



Winkler Harvest Festival on this weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Harvest Festival takes over the Parkland fairgrounds this weekend for three days of music, food, and fun.

The ongoing construction of the Meridian Exhibition Centre behind the arena has necessitated a few tweaks to the festival site map, but Winkler events coordinator Nolan Dueck says it's all for the better.

"What we wanted to do was try to keep everything as normal as we could," he said. "The rides and the food court are where they've always been ... we wanted to have that continuity."

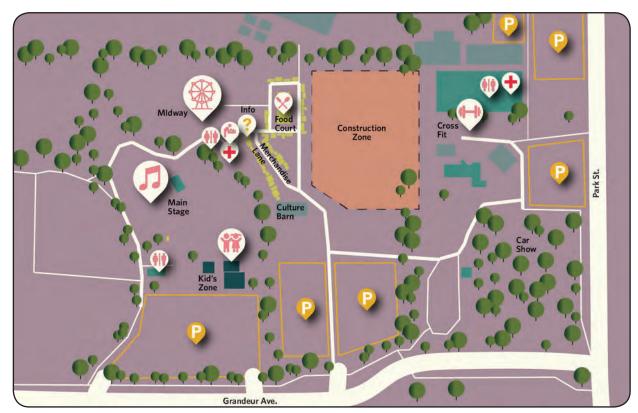
On the move are the various vendor stalls and displays; instead of lining the eastward path to the arena (a path that is currently a construction zone), they now turn south towards the old Stanley Ag. Society barn, which this year houses the festival's Cultural Stage performers and CultureFest booths.

Also new are two sizeable parking lots on the former ag. society grounds and a pathway through to the Winkler campground to give festivalgoers easy access to the Cross Fit competition taking place beside the arena on Saturday and the car show setting up in Winkler Park Sunday.

"[The construction] didn't actually change as much as we had expected and I think that's going to be beneficial once we actually have the MEC up and running," Dueck noted. "We're definitely going to have more space than we ever have had in the past, having the old Stanley Ag. area available to us as well as eventually having that open space inside the MEC."

MAIN STAGE STARS

Dueck says this year's main stage lineup has been



The construction of the Meridian Exhibition Centre on the Parkland fairgrounds has necessitated a few tweaks to the Harvest Festival map this year.

generating a lot of buzz.

"One of the main things that we've heard a lot about is Switchfoot," he says. The Sunday night headliners are an award-winning band that has had multiple hits in the both Christian rock scene and mainstream music over the past 20 years.

"I've had a lot of calls from people in Winnipeg asking how much are tickets," Dueck says, "and they're baffled that it's a free event and they get to see a band like that for free."

Likewise, country fans are eager to see Saturday night head-



liner Madeline Merlo take the stage while pop music fans are looking forward to The Bruno Mars Experience Friday night.

"We definitely are going to be pulling in a lot of people this weekend," says Dueck. "This is probably the most excited I've heard people about our headliners in quite a while."

That said, the headliners certainly aren't the only acts worth checking out.

"Make sure you come out and see the stuff going on during the day as well," Dueck urges. "There's going to be great entertainment at the main stage every evening, but we're going to have some fantastic acts all weekend long—we'll have a circus act touring throughout the grounds, we'll have some really, really great performances going on at the CultureFest as well.

"I really hope everybody comes and really takes in the whole festival because the festival as a whole is what really makes it unique."

The complete festival schedule is available at winklerharvestfestival. com.

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Allen Titchkosky Memorial Dog Run unveiled at PVHS

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By Lorne Stelmach

A celebration last Thursday paid tribute to a man who was instrumental in making the Pembina Valley Humane Society a reality.

The "DOGust" event that was part of the universal birthday celebration for shelter dogs also unveiled the new Allen Titchkosky Memorial Dog Run in the back yard of the Morden shelter.

Offering a variety of activity stations for dogs, the new addition is something Titchkosky most certainky would have appr

tainly would have appreciated, family members said.

"To have this sign with his name on it and that will be here for future volunteers to come and see means so much to me," said daughter Tracie

"We need to remember the roots of

where we all came from and how this all came to be ... I am very honoured, and I know the rest of my family is very honoured that the humane society would do this for my dad." Holly Thorne, public relations chair-

person for the hu-

mane society, said the board felt strongly about wanting to pay tribute to Titchkosky, who passed away earlier this summer.

"He was one of our founding members. He was a passionate volunteer; he loved the dogs so much. He spent a huge amount of his time here at the shelter building it to

what it is today.

"When he passed away we wanted to do something special in memory of him," she said."We have our big back

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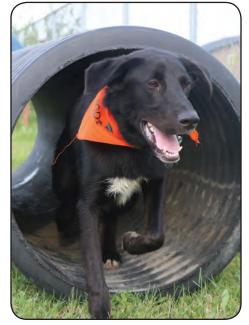
PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Humane Society unveiled the Allen Titchkosky Memorial Dog Run on the shelter's grounds in Morden last week.



FUN IN THE SUN





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yard which is just open space where the dogs would run ... having something more to stimulate them I think is something Al would have really loved.

"It's more enrichment for the dogs," Thorne said, noting the activity and socialization the dog run can provide for the animals is vital. "It can be a very stressful environment for these animals. So the opportunity for them

The PVHS yard was full of dogs and dog-lovers last week for the unveiling of the shelter's new dog run activity stations. PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE





to get out, release a little bit of steam, run out, get to meet other dogs, that can help make them more adoptable."

Titchkosky's daughter Jennifer reflected on how he would have been pleased to see the humane society growing and moving forward.

"Dogs in particular were always attracted to dad," she said, recalling the idea of the humane society taking shape in their living room as they started rescuing animals from the pound and keeping them until a permanent home could be found.

"Rescuing animals is something we have always done ... we always were bringing home cats and dogs that we had found," she said. "The look on Dad's face the day I brought home a full grown Irish Setter and unloaded it from the back of my tiny Acadian, that was priceless."

Tracie noted she had moved back home from Alberta in large part to help out when the new shelter was built, and she loved being involved with it alongside her dad.

"I was proud to serve on the board with my father for the first year that this building was open," she said. "There were days when we first opened when there was no volunteers, and my dad and I were here for six hours doing chores, and then he would stay for another two just to make sure that all the dogs got outside and exercised."

Tracie added that she saw her father as the epitome of a real leader.

"He never lectured and he never ordered. He led by example. And if something needed to be done, he did it, and if he needed help, he would ask for it," she said. "That is the way that I strive to live my life now and what I hope to teach my daughter."

As for the DOGust birthday celebration, Thorne said it is a tradition that they are happy to have picked up on.

