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Beautifying their school

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Gr. 1 students at Minnewasta School in Morden brought a little more green to the yard as part of a special learning project last week.

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Organizers thrilled with Pay It Forward May response

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler and Morden community foundations wrapped up another hugely successful Pay It Forward May campaign this week.

All through the month, area residents were encouraged to commit random acts of kindness and, if you were on the receiving end of such an act, pass it along to someone else.

The response from individuals and businesses alike was overwhelming, says Winkler Community Foundation president Chris Hildebrand.

"We feel that every year there's more exposure and more people are comfortable with sharing their stories, so that is very exciting to see," she says, noting countless heartwarming stories were shared on social media. "We saw people give back to farmers, people giving back to charity, helping their neighbours ... it's all really cool to see."

Those shared stories, though, are likely just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to all the kind acts people were doing this past month.

"It's about giving back without expecting anything in return, which is

the true heart of giving," Hildebrand says.

Numerous businesses in both communities also got in on the fun, offering free specials to customers, donating funds to non-profits, or paying it forward in a myriad of other ways, says Morden Area Foundation executive director Lynda MacLean.

"All these businesses care about their community," she says. "People are absolutely embracing paying it forward. I don't even know fully what all the things are but, oh yes, people are doing it. It is out there."

"I've loved how so many businesses have gotten involved," agrees Hildebrand. "[It's] just fantastic because it just really spreads throughout the community then."

Both MacLean and Hildebrand stress that Pay It Forward May isn't about limiting acts of kindness to one month of the year, but rather taking time to highlight the fact that these types of things go on all year round in our communities.

"I know Morden residents are paying it forward every day other than May," says MacLean. "There's so much going on out there.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Winkler Community Foundation board members stopped by Salem Home last week to pay it forward by taking a few residents out for a walk and a chat. It was one of countless acts of kindness done by Winkler and Morden residents in honour of Pay It Forward May.

"Don't be afraid to let us know some of the stories," she urges, "because even though you may feel like you're showboating your story, what it really

does is it makes the rest of us feel so good because we know our community is as awesome as we think it is."

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Corn & Apple Festival headliners announced

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Corn and Apple Festival will again be a little bit country and a little bit rock and roll with its entertainment lineup this summer.

It is a formula which has worked well for the festival before, chairperson Jocelyne Durand said with the announcement of the main stage headliners last week.

"The Corn and Apple has gone back to having the rock on Friday night and the country on Saturday night, which seemed to work well in the past," she said. "I'm really excited about it this year ... it can appeal to all ages."

Back from last year for a return gig at the festival are Snake Oil, who are billed as the ultimate tribute to some of classic rock's greatest stars.

Portraying the likes of Kiss, Def Leopard, Queen, Bon Jovi, Motley Crue, Alice Cooper, Van Halen, Twisted Sister, Poison, AC/DC, Journey, and the Scorpions, there is a lot of great music they can draw on for their show, Durand said.

"They really enjoyed their time here last year and were really excited when we approached them this year to be the headliner," she said. "They do have so much variety."

"I think it's going to be a great show, and it's going to be a longer show ... their show had to be cut short last year because they were the opening act ... this year, they're going to have the time to do all they want to do."

The opening act for Snake Oil will be Fake, a Cake cover band made up of six musicians from the Vancouver area.

The original Cake formed in the early '90s as a somewhat antagonistic answer to grunge. In 1996, Cake released their *Fashion Nugget* album featuring "The Distance" and "I Will Survive." Their highest charting record *Comfort Eagle* presented such favorites as "Short Skirt/Long Jacket" and "Love You Madly."

Shifting things into country will be Saturday night headliners Vegas Country with tributes to Shania Twain and Tim McGraw.



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Snake Oil (above) and Shania Twain/Tim McGraw tribute duo Vegas Country (below) are among the headliners for this year's Corn and Apple Festival.

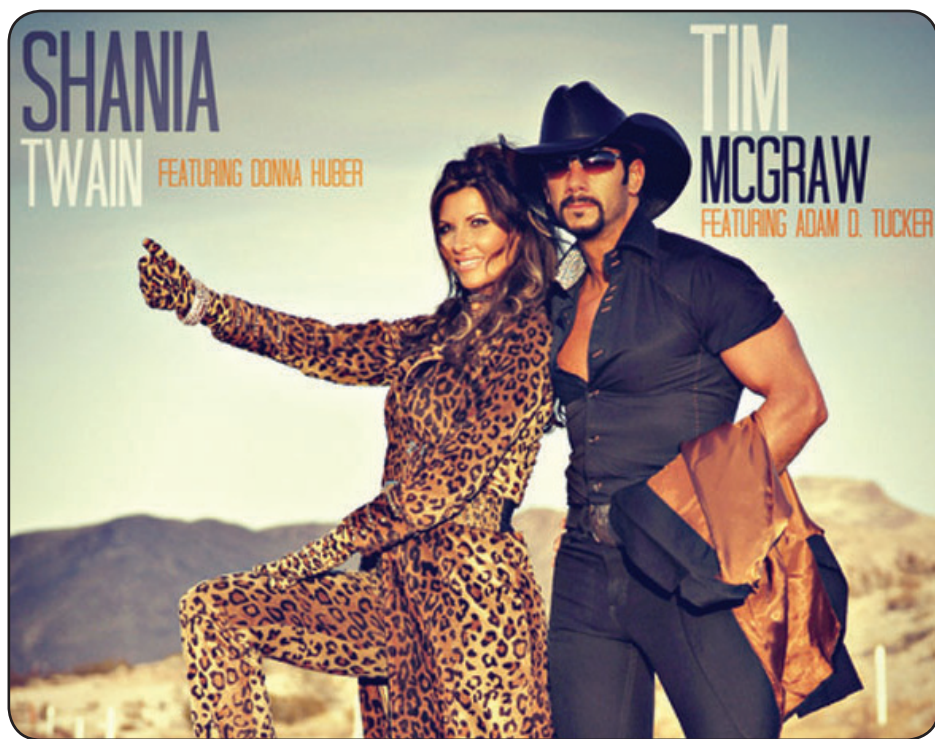
The McGraw tribute is performed by Nashville recording artist and Las Vegas entertainer Adam D. Tucker, while Canadian Donna Huber steps into Twain's boots.

The opening act that evening will be Those Memories featuring Keri Latimer, Jess Reimer, and Vanessa Kuzina paying tribute to the 1987 country classic trio of Dolly Parton, Linda

Ronstadt, and Emmylou Harris.

The rest of the entertainment lineup for festival weekend is still being hammered out, but Durand suggested there will be something for everyone.

"I think the whole weekend in terms of entertainment is going to be a lot of fun. We've got lots of different acts playing over the weekend."



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Minnewasta students show off their green thumbs



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Students got their hands dirty last week helping to plant and water several new pieces of greenery at Minnewasta School in Morden.

By Lorne Stelmach

A project for students at Minnewasta School went far beyond the simple act of doing some planting outside their Morden early years school.

The Gr. 1 students of teacher Kathy Hamm spearheaded everything about the project—from choosing what to plant to staying within a budget to getting their hands dirty last week Wednesday.

“They’re very excited about their learning,” said Hamm, who oversaw the example of project-based learning but enjoyed letting her students be the ones to really move it forward.

“I’ve heard lots of information from different parents already of how excited they are when they go home and they’re talking about lots of different kinds of plants ... when their moms are going to the greenhouses they’re, ‘Don’t go without me.’”

The students were inspired to do this as part of what became their Save the Planet Club.

Hamm explained it grew from the class simply talking about the environment and more specifically about plants and the important role that they play.

“We started with Earth Day as our kind of stepping stone,” she said, recalling the students read a story about children who had cleaned up their park.

“The kids were like, ‘Oh, we should do that.’ So they took that ... and we went and wandered around our school and looked at different plants that we had and how few we had ...

some weren’t surviving the winter.”

The idea took off from there.

The kids led the project from the get-go, including writing to principal Andrew Volk about getting money for it as well as permission for a school bus and driver to take them to Morden Nurseries to “research and explore plants so that we would know how to make good choices and to figure out what would work best for where we wanted to plant,” explained Hamm.

“From there they took all their information ... they came up with questions that they asked at Morden Nurseries to find out what we needed to know.

“We took all that information and they made a design of what plants we thought we should plant and where they should be.”

There were a number of subjects that came into play as the project unfolded, including math, as the students had to work within the \$500 project-based learning grant they received from the school division.

“They had to come up with a budget, and that was a new word for six-year-olds,” noted Hamm.

It was an interesting exercise in many respects for the students, who seemed to especially enjoy researching the plants.

“We were thinking of 16 shrubs and one tree but we actually got 26 shrubs and one tree,” pointed out student Rylee Harms.

Harms emphasized the importance of everything that can be done to help our environment in general and encouraged other students to get involved.

“We can plant trees and pick up garbage and recycle ... we can reduce, reuse and recycle. We want everyone to come help and join the Save The Planet Club.”

Hamm likes that the students became actively engaged throughout the whole process.

“They came up with lots of ‘I wonder’ statements ... I wonder if this happened or what would happen next if we do that,” she said, adding they are also interested in the ongoing care and maintenance of the plants.

“We need to keep taking care of it because our ultimate goal is to take care of the earth. They’ve incorporated the whole environment and the plant situation into one big umbrella ... and so it’s carrying forward into their homes.”

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Stanley Ag. Society files expropriation objection

By Lorne Stelmach

The Stanley Ag. Society is not giving up in its dispute with the City of Winkler, despite the city's move to expropriate the society's land for the Meridian Exhibition Centre project.

The society has filed an objection to the expropriation that was initiated by Winkler council earlier this spring.

"I was rather surprised. I had no idea this was coming," said Mayor Martin Harder, "and I'm not sure if Stanley Ag. Society necessarily even knew that it was coming ... it's coming from the lawyer.

"It's unfortunate that we're spending money on lawyers to be able to do this," added Harder.

"We are relying heavily on our lawyer's advice throughout this process," society president Toban Dyck said on the matter in an e-mail. "The Stanley Agricultural Society is comprised of volunteers, none of whom have direct experience with expropriation."

After months in which little headway was made in the sale of the Parkland area land, city council began the expropriation process in March.

The key issue centred around differing views on the value of the land, which the city requires for the major arena expansion project.

The city maintains it had an assessment done and had based its offer on an amount above that value, but the society had another assessment done that provided a different value.

Mayor Harder stressed their preference has always been to settle the matter amicably.

"The last discussion that we had with them was that they had no objection to the transfer of the property ... they had a concern with the value of the property ... that is what I thought we were contending with," he said.

