through a pretty park or eat at a sit-down restaurant rather than grab a bite from a fast food joint. Talk to locals and add some unexpected spots to your visit for a more authentic and unique time.

Create a home away from home. Whether you're staying in a luxury hotel or a boat-house, a good night's sleep can make all the difference when it comes to enjoying yourself the next day. Bring creature comforts to help you get some rest, like your favourite pillow, tea blend or family photo.

Use your rewards points. Stretch your trip budget by paying for attractions or hotels with your rewards points. You can also collect them and start earning rewards for your next vacation. If you're a member of a hotel



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Winkler pool open for business

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Aquatic Centre kicked off its season with a big splash.

Opening day was technically last Thursday, but it was Friday that saw the place really hopping as the city hosted a free swim evening to thank the community for its patience as the aging facility underwent upgrades that saw last summer's swim season shortened.

Aquatic centre programmer Danica McDonald is looking forward to making up for that.

"I'm exciting for a full season of swimming this year," she said, noting they expect the pool to remain open until early September.

The early August closing in 2017 gave workers the time they needed for the approximately \$600,000 improvement project that will give the 21-year-old facility decades more life.

The upgrades included a new pool liner complete with underwater painted guidelines between the various sections, lighting improvements, an expanded kiddie pool, a 12-foot tall climbing wall in the deep end, new lounge chairs, and a canteen dubbed

The Heat Wave.

"Everything they've done here has not only increased the longevity but also done a lot to make people want to keep coming," noted McDonald. "We're one of the only big pools like this in our region. Having slides and a climbing wall and all this stuff, we're very lucky."

The climbing wall has already proven a big hit with swimmers.

"You swim in and start from the water and then you climb up and you let go. It's a lot of fun," McDonald said, noting the wall has also proven a fun challenge for rookie climbers.

"Hopefully the kids will learn how to master it by the end of the summer."

The pool's summer programming was slated to get underway this week.

Swimming lessons run from May 28 until late August. There's still room still available for registrations.

There are public swim hours six days a week from now until the end of June and then daily through to Sept. 3.

Other programs like the early bird and adult swims, English channel, aqua fit, parent and tot, and water polo get underway over the next several weeks.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Winkler

Aquatic Centre programmer Danica McDonald is eager to get the 2018 swim season going. Upgrades to the pool, which had its first public swim last week, include a new climbing wall and The Heat Wave canteen, which has serving windows facing both the pool and the parking lot for passersby to place orders.

Pine Ridge principal hired

Garden Valley School Division announced who will be heading up its newest school last week.

Renae Hildebrand has been appointed to the principal position at Pine Ridge Elementary School, effective Feb. 4, 2019.

Hildebrand brings to the position 20 years of teaching experience with GVSD. In that time, she has been a K-8, EAL, and resource teacher.

She's currently the principal in Border Valley/Blumenfeld, a role she's held since 2013.

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Dulux Paints is ready to serve

Dulux Paints may be new to Morden, but it is a business with lots of room for growth.

The company is bringing in a diverse range of product to fill its spacious location in the newest Pembina Connection development on the eastern highway entrance to the city.

"We are working on it," said assistant manager George Gottfried of their desire to become more widely known in the local market. "We've been open almost five months ... now it's picking up."

Gottfried sees a lot of potential for Dulux in this region.

"We think there is a good opportunity for us here in Morden. As our base, Dulux is a brand new product for this area," he said. "I lived in Regina, and over there every company I worked with used Dulux paint. Or, if it was an industrial line, they used PPG paint, which is a part of Dulux."

Dulux Paints offers an extensive portfolio of high quality interior, exterior, speciality paints and effect finishes as well as wood stains, caulks, and sealants.

"The Dulux store offers a lot of different variety of paints, quality paints, but also decorative techniques for walls," said Gottfried, adding he sees the business getting into product related to flooring and siding as well. "We're working on epoxies, we're working on stucco and exterior mouldings."

"We are trying to cover everything ... and there's way more coming. We're still working on filling up our store with everything."

Gottfried also sees the insulated concrete form product Amvic as being an important part of their business.

"It's an insulated concrete form which has a really good interlock system so when you are

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George Gottfried and David Schulz of Dulux Paints in Morden.

pouring the concrete you don't have to worry that it may fall apart," he said. "We are the first ones in this area selling this and that's something that we're moving right now a lot."

Gottfried said they will be working hard to meet their customers' needs.

"Sometimes they come for something that we don't carry. Whatever they are going to need, if we don't have it, we will find out and get it for them," he said. "Usually, we are going to have everything in stock in the store."

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ÉMMS kids pay it forward

By Lorne Stelmach

Students at École Morden Middle School continue to set an example for others to follow.

The school's Gr. 5 Pay It Forward Club held their annual taco in a bag lunch fundraiser last Thursday.

The funds raised this year will be paid forward to Katie's Cottage for its beanie baby activity bags, which are handed out to sick kids in local hospitals to help them pass the time.

"They thought this was fabulous," said Lynda Lambert MacLean, executive director of the Morden Area Foundation, which works each year with the Pay It Forward Club at the school.

The group was formed by teacher Becky Williams several years ago as she taught her students about random acts of kindness.

"Kids helping kids is their motto," said MacLean, who noted Williams, who was kept hopping at the event helping out the kids, is now also on the foundation board.

"The foundation helps her find projects that the kids can manage," Ma-

cLean explained. "They then have this taco in a bag fundraiser and whatever money they raise they put towards the project."

"They usually are able to raise around \$700 ... and then we pick up the balance. This will be about a \$1,000 project."

The kids have a hand in every part of the meal, including taking orders, preparing the food, and delivering it to their hungry customers.

"It is a wonderful sight to watch their teamwork," said MacLean.

"These kids do all the work for this project ... they actually write the letters and go to Giant Tiger and go to Co-op themselves ... we get all the food and everything donated."

"They spent the day cooking and chopping and preparing everything ... then today you see their little assembly line," MacLean continued. "It really is them doing the actual work, raising the money."

MacLean appreciates the opportunity this project provides the foundation and the far-reaching impact it can have with the kids.

"I love this project ... every year, I get



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Students from the ÉMMS Pay It Forward Club stand ready in their assembly line to make tacos in a bag for their annual fundraiser.

to come into the classroom and I get to talk to the kids and explain to them what a foundation is," she said.

