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Harvest sunset

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A local producer works the field as a blazing sunset brings the day to an end. The harvest has gone well across the region with cereal crops close to being complete. However, the quality of cereal crops remaining in the field has declined slightly due to mildew and sprouting. The majority of the canola harvest is also complete, while peas, flax, edible beans and soybeans continues. Desiccation of sunflowers and corn dry down has begun. Fall rye and winter wheat continue to be seeded, and second cut hay is mostly complete in southern areas. Some third cut is being done with more to follow in the west.

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Access seeks healing after vote

By Lorne Stelmach

Rejected by almost two-thirds of those who voted, a proposed merger for the Access Credit Union is off the table.

Now it remains to be seen what it will mean for the credit union and its members, but officials said the first step will be a healing process.

The second proposal for amalgamation with the Assiniboine Credit Union led to divisive debate, but Access board chairperson Darryl Loewen said they now need to move forward.

"It's a reconciliation time for sure," Loewen commented the day after the September 16 vote which saw 61.8 per cent of the 4,496 members who voted reject the merger. The amalgamation, which would have created the largest credit union in the province, had only 38.2 per cent vote in favour.

"I don't think people would be as opposed to a merger if they were given a

partner of choice that actually aligned with their own values," commented amalgamation opponent Jim Michnik, "and somebody who they didn't feel is going to just swallow them up in their system."

"I think that is something a lot of people were really uncomfortable with."

Members were asked to vote again after an earlier ballot this spring was defeated by a slim margin by Access members. The previous vote came up short of the required 66.67 per cent among Access members, while the Assiniboine Credit Union members voted 95 per cent in favour of the merger.

Access Credit Union had stated they received a petition to provide a second opportunity to vote on the merger.

Loewen said they were obviously disappointed with the outcome of the merger vote.

"We believed the amalgamation we

presented was a sound long term plan for our credit union," he commented.

"Clearly, though, the democratic process told us that the members are looking for another plan," said Loewen, who also gave members credit for participating in the process.

"I'm very pleased with the voter turnout and the level of engagement ... over 4,400 votes cast ... that's more than 10 per cent of membership ... that's an astonishing turnout in the Manitoba credit union system."

In a co-operative business model like a credit union, the membership plays an important role in deciding the future of its credit union, Loewen

stated.

"While as a board we firmly believed the merger would make two strong credit unions stronger in the face of rapidly changing financial sector, our members felt otherwise," commented Loewen.

Opponents of the amalgamation seized on the perspective that bigger is not always better.

They cited concerns including the fact that Assiniboine members outnumbered Access members by a three to one margin - almost 113,000 as opposed to about 42,500.

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The lineup to get into the Access Credit Union amalgamation vote meeting Sept. 16 in Morden wound its way down the length of the Access Event Centre parking lot and even further.

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Credit union to assess its options

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Concerns also cited a loss of local authority and control while also suggesting there were significant differences in the demographics of the two membership bases. They also argued it would not necessarily lead to savings for members and wondered what it would mean for some of the smaller Access Credit Union branches in the region.

Michnik suggested there was some backlash over the idea of people being told they should vote yes.

"I think that frustrated and aggravated a lot of people," he commented, while saying a key factor was "the very fact that the Assiniboine Credit Union is so much larger than our credit union.

"The more people talked about it ... the more they started realizing that our local voice would be lost ... they really took a keen interest in it and decided that's not what they wanted. They wanted to stay local ... as they like it."

Both boards had maintained there would be equal say at the board level while touting a range of advantages from the added convenience of more branches to more innovative products

and greater efficiencies and savings for members.

They had also stated no branches would be closed with no layoffs as a direct result of the merger.

Did the credit union make its case for the amalgamation clear enough?

"I'm not sure that it was all well understood," Loewen said.

As for factors that turned the vote against the merger, Loewen suggested "they changed over the course of the months since the spring."

In the end, he suggested, it was perhaps some "sense among the majority of members that the answers to a changing environment need to be a local answer."

As for what happens next then, Loewen said "it's a matter of returning to planning and strategy tables and weighing out the next best options ... to see which way to go to meet a regulatory environment and an interest rate environment that is so tight.

"We'll need to do some strategy work - management and board."

In weighing their options, he said the key challenges or considerations are in the areas of equity and retained earnings as well as liquidity.

"We need to find ways to become even more efficient and even more profitable than we are. So that's going

to be a matter of increasing revenue over expense," he commented.

He suggested options could include assessing and possibly selling off some loan categories, and they also may need to look at "raising lending rates so that high risk categories are balanced off with higher revenue ... so therefore better risk equity on it," Loewen said.

"We'll try to answer the financial challenges of the next six to 18 months and to do it the best we can."

Michnik said if they really felt they need to pursue a merger, they need to approach it from a different perspective.

Previous amalgamations were with smaller, more rural financial institutions that were more aligned with our values and principles, he said.

"If we need a bigger partner, and we can't build up strength on our own, they should really pursue a partner that is, first of all, acceptable to the membership.

"And they should look at a partner that has a really strong value statement ... and a partner that has a very strong financial track record."

Assiniboine Credit Union had scheduled its merger vote for Monday, September 21 but it had been cancelled.



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About 10 per cent of the membership turned out to vote on amalgamation.

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Top citizen goes beyond call of duty

By Lorne Stelmach

A man who played an instrumental role in two major sporting events in the Winkler area is being honoured now for his contributions to the community.

The Winkler Community Foundation announced the 2015 Citizen of the Year is Louis Tanguay.

When he learned of the honour, Tanguay joked that he was speechless - something those who know him

would say is a rare occurrence.

"It was very surprising. It would have never crossed my mind. I'm honoured and humbled by it," he commented.

"You don't do these things to get recognition, you do them because you think it is a good idea."

Tanguay was cited for not a strong spirit of volunteerism in the community but also for excelling at whatever he has undertaken.

"Louis goes beyond the call of duty

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Louis Tanguay played a leading role in bringing the 2015 Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts to Winkler.

A Surprise Platypus

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Genesis 1:31

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, (it was) very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."



Europe was introduced to Australia's duckbill platypus in 1798. Because of the difficulties of travel in those days, scientists didn't send a live platypus from Australia to the British Museum in London. They sent only a platypus skin. Scientists in London looked at the duck bill, the beaver tail and the webbed feet of this egg laying mammal and immediately denounced the creature as a hoax.

Two hundred years later, the duckbill platypus continues to amaze scientists. Recently researchers discovered a surprising new ability the platypus uses to find food. It seems that the nerves in the platypus's skin,

which relay the sense of touch, are also able to sense electricity. Every time we or any living creature use a muscle, a tiny electric current is generated. When the shrimp that the platypus eats flick their tails, they generate about 200 millionths to 1,000 millionths of a volt of electricity. That small amount of voltage is enough to enable the platypus to sense and locate lunch.

Modern biological research has also shown another mystery about the platypus. (At least it's a mystery for evolutionists.) While the platypus is classified as a mammal, it is genetically as different from all other mammals as mammals are from birds. Nor is the platypus genetically like the bird. This leaves the platypus with absolutely no evolutionary history, almost as if it had simply popped into existence. And that's what the Bible says happened when God created the heavens and the Earth and everything in them during creation week!

Prayer: Father, Your wisdom is so far above even the wisest men that when we rely on our own understanding of even the simplest things, we are easily lost in confusion. This is yet another reason I thank You for the revelation of Your truth, love and wisdom in Holy Scripture. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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Top citizen spreads the kudos to others

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in everything he does," his nomination stated. "Louis' determination to not only do a good job, but to do the best job is evident."

Over the years, Tanguay has been past president of the Winkler Curling Club, past president of the chamber of commerce, a church board member and was involved in several sporting activities including as a coach.

Most recently, Tanguay played a significant role in bringing the 2015 Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts to Winkler and was heavily involved in Winkler, Morden and the RM of Stanley jointly hosting the 2014 Manitoba Winter Games.

Both projects have had tremendous impact in the community and have given back to many local organizations as a result, stated the Winkler Community Foundation.

Tanguay noted that there was tremendous support for the Scotties from the community - the sponsors to all of those who attended.

And he was quick to stress that he had a great team of people who helped organize and run the Scotties, so there should be more names on the award.

"My wife helped me immensely ... and the next part of that would be John Neufeld was my co-chair."

"It takes all kinds of people to make our community a better place," says WCF president Phillip Vallely.

"Louis has exemplified volunteerism as an energetic and dynamic leader and motivator, making a huge contribution to this community."

Tanguay will be honoured at the 2015 Citizen of the Year banquet at the Winkler Bergthaler Church Thursday, Oct. 29.

Tickets are available through the Winkler Community

Foundation located in Winkler City Hall or by contacting Myra at 204-362-9292 or by e-mail at admin@winklercommunityfoundation.com.

GUEST SPEAKER

Guest speaker at the banquet will be Paul LaPolice, a former head coach for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and current broadcaster for TSN.

LaPolice knows a lot about leadership and

building teams, the foundation stated. He will share motivational tools that can be used in all organizations.

This year's speaker has been co-sponsored by Access Credit Union and Gislason Targownik Peters.



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Candidates invited to round table

By Lorne Stelmach

There won't be a traditional election forum this time around in Morden or Winkler as voters prepare to elect their MP for Portage Lisgar.

They will, however, have an opportunity to meet the candidates in a new format being tried out by local organizers.

The Winkler and Morden chambers of commerce are jointly hosting the forum Sept. 30 at the Morden 55 Plus Activity Centre.

It won't offer the usual speeches from the podium followed by moderated questions from the floor.

"This year, we're going to do it a little bit more like a round-table discussion," said Morden chamber executive

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A dummy's guide to moving

I hate moving. I mean, I really, really don't like packing or unpacking.

For someone like me who cannot stand moving, I have moved a lot.

Due to circumstance I moved at least a dozen time before I was 12 years old. Maybe this is why I despise it so much.

As an adult I have moved no less than 12 more times. I have moved within cities, between provinces, even between countries—and every time it has sucked in various and unique ways.

So why do it? Sometimes it's of necessity (new job), sometimes it's the promise of something new (a new home).

Sadly, I have recently moved again. I say sadly but now that it is over I really mean happily.

We've moved into a nice historic home on Stephen Street in Morden and the destination alone was worth the pain.

Over the years I have learned a few things about moving that I thought I would pass on to you:

- First off, you are going to hate it, so simply accept this fact and move on. Don't try to trick yourself into thinking it will be fun.

- Your friends don't want to help and that's okay. Realize the amazingsness of the ones that come out considering they really don't want to help because the only thing they hate more than moving is helping someone else move.

I once helped a friend move. I arrived at the designated location at the designated time and realized nothing was packed. I mean *nothing*. Clothes still in the closet; dishes still in the sink.

The strategy: fill garbage bags randomly and put into back of pickup truck. Repeat until done. I stopped helping about four hours into the event. It took him five days to move.

- You will be injured. No matter how carefully you think you are being, something is going to get pulled/pinched/cut/squashed and/or broken on someone (probably you), so simply be prepared and pack the first aid kit last.

- RENT A BIG TRUCK. I cannot stress this enough. Do not cheap out. Do not, I repeat, DO NOT rely on a single car or pickup truck, as this can irreparably damage friendships.

We rented a 25 foot U-Haul and it was originally thought "Holy cow, how much stuff do you have?" to which I responded, "I would rather have a half full truck than have to make more than one significant trip."

- Get rid of things. PURGE, PURGE, PURGE. We cannot shop at the local thrift shop for at least a month because the entire place is our purged stuff.

Use the opportunity to get rid of things you know you will never look at or use. We got rid of more than a dozen huge bags of clothes, 300 books, countless gadgets etc.

- PACK and put things in boxes. Use as many (labelled) boxes as you can and only use bags for clothes. There is nothing worse than having to sort through a big, shapeless blob of bags except when the odd bag contains knives and forks.

- Load strategically—don't just pack things into the truck randomly. Try to keep your rooms together and it will speed the unloading.

- Feed and water the help. Seriously, make sure your friends are well fed. Order pizzas, take people to dinner, buy beer or other suitable beverages. Reward these crazy people who decided you were worth the insanity.

- Leave a gift for the folks moving into your old place. A nice welcome card on the counter. A bottle of something in the fridge. It makes you feel good and it takes the edge off of another person's moving experience.

- Finally, and this is an important one if you can swing it: Never. Move. Again. You will likely break this promise but in the meantime settle in and enjoy where you are.

