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Cool weather didn't dampen people's spirits as around 125 participants turned out Sunday afternoon for the annual Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries MS Walk in Morden. The total raised increased from last year as it surpassed \$25,000.

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Top Citizen honoured

By Lorne Stelmach

A packed Morden Legion hall honoured Sue Nelson Sunday as this year's recipient of the Citizen of Distinction Award from the Morden Area Foundation.

She became the second recipient of the honour, which was formerly the citizen of the year award originally handed out by the Morden Kinsmen Club, and she follows in the footsteps of the previous year's recipient, Dr. Bob Menzies.

"It's an absolute huge honour," said Nelson, who also received a \$1,000 prize for her to present to a charity of her choice, which turned out to be the Habitat for Humanity Winkler and Morden chapter.

Nelson called the experience overwhelming.

"I've done things for years, but you don't do things to be recognized, and it's kind of surprising to be recognized."

Nelson added that she prefers to be involved in the background, and she passed on credit to others involved around her and with her.

"I would rather recognize all the people that come along and do things,

support the things that I've been interested in; you don't do anything alone. You bring people along with you that have your vision ... I find that incredibly heartwarming to feel like there are other people that have the same sort of vision for the community," she said.

Nominated by Freda Lumgair and Edith Lovatt, Nelson has been very much involved since their family moved to Morden 30 some years ago when they purchased the Morden Pharmacy, which later became Shoppers Drug Mart.

She was a girl guide leader for over 18 years and was honored with provincial awards for her service, and she has also been involved with the St. Paul's United Church including being a lead fundraiser for mission and service and outreach.

Nelson served on the Many Hands Community Resource Centre board from 2012 to 2014, and upon retirement has also volunteered at the Morden Thrift Store.

She was on the South Central Cancer Resource board starting in 2014 and served as co-chair during her tenure. She took a lead roll in establishing the fashion show and was also



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Allison Braun, chairperson of the Morden Area Foundation, presented the citizen of distinction award to Sue Nelson, who then presented her \$1,000 prize to Christina and Duane Falk of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

instrumental in creating a fund at the Morden Area Foundation to assist the operations and programs.

Nelson now is a board member with Habitat for Humanity Morden/Winkler chapter and has taken on a lead role for fundraising.

In addition, one of her hobbies is quilting, but it is not just enough to sit at home and quilt. She joined the Barnswallow quilt guild and has been involved with the annual spring show, co-chairing various portions and now in her third year as show co-chair.

Teddy Bear picnics coming up

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual Teddy Bear Picnics are set for this weekend and the next in Winkler and Morden.

The Winkler Family Resource Centre is to hold its picnic this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bethel Heritage Park, while the Morden Parent & Child Resource Centre plans its picnic for Sunday, June 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Morden Park.

Children are invited to bring their special stuffed toys to the park to have a full check up

with a variety of health care professionals.

Even more important than the demonstrations of care by professionals volunteering their time is the chance though for interaction with the children. It is not only a way for kids to see the people like the doctors and others in a way that's welcoming but also an opportunity for families to be aware of the different services that are in the community for them.

"It's a free event for families ... and it's going

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Enbridge supports BTHC

By Lorne Stelmach

New surgical equipment is in place at Boundary Trails Health Centre with a major financial boost from Enbridge.

The \$50,000 contribution through the company's community investment program covered around half of the estimated \$100,000 cost of the new laparoscopic tower used for general surgeries.

The tower is comprised of multiple units including a state of the art digital imaging system that hospital officials say will have a significant impact on their surgical services as well as patient care.

"It gives us the ability to look inside the patient through a small incision versus a traditional large open incision. In doing so, we're able to then also take pictures; we're able to perform any surgery that needs to be done internally," said Martin O'Byrne,

clinical service manager.

The hospital now has two of these units, and he sees it having multiple benefits.

"It speeds up the patient's recovery and shortens the stay in hospital to day surgery procedure on average," he suggested.

"It also allows more flexibility in the things that we can do versus traditional procedures," added O'Byrne. "This has really allowed us to increase the volume of patients that we do laparoscopically without having to sort of juggle, so it really has greatly improved our program."

Enbridge uses its community investment program to give back to the communities along the \$5.3 billion Canadian portion of the line 3 pipeline replacement program involving about 1,070 kilometres of pipeline from Alberta to Manitoba.

In 2017, almost \$400,000 was invested into a range of projects in the

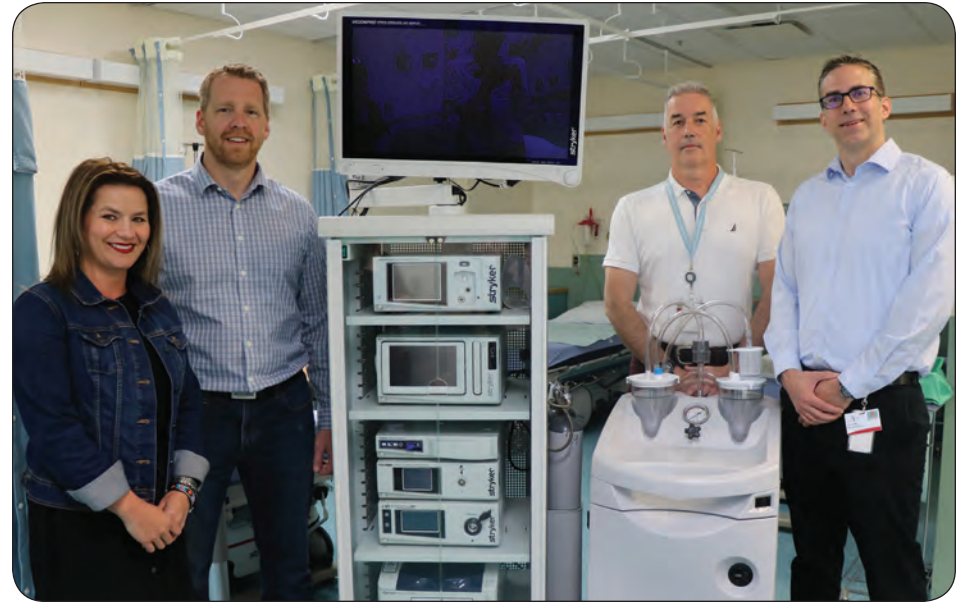


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Getting a look at the new laparoscopic surgery equipment were Shannon Samatte Folkett, executive director of BTHC Foudation and Andrew Plett, land agent for Enbridge with Martin O'Byrne, clinical service manager, and Kyle Macnair, director of health services at BTHC.

Morden and Winkler region as part of \$1.35 million in community investment funding that went to more than 55 communities in Saskatchewan and Manitoba alone and more than \$23.9 million to more than 3,500 organizations across North America. In 2018, we invested more than US\$16.5 million (more than C\$21.4 million) in community-strengthening initiatives across the U.S. and Canada.

"Enbridge recognizes the value of the Boundary Trails Health Centre and understands the importance of the care it provides people in this area," said Enbridge land agent Andrew Plett. "It's great to be part of, and I think Shannon (Samatte Folkett, executive director) and the team at the BTHC Foundation has done a great job of supporting the initiatives this facility needs."

Honouring departing manager



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An afternoon tea last Wednesday celebrated and honoured Barb Dyck (right) as she retires as city manager after having served with the City of Winkler in a number of capacities for 27 years. "It's been exciting to see the changes that have taken place in our city," said Dyck. "I'm excited to start this new chapter of my life to see what other opportunities lie ahead. Our city has so much to offer and so many areas I want to get involved in, and I look forward to finding avenues to be able to give back to the community."

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Winkler Horticulture Soc. needs your help

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Horticulture Society is in the midst of its busiest time of year and they could sure use some help.

Hundreds of flowers need to be planted in the dozens of public floral displays the society tends to throughout Winkler.

"We need about 30 or more volunteers to help us do it," says board chair Margaret Penner. The society hopes to get all the plants in the ground during a two-day planting blitz next week.

Anyone interested in lending a hand is asked to meet at Bethel Heritage Park on Monday, June 3 at 8:30 a.m. or at the Winkler Arena on Tuesday, June 4 at 9 a.m. to receive an assignment for the day.

"We'll give them directions as to where we need them to plant," says Penner, adding that you don't have to be an experienced gardener to help out.

"The jobs are primarily that of taking the plants out of the little containers that they come in, digging holes, and putting the plants in them. It's pretty straightforward," she says, adding that you'll do just fine as long as you're able to bend down to do the work and willing to take directions.

The society has selected orange, yellow, and purple as the city-wide colour scheme for this year.

Once the flowers are in, society members and city staff will take care of them all summer long with some help from volunteers.

"We have a program that is called Adopt-a-Plot where people commit to take care of either a plot or a piece of a park, to keep it weed-free throughout the summer," Penner says. "That's what we primarily depend on for keeping the city looking as tidy as it always does."

"We always need more people for



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From left: Margaret Penner, chair of the Winkler Horticulture Society, Winkler Green Team member Ayla Reimer, and society members Martha Olfert and Betty Klassen were hard at work earlier this month preparing flowers for planting throughout the city next week.

that program," she adds. "It's something people can volunteer for on their own or with a friend to help take some of the load off."

If you're interested in adopting a part of Winkler to care for, contact Betty Klassen at 204-362-8784.

Penner is grateful for the community's ongoing support of the Winkler Horticulture Society's beautification efforts.