Having been started over a decade ago by a shelter in New Jersey, Aug. 1 was chosen as the day to hold a birthday party for shelter animals whose actual birth dates are usually unknown.

"It's just something that's been growing over the last 11 years, so I figured what better reason then for us to have a party?" said Thorne. "Aug. 1 is a really good time to have it—it's beautiful weather and the dogs can come out and play. We can also raise awareness for the shelter and have a great day at the same time."



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A lesson in voting

By Lorne Stelmach

An initiative is aiming to educate new Canadian citizens in the region about their right to vote in the upcoming elections.

The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership invited representatives from Elections Manitoba to speak at two sessions in the area last Wednesday.

They explained the ins and outs of casting one's vote and also had participants experience a mock election, though it was based on issues rather than candidates or political parties.

"There's all those details of understanding the process ... and we want to help educate as much as possible so that it encourages this opportunity to exercise your voice," said coordinator Elaine Burton Saindon."We need to have those voices educated so that we can move forward and have them participating in democracy because that is good for everybody."

She suggested it is important to ensure that newcomers to Canada are not only educated on things like our electoral process but also that they are engaged in it.

With that in mind, the sessions last week touched on everything from where you go to vote to how you mark a ballot.

"With the upcoming elections, our intention is to help them understand the process in Canada of what voting involves. For anyone who hasn't voted before, this would be an opportunity to learn how the whole electoral process works," Burton Saindon said.

"It can be a very intimidating process," she added. "If you think about how you have a large room ... when you walk in, there's rows of tables with very official looking people sitting there staring out at you. How are you even supposed to know that you choose your last name's initial to approach the right location of where you are supposed to go?"

It is something most Canadians take it for granted, but many newcomers come from very different experiences.

"Some may not have had an opportunity to even access the right to vote if they were eligible, based on either

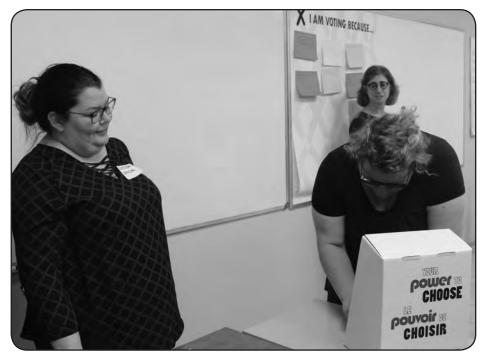


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The Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership hosted a series of workshops last week to help newcomers learn the ins and outs of voting in a Canadian election.



their location, lack of transportation and other resources that would make it accessible," Burton Saindon said. "Or, in some cases, there's just not the type of leadership that has given them an opportunity to support or get behind.

"We have over 125 different countries represented throughout the Pembina Valley, so there's a variety of backgrounds, and all those processes can be slightly different or misunderstood."

Burton Saindon hopes people came away from the sessions "knowing that it's a freedom, it's a right, and that you are not judged."

She expects they may hold another session in late September ahead of the federal election.



Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra) 2019/20 General Rate Application

By Notice of Public Hearing first published on December 15, 2018, the public was advised that Centra has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval of new rates charged to natural gas customers effective August 1, 2019. Centra is seeking changes to the rates that cover Centra's cost of purchasing, transporting and distributing natural gas to Manitoba, effective November 1, 2019 (previously August 1, 2019). Details are outlined in Centra's General Rate Application, available at:

www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory_affairs/gas/gra_2019_2020/

On July 24, 2019, Centra updated its original Application to provide its current estimate of non-Primary Gas costs, based on future market prices and other updates. The impact of the updated Application is a decrease of approximately 10.1% or \$70 on the annual bill for a typical residential customer compared to May 1, 2019 billed rates. Customer bill impacts from the original and updated Application are provided for Sales Service customer classes for a range of consumption levels in the table below.

2019/20 General Rate Application	Original Annual Bill Impact	Updated Annual Bill Impact
Customer Class	% Change	% Change
Small General Service	(4.7%) - (7.7%)	(7.8%) – (12.5%)
Large General Service	0.5% - 0.8%	(5.1%) – (7.3%)
High Volume Firm (Sales Service)	0.5% - (13.8%)	(8.2%) – (23.7%)
Mainline (Sales Service)	(19.7%) - (13.2%)	(15.9%) – (23.4%)
Interruptible	(3.0%) - (14.3%)	(7.8%) – (17.9%)

On July 15, 2019, the Board issued Order 98/19 setting out a timetable for the orderly exchange of information with respect to Centra's Application. The public hearings to consider these matters have been scheduled to commence Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

The hearing will be held at the Board's offices, 400-330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

Further details are available at: www.pubmanitoba.ca

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ust make a freaking decision!"

A little more time

Thus is heard the lonesome cry of the local Fools Rush Warbler sitting on his front porch raising lament after lament to no avail.

I am a decisive person. I know what that sounds like—that one lame guy answering that one stupid question in an interview:

"What would you say your greatest weakness is?"

"Well Bob, I would have to say my greatest weakness is sometimes I don't know when

to stop working. I

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interview he can't because he asked the banal question in the first place.

Anyhow, when I say I am a decisive person what I mean is I am often the fool that rushes in where angels fear to tread. This can be, and has been,

decisive frame of mind. There are certain people and organizations who maaaaay be a tad indecisive. If you are a fool and you have indecisive people around you the best thing to do is find a place in the middle.

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But this is not about that. This is about the benefits of decisiveness. The decisive person (or family, business, city, etc.) lives by the motto "do not let perfect get in the way of good enough." It is the person who knows that 80 per cent will get you there. It is not about celebrating mediocrity but fighting against the enemy of the decision feedback loop.

You know what I mean. Company X needs to add more widgets. It is clear demand is there, but capacity is not. Well then, let's just add a new widget machine. But that brings new costs, and so we need a study. A study is done confirming additional costs. In fact, demand has risen to where two machines would be helpful. But hold on a second ... two machines are a new variable. We need to update the study. Study is updated confirming new machine brings even more costs.

Good news! We don't need new machines anymore because Company Y started up while we were "deciding" and took on the growth in the market we could not. Ugh.

Here's the thing: Decisions always get made. You just aren't the one to always end up making them. Sometimes they're made for you while you are"thinking."

Sure, you can sit back and moan about how much better and more informed your process is compared to the fools around you and, sure, in a hypothetical universe maybe it is. But you don't live in a hypothetical universe. You live here where if you see a need that must be met and you have a competitor just down the road, guess who is going to meet that need if you take too long?

Of course, you will always be able to wallow in the self-righteous attitude that "their lack of planning sure is apparent" and while you wallow in your self-righteousness they will console themselves by wiping away their tears with all the extra money they made because of your awesome "process."

