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A youngster reacts as Dr. Johann Blignaut provides a checkup for her stuffed penguin at the annual Winkler Family Resource Centre's Teddy Bear Picnic. The event filled Bethel Heritage Park with families on Saturday. For more photos, see Pg. 2.

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Teddy Bear Picnic '19

Dozens of medical professionals set up shop in Bethel Heritage Park Saturday for the Winkler Family Resource Centre's Teddy Bear Picnic. Left: A pharmacist provides a vaccination for a tiny tiger. Right: A youth learns proper brushing technique at one of the dental booths. Below, right: A stuffed toy gets weighed by a public health nurse. Below, left: The day's stage entertainment included a performance from the PJ Heroes, who got kids up and dancing.

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Morden's first Pride event happening June 22

By Lorne Stelmach

The organizer of Morden's first-ever Pride celebration and rally sees it as just the beginning.

DVan Vliet Vaisius hopes the June 22 event will help build a more inclusive community.

"I really feel that this is just the first step in a long and hopefully great journey towards a bet-

ter and more accepting and more welcoming community here," said Vaisius.

"I hope that this is the beginning of support services here and resources here," they added. "That is my hope ... that Morden Pride will become an organization and that we'll be able to do events year round and not just during Pride Month."

Vaisius wants the rally to be an opportunity for people to gather together to tell their stories, create a safe space, and stand up for their rights, particularly the rights of all those in the LGBT+ community.

The event will include a rally in Morden Park and possibly a march through town.

"We're still kind of working that out with the city," noted Vaisius. "There will be speeches and possibly a few other events kind of going around the same timeline."

The motivation to spearhead the event very much stems from Vaisius's own personal experiences in growing up here and facing the challenges that come with being not only in a smaller, rural community but also one that is

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Rural Week brings medical students to Morden-Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

Eight first year medical students were in Winkler and Morden for a week as part of an initiative aimed at attracting more of them to consider living and working in rural Manitoba.

The annual Rural Week, which ran this year May 27-31, gives students first-hand experience and exposure to rural medicine and life.

"We've actually had students who have gone through this program become our residents and done the rest of their family medicine training with us," Dr. Kevin Earl said Friday as the students began the final day of their stint here.

"It's really been a successful program in getting students to come out and actually do their training rurally. We have a clinical teaching unit, so we train third and fourth year medical students as well as resident physicians to become rural family doctors ... this has been a really good tool to recruit students to come back for further training at our site."

The students were paired up with local practitioners through the clinics in each community and also spent time at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

"They follow them around for the week to get a feel for what practicing rurally is like," Earl said. "Some of them have been in on deliveries of babies or in on surgeries, so they've had a really well rounded experience."

"I think a lot of them are surprised at the breadth of what rural family

medicine can offer someone in terms of opportunities."

Winnipegger Andrew Fast appreciated spending time in the emergency ward when it was packed as well as getting to see a lot of patients at the Morden clinic.

"We got to see tons of people and really work with them in depth," he said. "We really got to work and get to know them."

He was impressed by the varied kinds of minor procedures being undertaken at the clinic.

"The scope of practice that people have out here is really broad ... everybody gets to do everything," said Fast, who could see himself wanting to come back here one day.

"We were all talking about coming back here in third and fourth year ... it really did help me choose that I am on the right path," he said.

"I think rural Manitoba has moved up on my list a lot."

Fellow Winnipegger Rafael Zaki observed how much and how well the doctors in Morden-Winkler are able to collaborate and "able to work with each other to provide similar levels of care to patients as we would have in a more urban area."

"It was a really insightful experience," he said, citing the example of family physicians in the city only working from a clinic setting. "Here we found that the family physicians would actually be working in many different areas."

"There's going to be more opportu-

"I THINK RURAL MANITOBA HAS MOVED UP ON MY LIST A LOT."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Eight first year medical students from the University of Manitoba were in Morden-Winkler last week to get a taste of rural medicine.

nities in rural areas," he said.

"I think there's a great foundation here and there's a really great role model for other communities," suggested Jacqueline Donner, also from Winnipeg.

"I think why it works so well is Winkler and Morden ... they do service quite a large rural area and because of that they've been able to bring all these resources here," she said.

"I think it definitely opens my eyes to the diversity of rural practice, that it's not just dealing with immediate traumas or family medicine ... there are so many options from a career perspective," Donner said. "It's definitely something I am going to keep my eyes open to, and I would definitely like to have more rural experience before I make a decision."

> PRIDE, FROM PG. 2

largely conservative.

"I grew up queer here, so that was a big factor for me," Vaisius said. "Growing up here and kind of feeling the lack of resources and the lack of support, it was really important for me to bring that home and start opening it up a bit more and making it a safer space for people like me."

Vaisius has felt encouraged by the response so far; the event's Facebook page last week had around 400 interested and just over 100 marked

as planning to attend the rally.

"There's been a bit of negative feedback but not too much, so hopefully that continues," said Vaisius.

"I'll say it's been positive. There's been a lot of support, a lot of people offering their skills and services, which has been really, really great. It's been really nice. The support has been very, very uplifting."

The walk gets underway at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 in Morden Park.

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Anonymous donation will help seniors get around

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The generosity of a local business will make life a little bit easier for the seniors who frequent the Winkler Senior Centre and the Buhler Active Living Centre.

At its Members Appreciation Barbecue last week, the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure of passing on a gift to help wrap up Pay It Forward May.

Chamber president Darren Heide said a business who wishes to remain anonymous asked the chamber to facilitate a donation of a motorized wheelchair to the two centres.

"It's a very generous gift to the community," he said, adding the fact the business took the initiative to identify and then fill a need with this donation "really just shows the leadership and generous spirit of the community that we live in and support."

The wheelchair, which is valued at about \$5,000, will be used jointly by the senior centre and the senior's housing

complex, said BALC executive director Mike Chute, who accepted the donation alongside WSC director Nettie Dyck.

"We've got such a big space on the main floor, it'll be a great thing for seniors to be able to move back and forth between events and not get tired out on the way," Chute said. "I think it's going to be a great addition to the building."

Dyck noted the facility does have push wheelchairs available for visitors, "but then you need someone who can push you. This will give people a little bit more independence."

"We're hopeful the contribution will allow more seniors to come to visit our facility," said Chute, adding they send a big thank you out to the donor for their generosity.

The barbecue lunch, meanwhile, was well-attended. It's the chamber's way of paying it forward, noted Heide.

"It's a way to give back to our membership," he said. "We have a lot of great members in this community and it's just our way of saying thank you."



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The Winkler chamber's Tanya Chateaufeuf (centre) and Darren Heide (far right) presented a motorized wheelchair donated by a local business to the Winkler Senior Centre's Nettie Dyck and Buhler Active Living Centre's Mike Chute last week.

Winkler bracing for big hike in assessments

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler can expect to see a higher than av-

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erage increase in property assessment coming its way.

With 2020 being the next year for province-wide reassessment, an official appeared before council at its May 28 meeting to give it an idea of the impact.

While the provincial average will be about a seven per cent increase, Winkler is forecast to come in just shy of a 10 per cent average increase.

It varies among different types of properties— from eight per cent for apartments and 9.1 per cent for single family homes to 11.2 per cent for commercial properties and 13 per cent for farmland.

"I think it's pretty normal when you have a growing community that is maybe growing faster than other communities are and where you have as much new investment as we have here," said Mayor Martin Harder.

