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From left: Adult and Teen Challenge graduates Kelly Hildebrand and Steve Chaboyer with program rep. Chris Derksen in the addiction ministry's new Super Thrift Store in Winkler. The store, located in the East Gate Mall, opened for business on Saturday. For the full story, see Pg. 4.

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Maria Gruen receives Make It A Reality Scholarship

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Maria Gruen will get the chance to pursue her dreams thanks to the 2019 Gordon Wiebe Make It A Reality Scholarship.

The Winkler Community Foundation presented Gruen, who graduates from Garden Valley Collegiate next month, with the \$20,000 award at a ceremony at City Hall May 16.

The scholarship is the single biggest award the foundation's scholarships committee hands out each year.

"This year the foundation received numerous applications for this award from aspiring post-secondary students, and each applicant is actively involved in community life," said committee member Corey Hildebrand. "Each of them has a unique personal history that moved us to admire their efforts to work through difficult life circumstances and a variety of barriers to education.

"All have devoted their time to serving others to the betterment of our community."

Gruen stood out for her "commitment to serving community, her resilience and tenacity in navigating barriers, and the leadership that she has shown in her drive to realize her life goals," Hildebrand said.

Her involvements include volunteering at local hospitals, serving in many capacities with her church, and participating in and helping with school fundraisers and sporting events.

Gruen will be the first female in her family of 13 to attend university. She plans to pursue a science degree at the University of Manitoba before embarking on her long-term goal of becoming a pediatrician.

"I feel extremely privileged to get this award to pursue my post-secondary education, to actually be able to do

something, whereas before that might have not been a reality," Gruen said. "I am super happy, super pumped. I'm looking forward to going to university and getting my education and seeing where that takes me in life."

Continuing her education means a lot to Gruen, not just for herself but for her entire family.

"It just helps me show my younger sisters as well that they can pursue this," she said. "It's hard to be the first one to step out, but that's what I'm doing."

Gruen said she burst into tears when she learned she had been selected as the 2019 recipient. Knowing the community has such faith in you is humbling, she said.

"There's the saying it takes a community to raise a child. That is true," Gruen said. "I feel like that's very important to have people who stand by [you] when things get tricky and when immediate family can't always help you in certain ways. It's always nice to have people reach out from the community and help out."

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF UNIVERSITY

Last year's Make It A Reality Scholarship winner Tyler Froese was in attendance at the ceremony to show his support for the foundation and Gruen.

Froese has completed his first year of studies and says the scholarship has allowed him to get the most out of his university experience.

"First year of university, I've absolutely loved it so far. I've made great connections with professors and I've just had a grand time," he said.

"For the first semester I got to take some evening courses ... I wouldn't have been able to do that if I had to work," Froese said. "I can have a better



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The Winkler Community Foundation's Corey Hildebrand presented Maria Gruen with the \$20,000 Make It A Reality Scholarship May 16

connection with my professors, I get to have more in-depth learning experience ... it's amazing."

Froese is currently studying psychology with an eye to pursuing a medical degree.

Including this award, the foundation will distribute \$87,000 scholarships to 39 students in 2019.

The money comes from the Gordon Wiebe Education Fund, which was created in 2015 from the \$2.2 million bequest left by the late pharmacist.

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

"Since 2017, the Winkler Community Foundation distributed \$137,000 in scholarships," she said. "These young students embody the spirit of the foundation—building community—and they show us what it takes to make life dreams come true."

Morden Farmers' Market registration closes May 31

By Lorne Stelmach

Planning is underway for another season of the Morden Farmers' Market.

As the vendor registration deadline nears, organizers say they hope to broaden the scope of it a bit with a few different offerings this summer.

"We have a really stable core group of vendors that the customers and community have come to know and love ... that is a really important aspect of our market that keeps it going and strong. We're happy to have those core vendors back again," said Candace Olafson, executive director of the Morden chamber. "We're looking, though, for some new vendors, more unique vendors as well, especially if you're an artisan. It could add a unique twist to our market."

Operating once again within the blocked-off 8th St. between Stephen and North Railway, the market has room for about 28 vendors each week.

It will start June 20 and run Thursday nights starting at 4 p.m.

Vendor registration and new vendor applications will be accepted until May 31 at the Morden chamber office. Contact Olafson at execdirector@mordenchamber.com or 204-822-5630 for details.

Returning vendors will have first opportunity to book their spot, which will not be held after May 31. Fees must be paid with registration.

In addition, the Pembina Hills Arts Council is once again be looking for buskers for the market nights. Contact the gallery at 204-822-6026 or info@pembinahillsarts.com for more information.

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'BOLD' ideas for Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

Community leaders and residents came together last Thursday to help envision a bold way forward for Morden.

The Morden BOLD conference organized by the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce featured panelists offering their ideas and wishes for the city as well as an open time for brainstorming.

Led by Dave Angus, a former president and CEO of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, the session followed a similar format to one that Angus felt was successful for Winnipeg.

"When you bring different diverse views together in a room, that's really where the magic can happen," he said.

"We were blown away by the number of ideas that came forward from the community, so I was hoping for the same kind of thing here, where people have some really good ideas but they're just looking for a place for it, where maybe they can mobilize some support for it and bring it forward."

Angus laid out two basic ground rules for the session: no one was to be critical of ideas and no one was to be restricted by cost for the sake of thinking bold.

From that starting point, six panelists offered a variety of ideas that delved into such areas as business, retirement, tourism, and lifestyle.

Larry Dyck, former president and CEO of Decor Cabinets, addressed a need for a support system for new businesses.

"I wonder what it would look like to put together some one-on-one mentors with some new business people," he said. "I wonder what it would be like to take some business leaders and partner everybody up with a new business."

"I think there's lots of opportunities for existing businesses too," added Dyck, who suggested some of his early experience involved learning a lot by trial and error.

"You would never do that with your employees. You would never hire an employee for a complex machine, throw them in and say figure it out,

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From left: One panel at the Morden BOLD conference included Andrew Deyto of Fentro Technologies, Agassiz Medical Centre manager Karen Chezick, and Heather Francis of the Hive Development Group.



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Shirley Banman of the Hope Without Limits Foundation presented Adult and Teen Challenge graduates Kelly Hildebrand (left) and Steve Chaboyer with a donation of \$1,000 last Friday.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

This year's Hope Without Limits Foundation "Non Garage Sale" benefited those in need both close to home and half a world away.

The event has successfully raised thousands of dollars over the past eight years to help feed, clothe, and shelter children in Kenya, as well as to assist in paying for their schooling right through high school.

"That's a pretty rare thing in Africa," organizer Shirley Banman said, noting they're still looking for sponsors for about 10 kids. \$600 pays for a child's high school tuition for the entire year. Contact Banman at 204-331-1332 for details.

This year the two-day sale—packed

full of plants, artwork, baking, and over 30 silent auction prizes donated by generous local businesses—raised over \$10,000.

Banman said they decided to keep some of those funds local this year. She presented Adult and Teen Challenge reps with a donation of \$1,000 on Friday.