"We started in the year 2000," she says. "We're very fortunate to have long-standing volunteers on our committee and we're also very fortunate and thankful to have volunteers that have been with us for many years. Some of them have been with us right from the start."

What does it mean to be treaty people?

Local group bringing acclaimed commentator to Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

What does it really mean now when people acknowledge they are living on treaty territory or for people to say we are all treaty people?

A respected writer and commentator on current indigenous issues will address this topic in Morden this coming Monday.

Niigaan Sinclair will speak at the Kenmor Theatre June 3 at 7 p.m. as a free event sponsored by the Truth & Action Working Group.

While people may recognize these acknowledgments as positive sentiments in relation to Indigenous people, they may have difficulty articulating what exactly is meant by living on treaty territory or being treaty people, said group member Will Braun, so Sinclair's presentation will provide a chance to unpack these notions.

"To a considerable extent, indigenous and non-indigenous people live in separate worlds. Niigaan Sinclair is good at connecting those worlds," said Braun.

Sinclair is a professor in native studies at the Uni-

versity of Manitoba and was recently named the top columnist in Canada at the National Newspaper Awards for his articles in the Winnipeg Free Press.

Sinclair is Anishinaabe, having been born and raised in Treaty One territory, and in addition to being a regular commentator on indigenous issues is highly regarded as an activist as well as a writer.

He has helped organize Idle No More Winnipeg events and has co-edited three award-winning collections: *Centering Anishinaabeg Studies: Understanding the World Through Stories*; *Manitowapow: Aboriginal Writings from the Land of Water*; *The Winter We Danced: Voices of the Past, the Future and the Idle No More Movement*. He also testified at the Clean Environment Commission of Manitoba hearings on the Keeyask Generating Station and Bipole III transmission line.

Braun said the Truth & Action Working Group is made up of local citizens primarily from six churches centred in the Morden-Winkler area, and their aim is to promote positive public awareness of indigenous realities and to build relationships with indigenous neighbours.

"Our group feels it is important to have candid, constructive public discussion about the tough issues around relations between indigenous and non-indigenous people," he said. "It seems we're all here to stay; we gotta figure out how to make it work in a way we can all be proud."



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Niigaan Sinclair is a professor in native studies at the University of Manitoba and was recently named the top columnist in Canada at the National Newspaper Awards.

Welcoming Winklerite stepping aside

Joyce Bergen served as Winkler Welcomes You co-ordinator for 26 years

By Lorne Stelmach

Joyce Bergen has been one of the first faces greeting new Winklerites for the last quarter of a century.

She has been well suited for her role as the Winkler Welcomes You co-ordinator for 26 years.

"To me, a stranger is a friend I haven't met yet," Bergen said last week as she prepared to step down from the position. "I have never had a bad experience."

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce is now searching for Bergen's replacement, but it may not be an easy task.

Since starting in the role in 1993, Bergen has visited 4,484 newcomers and welcomed 407 newlyweds - though not including those who were newcomers and just received that gift package - and her tally of first babies was at 894.

She is in a unique position where someone she first greeted as a baby could have children of their own now.

"It's been a wonderful journey," said Bergen.

"I feel like when I go to somebody's home, I am being community when I make a visit," she said. "That first impression is the only opportunity we have to give a first impression."

Her job revolves around gift packages for newcomers, newlyweds and

babies as well as a large package of information for new residents.

She has always received great support from local businesses in making contributions, and she has heard many positive and encouraging comments from some of the recipients.

"People just really, really appreciate that," said Bergen, who noted that she has "had the advantage of being able to speak high German."

"It's been a wonderful marriage with my other job as a Regional Connections settlement worker. I'm able to speak those languages, and I meet the new immigrants who have moved to the area."

Bergen also noted she has seen many changes over the years, such as how it is harder to get hold of people now as many don't have land lines to call, so she leave her cards in doorways.

Another significant change she noted is that more homes now have both adults working.

"It used to be I could do a lot more visits on a day when I was off ... that tends to be pushed to the evenings now."

It has always been more than worth the effort though for Bergen.

"People are just coming from so many different parts of the world. It's wonderful," she said.

"So often, when I go knocking at the door, I can smell the coffee pot's on, the table is set, somebody's baked something ... you forget about what

"I FEEL LIKE WHEN I GO TO SOMEBODY'S HOME, I AM BEING COMMUNITY WHEN I MAKE A VISIT."



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Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce office manager Dianne Friesen and executive director Tanya Chateaufneuf with Joyce Bergen.

else do I need to do tonight. You just sit and you visit."

As for what led to her decision to step aside, Bergen said she was simply looking forward to more free time.

"I decided it's time to quit 'shoulding' myself ... I should do this ... I'm just thinking I'm looking forward to spending more time in the garden this year without having to think I really need to go and see another family. It's going to leave a big hole, no doubt."

She feels it would be good for her successor to be able to speak Low German, but she otherwise suggested the basic job requirement is "simply have a love of meeting new people ... we all have the same needs, the same wants."

Anyone interested in the position

can get more information from the chamber by e-mail to director@winklerchamber.com or by calling 204-325-9758.

"We don't plan on losing any momentum with the program. We're going to continue on with it, so we will be looking for a new hostess to take her place," said executive director Tanya Chateaufneuf.

She also paid a personal tribute to Bergen.

"I moved to Winkler 12 years ago, and one of my first visitors was Joyce ... she truly is going to be difficult to replace. She's been such a tremendous asset," she said. "She has made it what it is today, and we're so grateful to have her as long as we have had her."

Lace up your shoes and grab a leash for Steps for Pets

By Lorne Stelmach

It's a vital source of support for the Pembina Valley Humane Society, but the upcoming Steps for Pets walkathon also plays a role in building a sense of community around the organization.

Having raised \$11,500 last year, the two Steps for Pets events set for Altona Saturday, June 8 at Centennial Park and Morden Sunday, June 9 at Morden Park are expected to bring together a couple hundred participants overall.

"They're fun for the community ... I mean, what's better than spending

the day with dogs?" suggested Holly Thorne, public relations chairperson for the humane society.

"This is one of the biggest fundraisers we hold each year. A large percentage of what we raise through the year comes from this event," she stressed. "It's also a very easy and accessible way for people to support the shelter. A lot of times people think, 'Oh, I don't have enough of a donation to make it worth it' whereas with the Steps for Pets a lot of smaller donations can still go a very long way."

Both events will raise money for the ongoing veterinary care the animals at the shelter receive, including vac-

cinations, spays, and neuters. The pledges raised at the Altona walk will be shared with Furever Friends Cat Rescue.

The Morden walk gets underway at 3 p.m. Participants are encouraged to come early and enjoy activities like a Paw Print craft station, balloon animals for the kids, a photo booth, grooming tutorials, a by-donation lunch, and a host of pet-related vendor booths. Also on hand will be the Morden Police Service K-9 unit's Cst. Scott Edwards and police dog Chase.

PVHS will be handing out prizes for the first and second place pledge raisers, the top youth earner, and a

raffle prize for every \$50 raised.

Pledge forms are available at the Pembina Valley Humane Society shelter in Morden, participating businesses, and online at www.pvhsociety.ca. There is a minimum donation of \$40 to participate in the walk.

"Every year we've not only accomplished our fundraising goals but have continued to increase participation," Thorne said. "With the help of great Pembina Valley businesses and exciting pre-event entertainment, we hope to achieve our goal of raising \$13,000 this year."

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Are you a builder or a destroyer?

At a certain point as a leader you have to ask yourself if you want to be remembered as someone who built something or someone who tore something down.

Sometimes things need to be torn down, but only to allow something new to be built in their place. The tearing down of things for the sake of tearing them down or for savings is short-sighted.

Before anything is torn down leaders must ask some critical questions:

- What was the vision that led to this being built in the first place?
- Does this vision no longer apply?
- Is there no longer any value to this vision?



By Peter Cantelon

• What/who will this decision impact?

• Is it a bad thing just because it was not my vision?

One of the easiest things in the world for leaders to do is to tear things down for the sake of saving money. One can always find a thing not to spend money on in a budget.

A wise person once told me: "If you want to see the true heart and soul of an organization (or a family, for that matter), if you want to see where it truly places its value, look at its budget and what it spends its money on."

Simply saving money is not an investment. It is like stuffing it into your mattress or, like Silas Marner, burying it beneath your floorboards. Saving money is not an expression of value. Investing money to see it grow or create value—this is a real investment.

The benefits of investment can be measured in many different ways. Does the investment grow dollars? Does the investment add value to and enrich people's lives (often not measured in \$\$\$)? Will the investment attract development and additional outside investment?

Ask any investment advisor worth their salt how they would respond to

a client who says they have no money to invest. "If you have \$1, you can invest," they'll say.

Oftentimes the difference between a leader and someone who simply comes in to slash and burn is seen in these moments of critical decision.

Interestingly, this works the same way with people. True leaders invest in their people. They invest in training and equipping. They ensure people are built up and not torn down.

Organizations led by investment-oriented people tend to have higher morale and research shows that happy people push the ROI (return on investment) higher. People want to be a part of building something, not tearing it down or simply maintaining it.

What is your organization's vision? The vision can say a lot about whether you are a building organization or not. The vision will either inspire or depress.

Having an inspiring vision is not enough, however. How are you investing to actually achieve your vision?