I'm sure there are a thousand more great tips and stories about moving (send me a letter with yours, if you like). These are merely a few based on my experience.

For myself: I will never move again (until I do).



By Peter Cantelon

> ROUND TABLE, FROM PG. 5

director Candace Olafson.

Each candidate will meet with a smaller group of people and give some opening comments but then just engage in discussion and be asked questions.

"And then we'll rotate around the room so everybody will get a chance to have a little bit of a smaller group, one on one time with each candidate," said Olafson.

"Not everyone feels comfortable asking questions in front of a larger group," suggested Olafson.

"We just wanted it to be a little bit more personal," she continued. "And I'm sure the candidates too want to get to know the people on a little bit more one on one basis."

Olafson said they hope this format will provide a better opportunity for more personal conversation between everyone.

"It's kind of moving to a little more casual setting ... gives a little less formal feel to the evening," she said.

"I think it's just a little less intimidating for everybody ... a little more

personal to get to know the candidates. That's what people want ... people want to get to know a little bit more about them."

To date, four candidates were declared for the Portage Lisgar riding including Conservative incumbent Candace Bergen as well as Liberal Ken Werbiski, Jerome Dondo of the Christian Heritage Party and Beverley Eert of the Green Party. As of press time, there was no candidate for the NDP.

Decor touting more age friendly design

By Lorne Stelmach

An aging population will continue to have a ripple effect in so many areas of day to day life.

And one local company is working to help show how things can be done and made a little differently to make it easier for everyone to carry on living well and easier as we age.

Decor is asking the question within 20 years what would it be like to work in your kitchen.

To better answer that, they came upon what is called the age explorer suit which mimics ways aging will impact us.

It uses things like weights, gloves, glasses and a visor to inhibit the senses and restrict movement, mirroring the effects of aging 20 to 25 years.

And the Two30Nine showroom in Morden held a demonstration day Sept. 17 to help raise awareness along the theme of how to design your space for aging in place.

They took people through areas of the showroom to display a variety of design ideas and ways that can help keep our living spaces as livable as possible.

Gord Wall, who works in business development for Decor and manages the Two30Nine showroom, said they came upon the Age Explorer suit through Bloom, who provide the hardware that goes inside the Decor cabinetry.



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VOICE

Gord Wall explains some aspects of age-friendly design elements with a volunteer wearing the 'age explorer' suit, which mirrors the effects of aging.

They work with a company that has done a lot of research on aging in place.

"When I saw the suit for the first time, I said 'wow, why can't I share some of this with the public, with everybody who is involved in this kind of work'," said Wall.

He said they have to work with these kinds of design questions and challenges every day, yet we likely haven't fully appreciated how important they are or the impact they have on us.

He said the aim is to "bring awareness to people that there are solutions to a lot of these limitations."

He suggested it very much ties in with a key theme of the Decor mission statement - building life into people's lives.

"It's educating people that they can live better. They can move better in their space, they can live better and they can actually have a better quality of life," said Wall.

The design ideas actually follow some deceptively simple ideas and concepts to better personalize spaces to individual needs such as: more accessible drawers; raised appliances; better sink depth; better counter height; accessible kitchen island plugs; upper cabinetry at a better height; better vanity height; handles or knobs that are easier to use; better

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MORDEN MEETING

Share Your Ideas

Help us plan the next provincial budget

Finance Minister Greg Dewar is travelling across the province to listen to Manitobans' priorities for the next provincial budget. What do you think are the challenges and opportunities facing Manitoba families?

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Community: **Morden**

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Community rallies to area rescue's plea for help

Kat's Kritters Rescue reaches project fundraising goal in just a few short days

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Kat's Kritters Rescue in Rosebank put out a call for help earlier this month and was absolutely blown away by the speed of the local pet-loving community's response.

Founder Kathy Gyoerick posted on the rescue's Facebook page on Sept. 2, asking for help to put up custom fence panels to cut down on the visual stimuli for the dogs in her care on her nearly two acre lot.

Donations quickly poured in, and within just a few days the rescue had received close to \$1,300—easily enough to cover the panel project, with a few hundred dollars leftover for the rescue's ever-present vet bills.

"It was just amazing. Within minutes people were wanting to sponsor a panel," Gyoerick says. "I was not anticipating that kind of response."

Dozens of people contributed a few dollars each towards the project, with the bulk of support coming from Quality Inn, which donated \$250 on behalf of each of its locations in Manitoba for a total of \$1,000.

"That right there covered 75 per cent of the project," Gyoerick says. "And then the rest was about 25 or so other individuals who wanted to help. To see such an outpouring of support has been amazing."

The panel project was the culmination of a pretty stressful time at the rescue this summer.

Gyoerick, who moved to Rosebank last fall specifically to provide a better home for both her pet sitting business and the rescue, received a letter in July from the RM of Thompson saying they had received noise complaints from her neighbours. As a result, they decided to cut the number of dogs she was allowed to have on-

site from 12 (a number Gyoerick had been approved for before she moved to the community) to just six.

This came as something of a shock to Gyoerick, who maintains that her dogs are never outside unsupervised (they are housed inside her home) and certainly aren't making the amount of noise outlined in the complaint to the RM.

"I'm on-site, so if the dogs are barking I'm not just going to just ignore that because I can't stand it either," she says. "When they are barking, it's addressed and that's that."

Gyoerick points out that there are several pet dogs in the community regularly tied up in their yards or allowed to roam free, and she suspects blame for their excessive barking was directed her way simply because people assumed her rescue dogs would be the ones making the racket.

Whatever the reason, being able to house just six dogs in total between both her business and the rescue would have likely put an end to both endeavours, Gyoerick says.

"That would have destroyed everything. I would have no way to make a living, and with no way to make a living, there would be no way to run the rescue."

Fortunately, Gyoerick was able to show Thompson Reeve Brian Calum around her facility to address the noise accusations, and council eventually rescinded its decision.

As part of the discussion with the RM, though, Gyoerick decided to take further steps to ensure her dogs are as quiet as possible when they are outside.

Hence, the panel project, which she expects will be completed on three sides of her lot within the next few

"A LOT OF PEOPLE COMING TOGETHER CAN TRULY MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE."



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Kat's Kritters Rescue founder Kathy Gyoerick with rescue dogs Rocky and Abby in front of the fence panels she's planning on installing all around her yard. A request for donations on social media saw the project meet its goal in just days.

weeks. The north edge of her property, which looks out onto an open field, will likely be installed last later this fall or next spring.

"The panels will certainly I hope placate the neighbours and council, but in the end I think it will also be a benefit, since it will offer a little more privacy and also reduce that visual stimuli for the dogs," Gyoerick says.

SAVING LIVES

Since starting up in early 2014, Kat's Kritters has seen over 200 animals pass through its doors.

"When I started this I was hoping I could help maybe a dozen animals a year," Gyoerick says, noting she takes a great deal of satisfaction knowing she's made a difference with her efforts. "Every time you see an animal adopted into a loving home, which you know would not have had that opportunity otherwise, it just really does make it all worthwhile."

The non-profit rescue is truly a labour of love for Gyoerick, who was previously the shelter manager for the Pembina Valley Humane Society. When she left that position she saw a need for another rescue operation in the region.

"The reality is the humane society's shelter could be four times the size and it would still always be full," she says. "I wanted to help relieve some of the burden."

At any given time, Gyoerick has several dogs and cats in her care at her home, with several more placed in various foster homes.

"That is the biggest need, absolute-

ly, for the rescue is foster homes," she says. "Right now I'm operating with only about a handful of committed foster homes. We need more ... every week I have to turn down animals because we don't have the room."

Anyone in the region who would like to open up their home to foster pets can learn more about the process online at katskrittersmb.ca.

That website is also the place to go to check out all the dogs and cats that are available for adoption. Gyoerick works with the local vet clinics to ensure all her animals are healthy, spayed or neutered, and have received all their shots before being adopted.

If you aren't in the market for a rescue animal and can't commit to being a foster home, you can still lend a hand as a volunteer in other capacities.

The rescue is currently looking for people willing to help out with planning fundraising and awareness events, coordinating donations, and providing transport for animals.

Donations to Kat's Kritters can be made online at their site or directly to their vet bills at both the Morden and Winkler vet clinics.

"I appreciate everything—if you give me a dollar, I'm happy," Gyoerick says. "It doesn't have to be a \$500 donation. A donation of a bag of kitty litter, or if your animal doesn't like their food and you have a half a bag to donate, all of that makes a difference."

"Without people's support, we just wouldn't stand a chance," she stresses. "A lot of people coming together can truly make a big difference."



Winner's circle

Congratulations to the winners of our Snowbird: A Tribute to Anne Murray ticket contest. From left: Mary Ann Wiebe, Sadie Fehr, and Maria Friesen each won a pair of tickets to the Sept. 23 show at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall by correctly answering the trivia question: What song is Anne Murray tribute artist Laura Gillespie's favourite song to perform? The answer: Bidin' My Time, which also happens to be one of Murray's favourite tunes. We hope you enjoyed the show, ladies!

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Winkler police warn about tax man scam

By Lorne Stelmach

A local resident appears to have been spared from being deeply victimized by a scam.

Winkler police are investigating an incident which began when a woman received a call from someone she believed was from the Canada Revenue Agency.

The woman was told she owed tax, and the caller went on to say if she didn't take care of this immediately, they would be putting a lien on her house and vehicle. And she was told not to tell anyone about it including her husband.

Police say the caller then advised her to stay on the line while attending her bank to make the money transfer, which was in the amount of \$3,500. After that was done, she was told to fax the deposit slip to them, which was done for her.

Next, the caller stated her case was now almost clear with one more step required to ensure this would not happen again. She was asked to send a security deposit of \$5,000 via money gram, and that if no further problems arose she would get that money back.

The victim replied the maximum she could

send was \$3,000, to which the caller replied that would be sufficient.

Following all of this, the victim received a legitimate call from Money Gram advising her they had put a stop on her transaction and explained to her that this was a scam.

Police this week said that hundreds of these fraud attempts have been reported across the region.

In fact, the Canada Revenue Agency does not do business this way via phone calls.

Police were warning people not to engage in conversation with anyone saying they are from the Canada Revenue Agency and to terminate the call immediately.

> AGE FRIENDLY DESIGN, FROM PG. 7

locations for large elements; dynamic space designed with 'zones' in mind.

Some of the solutions are as simple as motion-activated lights to better see inside cabinets and drawers or doors that open up rather than out sideways.

"The spaces we design nowadays are becoming very scientific. They all have to work with how you work."

Simple things can become more difficult, and it is this reality of an aging population that will increasingly impact many industries, Wall suggested.

"And we're finding these issues are coming at every age. We're getting every age in here ... all working through something," said Wall.

"Maybe that was most surprising ... that it wasn't necessarily anything to do with old people," he added.

"And that's maybe why we wanted to spread the word because we're dealing with it more every day. And often we're too late ... like the design has been done, and some changes just can't be made.

"If they know about these things and that there is help out there ... so much better for all of us."

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Hometown Ford
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Community event helps put books into children's hands

Drive4UR Community Drive a Ford event aids Imagination Library

By Lorne Stelmach

For those people who came to lend their support, it was just a small donation for a worthy cause.

Joyce Sawatzky wants drivers to know that they are ultimately helping provide a gift that will last a lifetime for local children.

"It's so gratifying to see kids coming into the library and going 'my brother has that book' or my sister got that book'," commented the chair of the Winkler Imagination Library project.

"You think it's just a book ... but it's not just a book. It's hopefully changing someone's life."

The Winkler Imagination Library teamed up with Hometown Service Sept. 15 for the Drive4UR Community Drive a Ford Event, where every test drive earned the early childhood literacy program a \$20 donation.

Hometown Ford had a selection of eight cars, trucks and SUVs to take for test drives.

Hometown Ford had aimed for up to 250 test drives, but in the end they managed to get to at least 155, and pro-

ceeds from a barbecue brought the total amount raised to over \$3,500, said Sawatzky.

Carl Derksen of Hometown Ford said they saw this project as a very worthwhile endeavour for them to support.

"We've done this other years with schools building play structures and stuff," he noted.

"As far as Ford giving back to the community, we want to do as much as we can," he said. "It's great for the kids, getting them books to read ... and helping the education system is always a bonus."

"The Imagination Library is a very good cause that goes a long ways toward helping literacy in school by getting kids in the habit of reading before they start school."