He cautioned, however, that assessment increases may not translate to municipal tax hikes.

"That doesn't necessarily mean that there's a tax increase; it's an assessment increase ... taxes are still controlled by the City of Winkler's spending habits."

Winkler council also moved last week to beef up its bylaws controlling off-road vehicles and smoking.

The off-road vehicles bylaw was toughened up to particularly address such vehicles as dirt bikes and ATVs. Harder noted they consulted with the police and wanted to address the safe-

ty concern of these vehicles being used on city streets.

"There are no other larger urban centres where they are allowed, so council decided that we are not going to allow them and changed the bylaws to ensure ... they are not allowed," he said.

Meanwhile, the smoking bylaw was also revamped to address concerns around smoking or vaping in the vicinity of a number of public places.

The concern was particularly for facilities used by youth such as sports fields, playgrounds, and parks, which council felt were not adequately covered in the existing bylaw.

The city also continues to closely keep tabs on the progress of the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

An update from the last recreation committee meeting noted a number of potential areas for cost cutting if needed, such as eliminating an acoustical ceiling in the arena.

"We are on budget and we want to make sure it stays on budget," said Harder, who stressed cost cutting measures will only be considered if necessary. "We have a list of extras that we would like to have, and if the costs come above where it should be then those are some of the things that would be looked at. ... Hopefully that's not going to happen."

Harder noted the range of tenders for different aspects of the project are close to being finalized, so that will give them a better idea of where they are at with the project.

Southern Health to hire 12 new paramedics

By Lorne Stelmach

The region will get a dozen more paramedics this year as part of an investment announced by the province on Friday.

Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Cameron Friesen announced at Boundary Trails Health Centre that 12 of the 35 additional full-time equivalent positions previously announced will be placed in the Southern Health-Santé Sud region.

It is connected to the government's 2016 commitment to increasing paramedics by 150 overall, noted Friesen, who stressed the need to strengthen the emergency medical services system and provide a more consistent level of care throughout the province.

"We know that we're acting on evidence; we're acting on the 2013 EMS review, which was a report that talked about how to get shorter response times through a professional, full time paramedic service.

"We know that minutes often count when it comes to EMS response," Friesen continued. "Our goal has been to make sure that 90 per cent of the population of Manitoba would be able to get EMS response to the door within 30 minutes more than 90 per cent of the time."

In 2017-18, 94.11 per cent of EMS calls in rural and northern Manitoba were responded to within the provincial response time standard with 58.24 per cent within nine minutes, 15.98 per cent within 15 minutes and 19.89 per cent within 30 minutes.

"I can tell you we're meeting that target, but we're still making good investments, and we'll continue to do so," Friesen said.

The breakdown of the positions and where they will be located is still to be determined, said Friesen, explaining that Manitoba uses a flexible deployment model to shift EMS resources as they are required throughout a region, ensuring timely responses to



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On Friday, Health Minister Cameron Friesen (centre) announced the Southern Health region will be getting a dozen new paramedics.

emergencies.

"Considerations, of course, are given to where can we strategically place EMS ... I can tell you that behind the scenes, there's an awful lot of data and evidence that drives the determination of where ambulances should be situated," he said. "It's a complex set of decisions that are undertaken to best position these ... that will be determined in the coming weeks and months."

"Knowing that paramedics are on the way helps people feel supported during an emergency," said Jane Curtis, chief executive officer, Southern Health-Santé Sud.

"The addition of paramedics in Southern Health-Santé Sud will greatly benefit the dedicated teams of emergency response staff working in our region, as well as their capacity for providing timely, life-saving care when people need it most."

Heritage Soc. hosting open house, BBQ Sat.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Heritage Society is pairing history with food this weekend.

WHS is hosting an open house and fundraising barbecue at its museum at the north end of the Southland Mall on Saturday.

Visitors are invited to come check out the museum chock-full of Winkler's history from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A lunch of hot dogs, chips, and a drink for \$5 will be served up from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Society president Randy Rietze says that finding sources of income remains a challenge for the volunteer-run organization.

"We're needing funds to keep operating," he says, noting the bulk of their annual operating budget of about \$30,000 is made up of museum rent and wages (though volunteers take shifts at the museum, it is staffed much of the week by a paid employee).

The society covers those costs by way of grants, monthly sponsors, and the proceeds from its fall heritage banquet, but additional commu-

nity donations are necessary, Rietze stresses, if WHS is ever going to be able to afford a standalone home for the museum.

"In the back of our minds we're still looking at a new permanent location at some point in time, but until we raise a little windfall it's not going to happen.

"And so we're trying to come up with some new ideas to raise money," Rietze says, adding a major fundrais-

ing raffle is also in the works to help mark the society's 20th anniversary later this year.

Another way the society is looking to the future is by participating in the Manitoba Heritage Trust Program.

The Province of Manitoba has committed to stretching the money put in trust by heritage organizations over the next few years, providing an additional \$1 for every \$2 saved.

"We've started very small, with

about \$3,000, but we hope to see that grow," says Rietze. "The more we can put in, the more resources we can get from the government."

Learn more about the Winkler Heritage Society, including how you can get involved as a donor or volunteer, online at winklerheritagesociety.ca or stop by the barbecue this weekend to chat with a board member.

Morden taking part in activity challenge

The City of Morden is encouraging its residents to get active.

Morden is taking part in this year's ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge, city recreation programmer Stephanie Dueck announced last week.

"ParticipACTION says it right when they say everything gets better when you get active," she said. "Part of my job is to help provide opportunities for people to get active. We have lots of drop-in sport programs that continue to run in the summer.

"Whether you participate in our programs or go for regular walks or runs on your own, we'd love for you to track your minutes in this challenge."

The program, which aims to get neighbourhoods across the country moving together, runs May 31 to June 16 and gives Morden the chance to win \$150,000 to go toward physical activity improvements if it's crowned as Canada's Most Active Community.

In addition to the national winner, there will also be regional finalists who will be awarded \$20,000 each.

To take part, simply keep track of your physical activity minutes (which could be anything from exercising to gardening to cleaning) and log them on behalf of the city. You can do so through the ParticipACTION app, online at community.participaction.com/signup, or in person at the Access Event Centre during office hours.

In addition to helping add to Morden's cumulative tally of minutes, you also have the chance to win prizes by participating.

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A failure to reconcile

My past few weeks have been marked with failure, anger, and disappointment, mostly at myself but often at others as well.

I have witnessed and sometimes been involved in the fractious encroachment of the world upon our wondrous, safe, homogenous rural bubble in southern Manitoba. A place where we are all supposed to think, act, and believe the same thing and if you don't, keep it to yourself (unless you think, act, and believe the way I do—then shout it to the rooftops).

Of course, our bubble is eroding and this is making various people feel threatened and anxious. In this headspace people often become angry and lash out at those they are told are responsible for their anxiety and fear.



By Peter Cantelon

The most recent and potentially volcanic fault that has erupted in our region came with the announcement that Morden will hold its very first Pride Event on June 22 celebrating the region's LGBTQ+ community.

It will come as no surprise to anyone who knows me that I am a strong and very vocal ally of the community and a loud voice in support of diversity and the strengths it brings, having many wonderful family members and friends who are LGBTQ+.