As I said earlier, it is easy to be a destroyer of things, of ideas, of people.

The true hard work and reward rests with the builders.

• VIEW FROM THE LEGISLATURE

Telestroke provides quicker, vital care

Last month, our provincial government announced that the Telestroke Program was coming to Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Due to ongoing efforts by healthcare providers and organizations like Heart & Stroke Foundation to educate the



By Cameron Friesen, MLA

public, most people now understand that every moment counts when someone is having a stroke. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in Canada and a leading cause of disability.

Challenges arise, though, when people who need access to the expertise of a stroke neurologist aren't close enough to Winnipeg where that medical expertise resides.

The Telestroke program responds to this challenge by bringing the expert closer to the patient with the use of video conferencing and CT image sharing technology. As a result, neurologists with expertise in stroke care and radiologists become accessible to our BTHC Emergency Department

doctors on a 24/7 basis. CT scans are performed, blood work is done, and a neurologist assesses the patient remotely to determine whether the patient can be treated with clot-busting drugs. These drugs are incredibly effective and can see a partial or full recovery of the patient in a matter of hours.

This is another example of how the Manitoba Government is focused on building a better healthcare system—one that provides the "right care, in the right place, at the right time."

Experts who reviewed Manitoba's system in recent years pointed out significant variations in provision of care and patient outcomes when you

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Banner year for Morden United Way

By Lorne Stelmach

The support of the Morden and District United Way goes deeper than just financial assistance for Youth for Christ.

Just as important as the \$10,000 invested by the United Way is the investment of the heart into what Youth for Christ does in the community, suggested executive director John Rempel as the United Way held its annual meeting last Thursday.

"When you have somebody coming forward and offering gifts of money, it's wonderful," said Rempel. "But when you have an agency that not only steps forward with money but they follow that money, they come in behind the money and say 'hey, how are you guys doing; what's going on that we're investing in', that's important," he suggested.

"They actually view it as an investment; it's not just a one lump payment. This is an investment, and they want to know, as investors, what's our money doing, how's it working," he continued. "When you know that their hearts are connected to their money, that means that they are interested in you."

"We journey into dark places with young people, and they're saying we

want to help be a little bit of a light, we want to share this burden, carry part of this load," said Rempel. "How is that not invaluable."

Youth for Christ was one of the two largest beneficiaries from the 2018 campaign with Gateway Resources also receiving \$10,000.

They were among 20 agencies that received a share from the campaign that surpassed its \$80,000 goal with a final tally of over \$92,000, and president Alex Fedorchuk touted that this was the first time in their history that they were able to fully accommodate every agency request to their full amount.

"There were 20 requests this last year, and the highest we've probably had 25 or 26," he noted. "I've been on the board for 19 years, and we've never been able to come close to fulfilling all the requests ... that's very satisfying."

He felt the organization had a banner year in a number of respects including picking up some key new board members.

"We recruit ... we're not shy about asking people, and I think people know that we do some pretty good work," he said.

"We had nine members, which seems to be our optimum," he added,



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The combine pull held two years now on Corn and Apple Festival weekend has helped raise the United Way's profile, suggests president Alex Fedorchuk.

citing as an example the input from new board member Chris Willsey from Murray Dodge Ram in Morden.

As well, he noted they benefitted from the support of people like Western School Division secretary treasurer Carl Pedersen.

"He became our champion," he suggested. "For years, we've been trying to get in there with our payroll deduction plan, and you need a champion to get in there, and Carl did, and that resulted in quite a few extra thousands of dollars."

Fedorchuk also highlighted the success of a number of their events including Skate with Santa and Koats for Kids as well as the second annual combine pull at the Corn and Apple Festival.

"We're going to do the combine pull again. That was probably our best new idea. The bleachers are full of people."

Fedorchuk said he feels they have continued to thrive through building awareness in the area.

"We keep a higher profile ... people know we're around."

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compare urban to rural. What's needed, they said, is a strong commitment to bridging the gap and creating linkages between specialists and local hospitals, using technology, peer networks, and other strategies.

The Telestroke program is an excellent example of how we are doing that.

Anyone who suspects that they or someone else is having a stroke should call 9-1-1 immediately in order to mobilize the fastest response and get EMS personnel assessing the patient. But there's another reason to take this step: EMS will radio ahead to provide notice to the hospital of the impending arrival of a stroke victim, which activates the Telestroke protocols and establishes the link to specialists in Winnipeg. Furthermore, under the Telestroke model, a by-pass protocol is activated which enables EMS to go directly to the hospital which offers these hyperacute stroke care services—not just the hospital closest to them. In addition to BTHC, Steinbach and Portage la Prairie hospitals will also now provide the Telestroke service. The model aims to have at least one hospital in each

of Manitoba's five healthcare regions designated as a Telestroke hospital by the end of 2019.

There's another related and important initiative we are working on. Manitoba is the only Canadian jurisdiction that doesn't have a dedicated Acute Stroke Unit. This model concentrates medical professionals with specialization in stroke care around the patient for the period of time immediately following a stroke. This is a leading practice based on the understanding that there is a critical period of time for the patient after a stroke where intensive care and therapy can make a tremendous difference in the level of long-term recovery and independence. The model gets exceptional results. We made a commitment in the previous election to address this. We are working hard to get it done.

Your provincial government is working to better organize our system, reduce wait times, schedule more priority procedures like hip, knee and cataract surgeries, and bridge the distance between rural and urban medicine.

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Cameron Friesen is the MLA for Morden-Winkler

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to be really busy," said Cathy Savage, co-ordinator of the Winkler Family Resource Centre.

She noted they are grateful to have such a wide array of professionals involved from the local medical and dental clinics to vision care, physiotherapy and chiropractic clinics as well.

"The support we receive from the community for this is absolutely amazing," said Savage, adding the event is also important as a fundraiser for the centre.

"The \$5 goes directly back into our programming for our centre so that we can offer our programs next year and expand our programming."

There will be a wide range of activities such as RBC obstacle course and Winkler Co-op with guessing games, while the Winkler fire department will be on hand with a fire truck to shoot targets with hoses, and you can also explore an ambulance.

There will be entertainment as well including the Danceworks Irish Dancers, costumed heroes from Heather's Pretty Parties, students from the Douglas Kuhl School of Music and Lulu and the Tomcat.

The Winnipeg Goldeyes Field of Dreams program is also sponsoring a book giveaway.

The following weekend will feature a similar array of games and activities in support of the Morden Parent & Child Resource Centre

New this year will be an MPI sponsored bike safety rodeo, and there will be hot dog barbecue for \$5 as well as other snacks and treats

"We'll have all the medical and health professionals from the community ... we'll have over 15 involved," noted co-ordinator Janine North. "The focus of the event is for awareness and education around the health services, so definitely the community's support is essential to the success of the event."

"There's countless volunteers who spend time that day ... and we're really thankful for that," said North, noting the centre also uses this as a fundraiser that can bring in upwards of \$1,000.

"It is kind of our only big annual fundraiser, so anything that is raised there helps to support the centre and keep our costs low so we can keep providing programs for free to the community."

High hopes for Salem fundraiser

By Lorne Stelmach

Acquiring a piece of new technology that is helping change the lives of people with dementia in long term care will be the goal of the second annual fundraising barbecue and auction of the Salem Home Ladies Auxiliary.

The event set for June 12 at the Winkler care facility will be raising money for an 'ABBY' device for the dementiaAbility program.

The device manufactured by Ambient Activities Technologies features a wall-mounted display designed to engage residents through a range of touchscreen activities and hands-on experiences with the potential to also be customized and personalized.

"We're always looking for ways to engage our residents in their environment or finding things for them to do that give them meaning and purpose during their day," said Sherry Janzen, executive director of the Salem Foundation.

Supper will be served that Wednesday on the south parking lot from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with the silent auction draws taking place at 7:15 p.m., and the event will include entertainment by The Quonset Brothers starting at 5:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the event last year provided funding for a wheelchair ac-

cessible lawn swing for the evergreen unit, and it brought in around \$9,000, so the proceeds from this year's event will be enough to get at least one of the ABBY devices at a cost of about \$7,000, though they hope to be able to more down the road.

As soon as the ABBY was spotted in a magazine article, it was seen as something that could really help with their goal to enhance the lives of Salem Home residents, said foundation co-ordinator and auxiliary president Hilda Friesen.

She noted they liked the range of interactive and hands-on aspects of the device, such as a steering wheel to navigate video and images appearing on a screen, and she noted another plus is that you can customize it.

"Being able to put local content in there is going to be huge, once we know the workings of it a little bit better and have one and see how it can be used," said Friesen.

"We can also personalize it," added Janzen, noting how a bracelet or tag on a resident could activate that aspect of it. "You can load their family pictures in there. You can load content that would be very specific to them ... that computer reads that tag and will bring up their information."

Janzen noted they had arranged for the company to come and do a dem-



PHOTO FROM AMBIENT ACTIVITY

A demonstration of a care home resident interacting with an ABBY device like the one now being eyed for Salem Home.

onstration here, and they unanimously liked what they saw.

"We got to interact with it ... we got to test drive it a little bit sooner than everybody else did," said a delighted Janzen, who noted the only problem will be that "every manager wants it on their unit."

"We may have to have a draw," suggested Friesen, who was hopeful the barbecue and auction could exceed last year's tally. "We are hoping to do more than that this year. We would

love to raise enough (for more than one)."

