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Standing up to be heard

By Lorne Stelmach

A Miami woman hopes her individual effort to join in on a growing global cause may inspire others to do the same.

Tania Peters has staged yellow vest protests in front of both the Altona and Winkler civic centres the last few Saturdays.

As she planned to go out again this weekend in Winkler, Peters said she ultimately hopes this movement could help bridge the ideological divides in Canada, especially between Liberal and Conservative politics.

"I hope that we the people of Canada can be heard and that there can be some sort of new process of how things are being done ... I don't know if that's possible," she said. "I'm hoping that this yellow vest's ultimate success is that we get away from this whole Liberal-Conservative political stuff and that we find ways to work on Canada on a different type of level."

Peters has touted her effort as the Peaceful Yellow Vest Rally Southern Manitoba on Facebook.

It is part of a protest movement that started online last May and led to demonstrations first in France and then

worldwide. The yellow vest was chosen as a symbol because all French motorists had been required by law to have high-visibility vests in their vehicles when driving. As a result, the reflective vests have become widely available, inexpensive, and symbolic.

By early December the symbol had become increasingly common from Europe to Iraq as different groups made use of the vests to draw attention to their concerns.

For the Peters, putting herself out there in this way goes against her normally shy nature.

"I definitely would never have done a protest rally of any sort ... I guess it had a lot to do with maybe the way that we're raised," she said, likening it to looking the other way or thinking that "we don't really have any control over what happens in our government ... things are just kind of accepted as it is."

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Tania Peters in front of Winkler City Hall with a couple fellow supporters of the Yellow Vest movement. The movement has been in Winkler or Altona with their protest signs the last few Saturdays.

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Morden's first pot store open for business

By Lorne Stelmach

National Access Cannabis is open for business in Morden.

Meta Cannabis Supply opened its doors at 300A North Railway Street at noon last Friday.

The store offers a range of products in a 2,000 square foot space and currently has 13 employees. Meta's seventh store in Manitoba is being seen as a location with great potential for the company.

"NAC doesn't focus solely on downtown cores and metropolitan areas. Morden is an extremely important region and one that is growing at an exponential rate," said spokesperson Jessica Patriquin in an interview by e-mail.

Patriquin said the company is committed to diversity of its retail footprint in the province and to provide safe and responsible access to cannabis to both the local community and surrounding areas.

"The advantages and benefits of moving into Morden are clearly aligned with the vision of NAC, which is to provide safe, responsible access to cannabis for all Canadians,"



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Meta Cannabis Supply opened its doors in Morden with little fanfare last Friday afternoon.

she said. "In Manitoba, that vision is already borne out with seven META stores open across a mix of urban, First Nations and rural areas and seven more set to open by end of Q2 2019."

"Morden has been a welcoming community and we're looking

forward to start this partnership," Patriquin said, adding that "Meta has also received positive responses from the other six stores located in Manitoba, motivating the company to open another location."

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Plum Coulee FD No. 1 finds its way back home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A piece of Plum Coulee history is back where it belongs thanks to the efforts of local residents.

A few months ago, Ernie Wiebe got word from a Lockport man that his aunt and uncle had an old truck sitting on their property that Wiebe might be interested in.

"He sends me a picture of this truck and it says 'Plum Coulee No. 1' on it," Wiebe recalled.

It turned out to be a 1948 GMC pumper truck, one of the first motorized vehicles used by the Plum Coulee fire department 70 years ago.

"We were not looking for it. It just happened," said Wiebe, explaining the man had seen Plum Coulee's more modern old fire truck sitting for sale on the JKW Construction lot and was inspired to make the call. "It's like it was meant to be."

The vehicle was owned by former Plum Coulee resident Bill Giesbrecht and his wife Liz. Giesbrecht had planned to restore the vintage ride himself, but passed away before getting the chance.

"He was the one that mounted the



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A groundswell of support brought the first Plum Coulee fire department pumper truck back home last month. It spent the last several years sitting in a former Plum Coulee resident's yard near Lockport. Above: On the move back to Coulee, where it can now be found in front of the elevator museum.

pump [on the truck], the original guy that put it on there," Wiebe said.

"And so I told a few guys about it at the coffee shop and they said, 'We've got to buy this fire truck.' Well, it did not take long at all. We sent a few pictures around, showed a few people,

and we raised the \$1,000 we needed.

"As soon as I mentioned that we wanted to bring this back to Plum Coulee, everyone was on board."

Once the truck was purchased, Grant Braun of Windy Lane Towing discounted the cost of towing the vehicle back to town just a few days before Christmas.

It now sits in front of the Prairie View Elevator Museum, awaiting warmer weather for volunteers to get to work making it drivable in time for the Plum Fest parade in August.

"We're going to do a fundraiser later on to help pay for some of the repairs," Wiebe said.

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Imagination Library adds 100 more kids to mailing list

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The generosity of two local families means more kids than ever will be receiving free monthly books from the Winkler Imagination Library.