Decide. Don't let people bring you excuses and don't accept them. Make a decision. If it is wrong, make a new one until you get it right. But move. Stop standing still, because if you are standing still you are sliding back. Remember that there is no such thing as sustain-only forward or back. You decide which way you want to go.

GUEST COMMENTARY Trudeau has been Canada's worst prime minister

or the past four years, I've had a front row seat to witness the effects of Justin Trudeau's arrogance and failed policy both inside and outside the House of Commons.

It was shortly after his election in 2015 when Trudeau stormed across the House of Commons in a fit of rage and elbowed one of my female colleagues in the chest because he didn't get his way. Unbeknownst to all of us at the time, this incident would set a disturbing tone of Prime Ministerial strong-arming for the next four years. Canadians have witnessed Trudeau

make history by becoming the first Prime Minister

to be found guilty of breaking Conflict of Interest rules. We have seen him fire his female Attorney General for not kowtowing to his blatant interference in a criminal prosecution. Trudeau attacked

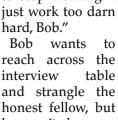
small business owners as "tax cheats", male construction workers as "threats to rural communities" and even had

Candice

Bergen, MP

the audacity to call the Official Opposition "ambulance chasers" for seeking truth on the transfer status of a convicted child murderer.

When one of Trudeau's female Members of Parliament tried to inform him of her intentions to not seek re-election, he became hostile, screaming at her so loudly that her husband could hear through the phone. During Question Period, rather than answering legitimate questions on the Liberal policies adversely affecting the lives of Canadian families, farmers and businesses, Conservatives received nothing but name calling, rehearsed talking points and non-answers from Trudeau.



Bv Peter Cantelon

disastrous. Still, I prefer it to the in-

ACU contributes \$30K to Agassiz clinic fund

By Lorne Stelmach

The fundraising drive for the expansion of the Agassiz Medical Centre received a \$30,000 boost from Access Credit Union last week.

ACU chief operating officer Rich Harries said they very much wanted to be part of the project.

"It's just part of our continued commitment to our communities and especially partnerships like this where there's so many stakeholders involved," he said. "We're always strategically looking for partnerships within the community where we aren't the only partner but we can also leverage the support of others."

The clinic is something that "really contributes to the health and vibrancy of Morden as a whole," Harries added. "We see a lot of value in the Agassiz Medical Clinic and the resource and support it provides the people in Morden ... we're extremely happy to be able to contribute."

Bob Wahl of the Agassiz Medical

Centre community board said the donation is certainly a significant one for the ongoing fundraising campaign.

"Our efforts are definitely starting to ramp up ... we've got some good size donations in the last little while," said Wahl, who estimated they're at about \$125,000 of their \$500,000 goal."We're probably looking at about a quarter of our goal right now."

"The fundraising, it doesn't just stop once the renovations and expansion are completed," he added. "It's an ongoing process ... most of our funding comes from private donations ... there's no limit to the amount of donations that we want to get to."

Wahl said they were hoping that work might be able to get underway as soon as the end of September.

"I think the tender process is starting right now," he said, suggesting they would do it in stages in order to minimize the disruption and allow the clinic to continue operating through construction.

Once the estimated \$1.25 million



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Last week, Access Credit Union's Keesy Rodewald and Rich Harries presented a \$30,000 donation for the expansion of the Agassiz Medical Centre to Agassiz community board member Bob Wahl.

renovation is complete, the clinic will be renamed the Menzies Medical Centre in honour of the three generations of Menzies doctors to have served here.

The project will utilize undeveloped space in what had originally been the Morden hospital to provide room for more health care providers. The hope is to add at least five more practitioners to meet the current need and 10 more to meet succession planning.

The renovation will also address functionality issues in the current space, including improving the nurse station and redesigning the reception area to better handle the increased clinic capacity.

The work will add another 2,500 square feet of space to bring the clinic to about 18,000 square feet in total.

Morden Police make arrests in series of break-ins, thefts

The Morden police announced arrests last week in connection with several break-ins and thefts that occurred earlier this summer.

Their investigation revealed that one suspect was connected to a pair of incidents on June 26, including one where a pair of kayaks were stolen from a property on Fairway Drive.

As a result of the investigation, two adults and one youth were arrested and charged with theft under \$5,000 and trespassing. All three were released on conditions and will appear in Morden Provincial Court in September. Police are not releasing the names of the adults to protect the identity of the youth involved.

Meanwhile, also on June 26, someone reported a break-in at an apartment block construction site. Numerous tools and supplies were stolen.

Four different victims were identified in this incident as having their property stolen, and it was while investigating the theft of the kayaks that police identified one of the same suspects as having entered the victim's property and stolen the tools, later selling them.

As a result, one of the adult males was also charged with break, enter and theft.

Morden police also made an unrelated arrest in a July 18 incident where a homeowner reported that someone had gone through one of their vehicles overnight and located a key to enter their garage. The suspect did not take any items but could be seen prowling around the residence. The homeowner had a video surveillance system that provided police with footage of the suspect.

As a result, a 14-year-old male youth was arrested and charged with break, enter, and theft, trespassing, and breach of undertaking as a result of prior curfew conditions. He was released with conditions and will appear in court in September.

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When the Kokanee Grope story came to light, Trudeau denied and dismissed it. Rather than holding himself to the high standard of accountability he set for everyone else, he merely suggested that "men and women experience things differently." Hardly a feminist response.

Justin Trudeau clearly has no problem using his power against women who stand up to him. He can't, however, bring himself to be tough on China, a country who has arbitrarily detained two Canadians for purely political purposes since December, and have closed their doors to our meat and canola exports. In yet another act of weakness, Justin Trudeau capitulated to President Trump during NAFTA negotiations, selling out our steel and aluminum workers and dairy farmers.

For these reasons, amongst others, I believe that not only is Justin

Trudeau the worst Prime Minister in Canadian history, he is a fake feminist, and clearly not as advertised. Thankfully for Canada, his time as Prime Minister is running out. Make no mistake, the Liberal candidate for Portage-Lisgar, whoever they are, will have some serious questions to

answer.

Candice Bergen is the Conservative MP for Portage-Lisgar

Exhibition will return next year: Stanley Ag. Society

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After over 70 years, the Stanley Agricultural Society Exhibition will not be setting up at the Winkler Harvest Festival this weekend.

But its absence is only a temporary one, stresses society president Toban

Dyck.

"It's not going to run this year but it is definitely a priority for the ag. society to continue the exhibition," he said last week.

Dyck said the society's volunteer board has been kept quite busy in re-



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Festivalgoers check out some of the entries in the Stanley Ag. Society's exhibition at last year's Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition cent months working out the details of the purchase of their new land outside the city (an announcement on that front is expected soon).