"Most of the time, a kid in Gr. 5, they figure, 'What can they do in the world?'" she continued, suggesting

it makes a big impression on them "how they band together and they pick a project, and they can do something."

"They can make that difference."

Get ready for music in the Kinsmen Suncatch

By Lorne Stelmach

There are big hopes for the revamped Kinsmen Suncatch that will soon be unveiled in Morden.

The meeting place in the heart of

the downtown on 8th St. is being re-developed to feature a stage area and open up the space for such events as a new summer concert series dubbed "Big Times in the Suncatch."

"It's been a goal of council," said



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Kinsmen Suncatch in downtown Morden has been cleared out in preparation for plans that include a stage area that will play host to the new Big Times in the Suncatch concert series.

Mayor Ken Wiebe after council approved closing off a half block of 8th St. every Friday and Saturday evening starting June 8.

He sees it as just another step in their efforts to promote the downtown, citing even the importance of measures like "encouraging developers with their buildings to have residential on the upper floors and commercial on the main floors."

"We have several buildings like that which have been developed in the last number of years, and it's been working great," suggested Wiebe.

"It gets people downtown ... and those businesses that are affected by foot traffic think it's a great idea ... when you get foot traffic in front of businesses, you get people walking in their doors, and that's always good."

"That's one of the key things for the city—they're trying to get people downtown and businesses to possibly stay open later," agreed Darren Klassen of Dead Horse Entertainment, which is helping organize the weekly concerts.

The plan is to fill the suncatch with music most every Friday and Saturday evening in the summer, minus exceptions such as Corn and Apple

Festival weekend.

"I've got most of June booked already ... we could have 26 events hopefully that don't get rained out this summer," Klassen said.

"I'm also working with a few food vendors; we've still got opportunity for more ... anyone else who wants to get involved," he added, noting he's been in discussion with a few downtown businesses as well. The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is also looking to get involved.

Big Times in the Suncatch is set to kick off the weekend of June 8 with performances from Brian Jacobs and Fender Bender.

The confirmed line-up right now includes a Live at the Kenmor outdoor special June 15, Ed Wayne and the North Border Band June 16, country music crooner Quinton Blair June 22, blues artist Dustin Harder June 23, and country artist Kevin Roy June 29.

Other performers further down the line include Zack Lucky July 17 and jazz folk group Casati August 18.

"I've heard from a number of people that they're very excited that we're doing this," said Klassen. "It should be a great opportunity to build some community."

Youth job centres open for the summer

By Lorne Stelmach

Students and youth on the hunt for employment this summer have a helping hand in the local Manitoba Youth Job Centre staff.

The Winkler and Morden centres opened their doors earlier this month, and the local youth engagement leaders come into their jobs optimistic about what is possible in the months ahead.

"There usually has been a good number of jobs available here, and we do generally have a pretty large number of applicants. I feel pretty good about it ... that we can match them with jobs," said Shauna Penner of the Morden MYJC, which is located at 104 8th St.

"I definitely think I'm going to get a lot of kids in the centre this year. I've gotten a lot of calls already and a lot of emails," added Caitlyn Haney of the Winkler centre, which is located in City Hall.

Manitoba Youth Job Centres are set up each year in 40 rural communities to provide community-based summer employment referral services. Their services are free to local employers as well as to students and youth age 12 to 29.

The centres also provide youth with important information and education

on career development and employment-related skills such as labour regulations, workplace health and safety, resumé preparation, interview assistance, and job hunting techniques.

Haney jumped at the chance to work in the Winkler office, which held an open house Wednesday in conjunction with the Winkler chamber's member appreciation barbecue.

"I'm really excited to help out youth and help them find jobs," said Haney, a Winklerite who is in studies at University of Manitoba.

"I'm hoping to connect a lot with the community and hopefully get more community members on board with what we do here," she said. "A lot of them maybe aren't sure or they haven't really heard of the Manitoba Youth Job Centre."

"People don't realize that even if you don't own a business you still may have little odd jobs around the house and around the yard ... you can definitely hire a youth for a day or a couple of hours."

"I know a lot of kids are hoping to find jobs for the summer," Haney added. "We can't guarantee a job for every single person ... but I know local businesses are very good about this kind of thing. They like to help out in their community."



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Shauna Penner of Morden (left) and Caitlyn Haney of Winkler are working to match up students and youth with employers in the two cities this summer through the local MYJC offices.

Penner, who is from Morden and preparing for her final year at Providence University, also thought the job of running the community's MYJC would be a very good fit for her.

"I've certainly had ideas on what we could do ... I had lots of thoughts in mind," she said. "I really hope to be able to get lots of businesses to join in, that way there's lots of opportunities for students."

Penner feels there is great potential for jobs in Morden.

"We had just opened this past Monday, so things are still picking up yet, but we already have a few job orders in place," she noted. "I know Morden is pretty heavy in the manufacturing

district, so there could be places like 3M or Decor Cabinets or places like that which could be providing jobs for the summer."

"There definitely are university level ones ... and we also have several volunteer positions that have been registered, so hopefully we can fill those as well."

The Morden centre is holding its open house June 6 from 4-6 p.m.

You can reach Penner at 204-823-2423 or by e-mail to mordenmyjc@gov.mb.ca. Haney can be reached in Winkler at 204-332-0971 or winklermyjc@gov.mb.ca.

Steps for Pets sets out from Morden Park June 10

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is gearing up for its annual fundraising walkathons.

The Access Credit Union Steps for Pets take place Saturday, June 9 in Altona and Sunday, June 10 in Morden.

"This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so we really rely on people to come out and get their pledges and show up for the walk," said Megan Rodgers, PVHS public relations chair.

"It's a really fun day. There's just dogs of all sizes, colours and breeds ... so it's just a lot of fun," she added, noting you don't need to have a dog to participate. "You can just come and enjoy a walk and help us raise some money."

About 50 participants raised \$12,000 in last year's walks, which was an in-

crease from \$11,000 the year before.

The funds raised go towards the veterinary care of the shelter's animals, ensuring they're all spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and tattooed before they find their new homes.