The program announced last week that it is able to increase the number of children on its mailing list from 750 to 850 thanks in large part to recent donations of \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Both of the anonymous donors have children who benefitted from being part of the program, which is opened to all pre-school aged kids in the community, explained committee chair Joyce Sawatzky. One mentioned they noticed their child had an increased vocabulary, imagination, and enjoyment of books as a result of that participation.

Adding a hundred more kids to the program takes care, for now, of the bulk of its ever-growing waiting list.

"We didn't want to register more children than we could raise funds for in one year," Sawatzky said. As a result, the committee capped regis-

tration at 750. The waiting list, meanwhile, recently grew to over 100 kids.

"Children were waiting, on average, 3-4 months to receive their first book, but recently that wait would have grown to 5-6 months," said Sawatzky.

That's far too long for the committee's liking, making these donations timely ones.

"While all donations are very much appreciated, that is where these large donations will be focused," Sawatzky said.

The Winkler Imagination Library has been operating in the Garden Valley School Division catchment area for four years now. In that time, 1,660 children have been enrolled and the literacy rates of children entering kindergarten have improved.

Books are sent out each month to registered kids from birth to the age of five. The books are provided at a greatly reduced cost through the Dollywood Foundation of Canada, but community funds are still needed to cover those costs and the price of postage (all told, the program costs



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Thanks to two sizeable recent donations, the Winkler Imagination Library is now able to send free monthly books out to 850 kids, taking 100 children off the waiting list.

about \$240 per child for the full five years).

The program is the brainchild of country music legend Dolly Parton, who started it in 1995 in her hometown of Sevierville, Tennessee.

Today there are Imagination Libraries all over the world.

The Winkler Imagination Library is

overseen by the Winkler Family Resource Centre and a committee made up of current and retired teachers and school division staff.

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Tearing down fences

A few months ago, the fences around the research station at the east entrance to Morden came down and wow, what a difference!

I was driving past the agricultural outpost one day when I noticed the fencing coming down and my first thought was, "Please don't put something else up."

After a week it became clear this was to be the new state of things. The fencing was removed, the ground plowed and levelled, and people were greeted with a new, fresh, welcoming sight.

It is amazing what something as small as removing a fence or tearing down a wall can do to change perceptions. What once had a very "keep out" feel to it immediately transformed into a "welcome here" parkland.

Locals have always known that they were welcome into the research sta-

tion for walks, picnics, photos, etc. But how did you learn this? Through legend and folklore, mostly. While there was no gate, the tall chain link fence and imposing stone pillars at either side of the entrance road did not communicate "come on in."

Now the place practically begs for visitors.

I think we are like this in our lives as well.

People put up literal fences and walls all the time. Sometimes they are very clearly meant to say, "KEEP OUT." If that's what you need, fair enough.

But often we do not even realize that we do this. Our fences can be subconscious defence mechanisms erected at a moment's notice to drive people away. Sometimes they are so second nature that even the people who throw them up become distressed and angry when people suddenly exit their lives.

When I am out in a coffee shop doing a little reading or writing I often throw up an electronic fence: my headphones are a visible sign to the world around me to leave me alone, I am here for the surroundings and the bustle but not for personal engagement today.

Some people attempt to heave themselves over my wall anyhow and

that's when secondary defences are erected such as polite but short answers to questions, etc.

Some of us think we are being subtle but throughout the millions of years of human evolution we have developed keen social senses. We know when someone does not want to be bothered. The person we see approaching us on a walk may speed up, cross the street, casually look in a different direction, close in ...

The reverse is also true. When the walls come down, we notice. That same sidewalk passerby may start slowing as we approach. They may look us directly in the eyes and appear to be physically opening up. All signs they want to stop and talk.

Most of us pick up on these cues.

At the end of the day our lived experience and choices determine when, where, and whether we put up fences and walls or take them down.

No matter who we are we should be clear about one thing: fences and walls send a singular and very clear message of KEEP OUT. If that is not the message you want to send, then take them down.

As for me, I am thrilled my neighbours down the road at the research station have torn theirs down and said "WELCOME" to all who pass.



By Peter Cantelon

> **YELLOW VEST, FROM PG. 2**

But a number of issues generating discussion and debate in Canada today have inspired her to step up and speak out.

Among them is the ongoing pipeline issue in Canada—something Peters says her perspective on is perhaps not as cut and dried as it is for others.

"It doesn't make sense to me that we are sending money to Saudi [Arabia] to get their oil over here when we have that resource ourselves," she said. "I believe that Canada economically could become very prosperous if we used that resource."

"That being said, I also feel very strongly that we need to take care of our environment ... and work towards better ways to give us energy instead of oil and gas. But right now we're not there."

Another issue Peters hopes to get

people thinking about is Canada's treatment of war veterans.

"I'm feeling very disappointed with our Canadian government ... hearing what's going on with our veterans," she said. "These people put their lives on hold for the rest of this country for us to have what we have now as freedoms ... I don't feel that they're getting the respect or the finances that those survivors need."