"With this whole transition, we thought it was a great opportunity to

take a one year break from the exhibition and kind of re-evaluate it ... as to where we should focus and how we can make it better," he said, noting the exhibition book includes hundreds of categories ranging from canning, baking, and sewing to fine arts, crafts, and photography.

"One of the big jobs for a volunteer board like ours is to sift through those categories and decide which

ones are no longer relevant," Dyck added. "It needs to be updated for today, and that's a big task. We need to take the time and have the discussions throughout the entire year to do that."

With hundreds of entries coming in from people of all ages each year, it's clear the exhibition remains a summer highlight for many.

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"It remains a priority in the community that we keep the exhibition alive, and we will do that," Dyck said. "I think it could be great and I have no doubt it has been great ... but I think

we could do a lot of improvements on it and sort of revitalize it a bit." Dyck isn't sure yet whether the 2020 exhibition will be held back at the arena or if the society will opt to do something on their new property.

He emphasized that the society has a good relationship with the City of Winkler and festival organizers, and he's confident something will be worked out either way.

The ag society will still have a presence at the festival by way of its popular food booth.

Meanwhile, its annual 4H Youth Horse Show and 4H Open Gymkhana run Saturday at the Rocking W Ranch northwest of Winkler. And on Sunday the ranch hosts its barrel racing jackpot.

Big Bros welcomes new executive director

By Lorne Stelmach

The new executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley not only accepts but embraces the challenges that await her.

Jenelle Warkentin takes on the task of helping guide an organization that is growing but also needs more resources and support.

"I think being part of a non-profit is always challenging, but I think always the rewards outweigh the challenges," Warkentin suggested last week.

Having grown up in Morden, Warkentin went on to earn a psychology degree at the University of Manitoba and later moved to Vancouver where she obtained a social services youth specialist diploma.

She then moved back home to Morden and worked for Eden Health Care Services.

"From there, I continued on working for non-profits, and that kind of led me to this position," said Warkentin.

She has long felt drawn to working in the non-profit sector.

"I really appreciate the community

that I grew up in and the Pembina Valley as a whole, and I think that it's very important to give back to the community if you are able to ... that is a huge draw for me in looking for a career."

"I'm thrilled to be part of this organization. Big Brothers Big Sisters does an incredible job of setting a foundation for children and youth in our community through mentoring, and I just want to give the children and youth of our communities the opportunity to get the best of what life has to offer ... I think that having a positive role model is an intricate part of that."

Warkentin sees her key areas of focus being securing funding sources and building and maintaining the agency's volunteer base.

"I think Big Brothers Big Sisters does amazing things for our community," she said, "and we just hope that people can see the benefit and recognize that and feel like they want to support the mission and goals that we have.

"Fundraising is a huge part of what keeps us going," said Warkentin, adding she would like to add to their annual list of fundraising events that currently includes Bowl for Kids in Winkler and Bike for Kids in Altona."I would like to establish a bigger fundraising event in Morden in the future." As well, there is an ongoing emphasis on their programs and services, which in recent years have expanded into Altona and Carman.

"I think a priority is really laying the foundation in those communities and continuing to build that, making more matches in our communities and just getting the awareness out there," Warkentin said.



The opera comes to town



By Ashleigh Viveiros

Libraries in Winkler, Morden, and Altona last week gave kids the rare chance to experience the opera in rural Manitoba.

The South Central Regional Library branches welcomed performers from the Manitoba Underground Opera, who brought the Three Little Pigs to life with some help from the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The Winnipeg-based opera group celebrated 10 years of performances last year but only recently branched out into shows for children, explained administrative director and performing soprano Janice Marple.

"Last summer we went to four public libraries within Winnipeg and performed the show for them," she said. "In the fall we reached out to the library again to see if they would be interested in having us back and they said, 'Yes, absolutely. And here's a bunch more libraries that want you to come too.'"

In addition to the three local shows, which took place in Winkler last Tuesday and in Morden and Altona on Friday, the half hour Three Little Pigs opera is also being performed at 16 public libraries in Winnipeg this summer.

It's a chance to expose both kids and their parents to an art form many find somewhat overwhelming to dive into for the first time.

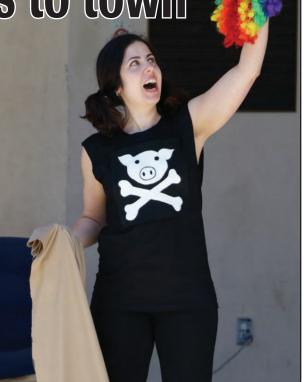
"I think the concept of opera can be a little intimidating because it's thought of as a very sophisticated art form," said mezzo-soprano Kelly Robinson, who plays the wolf in the show. "But, really, it's got great stories and great plot twists. And this story of the three little pigs, for example, is perfect for kids ... wonderful for families."

The show was written by opera singer and director John Davies, who, Marple explained, "takes these little snippets of Mozart's operas and kind of Frankensteins them together and writes a script in English to tell a new story.

"This was pop music in its day, so I think people are surprised at how accessible it can be," she added. "You

Manitoba Underaround Opera performers were in Winkler, Morden, and Altona last week as part of the South Central Regional Library's summer reading program. It was a great opportunity, says performer Janice Marple (centre at left) to introduce families to the art form and showcase how accessible modern opera can be.

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don't have to work to enjoy it. It's just

thing," Marple said. "It's actually a bunch of really catchy melodies and "Opera isn't some big, scary, elitist great plots and beautiful voices."

Red Cross personal disaster assistance team up and running

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The new Canadian Red Cross Personal Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT) in the Pembina Valley is ready to roll.

Ten people answered the call for volunteers for the program that offers emergency support for families in crisis situations.

One of them is retired Morden firefighter Dan McCausland.

"I was looking for something to fill

my time to volunteer in the community," he said." This seemed a good fit."

While other local organizations like the Southern Emergency Response Committee focus on large-scale disasters that might hit a community, the Red Cross PDAT is there to help with more personal tragedies.

"A house fire is the most common one that people think of," explained McCausland. "Someone's house burns down or their apartment building catches fire and they run out and

have nothing but the clothes on their backs.

"A lot of times people have family and friends that they can go stay with, but not always," he said. "Red Cross and the Personal Disaster Assistance Team can provide those people with food, shelter, and clothing for a period of up to 72 hours so they can get ... a place to stay and a meal while they try to figure out what they need to get back on their feet."

The team was officially activated

on Aug. 1 with members spread out across southern Manitoba. The Red Cross hopes to grow the team's number to 17 over the next year to provide a little more wiggle room in the oncall schedule.