My outspoken nature on the subject in this region has brought no shortage of criticism. It has caused people I deeply respect to turn away from me and brought threats. As awful as this is, it pales in comparison to the persecution those in the LGBTQ+ community shoulder every single day of their lives, literally being told they are evil. As such, I am content to bear up under my tiny load if it helps even a little bit.

I also believe strongly in free speech. I believe people of opposing views can and should confront one another in helpful and polite dialogue and debate.

Lately, however, I am sad to report I have occasionally reduced myself to name calling and bullying. I am in danger of becoming the thing I

rail against because of the emotion attached to the issue at hand and I loathe this potential in myself.

In my heart I know you will never be able to change a person's mind through yelling, name calling, bullying, screaming and shouting or otherwise insulting. These are the methods of those more interested in hurting others rather than helping.

But these are increasingly the methods we use. Have you noticed this? More protesting with signs that simply hurl obscenities and insults, more threats of boycott, more name calling. It is becoming clear we are struggling to like one another, let alone love one another.

For this to change we must stop focusing on the things in one another that we dislike, disagree with, and despise and instead start to focus on our unifying humanity—that image that exists within us that binds us all and gives us value.

We must find a way to move forward in unity despite our differences instead of in conflict because of them. We will be stronger for it.

A failure to reconcile will only lead to tribalism and conflict, which is always an expression of weakness.

Letters

Legion prez hopes thieves enjoy their ill-gotten flowers

On behalf of the executive and members of Morden Royal Canadian Legion Br.#11, I would like to thank whomever decided to help themselves to the lovely flowers donated to our branch by the folks who were in Morden filming the TV show *Tales From The Loop*. These flowers were to have been placed in the planters at our branch by some

of our volunteers, to beautify the branch in memory of our veterans.

In the past, Morden Nurseries have from year to year graciously donated flowers for our branch to plant. This year, with the people filming the show donating the flowers, we would not have had to approach Morden Nurseries for a donation. Sadly, that is now not the case.

Whomever took the flowers, I hope they make your yard look as nice as they would have made our branch look.

Bob Frost,
President
Morden RCL Br. #11

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Winkler Elementary kids give back in a big way

Gr. 2s raise over \$1,200 for water filtration systems in Tanzania

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Thanks to the hard work of a dedicated group of Gr. 2 students, dozens of families in the developing world will soon have access to clean drinking water.

On Friday, two classes at Winkler Elementary School presented Connie Klassen with a donation of \$1,279.90 for her Clean Drinking Water for Kids program.

The money will allow Klassen to purchase 21 water filtration systems for remote communities in the Arusha Region of Tanzania.

Teacher Esther Klassen's class got the ball rolling by selling 160 homemade bracelets earlier this spring. Then, last month, Darlene Derksen's class hosted a garage/bake sale for the cause.

It all started when Klassen came to speak to the students about her water filter project earlier this year. It inspired the kids to really think about the importance of clean drinking water.

"We talked a lot about taking water for granted. We just go to the tap, turn it on, and clean water comes out," said Derksen. "When

the kids saw how women in Tanzania would have to carry this dirty water for hours, that really struck home with them."

The kids latched on to the cause, sharing it with other students who in turn shared it with their friends and family, which generated an overwhelming amount of support.

"In all honesty, it kind of snowballed," said Esther Klassen, noting her students sold all their bracelets in just a couple of days. Even once they were gone, people still reached out to make a donation to the project.

Damian Krahn and Jordan Reimer said they and their classmates are

proud of what they were able to accomplish in so short a time.

"We were pretty excited about the water filters," said Reimer, adding that watching a video about the water shortages in Africa made him "very sad that people get lots of diseases. I just thought that was not the right thing."

"It made me feel sad and I thought I should do something to help," agreed Krahn.

"We took turns selling bracelets and treats ... and they were all gone in only two days," said Reimer. "That was pretty quick."

"We had a lot of customers," said Krahn of the garage sale his class organized from start to finish. "We had a lot of donations and a lot of fun."

Both kids send a big thank you out to everyone who made a donation.

Thanks come as well from Connie Klassen, for whom providing access to clean drinking water has become a passion project. That passion was kindled during a trip to Tanzania three years ago.

"I was volunteering at an orphanage and I thought I knew what poor was, but then ... I was driven to a remote place to deliver one of these filters and I just couldn't believe it," Klassen said. "This is how people live? This is the water kids are drinking?"

Families in these isolated communities make do with dirty water from communal ponds that are also used for bathing and by the village's animals. When those run dry, women have to walk for hours to collect water.

"I knew we could do so much better for them," Klassen said.

In the past three years, Klassen has been able to distribute 310 filtration units (a simple two-bucket system with a filter) and has another 60 waiting to be delivered.

It's all been made possible thanks to



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On Friday, two Gr. 2 classes at Winkler Elementary School presented Connie Klassen with a donation of \$1,279 to purchase water filtration systems for remote communities in Tanzania. The simple system (above, right) turns the dirty water people gather from communal ponds into safe, clean drinking water.



the generosity of donors, she stressed, adding that in addition to the great work the WES kids did, a class at Southwood School also recently raised money for the cause.

"Together the two schools raised enough so that 48 families will now have clean water," Klassen said. "They did an amazing job."

Every penny donated goes to purchase the filters and buckets and pay

the wages and gas expenses of the two employees in Tanzania who make the trek out to distribute the units and explain their use and care to recipients.

With proper care, the systems can last indefinitely.

To learn more about Klassen's project, reach her at 204-362-2207 or check out Clean Drinking Water for Kids on Facebook or Instagram.

Prairie Belle Greenhouse open for business



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Prairie Belle Greenhouse cut the ribbon on its first season in business last week.

By Lorne Stelmach

The grand opening of Prairie Belle Greenhouse in Morden last Tuesday marked a dream becoming reality.

It is something that Barbara Froese and her sister Louise Penner have thought about for a long time.

"We wanted to do this for so many years," Froese said of their greenhouse located at the north end of the Morden Co-op parking lot.

"We both retired from other careers and decided to jump in the boat because we wanted to do this ... now is a really good time," she said. "And since Morden didn't have a greenhouse ... we thought why not bring the service back to Morden."

Prairie Belle Greenhouse sells a variety of bedding plants, hanging baskets, and planters along with a selection of vegetables and herbs including 10 varieties of tomatoes as

well as various peppers and other garden favourites

They use natural fertilizers to enrich the growing process, Froese said, and all of their plants are locally grown in their greenhouse.

Froese said they were happy to get such a good location where there is lots of traffic and right next to one of the city's community gardens.

"We've been really pleased. We had so much support from the Co-op ... they've been very supportive, helping us bring this service here to Morden," she said, adding they have had good initial response from the community. "A lot of people are really, really glad to see a greenhouse back in Morden. They missed it, so we've had a really terrific response."

Learn more about Prairie Belle Greenhouse online at www.prairie-belle.ca.

"We definitely started something today"

Mommy Matters tackled postpartum care from a variety of perspectives

By Lorne Stelmach

A recent workshop in Morden took a collaborative approach involving both western and natural medicine.

The May 25 session entitled Mommy Matters was built around the thought that there are no comprehensive postpartum care programs for new moms in our area.

Organizer Sonia Funk, a nutritional therapist and wellness consultant with The Whole Avocado, wanted to change that.

To do so, she brought together a diverse, community-based team of health practitioners and agencies to address the issue of postpartum care.

"We all had our piece to contribute, and it came together beautifully," said Funk. "We all agree that moms need more support, and we are all willing to cooperate to provide that support."