"The wording of their letter of objection gives all kinds of reasons why we shouldn't ever transfer ... including the fact that, well, they thought that



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The City of Winkler has begun the process of expropriating the Stanley Ag. Society grounds in the Parkland area. In response, the society's lawyers recently filed an objection.

they were going to be involved with this project," Harder continued. "They rejected that a couple years ago. They decided they did not want to be a part of this project. For them to bring it up now is out of left field somewhere."

Dyck, meanwhile, said that the society's priority has always been and remains the future of the organization and representing the wishes of its members, who had voted in 2016 not to sell the land.

"A process has begun that aims

to remove us from what has been an ideal visible and high traffic-area for the society and its programming," he said.

"This is the Stanley Agricultural Society's immediate challenge, and we are doing everything we can to ensure a fair outcome," Dyck concluded, stressing their interest is "that we can continue offering valuable services such as educating our growing region on agricultural basics and the things surrounding living in rural Manitoba."

Winkler clinic launching weekly community walks

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Staff at the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre are lacing up their shoes to kick off a new initiative tomorrow.

Starting June 2 and running every Tuesday and Friday from 12:15-12:45 p.m., the Winkler clinic invites the community to come down and talk a walk with health care providers.

"This is something new for us," said Stacey Harrison, a primary care dietician at the clinic. "My Health Team Morden/Winkler was started up last year and this is just one of the community initiatives that we're trying out this year."

The regional My Health Team aims to promote health and wellness in the community, she said, and a walking club seemed a great way to do just that.

"This was something that was started last year in another part of the Southern Health region and seemed to be a real hit. So we thought it would be a great opportunity to do something outside and fun."

The walks are open to anyone who wants to take part, Harrison stressed.

"Hopefully we'll get a wide variety of peo-

"HOPEFULLY WE'LL GET A WIDE VARIETY OF PEOPLE—FROM STROLLERS TO SENIORS."

ple—from strollers to seniors. Everyone is welcome," she said. "It's a come and go thing. No need to pre-register. If you can make it, just come on down."

It may seem a simple thing, but a half hour walk can have a big impact on one's overall health.

"It's definitely one of the easiest and cheapest things you can do for your health," said Harrison. "It improves your mood, helps prevent and manage diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, prevents stroke, reduces stress ... it's definitely something for everyone."

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Cultivate your garden

Saturday the urge to become a master over life became too strong to resist and we finally collapsed under its pressure and drove to the greenhouse.

With an eye for colour and patterns, we sought out container after container of flora to free only to see them enslaved in our porch planters later in the day, subjects to our desire for a more decked-out deck.

Humans are rarely utilitarian, by which I mean we do all sorts of illogical things like decorating our homes, deciding on paint colours and choos-



By Peter Cantelon

ing a pleasing (to us, at least) type of shingle for the roof.

This is so odd when you consider that to subsist we really only need a small waterproof box to survive. No decoration required.

Yet every spring like clockwork we begin to plot small and not-so-small improvements to our habitable zones.

For us this meant white petunias, fuchsia, spears of tall grass, hanging baskets of tomatoes and strawberries etc.

So odd.

Even odder is the need to ensure a certain pattern in the planting. We don't want people to think these things just randomly cropped up in front of the home.

"No, no—the grass spears must fountain out of the CENTRE of the planter. We can't put them in the front ... we're not psychopaths, for heaven's sake!"

And so goes the effort all day to ensure that we have created order out of perceived chaos. Like little gods we ramble around our small parts of creation establishing beautiful floral

idols to enjoy and nurture.

Once the planting is done we go inside, wash up, grab a drink and then head back out to sit and simply stare satisfyingly at "our work."

I must confess that I love this. It is a very human thing to want to control the earth around us for the sake of personal enjoyment. It is the unnecessary necessity, by which I mean we have come to need to do these things for the sake of our own well-being.

To create, nurture, and enjoy the fruits of our labour is something we require in small and large amounts and in varying ways.

It makes me feel for the homeless, the refugee, and those who, due to circumstance, cannot have these things. To be denied such a basic aspect of who we are must contribute to a person's depleted state somehow.

That I have the freedom to plant, water, grow, and steward living things is far more significant than I realized once I stopped to consider it for a bit. There are few barriers to me in this—

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Letters

Tabor adult day care program should not be discontinued

This week I learned that the Adult Day Care Program has been discontinued as of August this year by Tabor Home administration. I was stunned. I worked for Tabor Home as coordinator of the program (and activities) for 20 years. The program itself has been in place for more than 30 years.

I could write an essay on the benefits of that program to the clients, their care givers, the health care system, and the community as a whole.

I personally have seen so many, many positive results from the program, received so much appreciation of the program that I am having a very difficult time understanding why such a successful program would be cancelled.

For those of you who are not familiar with the program, it is a program funded by the health care system of Manitoba for seniors, which provides care for those individuals who have difficulty coping with their physical and/or mental health conditions. People can spend up to five days a week at Tabor under the care and supervision of the Adult Day staff.

Admission comes through the Home Care program in consultation with Tabor Home Adult Day staff to ensure that individual needs of the client will be met by the program. Consideration is also made for the care giver who receives respite from the care of their loved one.

The goal of the program is to im-

prove the quality of life of the client through social interaction, stimulation, and in some cases good nutrition.

I personally grieve the loss of this program because I know from experience what a positive impact it has had and has in so many lives. I feel sad. My heart aches for all the present clients and their families for the loss of this program and the quality of life it offers to the clients.

**Ruth Olafson,
Thornhill**

[Editor's note: For more on this program's cancellation, check out the full story on Pg. 9.]

Morden Police bid farewell to Menzies, welcome Canart

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Police Service welcomes a new officer as it also says goodbye to a long standing member.

The department announced Monday that Sgt. Brent Menzies is retiring after 29 years of service.

Not having his familiar second in command around after three decades of policing together will be strange for Chief Brad Neduzak, who said Menzies' years of experience, knowledge, and commitment has been a great asset to the department and the City of Morden.

"We've been working with each other now for 29 years, so that's a long time," he said. "You come to rely on a person with that level of experience. That certainly is

going to be missed, the expertise and experience that he's brought to the service. That's not easily replaced."

For Menzies, a number of considerations came into play in his deciding to retire, including wanting to spend more time with his family.

"I've put a lot of thought into it ... and I've just got a few other opportunities," he said, noting he might help his wife Linda with the clinic at Morden Massage Therapy Centre, but he also wants to pursue personal interests such as woodworking.

Still, it's a decision that did not come easily.

"It certainly has been a big part of my life, and it's something that I always wanted to do ... I got the opportunity, and what better place than where you grew up?" Menzies reflected. "I've really enjoyed all my time in Morden ... and I hope I made some impact in the community."

Menzies started his career with the Morden Police Service as a constable in April 1988.

Promoted to the position of sergeant in 2000, he continued to serve in a supervisory role and has been involved in various aspects of administration within the department.

He has also been involved with a number of programs in the community, such as the creation of the community outdoor rink and the youth mentoring programs at École Morden Middle School.

In looking back on his nearly three decades on the force, much has changed, Menzies said.

"When I started, we were writing everything out by hand," he said, recalling as well the police service had five members at one point but is now up to a dozen constables, two sergeants, and the chief, plus administrative staff.

Menzies appreciates that there has been a strong commitment from city council when it comes to supporting the department, which is something he believes helps keep members here

"IT CERTAINLY HAS BEEN A BIG PART OF MY LIFE ..."



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The Morden Police Service welcomes Cst. Jordan Canart (left) to its ranks this month, while also saying goodbye to Sgt. Brent Menzies (right), who retires after 29 years of service.

long-term.

"The ability of the police service has really grown over the years," he said. "The city has invested a lot into training, and not just basic recruit training ... we send guys now to the police college for different courses, and we do specialized training with Winnipeg and Brandon.

"We've really taken a giant step forward, and it means we are able to be pretty much self-sufficient," Menzies added, citing the example of specialized services like the regional tactical team.

Moving forward, Chief Neduzak noted there is a huge void to be filled with Menzies' departure, and it means Sgt. Sean Aune will be relied upon a little more as a result.

"His responsibilities will obviously

increase a little bit until we can fill that role. Obviously, I will help out in that capacity as well," said Neduzak. "Over the years the administrative role has definitely changed and increased, so we need to try to fill that position sooner than later."

Meanwhile, joining the police service as of June 5 is Cst. Jordan Canart, who has worked as a corrections officer at the Brandon Correctional Centre for the past five years.

His duties included supervising staff, conducting investigations, safety and security of the institution, conducting interviews, and laying institutional charges when necessary.

Canart attended the Saskatchewan Police College starting in January and graduated on May 26.

Craft and vendor sale supporting Donate Love

By Lorne Stelmach

A craft and vendor sale in Morden this weekend will benefit a local charitable organization.

The day-long sale Saturday at the Morden Activity Centre is organized by Kelsey Enns of The Leggings Rack and Joni Filz of Hillside Gourmet in support of Donate Love.

"We are asking everyone to please bring a tin for the bin to help those in need in our community," says Enns. "Our goal is to raise 50 pounds of food in our tin for the bin to be donated."

Enns adds they want to support Donate Love because they both have some connection to the organization.

"For myself, Donate Love has helped multiple members of my family," she notes, "and they have

personally helped Joni and her family, so we wanted to give back to help others in need.

"This is being held the same day as the Morden Block Party," she adds, "so we hope we can bring in more people to the sale as well as to the block party."

The sale goes from 10:30 a.m. to 4

p.m. Admission is free.

A variety of local vendors are on the lineup, including Scentsy, The Leggings Rack, Hillside Gourmet, Swift's Unique Designs, Epicure, Norwex, Honey, Sweet Legs, Senegence, and more.

The Exceptional Hot Dog Cart will also be on hand serving hot dogs,

chips, and drinks in the parking lot from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enns notes they were fully booked for this event, but they do have other vendor sales coming up in 2017. Anyone interested in more information can contact her at theleggingsrack@gmail.com.

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I have my small patch of land, I can pay money for more land if I need it, and I have the time to maintain these things and in the end to enjoy them and know that without me they likely would not be.

The great 16th century French writer Voltaire understood this need

when he stated through his character Candide: "Let us cultivate our garden." I don't think he was speaking purely metaphorically. I think he understood this very real need we have and its connection to our well-being.

Now as I sit here and look at the

white petunias out my window I would only add, "Let us also help others to cultivate theirs."

For perhaps if we are consumed with growth and creation we will be too distracted to create death and destruction.