"We would really encourage people to try the online donations this year," Rodgers said. "It's really easy to share on social media if they're trying to collect pledges. It's a good way to get pledges from people who maybe aren't in the area."

Participants can register online at pvhsociety.ca to collect donations as an individual or as part of a team.

Hard copies of the pledge form are available to be printed off the website or from a number of retailers around town.

The Morden walk sets out from Morden Park at 3 p.m.

When participants return from the three kilometre trek through town, Boston Pizza will be at the park selling pizza for \$5 a slice, with proceeds going to the animal shelter.

There are prizes up for grabs for participants as well.

Each adult walker will receive one entry into a draw for a Fitbit and a Boston Pizza gift card for every \$50

they collect in pledges.

The youth participant 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 addition, there will also be a team prize this year for the highest average pledge earner per person per team. The winning team will receive lunch from Boston Pizza.

There will also be various dog-related vendors on site, including trainers and groomers. Complimentary nail trims for the dogs will be available as well.

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Border Baseball begins

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Border Baseball League's 2018 season got underway last week.

The Morden Mohawks, 2017 defending champs, kicked things off by doubling up on the Pilot Mound Pilots in front of a hometown crowd May 22.

Pilot Mound had a 2-0 lead through the first four innings before Morden kicked into gear, scoring two runs at the bottom of both the fifth and sixth for the 4-2 win. Derek Holinski went the distance on the mound, giving up just seven hits and two walks.

Morden went on to take a narrow 8-7 win from league newcomers the Carman Cardinals Friday night.

The Winkler Whips also downed the Cardinals 7-2 in their season opener May 22.

With two runs in the first and fourth and a single in the sixth, Winkler was up 5-0 heading into the seventh and final inning.

There they added two more to their tally, while Carman got themselves on the scoreboard with two of their own at the bottom of the inning.

Travis Friesen pitched the first five hitless innings for Winkler, with James Dyck taking to the mound in the final two, giving up two hits and two runs.

Winkler went on to battle the visiting Pilots to an 8-8 tie Friday night in a game that ended up being called due to darkness.

Winkler and Morden went head to head Tuesday in Winkler. Results were not available at press time.

The Mohawks were also slated to play in Pilot Mound on Thursday and then host Clearwater next Tuesday.

Winkler, meanwhile, hosts a doubleheader against the Killarney Lakers this Sunday starting at 2 p.m.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Morden Mohawks catcher Matt Mutcheson tags out Carman's Chad Yeo at home plate May 25 to end the game and preserve Morden's narrow 8-7 win.

Mixed week for Pembina Valley Orioles

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles had mixed results this past week in Manitoba Junior Baseball League action.

They shook off a pair of losses in a doubleheader with St. James a week earlier by outscoring the St. Boniface Legionnaires 9-6 May 23 in Morden and then split their Sunday doubleheader with the Carillon Sultans.

Pembina Valley and St. Boniface were tied at three after four before

the Orioles' bats came to life with four more runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Hits were 10-6 in favour of the Orioles, with Liam Giesbrecht leading the way in going three for four, while Seth Staple and Donovan Fehr each pitched three innings, both allowing two hits and one run.

It could have been a very different result for Pembina Valley Sunday as they could have easily come out on the other end of a 5-3 loss before fol-

lowing it up with a 13-2 rout in game two.

"It was 5-0 going to the seventh, and we rallied for three, and we actually had a guy on second and third for the tying runs ... we just couldn't get those two guys home," said assistant coach Sheldon Bergman.

"The boys played pretty good ... we ran into some trouble early on. Seth Staple started [on the mound], and

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The SC Hurricanes fell to the visiting CCC United 4-1 last week. The ladies get a breather this week in the lead-up to next Wednesday's home game against the Winnipeg Storm.

Wins for Storm, Riot

SC Hurricanes fall 4-1 in home opener

The South Central Hurricanes fell to the visiting CCC United 4-1 last Wednesday night.

It's the team's first loss of the season, having won their scheduled home game the week before against the no-show BA United by forfeit.

The ladies next take to the field against the Winnipeg Storm in Winkler June 6.

In the Manitoba Major Soccer League, meanwhile, the Winkler Storm got their first win of the season by downing the visiting Wasps FC 3-0 May 22.

Koran Kucar contributed two goals to the tally, while Mamadou Turay added a single. Goalkeeper Alwin

Rode got the shutout in net.

That brings the Storm's record to 1-1-2 for the summer thus far in the league's 1st Division.

This week, the Storm played Scotia United on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Meanwhile, in the league's 8th Division, the South Central Riot crushed Asian United 6-0 in round one of Bison Cup action.

Scoring two goals each were Humayan Umar and Shepherd Chiwandire. Kris Roberts and Thomas Klassen each scored singles.

The Riot, who are 2-0 in regular season play so far, head into Winnipeg Sunday to play Colo Colo FC.

Graduating Flyers sign with Carleton, Wisconsin

Two former Winkler Flyers have committed to play university hockey this fall.

Graduating goaltender Troy Martyniuk has signed with the Carleton University Ravens for the 2018-2019 season.

After joining the Flyers midway through the 2016-2017 season, the Winnipeg native cemented his spot between the pipes and helped the Orange and Black finish in the top

half of the standings with two MJHL semi-final playoff appearances the last two seasons.

In 61 total regular season starts in Winkler, Martyniuk had a record of 39-20-2 with a 2.23 Goals Against Average and a .926 Save Percentage.

He also led all Manitoba Junior Hockey League Goaltenders in wins (28) and minutes played (2,797) this past season.

Martyniuk was named the MJHL's Top Goaltender, MVP Finalist, CJHL Top Goaltender Finalist, 2nd Team MJHL All-Star, and Winkler Flyers Team MVP.

"I would like to give a big thank you to the Flyers organization from the coaching staff, players, billets and the community of Winkler for helping me

grow and develop on and off the ice," said Martyniuk. "It was a great experience getting to put on the Flyers 'W' for the past two years as it got me ready for the next chapter."

Carleton University plays in the Ontario University Athletics of the USports Men's Hockey League, the top collegiate hockey program in Canada.

Meanwhile, veteran forward Colton Bates has accepted a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

After being drafted by the Flyers in the 2012 MJHL Bantam Draft, Bates spent three years in Winkler recording 145 points (47 goals, 98 assists) in 176 regular season games. He also added 21 points (seven goals, 14 assists) in 29 playoff games. His best season came this past year when

he recorded 65 points in 52 games played.