"We wanted to highlight resources ... and emphasize the importance of asking for help," added Ashley Froese, a pelvic floor physiotherapist and also one of the event's planners.

Froese was one of a variety of health care workers to present at the event. Also speaking were doctors, massage therapists, osteopaths, and representatives from such resources as Manitoba Public Health, Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, Healthy Baby, With Women Doula Collective, and the Southern Health midwife program.

Local nurse Angela Kuhl shared her personal story and journey through

postpartum depression, while Kari Kauenhoffen shared her struggles through bottle and breastfeeding issues. Funk, meanwhile, touched on her own struggles as a new mom that were the inspiration to create this event.

The response to the day was overwhelmingly positive, Funk said.

"It was amazing. The feedback was better than we hoped for," she said. "Everyone was so grateful we had

done this and everyone wants more.

"We are now planning some shorter, more focused sessions based on topics that participants selected on the feedback sheet at the end," Funk said. "The plan is to do one big event a year and smaller ones in between."

"Next year is going to be bigger and even better," she added. "We definitely started something today."

Strings students perform with the WSO

On May 16, 17 violin and cello students from the Douglas Kuhl School of Music, led by Rochelle Drudge, participated in a concert with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. Drudge said the kids were thrilled to perform a movement from Vivaldi's Four Seasons on stage with the WSO, directed by resident conductor Julian Pellicano. Above: The local performers are shown with the WSO's Andrew Goodlett, Chris Anstey, and Heather Wilson, all of whom will teach at the Cadenza music camp in Winkler July 2-6.



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Gateway Resources opens its doors to the community

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Just a few weeks after inviting the community to come hear participant stories at their annual gala dinner, Gateway Resources swung its doors wide open for tours last Friday afternoon.

The Winkler agency, which provides programming for people living with intellectual disabilities, welcomed a steady stream of guests eager to pick up some unique participant artwork, enjoy a tasty baked treat, and get a behind-the-scenes look at Gateway's various programming departments and some of their 115 participants at work.

"THIS IS THAT ONE DAY PEOPLE CAN COME ... SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE."

"People see our recycling trucks, they see the crates and pallets from our wood room being delivered, but they don't always see the rest of it," said CEO Kim Nelson. "This is that one day people can come, have a tour, support a bake sale, and just see what's happening here."

It's a high point for the participants as well.

"They look forward to it every year," said Nelson. "Everyone's so excited to show their families and friends where they work."

The open house also served as the public unveiling of Gateway's newly renovated administrative area.

The renos, which completely transformed the office area and created a proper front entrance desk, were long overdue, Nelson said.

"We found that we needed more space and we also, when people walk in, we wanted them to be greeted by a receptionist and be able to ask questions right away. That was important to us," she said. "We've always had a community presence, but when you used to walk in here it was 'Where do I go?' That's all changed now."

Reworking the administrative space also added an additional office, freed up room for programming in the back, and improved the overall flow of the building.

"Everybody's really liking the changes," Nelson said. "It's been a very positive improvement."



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Clockwise from above: At the Gateway Resources open house last week, participants Patsy Wharf and Ruth Peters show off some handcrafted wares; Frank Giesbrecht and Benny Krahn hard at work at the recycling department's magazine-tearing station; Alaire Toews puts together a pallet in the wood shop; Brianne Fehr, Maria Giesbrecht, Katherina Bergen, and Stephanie Unger serve up treats to guests.



Back 40 marks 30 years of music



PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE
Morden's Back 40 Folk Festival filled the park bowl with music for its 30th year on Sunday. The day saw good crowds, especially for headliner acts such as Big Dave McLean and Steve Bell. Clockwise from left: Sean Burns and Lost Country perform; the Songwriter's Circle participants talk shop; young music lovers get up and boogie; checking out the handcrafted wares at Artisan Alley; Lulu and the TomCat perform
The Cat Came Back.



Local youth shine at provincial arts festival

A number of talented youth from across the region had top placings at the provincial music and arts festival last week.

The Association of Manitoba Arts Festivals held the 2019 festival May 25-26 at St. John's Ravenscourt School in Winnipeg.

Performers were adjudicator recommended to compete from 30 member

festivals across the province, including the Morden, Winkler, and Pembina Valley festivals.

Here are the local youth who placed in the top three of their categories:

- Thomas Kroeker, Morden, first in intermediate strings
- Ian Fehrmoore, Morden, first in Gr. 4-6 poetry and prose.
- Rose Sanders, Manitou, first in

advanced vocal, second in advanced W.A. Mozart, and the recipient of the advanced Manitoba composers award.

- Matthew Pahl, Morden, first in advanced W.A. Mozart.
- Logan Wiebe of Winkler, second in preliminary strings.
- Samuel Kroeker, Morden, second in junior strings.

• Cecilia Sanders, Manitou, second in advanced strings.

- Elias Mierau, Winkler, second in junior piano.
- Austin Smith-Sigvaldason, Manitou, second in Gr. 7-9 public speaking.
- Joshua Fehr, Winkler, third in preliminary Canadian composers.
- Dakota Harms, Snowflake, third in preliminary musical theatre.



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Let Dad sleep in. Chances are Dad is enamored with his little bundle of joy, but it's well-known that being a new father often means sacrificing sleep time - especially for the first

several months to a year of that child's life. Enlist the help of a family member who can be on baby watch while Dad gets to sleep in on the weekend of his big day. With some extra sleep, Dad can enjoy Father's Day that much more.

Create a first-year memory book. Take the time to put together a scrapbook of the photos and moments baby and Dad have gotten to spend together. So much focus is often placed on a new baby and his or her mother that Dad may be left playing second fiddle. Make it clear that fathers are key to their children's development and happiness, too.

Make a baby keepsake. Use washable ink so that baby can sign a Father's Day card with a hand or footprint. The tradi-

tion can be repeated year after year until the child is old enough to write.

Go overboard on gifts. The idea isn't to buy Dad's love, but Dad's first Father's Day is a truly unique time. On behalf of his first-born, purchase a few different gifts - those items that he has been interested in buying but has resisted in favor of saving money for new onesies and burp cloths. Or invest in one special event gift, such as tickets to a game to see his favorite team or a concert to catch a favorite band.

Boost his ego. Get matching T-shirts for baby and Dad with cute memes and sayings, such as "Couch Potato" and "Tater Tot."

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GVC hosts Zone 4 track and field championship

Garden Valley Collegiate hosted the Zone 4 track and field championship over two days last week.

Many Winkler-Morden athletes reached the podium at the event. First-place finishers included:

- Evan Xu, NPC, varsity boys 200m dash.
- Benji Dueck, Morden Collegiate, JV boys 3000m run.
- Sergey Gerassimov, NPC, varsity boys 100m hurdles.
- Denni Levvy, Morden, JV boys high jump.
- NPC boys varsity 4x100m relay team.
- James Bergen, GVC, varsity boys triple jump and varsity boys discus throw.
- Vanessa Rogalski, NPC, varsity girls 800m run and 400m dash.
- Holly Martin, GVC, JV girls 200m dash, 100m dash, and long jump.
- NPC varsity girls 1,600m distance medley.

- GVC JV girls 4x100m relay.
- Katelyn Ens, NPC, varsity girls 100m hurdles.
- Rachel Neufeld, GVC, JV girls 80m hurdles.
- Ajulu Akway, GVC, varsity girls outdoor pentathlon.