"It's a great cause, and we wanted to support it."

The Imagination Library project started about a year ago when Sawatzky and others saw a need to do more to build early literacy.

As a school librarian Sawatzky said she has "seen way too many kids coming to Kindergarten who've never had any exposure to books."

With the Imagination Library, anyone within Garden Valley School Division can enroll children up to age of five, and the program will send them an age appropriate book selected by an educator in the mail once a month.

Coming into this event, the Imagination Library had reached about 750 pre-school age children for receiving free monthly books in the mail to foster their love of reading with another 40 on the waiting list.

Sawatzky said the event takes a big bite out of the Imagination Library's annual campaign to raise the \$48,000 needed annually to cover operating expenses.

It was gratifying to see so much local support including having food and supplies for the barbecue provided by Co-op, Valley Bakery and Superstore.

"We need to raise about \$48,000 a year to run this program, and we're on track ... I think we will do that this year," concluded Sawatzky.

"And considering how many good fundraising projects there are going ... it's humbling to see community support for this."



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arts & culture

Program aiming for stronger art skills

By Lorne Stelmach

Art classes starting this fall will be a little intensive and extensive for students at the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

The Art Council has revamped its programming into an art academy that will offer year-round classes in six week blocks from now until next April.

It is a new approach to the annual classes that aims to still make them enjoyable but perhaps go a little deeper in developing the artistic skills of students, organizers said.

"It's still intended as an after school program, but they are coming and are learning more formal skills as well as having fun, playing around with the different media," suggested Amanda Nicholls, executive director of the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

The idea is to have a curriculum that will help participants develop skills across a wide variety of media.

Nicholls said they hope it will allow them the freedom to more fully explore and develop their artistic potential through building a wider repertoire of techniques and skills.

They will be led by program outreach co-ordinator Caroline Lynch, a fully qualified art educator, along with some guest artists making contributions.

"She's been teaching our kids programs, which have been more of a drop-in, learn something fun ... maybe there's a theme to it, and they're creating something," said Nicholls.

"And they are learning artistic skills, but we realized that there's a community of children and parents that are wanting their children to develop more formal artistic skills.

"So we developed a curriculum type of agenda for programs for children for throughout the whole year."

The program will be broken up into four modules that go throughout the whole year in six week blocks on Tuesdays with one for ages six to nine and the other for ages 10 and up.

The students will go through a range of art media including drawing, painting and print making as well as ceramics and sculpture.

The curriculum for ages six to nine will start with drawing Sept. 22 to Oct. 27 then continue with painting and

printmaking from November 3 to December 8.

It will continue in the new year with ceramics taught by Margie Hildebrand from January 12 to February 16 then conclude with sculpture from March 8 to April 19.

The curriculum for ages 10 and up also begins with drawing from September 22 to October 27 then moves on to painting and printmaking as well from November 3 to December 8.

This one varies then with a self-directed art module from January 12 to February 16 followed by ceramics taught by Margie Hildebrand from March 8 to April 19.

"For the older group, there's even a chance for them to do some self-directed exploration of their own art ... their own ideas that they are interested but with the support of an instructor," said Nicholls. "So if they took the whole year of classes, it would really allow them to build on their creative skills and their artistic skills and go forward with that."

OTHER CLASSES

Meanwhile, the arts council is also continuing with a full slate of other art classes and events.

The Clock Tower Corner led by professional child education Jennifer Krahn covers music, visual arts, theatre and more. It started up September 10 and continues Thursday mornings and afternoons to November 26 for ages three to six.

Drawing to Painting will help students transform pencil drawings to colourful paintings. It will be offered in October for ages nine and up with dates still to be confirmed.

And workshop classes on the schedule this fall and into the winter months include drawing to watercolour, drawing 101, knitting: pattern reading, Swedish weaving, acrylic painting, Christmas gift workshop, watercolour, stained glass and micro-projects: winter wear.

The ceramic studio is temporarily closed for some renovations and upgrades but is to reopen early in 2016.

To find out more information, you can go online to www.pembinahillsarts.com. You can also call 204-822-6026 or e-mail info@pembinahillsarts.com or stop in at 352 Stephen St. in downtown Morden.



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Activities from some of the summer art classes through the Pembina Hills Arts Council.



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Rural mentorship motivates area artists

By Lorne Stelmach

Anyone viewing the new exhibition on now at the Pembina Hills Gallery will immediately see the variety of work making up the display.

They will likely be particularly struck by certain pieces from the eight artists involved.

What they won't see or know are the individual stories that led each artist to being part of the exhibit, and that is the individual journey for someone like Vance Reed makes this a significant moment in his artistic life.

A self-directed artist who retired to Morden about six years ago, Vance has displayed his work before but he quickly said "this one is special. This one is very special."

"Each one of us approach our art in different ways. And when you go in and you look at it, you see the diversity in the art," said Vance.

"One is doing watercolours, one is doing tiles. We're all doing different things. Some of us do landscapes, some of us are doing birds, animals. We have a potter in the group who has taken up painting since she's

been with us.

"It's all just fabulous. And you can see the potential of our art."

The exhibit on now and continuing into November is an exhibition of work by eight artists who participated in the Manitoba Rural Arts Mentorship Program.

The mentorship program went from October, 2014 to March, 2015 and involved Annette Henderson of Rathwell, Lee Beaton and Robert Greenlay of Portage and Mordenites including Bonnaeh Rachul, Sharon Loepky, Tammy Hendrickx, Wanda Friessen and Vance.

It is an initiative of the Manitoba Arts Network and MAWA (Mentoring Artists for Women's Art) which had mentor Barb Flemington work with the artists based at the Tiger Hills Art Association in Holland.

Flemington, a rural artist herself living just south of Brandon, has exhibited locally, nationally and internationally. She has been an art educator at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba and an instructor at Brandon University.

Having lived in rural Manitoba, she has experienced the isolation rural artists can face and can share the strategies she has used to build and develop a professional art practice.

Amanda Nicholls, executive director of the Pembina Hills Arts Council, said the participants were established artists who were practicing art, although some have had formal training and others have just been self taught.

However, they all showed a level of skill and initiative which organizers hoped could benefit through the mentorship.

It offered them instruction and inspiration through group interaction while also allowing them to move forward on their own.

"She worked with them one on one and also worked with them in a group setting," noted Nicholls.

Some have exhibited before, while this may be new for others, or they may have been part of group shows.

"They're all working through pushing their craft further," Nicholls commented.

"They are all sort of up and coming

really interesting artists who are creating different, interesting or thought provoking and technically interesting artwork.

"So this is the first time that we're seeing all their work together since their mentorship ended, and they've been developing their work on their own," Nicholls continued.

"They're working in their own medium. There's no theme to the show other than to showcase they're all from rural Manitoba."

And she thought it likely was interesting for them to see the end result now.

"They've been remarking on how it's been interesting to see the difference between what people worked on ... and how they have taken it a step further.

"I think it's inspiring for them to work in that kind of group setting. It was a really good mentorship that they were a part of ... it was really supportive for them."

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> AN ARTIST'S LIFE

The battle between the arts and the sports

In the list of extra-curricular and leisure activities for both children and adults, many of those activities fall into one of two categories: arts-related or sports-related.

Few people would dare to argue that sports programs or arts activities are unneeded in a community. Yet, a quick Google search calls up headlines such as "Fine Arts vs. Sports: The Battle of the Budgets"



By Candace Hamm

(lhsroar.com), "Sports vs. The Arts Great Debate Too Close To Call" (articles.chicagotribune.com), and "Pitting Arts Versus Sports" (www.arts-

journal.com).

College students compose essays arguing the merits of funding either side of the debate, while artists and athletes alike tend scoff at the other side as being irrelevant, outdated, or uncivilized.

The reality is that neither side is right.

The truth is, both arts and sports activities are needed for well rounded communities and both sports and arts organizations should be encouraging involvement in each activity, celebrating the other's achievements, and working together to benefit the community.

Young participants should be encouraged to try both fields and to treat athletes and artists alike with respect and appreciation for the hard work that goes into each discipline.

In this day and age, the 'jock' and the 'artsy' stereotypes should become redundant.

Arts and sports activities have distinct and unique benefits to participants, but many of the effects on the population are shared by each field.

Participants in both arts and sports have opportunities to work as a team and make new friends sharing common interests, whether on the baseball field, soccer pitch, in choir rehearsal, or with an orchestra performance.

Both sports and the arts have the potential to bring people together for a shared cause or to encourage persistence and discipline in a solo endeavour.

Furthermore, both sports and the arts are a healthy alternative to screen time and encourage participants to get off the couch and involved. Both activities encourage motor skills, problem-solving, and increase confidence in children. In adults, the arts and sports can both be a means to relax, an enjoyable hobby, and a welcome diversion from day-to-day life.

Even in their differences, sports and the arts can complement each other. Sports are arguably better for the physical body, but the arts work areas of the brain that may not see use in daily life.

In many cases, arts activities tend

to carry a more calm and relaxed feel, but sports activities offer a great way to burn off energy.

Sports tend to be more seasonal while arts instruction goes along with the school season. These differing schedules can allow for opportunities to try each field.

In summary, sports and arts programming are both essential to a healthy community and while this column can only scratch the surface, the ways in which arts and sports can and should cooperate are endless.

Our kids, teens, adults, and seniors should all have the opportunity to get involved, have access to adequate facilities, try several different forms of each field, and be encouraged in whatever discipline they choose.

Recognizing that the sports versus arts debate must become sports and arts participation is essential to promoting quality of life.

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A piece by Lee Beaton is part of the Manitoba Rural Arts Mentorship Program exhibit on now at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.

> RURAL MENTORSHIP, FROM PG. 12

And for the gallery, she said a new exhibit is always exciting, but it is particularly interesting when it is a group show.

"There's so much variety you can have a look at ... and we're definitely excited to be supporting rural artists by having this exhibition up."

Vance said he wanted contact with other artists and very much appreciated being able to work alongside "some very incredible artists."

He noted he was not only one of two males alongside six women but that some of them were more accomplished including one who has a masters degree.

"So I think each of these artists got something different out of it," he noted, adding "I was looking for reassurance about my own work."

"I've been painting for 15 years ...

I have no fundamentals. I just paint from my gut, I paint from me feelings, I paint from my soul," he said.

"What I came out with was even better. They gave me the ability to believe in what I do and that I shouldn't tinker with that," said Vance.

"They were in a way trying to get back to where I was ... and that was just to paint for the fun of painting," he added. "And that was, in my case, very reassuring."

"So I've just gone back to doing what I do, and that is paint."

He concluded that the experience "gave me the strength to believe in my own art, to believe in what I am doing ... to reach that comfort zone."

"That's what I'm going to do. I'm just going to continue with that, I'm not going to question it. I'm just going to keep on painting."

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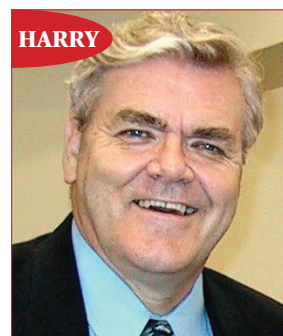
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Paying tribute to Ben Kehler

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The community gathered to honour the long career of Winkler musician and guitar teacher Ben Kehler last Saturday (Sept. 19) with a special tribute concert. It featured a variety of performances on different instruments by former students as well as Kehler's sons. Above, left to right, Bernard Kehler and Dennis Kehler perform "Cantabile". Right, Morden Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen presents Kehler with a certificate in recognition of his contribution to music.



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Be prepared when choosing popular months for weddings

The season couples choose to get married can affect many aspects of their ceremonies and celebrations. Vendors are in high demand during popular wedding seasons like spring and summer. But those same vendors may be more flexible and less expensive during those times of year when fewer couples tie the knot.

such as festivals, large-scale meetings and conventions, can intrude on wedding plans. Consult with a local chamber of commerce and local schools to see if any local events that might drive up the cost of your wedding are going on. Reunions or conventions can stretch nearby restaurants, hotels and reception sites pretty thin, leaving you with fewer options.

According to The Knot.com, a leading Web-based wedding resource, June, August, September and October are the most popular months for couples to say "I do," while January, February and March are the least popular months to get married. Wedding dates can affect wedding costs considerably, and knowing this can help couples find the date that works best for them and their budgets.