"I can't wait to see them in use by residents in Salem Home," said Marilyn Nelson, director of resident care services. "I can see ABBY as a very useful way for staff to interact with the residents but also a way for families to interact with their loved one."

"Any assistance we can provide for our frontline workers is a benefit to our residents," concluded Friesen.

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Bloom holds grand re-opening



Bloom Petals and Gift in Winkler celebrated its grand re-opening under new ownership Saturday morning. Kristina Peters and Madison Wiebe were joined by Mayor Martin Harder for the ribbon cutting. The new owners, who purchased the business in April, are good friends and see themselves as being a good team. "We've been working together for a couple of years already, and we have just got along really well," said Wiebe. She and Peters say they look forward to getting involved in the community and bringing in more variety of giftware and boutique items.

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Police share drug trends

Information night
also addresses
legislative changes

By Lorne Stelmach

Methamphetamine continues to be on the rise as one among the various illegal drugs that the Morden Police Service is trying to stay on top of now.

The powerful and highly addictive stimulant was touched on as part of a community drug awareness night last Wednesday in Morden.

Hosted by the Morden Parent Advisory Council, the session offered a chance for the police to share information not only about a basic understanding of drug use but also about current trends in illegal street drugs, what they look like and what the community can do to help.

Affecting the central nervous system, meth shares similarities with cocaine but can produce a more extended high, and Edwards said it is an increasing concern including here in the Pembina Valley region.

"It's definitely the drug right now that is gaining notoriety and popularity across the province, and Morden is not immune to it," said Edwards.

"With that drug use comes certain incidents and criminal files that we seem to be dealing with more often than we used to ... it appears to be the trend across the province, and it's something that we are putting resources toward, and we need to continue to try to stay on top of it."

He said it is more readily available than it used to be and is showing up in this area more frequently.

"It's a lot of places. It's not necessarily going to Winnipeg to pick it up," he said.

"I suggest that it's everywhere ... I know at least for our community we've had several meth seizures in the last few months, and Winkler as well. So it is definitely here; hopefully not to stay ... we're trying our best to combat it."

Edwards also addressed the impact of the changes in cannabis legislation and the legal use of marijuana.

One of their chief concerns that remains unchanged is marijuana's potential role as a 'gateway drug' that can especially have longer term implications especially for youth, but people are not necessarily clear now on all the rules and what is and isn't legal.

"Nationwide, police in general are getting used to the new legislation around cannabis and marijuana," he



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Cst. Scott Edwards highlighted methamphetamine (pictured in Morden Police Service handout photo) as an increasing concern for the Morden Police Service

said.

"Obviously, it's a bit of a learning curve for officers as well ... for our whole career, it's been something that's been illegal and an arrestable offence to possess, and now it's different," he said. "We've been learning what the legislation is and how to apply it to everyday incidents and investigations."

While it can be confusing between the different federal and provincial rules, Edwards said the simplest way to interpret it all here in Manitoba may be that "it's very similar to alcohol ... as far as in public, you can't be using it in public. You can't be transporting it in the front seat, it needs to



be all the way in the back, similar to alcohol.

"There are a lot of similarities to cannabis use and alcohol," he said. "There are a few differences, but, if anything, rule of thumb, treat it like you would alcohol rules if you're not fully informed."

Edwards said they always welcome opportunities like that of the information night to help keep the community both aware and informed.

"The trends change ... what's prevalent in our community now has changed a bit," he said, noting a number of things have changed since their last presentation in 2017. "We hopefully have a new group of parents who are looking for information, and we're happy to provide it to them as part of our service to this community."

Winkler chamber seeks youth rep

By Lorne Stelmach

The Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce is looking again to have a youthful voice on its executive this year.

The chamber is inviting applications for one or two high school student reps to serve on its board, but they are hoping to get volunteers who will have a deeper interest in serving the community.

They would previously just allow the schools to select any student which they thought would be a good fit, but the chamber this year is asking them to go through an application process.

Executive director Tanya Chateaufneuf said it is "part of just trying to get the students involved in being part of a volunteer board as well learning about what the chamber does and how we can impact our business com-

munity.

"We're trying to be a little more strategic about who we have sitting on our board," she said, "which means that we are actually putting a process behind it where you have to have a genuine interest in business and economics and the Winkler business community specifically."

"We are asking those students who are interested in sitting on our board as a rep for basically youth or students in the community to submit a 250 word essay describing what you think makes Winkler ... makes a healthy business community ... along with a cover letter outlining why you would like to be a rep on the Winkler chamber board."

They are looking for students who will be in Grade 11 or 12 this fall, and they will expected to participate in the regular chamber meetings as well as

occasionally report on behalf of their school on any events or concerns. Depending on their particular skills or interests, they could also serve on one of the chamber committees.

At the end of their term, they can be eligible to receive \$500 scholarship to help further their education.

"We're always looking to improve the things that we do and make sure that we're providing the best and biggest impact for all of the parties involved," said Chateaufneuf. "Our stu-

dents up to now have been fantastic ... we just want to be really strategic about having the biggest impact on that one student who should really be sitting at our table or those two students who should be there."

The deadline for applications is June 30, and they should be submitted to the executive director at 185 Main St., Winkler, R6W 1B4 or by e-mail to director@winklerchamber.com.

"WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING TO IMPROVE THE THINGS THAT WE DO AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE PROVIDING THE BEST AND BIGGEST IMPACT FOR ALL OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED."

Arts fundraiser successful



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The annual chili bowl fundraiser of the Pembina Hills Arts Council Saturday evening drew about 60 people to the gallery in downtown Morden. With two sittings this year for the event, where you can select a pottery bowl you then get to take home, it brought in a profit of over \$1,500, which is an increase from last year. Coming up this next month at the gallery are an open mic night Friday, June 7 in collaboration with the Morden Library and then local band 'The Mood' in concert Saturday, June 15.

Legion project gets a lift



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The project to install a new elevator at the Morden Legion got another financial boost last week with a \$2,000 donation from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers local 2034. "It's pretty gratifying ... with all of the donations and the grants we got, we've got more than enough to do the job," said Legion president Bob Frost, who received the money from local IBEW reps Michael Olotu-Jacob and Kyle Stadey along with Tammy Petkau. The local IBEW donates that amount each year to a local charity, and in recent years the beneficiaries have included Katie Cares, Genesis House and the Pembina Valley Humane Society. It was estimated the new elevator would cost around \$35,000, and the Legion expects it will be in place by the end of June with large donations and grants having come from a variety of sources including the Morden Area Foundation, Enbridge and the Morden Elks among others.

The Salt of the Earth

from Creation Moments Radio Program

Matthew 5:13

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So sodium chloride, common table salt, is a carefully designed molecule. We need the sodium, but can't really taste it. The chloride, however, is small enough to get into our taste buds and provide that salty taste. Linked together, each part of the molecule serves a crucial purpose in giving salt its flavor.

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Prayer: I thank You, Lord, that even the molecular designs in Your creation serve to make life possible. I pray that my life may be so thoroughly informed by Your Word that I cannot help but be true salt in witness to Your salvation. Amen.

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Maximize your summer vacation

Summer can fly by. Because summer can sometimes seem to come and go in a flash, it's important for everyone to make the most of this relaxing time of year.

Vacations from work and school are great ways to make summer memories, and the following are some ways to get even more out of these relaxing breaks from the norm.

- Disconnect for a few days. Truly disconnect from electronic devices for a period of time to give yourself a mental break. Stop answering work emails, avoid social media and turn off reminders of things that do not need your attention while you are on vacation or taking a break.

- Book a trip. It's not the destination but the opportunity to step away from the norm that can help make a person feel like he or she has truly gotten a break. Get away from your surroundings, if only for a weekend. Nearby resorts and water parks are great for short jaunts with the kids.

- Take a week off just to relax. Sometimes a person needs to recharge after going on vacation, as planning a trip and then the trip itself can require a lot of work. Staycations or devoting another week to just lounging around or catching up on tasks around the house can ease pressure. Then it's possible to go back to work or school feeling even more recharged.

- Get out of the house or office. What's the good of sunny skies and hot temperatures if you do not get to enjoy them? Make it a point to spend time outdoors every day. Go for a midday walk, sit in the park after work lets out or throw the ball around with the kids in the backyard. Sunlight can be great for the mind and body. Doctors with the Heliotherapy, Light, and Skin Research Center at Boston University Medical Center say sunlight triggers the release of serotonin and other hormones associated with a good mood. Increased exposure to sunlight also

can regulate circadian rhythms for better sleep. Sunlight can trigger the release of nitric oxide into blood vessels, helping to lower blood pressure.

- Explore summer programs. Adults and children can try new skills and explore different talents this summer. Sign up for a camp or a class that runs several weeks. This will help stimulate the mind.

- Visit friends and family. Now that schedules have loosened up, take the opportunity to increase time spent with friends or family members, whether they live close by or far away. Make it a point to reconnect with someone who has been out of touch.

Summer is a great time of year to take vacations and reconnect with nature and loved ones.

Summer fun routinely involves days spent soaking up some of the sun's rays. Relaxing days at the beach, barbecues in the backyard or picnics at the park can make for fun summer activities that create lasting memories.