She also touched on developing a better relationship with First Nations people ("Canada needs to figure out how to work with our Indigenous people in some sort of different manner ... something better.") and our nation's approach to accepting refugees.

While she's proud that we are a country that can provide safe haven, Peters stressed she doesn't "feel that it is sustainable economically for us to have so many people come over such a short period of time."

"It's not about who the people are that are coming ... the numbers have to be sustainable in order for Canada to continue to help other areas of the world."

Though she's received a few challenging responses from passersby, Peters said most have been supportive, judging "from the honks and the thumbs up that I get."

She hopes her taking a public stance encourages others to make their voices heard.

"I think that one person can stand and be heard ... I feel like a lot of people don't know what's been happening across Canada," Peters said. "I just had a strong feeling that I needed to, even if I was alone here, that I needed to help get the word out. There's lots of people who are feeling the same ... it just needs to be put out there."

Winkler drug bust leads to trafficking charges

Three people were taken into custody after Winkler police executed a search warrant on a Park St. home last week.

The search Jan. 9 was part of an ongoing investigation into methamphetamine trafficking that was initiated with a traffic stop on Dec. 29.

On that day, police pulled over a suspicious vehicle leaving a residence in the 500 block of Park St.

The driver was found to be suspended from driving and was placed under arrest for driving while disqualified, at which time he was found to be in possession of approximately one gram of meth.

Travis Danial Aaron Hall, age 40, of Manitou, was charged with possessing meth as well as driving while disqualified and driving an unregistered vehicle. He was released on a Promise to Appear in Morden Provincial Court later this month.

The investigation led police to search the same residence last Wednesday around 4 p.m. The Regional Support Tactical Team assisted in the search.

One adult female and two adult males were arrested inside the home

where police found approximately five grams of meth as well as evidence of meth trafficking.

Cornelius Thiessen, age 53, of Winkler, has been charged with possessing methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking and possessing proceeds obtained by crime.

The other two individuals were released without charges.

Other items of note Winkler and Morden police dealt with this past week include:

- Jan. 10: A male reported that he was assaulted by an unknown male while inside a local store. The complainant followed the male suspect outside the store where both males proceeded to push each other. The male suspect then entered a vehicle to leave the scene. Winkler police continue to investigate.

- Jan. 10: Morden police received a complaint of a theft of a utility trailer. The complainant posted a rental advertisement for their trailer on a local website. Approximately a week before Christmas, two individuals attended to her residence and paid

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Clarification

A story in the Jan. 10 edition of the Voice on the Koats for Kids partnership between the Morden and District United Way and Donate Love referred to the latter organization as a local charity.

It was pointed out to us that Donate Love is, in fact, a non-profit organization, not a registered Canadian char-

ity.

The United Way's Koats for Kids donation box is set up at Donate Love's location at 876-B Thornhill St. Donations of gently used winter clothing items are welcome through to at least month's end and will be distributed to families in need.

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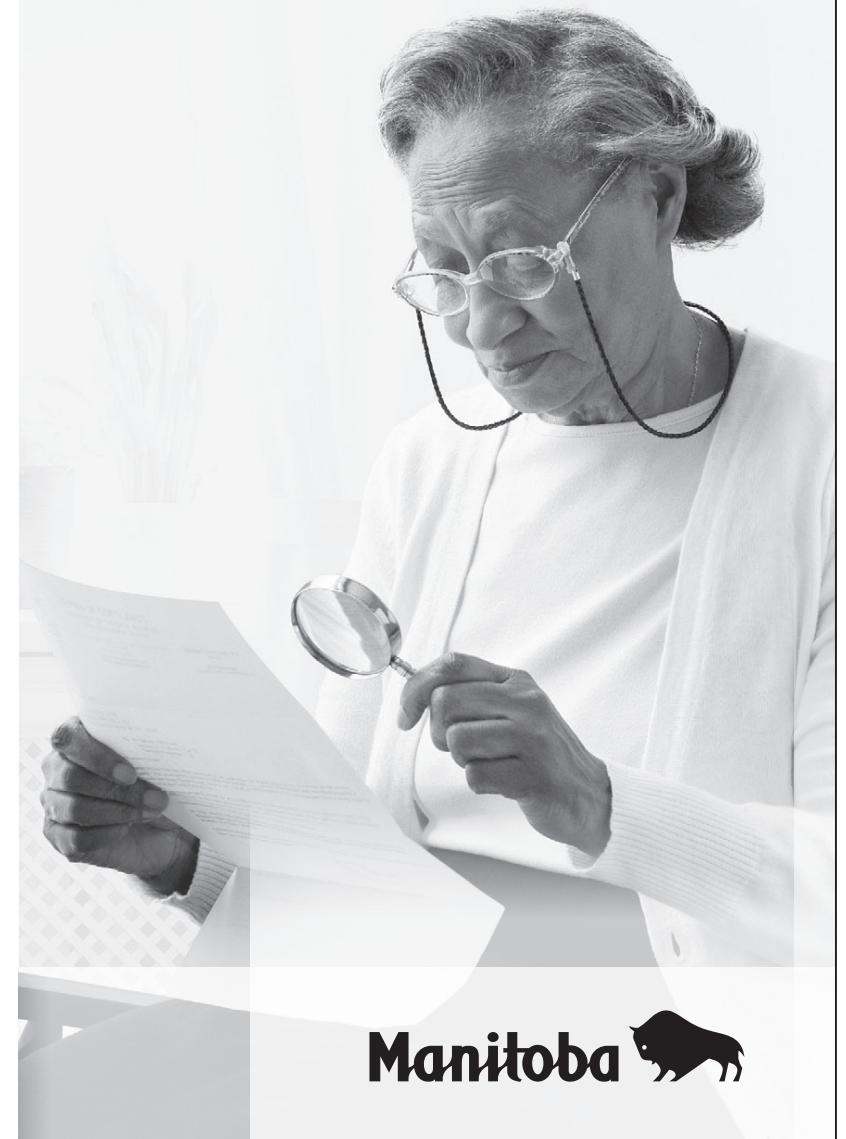
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> META, FROM PG. 3