Vary the time
If you have your heart set on getting married during more popular months to tie the knot, then you may be able to save a bit here and there by being more flexible with the time and day you choose to make your vows. Couples often choose a Friday or Saturday wedding because they believe it will make it most convenient for guests to attend. However, if you provide ample notice to guests, they may be able to take off a Thursday or even a Monday from work, making a Thursday or Sunday wedding a more doable option.



If Saturday is still your ideal day to walk down the aisle, think about having an early wedding ceremony followed by a brunch or lunch reception. You also can customize your wedding to be a cocktail party only, saving you some money.

of wedding season, you may not get first choice on your venues and vendors. Have a list of service providers at the ready just in case your first choices are already booked. By understanding how dates and times can affect weddings, couples can make more informed decisions when planning their nuptials.

Value dates

Tying the knot in the early part of the year can be a more budget-friendly option for cost-conscious couples. Prices for reception sites and vendors may be lower in January and March than during other times of the year. However, February may not be so budget-friendly thanks to Valentine's Day. December also may not garner significant discounts thanks to the holiday season, when vendors may be in high demand for holiday parties.

Local events

Even though certain months may not be in high demand for weddings, that doesn't always mean they are the perfect time for couples to tie the knot. Popular local events,

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Five Fabulous Wedding Registry Upgrades

Getting ready to say "I do?" Of all the tasks in preparation for your big day, one of the most exciting is creating your wedding registry. It's a chance to choose everything for your home. Be sure to add items in a wide price range so guests can decide how much they want to spend, while getting something you and your new spouse really want. Dream big—take this opportunity to ask for premium gifts as well.

Multi-Taskers

Pots and pans are a registry staple, but don't forget specialty cookware and bakeware, such as a roasting pan, rectangular baker or covered baking dish. Choosing oven-to-table pieces makes it easy to go straight from cooking to presentation, all in one dish.

Mixing Up Magic

A high-performance blender is a must-have. Choose one that can help with every meal of the day, such as the Vitamix S55. With a smaller footprint than conventional blenders, this powerful machine offers the convenience of four pre-programmed settings and two containers, including a blend-and-go beverage cup. Use it to make breakfast smoothies, salad dressing for lunch, soup for dinner, and dips and drinks for entertaining.

Backyard Barbecues

A grill can help set the scene for backyard gatherings. Decide if you prefer gas, which offers easy operation and clean-up, or charcoal, which many barbecue connoisseurs say provides a more intense, grilled flavour. Also, think about extra features you may want, such as a built-in thermometer, side burners, shelves or tool hooks.

Unconventional Tools

Once you've got the basics covered, consider out-of-the-box kitchen items. Keep recipes handy by registering for a cutting board that holds a tablet. For easy entertaining, a slate cheese board allows you to label food selections right on the board. Or, pick one with a hidden drawer for knives and storage.

If you need advice on what to choose, ask a consultant at your local department store or download online checklists. Creating a wedding registry is often the first step toward building your home as a married couple, so get the right items to make it a happy one.



Ideas for celebrating a first anniversary

Couples approaching their first anniversaries may be amazed at just how quickly their first year as husband and wife flew by. Many would admit it feels like just yesterday that they were reciting their vows and dancing the night away in the company of friends and family.

Couples about to mark their first anniversaries often look back on a year of new experiences. A first anniversary is a milestone that should not be taken lightly, and there are plenty of enjoyable and meaningful ways to celebrate your first full year of wedded bliss.

Enjoy a night of reminiscing and cake. If you saved the top tier of your wedding cake, take it out of the freezer and let it thaw. Serve a slice for yourself and your spouse while you sit down to recall the little details of your wedding. Review your wedding album or pop in your wedding video to relive the magic of your big day once more.

Plan an escape vacation. Why not make it a tradition to

travel on your anniversary? You can have a new honeymoon where you go to a romantic destination and participate in some romantic one-on-one time each and every year. Return to your original honeymoon spot or find a new locale.

Dine at your wedding hall. Some wedding venues double as restaurants or may serve special brunches or dinners on occasion. Make reservations and honor your first anniversary in the spot where you first celebrated your union.

Trade paper gifts. The first anniversary gift is paper, and you can interpret this in various ways. Declare your love in a full-page ad in your local newspaper, or treat your spouse to some tickets to a show or a sporting event. If you want to put your thoughts on your first year of marriage down on paper, use some stationery to jot down an impromptu poem or love note.

Throw a big bash. Invite many of the same people who attended the wedding to a party at your home or another ven-

ue. Share a spotlight dance to your wedding song and be sure to toast all of the people who helped make your first year so special.

Enjoy a fancy meal. Use your anniversary as an excuse to try that exclusive restaurant that may be a little too extravagant for just any occasion. Indulge in an expensive meal and a nice bottle of bubbly.

Relax with a spa treatment. Reserve a couple's spa day at a nearby resort or stand-alone business. Explore the services they offer, from massages to facials to relaxing body wraps.

Have an adventure together. Do something exciting for your first anniversary so you will remember it forever. Adrenaline-inducing activities, like scuba diving, riding roller coasters, helicopter tours or bungee jumping, are thrilling ways to mark a year of wedded bliss.

There is no limit to the number of ways couples can commemorate their first anniversaries. From romantic to wild, these activities can keep the spark alive.



Post-wedding day tasks to tackle

Couples who plan their own weddings might enjoy a satisfactory exhale once the knot has been tied and the last rug has been cut. Once guests head home and couples depart for their honeymoons, much of the work is done. But there are some lingering tasks for couples once they return from their first trip together as husband and wife.

Thank-you notes: Thank-you notes are perhaps a couple's biggest task upon returning from their honeymoons. Such notes should be sent to all guests who attended your wedding as well as those who could not attend but still gave gifts. Carve out some time in the weeks immediately following your honeymoon to write personalized thank-you notes, mailing them all at the same time so guests do not feel slighted if their note arrives weeks after another's.

Cake: If you were unable to do so before leaving on your honeymoon, return to your wedding reception venue to pick up any leftover cake. Many venues will store leftover wedding cakes in their freezers for a reasonable amount of time until couples return from their honeymoons, but make it a point to pick up your cake as soon as possible. It's customary to eat leftover cake, if you have any, on your first anniversary.

Vendor reviews: Many vendors now rely on Internet reviews from past customers to help grow their businesses, and it's a nice gesture for couples to offer their reviews once they have returned from their honeymoons. Chances are you relied on such reviews when choosing vendors for your wedding, so return the favor by writing reviews and helping future couples find reliable vendors who can help make their weddings special.

Dress: New brides who want to keep their dresses as keepsakes or preserve them as heirlooms should have their dresses cleaned and professionally preserved when they return from their honeymoons. The earlier you do this, the easier it is to remove any stains that might have developed during your wedding.

Gift returns: Newly married couples often receive repeat gifts or gifts they never put on their registries that they simply have no use for. Return such gifts as soon as possible so your home is not overwhelmed with clutter. Upon returning gifts, you also can do a little shopping, as you will have money to spend. In addition, many stores give newly married couples discounts on registry items that went unpurchased, and the day you return gifts is a great opportunity to cash in on such discounts.

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Morden police investigate thefts

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Police Service is investigating a couple recent thefts.

Police were called September 18 about the theft of building materials from a construction site on Dublin Bay. Missing is approximately half a lift (150) of 8 foot 2x4s.

And on September 15, they received a report of the theft of a truck.

The owner of a 1994 white Ford Ranger said he had parked his vehicle in the 200 block of 5th Street, last seeing it around 12:30 p.m. The next morning, the vehicle was recovered on Highway 240 two miles north of Highway 23.

Police are continuing their investigation and ask anyone with information on these incidents to call 822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Meanwhile, Winkler police were called September 19 by a woman walking in the park who suggested they check on a group of youths on the stage who she thought were acting suspiciously.

Officers arrived and ended up seizing about 13 grams of marijuana from two youths.

The male has been dealt with once previously, and the female on two prior occasions also for marijuana possession, police noted.

As a result, both were charged for possession of a controlled substance.

Also on September 19, a tenant of an apartment reported returning home after two days away to discover both doors to the apartment were unlocked.

Inside, she found evidence the apartment had been occupied while she was away.

Although a few items were missing though, it did not appear the main motive of the break-in was theft.

Police are continuing their investigation.

And a routine call for Morden police led to the recovery of a stolen vehicle September 14.

Around 8 p.m., police received a complaint of a large fire in a backyard fire pit. Upon arriving, a man was seen leaving the passenger's side of a white Honda Civic parked in the driveway and running to the back yard. A woman then exited the driver's seat and claimed her passenger was not feeling well and had to use the restroom.

Police spoke with a male youth who said the vehicle was his girlfriend's but she did not have a license. So officers then spoke with the girlfriend, also a youth, who then said she hired someone to drive her out from Winnipeg. A witness confirmed seeing the youth driving the vehicle earlier.

Police ran a check on the vehicle and license plate though, and it had been stolen from Winnipeg. A 16 year old youth from Portage is charged with possession of stolen property.

Also on September 14, police were called to an accident at Thornhill Street and Route 100 around 1:15 pm involving a tractor trailer.

A semi tractor and trailer was on Route 100 heading north to turn east on to Thornhill Street. The semi was straddling both the median and curb lanes with its signal light on to execute a wide turn when a car also traveling north, drove up beside the semi in the curb lane to turn east as well. The truck began its turn when the trailer came in contact with the rear portion of the vehicle. There were no injuries as a result of the accident and one vehicle required towing from the scene.



Morden and District United Way kicks off campaign in style

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Frank Maclean takes lead singing duties during this performance that was part of the Let's Get This Party Started kickoff event for the Morden and District United Way. Working with the Back Forty Folk Festival, the September 19 event at the Morden 55 Plus Activity Centre celebrated the start of the fundraising campaign for 2015. The campaign goal is \$90,000 - a target, which the organization met last year.

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How to avoid growing bored in retirement

From the moment young men and women first walk into the office for their first day as a working professional until the day they officially retire, the notion of planning for retirement is never far from their minds. But when the day to hang up the briefcase and donate all those business suits arrives, some retirees wonder what to do next. Some retirees know exactly how they will spend their days when they no longer have to work, while others who decide to play it by ear may find themselves battling boredom.

For those among the latter group, it's important to understand that many retirees find themselves bored once they no longer have to focus on a career. Jobs keep men and women busy and provide a sense of purpose in their lives, so it's understandable that retirees feel bored once those jobs are no longer a part of their lives. But just because you no longer have an office to go to every day does not mean life cannot be as fulfilling or even more fulfilling than it was when you were still working. You just need to find something to avoid succumbing to retirement boredom.

- Work part-time. Though it might seem odd to start working right after you retire, a part-time job can provide the type of structure you have grown accustomed to without all of the responsibility that comes with a full-time career. Part-time jobs can range from consultancy work that makes use of your professional experience to something entirely different like landscape maintenance at a nearby golf course that gets you out of the house and enjoying the warmer seasons. Whichever you choose, make sure it's something you find fun and interesting.

- Embrace a new hobby. Working professionals often say they wish they had time to pursue a hobby. Now that you are retired, you have all the time in the world to do just that. Whether it's perfecting your golf game, writing that novel, learning to cook like a gourmet chef or whatever else you might have always wanted to do, retirement is a great time to do it.

- Get in shape. If retirement boredom has started to negatively affect your mood, one great way to conquer your boredom and improve your mood at the same time is to start exercising. Exercise is a natural mood enhancer. When the body exercises, it releases chemicals known as endorphins, which trigger positive feelings in the body. In addition, regular exercise has been shown to reduce stress, boost self-esteem and improve sleep. Working out at a gym also is a great way to meet fellow retirees in your community, and the energy you have after exercising may give you the boost you need to pursue other hobbies.



- Volunteer. If a part-time job is not up your alley, then consider volunteering in your community. Volunteers are always in demand, and volunteering with a local charity can provide a sense of purpose and provide opportunities to meet like-minded fellow retirees, all while helping to quell your boredom. Retirees who love to travel can combine their passion for volunteering with their love of travel by signing up to work with an international relief organization that travels abroad to help the less fortunate.

Upon retiring, many retirees initially find themselves coping with boredom. But there are many ways to avoid the restlessness of retirement.

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Travel tips for older adults with medical conditions

The opportunity to travel is one of the best perks of retirement. Even men and women who are only semi-retired have more freedom to travel than those who are still working full-time.

But while men and women over 50 may have more time to travel, they also must take more precautions when traveling, thanks in large part to medical conditions. Many men and women over 50 have medical conditions that may require they take medication and/or visit their physicians somewhat regularly. But those who want to travel need not let their health prevent them from seeing the world. The following are a few travel tips for men and women with medical conditions.