"I just have a heart for Teen Challenge and so we thought we would leave some of the money locally here in Winkler," she said.

Adult and Teen Challenge is grateful for the support, said program graduate Steve Chaboyer.

"It's amazing to see all the support from everybody," he said. "We've had nothing but support since we've been back and it's great to see."

Teen Challenge Super Thrift Store open for business

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Three years after opening an office in a tiny storefront in Winkler's industrial park, Adult and Teen Challenge (ATC) has taken things to the next level.

The Christian addictions ministry opened its Super Thrift Store on Saturday.

Proceeds from the store, located at 390 1st St. in the East Gate Mall, will go towards ATC's support programs in the community for addicts and family members as well as providing a place of employment for graduates of its residential program.

"We're doing this simultaneously with another project and that is we have opened a re-entry home for graduates of our Winnipeg program here in Winkler," explained Chris Derksen, the ministry's Southern Manitoba representative.

One of the biggest challenges grads face is reintegrating into society after months spent with Teen Challenge.

Some opt to sign up for another year of support by enrolling in ATC's SURGE leadership program, staying in the re-entry home and working at the thrift store. ATC also has stores in Brandon and Thunder Bay.

"We wanted to provide them with a safe place where they can have community, where they can have encouragement and accountability and also employment," said Derksen. "We thought that Winkler would be a great place to do that because this commu-

nity has always been very supportive of us and they continue to do so."

The Winkler home has space for six male graduates. Three live there right now, including two who grew up in the Pembina Valley.

"While I was in the program I was wondering what I was going to do after when I graduate," said Winkler native Steve Chaboyer. "There's not much work out there for people when their resumé is drug trafficking."

"I knew that just graduating and coming back to this community or any community would be very high-risk for me," he added. "When I heard that the store was coming together here, about four months before I graduated, I just started praying, 'God, if this is you and this is where you want me, then show me.' He showed me."

"Staying connected with Teen Challenge, I knew that's what I needed. And this is the perfect opportunity," Chaboyer said. "I'm learning more all the time, my walk with God is going farther and farther, you get training for leadership. It's all learning and it's great."

"God, He gave me a second chance at life," said fellow program graduate Kelly Hildebrand, who is from Altona. "He also brought my kids back to me. I didn't see my kids for three, four years, and now I can see my kids and do stuff with them again."

"Teen Challenge changed my life."

HOPE WITHIN REACH

Derksen hopes the thrift store will

become a hub both for people looking for help and those wanting to support them.

"It acts as a conduit for people that are maybe struggling in the community. We want to make it easier for them to find us," he said. "They can come in to buy a shirt or whatever and in the meantime they're getting to hear the stories of our students and graduates and find some hope and say, hey, you know, maybe I need to go to that concerned persons group or maybe I need to get my son or daughter or spouse into Teen Challenge."

"We just see it as a beacon of light in the Pembina Valley," Derksen said, adding it's a fitting project for ATC to tackle.

"We see it as being about redemption. Thrift stores deal with the redemption of goods ... and Teen Challenge is all about the redemption of people. People who have lost their way, people who are in the gutter, and God wants to redeem them and save them."

It's taken volunteers months of hard work to transform the space—formerly two separate storefronts—into the Super Thrift Store

"When we first started we were taking down these cement walls and it just looked really bad in here," said Chaboyer. "Looking at it now, know-

ing we had a part in all this, it's just amazing. For the first time it's something I can look at and be like, wow, I had a part in something good, rather than a criminal record. It's something to be proud of."

The store has been collecting donations locally and in Winnipeg for months and so has a wide selection of used clothing, furnishings, and household goods.

Thanks to partnerships with supportive companies, they're also able to offer some brand new pieces of furniture and a line of medical scrubs.

Winkler is, of course, home to several other successful ministry-supporting thrift stores, and Derksen hopes the addition of Super Thrift will ultimately draw more customers to all of them.

"We did not come out here to compete with anyone," he said. "We're here to help each other, because we're all doing good work and there is a need."

"We want this city to be a thrift store hub. A go-to place for those that love to thrift and then they're supporting a local business, they're supporting a local ministry, and helping to change lives."

"That's what we're really interested in is changing and saving lives."

"WE SEE IT AS A BEACON OF LIGHT IN THE PEMBINA VALLEY."

Manitoba Youth Job Centres open in Morden-Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

Manitoba Youth Job Centres are open for another season in both Morden and Winkler.

Youth engagement leaders Alina Fischer and Sofia Smith reopened their offices last week and are optimistic about what the summer could bring in terms of opportunities for local youth.

"It's been successful in the past, so we're really excited to see what this year's going to bring," said Smith, who is based in Winkler.

"I definitely hope a lot of people will come and contact us. We hope a lot of youth reach out to us to find help getting a job," said Fischer, who is based in Morden.

The Morden-Winkler MYJC offices are among 43 in rural communities throughout the province that aim to provide community-based summer employment referral services.

Local employers, as well as students and youth from 12 to 29, receive assistance in helping match qualified job seekers with summer employment.

The centres also provide students and youth with important information and education on career develop-

ment and employment-related skills such as labour regulations, workplace health and safety, resumé preparation, interview assistance, and job-search techniques.

"We suggest places that you can apply ... and we provide one on one help with resumé, cover letters, job searching, and interview techniques," said Fischer. "We also provide information sessions on any of these topics."

"We also provide the referral service. Both businesses and individuals in the community can place job orders with our office, and we refer the most qualified youth to the employer."

"There's all kinds of jobs that come through the centre, and it can vary," noted Smith.

For younger workers aged 12 to 16, there is the Odd Job Squad that provides the opportunity to gain first work experience and job skills.

The Morden office is located at 1-160 Stephen St. and can be contacted at MordenMYJC@gov.mb.ca or 204-823-2423.

The Winkler MYJC is located at 185 Main Street and can be reached at WinklerMYJC@gov.mb.ca or 204-332-0971.



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Sofia Smith and Alina Fischer are the youth engagement leaders for the Winkler and Morden Manitoba Youth Job Centres.

Fire dept. book sale this weekend

If you didn't find enough used books at the recent South Central Regional Library sale, you have another chance this weekend.

The Morden Fire Department's annual book sale takes place Friday, May 24 from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, May 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Access Event Centre. You can load up a bag with books for just \$10.

Half of the funds raised will go to children's hospital with the other half

being used for the fire service's training site.

The books up for grabs went unsold at a recent charity used book sale in Winnipeg.

"The books that are left over then we're hoping to ship them overseas ... there's a group that wants to fill up a library in a small community in Kenya," said Fire Chief Andy Thiessen, noting the department has run this sale for almost 10 years.

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but we do that with leaders and managers all the time," agreed Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre executive director Peter Cantelon.

"Sometimes a mentor holding you accountable can be pretty powerful," added Earl Gardiner of RANA Respiratory Care Group, who then shared a bit of his own personal journey, which involved moving back to Morden with thoughts of retirement.

Gardiner cited the need for people to be able to retire comfortably financially, but there are many who don't necessarily have pensions to make that possible, so he proposed a pension plan that would be administered by the city. Part of what you draw on then could be like a credit card that can be used at local business, he explained.