While spending time in the great outdoors is a great way to take advantage of summer weather, it's important that revelers take steps to prevent sunburn when spending days beneath the hot summer sun. Sunburns may seem temporary, but the Skin Cancer Foundation notes that sunburn can cause long-lasting skin damage. In addition, the SCF notes that a person's risk for melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, doubles if he or she has had more than five sunburns.

It can take several hours to notice the full damage of a sunburn, though some people may notice mild symptoms of sunburn more

quickly than that. The SCF recommends that people get out of the sun at the first sign of sunburn, and then take the following steps to treat their skin.

- Cool the skin down quickly. People sitting near cool water, whether it's the ocean or a backyard pool, should take a quick dip to cool their skin. Make this dip quick so your skin is not further exposed to the sun. After taking a dip, cover up your skin and get out of the sun, continuing to cool the skin with a cold compress. Do not apply ice directly to sunburned skin. Some people may want to take a cool shower or bath after suffering a sunburn. While that's alright, the SCF recommends keeping the bath or shower short, as long baths or showers can dry the skin, and avoiding harsh soap that can be irritating.

- Moisturize skin while it's still damp. Apply a gentle moisturizing lotion while the skin is still damp, and continue doing so to affected areas for a few days. Avoid petroleum- or oil-based ointments, as they can trap the heat and make burns worse.

- Decrease inflammation. A nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID) like aspirin, ibuprofen or naproxen can help sunburned men and women manage the pain and discomfort associated with their sunburns. Symptoms such as redness and swelling may be mitigated with a 1 percent over-the-counter cortisone cream applied as directed for a few days.

- Wear the right clothing. Tight clothing can rub up against sunburned skin and irritate it even further. Until sunburned skin returns to normal, wear loose, soft and breathable clothing to keep irritation to a minimum.

- Make a conscious effort to stay hydrated. Sunburns draw fluid to the surface of skin, taking it away from the rest of the body. So it's important that men and women who have suffered a sunburn make a conscious effort to drink more fluids until their skin heals so they can avoid becoming dehydrated.

- Report severe sunburns to a physician. Symptoms of severe sunburn include blistering of the skin, fever, chills, wooziness, and/or feelings of confusion. Report such symptoms to a physician immediately, and avoid popping blisters, as doing so can lead to infection.

Sunburns can always be avoided. Men, women and children planning to spend time in the sun should take every measure to avoid sunburn, which can produce long-lasting damage to the skin.



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Prevent mosquitoes from spoiling your summer fun

Summer is a beloved time of year that's often dominated by time spent outdoors soaking up summer sun. But all that extra time outdoors can make people vulnerable to mosquitoes. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, mosquitoes are more than just hungry, unwanted backyard guests. In fact, mosquito-borne diseases, including the Zika virus, the West Nile virus and dengue, pose significant threats. While not all mosquitoes carry disease, even those that don't can still bite humans, leaving them to deal with discomfort and itchiness. Taking measures to control mosquitoes outside your home can reduce your risk of being bitten by mosquitoes.

- Remove places where mosquitoes like to lay their eggs. Mosquitoes like to lay their eggs in standing

water. Once a week during summer and other times of the year when mosquitoes might be buzzing around, walk around your property to remove standing water. Bird baths, flower pots, kids' toys, pools, old tires, and trash containers are some of the more common places where water can collect and present perfect places for mosquitoes to lay eggs. Turn these over to empty any standing water you find. Remove empty flower pots and old tires from the property, and make sure water storage containers are tightly covered at all times.

- Address areas where mosquitoes like to rest. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that mosquitoes like to rest in dark, humid areas. This includes car ports, garages and beneath patio furniture. Outdoor insecticides can prevent mosquitoes

from resting in such areas. When inside a home, mosquitoes may be resting under a sink, in closets, beneath the furniture or in a laundry room. Indoor insect sprays and indoor insect foggers work quickly and can be highly effective, but reapplication might be necessary, as they won't prevent more mosquitoes from entering the home at a later time.

- Check your window screens. Mosquitoes might prefer the outside, but that doesn't mean they won't enter a home looking for meals if given the opportunity. Inspect window screens to look for holes that may provide mosquitoes with access to your home's interior, replacing any damaged screens immediately. When leaving or entering a home, make a concerted effort to close doors as quickly as possible.

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Great ways to enjoy a day on a boat

Few things can be as enjoyable on a warm day as spending some time on a boat. For many people, the sound of the water lapping beneath a boat and the feeling of a warm summer breeze blowing through their hair is the very essence of summer relaxation.

Boating appeals to people with varying interests, and there are many ways one can enjoy a day spent traversing a nearby river, lake or ocean.

Fishing

Recreational fishing is wildly popular. According to the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation, in 2016 more than 47 million Americans participated in fishing at least once during the calendar year. In its Survey of Recreational Fishing in Canada, the organization Fisheries and Oceans Canada found that more than 3.2 million adult anglers actively participated in a variety of recreational fishing activities in Canada in 2015. The sheer volume of people who enjoy recreational fishing suggests it's an activity that has widespread appeal and it can benefit people of all ages and skill levels. What's more, fishing provides a wonderful excuse to spend a day on a boat.

Sailing

Sailing is a rewarding and demanding hobby. Avid sailors often describe the origins of their love of sailing as "catching the bug." Indeed, few hobbies can be as gratifying as sailing, which the organization Discover Boating® notes requires participants to be more active than almost any other type of boating. While sailing can be physically demanding, when the waters are calm, few activities can be as peaceful and relaxing.

Exploring

Of course, even people who do not own their own boats can still enjoy time on the water. The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation notes that roughly 90 percent of U.S. residents live within one hour of navigable bodies of water. Many waterfront communities, particularly those with tourism-based economies, are home to small businesses that provide local river, lake or ocean tours. These can be great ways to learn about local history and/or see local marine life.

A day spent on a boat is a great way to enjoy a warm afternoon. And the options are endless when it comes to how to spend such days on the water.

Why you need a hammock or hanging chair

Sunny days and warm weather beckon us to the great outdoors. A day spent in the pool or lounging around the patio is a great way to embrace the relaxing spirit of summer. But those who want to go the extra relaxing miles should consider adding a hammock or swinging chair to their backyard oasis.

Hammocks and swinging chairs make great investments. Outdoor enthusiasts can take them on camping trips, and they're equally at home right in the backyard. People on the fence about these symbols of relaxation can consider these benefits of hammocks or swinging chairs.

Nap comfortably outdoors

Who needs an excuse to catch up on missing sleep? If the time presents itself, the sun and the fresh air can induce a deep sense of relaxation. Lying on a hammock or floating in a hanging chair provides that additional soothing rocking motion that can make a cat nap even more enticing.

Use it indoors or outdoors

Create a retreat in any corner of your yard or home. A hanging chair can be hung in the corner of a bedroom to pro-

vide a spot to curl up with a good book or rock a baby to sleep. The same chair can be brought to a covered deck or patio so people can swing with the breeze when the weather allows.

Super stargazing retreat

Hammocks and swinging chairs can make it easier and more comfortable to stargaze at night. With a double hammock or chair, bring a romantic partner along to snuggle and watch the cosmos. Or teach children about the constellations in the night sky.

Be inconspicuous among nature

Lying on the ground disturbs the lawn and other outdoor components. Being suspended several inches above the ground in a chair or a hammock can help a person blend in with the natural environment. Birds, small animals and insects may not even know you're there, and that can make them easier to observe.

Everyone can appreciate the opportunity to sit back and relax. Hammocks and swinging chairs can help a person feel lighter than air and recharge in the warm summer air.

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Students organize Walk for Water

By Allyson Klassen for the Voice

The Garden Valley Collegiate business management class recently took on a major project that involved doing something good for the community.

The Gr. 11 and Gr. 12 students were asked to put the leadership and management skills they've been learning this semester to the test by creating a non-profit organization and organizing a fundraising campaign.

One of the groups created an organization named Living Well with a goal to raise \$500 to build wells in water scarce countries.

To promote their cause, group members Shalyssa Hildebrand, Lydia Ntangano, and Allyson Klassen organized a Walk for Water event last Thursday.

The walk saw 15 participating students and staff, each of whom had raised at least \$50 in pledges, make several treks from GVC to the Winkler Fire Hall across town carrying jugs filled with water. The jugs gave the participants a feel for what many young girls in developing countries go through each day as they collect water for their families.

Gr. 12 student Esther Heinrichs said she wanted to take part because she felt it "was a cool way to raise awareness for water scarcity and it is something that we can all physically do, which feels like we are making more of a difference."

The walk raised \$1,550 to donate to ME to WE, an organization that builds

wells and safe water areas for communities in need.

The amount was well beyond Living Well's initial goal, said Ntangano.

"The community was really supportive, and we really appreciated it," she said.

Organizing the Water Walk was a lot of hard work, said Hildebrand, but "it was worth it, especially because it helped someone in another country, and I have always wanted to help people in bigger ways."

Other class projects included Care Cubs, which has been collecting books and toys for the Winkler Day-care; Wii Care, which has been rounding up donations of gaming systems for Genesis House; Pants With a Purpose, which spearheaded a clothing drive of sweatpants and leggings for Genesis House; and The Helping Hand, which collected toiletries for people seeking support at The Hub in Morden.

The groups have all "done a superb job by taking on a real-world project that not only reinforced the skills learned in the classroom but also had an impact on the students and the community," said instructor Susana Hawryshko.