Qualifying local athletes are in Winnipeg this week to compete in the 2019 MILK Provincial High School Track & Field Championships.

In other high school sports action, the Garden Valley Zodiacs fast pitch team made it the playoffs at the provincials in Russell over the weekend.

The ladies struggled in the round robin, falling 13-6 to the Vikings and 6-0 to the Olympiens, but then bested the Stonewall Rams 7-5 to make it to the quarter-finals.

There they were bested by Steinbach 12-3 to see their title hopes come to an end. The Olympiens ultimately won the provincial title, beating the team from Carman/Miami 11-3.

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RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Clockwise from left: At the Zone 4 track and field championship meet in Winkler last week, GVC's Kaden Dyck checks his competition in the varsity 100m dash, Morden's Hannah Friesen competes in the JV high jump, NPC's Paulini Tuikuka makes her throw in the varsity shot put, and Nighthawk Rizhigan Janarthanan steps off the block in the varsity 100m dash.



Morden bodybuilders reach the podium

By Lorne Stelmach

A Morden bodybuilder was among a group of local athletes who had strong showings at a top regional competition.

Cheryl Warkentin came in first in women's figure true novice, second in women's grandmaster and second in women's figure F class at the Van Dijk Classic May 25 in Winnipeg.

Other area residents reaching the podium were Kari Friesen, who was third in the women's F master 35+ and second in women's figure B class; Karen Chezick, who was second in women's bikini grandmaster; and Kurt Miller, who ranked third in both the men's bodybuilding and men's bodybuilding light heavyweight classes. Also competing was Helena Lanitgua, though she did not medal.

"We all did extremely well. We all have worked really hard to surpass our goals," said Warkentin, who noted competing had been a dream for her

that has come true.

She credited her focus on setting goals and achieving results as what motivates her.

"The most difficult and challenging part about competing is the mental battles, but they have also been the most rewarding," she said. "My toughest opponent is always me. Learning, changing and growing in those battles are reshaping me internally."

"The pursuit of excellence, believing in my abilities and demanding more of myself than anyone else ever could is what I've done," Warkentin added. "Every time I step into the gym, I earn it, I prove it and make the sacrifices required to get the job done."

"It's not just about the award but so much more personal triumph and achievement that embodies each person. Regardless of the reason for competing ... each athlete has surpassed their goals and achieved success."

Friesen suggested the reward for her is simply doing the things that



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From left: Cheryl Warkentin, Kurt Miller and Kari Friesen were among the locals who competed and reached the podium at a regional bodybuilding competition in Winnipeg last month. Also competing were Karen Chezick and Helena Lanitgua.

one enjoys and loves, but she also especially celebrates what women can achieve in this sport.

"I'm really excited that I can get up there on stage, especially as a woman, to show other women that their bodies are so capable," she said.

"I like to be the picture of health and

strength for women," added Friesen, who also appreciated having friends there competing as well. "We worked together in the gym prepping for the show, and it was a lot of fun. It's nice to see familiar faces backstage."

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Sager family inducted into MB Baseball Hall of Fame

By Lorne Stelmach

The Sager family of Morden may soon need its own wing in the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

Not only is the name already part of a number of storied teams enshrined in the past, but now the family has been inducted as a whole.

They were among the 2019 inductees celebrated Saturday at the hall of fame's 23rd annual induction banquet at the Morden Event Access Centre.

The Sager family was cited for having made significant contributions as dedicated and skilled performers, leaders, and builders of baseball and fastball in southern Manitoba.

"You get way more out of it than you put into it," said father Howie, who was inducted alongside his wife Oddney and children Steve, Wayne, and Jennifer.

"It's a wonderful thing. ... It's really special for us to have the whole family involved," said Howie, who has contributed to Morden baseball as a long-time player, coach and executive and was long known for chairing the Elks July 1st minor ball tournament in Morden for 20 years, while Oddney worked along with him as a coach and executive.

He said baseball has always been a big part of his life ever since he first picked up a bat at a young age, and that passion spread to the entire family.

"We're so lucky to be into sports, and everybody loved baseball," he said, recalling how he actually met his wife at a ball game "We got married and we had kids and they loved baseball and softball just like we did.

"The kids grew up always playing ball ... there was always a bat and ball around ... when we had people over, they always played a baseball game," Howie said. "We've been watching ball and playing ball and helping out when we can all the way through to make sure ball keeps going in and around Morden."

Son Wayne was cited in the induction as a talented pitcher and home run hitter who had an outstanding junior and senior playing career. Upon taking up coaching, he reached the pinnacle of success by winning gold at the westerns with the Carman Goldeyes.

"Mom and Dad always encouraged us and gave us the opportunities to play," recalled Wayne, who is already in the hall with three teams from Morden and Boissevain.

He agreed with his dad that baseball has always a big part of their family life.

"I can remember all of us playing catch all the time ... every morning, before we went to school, the gloves were out on the patio and we would play catch every morning.

"We just enjoyed our time together, and we're competitive, so we just got better and better all the time," said Wayne. "I'm very happy, excited and proud of everybody, the whole family."

Oldest son Steve also had an outstanding career as an all-star third baseman and pitcher in junior and senior ball. Since 2006, he has coached minor, high school, and senior teams and was part of winning silver medals at the westerns and nationals.

"There's been a lot of great memories and lifelong friendships," said



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Howie and Oddney Sager with their kids Steve, Jennifer, and Wayne were inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Steve, who has also been inducted previously as part of Morden Mohawks teams.

"It's exciting to be honoured as a family," he added. "Everyone in the family have been very active in baseball, both playing and coaching and planning and organizing as well."

Daughter Jennifer, meanwhile, was named all-Canadian at first base at the fastball junior nationals and has since had a distinguished coaching and clinician career.

"I got to play with a lot of talented ball players throughout the province ... had some very skilled coaches that had experience and really helped us along the way," she said.

What stands out for her is the level of camaraderie and how she has established some lifelong friendships through the game.

"The opportunities we've been given through this sport have been exceptional," she said, giving credit to her family for their continued encouragement.

"We were very blessed and very fortunate," Jennifer said. "It's quite an honour, and I'm very proud of my family. Even to this day, ball is an important part of our lives. It's been a good connection for us as a family and also to our community."

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum class of 2019 inductees also included a number of other outstanding players, builders, and teams who have left their legacy both on and off the baseball field.

The individuals were Greg Cameron, Armin Gitzel, Dean McBride, John Robbin, Randy Robertson, and Bruce Stephens, while the teams honoured included the Brandon Cloverleaves of 2006-2012, Carillon Sultans of 1996-2003 and Springfield Juniors of 2007-2011.

In addition to the Sager family, other inductees in the special category included the Coulter Red Sox of 1968, Bob Senff as umpire, Paul Edmonds as media, and Chuck Lindsay for pre-1950.

Orioles split doubleheader with St. B, fall to Bisons

By Lorne Stelmach

One run has now been the difference in five games for the Pembina Valley Orioles.

Turn around the result in the three of those games that were losses and the MJBL team would be up in a fight for the lead in the standings.

"We've lost several one run games that could have been the other way around ... we could have had wins out of them," Sheldon Bergman, a coach and manager for the Orioles, noted after the team split their Sunday doubleheader with the St. Boniface

Legionaires.

The Orioles let a lead get away from them in game one with St. Boniface, as they led 3-0 going into the seventh inning only to end up losing 5-4 in extra innings.