"What I would really like to see is that money from that pension plan gets spent in Morden," said Gardiner.

Cantelon touted the idea of developing a commercial space port, as it is becoming a major industry globally but there are none in Canada at

this point.

"Manitoba has a strong aerospace industry and history ... Manitoba is actually home to Canada's third largest aerospace industry, so we have a lot of resources here to get this off the ground," he suggested.

Andrew Deyto of Fentro Technologies recalled his first exploratory visit to Morden in 2015 before moving here in 2017. He saw this area as a real hidden gem with tremendous tourism potential.

"This could be a special tourist destination for anyone ... my dream would be for Morden to really be a major tourist attraction centred around eco-tourism."

Karen Chezick, manager of the Agassiz Medical Centre, pondered how we can provide the incentive for people to get more active.

"How do we get people to embrace this lifestyle," she wondered, citing how she had the experience in Calgary of it being less convenient to drive with options like a system of bicycles for community use that

makes cycling a better choice.

"We have tons of opportunities in this community to live a healthy lifestyle."

Former city councillor Heather Francis of the Hive Development Group reflected on how the younger generation wants a different lifestyle from past generations. Morden needs to support a greater sense of community, she said, as people don't want the disconnect of our traditional idea of neighbourhood.

"I think we've lost a lot of that with our giant setback yards. We're way more isolated than people used to be," said Francis, who suggested we need to be "making sure our city planning process is encouraging complete neighbourhoods and walkable neighbourhoods."

"And I still think it was a big mistake that we didn't go ahead with the town square," Francis added in reference to a previous plan that floated the idea of closing off Eighth St. between Stephen and North Railway.

There were a range of other ideas

floated during the course of the session, such as one response that brought up the idea of raising the dam and increasing the footprint of the lake.

Other items touched on included further enhancing the lake area, further developing the fossil theme around town, developing the downtown around an era theme, connecting the two sides of the lake trail, repurposing the rail line between Morden and Winkler for public transport, developing an enclosed year-round park, and setting up a food bank focused on healthy food.

In the end, Angus went away from the session impressed with Morden, recognizing its great quality of life and seeing great potential in areas like tourism, recreation, and arts and culture.

"I'm excited about what the possibility is here in Morden," he said. "It's a great community to start with, and there's huge potential here."

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Letters

We need common sense reforms to battle mental illness

Yesterday I attended the memorial of a young man who had killed himself. I'd met the young man. He was a great guy—funny, respectful, and smart. I remember watching the May-weather/McGregor fight with him. I didn't know that in his head he was fighting for life itself. I couldn't know that. He seemed all right.

Mental illness is subversive. It destroys a person from the inside while convincing us we need to look all right, so nobody knows. It's a wolf masquerading in a sheep's costume.

Some people did know about his struggles, and unfortunately their hands were tied by The Mental Health Act. If we're going to be open about

mental wellness let's begin by opening up this antiquated piece of legislation and having real conversations about how we can help one another.

We need common sense reforms: employment protections for people who get help, more humanity in treatment, help with the brutal cost of therapy, common sense access to intervention, measures to protect the well-being of those who suffer. That would be a good start.

One in five of us will be affected by mental illness at some point in our life and shouldn't have to choose between wellness and our own futures. That's why we need to do something.

As I sat in that funeral, recounting

my own history with mental illness, I was overcome with thankfulness that my own life was spared the same end. I was overwhelmed with sadness for the family of this young man for whom his suicide had imparted another formidable shroud of darkness. I was frustrated that it takes so long to change cultural perceptions and attitudes about mental illness.

I was thankful for all the people who helped me drag the naked, hideous form of depression into the full light of day, allowing me to see that it only held power when I faced it alone.

Brandon Burley,
Mayor, City of Morden

Encouraging businesses to help out with garbage clean up

After reading the article in last week's *Voice* about the "mountain of trash" [*Landowner fed up with mountain of trash, May 9*], I would have to agree with Shawna Cameron that the trash seems to be getting worse around Morden.

On my daily drive out of Morden to the east I always see a great deal of trash blowing along the field by the research station and past Boston Pizza. Another place I notice it, because it's close to where I live, is behind Sawatzky's Furniture and Royal Oak

Estates, along the bush by the railway tracks on a path much used by bikers and walkers.

Much of the trash, from what I see in both these places, would appear to be related to the businesses that are going up on the highway corridor, and from the bins behind businesses close by. Stuff blows, I get it, so if that were MY business I would want to ensure I was being a good neighbour and contributing to the pickup of that trash.

Of course, you can't find the source of the garbage in many instances,

but it would go a long way towards a cleaner city if, once or twice yearly, particularly in spring, those businesses would send out an employee or two for an hour to do a trash pickup. It would certainly help to make our community more visually appealing and let the next generation know that we do care about our environment.

Marlene Perrin,
Morden

Conservatives will hold Liberals accountable: Bergen

On the heels of the SNC-Lavalin corruption scandal, Justin Trudeau and his Liberal Government have been accused of interfering in yet another criminal prosecution.

Mark Norman has served Canada honorably for three decades, most notably as Vice Chief of the Defence Staff. In March 2018 he was charged with one count of breach of trust for allegedly leaking sensitive documents related to the procurement of a supply ship for the Royal Canadian Navy.

In a stunning change of events, the Crown recently stayed its charge against Vice-Admiral Norman, citing that there was "no reasonable prospect of conviction." And Norman's defence team has been clear all along that the Prime Minister's Office was

attempting to direct the prosecution.

There is overwhelming evidence that Justin Trudeau and the Liberal government politically interfered in this case and tried to destroy Vice-Admiral Norman. They withheld key documents that would have exonerated Mr. Norman, used code names in email exchanges to avoid access to information requests, and had government lawyers coach witnesses. This entire case has been politically motivated since day one.

As the prosecution made clear: the documents that Justin Trudeau and the Liberals were fighting to keep secret were the very documents that caused Vice-Admiral Norman's charges to be dropped.

This is a damning indictment of Justin Trudeau and the Liberal gov-

ernment. There was most certainly political interference at play here and there are several important questions that remain unanswered.

Conservatives will expose Justin Trudeau's appalling behavior in this case and hold him accountable for interfering in yet another criminal investigation. Canadians deserve better.

Unfortunately, the similarities to the SNC-Lavalin corruption scandal are undeniable. Speaking truth to power in the Liberal caucus comes with serious, life-altering consequences.

Canadians have come to learn that Justin Trudeau is simply not as advertised.

Candice Bergen, Portage-Lisgar MP,
Conservative House Leader

PTM kicks off busy season

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum opened up last Monday for another busy season.

It will feature the full lineup of events, though this year won't be as busy with major projects as past summers have been.

"We got so much done in the last few years ... right now we don't have a ton on the agenda. There's always things that come up, though, that have to be repaired," noted manager Kim Striemer. "We're always planning, we're always looking ahead ... but we're going to enjoy this season, enjoy our visitors. We're focusing on promotion and just getting the word out there. That's really the task for this year."