"I would like to give a huge thank you to the whole Flyers organization from the fans, players, coaches, the community, and especially my billet family for helping me become the person and player I am today," said Bates, who is from Brandon. "It was special to be a part of the Flyers organization from the start to finish and I will be forever thankful for the opportunity I was given."

Earlier this spring, graduating Winkler forward Will Blake also committed to the University of Wisconsin-Superior. He and Bates now join former Flyers' Captain Connor Hamonic on the Yellowjackets' roster.

ALH results

Top three finishers at the ALH Motor Speedway on Sunday included:

- Street stocks: Rod Wolfe in first place, Dave Wolfe in second, and Don Klaassen in third place.
- Pure stocks: Kevin Smith, Brian Kentner, and Bailey Cousins.
- Midwest modifieds: Brandon Wieler, Cody Wall, and Brenden Luschinski.
- Four-cylinder: Ryan Higgins, Denis Seguin, and Alexander Farr.
- Slingshots: Edna Zacharias, Keenan Glasser, and Dentyn Schill.

Next race day is this Sunday at the track west of Morden.

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he had a minor injury, so we had to pull him. We were right in the game there.

"We ended off well with that game, though, and we told the boys going into the second game let's end off the way we started the seventh inning of the first game," continued Bergman.

"We came out flying and we scored eight runs in the fifth ... our hitting there was about the best I've seen all season."

Giesbrecht pitched a complete game in the second half, and the performance so far of a few key players like

him has Bergman optimistic about the Orioles remaining competitive heading into the second half of the season.

"There's the core boys there who have really been taking the lead," he said, "and we've had some younger kids come in now as well."

"We like bringing guys up ... the roster's about 14 or 15 now, so we've got a little bit of room to add a couple guys before the end of the month.

"We're young ... and I think we might be losing just one guy after this ball season ... so the year ahead looks

promising, and this season does so far as well."

The Orioles were in fourth place at 6-4 at press time, which put them three games back of the defending champion A's, who were unbeaten through eight games.

This week the Orioles hosted the Altona Bisons on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

This weekend they face the Marlins for a doubleheader in Morden on Saturday.

Winkler Royals ready to win with new uniforms, logo

By Lorne Stelmach

The local cricket team will be aiming to play as sharp as they now look for the current season.

The Winkler Royals hope their new uniforms and logo, which team members showed off to local media last week, will help inspire them to even more success.

"Our team has the potential, and our team is full of talent," said Zahid Zehri, who serves as president of the Winkler Cricket Club.

Zehri feels the new logo—which features a number of design aspects, including a lion, a crowned shield, and wheat—will be something the players can unite behind as they work to build on the success of last season, which saw the Royals win the provincial T20 tournament.

The Winkler Royals are currently playing in Division 2 but are setting

their sights on advancing up to Division 1 as the next step in their growth.

"We won six or seven matches out of 12, so we're number four in the ranking ... our aim is to target division two to win this and move forward into division one," said Zehri.

"Once a team wins the Division 1, it's going to advance into Premier," he added, noting that can lead to the potential to represent the province. "So we thought maybe Division 2 is our aim this time ... we are trying our best to win."

So far this season they have won all three matches by comfortable margins, so Zehri sees them continuously improving.

"The number one thing which is to keep the team moving forward is the passion ... the players have a passion about cricket," he said. "They are very motivated and they are very focused on winning Division 2."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Zahid Zehri, president of the Winkler Cricket Club, and vice captain Pradip Chahar display the new uniforms for the Winkler Royals, which also features the team logo.



Goldeyes visit thrills young players

Morden Minor Baseball had a special visit from a trio of Winnipeg Goldeyes players on Sunday. Reggie Abercrombie, Edwin Carl, and David Bergin stopped by Buhler Field to throw a few pitches for the U8 rookie baseball players. The kids usually play with a pitching machine on the mound, so having the chance to face down professional baseball players was a huge thrill, said Andrew Braun of Morden Minor Baseball. "The Goldeyes pitched to all the players, which was a lot of fun, and then they also gave some motivational type words to the kids, really inspiring them." The event was sponsored by Fehr Glass and Access Credit Union. Morden Minor Baseball has over 250 kids playing ball this summer, including 55 in the U8 development program.

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Agriculture

The Dry Bean World is alive and well

By Harry Siemens

Alvin Klassen of Winkler provides an independent, unbiased perspective of the North American Dry Bean crop conditions, quality, yield, and how they affect markets.

Klassen said the dry bean crop is looking pretty good at this point, albeit down in acres significantly from the big crop in 2017.

"We've had pretty good conditions in most of Western Canada and Central North America. The last ten days have gone rather smoothly with some nice friendly rains," he said. "We hope to finish up in the next seven to 10 days in ideal conditions."

Farmers in Saskatchewan and Alberta grow most of the dry beans under irrigation and excellent disease control, but in Manitoba it is a different story.

"We are quite dry. We didn't receive a lot of snow or precipitation last fall and we don't have a lot of sub-moisture to work with," said Klassen. "Most of the production region is going to be reliant on timely rains to achieve an excellent crop. We never lose a crop in May, that's correct. And so far we've had some ... two and three nice rains over the last ten days and things are looking promising."

Klassen, who makes several tours of the growing areas throughout the seasons, said exports were steady throughout the winter.

"We had a record crop in Manitoba and North Dakota last year, which created a significant inventory of pinto beans, but sales in exports throughout the winter months were steady," he said. "Some issues with the Mexican crop last year were good for our export business."

"We're working our way through the inventory of pintos in North America, and there's going to be fewer beans planted, in general, in North America. I think the big question is how many less? Prices fell too. About 20 cents U.S. levels last year. And that is not a level that is sustainable with dry bean growers to remain profitable. So we've got to get through that inventory and feed some extra demand, I guess."

As to the price, that is the \$64 question.

"We will have to keep exporting at the rate that we currently are. And combined with reduced acres we should see some strength in dry bean prices this upcoming year," Klassen said.

While some have suggested acres in Manitoba this year could drop by 45 per cent, Klassen thinks the drop will be much less, though it's hard to tell with the weather and soil moisture conditions.