If you'd like information on getting involved as a volunteer, email volunteer@redcross.ca or call 1-844-818-2155.

People affected by a personal disaster can contact the Canadian Red Cross for assistance at 1-888-800-6493.

Experience a 'Day in the Trenches' Aug. 11

By Lorne Stelmach

History comes to life this Sunday at the Manitoba World War One Museum.

The museum's sixth annual Day In The Trenches allows visitors to experience the reality of all aspects of a soldier's life.

"I think people realize it's not how it was in the movies,"said organizer Bruce Tascona. "These people lived in those trenches day in and day out for weeks on end ... without a bath or a shower.

"We have these trenches that people can walk through and we talk about the different aspects of what was happening in the trenches," he said. "Things as simple as sanitation—how do they handle doing their business out in the trenches? That's something most war movies aren't going to cover.

"We're going to try to cover a lot of different aspects."

The day features volunteers in uniform who can speak to everything from the living conditions to tactics.

"There's always a little bit of hands on, like trying on a helmet and you realize it's really quite heavy," said Tascona.

Visitors can walk through the trenches and learn about things like sniper fire, gas attacks, and mortars. You can also see what the headquarters and communications equipment was like back then, and see some maneuvers first-hand in various re-enactments throughout the day.

"We're going to try to have two different events this time ... one midway through the day and then we're going to have another at the end," said Tascona.

"Last year we went over the top, guns blazing," he said. "This year we're going to try to do a simulated gas attack. We have the ability to make some smoke, so we're going to try that and show people how to respond to a gas attack, how the soldiers did it back in the First World War."

Tascona said there also are new additions to the museum's exhibits



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The Manitoba World War One Museum invites visitors into the trenches for a day of history brought to life this Sunday.

since last summer. One display piece resulted from the recovery last year of a body from the First World War.

"We have his medal in our collection," he said. "They sent people from the family to France for the burial last year. It turns out there were two other brothers killed, and the other family members donated the medals ... so that will sort of be a special highlight. Tascona hopes visitors will take

away a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices that played out on the battlefields of Europe a century ago.

"The communities here in the Pembina Valley as well as across Canada all experienced loss, and when you discuss that with people you hope that's what they take away from it."

The Manitoba World War One Museum is located at the Silver Springs Bed & Breakfast three miles west of La Riviere off Hwy. 3. Directions are available at pilotmound.com.

The day's activities run from 1-4 p.m.

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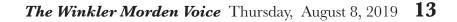
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Music Therapy degree opens worlds of opportunity for graduate

Bv Nicolien Klassen-Wiebe

Rebekah Miller sees the effects of music's transformative power in countless different ways every week. No two days on the job are ever alike for the music therapist and educator.

"One day I'm working with twoyear olds and then the next I'm working with 102-year olds," says Miller, who graduated from CMU with a Bachelor of Music Therapy in 2018. "What I love the most about my work right now is the diversity. I love working with different age groups and having different goals."

Every day brings a new challenge and focus. She teaches private violin lessons in Winkler, MB one day and on another she runs music classes for children ages one to five through Prelude Music, a music therapy and education business. Using shakers, bells, and singing, she helps kids learn colours, shapes, and their first music

"I love my music therapy work so much because it's about connecting with others through music," she says. "It uses music as a vehicle to help emotional, social, spiritual, and physical needs...that's what music is all about for me, it's finding joy and meaning in life."

Music therapists often work with people who have limitations and don't respond to other types of therapy or use music therapy in addition to other therapy, Miller says. Music often works in special ways that other types of therapy might not.

"Some of my residents [in the personal care home] may not be able to speak anymore or remember things, but through music they are able to verbally communicate at times and reminisce about experiences," she says.

Recently, she was introducing music for spring, which helps clients with dementia remember and adjust to the change of seasons. The same residents that couldn't speak or re-



member much could sing every single word of "You Are My Sunshine" from memory.

It's because of CMU that Miller got her private contract at the personal care home. She did a practicum and internship for her degree and they ended up loving her, and music therapy, so much that they hired her after she finished her placement.

She also did several other practicums during her degree. Miller says the extensive practical experience the music therapy degree requires benefits her now as a professional and helped her get to know other music therapists and facilities in the community that use music therapy. She is now a supervisor for a CMU music therapy student, giving back to the program that gave her so much.

"The faculty really strive to help their students learn and be the best students they can be," she says. "With the help of the faculty in the music department, an unrealistic dream for me became a reality."

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One big artistic family

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture's August exhibition can most certainly be characterized as a family affair.

The *All Things Related* show at the Park St. gallery features the artwork of no less than 21 members of the same Winkler area family.

"I have wanted to do this for years," said show runner and artist Ruth Hiebert. "There's so many of my family—this is my dad's side—that are into art. There's a lot of visual artists and then there's a lot of musical talent as well."

The show represents five generations of the family of Martin Wiebe and Anna Thiessen, Hiebert's grandparents, who had 10 children and many more grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Hiebert said the oldest artist in the show would be her late father, John, while the youngest contributing artists are in their teens.

Though Hiebert is no stranger to the local art scene, for most of her family members this is their first time showing their work in public. "It is exciting, but it's also very intimidating because it's always just been a private thing and something that I do for fun," said Tina Penner, who has several watercolours on display.

"I'm often amazed at the amount of people in the family that are amazing artists," she added.

"I've been doing it my whole life," said Wanda Stoesz, who says she often posts photos of her acrylic work on social media but has never before had it up in a public venue.

Like Penner, she's a bit overwhelmed at the prospect but also very excited to see her family's creativity showcased in this way.

"I think it's an awesome idea," she said, crediting her family for creating a culture where artistic expression was valued."It started with my grandma and my mom did a lot of artwork as well and it just went from there."

"It's just something that we've always done and I think maybe you kind of feed off of each other," agreed Hiebert. "When I was growing up we didn't have a TV, we didn't have computers and stuff that they have now.





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Lin Hildebrand, Ruth Hiebert, Megan Hiebert, and (below) Wanda Stoesz in front of some of their artwork in the All Things Related show on now at the WAC. The show features the work of 21 artists who are all part of the same family.

This is what we did ... we would draw and paint and do more creative stuff.

"When you [do a] show or even just hang out with a group of artists, it inspires you, it motivates you to try different things," she said.

All Things Related is up at Winkler Art and Culture through to Aug. 31.



Artist blends love of music, art, and poetry

By Lorne Stelmach

Music has been the focus of her life for three decades, but other artistic endeavours have always been there in the background for Eli Barsi.

Now they are in the forefront as the veteran western singer and songwriter releases her first book *Poems and Paintings from a Prairie Girl*.