"We had Brandon Hatley and he pitched really well for us again," said Bergman.

In the second game, the tables were turned as Pembina Valley fell behind 5-0 early but then battled back to win 10-9 in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"The boys are starting to hit the ball better and showing a little more con-

fidence," Bergman said. "Our pitching has been by far the best part of our ball team this season so far. We've had such amazing pitching ... we've got to start hitting the ball more and supporting those pitchers."

Meanwhile, things went quite awry for the Orioles last Wednesday in Altona where they were thumped 11-2 by the Bisons.

Altona blew the game wide open in the second inning as they drove home seven runs and then coasted to victory on the strength of 13 hits and one error. The Orioles managed single runs in the second and fifth on

seven hits.

Kyle Dyck took the loss on the mound, allowing eight runs on nine hits. In three innings of work, Donovan Fehr gave up two runs on three hits while Noah Olfert allowed one run on one hit.

At press time, the Orioles were in fifth place at 4-6.

This week, Pembina Valley was scheduled to host the Elmwood Giants on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Over the weekend, the O's head into Winnipeg for a rematch on Sunday.

Thanks to some help from the Morden fire department, the heat last Wednesday didn't keep École Morden Middle School running club members from their regular training run. Firefighters used a pumper truck to spray the kids as they ran past Morden Park. The club, which includes about 70 Gr. 5-8 students, has been hard at work training for the Manitoba Marathon in Winnipeg later this month.

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Beating the heat

Team Pembina Valley off to MB 55+ Games

Team Pembina Valley will be 23 members strong at the 2019 Manitoba 55+ Games next week.

Taking place in Swan River June 11-13, the Games offer friendly competition in everything from cards, floor shuffle and pickleball to golf and swimming.

Team Pembina Valley has had 100+ members at the competition in the past, but the distance of the event this year—Swan River is over five hours

away—kept some participants away, noted team representative Lois Dudgeon.

Nonetheless, these three days are the "Olympics" for older athletes, she said, and they have been "running for an impressive 37 consecutive years since the first Games in 1983."

Stepping up to represent our region at the Games are:

- From Carman/Roland/Sperling: Lawrence and Tammy Dyck, Hellar

Nakonechny, Merv Robinson, Jacquie Russell, Laurie Wiebe, and Bob Wilson.

- From Cartwright/ Manitou/Mariapolis/ Souris: Stuart Ganske, Lewis Hacault, Mel Johnson, and Marilyn Woods.

- From Morden/Winkler: Walter Dedio, Gerry Deroche, Lois Dudgeon, David Dyck, David Goertzen, Paul and Beth Smith, and Rick and Trisha Warkentine

- From Notre Dame: Jean and Linda Brisson and Andre Dacquay.

Riot post home win, Storm and 'Canes fall

The South Central Riot bolstered their record in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 5th Division to 2-2-1 Sunday by downing the visiting Az-zurri 3-0.

Scoring for the home team were Mathias Haggin, Darrin Minchnik, and Eldon Niessen.

Also playing at home Sunday night were the Winkler Storm, who play in the league's 1st Division.

They fell 3-1 to FC Northwest, with Derek Giesbrecht scoring Winkler's

lone goal.

The Storm are 1-3-1 for the season thus far.

This weekend, the Riot host Kucame FC Sunday at 6 p.m. while the Storm head to Brandon to take on Brandon Inspire FC.

In the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League, the South Central Hurricanes fell to the Vikings 3-0 Sunday night.

The ladies host the SE Shooters Monday at 7:15 p.m.

Mohawks crush opponents

The Morden Mohawks had a decisively winning week in the Border Baseball League.

The Mohawks downed Clearwater 7-4 May 28 and then crushed the Altona Bisons 12-2 Friday night.

In Winkler, the Whips were on the other end of things against the Pilot Mound Pilots Friday night, falling 16-10.

They went on to beat Clearwater

12-3 and then narrowly lost to the Cartwright Twins 7-6 Sunday afternoon.

This weekend, Winkler plays at Killarney Friday while Morden hosts Baldur Friday and Killarney Sunday.

The standings so far this summer have Morden in second place behind Pilot Mound with a 2-1 record. Winkler is in sixth at 2-2.

Sunday at the race track

The ALH Motor Speedway hosted its third race day of the season on Sunday. Here are the top finishers in each event:

- Street stocks: James Wall in first place, Bradon Miller in second, Kevin Smith in third.
- Modifieds: Ward Imrie, Lee McRae, and Eric Klassen.
- Pure stocks: Kevin Smith, Michael Copp, and Jeff Gillies.
- Midwest modifieds: Austin

Hunter, Brandon Wieler, and Cody Wall.

- Four-cylinder: Jeremy Wall, Lee Moir, and Ryan Roeland.
- Slingshots: Sierra Staff, Brooke Cousins, and Ezra Doell.
- Lightning sprints: Murray Temple and Robert Charney.

The races continue this Sunday, weather permitting. Details at alhmotorspeedway.com.

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Morden students serve up taco lunches for charity

By Lorne Stelmach

A class of École Morden Middle School students did their part once again to support Katie Cares.

The Gr. 5 kids hosted the school's annual taco in a bag lunch fundraiser last Wednesday. The proceeds were matched by the Morden Area Foundation and will be used to purchase beanie baby activity bags for Katie Cares to hand out.

"We estimated that we had about 150 orders, so that would be about \$600," said student Carter Dyck. "[MAF is] matching it ... so then Katie's Cottage is getting \$1,200."

He said it felt good to be able to lend a hand.

"It's really fun because you get to help out in the community ... and you get to help other people in the school, help them have a good lunch."

"It's fun because we get to do a lot of hands-on things," added fellow student Braden Penner. "It feels good that some families are going to have a better time while their child or family member is in the hospital."

Giant Tiger and Co-op donated all the supplies for the lunch, while the students prepared the meat and other ingredients and then assembled the tacos in a bag themselves.

The lunch also served as a Pay It Forward project, noted Morden Area Foundation executive director Lynda Lambert.

"It's just a good, good project. It's simple for organizing, but each kid is impacted," she said.

"It's the same project every year but always with new kids, and so then you can see how all these kids will be growing up with the same mentality and remembering this project."



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École Morden Middle School Gr. 5 students served up taco in a bag lunches to hundreds of their peers last week, raising \$1,200 for Katie's Cottage.

"It's good that they will all be learning with where everything is donated from and how they can make a dif-

ference. Partnership is what makes it work."

Lemonade 'N Stuff raising funds for Katie Cares Sunday

By Lorne Stelmach

It's become something much more than just a lemonade stand for Jaxon Forster.

The enterprising young Mordenite has managed to raise over \$4,100 for Katie Cares through his Lemonade 'N Stuff fundraiser. The sixth annual event takes place this Sunday at his home at 441 15th St. in Morden from 1-3 p.m.

What began as a small roadside lemonade stand has grown into a much anticipated summer event for many.

"Every year we're trying to make it something a little different," Forster said, noting this year's festivities will include a dunk tank (with Morden Mayor Brandon Burley promising to take a turn over the water), a silent auction, face painting, and, of course, homemade lemonade.

"I started doing lemonade stands when I was younger just for fun," explained Forster. "After about three years, we decided to put it towards a fundraiser. We picked Katie Cares because we have some history with them ... it was my cousin they helped her out when she was in the hospital."