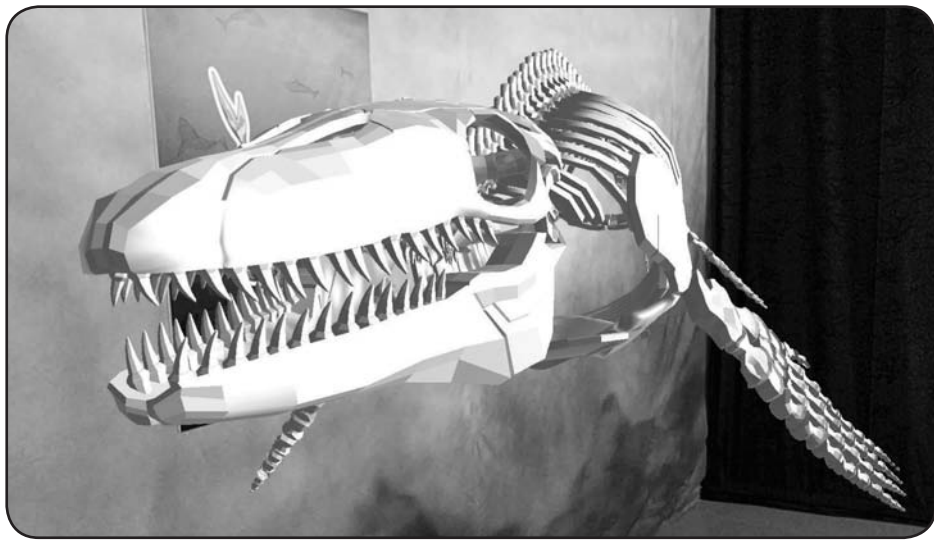


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At right: App creator Corey King shows off the CFDC's new interactive game, Fossil Discovery Adventure, at its launch last week. The game gives visitors a virtual way of looking at the museum's collection (above).



CFDC app provides a new interactive experience

By Lorne Stelmach

A new mobile app provides the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre with a unique way to engage with visitors.

Fossil Discovery Adventure is a first-of-its-kind augmented reality game created for the CFDC, and it earned rave reviews from local youth who tried it at its official release last Thursday.

"I think it's really good. It's really fun," said Ryan Viallet, who thought it was one of the best games that he has played. "You get to go around the whole entire museum trying to find clues like *Pokemon Go*, but it's even more intense."

"It's really cool ... and I really like the science," agreed classmate Dakota Kehler, calling it an interesting and fun way to find out more about the different types of creatures on display at the fossil museum.

CFDC executive director Peter Canelon sees that as the beauty of this app: it doesn't take the place of experiencing the centre, but instead rewards users for exploring the galleries in a more immersive way.

"We've just leveraged technology that people are already using ... it's ready-made for users," he said.

"Museums today are struggling to

make their facilities and their exhibits interactive ... so they're adding these little interactive components," Canelon said. "What this app has done is it's taken our entire museum and made the whole thing interactive in one brilliant swoop."

The app—which is available for free on iOS and Android—is the result of a collaboration between creative firm ZenFri and education-focused technology start-up Bit Space Development.

The program allows users to collect fossils throughout the CFDC by finding digital "dig sites" and applying their knowledge of the exhibits to the built-in trivia game.

By answering questions correctly, users unlock the tools needed to dig and collect 3D digital fossils. Each fossil uncovered is a digital replica of the CFDC's famous mosasaur, Bruce.

By collecting fossils from all twelve sites, users build a complete Bruce skeleton and bring that skeleton to life in ways never before possible at the CFDC.

Visitors can even take the replica home using specially designed posters and t-shirts available at the gift shop.

ZenFri's chief executive artist Co-

rey King welcomed the opportunity to work with the CFDC.

"They basically said here's our budget and what can you guys do?" he said. "We really just wanted to make the best experience we possibly could, and that's why we call it more of a partnership. We're really in it together."

Their ultimate aim is to help engage kids and adults alike more with the exhibits.

"I feel like a lot of museums spend a lot of money on tech and they don't really know what they're doing, and they don't really have the vision about what can be done," said King.

"We want people to understand what you can do with museums ... we see museums as these great places that can be extremely interactive ... but sort of noticed you've got to kind of show people the way before they understand the potential," he added.

"Whenever we do a project that's local to Manitoba, we also realize that there's so many amazing things that people aren't aware of ... we also see it

as a way of saying we want people to be aware of the treasures we have in the province," King continued. "This idea is something we've been wanting to do for years, something of a bucket-list project. Our hope is that it opens people's eyes to what's possible in the museum, tourism, and educational spaces because we know this

can be pushed much further."

"I'm hoping it increases excitement about the museum ... increases engagement with the content, because our content is who we are," said Canelon. "More importantly, it's a platform for the future."

"I think this is only the beginning of where we can take things. The early feedback has been extremely positive. It's amazing what these folks did on the budget we had. We're already discussing what's next and actively exploring a variety of technologies and ways to expand the CFDC beyond our physical boundaries."

"THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF WHERE WE CAN TAKE THINGS."

Two killed in head-on collision near Sperling

Two men were killed in a head-on collision near Sperling last week.

Morden RCMP responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision on Hwy. 3 one kilometre northeast of the town the evening of May 22.

One of the vehicles had two occupants, a male driver and a female passenger. The male driver was pronounced deceased on scene.

The other vehicle had four occupants. The male driver was transport-

ed to hospital with life-threatening injuries. He later succumbed to those injuries. The three passengers had non-life threatening injuries.

Names of those involved have not been released.

The investigation into the cause of the crash continues. RCMP said last week that it was unclear whether alcohol was involved or if the occupants were wearing seat belts.

Families left at a loss as adult day care nears its end

By Lorne Stelmach

The province-wide push to cut health care costs means the end of an adult day care program in the area.

The loss of the program offered through Tabor Home in Morden leaves Dennis Howden thinking that over a dozen families "are going to have a pretty tough time come the end of July."

"It's very, very necessary," Howden says of the program, which sees his wife Margaret spend her days getting valuable care and interaction at the care home. "They have some excellent staff there who look after Margaret and the others. She likes it there and it's good for her, and of course then I can get my stuff done."

The decision to end the program shocks and surprises former coordinator Ruth Olafson.

"To me, it's important that they have a program like this because it's going to cost us way more in the end," she says, noting it allowed people to remain living at home much longer than they might otherwise. "The adult day program was a great part of that. Their health was better because they weren't isolated in their homes ... they could meet other people ... they were in a safe place, and they could interact with people who were there when they weren't doing that in the community very well anymore."

"Also, it was a real benefit to the caregiver ... if somebody has to care

for someone 24/7 their health eventually breaks down."

The loss of the program arises from the provincial government's directive to regional health authorities to cut costs.

Local officials cited the program as being underutilized and stressed there are a range of other supports and services available to fill the gap.

"We're just as unhappy about that," says Tabor board chairperson Wilf Warkentin. "It is one of the programs that was underutilized. Since we had to cut funding in some area, that was a logical one to cut."

"We have a lot of uncertainties right now and we can't possibly cut the staff salaries because they are working overtime to get everything ready for the new home," he says. "This was one of the programs that we thought we could cut. We knew that it would upset some people because the people who do attend here benefit ... and want to come back every week."

Warkentin held out hope that the program could possibly be restored in the future.

"We're probably going to review it again ... we'll do everything in our power to bring it back if we can."

"SHE HAS GOT GREAT BENEFIT FROM IT"

Howden says the program has been invaluable to his family since Margaret first started having health issues

three years ago.

Today, she cannot be left on her own, and so the day care gave both her and Howden a chance to get out of the house.

"She has got great benefit from it and has thoroughly enjoyed it," he says, noting how his wife looks forward to being picked up each morning for her day at the personal care home.

"So without having the freedom to get out between nine in the morning and four in the afternoon ... how do I get my groceries, how do I do a whole bunch of things that you have to do?" Howden wonders.

He is not optimistic that government funding will be found to restore the program, so he is making an effort to find a different solution in the community starting with an informal meeting June 8 at the Morden Activity Centre at 10 a.m.

"I hope there will be quite a few people turning out ... I'm looking for ideas as to how we can help ourselves here," says Howden, noting that perhaps the community can fundraise to keep the day care going.

In the meantime, though, he notes the end of July deadline doesn't allow much time to find a solution.

"No matter we do ... we can't do it in two months," says Howden, who also wonders if there may be federal initiatives or other funding that might "let this program continue for a few more months at least until we can get



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Dennis Howden is uncertain what will happen once the adult day care program that benefits his wife and many others comes to an end at Tabor Home.

our feet under us and see where this might go.

"All the people I've talked to are shocked by the decision," he says, adding that he hopes this doesn't end for them with his wife having to move into a personal care home for good to get the care she needs.

"Separating us is going to be a real hardship, if we ever have to get separated. We've survived all the hardships together."

Winkler mayor up for another term on AMM board

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder is looking to continue to have a voice on provincial issues.

Council offered their support at their May 23 meeting for Harder to let his name stand to continue as a central district representative on the Association of Manitoba Municipalities board.

"It's a tremendous opportunity ... it's been very rewarding," said Harder.

His work through the AMM has included working on a sub-committee on development and property registry issues for the Manitoba Red Tape Reduction Task Force. Other responsibilities included serving on a provincial justice advisory committee, where they dealt with such issues as RCMP contracts with municipalities, as well as dealing with affordable housing issues.

Harder said he appreciates being a voice not only for the central region but for the broader issues facing the province as a whole.

"It's neat to see that we have an influence beyond our borders, and I think for a community it's a great gesture for us to be interested in the province as a whole as well," he said.

"If you do get involved ... you get the voice both from the AMM perspective but also as a community," Harder added. "You put forward some ideas that you have ... and it's especially neat when they get listened to ... as we have seen with the red tape, there's some teeth behind that one. It's very gratifying to see that we can streamline some things."

The AMM is holding regional meetings across the province this month, with Morden hosting the central district meeting June 22.

REASSESSMENT VALUES

Council has learned what the local impact will be of the province-wide property reassessments for 2018.

The total assessed value for the city increased 6.5 per cent or by about \$42 million to just over \$692 million. Residential property assessment rises by 6.8 per cent or by about \$26 million to just over \$422 million.

In general, it means properties with an assessment increase of less than 6.5 per cent should see a tax decrease as a result, while those with an increase of greater than 6.5 per cent will see a tax increase.

It is estimated 54 per cent of properties will face a tax increase of less than 10 per cent, five per cent will see increases of more than 10 per cent, and the remaining 41 per cent will have decreases.

Mayor Harder observed that assess-

ment increases can take some of the pressure off the city.

"It can create more revenue," he said, adding that "even if you take a look at the building permits that are out there, and you look at the land sales that we have on industrial land ... the city is going to continue to grow. With the addition of the fibre optics going in, I think there's going to be some huge opportunities coming along for new investment."

"It all helps carry the load, and it also helps to provide services that we otherwise wouldn't get."

Also at last week's meeting, council approved a number of motions related to further development in the east industrial park.

It is looking for funding to assist with road construction in the area of Roblin Boulevard East.