For the many students in Hawryshko's class, the impact of helping out the community is what will stick with them from this project.

Allyson Klassen is a Gr. 12 student at Garden Valley Collegiate



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On May 23, 15 students and staff from Garden Valley Collegiate carried jugs filled with water from the high school to the Winkler fire hall across town to raise funds to build wells in developing countries



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Students load up their jugs for the walk from the fire hall back to GVC. The group made several treks and raised \$1,550 in pledges.

Province levies fines against company

Fines were announced last week against a Morden manufacturing firm in response to workplace accidents. Courts ordered the penalties against Decor Cabinets under the Workplace Safety and Health Act and Regulations.

A news release from Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and Trade cited one incident on April 11, 2016 in-

volving a worker who was manufacturing cabinet drawers.

The worker was utilizing a machine to clamp drawer box components into place. While holding the sides of a drawer between the clamps, the worker used a knee to activate the clamp lever located on the front of the machine. The worker's hands were pinched between the clamps of

the machine and the drawer resulting in injuries to both hands. The company was ordered to pay \$25,000 in penalties.

Another incident September 22, 2016 involved a worker cleaning the interior components of a bander machine when the worker's hand came into contact with a cutting head. The worker sustained severe injuries to a

hand and fingers. The company was ordered to pay \$50,000 in penalties and an additional \$25,000 payable to Workplace Safety and Health to help educate the public about the importance of workplace safety and health.

A representative of Decor Cabinets could not be reached for comment.

Suncatch Sounds kicks off

New downtown concert series goes once a month

By Lorne Stelmach

Another season of live music in downtown Morden kicked off last weekend.

It is a scaled back version of events last summer which went nearly every weekend, but organizers hope going once a month this year from May to August will perhaps make them more special and more of a draw.

"We're hoping that will draw more people downtown ... for that one weekend where there's entertainment, where there's something special going on," said Courtney Yeo, who is organizing Suncatch Sounds this year along with Brian Thiessen.

"With one weekend a month, we're hoping it will be busier, and the bands will have a good audience, and more people actually get out to enjoy the downtown."

Suncatch Sounds will otherwise be much the same with the outdoor beer garden.

"We're working on putting in some fancier tables, but we're not quite there yet," added Yeo, noting as well

that Chicken Chef will again be offering food delivery to the Suncatch.

"Chicken Chef will deliver right to their tables," said Yeo, who suggested that fits in well with one of their goals for Suncatch Sounds.

"We're trying to go a bit more local and keeping with the businesses downtown and trying to get them involved a bit more," she said. "We want to try to get Morden as a whole more involved."

"So people are encouraged to come have supper and enjoy the downtown."

The beer garden area will open around 6:30 p.m. with music starting around 7 p.m., and it will wrap up around 10 p.m.

"We kind of wanted it to go a bit more into the evening ... we want to have that night time entertainment feel, so people will maybe stay a little bit later," said Yeo.

"We are very excited," she concluded. "Overall, we're super excited for the summer and to see more people downtown. I think we're doing a really great job of sort of making downtown more noticeable."

The opening weekend kicked off Friday with Ed Wayne followed Saturday by Brian Jacobs with what was also his CD release party.

The next weekend begins June 28 with multicultural entertainment on



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Suncatch Sounds kicked off this past weekend in downtown Morden with Ed Wayne Friday at the Kenmor then Brian Jacobs (pictured) Saturday in the suncatch.

the Friday followed Saturday by The Committee with a variety of 70s, 80s and other classic rock covers.

Next on July 26 will be Presley and the Pretenders with rock covers on Friday and July 27 with Link & the Moustaches doing their range of blues music.

It concludes August 30 with the Bare

Yogis doing 50s, 60s and classic rock then August 31 with Snapmare Driver featuring original folk and country music.

In the event of rain, the festivities move over to the Kenmor Theatre, and you can keep up-to-date by following Suncatch Sounds on social media including Facebook.

Chowing down for the United Way



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From left: The Winkler and District United Way's Brenda Pohl, Nichole Hiebert, and Kim Nelson served up dozens of burgers at the Winkler Co-op grocery store on Saturday, raising \$828 for the 2019-2020 campaign, which kicks off this fall. Food for the barbecue was supplied by Co-op as part of its Pay It Forward activities, which included charity barbecues every weekend in May.

Show pays tribute to legendary ladies

The Memorable Music of the Legendary Ladies of the 60s is coming to the Manitou Opera House.

Brenda Lee Cottrell and The Legends bring the new tribute show here Saturday, June 15.

Cottrell weaves a trail of nostalgia through the hearts and minds of those who remember. Although the featured music may be most familiar to the 'boomer' generation, it's an opportunity to discover this great era of unforgettable music.

"Our tribute show teleports the audience back into the 60s," said Cottrell. "Our repertoire is a wonderful blend of various, diverse genres – which truly reflects the era. It brings together many eclectic tastes!"

Most of the featured legendary ladies were in the prime of their careers during the 1960s, and Cottrell suggested "their music reflects a purer, more innocent time. It's emotional music that ranges from ecstatic highs to breaking heartache."

Cottrell's repertoire will include

hits sung by and in the style of Brenda Lee, Lesley Gore, Connie Francis, Loretta Lynn, Dusty Springfield, Petula Clark and LuLu, as well as featuring Cottrell's signature take on the legendary Patsy Cline.

"It's magical music," she suggested. "If we can take you back in time – we were successful!"

Cottrell and her husband Brian, business manager and producer, also tour throughout the provinces with her One Woman Tribute Show, and she said it is always very well received.

"We have performed across Saskatchewan and Alberta and look forward to continuing to widen our audience base in various venues across Manitoba. We are very excited to be performing our show in Manitoba for the first time at the Manitou Opera House."

More information about the band can be found on their website at www.brendaleecottrell.com, and reserved seating tickets for the show are available by calling or texting 204-242-4287.

Getting kids into the game

Canadian Tire in Winkler kicks off Jumpstart month

By Lorne Stelmach

A charity dedicated to removing financial barriers so kids have the opportunity to get off the sidelines and into the game is having an impact nationally including here in the local area.

Whether it's the chance to try a sport for the very first time or to continue with a favourite activity, Canadian Tire's Jumpstart initiative is making it possible for all kids to participate.

"Jumpstart has made a big difference," said Carolyn Loewen, a home and school liaison with Garden Valley School Division in Winkler.

"We have a lot of one income families and families with more children ... and being in sports or doing organized sports is something that is often not even on the table for our families."

"I think it's a wonderful charity," said Dave Dunseath of Canadian Tire in Winkler, which held a carnival Saturday to kick off June as Jumpstart month here.

"I have had parents talk to me privately and thank me ... about how it has helped their kids and how they were appreciative of the program. So certainly, the more kids we can help the better."

Since Jumpstart began just over a decade ago, it has put 1,711,100 Canadian children into sport and recreation. In Winkler alone, it has helped 2,519 children become more active, and last year that number was 280 children with \$27,640 in support.

One in three Canadian families cannot afford to enrol their kids in organized sports and physical activity, which means many kids are missing out on the benefits that come with organized play, said Dunseath.

"We want people to be healthy and giving back to the community because it's good for the economy, it's good for society, and what's good for the economy and society is also good for business," he added.

"There's a whole bunch of things that children get when they're in sport and recreation," he said, citing such aspects as goal setting and learning teamwork as well as the fact studies have found there is even a higher chance of them getting further education.

"We see it as equipping kids for life



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A carnival Saturday morning in Winkler kicked off June as Jumpstart month here.

because quality physical activity not only improves health and well-being but helps build confidence, leadership, productivity and creativity."

Loewen agreed there is so much benefit that comes from being involved in sports and how it can have a ripple effect in their lives.

"I think that Winkler and Morden are really working hard at putting the sport opportunities out there for the families ... but it also needs to be funded," she said.

"A lot of my families in my catchment are very responsible with their money ... the idea that organized sport is part of what they put their money

into is really tough," she continued.

"So Jumpstart has made it possible for several of our families to explore different kinds of sports, different kinds of activities," she said. "These were never even remote possibilities for these families. It takes that one barrier away, the financial, to help out with that one barrier. It often makes the difference."

Jumpstart month is June where all Canadian Tire banner stores will be raising money at the cash register for local Jumpstart chapters, and Dunseath noted all money raised at the Winkler location stays here to benefit the community.

Sharptooth holds grand opening



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Sharptooth Adventures celebrated its grand opening Saturday morning with dignitaries including Morden Mayor Brandon Burley on hand to help with the ribbon cutting. "The winter was super busy; it was a great, great opening," said Chris MacPherson, who owns and operates the dinosaur themed play centre alongside his wife Dana. At about 5,000 square feet, the centre includes not only a large play structure but also a bouncy castle and climbing wall as well as a full kitchen. The recently added virtual reality gaming space, seen here with the mayor trying it out, is also becoming popular. "That's a new thing that's not in this area ... it's a big draw ... You really are in the game, like it's amazing how realistic it is," said MacPherson, who is optimistic about their future. "I think this will be a long term, great attraction for the area."

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Border ball rained out

Mohawks fall to Baldur in their opener

Weather played havoc with the Border Baseball League schedule this past week.

Six games Friday and Sunday were postponed as a result of rain and poor conditions and were mostly still to be rescheduled at press time.