"In North Dakota, where there's a

substantial amount of beans grown, we're anticipating a 20 per cent reduction in dry bean production," he said. "I will be travelling throughout the U.S. and Canada and write reports on my findings in different production regions to help guys make some good decisions on the 2018 crop."

Klassen publishes the information he gathers on his website to subscribers. This year he will also send out email updates directly to the members.

While the dry beans are Klassen's passion and specialty, he commented on the soybean market wondering whether anyone understands it.

"It maintains significant strength and every year we see it creating a competitive edge on dry bean production regions," he said. "The industry keeps building more and more soybean crushing facilities every year throughout North America. It's amazing that they maintain the value that they do."



By Harry Siemens

In preparation for an update on 680 CJOB in Winnipeg Sunday, I went back to my friends, followers, and, most importantly, farmers and other farm industry people across the world of Twitterland.

Paul Wollman, @PiggyBurger north of Portage la Prairie, said farmers are mostly done seeding; the crop is up very nicely with a blessed 16 mm rain on Saturday morning.

Cherilyn Nagel, a past president of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers, said most everyone wrapped up around Mossbank, SK and they are "dry, dry, dry!"

Rolf Penner, east of Morris, said crops are off to a good start but also need more rain. He traveled to Estevan, SK on Sunday looking for a tractor and remarked how nowhere did he see any standing water, not even at the bottom of some hills.

Marvin Mills Farmlink at Boissevain also noted there isn't much left to seed in southwestern Manitoba.

"By the end of the weekend there won't be a lot left. Decent moisture but leaning to drier than wet. A nice inch of rain could be useful," he said.

Brian Voth of St. Agathe, president of IntelliFARM Inc., a growing group of consultants working in Western Canada, said clients in the Red River

Valley are mostly done seeding or nearly done and things are looking good for the most part.

"North of Winnipeg seeding continues but making good progress, while clients in Saskatchewan and Alberta are also making progress but also very dry in Peace River area."

Altona area producer Eldon Klippenstein said they have just a few odd fields need to be seeded.

The emergence of the crops is somewhat variable due to early dry conditions, he noted. An inch or more of rain a week ago brought a lot of optimism to the farm community, and spraying is just around the corner.

Brian Kennedy of Calgary, AB said most areas there are actually looking for a good rain. Earlier seeded crops are popping up, as are striped flea beetles.

Simon Ellis of Ellis Seed in Wawanesa said seeding is complete locally, and it is very dry.

Most of the crop is up except patches in fields which were seeded in the dust. Soybeans should start emerging in a week, he predicted.

Tom Teichroeb of Laning conditions would improve vastly with the one inch of rain over the last three days. It looks like more in the forecast. Ideal at this stage.

I was asked by Clay Young, a Winnipeg radio host, when was the last time I'd seen this kind of dry conditions hitting our province?

Well, we had dry conditions last year, believe it or not. I talked to a local flying farmer just east of Winkler two weeks ago and he said that day he'd gone up and there was no moisture—but the next two days it rained anywhere from an inch to a little bit more in some of these areas.

Last year the first rain came on June 7th, this farmer told me, and it did marvelous things for the crop. But there's one big difference: last year we had subsoil moisture right to the top and because we didn't get much more rain after that June 7th rain, we still almost raised a near-record crop right across the province.

But that subsoil moisture has disappeared, and so now we are dependent on these weekly rains.

Some time ago somebody told me that an excellent growing crop, a crop of wheat needs about one inch of rain every week to reach its full potential by August.

But with all the different varieties that farmers grow and all the things that they've been able to build into whatever they're doing, you know, it just seems like it's timeliness of the rains is the key and it isn't so much the quantity.

Rain needed as seeding wraps up

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MS Walk in Morden



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Mordenites turned out in good numbers for the annual Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries MS Walk Sunday afternoon. The walk had a goal online of raising \$22,600 and had to date reached the 70 per cent mark, or over \$15,600, with more money expected to come in over the next few weeks. Right: The Morden walk got a boost with a \$900 donation from the Morden Massage Therapy Centre.

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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Absence of difficulty
5. Preserve a dead body
11. Gratitude
14. Grads may attend one
15. Less difficult
18. Visionaries
19. Fish-eating bird
21. Indicates near
23. '69 World Series hero
24. Scandinavian mythology source
28. Pop
29. Rapper __ Hammer
30. Senses of self-esteem
32. Hormone that stimulates the thyroid
33. __ Farrow, actress
35. Electronic data processing
36. Baby talk (abbr.)
39. Slender, snake-like fish
41. Air Force
42. Computers
44. Ecological stage
46. Wings
47. In the course of
49. Laid back
52. Jewelled headdress
56. In slow tempo
58. __ Falls
60. Corrections
62. Periods in one's life
63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

25. Delaware
26. A way to develop
27. Associations
29. Woman (French)
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. One who leads prayers

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| 7. Barium | 38. Burn with a hot liquid |
| 8. Consumed | 40. Citizen (senior) |
| 9. Chinese dynasty | 43. Scads |
| 10. NFL great Randy | 45. Morning |
| 12. Ireland | 48. Straight line passing from
side to side (abbr.) |
| 13. Palm trees | 50. S-shaped line |
| 16. Fungal disease | 51. Small, thin bunch |
| 17. Tall plants with slender
leaves | 53. Worn by exposure to the
weather |
| 20. Affirmative! (slang) | 54. Mars crater |
| 22. Potato state | 55. Humanities |
| 25. Delaware | 57. Of the ears |
| 26. A way to develop | 58. "The __ Degree" |
| 27. Associations | 59. Type of residue |
| 29. Woman (French) | 61. Keeps you cool |
| 31. Sunscreen rating | |
| 34. Brew | |
| 36. One who leads prayers | |