"Manitoba has been a great market for our Meta stores. This province was our first to launch nationally, as it was ahead of the curve in terms of regulatory approvals," she continued. "We now have seven cannabis retail locations in Manitoba (of 21 stores nationally), and four of those stores are in partnership with First Nations. Consumers and community leaders have reacted positively to the Meta in-store experience."

One of the nation's largest retailers of cannabis, National Access

Cannabis Corp. bills itself as a leader in delivering secure, safe and responsible access to legal cannabis in Canada

The company states on its website that it is already the largest private cannabis retailer in Canada by store count and expected to be larger by store count than any other public or private operator. It achieved \$3 million in cumulative sales in its first 43 days of retail operation and \$3.95 million in its first 50 days after marijuana was legalized.

PTM reflects on a year of growth, celebration

By Lorne Stelmach

There's always plenty of work to be done at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, but the year ahead may offer the hard-working directors and volunteers alike a bit of a respite.

Attendees at the museum's annual meeting last Thursday heard that the organization came out of the past year in good shape financially and with strong attendance.

It was also an extra busy year for the museum's 50th anniversary, said general manager Kim Striemer, and staff are looking forward to a somewhat less hectic 2019.

"We want to enjoy what we've worked really hard over the last five years to do," she said. "We may just enjoy the people coming through and water the flowers this year ... work on the little projects ... see how it goes; just enjoy it, enjoy what we've got, what we've done."

The museum finished the 2018 season around the break-even mark financially.

Revenue sources such as hall rentals and gift shop sales increased. At the same time, the museum's staff and board of directors have concentrated on keeping expenses under control.

Admissions only dropped slightly from the heights of 2017, which saw record attendance. Visitation came in at just under 7,900, which make it the second highest total.

A few initiatives were also highlight-

ed ranging from opening the 4,000 sq. ft. Brimberly Village indoor museum building to having the corn maze double in size. The museum also held a special anniversary celebration in addition to its regular array of events throughout the summer months.

"Last year was very good and attendance was amazing," said Striemer. "A little bit of a dip but still way up there, so that's fantastic. ... [We] got a lot done. We had some good events. 2018 was a good kickoff to the next half century."

"We've spruced this place up. It's not a gem in the rough anymore. It's drawing attention. A lot of people from Winnipeg come down," she said. "We just want to enjoy that and have people enjoy it and finish up some of the things we still have on the go ... maybe take a breather before we start dreaming again."

"We have some projects that we've been wanting to do," noted PTM board president Howard Thiessen, citing as one example extending the roof of the pole barn to expand the storage capacity.

"It's an expensive deal. It's got 52 foot rafters ... we're trying to put it together for this year. If we get that done, that would be an exciting part of this year. That's a big one, as far as I'm concerned, to get done."

Work also needs to be done on the Reimer House, one of the museum's feature buildings which dates back to 1878 and was moved to the museum in 1980.

"2018 WAS A GOOD KICKOFF TO THE NEXT HALF CENTURY."



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Pembina Threshermen's Museum manager Kim Striemer and board president Howard Thiessen at the Hwy. 3 pioneer village's annual general meeting last week.

"The logs are starting to rot pretty bad," Thiessen said. "All those kind of logistics we haven't quite figured out yet ... I know it needs to be done."

"There's a lot of research involved," added Striemer.

Both stressed the importance of the volunteers who take on so many tasks at the museum.

"Without them ... like I said, we can have people at the gate, but it's got to be open," said Striemer. "It's a huge, huge passion amongst the volunteers."

"We have just an amazing bunch of volunteers," said Thiessen. "It's just hard to imagine that people that are willing to come out and just give of themselves."

"Some of them are short term. They only come here for a day or two or three a year ... as opposed to some of us are here many days of the year," he continued. "It's interesting to see that kind of enthusiasm."