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NPC Youth in Philanthropy support PVPCC, Katie Cares

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Northlands Parkway Collegiate Youth in Philanthropy program gave back in a big way to two local non-profits last week.

The student group spends each school year raising money for their endowment fund at the Winkler Community Foundation. The foundation, in turn, matches what they've raised up to \$1,000 to be distributed by the youth as grants.

They did just that last week Thursday, gifting \$630 to Katie Cares and \$600 to the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre.

YIP member Amy Lloyd, Gr. 9, noted the group received a number of grant applications this spring.

"We had certain requirements, like what was our budget and what we were looking for to give back, and we thought that these two groups were the ones that best fit," she said.

Fellow member Christopher Peters, Gr. 9, explained they organized several initiatives to raise the funds, including a few bake sales, a "soup

skirmish," and renting out a prime parking space near the school to students and staff.

It was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun, said the group's eldest member, Gr. 11 student Robyn Wiebe.

"It's a good way to help people in your school and community and it's a good way to make new friends," she said.

"And also put your input into how you can help out in this community," agreed Madeline Harder, Gr. 9.

The group send their thanks out to everyone at NPC for their support.

"Without them we wouldn't have the money, and without that we wouldn't be able to donate," said Robyn Harder, Gr. 9.

Accepting the grants on behalf of the charities was the PVPCC's Linda Marek and Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer.

Marek said they plan to use the funds to purchase baby items and support their young fathers program.

"We rely on donations and community support and grants from time to time ... grants are never a guarantee," she said, thanking the kids for all the time they volunteered rais-

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Pregnancy care centre director Linda Marek (far left) and Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer (far right) with NPC YIP members (from left) Chris Peters, Tiffany Osinski, Robyn Harder, Nivetha Sejohn, Carlene Hein, Amy Lloyd, and Madeline Harder at the group's granting presentation May 25.

ing the money. "This group of young people, meeting them today, they are kind and thoughtful and brilliant and hardworking and you can see the effort that they've put in.

"I think anyone looking at this group should be hopeful for the future."

Katie Cares will be using its grant to help pay for the safe walking path project, which will connect the Boundary Trails Health Centre to the Katie's Cottage respite home.

"We're getting started in a couple of weeks, starting with taking down some of the shrub brush and making

it viable for the concrete to come in," Reimer explained.

The late Kaitlyn Reimer, Katie Cares founder and namesake, was a member of YIP at Garden Valley Collegiate, and her mother said it's heartening to see students continuing to carry on the philanthropic tradition at the Northlands Parkway Collegiate.

"I think it's so cool that youth are giving back to something started by a youth," she said.

Winkler Citizen of the Year deadline is June 7

Time is running out to nominate Winkler's 2017 Citizen of the Year.

The Winkler Community Foundation has put out one final call to recognize the efforts of a community-minded individual who continually gives of themselves and helps many others in the process.

"We all know people that give of themselves because they are passionate about a cause, want to see change happen, want to make a difference, or because they simply care," the foundation said in a statement.

"It's time to recognize the people

in our community who shine and inspire us to do the same—it's time for us to stand up and say, 'Thank you for who you are and most of all thanks for giving to make our community

great.'"

The nomination deadline is Wednesday, June 7.

Forms are available at www.winklercommunityfoundation.com or

at the Winkler Community Foundation's office located in city hall.

The award will be presented at the Citizen of the Year Banquet on Sept. 29. Tickets go on sale in August.

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As well, Triple L Excavating was awarded the tender for sewer, water and road base construction as part of phase two of the Clover Creek development also in the area of Roblin Blvd East with a bid of about

\$650,000.

"It's so exciting to see that we've got a million dollars worth of property sold and we can develop that ... we can spend it on infrastructure and roads ... and continue to expand,"

said Harder. "It's going to continue to open up more properties that can be sold and developed and provide more tax base for the city."

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Fresh Start students hosting book sale

Proceeds from June 10 sale going to the Imagination Library program

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate's Fresh Start program is hosting a book sale in support of the Imagination Library next weekend.

The student-run sale takes place at The Bunker (545 Industrial Drive in Winkler) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, with all proceeds going to the early childhood literacy program. The Imagination Library mails out free monthly books to registered pre-schoolers in the Winkler and Plum Coulee area.

Teacher James Driedger explained preparing for the sale has proven to be a valuable work experience for the youth, who struggle in traditional classroom spaces and so do their schooling off-site from the high schools.

"One of the things because we're here [at The Bunker], they're working

on self-directed learning all day and it doesn't matter what we do, that's going to get a little monotonous," he said.

"So I was thinking what's something that's going to get them involved in dealing with the public, but also something else to do here sometimes during the week," said Driedger. "They've been able to sort books ... [research] what categories does this go under, what's a reasonable price?"

The project also gave the students a chance to put in hours towards earning their high school volunteer service credit

The teens put a call out for books in January and have since amassed a collection of a couple dozen boxes from a host of sources.

"We got some from book stores in Winnipeg, some from the Morden book sale, and we got some from teachers throughout the school divi-



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From left: Fresh Start teacher James Driedger and students Seth Driedger, Jennifer Dyck, and Cassie Penner with a few of the books up for grabs at their sale at The Bunker next week Saturday.

sion," said student Seth Driedger.

"They're all priced fairly cheap," he added, noting most will go for just a buck or two.

James Driedger pointed out that many of the items—which run the gamut from children's books to fiction to non-fiction—come from outside the community.

"We've got a little bit of everything and I would say 85 per cent of it is new stock to the local book sale scene. We

got a bunch from Sam's Place, which is a MCC-run book store in Winnipeg. They gave us six, seven boxes full. We've also got lots from teachers' private collections."

With a little over a week to go until sale day, the students are still collecting book donations.

If you have used books you'd like to donate, simply drop them off at The Bunker before June 10.

Lifestyle research study looking for participants

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Personalized Lifestyle Research Program's mobile lab is looking for subjects to test when it rolls into Morden-Winkler later this month.

The research study investigating how diet, physical activity, and sleep affect chronic disease will be in our area June 19-23.

"Our overall goal is really to integrate information about nutrition, diet, and physical activity as well as genetics and the microbiome [gut bacteria] ... all of these things that we know contribute to our health," explained project director Dr. Meghan Azad. "A lot of research has been done on those things individually,

but very few studies have actually looked at them all together. So that's what we're after here.

"With all of that, we're hoping to develop some personalized recommendations for health," she continued.

"Right now there's a lot of one-size-fits-all recommendations" about diet and exercise and how it relates to diseases like obesity, diabetes, and kidney disease, Azad said. "But we're all different. Our genetics are different. Our microbiomes are different. And so it's probably true that not all of those recommendations work for everyone ... so by having more personalized recommendations that are more likely to actually work, we think that could have a really big impact for people."

With funding for the project coming from Research Manitoba, it was important to make this very much a Manitoba-wide study.

"We want it to be representative of Manitoba, which means getting outside of Winnipeg, which is where most studies do all their research," Azad said, explaining that the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals at the University of Manitoba refurbished an old school bus for the project to use as a

lab on wheels as it travels to rural areas across the province this summer.

"We essentially have our whole lab duplicated in this mobile unit so we can take it to other communities," Azad said, noting they hope to test 1,200 Manitobans between the ages of 30-46 years for the project. Participants must have lived in Manitoba for at least five years to take part.

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The Manitoba Personalized Lifestyle Research Program's mobile lab is in our area June 19-23.

Diversitas tackles the history of unbelief

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The latest Diversitas speaker tackled the history atheist and secular movements in Canada last week.

"I'm not here to argue for or against atheism or secularism ... I'm just here to offer you a historical sketch, an academic perspective on unbelief as it has existed throughout Canadian history," said historian Dr. Elliot Hanowski in opening his presentation in Morden May 24 on the roots of unbelief in our nation.

Those roots stretch back to ancient times, long before the first settlers set foot in Canada.

"Religious skepticism is a very old thing. You find mentions of it in ancient India and ancient China, certain schools of philosophers who rejected the existence of gods or of an after-life," Hanowski said. "In Western tradition, as with most things, we find the most mentions of it among the ancient Greeks."

"I want to stress that the idea of being an unbeliever, an infidel, or an atheist for most of history was sort of an accusation that people were hurling at each other," he continued. "Even the early Christians were sometimes ac-

cused of being these dangerous atheists because they refused to worship the gods of the empire or worship the emperor as a god. So they were seen as somebody outside the orthodox religious order of the day."

The modern movements of unbelief got their start with the European Enlightenment in the 17th and 18th centuries.

That era saw the rise of famous deists—Voltaire, Thomas Paine—expressing a belief in a higher power but rejecting notions of organized religion.

Scientific advancement in the 19th century also played a role in the spread of atheism and secularism, as we came to better understand the age of our planet and the vastness of the universe, as well as our place in it.

"Suddenly you were looking at drastically increased time spans. The idea of deep time begins to come out, as well as deep space," Hanowski said. "So people started to question the centrality of human beings in the universe or in the vast sweep of history."

Perhaps one of the biggest factors in the spread of non-belief, though, was in response to the actions of the faithful.

Historian Dr. Elliot Hanowski spoke on the history of atheist and secular movements in Canada at the May 24 Diversitas presentation in Morden.

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"Something that often gets overlooked is that it wasn't just [scientific or philosophic] ideas that led people to give up on religion," said Hanowski. "Often, I would argue, much of this came from moral outrage. The sense that the churches were very often the defenders of the status quo, of society as it was. That the churches were defending injustice, hypocrisy, and oppression."

This outrage can be seen in the writings of many abolitionists, feminists, and other activists for social change who felt religious people were using their faith to justify things like slavery or patriarchy.

All of these ideas came over with

the first settlers to North America and spread through both French and English Canada in much the same way as they had abroad.

Early Canadian atheists often found themselves on the wrong side of our nation's blasphemy laws, facing fines or imprisonment.

"There was this idea of Canada as this Christian society and it was under threat by these foreigners from abroad who were bringing in these blasphemous ideas," Hanowski said.

But the movements grew nonetheless, travelling west as the nation expanded and taking further root in the

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Carnival raises \$1,000 for Jumpstart chapter



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There was lots of fun to be had Saturday as Canadian Tire kicked off the annual Jumpstart campaign with a carnival. The event raised about \$1,000 in support of the program that helps kids in financial need participate in organized sports and physical activities. It's estimated up to 400 children may benefit in the Pembina Valley chapter's area, which includes Winkler, Morden, Altona, Morris, Carman and as far west as Crystal City. Donations can be made all month long at Canadian Tire.



Let's go fly a kite



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Imaginations took flight Friday in the Morden Park as the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre held its first kite festival. Families could fly their own kites or make new creations as part of the event that also helped raise awareness about the centre's programs.