Although there is no major work planned, Striemer said there are couple things they will be working on in the yard.

"We're extending the pole shed so

that we can have more of the equipment and machinery that we've got," she said. "We're also in the process of starting to look at the Reimer House as far as restoration goes. That's a very big project that we'll be looking at in the next little bit, probably in the next couple of years."

"We've got a pretty full lineup over the summer ... so we're just focused on all those for the most part. There's always something going on."

The first major event of the season is Heritage Day on June 7. There are a number of recurring events getting underway soon as well: Artists Days take place June 9, July 7, Aug. 18 and Sept. 8 while Explore the Past is every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in July.

"That's really a bonus for people who come through on those afternoons," said Striemer, noting "Mrs. Reimer" will be home on Tuesdays to talk about what it was like to live in a log cabin, and the teacher will be in

PTM is open for another summer of bringing history to life.

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the Pomeroy School on Thursdays to share about working in a one-room school.

Another recurring event is Pioneer Days and Western Ways July 15, July 20, and Aug. 5.

Reunion Days are Aug. 30-31, Forge Day takes place Sept. 15 as part Manitoba's Open Farm Day festivities, and Life in the Past Lane will be part of the Canada-wide Culture Days Sept. 28.

Otherwise, Striemer encourages families to come down and enjoy the museum at any time throughout the summer.

"People don't realize we're open seven days a week," she said. "The other thing is, for families, there's a lot to do here, a lot of great yard games as well."

Hours and admission details are available online at threshermens-museum.com.

Three facing charges in Morden meth bust

Three people are facing drug charges after police pulled a suspicious vehicle over in Morden earlier this month.

In the early morning hours of Friday, May 10, Morden officers were alerted to a suspicious vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

The front passenger of the vehicle was known to have a warrant for his arrest for being unlawfully at large. While officers placed the accused under arrest, they noticed a container on the passenger floorboard that contained a substance believed to be methamphetamine and located two syringes in the accused's pocket.

Police identified the rear passenger as being bound by conditions from a prior drug investigation. He was arrested for breaching those conditions.

A subsequent search of his property revealed

a quantity of a substance believed to be methamphetamine.

The female driver was arrested and, during a search of her property, police located a quantity of substance believed to be meth along with other drug related paraphernalia.

As a result, Sheldon Guy Jardine-McIntyre, 29, is charged with possession of a controlled substance, two counts of breaching the conditions of an undertaking, and one count of breaching the conditions of a Probation Order.

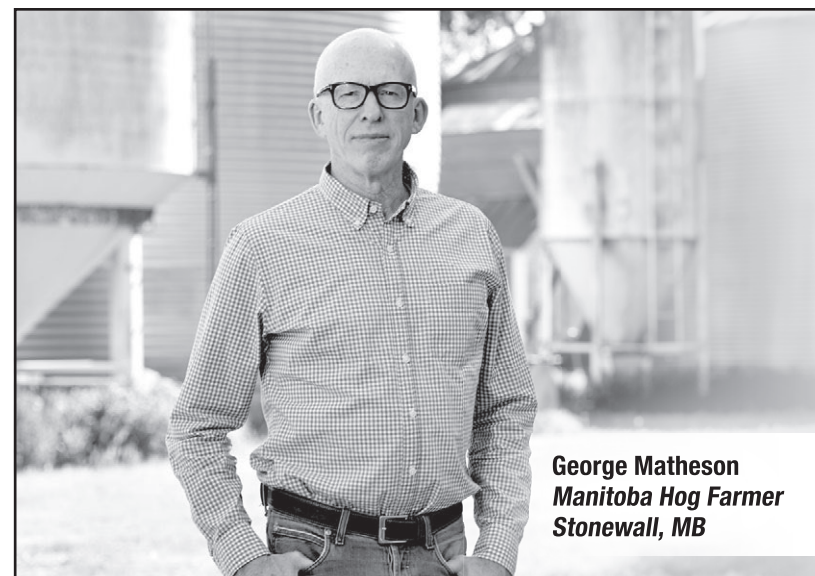
Guy Joseph McIntyre, 50, is charged with possession of a controlled substance and three counts of breaching the conditions of an undertaking.

Both men were remanded into police custody and transported to the Winnipeg Remand Centre.

The female driver, a 19-year-old resident of Winkler, is facing charges of possession of a controlled substance and breaching the conditions of her recognizance.

She was released pending her court date in Morden in June.

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Gardeners of tomorrow get their start

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler Horticulture Society is seeing good growth happening with its Junior Gardener program.

The initiative has seen participation grow significantly from having just four students four years ago.

That number grew to six then eight and now nine students this year, with the group receiving their garden kits at Winkler Elementary School last Thursday.

"I want to learn how to make plants grow ... I want to grow my own garden," Zepheron Toews said after receiving the kit that included vegetables seeds for potato, tomato, and carrot plants as well as flowers like zinnias.

"I think it's fun, and you can learn from planting," added Katie Reimer,

who was looking forward to "picking the plants and eating them."

"And you get to go outside more often," she added. "And my cat likes to roll around in stuff, so it's funny to see that."

"I like the learning aspect of it ... there's things that often you don't think about planting," said her mother Anita Reimer.

Reimer said she also appreciates the hands-on aspect of the program.

"For both my girls, the responsibility of weeding it and watering it and taking care of it ... there's a lot of time you spend on taking care of a garden," she said. "Both of my girls help way more than they give themselves credit for."

Program leader Lenora Nichol looks forward to helping get the students started on their gardens each year.

She will meet up with them at least

three times through the summer to monitor their progress and provide advice.

"Gardening is something that you can do all your life," Nichol noted, recalling her own early experiences. "I've been gardening since I was a little girl. I remember when I had my own garden plot at home."

"It's good to grow some of your own food. It's healthy," she said. "There's a satisfaction of growing your own food and your own flowers and there's a big emphasis on attracting bees and birds and butterflies now."

"We're really looking to make gardeners out of these kids."



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Winkler Horticulture Society volunteer Lenora Nichol with the nine kids taking part in the Junior Gardener program this summer.

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Support for Agassiz

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The fundraising campaign in support of the renovation of the Agassiz Medical Centre got another boost last week with a \$5,000 donation from Valley Concrete, represented here by manager Dan Wiebe (left). Accepting the donation was medical centre community board member Bob Wahl. "The private sector is starting to kick in a little more to it," said Wahl, who estimated the campaign has raised \$55,000 of its \$500,000 goal. The entire project will cost \$1.25 million.



Winkler Community Foundation board members stopped by Emerado Centennial School May 15 to hand out free hot dog lunches to over 400 students and staff as part of Pay It Forward May.



WCF board serve up Kindness Lunch at Emerado

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation board of directors stopped by Emerado Centennial School May 15 to serve up a Kindness Lunch to staff and students.

Rain sent the Pay It Forward May barbecue indoors but didn't put a damper on the message behind the meal, says foundation board chair Scott Doell.