"We're like everybody else: we're always looking for more," said Striemer. "It's not even just more, it's also for a fresh input, fresh ideas."

The rewards of working at the museum comes from seeing people enjoy and appreciate what they discover there.

"There's local people that come in here ... they come here and they say 'you know, I've driven by this place a thousand times ... I never stopped in here,'" said Thiessen. "When they come ... 'I didn't realize you had all this stuff here.'"

"Something is going to trap you out there. Some place is going to be interesting enough that you're just going to spend way more time than you ever thought would be possible."

"There's a lot out there, people don't realize it ... and they do come through and say I had no idea all of this was here," said Striemer.

"There's also a lot more on the yard now for kids. There's the yard games. There's things for whole families to do ... there's better promotion, more events ... the list goes on," she said. "We're just reaching more people and they're starting to make the time to come in."

City staff changes force Comic Con cancellation

Winkler hopes to bring event back in 2020

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local comic book fans and pop culture enthusiasts will have to find another way to spend Louis Riel Day next month.

The City of Winkler announced last week that the third annual Winkler Comic Con slated to take place Feb. 18 has been cancelled.

City manager Barb Dyck explained the impending departure of Winkler events coordinator Deb Penner threw a wrench into the con's planning.

"We've had Comic Con two years in a row now, so it's still a fairly new event and it requires a lot of organization and management to put it together," she said. "There are a lot of different venues and events to over-

see."

Penner worked with about 40 volunteers to make the convention happen and was integral in acting as a liaison between the city and the event, especially considering activities took place at Garden Valley Collegiate, the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre, and the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

She's slated to leave her long-time role with the city on Feb. 1. No one has been hired to replace her as of yet.

"Due to the staff shortage and the

transition between one director and another, we decided that rather than possibly not being able to provide as well-organized an event as we have in the past, we'd take a break for one year," Dyck said.

Hopefully Comic Con can return next year once the new Winkler events coordinator is in place and able to take the reigns, she said.

"This is a one-year cancellation," Dyck stressed. "Not necessarily a forever cancellation."

Biz leader hopes to spark another immigration boom

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A retired Winkler business leader is now leading the charge in trying to ignite another immigration boom to our region.

Former Meridian Manufacturing executive Bernie Thiessen has been tasked with reaching out to the provincial and federal governments to ensure they understand the impact low unemployment rates are having on Southern Manitoba businesses.

"When we have a larger labour pool it will allow entrepreneurs to dream again," said Thiessen, pointing to the wall some manufacturers are hitting when trying to grow their companies. "Right now their dreams are cut short by the lack of manpower."

Entrepreneurs and municipal leaders met last fall to discuss the matter. They agreed what was needed was someone to personally champion the issue.

"They decided we needed somebody to be an advocate for this," said Thiessen, who was put forward as the ideal candidate considering his experience as a major employer when the Winkler-Morden-Altona area underwent its first big wave of immigration two decades ago.

"Way back in '97 I was involved in the initial immigration movement and signed a lot of job offers," he recalled. "At that point, we were successful in filling our employee bank at Meridian."

"We gave them an opportunity to come here and what it did was it in-

creased the size of our labour pool significantly. They kept coming and they all kept finding jobs. And so this community grew a lot."

Though newcomers have continued to put down roots here ever since, more unskilled workers are desperately needed.

"We need today is an influx of people similar to what we had 20 years ago," said Thiessen, who retired from his senior role at Meridian in 2016. "Professional skill sets are good, but we don't just need that ... you need the labourers too."

"It's clear we need people. The question is: how do we get people?"

The key lies in impressing upon policy makers that the immigration system—which in recent years has put increasingly greater stock in skilled workers and those with high levels of English or French competency—should take individual community needs into account when awarding points to applicants.

"The whole criteria by which immigrants are brought in needs maybe some tweaking," said Thiessen. "The criteria needs to be adjusted regionally. Right now there's federal criteria and that's how it's done, but it doesn't necessarily work with our region's needs."

"What we hope to accomplish is that the criteria for immigration to our region gets more tailored to the place where our needs are."

In addition to putting a greater value on unskilled workers, Thiessen would also like to raise awareness about the

fact being able to speak flawless English from the get-go isn't a requirement for many jobs.

"I'm not here advocating that we don't need English, but the level of English that is required is probably not necessary in all cases," he said, stressing that, with a little help, workers with a more rudimentary grasp of English can still learn the job safely while they fine-tune their language skills.

That's one aspect of the immigration system that Thiessen's old stomping grounds have certainly come up against in recent years, acknowledged Doug Eidse, director of operations at Meridian.

"It used to be there was no requirement for English," he said. That proved a communication challenge for management, but one that could be overcome with translators.

"But now it's gone the other way," Eidse said. "The English requirement went too far, in our opinion."

"We also need people that maybe have basic conversational English and they can get by just fine in the community."

Language issues aside, simply finding employees at all has been a struggle for the company and others like it for years.