Focusing on the many aspects of human diversity

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east with the founding of such organizations as the Rationalist Society of Canada.

Over time, the early anti-religious movements were replaced by a push for secular humanism in the mid-20th century.

"They opposed religious ideas ... but rather than spending a lot of time attacking religion directly they put their energies into trying to reform the world along secular lines or progressive lines," explained Hanowski.

Today, Canada is a nation in which 24 per cent of residents identify as nonreligious, with many more, Hanowski observed, who may have placed themselves in a religious category in the last census out of a sense of obligation or family tradition, but who, in actuality, are no longer churchgoers.

"It's striking how quickly [we] moved from being one of the most uniformly religious countries in the west to one of the least, relatively speaking," he said. "In today's Canada, skeptical ideas which would have been grounds for blasphemous libel persecution or scandal as recently as the 1950s, today are just kind of relatively commonplace or humdrum in many places."

A SAFE SPACE FOR DISCUSSION

Diversitas organizer Peter Cantelon was pleased to see the theatre room at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre so full for Hanowski's presentation, which was the first time one of these talks was held on a weekday evening.

"I think changing the days has helped a bit, moving it from a Saturday afternoon," he said, "and we're also doing more to try and advertise it.

"The subject matter, I think, has also really attracted people," Cantelon added. "I had a lot of people express interest and they were pleased that we were talking about this.

"We've talked a lot the last two years about different religious perspectives," he said, pointing to past speakers

from the Islamic and Christian communities. "It just felt ... that there is a large and rapidly growing part of our population that identifies as either atheist or secular, nonbelievers or agnostic, and certainly within our region the topic needed to be at least introduced."

Cantelon stressed that the purpose of Diversitas' presentations is never to try to sway people to one way of thinking or another, but simply to provide a safe forum for education and discussion.

"We want this to be focused on human diver-

sity and the many aspects of that diversity," he said. "I really hope that people in the region, even if they can't always come out to something like this, would continue to feed ideas for future topics."

You can connect with Diversitas online at diversitas.ca, on its Facebook page, or by email at info@diversitas.ca.

The next presentation will take place on July 26 when Dr. Ruth Ashrafi, the Judaic studies advisor at the Gray Academy of Jewish Education, will speak about Israel.

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BBQ nets \$2K for dog park

There were lots of wagging tails Saturday as volunteers and their furry friends gathered for a fundraiser in support of plans for a Winkler dog park. The event, which included a dog costume contest and even a kissing booth (at right), brought in almost \$2,000, which puts the campaign nearly \$10,000 of the way toward their \$15,000 goal.

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Participants are asked to come by the mobile lab for about two hours on two consecutive days.

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- blood pressure
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fat mass and bone density

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- physical activity test on an exercise bike

- activity monitor for one week to assess day to day physical activity and sleep

- questionnaires about current lifestyle and childhood experiences.

Participants receive \$100 compensation for their time, but the biggest draw may be the health information these assessments provide.

"I think people are finding that they get some cool information about their

own health that they wouldn't be able to get otherwise," said Azad, noting things like the results of the full body scan are not something the average person would get. Many of the other tests are also much more detailed than the average check-up.

If you'd like to take part in this study, you need to pre-register for an appointment. To do so, or for more information, go to www.TMPLR.ca or call 204-480-1042 or 204-298-5483

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Always more to explore at Dogtown

Linda Rempel has a difficult time when people ask her just what Dogtown is.

"It's impossible to explain Dogtown, but you can experience it," Rempel says of the antique-filled pioneer village located on a lovely 10 acre property just south of Morden.

Even that fails to do it justice, as Dogtown invites continued exploration—come back and you keep finding more that you didn't see before.

There is an endless array of things to discover, ranging from the two swinging bridges to the mystery shack where water runs uphill.

There is also an outdoor stage where musicians can come to perform and a bustling market that is "open to anybody who wants to showcase or sell their products," says Rempel. "My number one thing is artisans."

Dogtown is a labor of love for Rempel, who estimates putting it all together spanned some 17 years.

It's always interesting to see people's reactions when they see it all for the first time, she says.

"I absolutely love it. The response from people is over the top," says Rempel, who opens up her magical world every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"I really want this to be for the community. I want artisans of all



Linda Rempel is eager to share the uniqueness of Dogtown with the community.

sorts to take advantage of this place and make it available to them," she says. "I want local people involved."

"I'm just looking forward to seeing it grow and making it something for the community, something special for our community."

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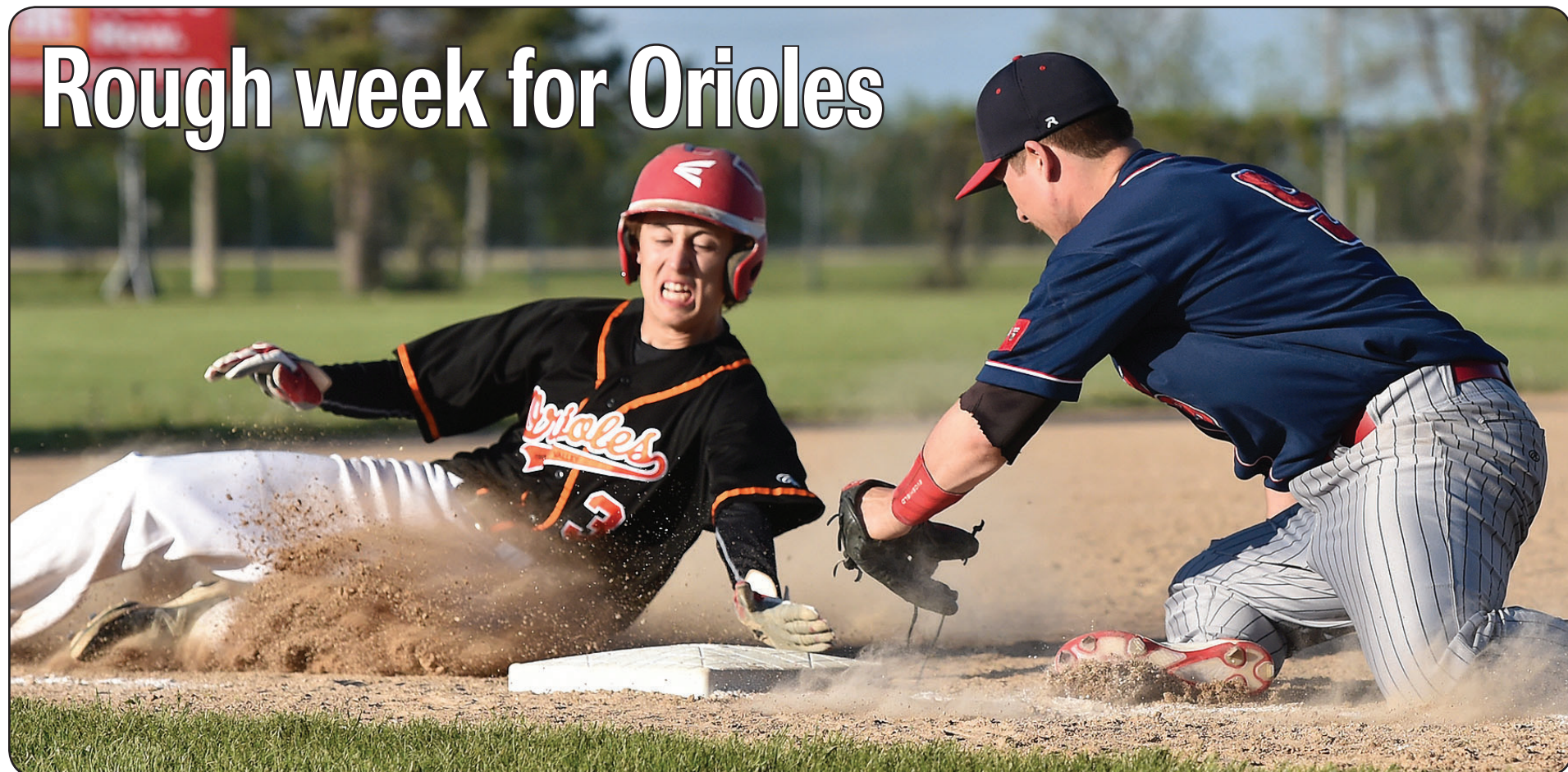
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Rough week for Orioles

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Pembina Valley Oriole Bobby Matuszewski slides safely into third base ahead of the tag from Elmwood's Drake Pilate in Morden last Friday night. It was a rough game for the home team, who fell 23-3, following up on a 6-0 loss to the Giants a few days earlier.

By Lorne Stelmach

A depleted roster contributed to a couple of tough losses for the Pembina Valley Orioles.

Finding themselves down four pitchers due in part to injuries, the Manitoba Junior Baseball League team fell 6-0 and 23-3 to the Elmwood Giants.

The two losses last week Wednesday and Friday dropped their record to 2-5, and coach Joe Wiwchar is trying to keep the team's spirits up.

"We're a better team that ... Brandon is the best team in the league and they only beat us 3-1 and 2-0," he noted.

But even the best teams in the world get beaten badly sometimes, Wiwchar added.

"I said some of you may be thinking of deserting the ship ... I'm prepared to stick it out ... if you guys are," he said. "I know they're a better team than that. We just have to get some practices in now and take it from there and see what happens."

In the first game against Elmwood, the Giants scattered six runs on five

hits while the Orioles only managed three hits.

Brady Moxham took the loss on the mound, giving up three runs on four hits and five walks in three innings of work while also striking out four. Braden Hatley then pitched two and a third, registering no hits but allowing seven walks and three runs.

"Elmwood really hits the ball ... they're good hitters," reflected Wiwchar, noting the Orioles' depleted roster obviously took its toll, especially in

the second game.

"In both cases, our pitching was gone. We didn't have any pitching left," he said. "So in the next game we used six pitchers ... it just didn't work. They got nine runs in the first inning and it just kept on going, getting worse and worse."

The Orioles are at home this weekend for a Sunday afternoon double-header against the Interlake Blue Jays. The expansion team is also having a tough start, going winless through

their first five games, including an 18-7 loss to the Orioles.

Leading up to the game, the Orioles are hoping to find a replacement player or two and get other key team members back from injury, but Wiwchar is also just looking for them to pull together as a team.

"We're just going to have to suck it up with the pitchers that we have until these other guys come back from injury," he said.

Mohawks win two, Whips split

The second week of Border West Baseball saw both the Morden Mohawks and the Winkler Whips walk away with wins.

On May 23, the Mohawks downed Clearwater 11-8 to even out their record at 1-1. They then tipped the scales by besting the Twins in Cartwright 15-10 Sunday afternoon.

Winkler, meanwhile, struggled against the Twins Friday night. After

falling behind in the early innings, Winkler just couldn't catch back up, and the win went to Cartwright 9-4.