"It's a great way for us to reach a lot of kids," he said, noting they served upwards of 450 hot dog lunches. "It's good for the young people to see people going out of their way to do something nice."

The event was just one of many such acts of kindness happening in Morden-Winkler this month. Recipients are asked to do their part to pay it forward in ways big or small.

"The idea is if somebody does something nice for you maybe you'll go do something nice for some-

one else," Doell said. "And then it spreads out from there."

"It's been really exciting so far," he added. "There's been lots of people and businesses taking the initiative and there's still half the month left so there's more to come."

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Global art festival a “magnificent opportunity”

By Lorne Stelmach

Being part of a global art festival in India was a once in a lifetime opportunity for Sharon Loeppky and Ursula Neufeld.

They were among 29 artists from 18 different countries who were part of the festival in Gujarat, India earlier this year.

The trip was a five week sojourn for the pair of mosaic artists, who presented photo highlights of the trip as part of the Art Talk last Thursday at the Pembina Hills Gallery.

“I thought it would be an adventure,” said Loeppky, a Morden-based artist. “I had never thought about going to India before, but Ursula was encouraging that I should join up and we could travel together.”

The festival offered diversity in every respect, including the range of art represented—everything from paintings and drawings to sculpture, textiles and mosaic murals.

Equally diverse were the artists, who came from all over the globe to participate.

The Manitoba duo were able to tour the region and enjoy a variety of cul-

tural experiences, including taking in a famous kite festival.

“Then they wanted us to sort of relate that to our art ... it was very cool to incorporate some of that into our art,” said Loeppky.

Along the way they witnessed some of the poverty that plagues the country but also the tremendous spirit of the people who live there.

“Whenever you go to a country that is that diverse financially ... you know how lucky you are to live in Canada,” said Neufeld, who is based in Winnipeg.

“It doesn’t matter, though, how poor you are, it’s all attitude. They were all very, very happy and friendly people. Some of the poorest people were very generous,” she said. “You can have happiness no matter where you live ... it’s all about attitude.”

“People really wanted to connect with you. They all wanted to speak to you,” added Loeppky.

There were a variety of opportunities as part of their time in India, including working a bit with university students and contributing to an art project at a bus depot.

The festival itself was more about



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Ursula Neufeld showing one of her mosaic works at PHAC’s art talk last week. Neufeld and Sharon Loeppky spoke on their experiences being part of a global art festival in Gujarat, India earlier this year.

actually doing art rather than just displaying or selling it, and Loeppky especially liked having that degree of freedom.

“I really found the idea of going somewhere and having no distraction and just being able to work all day really appealing to me,” she said. “I really enjoyed that I could get up in the morning and just work. I often wish I could do that at home, but I had to go to India to do it.”

For Loeppky, who is known more here for her mosaic work, the festival offered her a good opportunity to branch out into working with fabrics.

“I would like to experiment a bit

more with the textiles and some of the different techniques. So it gave me an opportunity to try something different.”

Neufeld also appreciated being part of a community of artists.

“A lot of the people usually work very solitary ... so there’s a learning curve there too,” she said. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to be able to learn from them and them from us.”

“Being able to do art in a different country with different materials and different people around you and various themes ... it was a magnificent opportunity.”

3rd Wave hosting fun, free try-a-tri June 1

By Lorne Stelmach

With the return of the Morden Triathlon this summer, the local 3rd Wave Triathlon Club is seeing renewed interest in the sport.

To help interested newbies get their feet wet, the club is hosting a free “just-for-fun” mock try-a-tri event Saturday, June 1 at Lake Minnewasta from 10 a.m. to noon.

“Lots of people who have joined our club have actually never done triathlons before, but they were thinking, ‘This looks awesome,’” said club president Crystal Gavigan.

The try-a-tri gives people a chance to try out the sport in a fun, free en-

vironment.

The morning will include a triathlon skills clinic geared for beginners followed by a mini-triathlon.

“We’re going to go through each station: this is what you need for equipment ...this how you transition, these are the rules,” said Gavigan, noting participants should bring along a bike and helmet, swimsuit, and running shoes.

With any luck, this clinic will net 3rd Wave a few new members.

The club meets to train every Monday evening at the lake and also holds regular family nights.

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NPC students give back in a big way to local projects

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate's Youth in Philanthropy passed along the proceeds of their successful fundraising efforts to four charitable projects on Friday.

The group invited representatives from Central Station, Eden Mental Health Centre, Genesis House, and Katie Cares to enjoy a lunch prepared by the culinary arts program, hear a bit about the work YIP undertook over the past several months, and receive \$1,356 in grants.

The students actually surpassed their fundraising goal for the school year, said Gr. 12 student Katelyn Sabourin.

"We were wanting to make \$1,000 but we ended up making \$1,300, so that was good," she said.

YIP members organized candy and bake sales, sold Student Price Cards, and hosted a Grandparents Supper and a trivia night, among other events, to raise the money.

They then sat down as a group and sorted through the applications for funding, deciding which projects had the potential to help the most people, explained Tianna Wiebe, Gr. 9.

"We really liked how they were impacting our community," she said.



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Members of the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy presented over \$1,300 in grants to reps from Central Station, Genesis House, Katie Cares, and Eden on Friday.

"We thought we could help them out, do some good."

Genesis House received \$500 towards therapy games for children in counselling, Central Station got \$328 for a car seat and a booster seat, Eden received \$328 for flowers and plants, and Katie Cares was awarded \$200 for lawn chairs.

Sabourin, who has been with YIP for two years, says the program is a fun way of getting involved in the community.

"I just really like working together to raise money ... it was good doing that as a team," she said, adding she encourages younger students to come check it out. "It's a really nice thing to

do, just get together and try and raise money for different organizations."

For first-year YIP member Beate Harder, Gr. 9, the whole experience defied expectations.

"It was a little more than I expected but it was also better," she said. "It's a lot of fun to raise money and meet people."

> TRY-A-TRI, FROM PG. 10

Gavigan noted the group is back up to 22 registered adult members as well as seven or eight kids.

"We haven't had a Kids of Steel club for a number of years ... this year that's coming back," she said. "Overall, it's way more than we've had in recent years."

For more information and to register for the try-a-tri, head online to 3rdwavetriclub.com.

Meanwhile, preparations continue for the Morden Triathlon, which returns July 13-14 after a year's hiatus.

The Triathlon is not only being revived but is also now a qualifier for the 2020 International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Triathlon Multisport Championships taking place in Almere, Netherlands.

The weekend also adds two new events: a sprint and olympic cross triathlon (which combines swimming, mountain biking, and cross country running) and a sprint and olympic aquabike event.

Along with those events, the triathlon will still offer its tried and tested roster that includes a sprint and olympic triathlon, sprint and olympic duathlon, try-a-tri/try-a-du/try-an-aquabike, and the popular Kids of Steel.

More information is available at mordentriathlon.com.

Mennonite Coll. hires new principal

Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna will have a new principal next school year.

The private Christian school announced earlier this month that Gerald Barkman will step into the role effective this August.