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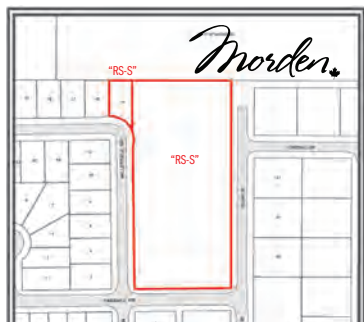
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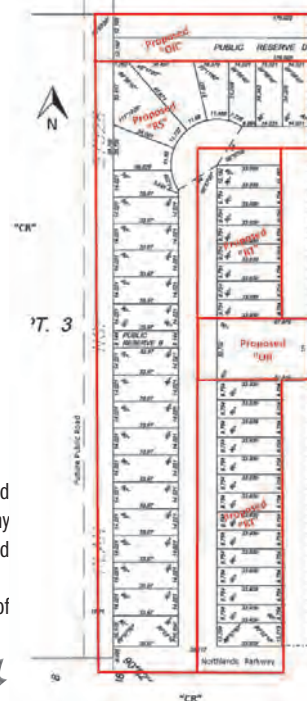
The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, June 12th, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2214-18, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2214-18, is to zone the land described below, Namely: **A portion of the WLY 346.5 feet of SE ¼ 9-3-4 WPM excepting thereout Public Road Plan Nos. 775 MLTO, 27810 MLTO and 46477 MLTO** as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

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A copy of the above By-Law No. 2214-18, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office. DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 27th day of April, 2018. Designated Officer
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SCHEDULE "A" To By-Law 2214-18



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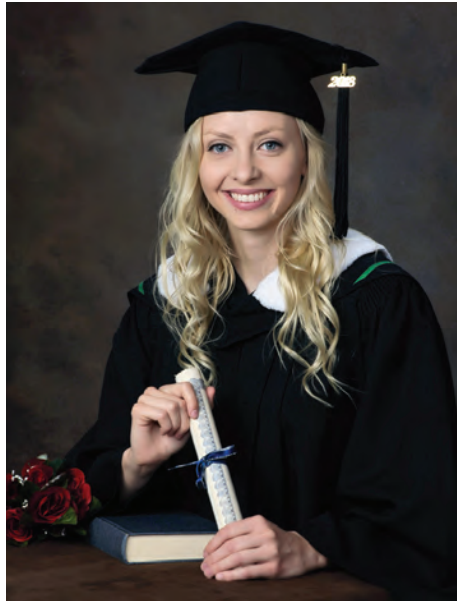
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-Love Mom, Dad, BJ, Joel, Jayme, Carolyn, Brooklyn, Jordan, Gwendolyn and Lennyn

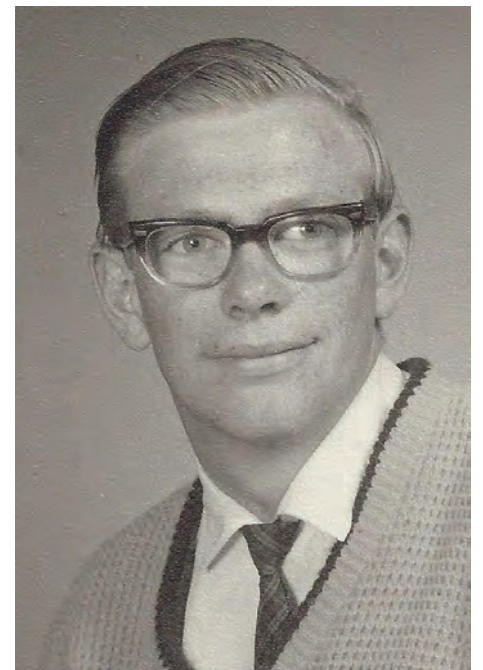
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Congratulations and God's blessing on the marriage of Kayla and Bryson on June 2, 2018.

-Love,
Pete and Sharon Froese and family and
Rob and Linda Reimer and family

IN MEMORIAM



Jacob Richard Janzen
August 8, 1952 – June 1, 1968

Richard, you are with God;
That is my only consolation
As I live with the devastation
Of your not being here on earth.
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You are loved, loved, LOVED!
So shall it ever be.
In loving memory,
These 50 years.

-Your sister, Esther

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OBITUARY



John Temmerman

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our son, brother and friend, John Temmerman, at the Health Sciences Centre, on May 9, 2018, at age 60, with his family at his side.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, one sister and her family, three brothers, many cousins, and numerous friends. He was predeceased by his father Herman Temmerman, in 1992.

He was raised and lived in Morden until his move to Winnipeg. He was employed by the City of Winnipeg as Foreman of Insect Control. John had a keen mind and a very generous spirit and was always willing to help others. He was a lifelong Maple Leafs fan.

Cremation has taken place. John will be laid to rest beside his father at the Morden Cemetery at a later date.

OBITUARY



Margaret (Giesbrecht) Braun 1925 – 2018

On Thursday, May 24, 2018 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Margaret Braun aged 92 years formerly of Eigenhoff and Rossendale, went to her eternal rest. Mom was born to John P and Sahra Giesbrecht in the Eigenhof School District Southwest of Altona and passed away at Salem Home Winkler, Thursday May 24, 2018, 10:25 am.

When Mom was two years old, her mother died from tuberculosis. Between the age of 2 - 6, Mom and her older sister Agatha were cared for by the Toews grandparents, Giesbrecht grandparents, aunts and uncles. Grandpa G was a caring father and very involved in the lives of his little girls. When Mom was six years old Grandpa G remarried and after a few years four siblings, Sara, Ed, John