Speaking at a book launch event last Thursday at the Morden library, Barsi said the collection arose because she realized how much she had compiled of both poems and paintings in recent years.

"I had a stack of poems sitting over here that hadn't become songs yet," she said. "Then I started painting about four years ago ... Canadian landscapes, folk art type of

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The City of Morden presented one of its star athletes with a gift last week when they gave a copy of the Canada 150 national mosaic mural book to Special Olympics athlete Chrissy Peters. Peters painted a tile of her gold medal as her contribution as a featured guest artist for Morden's mosaic. Sharon Bollenbach, CEO of Special Olympics Canada, noted she appreciates Peters being not only included but featured. "Iltl really says to me that this community and the artists who were part of the mosaic project really look at Chrissy as inclusive and part of our community, which I think is amazing ... and that book is all about celebrating community." Peters said she is looking forward to showing off her book at Gateway Resources. "It's really good ... it's really awesome," she said. From left: Scott Edwards, Chrissy Peters, Sharon Bollenbach, Clare Agnew, and Mayor Brandon Burley take a look at the book. <section-header><section-header><section-header><text>

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painting ... and I painted lots of pieces, so I had this file over here of all these photos of my paintings."

Barsi's music is a special blend of western, roots, Canadiana country, bluegrass, folk and gospel, and this genuine farm girl that has independently taken her career to all parts of the world after 33 years as a full-time singer, songwriter, and musician.

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She has received numerous accolades for her music, and it remains a passion, but Barsi also came to feel she wanted to pursue other creative projects.

"Just being in the music industry for so long, I wanted to, not quit, but I wanted to add to my artistic media and maybe go in a little bit of a different direction," she said. "So I thought



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE Eli Barsi launched her new book Poems and Paintings from a Prairie Girl with readings and music at the Morden library last week. perhaps I could pair my poems and paintings together in a book."

Once Barsi set to work on it, she was surprised to discover how well they seemed to work together.

"It was amazing how so many of the poems matched up with paintings when they were completely created

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individually and not with each other in mind whatsoever. So many of the poems and paintings just came together so easily in the design of the book."

On the other hand, she observed that her poems and paintings are drawing on the same inspirations, so there is a common thread running through both.

"The fact that I'm a prairie girl is very evident," Barsi said. "But there's a lot of stories and paintings that are relatable to really everyone and all ages. You don't have to be from the prairies to appreciate it."

The process is obviously different for creating poems and paintings, but driving it all is what has been a lifelong desire to simply be creative.

"Mr. Dressup was my hero when I was little. Whatever he was doing on

his show I had to immediately recreate the whole thing, whatever he was making," Barsi recalled.

"My brother and sister were so much older than me, I was by myself a lot, so I was always making stuff. If I couldn't buy it, I would find a way to make it," she continued.

"So I've always been that way. I think a lot of people are, but it's just developing it, and of course you need to have the passion. A lot of people have the skills and the talent, but you do need to have that passion and drive."

Barsi wants to pursue writing further and plans to next tackle a children's book.

"Hopefully to be out by Christmas ... another prairie flavoured book by a little prairie

girl," she said. In the meantime, she hopes that people take pleasure from her first

foray into writing. "I hope that they feel that 'I really want to read this again' and that they're not just done with it after reading it once," she said. "I hope that people walk away satisfied and happy that they picked it up."



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Hurricanes battle FCNW Titans to a 1-1 tie

The South Central Hurricanes started off the month on a high note last week.

In their Aug. 1 home game against the FCNW Titans, the ladies successfully battled their opponents to a 1-1 tie. Selina Steiger scored for the 'Canes.

The tie bolsters the team's record to 0-7-2 for the summer thus far. They remain in last place in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League's 1st Division.

Meanwhile, the local senior mens soccer teams had a rocky go of it last Thursday, both losing their games.

Despite leading their match against Brandon Inspire FC for 75 minutes, the Winkler Storm stumbled at the game's end to lose 2-1. Roberto Kort scored Winkler's lone goal.

The SC Riot fell to Azzurri 4-2. Arnie Schott scored both goals.

The losses bring the Storm's record to 3-9-1 for eighth place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 1st Division, while the Riot, playing in the 5th Division, are 6-5-3 for fifth place.

Coming up, the 'Canes host SE Reunited Wednesday and the St. James Legends next Monday, the Storm played at FC Northwest Tuesday (results were not available at press time), and the Riot host Carmania SC Thursday night. **PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE** The SC Hurricanes' Amber Wiebe battles for ball possession in last Thursday's game against the Titans, which ended in a 1-1 tie. Right: South Central's Jessica Penner tries to keep the ball in bounds despite the defensive efforts of Jasmine Castro.

Semifinal pits Whips against Mohawks

The Winkler Whips and the Morden Mohawks are going head-to-head this week in the Border Baseball League semifinals.

Both teams swept their quarterfinal series 3-0 to advance (Winkler downing Carman and Morden knocking out Altona).

Game one of the best-of-five series took place in Morden Monday night. Winkler won the day 6-5.

Game two was in Winkler Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

The series continues with game three back on the Mohawks' turf next Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Game four, if needed, is in Winkler Aug. 14.

The league's other semifinal has the Pilot Mound Pilots up against the Cartwright Twins. The Pilots took game one 5-4 Monday night.





Morden Dinos prevail

The South Central 55+ slo-pitch league had their final games and a wind-up in Carman on July 29.

Each year, teams from Morden, Altona, Carman, and Rock Lake square off against each other from the beginning of May through to the end of July

"There is always an exuberant com-

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The Morden Dinosaurs slo-pitch team includes (back row) Ron Harms, Harry Hildebrand, Gord Letkeman, Jack Giesbrecht, Bruce Friesen. (middle row) Kathy Friesen, Gord Mullin, (front) Art Thiessen, Peter Hildebrand, Harv Warkentin, and Denis LeMay. Missing from the photo are Dennis Funk, Peter Bergen, Rob Reimer, and Doug Hamm.

Eric Fehr headed to Switzerland National League

Eric Fehr is hopping across the pond for the upcoming hockey season.

The 33-year-old Winkler native, who has played for various teams in the NHL since 2005, has signed to play the 2019-2020 season with the Geneve-Servette HC of the National League in Switzerland

"My family and I are very excited to begin this new chapter in my hockey career," Fehr said in a statement last week. "I have always wanted to play in Switzerland and I feel lucky to have this opportunity in a city as incredible as Geneva. I look forward to meeting the fans, my new teammates and getting to work."

Fehr was drafted by the Washington Capitals in 2003 and has since played for the Winnipeg Jets, Toronto Maple Leafs, San Jose Sharks, and Pittsburgh Penguins, with whom he won the Stanley Cup in 2016. He spent last season playing for the Minnesota Wild.