- Speak with your healthcare provider before any trips. Whether you are about to embark on an overseas adventure or just spend a couple of weeks visiting your grandchildren, speak to your healthcare provider in advance of your trip. Healthcare providers may recommend certain vaccinations to men and women traveling abroad, and providers also can explain coverage and what to do in case of a medical emergency while away from home.

- Refill your prescriptions. Men and women who must take medication should refill their prescriptions before traveling away from home. Doing so ensures you will have enough medication to last your trip. When filling a prescription, explain to your pharmacist and/or physician that you are about to travel and tell them

where you will be going. They may recommend you avoid certain foods native to your destination, or they may give you the greenlight to indulge in the local cuisine.

- Carry a list of your medications and medical conditions with you when traveling. Before traveling, make a detailed list of the medications you take and why you take them. The list should include dosage and the names, both generic and brand name, of the medications you take. Include any past medical conditions, such as a heart attack, you have had as well. Carry this list with you when traveling. In case of emergency, the list will alert responding medical professionals to any current or past medical conditions you have so they can better treat you.

- Keep medications in their original containers. Some men and women find it easier to remember to take their medications if they transfer pills from their original containers into pill organizers. Such devices can be very convenient at home, but they make create problems when traveling through customs or even on domestic flights. Pills can always be transferred to organizers upon your arrival at your destination; just make sure they are placed back into their original containers before you return home.

- Drink plenty of water on flights. Airplane cabins can be very dry, which can exacerbate dry mouth that results from taking medication. When boarding a flight, speak to the flight attendant and explain that you

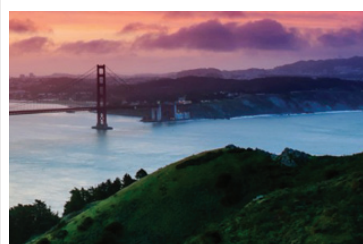
need some extra water so you can stay hydrated and avoid irritating dry mouth that may result from your medication. If you must take medication while on your flight, don't be afraid to ask the flight attendant for a fresh glass of water and even a light

snack if you need to eat something with your medicine.

Men and women over 50 have more freedom to travel than many of their adult counterparts. But such travelers must exercise extra caution if they have medical conditions.

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Genesis House assesses ongoing challenges

By Lorne Stelmach

It is always complex situations that don't have any easy answers.

For those people who end up at the door of the Genesis House family shelter though, it is at least a big step towards getting the help they need.

That is the constant challenge being faced, executive director Angela Braun commented after the September 14 annual meeting.

The shelter assisted 61 residential women and another 33 on a non-residential basis last year as well as 70 residential children and another 20 on a non-residential basis in the past year.

"Those numbers are pretty constant year after year," she suggested.

Some of their other statistics for 2014-15 include 1,675 counselling sessions with women totalling 1,313 hours, while there were also 117 group sessions totalling 111 hours. And five were assisted in getting protection orders from the courts, while another 30 had spoken to Genesis House about protection orders.

For children, there were 93 counselling sessions of 91 hours total.

"We see sort of the same numbers

when it comes to the number of people accessing programs," suggested Braun.

"Where we often see fluctuation though is in how long they stay," she added. "And that can really depend on their personal choices, like whether they are going to return to the partner or whether they plan to live independently ... and then in which community because housing is still such a huge issue.

"I think right throughout the whole province ... trying to find affordable safe housing is a tough challenge."

And Braun said it can be difficult to gauge whether there are trends developing, as their service area is very large, and individual situations can remain very fluid at times.

"For a while, we'll see a number of people coming from one community then it sort of starts up somewhere else."

What the shelter still sees the most of overall is the emotional and verbal abuse - 17 per cent and 16 per cent of their cases respectively. Physical abuse came in at about 14 per cent of cases followed by 12 per cent psychological and 10 per cent financial.

Sexual abuse, stalking and neglect represented about 7 per cent each.

"We encourage people to leave their relationship before the physical abuse starts," said Braun.

"But this last year we had a couple of quite severe physical assault cases, and that's really difficult for staff to see. Really, you hope you can catch people before it gets there," she added. "When it's so visual and when the person is sort of incapacitated based on their injuries ... we've seen a little more of that this past year."

FACING BARRIERS

Braun said they have also found an increasing and ongoing issue is transportation. How do you get people where they need to go when need help, such as trips into the city for a variety of reasons.

"Sometimes court dates happen in the city, or medical appointments have to happen in the city, but there's no affordable way to move people around," she said.

"Just one trip back and forth there into the city can be very expensive. So that continues to be an ongoing challenge for our agency. If you don't have a network of support people in the community, where do you go for help?"

Another challenge is they are helping more newcomers where language can be a barrier. Often, German will even now be a second language behind Russian, for example.

"The challenge for us is we don't speak all those languages," said Braun.

"We want people to not only be getting safe shelter but also getting

counselling and support, and that can be difficult. When we are limited in what we can provide based on language, that is frustrating all the way around.

"So this year, we have applied for a couple of grants very specifically to deal with that issue to see if we can make some inroads for that," said Braun, who noted they had their website translated into German and would like to have it available in Russian as well. And ideally, they would like to have people on staff with the ability to translate.

SOLVING ANGER

Looking ahead, Braun said they have also been taking another look at the issue of anger management and recently were involved in some training that approached it from a different perspective.

"There's a lot of talk about anger management, and the program we just came back from was called anger solutions."

She said there was a significant moment for her when there was a comment that 'we've been working at anger management as a behaviour, but anger is an emotion'.

"If we come about it differently, we might end up with different results. If we can come at it from this emotional perspective, we might have better success."

Also for the year ahead, Braun noted they were excited to have the opportunity to attend the world conference for shelters in the Netherlands.

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CFDC up for tourism honour

By Lorne Stelmach

Honours continue to come its way for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

The CFDC in Morden was named a finalist in the Manitoba Tourism Awards for 2015. It was recognized in the category of event of the year under \$5,000 for the unveiling of its mosasaur fossil Suzy.

This latest honour comes shortly after the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce had selected the CFDC to be a finalist in the MBiz awards in the category not for profit of the year.

Executive director Peter Cantelon said it is interesting for them to earn recognition for the different aspects of what the CFDC is trying to do.

"The one has a lot more to do with how we operate as a non-profit and from a business perspective," noted Cantelon.

"This one is coming out of Travel Manitoba. So it definitely focuses on an area that is really important to us... being recognized as a leader in tourism.

"Recognition is very important to us, especially when it comes from the province's voice for tourism - it means we're doing things right," said Cantelon.

Receiving the award nominations from the different organizations and sectors reflects the fact that the CFDC is juggling many things at this time - from managing its daily operations to working towards its long term growth including its own building.

"We've had to grow our revenue... there's that business side of things. We've had to do a lot of things from a

structuring perspective," said Cantelon.

"But on the flip side, we want to make sure people understand ... we're actually creating value from a tourism perspective," he added. "So this kind of recognition goes a long way to reinforce that we're being seen in the tourism industry as an emerging

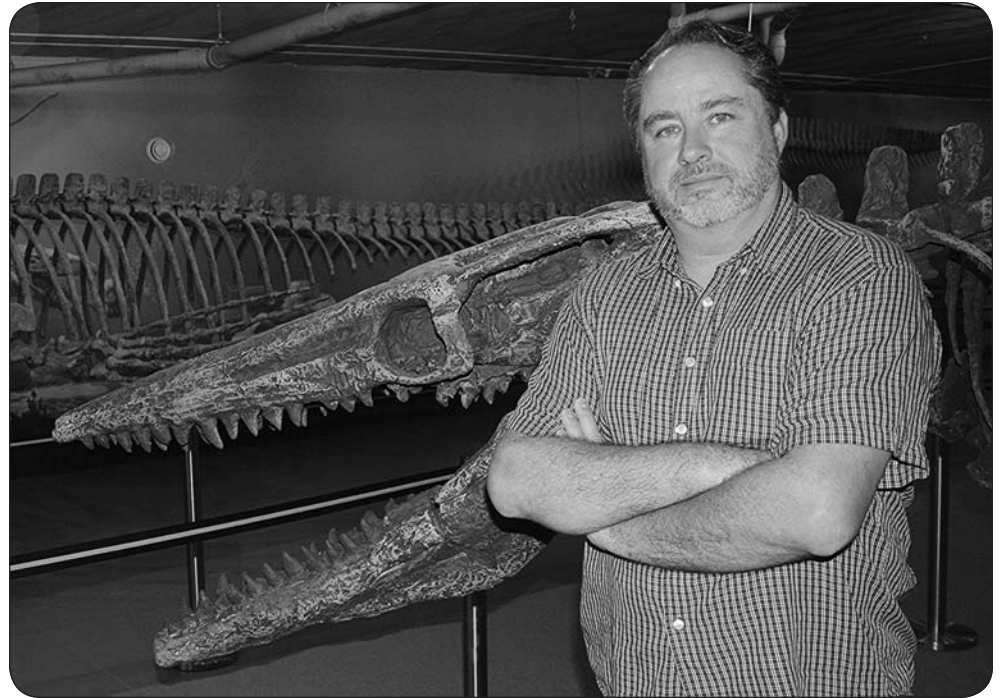


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Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre executive director Peter Cantelon standing next to Suzy Mosasaur.



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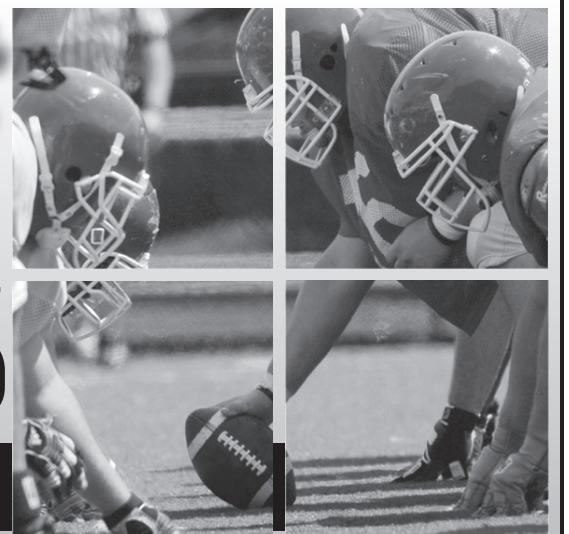
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Steelers blank the Flyers

The Winkler Flyers came up empty handed to close out their exhibition season Sunday.

The Flyers ended the pre-season 5 and 3 after being blanked 3-0 by the Steelers in Selkirk Sept. 20.

Selkirk scored the first goal 13:48 into the first period, and that was all they would have needed.

The Flyers pushed back in the second, outshooting the Steelers 13-5, but the Steelers extended their lead to 2-0.

The Steelers would add an empty net goal with 13 seconds left for their first preseason win.

Ryan Larochelle made 22 saves in his second start as Winkler outshot the Steelers 27-25.

Earlier, Tristan Keck celebrated his 20th birthday Saturday (September 19) with a hat trick as the Flyers fired 53 shots for a 6-3 win over the visiting Neepawa Natives in a physical match.

Winkler took control of the game with three goals in the second period including Keck scoring his second goal on the power-play to give the Flyers a 3-1 lead. His third later made it 5-1.

Neepawa scored twice in a span of 25 seconds, to cut Winkler's lead to 5-3 midway through the third period, but that would be as close as they would get.

Also scoring for Winkler were Coltyn Bates, Jordan Williamson and Thomas Mansbridge.

Clarke Flegel earned the win in his first start, allowing three goals on 20 shots as Winkler outshot Neepawa 53-20.

The Flyers began their weekend with a solid 4-1 win in Neepawa Friday with Ryan Larochelle making 25 saves to backstop Winkler to the win, as the Flyers outshot the Natives 30-26.

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High school soccer underway



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

GVC Zodiacs Richard Scholl outworks the Rams' Ethan Good of Stonewal for position in action at the GVC soccer home tournament on Saturday. Steinbach won the title with a 2-1 victory.

There were mixed results this past week for the Morden and Winkler squads as the high school soccer season kicked off.

The Garden Valley Collegiate boys were unbeaten through the week, earning three wins including a 5-0 blanking of Notre Dame Monday (Sept. 21).

On Wednesday (Sept. 16), the GVC Zodiacs saw the girls play to a scoreless draw with Morris, while the boys blanked Morris 3-0.