The Whips bounced back two days later as they hosted the Pilot Mound Pilots under rainy skies Sunday afternoon. That game went to Winkler 13-2.

This week Morden hosts the Pilots Friday at 7 p.m. and then travels to play the Baldur Regals Sunday. The

Mohawks also host Clearwater next week Tuesday, June 6, at 7 p.m.

Winkler was scheduled to play Baldur on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up, the Whips play at Clearwater Friday night and then host the Killarney Lakers for a double-header starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Winkler teens headed to Canada Games

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two Winkler teens have made the cut to represent our community and our province at the Canada Summer Games.

Baseball Manitoba announced last week that Tristan Peters, 17, and Kyle Dyck, 16, will play for Team Manitoba at the national event taking place in Winnipeg July 28 to Aug. 13.

Dyck, a pitcher who competes in Winkler Minor Ball and for the GVC Zodiacs, said it was a long haul to make the team.

"The tryouts have been going on for a long time, actually," he said. "It was a two year process to put together that team."

Dyck first threw his hat in the ring at an open tryout last summer.

The competition was pretty tough, he said, so "it was really exciting" to learn he had made it.

"It's nice to represent your province

"IT'S A CHANCE TO GET BETTER, TOO, BECAUSE WE PLAY AGAINST SOME REALLY GOOD TEAMS ... THE COMPETITION IS THE MOST EXCITING PART OF IT ALL."

at a competition like that," Dyck said.

For Peters, the Games represent a chance to showcase what he can do before an audience that's likely to include more than a few scouts.

"First of all, there's a lot of scouts there," the shortstop said on why he wanted to take part. "And also, it's a chance to get better, too, because we



Kyle Dyck (left) and Tristan Peters (right) have made the cut to play for Team Manitoba at the Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg in July.

play against some really good teams ... the competition is the most exciting part of it all."

Peters has been honing his baseball skills at the Okotoks Dawgs Baseball

Academy in Alberta this school year.

"It's been awesome," he said. "I've certainly gotten a lot better and it's a lot of fun, too."

Finley Wheeler wins MHSAA scholarship

By Lorne Stelmach

Already with a major academic scholarship to his credit, a Morden high school student is receiving another one now for his athletic abilities.

Finley Wheeler has been named by the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association as the male recipient of the Winnipeg Jets Alumni and Friends \$1,000 scholarship.

The award is presented to high school hockey players in recognition of on ice skills as well as leadership in

their school and community.

This honour caps off a year in which Wheeler was also selected as one of 33 students from across the country to receive a \$100,000 Loran scholarship.

"It's definitely an awesome help to have the financial support heading off to post-secondary," says Wheeler.

The MHSAA award cited Wheeler as being a large part of the Morden Thunder's success this season, which included winning their third consecutive Zone 4 championship. He finished second in league scoring and earned a place on the league's all-star team.

In addition, Wheeler is a member of the school's student council, its badminton and baseball teams, and volunteered with the École Morden Middle School choir.

He also served as the alternate captain of the hockey team, captain of the soccer team, a student mentor, and a referee mentor.

"I devoted quite a bit of time to hockey ... being recognized for that work is a pretty big honour," says Wheeler, who plans to go to the west coast to continue his studies.

"I would like to keep playing ... I think I've got a chance to go some-

where with the reffing too ... I'll kind of see where it takes me. I'm hoping to get in some hockey when I'm out in B.C."

Wheeler really enjoyed his time with the Thunder and is proud of winning the title each year of his three years on the team.

"It was an awesome group of guys that I was with ... we developed really good friendships ... and the high school league here is really good ... it's a really good calibre of hockey.

"It's all been an incredible opportunity for me."



VOICE FILE PHOTO
Graduating Morden Thunder athlete Finley Wheeler has won a \$1,000 MHSAA scholarship.

SC Hurricanes tie Flamingos, Elite

The South Central Hurricanes bolstered their early season record with a pair of ties this past week.

On May 24, the 'Canes battled the visiting Red Hot Pink Flamingos to a 1-1 tie in front of a hometown crowd. Erica Heppner got the goal for Winkler.

Then, on Sunday, two goals from Heppner and a single from Jen Martens tied the Hanover Elite 3-3 in Steinbach.

The Hurricanes closed out May with a home game against the Fusion on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up, the team travels to play BA United this Sunday and Tri-S United June 11.

Their next home match is June 14 against Synergy.

At the races

Winners at the ALH Motor Speedway last Sunday included:

- Street stocks: James Wall in first place, Rod Wolfe in second, and Dave Wolfe in third.
- Pure stocks: Brian Kentner, Les McRae, and Austin Overwater.
- Midwest modifiers: Austin Hunt-

er, Rick Fehr, and Murray Kozie.

- Four-cylinder: Dean Miljure, Ian Cabernel, and Sheldon Simoens.
- Slingshots: Tyler Doell, Aiden Fehr, and Ty Saxon.

The races continue this Sunday, June 4 at the track west of Morden.



Getting in the groove

All ages were on hand last Wednesday at the Access Event Centre to try out rhythmic gymnastics. It was the latest in a series of Try It sessions to help Morden in its competition with Winkler to see which community can check off the most activities from the ParticipACTION 150 Playlist. There was another session on Monday that gave people a chance to get a feel for playing cricket.



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Hamonic signs with Wisconsin-Superior

Graduating Winkler Flyers' captain Connor Hamonic has accepted a scholarship to play for the University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellow Jackets (NCAA Div III) for the 2017-18 season.

The Winnipeg native suited up for 228 regular season games in his four years in junior hockey with Winkler, which is the most of any Flyers player during that stretch.

"Playing in Winkler the past four

seasons has pushed me each and every day to better myself both on and off the ice," said Hamonic.

The 6'1" defenseman had 80 regular season points (12 goals, 68 assists) and 333 penalty minutes during his time with the Flyers. He also accounted for nine points (one goal, eight assists) in 30 playoff games.

Hamonic was also a tremendous leader off the ice, volunteering many

hours to schools, minor hockey, and other community volunteer projects.

"The expectations from the coaching staff and the town to win night in and night out is a constant motivator to put in the work necessary to be at your best every day," said Hamonic. "My time with the Flyers taught me how to be a role model around town and conduct myself in a professional manner while at the rink and in the

community. I hope to bring everything I have learned in Winkler with me to Superior"

Hamonic joins defensemen Lawson McDonald (University of Nebraska-Omaha, NCAA Div I), Tyler Jubenvill (Bemidji State, NCAA Div I), and Tyler Lindstrom (Currey College, NCAA Div III) as committed players from the 2016-2017 Flyers roster.

Thunder fall to Portage 9-8 in Zone finals

The Morden Thunder girls fast pitch team made it all the way to the Zone playdowns May 24.

The double knock-out tournament saw Morden best Altona 7-5, fall to Portage 7-2, and then beat Altona once again 8-3 to make it to the finals against Portage.

There, they lost by just one run, 9-8.

Making up this season's Thunder team were (see photo at right) coaches Nicole Rutledge, Barb Price, and Tiffany Friesen and players Renee

Shore, Tea Wiebe, Kenzie Heide, Jamie Odium, Jasmine Street, Kaneetha Curry, Catrina Peters, Emily Klassen, Mackenzie McCallum, Zariah Martens, Erin Doherty, and Sage McElroy Scott.

In other high school sports news, both the GVC and NPC boys baseball teams saw their seasons come to a close May 23.

The Zodiacs fell to Miller in the semi-finals 11-0, while the Night-hawks lost to the Sabers 8-5.



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Members of the Morden 179 Royal Air Cadet Squadron displayed their precision and discipline at their year-end ceremonial review on Sunday. Right: Representatives of the Morden Legion were on hand to show their support for the program, presenting it with a \$4,000 donation.



Air cadets put through their paces at annual review

By Lorne Stelmach

Captain Rayleen Van Damme watched with pride as the Morden 179 Royal Air Cadet Squadron marched in its final parade and review of the season Sunday.

Preparing to step aside as the commanding officer, Van Damme recognizes what being part of the cadet program means for those members now making up the squadron where she began as a young recruit.

"I know the program had an impact on how I am now, and I can see it in them as well. I used to be very shy ... I'm less shy than I was before," says Van Damme.

"I like watching them grow up and seeing how they change from when they're 12 and when they're 18," she continues. "I really enjoyed the program when I was a cadet, and I enjoy watching them having a good time and learning things."

"I think it has a positive impact on everyone."

The final parade and review offered a display of the precision and discipline of the cadets, including a special drumming and marching display. The group also handed out its year-end awards at the event.

The squadron's numbers have remained fairly steady since its start in the community.

"It's gone up over the last couple of years," notes Van Damme, adding they generally draw members from within an hour radius of Morden.

"Our numbers are up from last year. We're keeping consistent numbers ... we usually end up in the 40 to 45 range each week ... and I think that's a good number for a rural unit."

She believes a strength of the program is the variety of activities offered, including such things as marksmanship, survival skills, and aviation.

"We have some great activities, and there's some great opportunities available to the cadets ... there's a lot of aspects to the cadet program," Van Damme says, adding equally

important are the more intangible skills. "Some of the bigger things are the leadership skills and citizenship skills that they learn, and we do some sports and physical fitness as well."

Matthew Dampousse, one of the cadets completing his tenure, looks back with pride on his six years with the squadron.

The unquestionable highlight for him is "the flying, the gliding and the learning about aviation. Eventually, I want to get into the military as a fighter pilot, and I just love the flying aspect."

Dampousse's career path is clear, with plans for university to get his bachelor degree in aviation before applying to the military, and he sees his cadet experience as having instilled a lot of the skills he will need to succeed.

"It's taught me a lot about citizenship actually, committing more to the community ... being a better person in general ... and more discipline, I guess, which is something I was looking for, especially if I'm going into the military."

"When you get to the senior years, you learn a lot about leadership. You start teaching classes to the younger cadets."

He heartily recommends the program to anyone considering it because it offers a wide variety of activities and "you can make friends for life."

"We do stuff that most teenagers don't do in a lifetime ... so it's a good experience."



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Heartland X-Ray opens its doors in Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

It's her absolute commitment to patients that lies behind Denise Vicari opening the Heartland X-Ray Clinic in Winkler.