"It's been pretty much on and off for 10 years now," Eidse said. "The last year and a half has been incredibly tough ... we've varied between 20-50 open positions at any given time."

While Meridian continues to successfully recruit skilled employees



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Bernie Thiessen has been tasked with reaching out to government immigration officials about our region's labour needs.

from around the world—a number of welders from the Philippines are set to arrive this year—Southern Manitoba's unskilled labour pool simply isn't keeping up with their needs.

As a result, many manufacturers have been forced to remain stagnant or move jobs to other plants outside the community.

"We are losing out with our local economy, with money coming into the area," Eidse stressed.

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MS information night at BTHC Jan. 23

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Those living with multiple sclerosis in our area hope a special information night next week will help them get the word out about the challenges they face.

The MS Society of Canada's Morden-Winkler support group is hosting a talk at the Boundary Trails Health Centre Jan. 23 for family, friends, and anyone interested in learning more about how the illness can impact a person's life.

"The idea ... came to life after several group members voiced that there is often a disconnect with significant others, family, friends due to the lack of awareness and knowledge about the MS experience," said the society's Tara Mamchuk.

"With that, when you're not truly understanding what's going on with someone, perhaps comes less patience," she said. "That can have a real impact on relationships."

"We hope to bridge that gap, raise a little more awareness" about what people are going through, Mamchuk said.

MS symptoms can run the gamut from extreme fatigue to balance problems to cognitive struggles.

"Many symptoms are invisible and under the radar," Mamchuk said. "I think that's an important thing to realize: that in our daily interactions we could be encountering someone living with MS and we don't even know it."

Next Wednesday's information night runs from 7-8:30 p.m. in the

hospital's multi-purpose room.

Speaker Melissa Colbeck, a registered occupational therapist, will speak to some of the symptoms of MS, how they impact people, and what you can do to show your support to someone dealing with the disease.

Colbeck's presentation will be streamed live via the MBTelehealth network. Participants will be able to ask her questions after her talk.

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The Morden-Winkler MS support group is getting back on its feet after a period of inactivity.

The plan is to meet once a month, alternating between the two communities, Mamchuk said.

The group provides MS patients with a welcoming place to discuss living with the illness with others going through the same experience.

"They very much benefit from each other in terms of hearing the stories of other people, being able to relate and connect on that level," said Mamchuk. "And there's also the information sharing piece. 'This worked for me' and 'Have you tried this?' Those conversations are crucial."

She hopes to bring in more guest speakers to address the group in the months ahead.

If you'd like to learn more about MS or would like information on the Morden-Winkler support group, contact Mamchuk at 1-800-268-7582 (ext. 4904) or tara.mamchuk@mssociety.ca.



Tell Your Story – Be An Advocate

Canada's largest indoor farm show will kick off the three-day event on Tuesday January 22nd. This year's show will include over 550 exhibitors all under 10 acres of indoor space at the Keystone Centre, in Brandon Manitoba.

There are several key highlights to point out

- This year's show we will be celebrating "Tell Your Story – Be An Advocate". 237 exhibitors have jumped on board with our theme and will be displaying facts about the agriculture industry in their booth throughout the duration of the show. The Manitoba Ag Days board challenges everyone to get involved and share their Agriculture story.
- The FIRST EVER MANITOBA SOCIAL is SOLD OUT and will take place Wednesday January 23rd at 8 pm in the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba's historic "Dome" building with all funds raised going to help support and expand Agriculture in the Classroom – Manitoba programing. It will be a great opportunity for exhibitors and patrons to meet up for some casual conversation, drinks and help raise funds for an extremely important organization in our industry.
- Admission and parking is free! The last show of its kind to remain completely complimentary. Don't forget Murry Chev Olds Cadillac Buick GMC is providing the parking lot shuttle and the complimentary coat check is available just outside the Kinsmen Area sponsored by Fusion Credit Union.
- Our free speaker program includes over 60 speakers on a variety of topics presenting in the FCC and MNP theatres. This year's program is packed full of fantastic speakers. You can expect WORLD CLASS SPEAKERS on a variety of topics including the importance of connecting with consumers, the latest in technology, agronomy and market outlooks as well as topics on data and how it can be used to positively benefit the bottom line.
- The annual Kick Off Breakfast will be held at the Canad Inn's Roadhouse Tuesday January 22 from 7:30 AM until 8:45 with a minimum \$5 donation

going to Manitoba Farm Rural and Northern Support Services sponsored by Canad Inns, The Great Western Roadhouse Bar and Grill and Q-Country 880AM, 91.5FM.