"Barkman brings a wealth of experience in teaching and administration to the role," the school said in a statement. "He was drawn to MCI because of his deeply held belief that 'Christian education is one of the greatest ways to positively influence our world.'"

"Barkman has a deep appreciation for his Mennonite heritage and is passionate about

his Christian faith, which is reflected in his leadership style."

Growing up in a missionary family, the early years of Barkman's life were spent in Northern Canada, Belgium, and the Congo. After finishing secondary school in Landmark, MB he went on to complete degrees at Goshen College, the University of Manitoba, and the University of Indiana.

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GVC Youth in Philanthropy distribute \$1,620

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate's Youth in Philanthropy group had a hugely successful year of fundraising, and last Thursday they took a moment to give some of it back.

The student group raised over \$2,000 by raking leaves, organizing jewelry and candy sales, and hosting a hugely successful Paint Night.

There was only one wrinkle, noted advisor Amy Warms.

"We actually raised almost \$2,500 and only received three applications for our grants," she said, noting it was a departure from the year before when the group received several applications and had to make some hard decisions. Warms said the students plan to do more to raise awareness about the grants next spring. "We're certainly wanting to get the word out there that these grants are available."

As a result of the lack of applications, the group opted to give out \$1,620 to three projects and then carry over the remaining funds.

"Our hope is we'll have even more money to give away next year," Warms said.

Receiving cheques at a school assembly last week was Salem Home,



The GVC Youth in Philanthropy group presented over \$1,600 in grants to Salem Home, Central Station, and the Winkler Family Resource Centre May 16.

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Central Station Community Centre, and the Winkler Family Resource Centre.

Salem received \$620 for the purchase of a Dot Spindle Match Game to engage residents, Central Station received \$500 for the purchase of an outdoor play structure, and WFRC received \$500 to help fund their Toddler Shenanigans program.

Gr. 12 student Allyson Klassen has been a member of YIP for two years and has enjoyed helping out with fundraisers and being able to distribute money to worthy projects.

"I just wanted to try something new and then I found YIP and I actually really, really enjoyed it," she said. "I wanted to help others and it's a good way to do that."

The group has grown from a handful of students a few years ago to over a dozen this year. That growth is a good sign for the future of the program, noted Klassen.

"It makes me feel good because I know that a lot of the students who aren't in Gr. 12 are coming back. This is a good program and I think people should consider joining."

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Rocking W kicks off 10th season

By Lorne Stelmach

The Rocking W Barrel Series has come a long way in a decade.

Dusty van der Steen began it all very much out of her personal interest in the sport, she recalled last week.

"When I started it, I just wanted to have somewhere local to barrel race," she said as they kicked off their 10th season. "It's grown over the years like crazy.

"I used to compete in it; now I don't anymore. It's just gotten too big, so I just organize everything."

Barrel racing combines the horse's athletic ability and the horseman-ship skills of the rider to maneuver around a series of barrels.

The local events take place at the Rocking W ranch located a mile and a half west of Morden on Road 16N off

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Morden's Rylee Olafson and Smooch won first in the Rocking W Barrel Racing series 4D event May 14 with a time of 18.233. The series runs weekly over the next month.

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Killarney is now one of Manitoba's top 10 fastest-growing communities. Thanks to this growth, feed mill and on-farm workers and their families can live and thrive in the communities that they love. Rick Pauls, Killarney-Turtle Mountain Mayor, attributes that accomplishment directly to the hog sector. He notes, "We don't know where we would be without HyLife. We love our partnership and we love moving forward with them."

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Local athletes shine playing college ball

By Lorne Stelmach

Two area athletes have had sensational freshman seasons playing baseball at colleges in the USA.

Tristan Peters of Winkler has earned accolades at Chandler Gilbert Community College in Arizona, while Jamie Odlum of Morden has gotten attention playing softball at Minot State University.

The two both trained with Morden's Ray Mutcheson and credit him for having helped them find success in their sport.

"That helped me a lot with getting stronger and paying attention to the finer details of the game," said Peters.

"I trained with him for six or seven years and a hundred per cent would not be where I am without that training ... not even just physically with the things he taught me but he taught me so many lessons too about how to

be a better person, how to be a team player and how to be a true athlete," said Odlum.

The Minot State University softball team ended up with an overall record of 26-21, and Odlum played an increasingly important role as the year progressed.

Odlum was fifth on the MSU roster, averaging .317, scoring 22 runs and recording 21 hits including five doubles and a home run and with a .434 on base percentage. She led MSU with a .986 fielding percentage.

Nominated by the MSU softball team for Freshman of the Year, Odlum very much emphasized team goals rather than individual ones, especially with so many freshmen on the roster.

"The start of the season was pretty slow for us, but the freshmen on the team started getting more comfortable

Tristan Peters (above) and Jamie Odlum (left) both had stellar freshman seasons at colleges in the U.S. this past year.

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able ... I feel like that is what really helped me out this season was having girls that I could really relate to out there."

Her role grew from largely serving as a designated hitter, and she moved to first base.

"That's a totally new position to me, but I did a lot of extra practising there and seemed to pick up on it pretty quick," said Odlum.

"I wasn't getting as many opportunities as some of the other girls, but I just tried to make the best of those opportunities ... just keep swinging the bat ... what got me into the lineup was trying to stay hot with my bat and doing whatever it takes to get on base."

Her focus for next season will be to help drive the team to advance further in the conference.

"Hopefully, I can be a leader on the team next season, having some experience under my belt now."

Meanwhile, Peters led his team in a number of offensive categories with a .423 average.

He was named the league Player of

the Week twice, leading the league in triples in conference play, and he was second in the league in extra base hits.

Peters was named to the first regional all star team and second conference all star team while also being nominated for a golden glove.

Peters feels he has been fortunate to have had a lot of good guidance and coaching.

"I've had so many good coaches, and I've been able to hear different perspectives, and that has helped me kind of piece together what works for me," he said.

"I've been able to build my confidence a lot," he added. "I really worked on that, and it really helped my hitting ... kind of not worrying about results, and I just swung hard, and it worked really well."

His long term dream of course would be to make it to the big leagues, but he for now looks forward to continuing pursuing his career in the United States.

"My dream school would be Arizona State University," said Peters.

> BARREL RACING, FROM PG. 13

Hwy. 3 and are part of the Manitoba Barrel Racing Association.

The 2019 Rocking W Barrel Series began May 7 and runs every Tuesday at 7 p.m. leading up to the finals June 22 at 3 p.m. The general public are welcome to come enjoy the show.

Van der Steen marvels at how much it has grown.

"It started out as a small barrel race 10 years ago and it's grown into some-

thing I could never have imagined it would have," she said.

"We've had record-breaking entries this year. Last Tuesday was our second jackpot and we had just over a hundred entries. We started out with probably 15 ten years ago."

She feels just having some place in the area for people to learn about and even try out barrel racing has helped the sport grow.

"Years ago, there weren't as many people doing it locally, but it seemed to catch on," she said. "When there's something available locally, more people decide to go to it."