And Garden Valley romped to a 9-0 victory over Dufferin Christian on the girls side and 1-0 on the boys side last Monday (Sept. 14).

The Northlands Parkway Night-hawks boys fought to a 2-2 draw Monday (Sept. 21) with the Roseau Valley Raiders.

Last Thursday, the NPC girls team shut out the Shevchenko Sabres 2-0. And action last Monday (Sept. 14) saw NPC win 2-0 over W.C. Miller on the girls side but losing 4-0 on the boys side.

In exhibition play Monday (Sept. 21), the Morden Thunder swept a pair from the Sanford Sabres. The boys won 5-1, while the girls doubled them up 4-2.

Last Thursday (Sept. 17), the Thunder girls fell 1-0 to the W.C. Miller Aces of Altona, who got the lone goal from Tiana Reimer.

The boys fought to a 1-1 draw, as Mattias Plett scored for W.C. Miller while Jeremy Wood got one for Morden.

Earlier last Monday (Sept. 14), Morden took both games from MCI as the

boys picked up a 1-0 win while the girls sailed to a 5-0 win.

GVC TOURNAMENT

Steinbach swept both titles at the GVC tournament Saturday (Sept. 19).

The Steinbach boys earned a 2-1 win over the host Zodiacs, while Morden took third with a 6-0 win over Stonewall after the Thunder had lost their semi-final 4-1 to Steinbach.

After losing their first rounder 3-1 to Stonewall, Northlands Parkway won the consolation round with 2-0 and 3-0 wins over Minnedosa and Gimli.

And the Steinbach girls took the victory with a 1-0 win over Morden, while Northlands Parkway grabbed third with a 2-0 win over GVC.

Northlands had lost their semi-final 1-0 to Steinbach, while GVC had bowed out 5-0 to Morden.

Looking a little brighter at baseball hall

By Lorne Stelmach

Things are looking a little brighter around the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame these days.

The museum located in the Access Event Centre in Morden is getting improved lighting in a number of its key display cases thanks to a provincial

grant.

The funding is coming through the Small Capital Sponsorship Program of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries

Corporation, and museum director Joe Wiwchar said what has been done so far is making a big difference.

"It has made such a difference in here. It is unbelievable. Eventually, we won't need as many overhead lights as we have," said Wiwchar.

He estimated retrofitting a number of the display cases for better lighting will cost \$6,000 to \$7,000. The Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries grant will provide half at about \$3,000, while another \$1,000 has come from the Sill Foundation.

"A lot of these cases didn't even have lights on them. Some of them had just ordinary fluorescents. So we wanted retrofit all of the cases with LEDs," Wiwchar explained.

"It's cheaper as far as electricity goes ... and secondly it reduces the possibility of fading," he added, noting that is especially important for many of the historical documents in the museum displays.

"Everything's going to fade, but certainly not nearly as quickly. So this is very important."

The Small Capital Sponsorship Program supports small projects that focus on benefitting the community at large.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Joe Wiwchar appreciates the new display lighting that was funded by Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries.

> STEELERS VS FLYERS, FROM PG. 26

Scoring for the Flyers were Nico Labossiere, Cam Whyte, Braden Billaney and Lawson McDonald.

The game had a lot of emotion for an exhibition contest with a pair of fights and some hard hitting, physical play.

It followed a hard fought 6-5 win over the Selkirk Steelers last Tuesday (Sept. 15).

Whyte and Labossiere each had four point nights with Labossiere chipping in a pair of first period goals for Winkler. Other scorers were Whyte, Jeff Michiels, Thomas Mansbridge and Zak Hicks.

Travis Klassen made 19 saves on 24 shots as the Flyers outshot the Steelers 42-24.

The Flyers kick off their regular season Friday (Sept. 25) in Steinbach before hosting the Pistons here Saturday. The Winnipeg Blues then visit Tuesday.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT /VOICE

Flyers' forward Tanner Posch attempts to get the puck past the glove of Neepawa's goaltender in Saturday night's 6-3 win against the Natives at home.

Prairie boys in baseball spotlight

By Staff

There were nine Manitoba players who won the prestigious Tournament 12 showcase recently in Toronto at the home of the Blue Jays.

The Blue Jays Baseball Academy, in collaboration with hall of famer Roberto Alomar, hosted the third annual Tournament 12 showcase at Rogers Centre Sept. 14-18.

Tournament 12 highlights the best Canadian amateur players with college eligibility.

There were 160 players who made up eight teams chosen from across Canada. The prairie team won three of their four round robin games, advancing them to the semi-finals they defeated Ontario 5-2 before blanking Quebec 1-0 in the final.

The nine Manitoba players included Ty Enns of Cartwright, Liam Giesbrecht of Winkler, Branden Hatley of Morden, Jeremy Goderis of Swan Lake, Ryan Humeniuk of Stonewall, Tyler Wood, Travis Horanski, Jared Spearing and Victor Cerny of Winnipeg.

The prairie team were the underdogs but certainly made a positive showing for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, earning praise from



VOICE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Manitoba members representing the prairie team that won it all at the Blue Jays Baseball Academy Tournament 12 showcase recently in Toronto.

Blue Jays' great Robbie Alomar: "It shows what can happen when you

give people a chance."

The boys all went to the Blue Jays

and Boston Red Sox game with one of them throwing the opening pitch.

Mutcheson scholarship awarded to Sagert

By Lorne Stelmach

The family whose name has become synonymous with sport in Morden has honoured another of its up and

coming young athletes.

The Michael Mutcheson Memorial Trust recently announced its scholarship recipients for 2015.



VOICE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Jim and Sylvia Mutcheson presented the 2015 Mike Mutcheson Memorial Trust scholarship recently to Kelsey Sagert of Morden.

This year's recipients of \$20,000 in scholarship funds are Kelsey Sagert of Morden and Victoria Alexander from Milton, Ontario.

The Michael Mutcheson Memorial Trust established in memory of Michael Mutcheson was started in 1996.

The family says he lived life to the fullest and loved athletic pursuits of many sports. And he knew what it was to struggle to excel, was resourceful and worked hard for all his accomplishments.

The scholarship fund was established to honour the memory of Michael with all fundraising and granting done with his spirit in mind.

It annually presents scholarship awards to assist worthy high school graduates involved in athletics in their pursuit to secure a higher education.

Scholarships are presented to athletes in two locations - Milton, Ontario, where Michael lived, and Morden, where he grew up.

Over the years, the foundation has

received tremendous support from the community and in 2003 had accumulated sufficient surplus funds to award scholarships in perpetuity.

Since that time, the focus of the foundation has evolved to also support a variety of organizations dedicated to helping children and whenever possible pursuits that tie-in with sport and exercise.

With that in mind, the foundation also recently announced the awarding of \$25 000 to Kids Up Front located in Calgary and Edmonton as well as to Operation Track Shoes located in B.C. along with \$50 000 to the Shadow Lake Centre charities in Ontario.

Operation Track Shoes is a sports festival for the citizens of B.C. who live with a developmental disability.

Shadow Lake provides a residential camping program for people with an intellectual disability. It is open to children as young as seven years with no upper age limit to enjoy a summer camping experience.

Female Hawks open season in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

The female AAA Pembina Valley Hawks are fine-tuning in preparation for the start of the regular season.

They finalized their roster recently as they got set for the Central Plains tournament this weekend in Portage.

The final roster for the coming season of the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League looks like this:

• **Goaltenders:** Taylor Reimer and Halle Oswald

• **Defense:** Jenai Buchanan; Megan Neduzak; Chloe Penner; Ab-

bey Bridges; Mackenzie Hutchinson; Mackenzie Heide

• **Forwards:** Ginny Grenier; Lindsay Michiels; Chelsea Dearsley; Alyssa Alderson; Brooklyn Major; Katelyn Heppner; Sage McElroy-Scott; Hannah Petrie; Makenzie McCallum

The Hawks will open the regular season next Friday, Oct. 2 at home in Morden hosting the Central Plains Capitals. Then they have an afternoon matinee Saturday, Oct. 3 with the Winnipeg Avros coming to Morden.

BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The Midget Female AAA Pembina Valley Hawks team will be in Portage this weekend for a tournament.



Male Hawks pull Jekyll and Hyde routine

By Lorne Stelmach

It was like there were two versions of the same team this past weekend, and Pembina Valley Hawks coach Gerry Leiding hopes to see more of one than the other.

The defending Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League champion Hawks had three pre-season games at the Southwest Cougars tournament in Souris.

The Hawks dropped a pair of games while winning one. Leiding said it showed areas of their game which will need to improve.

"Our effort wasn't at a AAA level... so that's something to work on," commented Leiding.

"We have lots of things to work on. We need to work on our conditioning, our game speed, our team play."

The Hawks opened the weekend tournament with a 5-3 loss to the Brandon Wheat Kings on Sept. 18.

They came up with a better effort on

Sept. 19 in a 7-3 win over the Interlake Lightning.

The Hawks, then fell flat on Sept. 20 when they were blanked 8-0 by the Eastman Selects.

"Saturday's team and Sunday's team were the same people but different teams," said Leiding.

"They came out with a much greater effort on Saturday, and Sunday we were just flat.

"So, we have to learn to come to the rink ready to play."

The Hawks will now hit the road to start their regular season with a busy three game weekend.

It kicks off in Teulon Friday, Oct. 2 when they face off against the Interlake Lightning.

The Hawks then head home to Morden to host the Central Plains Capitals Saturday, Oct. 3 and then have an afternoon matinee with the Kenora Thistles Sunday, Oct. 4.

Storm's season comes to an end

Last weekend's playoff game was the end of the road for the Winkler Storm.

The team headed into Winnipeg to face FC Internazionale in round one of the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Major Senior 1 division playoffs Sunday.

Winkler had beaten Internazionale in the regular season standings, claiming fourth place over Inter's

fifth, but they couldn't pull off a win in the post-season.

The 2-1 loss put an end to the Storm's season, which saw them go 9-7 over the summer.

Winkler will be back in this division again next summer, while the top two teams - Bonivital United and Pescara - move up to the league's Premier division.

Late surge propels Twisters to victory

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Twisters overcame a 4-1 deficit for their first win of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League season Sunday.

Two late second period goals sparked a comeback that was sealed with a three goal third period as the Twisters beat the Fort Garry Fort Rouge Twins 6-4 Sept. 20 to start off their season at 1-0-1.

Fraser Mirrlees and Remi David each notched a pair for the Twisters. Mirrlees added an assist for a three point night that gave him five through the first two games.

Eric Lebrun also chipped in a goal and two assists, while Corey Mazinke added his third goal of the opening two game weekend.

Pembina Valley took four of seven minor penalties with each team getting one powerplay marker.

Gavin Klassen got the win, allowing one goal on 21 shots after relieving Morgan Wall, who allowed three goals on 10 shots. Pembina Valley outshot the Twins 40-31.

A tough loss had opened the new season for the Twisters a day earlier.

They gave up the game tying goal with just 19 seconds left in regulation then the winning goal two minutes into overtime in dropping a 4-3 decision to the St. Boniface Riels Sept. 19.

Corey Mazinke paced the Twisters with a pair of goals, as Pembina

Valley gave up three one goals leads through the first game of the 2015-16 Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League season.

Mazinke also drew an assist on Alex Tetrault's goal, while Mirlees had a pair of assists.

Shots on goal were even at 28 each with Klassen taking the loss in net for the Twisters, who took four of seven minor penalties as well as a game misconduct.

Earlier, the Twisters finished their five game exhibition season just under .500 at 2 & 3 with a 5 - 1 loss to the Stonewall Jets Sept. 16.

Bryce Dusik opened scoring for Pembina Valley just 2:14 in for a brief lead.

The Jets tied it two minutes later, then three goals within 8 minutes of the second period including a shorthanded goal and a powerplay marker paced Stonewall to their win.

The Twisters outshot the Jets 32 - 25 with Klassen taking the loss in net, stopping 20 of 24 shots through two period of play.

Wall allowed one goal on 11 shots in one period of play. The game turned chippy with each team having three players ejected for fighting.

The Twisters host the River East Royal Knights Sept. 26 then visit the St. James Canucks Sept. 27.

Agriculture

Here's how Canada licked the PED virus

By Harry Siemens

When the PED virus broke out in the United States in May of 2013, it gave the Canadian pig industry eight months to get ready for the inevitable - testing positive for the first case in Canada.