and Ben were born into the family. Mom accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at the age of nine. This was a decision she made with serious intent and commitment. Later Mom was baptized to openly proclaim her desire to follow Jesus. Mom was a good student. She skipped a grade and in time was asked to help struggling students in the classroom. Her favorite teacher, Mr. David Driedger taught Mom many hymns and gospel songs which she continued to sing and hum until her final days at Salem. "We're Marching to Zion" was one of the last songs Mom sang as her health was failing. Mom was kept busy working at home, helping her younger siblings and working as a maid for some of the surrounding neighbors. On November 14, 1954 Mom and Dad (Isaac Braun) married in the new Altona Berghaler Church. Unfortunately, the beautiful white wedding dress ordered well in advance from Eatons, arrived with a tear that could not be repaired or exchanged in time for the wedding. Mom had no choice but to wear an alternative dress – a dark 2-piece suit. Regardless, on Mom and Dad's wedding photos you see a beautiful bride who became our Mom. "Making the best of every situation" - Mom chose this virtue while living in an Airstream trailer in Regina and Brandon. During this time her interest and caring personality was noticed by others and she was encouraged to pursue nurses training. Even with Dad's encouragement Mom chose not to become a nurse but contributed to their household income by doing maid service in private homes. In April 1956 Mom and Dad started their family and lived in small homes in Winnipeg. Thanksgiving weekend 1965, our family moved to the Rossendale farm. Mom and Dad's Centennial Project 1967 was the birth of their last child. Late December 1979 Mom and Dad moved to Plum Coulee. Mom did private Home Care for a neighbor and his wife while also helping Dad with his custodial jobs at the school and at the church. Church played a vital role in our family and Saturday nights at Rossendale were often spent fixing the car, so we could go to church in the morning. Mom and Dad's prayers for their children expressed their desire for each one of us to have a close relationship with Jesus and to walk in faithful commitment to Him. Thank you, Dad, for the many hours you and Mom spent on your knees praying for us children. Thank you also for your commitment and faithfulness to Mom during difficult and good times. Regardless of circumstances your attitude of thankfulness and trust in God encourages and challenges us. Mom was predeceased by her granddaughter, Charity (Marvin) and grandson, Matthew (Karen). Mom will be greatly missed by Dad (Isaac) and by her children: Barry (Louise), Karen (Ivan) (granddaughter, Scarlett), Marvin (sons, Tyler and Cole), Leona (children, Merissa, Cody, Travis and Tyson), Melvin (Rhonda) (children, Nathan and Taylor, Andrew, Emma and Joelle).

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 28, 2018 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

We as family want to express gratitude to the caring Home Care individuals and since April 2016 the many gracious compassionate Salem staff. A special thank-you to Salem Chaplain Wilbert Friesen, to Dr. Woelk and Dr. Basson. Thank-you to Pastor Art Wiebe and the Winkler Sommerfeld Church for your support. Also, a big thank-you to the team at Wiebe Funeral Homes Winkler.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Margaret's memory to either the Salem Foundation Inc. or to the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission.

OBITUARY



Nina Bentley (nee Matthies) 1922 - 2018

Nina was born to Jacob and Anna (nee Braun) Matthies on February 6, 1922 in Russia. The family immigrated to Canada when she was very young and settled in Newton, Manitoba.

Nina was predeceased by her mother and father, two husbands and her brother, Abe Matthies, her niece, Jacqueline Dyck (nee Matthies) and her nephew, Clifford Matthies.

Nina had great determination and whatever she did, she did well. She took swimming lessons in her early thirties and learned to swim like a fish. She took her nurses' training in her mid-thirties and graduated with an LPN diploma from the Misericordia Hospital, where she then worked. She enjoyed her chosen profession and eventually she moved down to Florida where she also practiced

nursing. She married there and lived there for quite a number of years. She had a very hard life, but her faith and determination kept her going. Eventually she moved back to Manitoba, settling in Winkler this time. She enjoyed being close to family once again. She took up painting and was very talented at it. We all have a painting or two of hers hanging on the walls of our homes. Gardening was also one of her favorite past times, and her small plots of land by her homes and apartments were always filled with flowers and vegetables. Winkler EMMC was her church home. Due to declining health, she moved into Salem Home on April 8, 2016. Her greatest wish was to go to her eternal home and in the early morning hours of Wednesday May 23, 2018, God saw fit to grant that wish.

She is survived by one sister-in-law, Marge Matthies, one nephew, Dennis Matthies and their families.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Wiebe Funeral Home in Winkler with interment prior at Elm Creek Cemetery.

Many thanks to Salem Home for the great care she received there. Thank you also to the ladies who sat with her. A special thank you to Walter and Mary Peters for the wonderful love and care they showed to Nina.

2 Timothy 4: 7,8 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

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OBITUARY



Judith Elizabeth Siemens (nee Froese) 1945 - 2018

Judith Elizabeth Siemens, 73, of Winkler, Manitoba passed away at the Boundary Trails Health Centre at 12:32 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2018. She was surrounded by family, with many of her siblings and in-laws by her side singing, "Oh, what a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see, when I look upon His face the One who saved me by His grace." Judith loved the Lord and her faith never wavered through this time of knowing where she was soon going, amongst excruciating pain.

Judith loved her calling as a nurse and health caregiver, operating two medical clinics at the time of her passing - one at 3M Canada in Morden where she was also in charge of the Occupational Health Care Services and another medical clinic at Homestead South at Morden, MB. Most recently, under the direction of Manitoba Health Minister Kelvin Goertzen, she served on the board of directors of the Southern Manitoba Regional Health Board under the current government; a calling that exemplified the work God called her to when she entered the Misericordia School of Nursing in Winnipeg in 1964. She participated fully in the 50th anniversary in June 2017. Whether ironic or fitting, Judith spent her last two weeks at the Boundary Trails Health Centre receiving exceptional care, professional help, and love. She always let the health care professionals know of her working status as a nurse and encouraged them to do their best while not expecting any special treatment, showing her astuteness and clarity of personal health issues to the very end. When Judith graduated from the school of nursing, Dr. C.W. Wiebe hired her to work in the Operating Room of the Bethel Hospital in Winkler, MB, eventually becoming the Director of Nursing. Her career moves took her to Altona, Winnipeg, Morden and many points in between. When Judith applied to become a director on the Southern Manitoba Health Board, she summarized her thoughts on her lifelong career: "I have had a lifelong interest in health care, having worked all of my life in the field representing all aspects: patient care, family involvement, and working with physicians, nurses, educators, administrators, and board members. A primary concern is in how well the health system is serving our public, and whether the human and monetary resources are being applied at the right places. Wherever I was involved, it was important for me to see progress, changes for improvement, and not change for the sake of change. Health care is advancing continuously, and it is important we keep up with what is happening in that arena. It is important that the appropriate health advances get moved forward." Judith believed, and it showed, that she had the communication, leadership, organizational skills, interpersonal skills, and personal insight to develop new entities within the field of health. One of the initiatives she was involved with was establishing and organizing the first rural Alzheimer office in Manitoba, serving as the coordinator. In addition, she served in a variety of leadership positions within healthcare including: Director of Nursing at the Bethel Hospital in Winkler; Director of Nursing at the Ebenezer Personal Care Home in Altona, where she directed and oversaw a significant expansion of the healthcare facility; Elected to the Joint Board of Directors for the Altona Medical Health Centre and the Ebenezer Personal Care Home as the need for those facilities continued to grow; Appointed as Vice Chair of the board of directors of the Ebenezer Units in Altona; Member of the board of directors of the National Alzheimer's Society; Elected to the Board of Directors for the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses, serving as the Chair of the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses Annual Meeting Committee; Appointed to the Ministers Advisory Board for Manitoba Workplace Safety & Health, for several terms; Instrumental in organizing the Salem Home Staff Association; Occupational Health Nurse at 3M Canada, Morden from 2001 to April 5, 2018; On-site nurse at Homestead South (Assisted Living), Morden, since 2013 developing a private health clinic.