"A lot of people maybe just rode for fun or they did local horse shows ... now they've got a taste of what Manitoba Barrel Racing Association is all about," said van der Steen. "I think it's brought more people into it than

there ever was here in the area."

"It's a very welcoming and friendly atmosphere, and people of all skill levels are welcome to come," she added. "There's opportunity for all skill levels to win because of the way it is divisionalized."

You can find more information online at www.rockingw.com/rockingw-barrel-series.

Winkler Storm post first win of the season

The Winkler Storm's Victoria Day home opener netted the team their first win of the summer.

The Manitoba Major Soccer League 1st Division team's game Monday afternoon against Bandits FC in Winkler ended 3-1 in their favour. Timo August contributed two goals to the tally while Aiden Driedger added one.

That puts Winkler 1-2 for the season thus far. They'll try to even out their record this coming Monday in Winnipeg against Lions FC.

Playing in the league's 5th Division, the South Central Riot lost to North Winnipeg United 5-2 last Thursday night. Scoring for the Riot were Arni Schott and Humayun Kahan.

The Riot are 0-2 so far this summer. They'll host Les Blues Sunday at 6 p.m.

The SC Hurricanes are also still looking for their first win in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League's 1st Division. They hope to get it when they host the Winnipeg Storm on Monday at 7:15 p.m.



Skills on the court

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The Winkler Basketball Club's 15U boys team (above) came in second in their pool at Basketball Manitoba's 2019 Club Basketball Provincial Championships in Winnipeg earlier this month. The club's 14U boys finished third in their pool and the 15U girls and 17U boys both finished fourth in their pools.

Orioles down Blue Jays but then fall to Giants

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles found a way to win, and it was encouraging for assistant coach Phil Hildebrand.

After giving up a lead Friday, the MJBL team came back with some clutch play in the seventh inning to edge the Interlake Blue Jays 5-4.

"It's a good sign for the team ... even in the last game against Carillon too we didn't give up," said Hildebrand.

"We got just enough hits to make

it happen. The guys didn't give up, and it was good to see in the seventh inning, even though we were down by one, some guys that were struggling at the plate all night really came through and made it happen in the end."

Seth Staple started on the mound for the Orioles and went four innings before Liam Giesbrecht came on in relief and finished up the last three.

It was a close game all the way with Pembina Valley holding an early 3-0

lead before Interlake turned things around.

"They never gave up. They just kept chipping away and in the fifth inning we found ourselves down 4-3," said Hildebrand. "We couldn't get anything going .. but we turned a nice double play in the sixth to get out of the inning."

Then in the seventh Owen Sager came in to pinch hit and got on base when he was hit by a pitch. He advanced on a bunt by TJ Matuszewski

and Giesbrecht then capped it off with a two run home run down the right field line.

"From there we shut them down in the last inning," said Hildebrand. "It was good to see."

On Monday, the boys dropped a 2-1 decision to the Giants in Elmwood.

The O's also hosted the St. James A on Wednesday and will welcome Interlake here on Friday followed by an on-the-road Sunday doubleheader against St. James.

"THE GUYS DIDN'T GIVE UP ... AND MADE IT HAPPEN IN THE END."

ALH winners

The top three finishers from Sunday's races at the ALH Motor Speedway included:

- Street stocks: James Wall in first, Bradon Miller in second, and Kevin Smith in third place.
- Modifieds: Shawn Teunis, Ward Imrie, and Jerome Guyot.
- Pure stocks: Brian Bellew, Michael Copp, and Jeremy Bezan.
- Midwest modifieds: Ted Doell, Austin Hunter, and Grant Hall.
- Four-cylinder: Nolan Hamm, Jamie Tate, and Morghann Gable.
- Slingshots: Ryder Raynard, Sierra Staff, and Brooke Cousins.

Zodiac girls finish season in first

The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs girls fast pitch team finished their season with a near flawless 5-0-1 record to clinch first in Zone 4.

The ladies swept their final two games last week, defeating the Morden Thunder—who ranked last in the standings with a 0-5 season—by a score of 14-3 on May 14.

Also wrapping up their season last week were the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks, whose record fell to 2-4 for second-to-last place after losing to the Portage Saints 18-1 May 14 and the Carman Cougars 12-1 May 15.

On the boys side, the Zodiacs finished the season in third at 6-5-1,

NPC is fifth at 4-6-2, and Morden is in sixth place with 2-8.

The Thunder ended their regular season by beating Sanford 3-2 and then tying them 5-5 May 16, NPC downed Carman 4-1 and 11-1 that same night, and GVC blanked Carman twice 2-0 May 14.

Zone playoffs run all this week.

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Agriculture

Wild pigs are dangerous, destructive

By Harry Siemens

Wild pigs are an invasive species that cause native habitat damage, put native wildlife species at risk, cause damage to farmland and other property, and act as potential carriers of the disease.

The Manitoba Pork Council wants producers and the general public to report all sightings of wild pigs by calling the local Sustainable Development Office or by emailing wildlife@gov.mb.ca.

Reports should include date, time, as exact a location as possible, number and age class of pigs observed, and the observed behaviour of the pigs.

Conventional hunting only increases wild pig populations by encouraging them to spread out and breed further.

"Manitoba Pork discourages the conventional hunting of wild pigs, opting instead for a collaborative and coordinated eradication approach,"

the agency says. "If you do harvest a wild pig, it is a legal requirement to report it to the local Sustainable Development office within seven days."

More broadly, Dr. Ryan Brook, a professor in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources with the University of Saskatchewan, explains that the increasing concern over wild pigs in Canada has to do with African Swine Fever.

"Back in about the mid-1980s, there was a push to diversify agriculture including the farming of elk, emu, ostrich, and many different species to diversify agriculture, and one of those was wild boar," he says. "Eurasian wild boar was brought over from primarily from the UK, but from several other countries as well, used primarily as a meat species. There were and still are some farms that we might call 'shoot farms,' where you pay to go inside a relatively sizeable fenced enclosure and shoot one, but the majority were for meat."

Brook says all provinces from Que-

bec west had significant investment in wild boar farms, with significant efforts to help establish them and promote them as an agricultural tool. Most provinces still have at least some in operation, while a few have several dozen.

The production of them peaked in 2001 and then declined sharply after, to the point the Ag Census of Canada doesn't even report data on wild boar farms anymore, instead lumping them in with other species.

"The problem is these animals are very hard to keep inside a fence," notes Brook. "Many escaped across all provinces and unfortunately some producers, having a tough time with the production or just not seeing any real income, [came] in, cut the fence, and let in some cases dozens, in some cases several hundred animals go at once."

"So through the '90s and 2000 and now up until 2019, [we've seen] a massive expansion of those animals moving into the wild and spreading

further from those initial sites, and expanding very rapidly."

Brook says they've developed maps of the distribution of wild pigs in Canada and overall the spread is 80,000 square kilometres per year over the last decade.

"Importantly, these are mostly hybrids meaning crossbred with the domestic pig," he says. "Crossing that wild boar with a domestic pig, you get that extra rib, you get a longer animal, typically you get a bigger animal, higher reproductive rates."