- The INVENTOR'S SHOWCASE features 14 new inventions with everything from drop pans to robotics to safety harnesses. The Inventor's Showcase is located in Barn 4 this year and is always a big draw for our patrons!
- The NEW PRODCUTS competition has 19 entries with everything from new hybrids to new fertilizers to new concaves. These products are showcased throughout the show with NEW PRODUCT signage!
- Bull Congress is jammed packed again with 23 farms showcasing their latest genetics and 5 associations.
- The FARM SAFETY FEATURE is growing again with 13 entries this year. These products are showcased throughout the show with FARM SAFETY FEATURE signage! The Manitoba Ag Days Board made a board decision to all become first aid and CPR trained so that we have more trained staff at the show; we took this training this season.
- 50/50 draw will continue with funds raised benefiting our Ag Days Gives Back Community Giving Program, last year's winner took home \$11,250.00. Tickets can be purchased at the top of the ramp – 3 for \$10.00 This year we are supporting a special young man in our Ag community – he knows first hand what a BBQ bristle can do if it gets lodged in your throat so we are encouraging everyone to throw away their BBQ Scrapers that have bristles and come and purchase a 50/50 ticket at the show and we will give you a wooden BBQ Scraper* while supplies last • Manitoba Ag Days Gives Back will announce this years' recipients on Tuesday January 22nd at 1 PM in the FCC Theatre.
- Manitoba Ag Day's Adventure with Ag In the Classroom will take place throughout the show with this year's theme "Agriculture- Think Global, Act Local" highlighting a global perspective

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Carve Your Own Path at the University of Manitoba



Gaston Lopez Ficher (2nd from left) gained leadership experience as senior stick of the Education Student Council



Harley Bray, an avid campus volunteer, leads her team at Science Rendezvous

University of Manitoba students enjoy countless options and opportunities to explore their passions. While both Harley Bray and Gaston Lopez Ficher started off in the Faculty of Science they succeeded in creating their own unique paths to the career prospects they desire.

The freedom to pursue learning with passion

Fourth-year chemistry honours student Harley Bray grew up near the town of Austin, Manitoba. She has a saying: ‘Don’t make plans; make goals.’ “You have to be okay if your first plan doesn’t work out,” said Bray. “Life is all about how you handle your plan B.” After completing her Science degree this spring, Bray plans to enter medicine with the goal of becoming a pediatrician. To keep her options open, Bray has also taken the prerequisites for each of the disciplines that can get her working in the health care field including physiotherapy and respiratory therapy.

Gaston Lopez Ficher always wanted to be a teacher. He believes that it’s important that educators adapt to the way that society is changing. That’s why he chose to pursue his Education degree at the U of M after completing his science degree here. The professors at the U of M challenged his perspectives and encouraged him to think critically about issues that affect society and in turn teachers.

“My time at the University of Manitoba showed me that we can learn from so much in our world,” said Ficher. “From the start of my Science degree, my professors spoke of research they were conducting and what this information tells us about our world. That helped me to realize that if there is something that I am passionate about, whether it is education or science, I can research and inform the minds of others around the world.”

He adds: “I chose the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba because it allowed me to express my love for science by teaching it to children. I am a strong believer in students who want to learn beyond what is in our cur-

riculum. Young students ask questions that we, as adults, ask ourselves. Working with children in science and other subject areas allows us to explore worlds and theories that intrigue everyone, regardless of age.”

Opportunities to succeed and achieve your dreams

Bray has taken advantage of the many opportunities made available to her, which have helped her prepare for her future.

During the summer between her second and third years of her Bachelor of Science degree, she completed an NSERC summer research term where she worked in Prof. John Sorensen’s organic chemistry lab. This gave her the chance to hone the skills she learned during her studies.

“As a student, you’re off for four months in the summer and when you come back, you forget a lot of what you learned,” said Bray. “Working in the lab helps keep those skills and techniques fresh.”

While Bray knows the value of reaching out for help for her own studies, she also gives back as a tutor through the UM Volunteer Program. “Not only are you helping someone else, but if you can teach something, you know that subject,” she says. “I love figuring out ways to teach those things that I struggled with and seeing those light bulb moments.”

Bray also volunteered at and was coordinator for the Rural Manitoba Health Mentorship Program, which provides opportunities for students aspiring to careers in health care to visit rural health care settings. The program was established to enable students to learn about the clinical and non-clinical aspects of the health care system in rural Manitoba. It’s an opportunity for students to gain exposure to health professions as well as network within the rural medical community.

She was also a past volunteer co-ordinator for Science Rendezvous, a highly successful science outreach program aimed at families. “One of the things I’m super passionate about is Science Rendezvous. Yes, we can do science and

research and all this cutting edge stuff, but if we can’t communicate it to the rest of the world, then what’s the point? Science is for everybody.”

Ficher has completed his Bachelor of Education degree, but he sees himself as a lifelong learner and welcomes the opportunity to continue to learn.

“In the coming years, I will eventually go back to the University of Manitoba and complete a Master’s in Education,” said Ficher. “I will continue my education and continue to build my knowledge throughout my career.”

Ficher has used his opportunities to hone his leadership skills through his practicum and serve as senior stick of the Education Student Council. All of his education and experience helped him land a full-time teaching position following graduation last spring.

“I am currently teaching in a grade 1/2 multi-age class at Earl Grey School, which is also part of their Spanish immersion program,” said Ficher. “I have 13 students in my class who all speak Spanish and English. We tackle the regular curriculum and more.”