Genève-Servette HC head coach and general manager Chris McSorley said the team is excited to welcome a player of Fehr's calibre.

"Eric brings the experience of more than 700 NHL games to Genève-Servette," he said."Eric is a very talented forward with a very good shot and a great ability to create the game."

"His work ethic and experience will undoubtedly be a real added value for the entire locker room," added team president Laurent Strawson.

petition between the teams, but the

main objective is still fun exercise and

good sportsmanship," says Peter Hildebrand of the Morden Dinosaurs.

The Dinosaurs won both of their

games at the year-end tournament,

while Altona and Rock Lake each

won one game.

In his 13 seasons of professional hockey, Fehr has played 772 games and contributed 233 points (122 goals and 111 assists).

Operation Dry Water reminds you to 'Boat Sober'

The Canadian Safe Boating Council and Lifesaving Society Manitoba launched the seventh year of Operation Dry Water last week.

The campaign, which will see an increased police presence on Manitoba waterways, stresses the dangers of boating impaired.

"We know Manitobans love to get out on the water during the summer months, and they also love relaxing while on vacation," said Lifesaving Society Manitoba Water Smart coordinator Dr. Christopher Love."But think ahead and save the party until you are off the water for the day. Boating sober means you are much less likely to become a statistic."

Impairment on the water is a leading contributor in recreational boating accidents, with alcohol playing a role in 58 per cent of boating-related fatalities in Manitoba. That's 23 per cent higher than the national average.

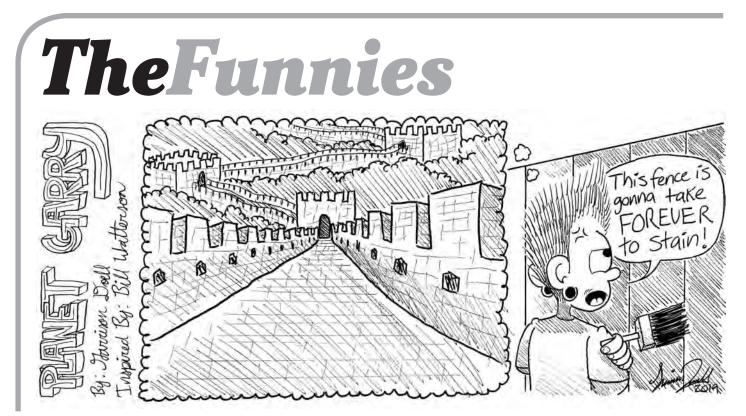
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Agriculture Cdn. dairy industry needs to innovate

By Harry Siemens

Christophe Lafougere, a director with the European consultancy and research firm Gira, had some interesting things to say about the outlook of the dairy industry worldwide at the Dairy Farmers of Canada's recent AGM.

While the Canadian dairy industry has an excellent system, Lafougere has some concerns going forward.

"While working within a closed marketplace, the consumption is declining for certain products, stabilized for other products, and growing for others,"he said."The consumption growth will not be enough in Canada to increase the margin of your different players, and they will have to fight for market share because the market is a small one."

On top of that, every time Canada participates in a trade agreement the border opens a little bit more.

"So on the one hand, you are not growing your consumption," Lafougere said. "On the other hand, you are increasing your inputs. So for me, that's raised a lot of questions for the future."

The milk production will continue to come from the same central market as in the past: the U.S., E.U., New Zealand, Argentina, and some countries in South America. However, these countries are having more and more weather problems, environmental law restrictions, and, to add value as a company, they need to reduce rather than grow the milk intake.

"When you take these three elements together, this explains why the growth will not be as high as in the past," said Lafougere. "So from a collection point of view, an export point of view, we're going to see more milk on the market, but less than we used to have in the past.

"The consumption will continue to come from the E.U. and U.S. for the next five years, will represent still 30 per cent of the growth of consumption. But China will represent 26 per cent of the growth for the next five years, and China will continue to be the engine of the dairy world."

A rarity these days, the Chinese government pushes dairy consump-

tion a lot. It's one of the only governments that speaks loud and clear that its people need to eat and drink dairy products.

Lafougere went on to reference remarks made by Canada's Ag Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, who spoke before him at the conference, and the president of the DFC Pierre Lampron, who said some people are linking more and more dairy products with fat and sugar contents. If one searches for dairy products, everything would be red, not suitable for health.

"Okay, so we need to be careful," Lafougere said."But in China, it's go, go and therefore China will continue to be a major consumer of dairy products."

And what about some of the negative points people are making about how bad cow gas is for the environment? How will this affect the future of the dairy industry?

"We will have more environmental laws," Lafougere said. "And so maybe ... we need to be proactive. We need to work with the governments to pro-

Christophe Lafougere told Canadian dairy producers the industry needs more innovation to continue to thrive.

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pose something that we could apply to, or that we could even run, and at the end where we could also use for marketing reasons. And I think that could also be good for the image of the dairy industry to be proactive not just reactive."

Lafougere's presentation stressed the importance of innovation to the dairy industry, but he acknowledged it can be a challenge for a closed group.



"It's difficult for innovation, but you've got no choice. You've got a reduction in price and even a price war, so you need to go back to innovation," he said. "And if you want to fight back for what you're losing in terms of liquid milk consumption, etc., the Canadian dairy industry needs innovation.

"You've got some innovation, you've got interesting things happening here, but I think you need more."



By Harry Siemens

Greg Debbink is a young dairy farmer from Leduc County, Alberta. At the Dairy Farmers of Canada AGM in Saskatoon recently, he questioned Canada's Conservative leader Andrew Scheer about what his party will do if elected to make it less difficult to transition the family farm to the younger generation.

Debbink is a third-generation farmer, part of a family farm that milks 160 cows.

He represents more farmers just like him, part of an operation that's doing well and with quota prices running at \$40,000 for the privilege of delivering the milk from one cow. He doesn't need a shrinking industry, especially as it pertains to the National Food Guide moving dairy products down the list of healthy recommendations. "We just built a new barn in 2012 with three robots, a pleasant change bringing ins lots of technology and that's the part of the industry that I enjoy. Just that progression and innovation," Debbink said in an interview.

Debbink described his concern about transitioning the family farm this way:

"The concern is, from myself and other producers who want to invest in this industry and have an understanding that this industry is going to be around, [is] that it's not going to be chipped away at by government and more trade agreements," he said. "I've had discussions with other young producers, and they're quite concerned, and I'm bringing those concerns forward."

When asked at what point they are transferring the family farm over to him, Debbink said it is a tough question.