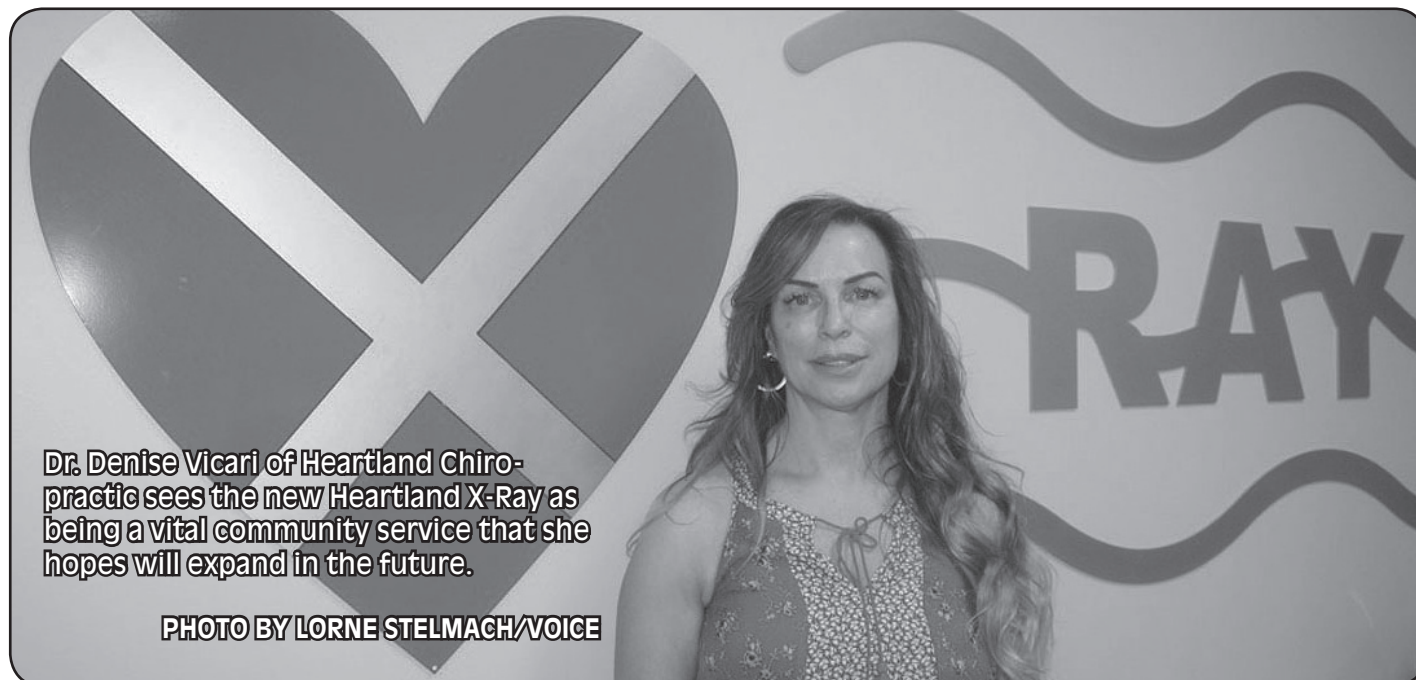
The doctor with Heartland Chiropractic has ventured into the x-ray clinic service because she saw a need where people want answers but may otherwise be facing long waits.

The new clinic offers state of the art digital x-ray services at an affordable rate, she stressed.

"I just want to be able to provide services for people ... help them get answers when they need it," Vicari said at the Saturday grand opening, which included a barbecue and children's activities.

She sees this as an important service because "it gives us insight into their health.

"They're paying me for my education ... they're paying me for an answer when they walk through that door, and it's my obligation as a doctor to give it to them," Vicari said. "The patient knows what they are feeling, and the feeling is real.



Dr. Denise Vicari of Heartland Chiropractic sees the new Heartland X-Ray as being a vital community service that she hopes will expand in the future.

PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

"I love what I do ... it's not work to me," she continued.

"This has been my vision for a lot of years, and having its own private space ... it's close to my clinic but it's a separate entity," she noted, adding she can see it perhaps becoming a

non-profit service for the community.

"This is not a private business for me ... I love this community ... and this is my gift," she said.

"It's already been doing quite well," she said of the initial response, adding she would love to see the venture

eventually expand further. "I would love to have an MRI, I would love to expand ... you never know when doors open to you."

Heartland X-Ray is located at 720 Norquay Dr.

Police looking for animal abusers, car vandals

Morden Police are seeking the public's help in solving a case of animal cruelty that occurred last week.

On May 23, a witness reported seeing four teenage boys kicking a cat in the middle of the 100 block of 7th Street in Morden.

The witness started yelling at the boys and they fled. The cat was taken to the Morden Veterinarian Clinic with significant injuries to its head.

The boys are described to be between the ages of 15 and 17.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, submit a secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com, or text "TIPMAN" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Other items of note in the department's weekly report include:

- May 23: Police received a report of mischief to a vehicle while parked at the Stardust Drive-in on May 21.

The owner noticed scratch marks all over the hood of her 2009 Volkswagen Golf and thinks it occurred between 1:30-2:30 a.m. while she was working in the booth at the theatre.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call police.

- May 23: Officers are investigating a theft of money from a business in Morden involving an employee. The business is missing an undisclosed amount of cash and the investigation is continuing with the possibility of charges.

- May 25: Around 1 a.m. this date, police received an anonymous call of a possible impaired driver leaving the Traveller's Inn.

Police located the vehicle driving north on 7th St. and then turning

west onto Wardrop St. The vehicle was stopped and the female driver was observed to have an odor of liquor on her breath. There were also several cases of beer in the back seat behind the driver.

A roadside screening test was administered to the driver, which resulted in a fail.

The driver was transported to the police station and, upon further searching, a small plastic bag was found with marijuana inside her purse.

The driver provided further samples of her breath resulting in readings of 120mg% and 110mg%. It was also discovered that the driver had a suspended driver's license.

As a result, the 44-year-old female from Winkler is facing charges for driving impaired and disqualified, as well as for possession of a controlled

substance.

- May 25: Police are investigating some mischief involving graffiti on properties in the 400 block of 7th St. in Morden.

Two residences had their backyard sheds drawn on with a marker with various symbols and writings.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the department.

- May 25: Police are also asking for tips in connection to a report of a hit and run to a vehicle that occurred in the parking lot of Gallery Wealth Management, situated at 75 Thornhill St.

The incident occurred on May 19 sometime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The driver parked her vehicle, a 2011 black Ford Fiesta, in the lot and later noticed a dent in the rear passenger's quarter panel.



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Agriculture

Raising pigs in the U.K. at Shute family farm

By Harry Siemens

Trevor, Adrian, Jeremy, Jonathan and Matthew Shute are part of a family farm that employs 20 people and operates in Cornwall, United Kingdom.

In a recent visit at their farm, Adrian, Jeremy, and their father Trevor spoke candidly about their operation that spreads over three separate locations with an 1,800 sow farrow to finish pig operation, about 1,500 acres, and a fully automated feed mill. They also run a beef herd, rounding out their farming operation.

"We have a nucleus herd at Treburgett and that's where we grow, breed our own gilts, and produce back to our own commercial herd at Newhouse. That's our two breeding farms," said Adrian. "We'll produce weaners on both of the farms and then also wean them off and send them to other finishing farms, where we'll send them into our main outlet, which is Tulip Danish Crown."

"We mill dried feed, don't pallet nothing, and it all goes as meal," explained Jeremy, who runs the mill "Then also the mill is on the home breeding unit where we mill straight into a liquid mixer and then the liquid mixer pumps into the unit which is 500 meters to different satellite tanks. There's five satellite tanks on the farm for all the different units."

Trevor started the farm with 30 acres after getting a gift from his parents to get going in agriculture.

"We'd ask, 'What can I do to get going with a small acreage?' It wasn't really big enough to go into dairy, so we had a go at the pigs," he said. "I never forget you buy a sow from here, there, and everywhere and some would perform well and some wouldn't. I found after a time it's best to clear up what I'd got and start with clean stock and try to have a closed unit."

Adrian said things have changed in how they market their pigs.

"Two-thirds of them are marketed through the group and then I probably stay with about a third to sell on the market," he said. "Weights have gone heavier in the last four years. From about 80 kg dead carcass to 90 kg [200 pounds] dead carcass. Na-

tionally, internationally the weights are going up all the time."

Adrian said they try to clear all their production at 30 weeks of age as their maximum cut-off point.

"We like to see our average down at close to 22 to 24 weeks, but we have a cut-off period there that is those pigs just don't grow as fast as they should," he said. "Then we try to keep our weights. We've got a fairly wide spec contract. We don't want any pigs under 75 and no pigs over 100 kilos dead-weight. Our guys have 25 kilos of dead-weight to play with."

Jeremy describes the manure disposal system as an umbilical system that moves the slurry out onto their corn and grassland.

"Actually we flush buildings and get slurry out of the buildings and separate during the winter time. The big lagoon, everything that goes into there we like to put through a rundown

screen so we don't get any crusting," he said. "If we don't get crusting we can manage the lagoon right."

"Summertime, we try not to separate so much because then we can spread it straight from the smaller tanks that are more easy to manage. We try to keep on top of it in the summer, but we shut off really spreading from late October and then we won't really be spreading until the beginning of March."

When asked what the secret to his and now his boys' success is, Trevor says is first and foremost is don't overspend.

"A difficult task. I mean I was smaller then and didn't have so much overhead and I could tighten my belt. Cut the cost down when needed," he said.

He said it is also very important to have a good mediator in Keith Barriball, who acts as their financial director.

"Sometimes they don't all agree with it but the business, you know ... we're individuals, our health matters, we care about one another but the business underlying needs is to survive," Trevor said. "Without enough cash, we'd be falling out more, I dare say."

Dr. John Carr, an international consultant and veterinarian and the person who made this interview possible, also has the Shute family as a client.

"John is a very important person I think. He and Keith to me are two of my mentors. Jeremy communicates daily with John a one of a kind vet," said Adrian. "There's not too many in the world like John to be fair. He sees the numbers and what farming needs to do. He's more than a vet, he understands business which is important for a vet to allow us to survive, really. He challenges our guys."



By Harry Siemens

My father, Henry C. Siemens, who farmed at Plum Coulee for 55 years, operated a mixed 1,000-acre grain, special crops, and seed farm.

I say mixed because he always had one Jersey milk cow providing the family with rich cream and milk, and several feeder hogs butchered in the fall for the winter's pork dinner.

His father-in-law started that farm in 1899, and his brother Jack and his son Jonathan still farm some of the same acres and living where Jack's mother grew up.

Dad worked hard, using all the latest methods in raising the best crop he could, especially the value-added seed grains, but always doing the best he could to look after the soil and environment.

He didn't like to burn stubble unless absolutely necessary in the case of stubborn to break down flax straw rather looked for better methods to incorporate the straw and plant refuge back into the soil. When the right

fertilizers came along and weed control products, he used them to better his lot in life.

At least 125 relatives, friends, and dignitaries joined Jack and Mary Siemens at their farm June 24, 2000, to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of their Century Farm. What a privilege to witness this celebration and speak words of encouragement in a dedication speech and prayer, because we need to remember the work of those who go before us and going forward with those who need to keep the family farm going.