The lone local team that saw any action last week was the Morden Mohawks, who lost their opener last Tuesday 8-3 to the Baldur Regals.

Baldur took a 6-0 lead into the fifth inning, when Morden finally responded with three runs in the top

half, but the Regals added singles in the fifth and sixth.

Mohawks' starter Derek Holenski took the loss giving up six runs, all of which were unearned. Jordan Wickens went the distance on the mound for the Regals and claimed the win.

Other games earlier last week saw Carman beat Altona 5-2, Pilot Mound edge Killarney 7-6 and Cartwright clobber Clearwater 9-1.

The Winkler Whips were to host Baldur Tuesday with the result not available at press time. They then welcome Pilot Mound Friday before hitting the road to both Clearwater and Cartwright on Sunday.

The Mohawks were to host Clearwater Tuesday with that result also not available at press time, and they then host Altona Friday.

Storm, Riot tie while 'Canes fall

The South Central Hurricanes fell short Monday in their home opener.

The visiting Winnipeg Storm handed the home team a 1-0 loss, bringing the Hurricanes' record to 0-3 in the WWSL's 1st Division.

This weekend the 'Canes head into Winnipeg to face the Vikings on Sunday.

Monday night also saw the local senior mens team, the Winkler Storm, battle the visiting Lions FC to a 3-3 tie.

Scoring for Winkler was Santi Hildebrand, Roberto Kort, and Phillip Unruh while Alwin Rode stood tall in

goal, denying the Lions the chance to break the deadlock.

The Storm are 1-2-1 for the season thus far in the MMSL's 1st Division. They host FC Northwest this Sunday at 6 p.m.

Meanwhile, the South Central Riot, playing in the MMSL's 5th Division, battled the Les Bleus to a 3-3 tie Sunday afternoon in Winkler.

Scoring for the home team were Shepherd Chiwandire, Arnie Schott, and Kris Roberts.

The Riot host Azzurri on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Taekwondo students excel



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Three junior students of the Winkler Ironfist Martial Arts Academy competed in the Manitoba Open Taekwondo competition Saturday. Earning medals were Aron Funk, Presley Klassen and Daniel Gorodkov. There was silver for Gorodkov and gold for Klassen in full contact sparring, gold for Klassen and bronze for Gorodkov in breaking and silver for Gorodkov and bronze for Aaron in patterns.

Zodiac girls take zone fastball title

The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiac girls will be competing for a provincial high school fastball title.

They advanced to the fastpitch championship set for Russell this weekend after capturing the zone four banner last week.

The Zodiacs earned their way through first by downing the host Portage team 6-1 in the semi-finals, and they then won the zone with an 8-5 victory over Sanford Thursday.

The final was a back-and-forth affair, and the score was tied 5-5 with two innings to go, but Garden Val-

ley then came on strong in the end with three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Northlands Parkway Collegiate came up just short in their lone game with Sanford edging the Night-hawks 4-3. Eliminated as well were W.C. Miller Collegiate of Altona, which fell 14-4 to Portage, and Carman Collegiate, which lost 13-7 to Sanford.

Meanwhile, the title aspirations were dashed for the local teams at the zone four high school boys baseball tournament in Altona last Tuesday.

Northlands Parkway Collegiate first fell 9-2 to

Sanford, then the Morden Thunder were eliminated when they were beaten 4-1 by Garden Valley Collegiate.

In the semi-finals, the Zodiacs were overwhelmed 10-1 by Portage, while Sanford took out W.C. Miller 6-0 in the other match-up. Portage then won its third title in four years by edging Sanford 1-0 in the final, and they were set to compete for the provincial title this weekend in Winnipeg.

Rugby kicks off

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Balls were taking to the air Saturday morning as the new Winkler Roosters rugby program got underway out front of the Winkler Arena. Led by local enthusiast Adam Porte, the program running now every Saturday until July 20, offers a non-contact introduction to the sport for age groups seven and under and for 12 and under.



Baseball hall joins trust program

By Lorne Stelmach

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is now part of the Manitoba Heritage Trust initiative.

Representatives were in Morden Thursday to sign the agreement along with representatives of the Morden Area Foundation.

It is taking advantage of a provincial commitment that sees the province contribute \$1 for every \$2 raised with the aim to help museums and archives establish and grow their own endowment funds. It was a three year initiative with two years remaining.

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre has already contributed \$40,000 and in turn generated \$20,000 more for its Morden Area Foundation fund under the three year initiative administered by The Winnipeg Foundation, and hall of fame officials hope to see similar success to boost their Morden Area Foundation fund as well.

"The return in the long term should be pretty good for us," suggested chairperson Morris Mott.

"As the years go by, you're pretty well guaranteed a pretty good return on your investment because the Winnipeg Foundation works with the Morden Area Foundation, and they are getting a high rate of interest," he suggested.

Mott said they see this developing into an important new source of long term revenue that they will be able to keep can keep drawing on "and also

keep adding to as well.

"We don't have many sources of revenue, and we don't have many types of expenditures. Our expenditures stay pretty much the same every year, and our revenues stay pretty much the same every year," noted Mott.

"We can see ourselves, down the road, generating enough interest every year to pay the expenses of some ongoing part of our operations," he said, which in turn will free up money then to go towards something else. "So I think it's a good thing for us ... you want to keep putting money into it."

"The biggest reason for getting into it is that the province is supporting it so very well," Mott concluded.

Lynda Lambert, executive director of the Morden Area Foundation, was excited to see the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum taking part in the heritage trust fund.

"More not-for-profits could take advantage of this terrific offer.

"It only stands to benefit their organization with stability going into the future," she suggested. "As their fund grows, it helps them to cover expenses and/or offer new programming and equipment.

"It is a fantastic way for the government of Manitoba to support the future of our local charities," Lambert concluded. "This is very fitting for the Pay it Forward May campaign as well. Starting a fund today will pay it forward for the organization to serve

future generations. Pay it Forward is at the very core of what the Morden

Area Foundation stands for and does for the community of Morden."

Orioles split doubleheader

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles were just a hit or two away from being able to sweep a weekend doubleheader.

The Manitoba Junior Baseball League team had plenty of opportunities in game one Sunday before falling 3-1 to the St. James As, who then got clobbered 13-4 by the Orioles in game two.

"The key point for that game one was we had runners on base every inning, but we ended up stranding 12 guys on base," said assistant coach Phil Hildebrand. "It was close game right to the end ... we just weren't able to get a two out hit when we needed it to score runs."

That was reflected in the stats for the game, as the Orioles out-hit the As eight to three, while the Orioles got a solid game from Brandon Hatley, who went the distance on the mound.

Game two then finally saw the hits start to come for Pembina Valley, blowing open a game where they were trailing 3-0 at the end of three.

"The bats came alive for us," said Hildebrand, as the Orioles scored five in the 4th, three more in the 5th and then added five more in the sixth.

"That was just a bunch of stringed

hits, guys were hitting the ball hard and going deep," he said, adding Seth Staple also did well in pitching a complete game.

"He scattered a few hits across the game and was in pretty good control most of the game."

It left the Orioles just a game under .500 on a 3 & 4 record, which had them in fifth place going into the week at two games back of the first place Elmwood Giants.

Pembina Valley otherwise had two home games postponed last week with those dates with St. James and Interlake to be rescheduled.

In fact, the Orioles have yet to play their home opener after an Altona game had also been rescheduled. The Bisons were set to host the Orioles Wednesday, and the first home games may finally come this Sunday with St. Boniface due here for a doubleheader.

Hildebrand remains optimistic that the Orioles could start stringing some wins together.

"I think, on any given night, it's anyone's game to win ... a lot of it's going to come down to the timely hits for our team. I think that's going to be the key for us, and our pitching has been strong all year. Our pitchers haven't let us down."

Agriculture

Hylife sees China's demand increasing

By Harry Siemens

Although the Chinese and Canadian governments are at loggerheads over canola and other issues, HyLife Food president Claude Vielfaure, hasn't seen it affect their pork and pig dealings in China.

Speaking at the recent Manitoba Pork annual meeting, Vielfaure said there had been no impact on pork and that demand has actually gotten stronger.

"The risk of this situation, currently being realized with ASF (African swine fever) is of significant inflation based on food and shortages and perhaps actual protein reduction for many people," he said. "China is especially vulnerable to inflation driven by pork, as it has been about 80 per cent of total meat protein in the Chinese diet."

Vielfaure said it would be good for Canada as long as we keep ASF out of North America, which could translate to a massive demand for pork in the next year.

"It spread over China over the last six to 12 months ... it certainly looks like at least 40 per cent of the hogs have disappeared, and so it's, you know, significant."

For HyLife, either as a processor over there or as a producer, what steps are they taking?

"It's challenging, we do have a joint venture in China with a partner there and have many thousands of sows across all the different provinces in China. Our company is a little bit more modern farms, better by biosecurity, so we've been affected in a couple of sites, but generally, we've been able to withstand," he said.

"The pressure is on, as the virus keeps moving and getting through it. A lot of back yard farmers in China, a lot of smaller farms by security, not as good, so that's a little bit of the reason it's spreading so quickly around all the provinces," he continued.

"On that side of it, that's what it is, creating a demand for pork, so as a processor selling pork and exporting pork around the world, China has certainly shown signs here in the last month to increase their demand and want to buy more pork."

Vielfaure said China is willing to buy the much-needed pork.