Judith loved her grandchildren immensely and attempted to take them for burgers, ice cream, and fries whenever possible. Also, giving them gifts that they wanted and appreciated. She was so happy too when her two daughters, Lynn and Laurelle, married husbands that followed Christ's teachings.

Judith accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour early in her life and received the assurance of salvation. This assurance was a great gift to her and remained with her to the end. Even during her immense suffering and pain in the last five weeks, her faith in Jesus never wavered. Her faith was an integral part of who she was and what she did. Just like her father, she lived out her lifelong motto, "To serve and to be of service" without expecting or receiving anything in return.

Her great love for music and singing with her sisters and in-laws was most important to her and she organized their last musical outing before Christmas 2017, sharing the gospel message in song and deed at Homestead South.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Siemens; her daughters, Lynn (Luke Elder), Laurelle (Kevin Loewen); six grandchildren, Josh, Luke, Riley, Eric, Noah and Abigail Loewen; six sisters and three brothers, Mary (Jack Siemens), Margaret (Melvin Klassen), Esther Anne (Terrance Klassen), Susan (Ben Dueck), Cathrine (Stephen Klassen), Jack (Dianne, nee Dyck), Netha (Henry Dyck), John (Lottie, nee Ens), Alan (Sandy, nee Dyck); two sisters-in-law, Doreen (Wayne Penner) and Elma (Abe Janzen, deceased); two aunts, Helen Peters and Tina Derksen, Uncle Frank and Edna Peters, John and Dorothy Peters and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and work-related colleagues. She was predeceased by her parents, Jacob (JM) and Mary Froese; parents-in-law, Henry (HC) and Annie Siemens and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the Pembina Valley Baptist Church in Winkler with interment at the Reinfeld Cemetery.

We appreciate the care and medical attention by the medical staff at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg greatly and locally, Boundary Trails Health Centre. 1 John 5:13 - These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

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OBITUARY



Mary Dyck (nee Fehr) 1932 - 2018

At the age of 85 years, in the early evening hours of Sunday, May 20, 2018, with her son, daughter-in-law and grandson by her side at the hospital, Mom took her last breath and left this world, as she slipped peacefully into Heaven.

Mary was born on October 31, 1932 to Abram D. and Elizabeth Fehr. She married Peter P. Dyck on July 11th, 1954, at the Winkler Sommerfeld Church.

She leaves to mourn her passing, one son, Peter, and wife, Brenda Dyck of Winkler; one daughter, Betty Hiebert of Winkler; four grandchildren, Raymond and wife, Wendi Dyck (their son, Jace), Valerie Klassen (her daughter, Kara), Russell and wife, Tammy Dyck (their sons, Riley and Levi), Brittany Hiebert and her

Dad, Rick Hiebert. Sisters, Betty Elias, Margaret Fehr, Shirley Enns (husband, Bob); sisters-in-law, Mavis Fehr, Susan Fehr, Ruth Fehr, Annie Wiebe; nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Abram D. and Elizabeth Fehr; her brothers, Pete Fehr, Dave Fehr, Bill Fehr, and brothers-in-law, John Elias, Abe Wiebe and her parents-in-law, Peter G. and Anne Dyck.

There is no fear in death. When we accept that God's Son died and rose again, we are no longer tortured by the evil power of fear to die. This is the example we saw on full display as Mom willingly and knowledgeably participated in her own brief dying process. She was completely conscious of the final stages she was going through and rejoiced in the moments until her time was there. There is no question of the strength of her faith in God, her hope for all of humanity to know God and her love and devotion to her family and friends.

Mom loved her country yard, the birds and animals, many flowers and Christmas decorations. She put her whole energy into making her home welcoming.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2018, at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church, with Rev. Art Wiebe officiating. Interment took place prior to the service at the Waldheim Cemetery, next to her late husband, Peter P. Dyck.

The family sends thanks to the support system of family and friends, musicians, prayer support from church, Rev. Art Wiebe and all the physicians, nurses and staff at the Boundary Trails Health Centre. Special thanks to the church volunteers who gave of their own time to make everything possible. Also thank you to the kind and professional staff at Wiebe Funeral Home for your guidance and to those who took part in the funeral service.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Mary's memory to the Back to the Bible Broadcast.

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OBITUARY

Peter Giesbrecht 1953 - 2018

Peter Giesbrecht, age 64, passed away on Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg.

He was born July 16, 1953 to Cornelius and Anna Giesbrecht in Cuauhtemoc, Mexico. Peter was baptized on the confession of his faith in 1974. He married Eva Wiebe on April 5, 1975. Peter worked as a long-distance truck driver for 35 years where his patient approach to driving earned him millions of accident free miles. He retired from trucking and focused on running his shop; helping out anyone who needed, and spending time with family and friends.

Peter is survived by his wife, Eva; their three sons, Walter and wife, Barb, Wesley and Paul; five sisters; four brothers as well as many other relatives and friends.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Health Sciences Centre Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Boundary Trails Health Centre and Wiebe Funeral Home for their unfailing, compassionate care.

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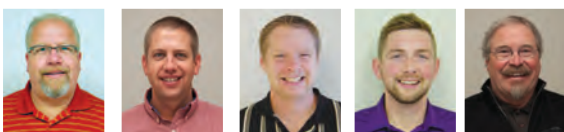
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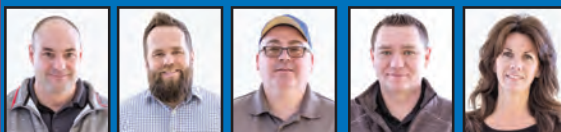
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