He likes the challenge of organizing the event each year and also enjoys all the fun to be had the day of.

"It gives us something to do ... it's

cool to see how people have started to notice it more," Forster said, noting for example how one rainy year someone loaned them a tent for free. "So it's pretty cool to see how people want to help out."

Last year's fundraiser brought in about \$1,000.

"I know our money has increased

every year," said Forster

Forster's mom Jeanette Bergmann is not only proud of her son but appreciates seeing the impact the event has had in terms of getting others involved.

"Now his friends are sort of joining on, too. ... They're saying, 'What can we do to be part of this?' So it's

encouraging to see kids doing good things," she said.

And when we go to Katie's Cottage, it's exciting to be able to go there and to bring the money," Bergmann added. "So just to know that he's a part of that is great."

Winkler Flyers make trades ahead of bantam draft

The Winkler Flyers announced several prospect trades ahead of the June 9 Manitoba Junior Hockey League Bantam Draft.

On Monday, the team announced it had traded:

- Forward Skyler Bruce ('03) to the Winnipeg Blues in exchange for defenseman Magnus Einarson ('03) and Winnipeg's sixth round (61st overall) pick in the 2019 draft.

- Forward Matthew McLeod ('02) and Winkler's sixth round (58th overall) pick in the draft to the Waywayseecappo Wolverines in exchange for the Wolverines' third round (31st overall) 2019 pick.

- Forward Cameron Morris ('02) and defenseman Cooper Morris ('02) to the Neepawa Natives in exchange for Neepawa's second

round pick in the 2020 MJHL Bantam Draft

The Flyers also auto-protected two local players ahead of the draft: goaltender Reid Dyck ('04) and defenseman Kaden Dyck ('04).

The two Winkler products played

this past season with the Pembina Valley Hawks AAA Bantam team. Reid Dyck sported a 3.54 GAA and .917 save percentage while Kaden Dyck recorded five goals and 24 assists on the Hawks blueline and added 66 penalty minutes.

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"The sense of accomplishment is probably what means the most to me," noted Chezick.

"There is a sense of pride you feel when you get to the end when you are on stage and all the days you trained ... all become worth it," she added. "I couldn't have been any happier with my condition on the day of the show."

For Miller, the competition marked

his comeback to bodybuilding.

"I had a significant injury that kept me from doing it," he said, noting he competed regularly through the 1990s to about 2001.

"For myself, this was just a one and done," he said with a laugh. "I accomplished what I set out to do. I just wanted to come in the same shape as I used to, and I was pretty close."

Agriculture

Hog markets on wild ride thanks to ASF

By Harry Siemens

"Not sure the market gets it," is how hog commentator Jim Long described what is going on as a result of the enormous hog loss due to the African Swine Fever (ASF) in Asian and European countries.

"We sure wonder if the U.S. lean futures markets get what's coming from the unprecedented liquidation of China's sow herd," said Long. "While we were in China, we heard Rabobank executive tell us that China's pork shortfall in 2019 would be in the 16 million tonne range. The U.S. produced a total of 11.942 tonnes in 2018. We understand that a U.S. packer is about to start sending 50,000 hog carcasses a week to China. We were surprised in our two weeks travels in China that most we talked to believe that the China sow herd has declined in the 50 per cent range."

A foreign veterinarian that works in China wrote last week:

"This is the time we must work together. They will need to replace 20 to 30 million sows! Note: the Chinese

eat the whole United Kingdom herd in a week (6 days to be precise)."

Still, it's unclear just how many U.S. pigs are set to pour into China in the wake of the outbreak. Different U.S. agencies report on pork exports in different ways, covering different periods

At the same time, a push by China's buyers toward whole or half carcasses, rather than the individual cuts the data traditionally focuses on, may be skewing the findings.

The effects could reach other industries, as well.

"I read somewhere that China imports 70 per cent of the world's soybeans. If China production declines 200 million head, the need for soybeans will decrease greatly. Also the need for corn, premix, vitamins etc." Long said. "China is near self-sufficiency on corn so the current drop in hog production all but guarantees that China may not need any corn imports."

"The Chinese strategy we believe is strategic. The facts on African Swine Fever elimination are spotty. In Chi-

na, all say no one knows for sure what liquidation is. It's all industry conjecture. This, in itself, has kept a lid on global prices. We expect the Chinese as good capitalists wish to use lower global cash hog markets to lock in pork supply quietly. The amount of pork needed is mind-boggling."

Long said more than one Chinese industry person told him it would take five years for the Chinese pork industry to recover.

"I expect 2019 is China's 1998. 1998 was when U.S. hog prices dropped to 8 lb. When the dust settled many of the larger hog producing companies had new ownership or consolidated into other companies. We expect that ASF could do the same to China," he said. "We understand some of China's largest companies have lost up to and over 50 per cent of their sow herds. The financial impact could be mind-boggling."

Long expects China's hog prices will soar after the cold storage supply gets emptied due to coming ASF testing, the timing of sow herd liquidations to market hogs (about August),

and seasonal pork demand.

Most in China expect hog prices in the 23-28 RMB range kilo (\$1.54-\$2.00 U.S. lb. live weight) yet this year.

"If that happens our expectation that all hog prices in the world will set new record highs is a no-brainer."

Tyler Fulton, the director of risk management with HAMS Marketing Services, said North America has seen the most volatile hog markets in 20 years.

"Uncertainty over the potential impact of African Swine Fever on pork supplies and the ongoing U.S. trade war with China resulted in skyrocketing volatility in the North American hog market," he said. "Live hog prices are extremely unpredictable this spring. It mostly comes from the effect of ASF on the North American market place, or at least speculation of its impact and, for that matter, any of the trade discussions that are ongoing with the U.S. and China."

"That all would have an impact on the amount of pork that could move."

Senior centre hosting scooter, driving workshops

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre is hosting a pair of workshops next month to help keep seniors safe behind the wheel.

WSC, located in the Buhler Active Living Centre in downtown Winkler, has invited Samantha Rodeck, the coordinator for the Transportation Options Network for Seniors, to speak Wednesday, June 12.

Rodeck will make two presentations that day. The first, at 1 p.m., is called *Driving Safely: Transitioning from Driver to Passenger*. It provides information on the physical, mental, and functional changes that may occur with aging as well as resources and tips to keep older adults driving safely longer or help make the transition from driver to passenger, including what options

are available when self-driving is no longer possible.

The workshop is purely information-based and does not include any driving tests.

Mental Health Act changes free up police

Amendments to The Mental Health Act that allow a trained, qualified person to receive custody of individuals awaiting an involuntary medical examination or psychiatric assessment came into effect last Saturday.

"Health providers require support when caring for people who need involuntary medical examinations or psychiatric assessments, but this work does not always need to be done by police officers," said Health Minister Cameron Friesen last week.

The second presentation, which begins at 2:15 p.m., is about scooter safety and awareness. It will go over everything one needs to know about purchasing and then safely and legal-

ly operate a mobility scooter.

There is no cost for either presentation. People of all ages are welcome to attend.

"This amendment allows officers to transfer custody to trained individuals who can provide that kind of care, so the police can return to their duties in the community."

The amendment will allow police to transfer custody of an individual detained under the act to a qualified person, who has received training specified in the regulations. That qualified person will remain with the individual.

Currently, a police officer must wait

with a patient until the medical examination or psychiatric assessment is completed, the person is admitted to the facility or the attending physician determines that their continued custody of the person is not required.