Jack's grandparents Anton and Katharina (Teichroeb) Heppner started farming in 1898 when they threshed 1500 bushels of grain from 60 acres.

In 1899, according to the R.M. of Douglas Assessment Roll, they owned the NE 1/4 of Section 28-3-2W with 100 acres under cultivation. They had three horses, two young cattle, and one pig.

Word has it that in the first years that they lived on this quarter sec-

tion, grandmother was afraid of the wolves howling during the night.

According to grandfather's ledger, he hired his first hired man in 1903 for \$140. According to the same ledger, he produced 178,947 bushels of grain from 1898 to 1944.

Later in their married life, they bought a house in Plum Coulee and lived there until their deaths. According to one government spokesperson, many more family farms should recognize this great feat.

While breaking up the original yard to plan and replant in the late '50s, the yard location and the quarter section is the same.

Jack's father bought the quarter section from Mr. Heppner, his father-in-law. He, in turn, sold it to Jack who restarted the yard site but on the same location and farms it today. At his prime, grandfather Heppner had amassed over 1,500 acres in the middle '40s—no small feat.

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Demand driving up international hog prices

By Harry Siemens

Hog prices in Canada and the United States are slowly rising due to a lot of factors influencing the markets today.

"Over the last two weeks or so, the cash market in the U.S. has made a dramatic recovery," Tyler Fulton from Hams Marketing Services said a few weeks ago. "After seeing what you would call a counter-seasonal decline over the course of March and April, we've now seen a surge in cash prices over the course of the last two weeks that's pretty much recovered most of the decline that we saw over the previous two month period."

Fulton said what's happening is evidence of good solid demand. Typically the hog numbers in the United States tighten up over this time frame.

"We're definitely seeing that today which is a big contributor to the run-up in the cash market," he said. "None of that would likely have happened if we didn't have what looks to be phenomenal export demand for U.S. pork."

Fulton said the demand increase on the export side is fairly widespread. The latest U.S.D.A export sales numbers from March suggest that exports to Mexico were up close the 30 per cent, to Japan up two per cent, and to South Korea up over 20 per cent.

"Some of the major markets that we rely on, that the U.S. relies on, are really the primary driver of this recent run-up," Fulton said. "Across all markets, U.S. exports were up about 25 per cent year over year, which is exactly the kind of numbers which is the gains that we need to see to deal with the sheer volume of pork that the U.S. is producing now and going

into the future.

"On the domestic side evidence suggests that things are really solid there as well. I think it's very helpful the cattle market and the beef market has been extremely strong over the last month or so.

"From a retailer's standpoint, there's not a lot of cheap alternatives or alternatives that are trending in the downward direction that would lead one to put more emphasis on selling beef over pork."

Fulton said the current trend has hog production about three per cent over year-ago levels and the thinking is there will likely be some increases over the course of the next two to three months.

"Going into the fourth quarter, we're not too concerned about packer capacity just by virtue of the fact that we anticipate two, new, large facilities coming on stream over the course of the next six months. That should help alleviate some of the high pressure, the high volume times of hog production that we expect in November and December," he said. "The Cana-

dian dollar, which plays a huge role, is down approximately three cents from what one would say was the six to eight months average prices of 75 cents. It makes for cash and forward prices that are 10 to 15 dollars per 100 kg higher than what they would be otherwise. There's no doubt that it's making a very positive influence on Canadian high prices."

Fulton said the focus on renegotiating NAFTA has definitely had an impact.

"It doesn't really show up in prices that we're receiving as our prices are a direct function of U.S. market. When there is an issue, the U.S. market is heavily reliant on Canada and Mexico for its U.S. pork exports," he said. "In the event that we were to see something concrete come down, that would adversely affect that export potential the market would reflect that in a hurry. It would work in a significant drop with the idea that if there's an issue exporting pork, that product will have to get cleared either in the domestic market at significantly lower prices or to some other foreign

country also at discounted prices."

Producers have been very active in forward contracting over the course of the last few weeks.

"They're taking advantage of this sharp rally that we've seen in the lean hog futures and consequently in forward contract prices. Generally speaking, we think that there's a lot of opportunity to price as much as half of one's production out to the end of 2017 simply to capture the value that's already in place there," Fulton said.

"To put it in perspective, the forward prices are running roughly 25 per cent higher than what the cash price is for last year, in 2016. This, of course, in the context of the expectation that we are going to be dealing with four to five per cent more pork in that last half of this year. When you got a scenario where you can lock in the price at 25 per cent higher value that what it was last year and you're expecting four to five percent more supply. It's a pretty good scenario and I think that's why producers are taking advantage of it right now."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 26

Jack now farms more than 1,600 acres with his son Jonathan.

Looking back at that event celebration and the family legacy, it inspires me to encourage others to celebrate their own highlights.

When Jack and Mary Siemens reflect on that special event and the people who made living there and farming that land possible, they are so thankful to God, country, and freedom.

"To commemorate our heritage. To be grateful to God for that heritage. To celebrate together with extended family and friends. Local dignitaries

that attended namely MLA, the mayor and a representative from Manitoba Agriculture who presented us with a sign signifying that this is a century farm established in 1898," said Jack. "That it has been in the family for 100 years. Praise the Lord."

"Bryce says he does not want to farm now at nine years old," said Jonathan when asked about the future of the family farm. "Justin would like to as of now at 12 years old. As of now, I will likely retire when dad does, whenever that is."

I asked Jack, who will be 80 this year,

one further question: are you making transition plans with the farm and if so what are they?

"I have thought about it but no plans," he said.

In Jonathan's case, "As of now, to facilitate Justin's farming desires. I would keep the necessary equipment for him and I (or just him) to have a custom combine and seeding business. A lifestyle for him, and possibly a little retirement income for me."



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Mike married the love of his life, Cynthia Medlock in 1958 in Mirfield, Yorkshire.

Later, he served his two year national service in the Royal Air Force in 1960.

He then went to work for Yorkshire Electric until 1967 when he and Cindy and their two children, Helen and Tim, immigrated to Canada.

When coming to Canada, the family settled in Winnipeg and Mike began working for Federal Pioneer, which took the family from Regina to Toronto and finally, he became a founding employee of Carte International in Winnipeg.

In 1994, he came to be the manager for Carte in Morden until his retirement in 2005.

Mike and Cindy enjoyed their retirement by travelling in their motorhome, spending winters in the south. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as working on his cars.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Cynthia; daughter Helen (Brian) Calpin; son Tim (Tara Gionet) Brooke; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren as well as many relatives in England and Australia.

A memorial service will be held at Wiebe's Funeral Home in Morden, Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. and cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Boundary Trails Palliative Care.

The family wishes to express sincere thanks to Dr. Brett and the staff at Boundary Trails Hospital and the out pouring of love from the friends that helped us through this difficult time.

OBITUARY



Barney Kroeker

Peacefully on Thursday, March 9th, 2017 at Crystal City in the Rock Lake Health District Hospital, Barney Kroeker, aged 93 years of Morden, MB. passed away.

Interment has taken place and a celebration of Barney's life will be held on Sunday, June 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the Morden Sommerfeld Mennonite Church, 5 Parkwood St.

Family in care of arrangements
Kroeker_p63@yahoo.ca

OBITUARY



Katharina (Kathy) Schmidt (nee Wolf) 1926 - 2017

On Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Tabor Home in Morden, MB, Kathy Schmidt aged 91 years went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, John; her children: John (Mavis), Anne (Syd), Ike (Butch), Kathy (Vic), Betty (Gary), Henry (Carrie); 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; her only living sister, Elizabeth (Jake) as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father Isaac and mother Anna also by 10 siblings.

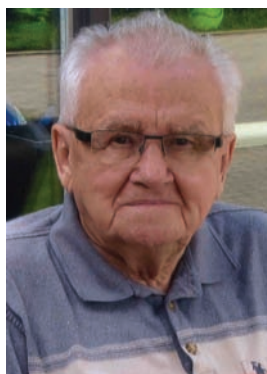
Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017 at the Morden EMMC with interment at Southside Cemetery.

A special thank-you to the nurses, caregivers and staff at the Tabor Home.
Donations may be made in Kathy's memory to the Tabor Home designated to the Alzheimer ward.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden
In care of arrangements
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OBITUARY



Cornelius (Cornie) Dueck 1930 - 2017

Cornelius Dueck "Cornie" was born on February 9, 1930 in the Eiginhoff district south of Altona to Cornelius and Sarah Dueck (nee Braun). He was the 7th child born in a family of 10, seven sisters and two brothers, the eldest brother passing in infancy. He loved farm life and from an early age was already helping out with chores and farming responsibilities. In 1947 Dad fell ill and was taken to the hospital where he was diagnosed with Polio at the age of 17. In 1951 Dad became a member of the Sommerfelder Church. He started his career as a successful car salesman from 1959 to 1985 working at Garden City Chrysler, Mid Town Chevrolet, Courtesy Motors, Rhineland Car and Fehr Ford to name a few. He was good at what he did and received many awards for top sales.

He married Mary Peters in 1965, moved to Morden in 1968 and together they raised a daughter and a son. After he retired in 1985 he did Homecare, "sat guard" for the local police and RCMP and took folks into Winnipeg for medical appointments. He enjoyed yard work in summer and snow blowing for the neighbourhood in the winter. He enjoyed a coffee routine with friends everyday where he could still connect with his friends and community.

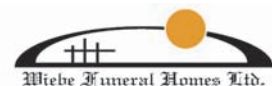
In 2010 Dad suffered a stroke which affected his left side. In 2013 when caring for Dad became too heavy for Mom they sold their home of 46 years and moved to Winkler. Shortly after the move Dad was admitted to the hospital and from there was panelled, spending time in Swan Lake Hospital before the final move to Salem PCH in March 2014. As his condition deteriorated over the next three years and sadly on May 20, 2017 he succumbed to his ailments and went home to Jesus.

He was predeceased by his parents, a brother in infancy, six sisters, youngest brother, seven brothers-in-law, one sister-in-law. Cornie is survived by his wife of 51 1/2 years, Mary; his daughter, Sheila and husband, Don Bergen of Winkler; grandsons: Justin (and Camory) Bergen, Connor (and Allison) Bergen and Reagan Bergen; his son, Ron Dueck of Winnipeg and granddaughter, Madison; daughter, Sheryl Weiss and husband, Louis of Saskatoon and their family; sister, Helen (and John) Stoesz of Altona; four brothers-in-law, four sisters-in-law; nephews and nieces.

Funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2017 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden.

Thank you to the Salem staff for all of your heartfelt care, our friends and family for your support and to Wiebe Funeral Home for the arrangements.

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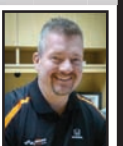
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