This dreaded bombshell dropped right during the conclusion to another successful Banff Pork Seminar January 17, 2013 although other challenges indicated by the program theme existed in the hog industry.

Dr. Doug MacDougald with South-west Ontario Veterinary Services, the quarterback for the PED virus outbreak protocol in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba, says good biosecurity on exclusion and the ability to keep that virus from entering new pig sites with elimination strategies helped them prove they can eliminate it from any type of pig farm configuration.

"The really great news is that with being successful in all those areas, we really prevented the widespread of the virus throughout Ontario and Canada," says Dr. MacDougald.

"I'm hopeful we can use Canada's experience with PED to prepare for the next emerging disease that occurs in Canada."

Dr. MacDougald says Ontario obviously has had the great majority of the cases, Western Canada a small number, and they are all eliminated.

"Quebec had a small number of cases, I think 15 sites infected or contaminated, and they are projecting they will be negative by later this fall," he says.

"Ontario had 53 cases from the first indexed case January 2, 2014, and we ended up with 63 cases through until this summer of last year."

MacDougald says they projected, based on the biosecurity and the high successful elimination of the virus on most of those 63 primary cases, that if they could get through to this spring [2015] with less than 20 new cases, they'd be in a great position with a smaller footprint to wrap their arms around a potential elimination.

"Since last summer through until now, we've had a total of 21 cases in Ontario," MacDougald says. "So we really set our objective that containment strategies are vital - that is just good biosecurity strategy, to not have

the virus escape from an infected site."

Dr. MacDougald reported Canada's first case of PED virus in Banff in January 2014 and describes what went through his mind and what was the first thing that needed doing.

"The first thing we absolutely had to do and did was track any potential contacts with that index farm, transports, pig movements, other truck services and step up our surveillance and monitoring of any potential contacts to see," he says.

"If there was a virus in any other place, and that is really classic epidemiology you look at it, and do surveillance on any potential contacts and determine where else that virus might be."

Then start tracking new cases as they occur because they had no idea how many would pop up and certainly no idea it would be feed contamination that would be driving it.

"We thought it would simply reside

in and primarily be transported pig movement and end up in the assembly yards."

Dr. MacDougald describes the key to getting us where the industry is today.

"We were somewhat prepared. I mean we could never be totally prepared, but because it was identified from May of 2013, and some of us, myself included were very involved in the U.S. industry," he says.

"The production I oversee the health of in the U.S., we were experiencing PED, so had hands on experience with PED, so it wasn't just a theoretical disease for us."

Having that time, from May 2013 to January 22, 2014, to prepare and put some things in place helped the Canadian situation immensely.

"We had well started a project through the Ontario Health Swine Advisory Board, OSHED and Ontario Pork, doing surveillance on returning U.S. livestock trucks, putting mea-

asures in place identifying the gaps of biosecurity on that transport and trying to plug those gaps as best we could," says MacDougald.

"We were, and correctly so, putting the returning trucks from the U.S. as the primary risk factor for introduction of PED into Canada."

Being well along on plugging the identified gaps and having much more confidence on returning truck biosecurity ... all of that stood them in good stead.

"We were ramped up with testing, so our labs were able to ramp up very quickly and do hundreds and hundreds of tests in a short period of time because we were ready for that," he says.

"That greatly enabled us to do more widespread surveillance, follow up and do extensive testing on a surveillance basis and for helping identify the feed contamination as well."



> HARRY SIEMENS

The week of September 21 to 26 is Farm and Food Awareness Week in Canada.

It is a great time for various institutions, farms and others involved in the production of food to highlight this very basic industry.

For nigh on 43 years, my goal has been and still is to create an awareness of agricultural and food production ... not only how we produce food but that Manitoba, Canadian and farmers around the world create healthy, safe and cost effective food.

Our farmers here in Manitoba are the best environmentalists, take care of the land they love and contribute greatly to our communities and our economies.

In my preparation for our recent trip to Paraguay, I interviewed a lot of younger farmers - all of whom warmed my innards because of how they love farming, take seriously what and how they grow and

Our farmers set a good example

of course manage that farm economically and look after their families and employees.

When I sat down with Richard Heide of Hespler Farms Ltd. south of Winkler - farming over 7,000 acres, potatoes and other crops - one thing stuck out in my mind when I told his story in Paraguay.

I asked Richard how he and his partner manage that many acres - intensive farming to boot.

Every morning, they sit down for 30 minutes about, and every employee and partner attends, to find out what the other is doing.

While sometimes, a person or two may think it is boring, so often they'd flush out something that had happened, affecting another person the next day, but this was a good time to make everyone aware. Not necessarily a big thing, but nevertheless, making a huge difference to several people that day.

Eldon Klippenstein at Altona says it's no secret a farmer wants to make as much profit as possible, but not unruly, so the land, environment and

family can sustain itself.

There are those who like to farm many acres and do so quite well, while others are happy to make the most of what they have without going overboard and stressing.

It never ceases to amaze me how one family farm does so well on a smaller acreage and another does well on a larger acreage, both having the same goal and principles, making sure the land keeps improving and people keep getting their food.

There are those who believe we can keep teaching children in schools, keep spending advertising to attempt at educating the masses where the food comes from. I'm all for it, if it works, and we don't spend time and money aimlessly.

On the other hand, as I once said about two separate entities when I attended the University of Manitoba in 1969 - 1971, one has the dollar to spend widely attracting people, while the other could only do it by word of mouth and how good it really tastes.

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High hopes for yet another WTO hearing

By Harry Siemens

Representatives from Manitoba Pork, Ontario Pork and the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) attended the World Trade Organization (WTO) arbitration hearing on the U.S. country of origin labelling (COOL) law in Geneva in September.

A delegation from the Canadian government presented evidence to the WTO panel of the damage caused to the Canadian livestock industry by the mandatory U.S. law.

And it asked for authorization to impose retaliatory tariffs.

The arbitrator's report is expected by the end of November.

The CPC says Canada made compelling arguments before the WTO panel that could authorize Canada to impose retaliatory tariffs of over 3 billion dollars of U.S. exports to Canada annually.

That is if the United States does not very soon change its country-of-origin labelling (COOL) law for meat to come into compliance with their international trade obligations.

"The CPC compliments the Canadian government delegation on its presentation, which relied on facts rather than hypotheses and assumptions which attempted to trivialize enormous harm COOL has imposed on Canada's livestock industry", says CPC chair Rick Bergmann.

The Canadian side presented evi-

dence showing Canadian fed hogs exports to the United States fell by more than 80 per cent following the implementation in 2008 of mandatory country-of-origin rules, which caused most U.S. processors to cease purchasing Canadian-born livestock.

Severe reductions have occurred similarly for feeder pigs and Canadian cattle.

Bergmann points out costs of compliance with COOL requirements are so onerous for the U.S. food distribution system, the number of U.S. plants willing to purchase Canadian born pigs fell from over 25 prior to mandatory COOL to just a handful today.

"It has been almost six years since Canada filed its request to the WTO to adjudicate this dispute", says added Mr. Bergmann, who farms in Steinbach.

"The World Trade Organization has ruled four times the U.S.'s COOL rules are discriminatory. The United States needs to deal now with fixing the faulty legislation before allowing steep tariffs to be imposed on a wide swath of its exports to Canada."

Andrew Dickson, general manager of Manitoba Pork, is hoping hearings these Geneva hearings will lead to resolution of the dispute.

Dickson, who was in Geneva, says the labelling law has dramatically harmed the beef and pork industries in Canada and Mexico.

"Canada is claiming that COOL has had an impact on the beef and pork industries in Canada of about \$3.1 billion per annum," he says.

"Part of that is the result of the price suppression effects of not being able to export as freely as we used to into the U.S. market and the loss of U.S. export markets because of push back from processors and retailers in the United States from accepting animals that have been born and raised in Canada. Mexico is seeking similar authority to impose tariffs."

Mexico claims they should be able to put tariffs in place of \$713,000,000 U.S.

Of course, the United States is pushing back and saying Canada and Mexico have grossly exaggerated their claims and they've used a different economic model to do their assessment, and they've come up with figures Canada experienced only \$43,000,000 worth of hurt per year and that Mexico has maybe hurt to the point of \$47,000,000 U.S. per year, adds Dickson.

"The issue now in front of the panel is what number will the panel allow the two countries to impose," he says. "I expect the panel to rule sometime in November."

Steve Meyer, V-P pork analysis with EMI Analytics, says the U.S. market remains hopeful the U.S. will address and resolve the issue of M-COOL to avoid retaliatory tariffs on U.S. ex-

ports.

In July, in an effort to ward off the threat of over \$3,000,000,000 in retaliatory tariffs being imposed on U.S. products exported into Canada and Mexico, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to repeal provisions of M-COOL as they pertain to beef, pork and poultry.

Just prior to the August recess, two proposed amendments were introduced in the U.S. Senate - one which would follow the lead of the House and one that would replace mandatory labelling with a voluntary program that would require labels to detail where animals were born, raised and slaughtered to be considered domestic meat.

Meyer says so far the market remains hopeful.

"I think the market is pricing in kind of normal kinds of business going forward until it sees that, A, I guess we do have one more arbitration thing pending here, which I fully expect the United States to lose," he says.

"I talked to some guys recently and our classification was that the market was still hopeful and so am I. I'm still hopeful that we'll get something rectified here.

"I don't think we're going to win this arbitration but I'm hopeful that our Senate will act and follow the lead of our House in repealing the meat and poultry provisions of M-COOL."



> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 30

The first year, I'd like to stop at Paul's Hamburgers on Pembina Highway as I left my day of classes, and two hamburgers for a buck wasn't all that bad. I never suffered food poisoning and survived nicely.

Along comes the 'Golden Arch', not far from Paul's, and whether the food was any better or not, they took over the market. It didn't take long, discouraged by the advertising blitz and a lack of loyal customers, Paul's soon hung up a for sale sign.

Farmers and farms, whether poultry, cattle ranches, dairy, hog farms or grain and special crops, must do their work in such a way that should anyone stop by wanting to see it should have nothing to hide, making sure they follow good principles and stewardship.

So for farm and food awareness week, you may not be able to take in some planned event, but should you want to take a tour of a farm, let me know, I will arrange it real quick.

Case in point ... John Unger of Paraguay, who attended one of our seminars in his home country, asked me whether he could visit a dairy farm in Manitoba.

On Labor Day Monday, he and I spent two hours with David Wiens of Skyline Dairies near Grunthal.

As we left, he says "Harry, that was an awesome tour. The dairy is clean and managed properly."

I know David knew we were coming, but he changed nothing from his day-to-day operations.

That's what I'm talking about.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Working the field late into the evening in the Morden-Winkler area.

Getting active

It was a one stop shop for anyone wanting to get involved this year in and around Morden. The annual Sport and Leisure Expo was held Sept. 8 and 9 at the Access Event Centre. Information was available on a variety of clubs, organizations and events in Morden. Some of the new participants this year were Pembina Valley Zumba, Morden Table Tennis Club, Special Olympics Manitoba and Pembina Valley Toastmasters.