The deployment of qualified people in health-care facilities is to be done in stages, beginning with Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg, Selkirk Hospital, and Brandon Regional Health Centre.

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IN THE MATTER of the ESTATE of **MARIA BANMAN**, late of the City of Winkler, in Manitoba, deceased.

All claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at 309 Stephen Street, Morden, Manitoba R6M 1V1, within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

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OBITUARY



Henry Koetler 1953 - 2019

Henry Koetler was born on December 22, 1953 in Mexico where he grew up until he met the love of his life Margaret. They were married in August 1974 and shortly afterward made their home in Manitoba where they started their family. He worked many jobs and then was injured which led to many disabilities and frustration of always being in pain. In September 2017 Henry and Margaret moved to Winkler into their new condo where they were going to start their retirement. He spent most of his days on the couch looking at the window, where they were building new condos across the street. He enjoyed his grandchildren tremendously. He was very proud of each and every one of them. Another enjoyment was when his neighbors would walk or drive by. They were always

sure to wave. Unfortunately, this was short lived as he was hospitalized and then diagnosed with cancer.

Henry passed away peacefully at the Altona Community Memorial Health Centre with his wife and two of his daughters by his side.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret and six children: Susie and (Dale) Falk, Anna and (Calvin) Tolton and their children, Sebastian, Olivia and Haydn, Tina and (Mike) Friesen and their children, Dawson, Liam and Lanea, Peter and (Lori) Koetler and their daughter, Nova, Jake and (Taylor) Koetler and new baby, Nita and (Paul) Reimer and their children, Moriah, Dominic, Seth and Emmett. He is also survived by six siblings and many in-laws, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, five siblings and many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

A private family service was held at Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank Dr. Winning, the Altona Hospital Nursing Staff and the Altona Palliative Care for the use of the rooms and care received, Wiebe Funeral Home and all of our family and friends for all of the prayers, food, well wishes and support though out this time.

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OBITUARY



Helen Wieler (nee Friesen) 1924 - 2019

On Friday, May 24, 2019 with family members at her side, Helen Wieler, 94 of Salem Home went home to be with her Lord and Saviour.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jacob D Wieler in April of 1996. She is survived by two daughters and four sons and their spouses, 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren: Elaine and Ron Enns (Michael and Juli, Chris and Lori Penner), Menno and Susan (Alison and Taylor Newell, Candace and Cody Johnson), Lorna and Bernie Goertz (Andrea and Benjamin Lee, Bryan Goertz and Candace Borcharding, Carolyn and Jordan Fuchs, Jessica Edwards, Leslie Goertz and Max Pruden), Lesley and Sharon (Nicholas, Matthew), Leonard and Denise (Jordan and Krystelle,

Regan), Ray and Dorothy (Kerri and Tomm Penner, Cody and Nadine). She is also survived by one sister, Mary Braun of Altona, one brother-in-law, one sister-in-law and several Wieler in-laws.

Mom was born November 24, 1924 in Reinland, Manitoba. She was baptized on her confession of faith in May of 1942 in the Sommerfelder Church. She married Jacob D Wieler on June 15, 1947. They remained in Reinland until 1969, at which time they moved their dairy to the Mason S.D. and continued farming. Their retirement in 1980 saw them move to Winkler. Once away from the work of the farm, she looked for different areas of service. Mom and Dad became house parents for the boys' dorm of the Winkler Bible School for four years. During her Winkler years she enjoyed her volunteer work at the MCC thrift store, Harvest Maids and Winkler Bible Camp cook. Mom's love of gardening, canning and cooking where at the heart of her gift of hospitality. She loved visiting with family and friends and sharing meals. She enjoyed reading cookbooks, always looking for something new and exciting to prepare. Her greatest desire was to see her family come to love the Lord as much as she did. Her prayers were many and her faith firm. On the date of dad's funeral, her journal entry read: "See you in heaven, my dear husband".

Ephesians 2 v 10.

"Helen Wieler was God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to good works, which He had prepared in advance for her to do."

Task complete!

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at the Winkler EMMC with interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Helen's memory to Children's Camps International.

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OBITUARY



Peter James Stuart Benjamin Thiessen 1961 - 2019

Our beloved Peter James was born June 4, 1961 in Winkler, MB and he passed away Monday, May 20, 2019. He leaves to mourn his passing his mother, Helen Thiessen; two brothers, Sheldon and Gerald and wife, Marianne and their three children, Michele and Blair Dagdick and daughters, Brynn and Keelan, Michael and Shandral Thiessen and Chris and Cathleen Cody Thiessen. He was predeceased by his father, Cornelius in 2017 as well as two sisters in infancy.

James loved the outdoors, especially fishing. He also loved to work with wood and spent many years at Triple E and Elias

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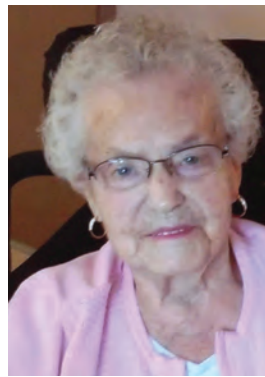
A graveside service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at the Winkler Cemetery with Pastor Jake Doell officiating and special music by the Bergthaler Vocal Ensemble. Refreshments and fellowship were served at the Bergthaler Church.

We would like to thank the doctors, nurses and Wiebe Funeral Home for their love and kindness. -The Thiessen family.

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OBITUARY



Helen Fehr (nee Dyck) 1923 - 2019

Formerly of Oakview Terrace in Winkler, MB, Helen passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Tabor Home in Morden, MB.

She was born in Russia and at the age of three years immigrated to Canada. In 1940, she married David P. Fehr. They had five children. She was dedicated to her family and home. Her greatest joys were baking and cooking for family and friends. She was happiest when surrounded by family and friends. Many days she walked up-town to have coffee or breakfast with friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, David P. Fehr in 1990; her parents, Jacob and Gertrude Dyck; her brother, Abe Dyck; two young brothers and granddaughter, Bonnie Enns. She is survived by her five children, Isabel (Cliff) Braun, Donald (Kathy) Fehr, Dorothy (Peter) Enns, Robert Fehr, Audrey (Jean Paul) Marentette; her 13 grandchildren; her 17 great-grandchildren; her six great-grandchildren and one sister, Olga Enns. Rest in peace. We love you Mom.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday June 3, 2019 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at the Tabor Home for their kind and compassionate care during her year there. Special thanks to Pastor Weldon Yeo for his ministry to Mom.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Helen's memory to Katie Cares or to the charity of one's choice.

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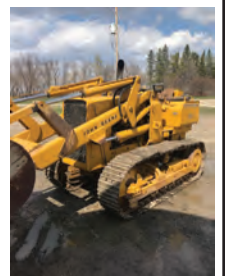
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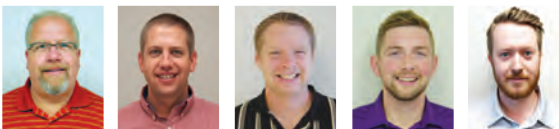
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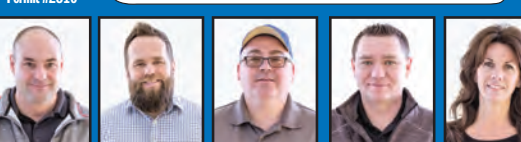
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