"It's tough to say, but we're in the early stages because we have a lot of siblings so then it makes it even more complex. You want to be able to pass a functioning farm going forward, equable to the other siblings profitable for ourselves, right? So it's just dealing with those issues," Debbink said. "Many farms are expanding, thereby raising the price of quota a little bit. That makes it more difficult for the younger generations trying to progress their farms."

With new milk processors coming to Manitoba, increasing the milk capacity by 40 per cent, Debbink is hoping for the same thing to happen in Alberta.

"We're starting to see a little increase in processing, but we're hoping to get more processing in the

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For our purposes, I will illustrate the main reason for life insurance: to protect your family.

Most advisors will use a spreadsheet of some kind to calculate your insurance need. I do. Let's do an example. You can substitute your own numbers in the box below.

Let's go through each line using Spouse 1:

• Funeral costs: Self explanatory.

• Donation to church/charity: This is where you can leave some-

	Spouse 1	Spouse 2
Funeral costs:	15,000	15,000
Donation to church or charity:	10,000	0
Education savings for children:	50,000	50,000
Miscellaneous:	0	0
Pay off mortgage:	275,000	275,000
Pay off other debts:	25,000	25,000
Group plan insurance:	-100,000	-50,000
Other personal policies:	0	0
Replace income:	650,000	350,000
TOTAL:	\$925,000	\$665,000

thing to your church or to a cause you believe in (for example, Heart & Stroke Foundation or Breast Cancer). Adding 10k to your coverage won't affect the cost of your policy much.

• Education savings for your children: If one spouse passes away, the other spouse no longer needs to worry about saving for their children's future education needs.

• Miscellaneous: Just that-it's a spot for something unique to your situation.

• Pay off mortgage: This is where we enter the balance owing on your home mortgage.

• Pay off other debts: This would be any other debts you want cleared MacPherson, off

• Group plan insur-

ance: Spouse 1 has 100k of coverage through the group plan at work, so this reduces the amount of insurance needed.

• Other personal policies: Any life insurance already in force.

• Replace income: THE MOST IMPOR-TANT AREA TO COVER. You are gone, but the bills continue.

We need to replace your income so family life can continue at the same level it is at now. You should use gross income here, so if you make 60k a year, that is 5k per month. The lump sum needed, assuming the cash would be invested at a safe, achievable four per cent, is \$650,000.

So we add this all up and you get \$925,000. If you need to get your cost down, then remove the coverage for your mortgage and debts. This brings your need down to 625k. If you still need to get the cost down, then round down to say 500k. Having something is always better than having nothing.

In the next column on this step, we will discuss disability insurance.

If you would like a free copy of the complete book, need help, or have any questions, please reach out to me at chris.macpherson@ manulifesecurities.ca

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province. Our production has gone up, so we're just trying to find a way to process all that milk," he said.

When Debbink talks about the assault on his industry and the chipping away by governments of the product itself, his concern grows even more.

In response, Conservative leader Scheer had this to say about that chipping, especially as it pertains to the Liberal government's National Food Guide eliminating dairy products:

"I believe it was clear that there was no consultation with the dairy sector when it comes to the Food Guide," he said."The complete change in the ap-

proach of decades worth of science and a firm understanding, then for the government to eliminate dairy products is unacceptable. I've committed to review that and to bring the sector into the consultations. Use the science and evidence-based decisionmaking process that they have helped them in the past."

The other thing is front package labelling-in effect, putting warning labels on chocolate milk packages—is also unacceptable.

"The idea that healthy dairy products that humans ate for millennia

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are suddenly now dangerous doesn't make any sense to me," said Scheer. "The idea to have a diet pop and a bag of chips and not face any warning. But if you had a glass of chocolate milk and a cheese string that's somehow dangerous for you, I think defies common sense."

And what goes through the young dairy farmer's mind when he sees and hears those kinds of things?

"Unfortunate because a lot of hard work goes into producing milk; then seeing that our product is not as valuable as something that is water and sugar is concerning to me," he said. "With the younger generations moving towards more snack foods, and they grab snack foods and see the socalled 'dangerous to your health labelling' on milk, they don't see these labels on chips and pop, what are they going to grab? That's quite concerning to me and should be I think for anybody in this country."

For his part, Debbink found the discussions at the AGM encouraging.

"I think that discussion will hopefully lead to a good future going forward for the young producers."



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OBITUARY



Karl David Walkof 1941 - 2019

On Thursday, August 1, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Centre in the RM of Stanley, MB, Karl Walkof aged 78 years of Winkler, MB went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Beverley (nee Kreviazuk); daughter, Stephanie Hildebrand (Corey) and his two grandsons. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Emma Walkof.

A Celebration of Life service was held for Karl at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 at the Morden Alliance Church with a private family interment prior.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Karl's memory to either the Canadian Food Grains Bank or to Cancer Care Manitoba.

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OBITUARY

Grace (Gracie) Anne Peske (nee Klym) 1938 – 2019

On Wednesday, July 31, 2019, Grace Peske passed away peacefully at her residence, Tabor Home in Morden, MB with four generations of family by her side.

Grace was born in Gimli, MB to William and Nellie (nee Demedash) Klym. She spent her early childhood in Gimli. In 1945, she moved south of Darlingford with her mom and brother to start a new chapter of their lives with her stepfather, G. W. (Welly) Mitchell. She enjoyed the farm life and remained there until her marriage to Lloyd when they moved to Winnipeg. They lived in many different places but eventually came back to the Mitchell farm in 1973. Grace was

a homemaker and raised four children. When they were grown up and started to leave home, she began work in Morden at the sewing factory and later at Quality Communications, where she made a lifetime friend. Grace and Lloyd enjoyed travelling in their early years and later on in life, they just took the simple pleasure of family and visiting friends and local company at the coffee shops. Grace enjoyed her flowers and had a great green thumb. Everywhere she lived was adorned with the beauty of blooms. She loved the simple farm life and remained there as long as possible. She never grew tired of going out with friends for coffee or a meal. Grace was always willing to give a helping hand to those that needed it. She had lots of joy and sorrow in her life.

Grace was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and like family to many friends. She leaves to mourn her passing, Debbie (Gerry) Flood (Jason, Jalyssa and Curtis McLeod), Nadiene (John) Frank (Joey, Ronnie Steppler and Blayne Klassen, Karlie Klassen, Cash), Anna (Dave) Fehr, Brad and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father, William, stepfather, Welly, mother, Nellie, son Edward, husband, Lloyd and brother, Richard. Grace will be sadly missed by many, but her memory will remain forever in the hearts of those she touched.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with private interment prior at Darlingford Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Gracie's memory to either the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba or to Diabetes Canada.









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I will receive nominations for the office of Councillor for Ward 1 of the aforesaid Local Authority.

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