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take a break > GAMES

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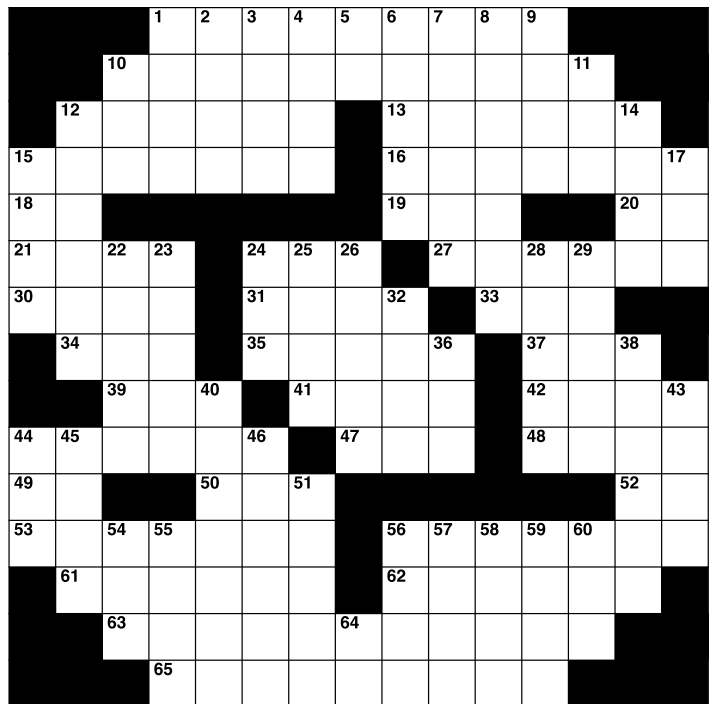
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- Punished
- Cartoon feline
- Productive land
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- Liquorice-flavored seeds
- Changed or modified
- Used to strengthen and harden steel
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- Atomic #63
- Missing soldiers
- Payment (abbr.)
- Blood-sucking African fly
- Erstwhile
- Used to have (Scottish)
- Ming; Houston Rocket player
- CNN's founder
- Volcanic craters
- 2-wheeled carriage
- Team cheer
- Lingering sign of injury
- Brews
- Mix with society
- Type of healthcare plan
- Spanish baby
- Expression of sympathy
- Openwork fishing fabric
- Farm state
- Weak-willed (Yiddish)
- Madwort
- Cause to expand
- S. Am. procyonids
- Former German tennis champion
- Professional intent on career

CLUES DOWN

- Black-eyed & sugar snap
- Czech River
- World's longest river
- Canned
- Giant's Hall of Fame Linebacker
- Worn to Mecca
- Fanatical partisan
- Rapturous delight
- Southern Redbelly _____ (minnows)
- Weekday
- Seaman
- A way to bless
- Harper, Bruce and Robert E.
- Ammunition
- Scheduled to arrive
- Sour or bitter in taste
- Closed automobile
- Philemon (abbr., Biblical)
- "Throne of Glass" author Sarah
- A way to give information
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- Scenic French fabric
- Apothecaries' unit
- No seats available
- Extraordinary intellect
- Solomon Islands capital
- Furrow
- Principal ethnic group of China
- Collectable
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NOTICES

Winkler 4-H Beef Club Information/Registration Night
Tuesday, Sept. 29 7:30 pm at Little Morden Service

COMING EVENTS

NEW HOPE Mennonite Church
Fall Supper
BURRITO & SOUP
September 25, 2015
5:00-7:30 PM
at Gateway Resources, 1582 Pembina Ave., Winkler

NOTICES

CITY OF MORDEN - PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION 2016 REAL, PERSONAL AND BUSINESS ASSESSMENT ROLLS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the 2016 assessment roll for the City of Morden has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba and is open to public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION
42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- a) liability to taxation;
- b) amount of an assessed value;
- c) classification of property; or
- d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
43(1) An application for revision must
(a) be made in writing;
(b) set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
(c) state the grounds on which the application is based; and
(d) be filed by:

- I. delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the Public Notice given under subsection 41(2), or
- II. serving it upon the Secretary,

at least fifteen (15) days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board of indicated in the Public Notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Monday, October 19th, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of the City of Morden to hear applications.
The final date on which the Secretary of the Board must receive applications is **October 5th, 2015 by 4:30 p.m. local time.**

Dated at Morden, in Manitoba, this 11th day of September, A.D. 2015.
Garry D. Hiebert, Secretary
Board of Revision
City of Morden, 100 - 195 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1V3

Morden

NOTICES

WINKLER CURLING CLUB
REGISTRATION NIGHT

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Register for the following leagues:**
- Mens (Mon. or Wed.)
 - Ladies (Tues.)
 - Mixed (Thurs.)
(Can sign up as couples)
 - Junior (Mon. or Wed & Thurs.)
Grade 4 & up (Limited spaces avail.)
(Bring your junior to register!)
 - Little Rockers
(Thurs. after Christmas)
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NOTICES



**NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS
THE GARDEN VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION
SCHOOL BOARD**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the following days: October 6, 7, 8, 9, and 13 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Garden Valley School Division office, 750 Triple E Boulevard, Winkler, Manitoba, I will receive nominations for the offices of: one Trustee of the aforesaid Local Authority.

The nomination deadline is October 13, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Nominations cannot be accepted after this day.

All nominations shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at least twenty-five voters, or NOT less than 1% of the voters (whichever is the lesser) of the authority or ward (as the case may be), but in all cases by at least two voters. Each nomination shall also be accompanied by the candidate's declaration of qualification.

Nominations may be filed in person at the above location, on the date and hours specified. To obtain a nomination paper, and / or candidate's declaration of qualification, contact the Local Authority at the telephone number listed below.

Nomination papers not accompanied by the required documents and not properly filed shall be rejected.

Local Authority telephone number: 204-325-8335
Dated at Winkler, Manitoba on September 11, 2015.
Terry Penner
Senior Election Official (SEO)
Garden Valley School Division

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NOTICES



**THE GARDEN VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION
SCHOOL BOARD
ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Additions to the Voters List and/or
Personal Security Protection Requests**

In accordance with Section 36 of The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act (MCSBEA), The Garden Valley School Division Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of The Garden Valley School Division can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by e-mail, fax or mail to:

Name of Local Authority: The Garden Valley School Division
Address Box 1330, Winkler MB R6W 4B3
Phone: 204.325.8335
Fax: 204.325.4132
E-mail: gvsd@gvgsd.ca

The By-Election takes place November 18, 2015.
Terry Penner
Senior Election Official (SEO)
Garden Valley School Division

AUCTION

HOBBY FARM AUCTION
FOR ART AND LEONA HIEBERT
SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 10 AM

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FOR JACOB GOERTZEN AND FAMILY
SATURDAY, OCT. 3 • 10 AM
at #23 Reinfeld St. in Reinfeld, MB.



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CARD OF THANKS

A special "Thankyou" to Jeff and Marlene of the Crystal City Ambulance staff for their quick response to our "911" call, and their expert care and smooth transfers in the Xray room at the time of my accident on May 29th. Also a great big vote of thanks to my surgeon, Dr. Tung and his assistants, and all of the staff at Boundary Trails Hospital during my two weeks stay there. Also, thanks for all the cards, letters, flowers (my room looked like the Garden of Eden!), phone calls and food brought to the house, and all those who came by to visit. Thank you to Allisson for thinking to bring loose fitting clothes to the hospital to add to my comfort. Friends and family can never be acknowledged enough! They always come through when a person needs them most! They are special and wonderful! May God Bless all of you!

-Eileen and Bruce Buchanan

IN MEMORIAM



Abe Fehr

October 17, 1945 - August 29, 2014

A year ago this morning,
We received the heart wrenching news.
We were completely oblivious
As to what we were about to lose.
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But God's plans were far from ours.
Dad's soul flew with the angels,
In that heavenly morning hour.
Our hearts ached then, we grieved, we hurt,
It was a pain we'd never known.
But God saw us through that dark, sad day
And assured us that Dad was home.
Today we celebrate the Dad we love,
And know that he's loving us
From the heavens above.
Rest in peace Dear Dad.

-Forever loved and deeply missed by
wife Betty,

children Wayne and Carla, Bill and Marlene
and
Carla and Brendan and grandchildren

IN MEMORIAM



Bruce Scott

September 16, 1952 - September 26, 2008

In our hearts you hold a place that no one will ever fill

It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day you were called home.

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OBITUARY

Sarah Friesen (nee Neufeld)

1921 - 2015



Sarah Friesen passed away peacefully from this life into eternity on Monday, September 14, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre. She was born on September 4, 1921 in Hochfeld, MB. Her parents were Jacob and Sara (nee Friesen) Neufeld. Upon confession of her faith in Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, she was baptized on June 4, 1941 and became a member of the Old Colony Church of Manitoba. On May 10, 1942, she married William Dyck of Blumenfeld. They had one daughter. William passed away on June 23, 1944 at the age of 23 years due to kidney failure. On November 4, 1945, she married Jacob J.A. Friesen and they had four children; three sons and one daughter. Jacob passed away on February 5, 1994 at the age of 74 years.

She is survived by five children: Sally and Abe Rempel of Winkler, Helen and John Wall of Winkler, Jake and Nettie Friesen of Winkler, David and Brenda Friesen of Winkler, John and Colleen Friesen of Hochfeld as well as 17 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, extended family and friends that mourn her departure. She was predeceased by her parents, two husbands, four brothers, one sister, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2015 at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church with interment at Hochfeld Cemetery.

The family would like to express their appreciation for all the visits, the assistance given and the prayers that have been done for her and them. Special thanks to the staff at BTHC for the good care provided for mom. Thank you and may God bless you for it.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Sarah's memory to Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Unit.

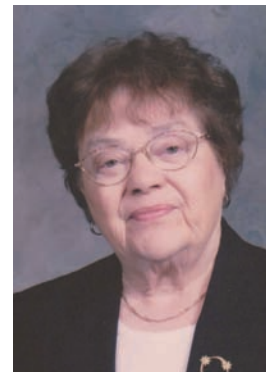
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OBITUARY

Katharina (Kay) Eisbrenner (nee Friesen)

1926 - 2015



Peacefully on Monday, September 16, 2015, surrounded by family members, Katharina (Kay) Eisbrenner, aged 88 years passed away at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Kay was born to Henry W. and Elizabeth Friesen on October 15, 1926, in the Weidenfeld District, northwest of Altona. She attended the Weidenfeld School, then helped out on the family farm and during that time met her lifelong partner, Walter at a barn dance in Weidenfeld. They were married on October 15, 1947 in the Redeemer Lutheran Church of Winnipeg and had been married for 64 years. Walter passed away April 8th, 2012.

Kay was also predeceased by her parents, Henry and Elizabeth Friesen in 1966 and 1968; by her brothers, Henry, Peter, Jake, Ben and her brother, Johnny in fancy; by her brothers-in-law, Johnny, Abe and Ralph; by her sister, Helen and her sisters-in-law, Eva and Agnes. She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her daughter, Gail (Percy); son, Terry (Gladys), son, Rob (Loretta); grandchildren, Natalie (Steven), Scott, Nicole, Shannon (Natalie), Chantel (Fred), Kris (Lisa), Walter, Albee, Colby; great-grandchildren, Ariane, Cydnee, Dawson, Sawyer, Delaney, Harrison, Ihriel; sister, Mary (Aaron); sisters-in-law, Ruth, Tina, Elie and Eleanor (Alfred) and numerous nieces and nephews.

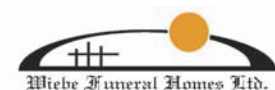
Kay farmed side by side with Walter near Rosenfeld for nearly 27 years. Prior to that she lived in Rosenfeld and spent time curling (many hours were spent in the old Rosenfeld Curling Rink by her children watching their mom curl) and volunteering as a health care worker and a hairdresser for the Ebenezer Nursing Home in Altona. Kay was ahead of her time as a housewife and mother and not only took a hairdressing course but also in 1958, she completed the first level Home Nursing course through The St. John Ambulance Association and in 1961, completed the 2nd level Home Nursing course through The St. John Ambulance Association and attained Qualification through the Civil Defence Coordinator for Manitoba. Her children fondly remember the many hours they spent as model patients while their mother practised the skill sets on them - ie bandaging, slings and splints. Kay and her husband Wally left the farm in 1992 and moved to Morden where she continued her volunteer career by volunteering at the Morden Friendship Center. Kay's health began to decline; particularly after her husband, Wally passed away. Her love for her children and grandchildren helped her maintain her independence until the morning of September 16, at which time she succumbed to her heart condition.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21st, 2015 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at the Rosenfeld Cemetery.

Our family would like to express our sincere thanks to her doctor of 30 some years, Dr. Carol Holmes; to the nursing staff at Boundary Trails Health Center; to Pastor Alex Klages of the Zion Lutheran Church, who has spent much time with our beloved Mother and Grandmother; to the staff and her many friends at Legion House 2; and to Wiebe Funeral Chapel of Morden for their kind assistance and care of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba, 200-6 Donald Street, Winnipeg.

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in care of arrangements
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OBITUARY

Lyla Jean ("Jeannie") Elizabeth Brace

(nee Klatt)

1968 - 2015



Jeannie Brace, aged 47, of Kamloops, British Columbia passed away Monday, August 31, 2015.

She is survived by her children Joshua and Jessica; parents Arnold and Gladys Klatt; brothers: Darryl and Caroline, Duane and Bev, Dean and Janine; sisters: Jewel and Allan Jardine, Jillian and Stephane Fontaine; nieces and nephews: Owen, Heidi, Clare, Connor and Kai.

She was predeceased by grandparents August and Bertha Klatt and Adolph and Elizabeth Rothenberger.

A private memorial was held September 20, 2015 at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Morden.

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