"These animals look quite different—your classic wild boar has a long, drawn out nose covered with heavy brown to red to even jet black fur, some with pink patches and some spotted are entirely pink."

Brook says by hybridizing them, unfortunately that helped to create super pigs that reproduce very quickly.

"We're talking six young per litter, and they're breeding almost continuously through the year," he says.

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

As a private water well owner, it is your responsibility to be well aware—to understand the basics of well maintenance and operation, and to take the necessary actions to keep your water wells in running order to provide drinkable water to your family.

Groundwater originates from surface water and precipitation, including rain and melting snow. Water infiltrates the earth over a period of time from days to thousands of years. Saturated layers below the water table that store and transmit significant quantities of groundwater—enough to supply a well—are called aquifers.

It is impossible to determine the direction of groundwater flow based on surface features alone. However, we do know that water in an aquifer near a pumping well will most likely flow toward the well. The risk of well water contamination is greatest when the contaminant is close to the well. Yet, some contaminants have been

known to spread over several kilometres.

Surface spills of contaminants like fuel can infiltrate the soil and contaminate groundwater. The risk of contamination is greatest where the ground surface is highly permeable to the infiltration of water and other surface materials (for example, in areas with coarse soils or fractured bedrock near or at the surface). Groundwater can also be contaminated by underground sources, such as leaking fuel storage tanks or malfunctioning septic systems.

Poorly constructed or deteriorating wells can act as a direct pipeline for surface pollutants to contaminate the aquifer as well. Unused and unmaintained wells are a special concern if they haven't been safely plugged and sealed.

Deteriorating wells or unused, unsealed wells may:

- Act as pathways for the movement of near-surface contaminants such as

bacteria into aquifers.

- Pose a threat to children, adults, or animals who may fall into large diameter openings and become trapped or injured.

- Interconnect fresh groundwater with salty or mineralized groundwater zones and allow the mineralized water to enter into the fresh water zones.

- Present a hazard to farm machinery and vehicles.

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

As a responsible well owner, you need to carry out a regular program of well maintenance. Taking care of your well is a three-step process:

1. Protect your well water at the

ground surface by avoiding, eliminating, or reducing contaminants.

2. Inspect your well regularly and keep your well in good running order.

3. Test your well water regularly and respond to contamination problems.

The Pembina Valley Conservation District will be offering a well water testing program the first two Tuesdays in June.

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

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

—Submitted by the Pembina Valley Conservation District

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

2	3	5	7	1	9	4	6	8	2
3	4	6	8	2	5	7	9	1	3
4	5	7	9	3	6	8	1	2	4
5	6	8	1	4	9	2	3	7	5
6	7	9	2	5	1	3	4	8	6
7	8	1	3	6	4	5	2	9	7
8	9	2	4	7	5	1	3	6	8
9	1	3	5	8	2	4	6	7	9
1	2	4	6	9	3	7	5	8	1
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Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Guitarists use them
5. Makes less intense
11. Julia Louis-Dreyfus series
12. Once in a while
16. Up to the time of
17. A moon of Jupiter
18. "Riddley Walker" writer
19. Basketball's "Grandmama"
24. Gallium
25. Stocky sea duck
26. Expressions of delight
27. Albanian monetary unit
28. Some are electric
29. Refine
30. Clusters
31. Get rid of
33. Female body part
34. Passerine bird
38. One who is killed for their religion
39. Green (Spanish)
40. Partner to awe
43. Flightless, running Aussie birds
44. One who breaks up the ground
45. Sacred language of some Hindu texts
49. Get free of
50. Furnace of burning
51. Sent in large quantities
53. Type of medical patent (abbr.)
54. Failure to follow the rules
56. Egyptian unit of capacity
58. A public promotion of some product or service
59. Strongly scented subshrub
60. Miserable in appearance
63. Coagulated blood
64. Boil at low temperature
65. Republic of Ireland

CLUES DOWN

1. Pull or tear away
2. Dennis is one
3. Gas
4. Popular rec activities

[illegible]

5. Owl genus
6. Cries
7. Morning
8. Pass catcher
9. Spirit of an era
10. Suffix
13. Megabyte
14. In an expectant manner
15. More curving
20. Plural of thou
21. Son with the same name
22. Not one
23. The woman
27. Uncouth man
29. Laugh
30. Sustained viral response (abbr.)
31. Between northeast and east
32. In the matter of
33. A tree that bears acorns
34. Supervised
35. Not quite a full earner

36. Unpleasant substance
37. Some are fake
38. Hammer is a famous one
40. Type of cup
41. Poisonous Eurasian plant
42. An alternative
44. Belongs to he
45. Bond actor's real name
46. Ring-shaped objects
47. One who reads in a church service
48. Conceive
50. One educated in Japan
51. Rural delivery
52. Robot smarts (abbr.)
54. Women
55. German river
57. Delaware
61. Automaker
62. Mystic syllable

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- R.M. of Thompson - Miami - Drop Off By - 10:30 a.m.
- Manitoba Agriculture Offices:
 - Morden - Drop Off By - 11:00 a.m.
 - Somerset - Drop Off By - 9:30 a.m.
- PVCD Office - Manitou - Drop Off By - 9:30 a.m.

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OBITUARY

Henry Martens 1928 – 2019


On Friday, May 10, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Henry Martens age 90 years of Morden, MB went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Helen; daughter, Marilyn Friesen and Dennis and their children, Noel Friesen, Jordan Friesen, Marc and Kristin Friesen; son Ron and Ruth Martens and their children, Jill and Geoff Johnson, Adam Martens, April and Ed DeLeon; son Rob and Jo-Ann Martens and their children, Kim and Weston Grillo, Andy and Jenn Martens, Jen and Kevin Earl, Mike and Amy Martens; daughter, Shirley Bearss and Lyle and their children, Jered Bearss, Josh Bearss, Nathan Bearss, Caleb and Katherine Bearss, Rachael Bearss; son, Gary and Leanne Martens and their children, Nicholas Martens, Ben and Autumn Martens, Margaret Martens as well 24 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers and three sisters and their families.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Morden Alliance Church with interment at Southside Cemetery in Morden.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Henry's memory to the Gideons International Canada.

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OBITUARY

Rev. Abram (Abe) Wiebe 1935 – 2019

Abe Wiebe was born November 22, 1935 and passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2019 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre with his family by his side at the age of 83. Having not felt well for a few months, Abe was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Centre on Monday, May 6th and deteriorated rapidly until his passing.


He is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Tina and Richard Friesen, Sarah and Frank Unrau, Abe and Norma Wiebe as well as eight grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Mary; two brothers, Peter and Jake; and parents Peter and Susanna Wiebe.

He was baptised upon the confession of his faith in June of 1956 and married Mary (Dyck) on June 24th, 1956. He was ordained as a Pastor in the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church on January 6th, 1974. He loved people and served in the church and community, being faithful to God's calling. Some guiding scripture for his life is found in John 13: 34 - 35. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at the Reinfeld Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Abe's memory to the Sommerfeld Church Benevolent Fund.

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