"Yes, the country before ASF was producing 50 per cent of the pork in the world, and so because of that, there's huge demand there.

"Their primary protein is pork; they eat it a lot. So it has created demand. They need to backfill the emptiness of those hogs that they don't have anymore, and so they're buying pork, and they're buying a lot of pork now.

"In North America, we've been working very, very closely with CFIA and the government in the last four to six months to try to do different things that will prevent it from coming in," said Vielfaure.

"One of them is Canadian Port Services have increased the fines and putting fines on people bringing sausages in their bags and their carry-on luggage coming into the country.

"It was a big concern. They increased the inspection on that, on feed ingredients coming in ... there are new rules that just came out for importing grains from China that CFIA has implemented here as of March 29th."

Vielfaure said the government and CFIA's response is good, but in these situations, they can always do more.

"You always want to do more, it could be devastating to our indus-



PHOTO BY HARRY SIEMENS/VOICE
Claude Vielfaure of HyLife Foods of Manitoba addressed their dealings with China at the recent Manitoba Pork annual meeting.

try, but the government and CFIA have been fully on side and are fully working with our industry to try to do whatever they can to help us prevent it from coming in North America and Canada."



Life continues

By Harry Siemens

Ever so often I like to write about the state of the farming industry and anything else that might come to mind.

First off, seeding is 60 to 70 per cent done in Manitoba despite cool and colder temperatures, limited rainfall, and trade actions and misgivings.

My brother Jack told me a few weeks ago he'd finished seeding. That same night a timely bit of rain improved the moisture and the earlier seeded wheat is already up and growing.

That doesn't mean all things are perfect, but the farmer keeps doing his part while the good Lord provides the rain and sunshine to finish off the harvest.

And yet, governments and politicians on both sides of the aisle and world keep messing things up by letting their egos and ideologies lead them to sometimes make decisions that make no sense at all. But what is the most annoying is the window-dressing that follows to cover up those silly mistakes—mistakes that often cost those down the supply chain much and sometimes result in pressure points that cause them to make poor decisions too.

I'm talking about the canola issue with China, which is causing great

angst among the farming industry in Western Canada. So far no resolution, yet farmers took to the fields to plant a crop that for so many years kept grease on the wheels, so to speak.

I think for the most part farmers know what to do when it comes to the crop they grow and the rotations they need to follow, but this is one I believe has unnerved some farmers as to wondering what they should grow this year. In most cases, farmers will do what is right, follow their instinct and gut feelings, and follow the rotation.

The hog industry around the world keeps wondering about this crazy African Swine Fever that has many Asian countries wondering where will their pork will come from. In North America, the industry keeps talking about the dangers of what if it happens here and what we can do to keep it out?

One can get all tied up in a vast knot if we allow all those things to affect us negatively. I had lunch with a doctor friend recently and he said how we deal with life depends on our thankfulness. I can't agree with him more.

I spent four days in Winnipeg recently and can't believe how many people believe the entitlement of not needing patience when driving, but using the horn and accelerator

instead. People get so angry at the slightest hiccup in their lives, living off the idea of entitlement, meaning it is all about me and what I want right now.

Someone sent me this little prayer: "Sometimes, I forget to thank the people who make my life happy in so many ways. Sometimes, I forget to tell them how much I do appreciate them for being an essential part of my life. So, thank you all of you, just for being here for me!"

May 18 was the first anniversary of the passing of my dear wife Judith. I remember thinking back a year ago what will it be like one year from now? Will the pain still be there, or will it ease? Today as I write this, there is comfort in the fact that some people care, some people care and act, and others who you thought would care, seem to disappear. With all the firsts out of the way I'm so thankful that I can rejoice more than I cry.

Not an hour—sometimes not a moment—goes by without some thought of my wife of 47 years. But life continues.

I pay tribute to the woman I loved for more than 50 years, the mother of our children, the friendship I cherished, and the inspiration she gave me from the day we met to the day she left this earth.

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Thank you to residents of La Riviere & our many friends from surrounding communities near and far, our volunteers, La Riviere 4-H Beef Club, and those of you who participated in any way in the 3rd Annual Fish Fry: Words cannot express our gratitude to all of you for the role you played in making the event so successful. It is not possible to name you all as there were so many people who stepped up to help. All we can say is a heartfelt thank-you to our 75 wonderful Volunteers. Thank you to Kroecker Farms for your generous donation of potatoes. They were a treat! Thanks to our local suppliers Sam's Foods and Manitou Bakery for all the extra work you do to make things run smoothly for us. Our local newspapers Sentinel Courier, Western Canadian and Winkler Morden Voice and radio station Golden West Broadcasting help spread the word of the event itself. They have all gone the extra mile and we are so grateful! A special salute goes to Pembina Valley Shriners Harry Brendle who organizes his volunteer crew to barbeque the fish in their own excellent way, it was delicious! We cannot forget our community youngsters Iyra, Kadrie, Daylyn, Regan and Wyatt and La Riviere 4H Beef Club participants Clay Sprung, Lia Whiteside, Colter Sprung, Keaston Sprung, Ayden Dobson, Avery Dobson, Madison Toback, Will Tickner, Cash Frank, parent helper Jenn Sprung and leaders Angela Windsor and Brittany Windsor. They participated in many roles and in many ways. You live up to your motto and we are so fortunate to have your support. Although final figures are not in, the attendance of 600 raised approximately \$5,000.00. All proceeds are so greatly appreciated and will help our Recreation Centre keep its doors open for another year. We are especially blessed by our community neighbours who join us, no matter the distance. Rural communities still believe in volunteering and contributing to events and causes that keep us vibrant and alive. Thank you all!

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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; eight grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren as well as three sisters, one brother-in-law and their families. 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.

We as a family would like to thank the many people who prayed and cared for our family. Thank you to Art Wiebe for his compassion and grace during this difficult time. Thanks to everyone who provided music for the service, the church ushers and the ladies' group for serving lunch. Thanks also to the many who cared for our dad in Palliative Care at Boundary Trails Health Centre and to Wiebe Funeral Home. Most of all, we want to thank our Heavenly Father for allowing dad a long life to minister to our family, to his church family, to our community and beyond.

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OBITUARY



Liz Hiebert (nee Dyck) October 10, 1935 - May 17, 2019

It is with greatest sadness we announce that with family by her side at the age of 83 years, the unexpected passing of our wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Liz leaves behind her beloved husband of almost 65 years, Abe (Red); she will be greatly missed by her four children, Jennifer, Robert, Wayne and Connie and their families as well as four sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and their families. She was predeceased by her parents, Isaac and Mary Dyck; one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden. Ash interment followed at the Austin Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Liz's memory to the Tabor Home Fund.

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OBITUARY



Clinton Robert Pentland October 30, 1946 – May 17, 2019

Born October 30, 1946 in Morden, MB, Clint lived on the farm north of Morden with his mother, Mildred Ethel Burkitt Pentland, his father, Harold Pentland and uncle, Earl Pentland and sister, Muriel who was born in 1950. Attended Ager School from grades 1-9 (1951-60) and Morden Collegiate high school, he studied Pharmacy at the U of M, graduating in 1968. Clint's career in pharmacy spanned 40 years, beginning as a clerk for Ridley Drugs (Weldon Ridley) and then as a pharmacist after graduation. He eventually bought the store from his employer when Weldon retired to BC. Clint served on the board for the Manitoba Pharmacy Association for two years and several years for the wholesale company, Procurity.

Clint's favourite hobby was flying a single engine airplane. He ultimately had opportunity to purchase the Piel Emeraude built by neighbor and friend, Rollie Lumb. He flew this plane to The Pas, Flin Flon, Calgary and Regina. His other hobby was woodworking. He made three nursery cradles, a child's bed, picnic tables in cedar, cabinets, tables and more. He built many fine pieces for home, family and friends. Clint was a big fan of baseball. He played as a boy and worked as an umpire in minor league baseball for 10 years. He and Karon loved watching the Blue Jays together on TV. He was a hockey fan too. He watched both boys play, drove to practices and games. He was the equipment chair for minor hockey for several years. His favourite team was the Edmonton Oilers. Clint was part of the Lion's Club in Morden. He took part in the Corn & Apple Festival and was one of the original people that started Corn & Apple. He and Jake Enns went to Winnipeg radio stations to promote the event. One year, he rode on a Medicine Wagon float, wearing a top hat and carrying a cane and snake oil. Clint loved to dance. He was taught initially by his mother Millie. He learned Pattern Dancing and Line Dancing in recent years. Les and Alice Schultz taught pattern dancing and Catherine Evanson taught Line Dancing. Clint loved dogs, especially Dobermans. He owned two full-sized and later one min-pin named Obi.

After several years and many victories battling cancer, Clint passed peacefully in the presence of family on Friday May 17, 2019 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Clint is survived by wife, Karon (Kaleta); son, Ian (Jamie), granddaughter, Teya, grandsons, Mason and Jackson, son, Spence (Chantal), grandsons, Salix, Ari and Axel, step-son, Philip Kaleta (Danielle), grandchildren, Matthieu, Zachary and Julianne, step-daughter, Jennifer Tyrrell (Dave), grandchildren, Chulainn and Allorah, sister, Muriel Crutch (Deane), nieces, Deana (Nathan) and Carleene (Eldon).

A celebration of his life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday June 1, 2019 at St. Paul's United Church in Morden, MB.

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