Building futures with opportunity

Both Bray and Ficher created the pathway to their own success with the U of M’s flexible program options and countless opportunities both in and outside the classroom.

Bray says, “I fell in love with science at the University of Manitoba because science explains the ‘why’. There are so many unanswered questions and this has opened my eyes to what I can achieve in my academic career. I believe that with hard work there are no limits to where someone can go and by empowering people to invest in their own ideas and passion into a shared cause it allows them to recognize their own success and blaze their own trails.”

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Give campus life a “green” makeover



College is full of challenges. While studying, socializing, joining clubs, and getting good grades are probably on college students' priority lists, young people also can think about living green on campus.

Data from Nielsen points to millennials as being an eco-conscious generation. Millennials are willing to pay extra for sustainable offerings, and they tend to stick to brands that have established a reputation for environmental stewardship.

Even though college students may have packed schedules, they can still manage to keep the planet in mind as they live and educate themselves. Here are just a few ways college students can live green in dorms and incorporate eco-friendly practices into their studies as well.

- **Live on campus.** One green idea is to skip the commute to and from classes and reside right on campus in dormitories or nearby student housing. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, transportation is responsible for 13 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. Living close to the classroom can help reduce emissions.

- **Recycle as much as you can.** Whether it's plastic, paper, aluminum, or books, put recyclable items in the proper receptacles. Find ways to lend or give away items that you may no longer need, such as last semester's textbooks. Recycling cuts back on the size of landfills and lowers the demand for the production of new materials.

- **Buy and dine locally.** Choose sustainable, organic and locally produced items when shopping or dining out. This can include locally made furnishings and supplies, as well as farm-to-table restaurants.

- **Walk or bike.** Leave the car in its parking spot and walk or bike to nearby events. It's good exercise and good for the planet as well.

- **Borrow dorm room items.** Scout out items from family members or friends that can be used to equip a dorm room. Chances are you can find people willing to give you or loan out chairs, a small table, desk, electronics, and more. Borrowing enables you to buy less.

- **Take e-notes.** Bring a tablet or laptop to class and take electronic notes. This cuts back on paper usage and will enable you to have all notes in a compact file.

- **Use LED lights.** Illuminate your dorm room and work station with lamps that use LED lights, which burn significantly less energy and last much longer than incandescent bulbs.

- **Enroll in an environment-focused class.** Enroll in Environmental Science or a similar course that teaches you more about the impact industry and personal living has on the environment. Take what you know to educate others about what they can do to be more eco-conscious.

Going green on campus can have a profound impact on students and their futures.

Social Innovation Lab brings students and businesses together in real world learning environment

By *Jeremy Dyck*

It was with great excitement that I registered for the Social Innovation Lab at Canadian Mennonite University (CMU). This practicum course operates in partnership with CMU's Centre for Resilience, a sort of thank tank and incubator that is home to several civic-minded social innovators, entrepreneurs, and researchers. Comprised of students from a diverse set of degree programs including Business Administration, International Development Studies, and Psychology, the social Innovation Lab matches students with social enterprises to identify and address real world business issues.

The projects we are working to solve are no less diverse. In small teams we have been partnered with different organizations and businesses, and using service design methods, we identify problems, research influencing factors, brainstorm solutions, test hypotheses, and evaluate our results. We have the opportunity bring our own creativity to the work we do.

One of the organizations I am partnered with is Suitehom. This fledgling social enterprise will build homes out of shipping containers. The plan is to hire former gang members as employees to provide them with work experience and skills. This will support their transition into healthier lifestyles. Suitehom is in discussion with CMU to build their first show home on campus grounds.

For Suitehom, the major project we are working on is developing partnerships to construct the prototype show home and assess its cost structure. Currently, the only materials not pledged are windows, doors, and furniture. Once these are secured,

construction costs can be assessed for CMU. Our challenge as students is finding individuals and organizations that support our mission. As the project progresses our task will shift to honoring the generosity of our donors.

Another organization I am working with is Compost Winnipeg, which provides residential and commercial composting services in the city. Compost Winnipeg is expanding and plans to break ground on a new composting facility at CMU in 2019. The company will use an eco drum in-vessel composter to tightly control the compost process.

Our first task on their behalf is researching community opinion about having a compost site at CMU. Generally, the benefits of composting are known and supported; however, any concerns are important to discover to avoid future conflict. Working with, not against, the community is our goal as we consider communication and public relations strategies as part of Compost Winnipeg's larger expansion plan.

Through the Centre for Resilience and the Social Innovation Lab, CMU offers students a unique opportunity to apply classroom lessons and gain real world experience that will help when I enter the work force. It is highly engaging to work with such diverse and passionate people.

I anticipate a semester of learning and growth beyond what traditional classrooms can provide. I am excited to think about what we will accomplish.

Jeremy Dyck is a Business Management student in his last year of studies with the Redekop School of Business at Canadian Mennonite University



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Student artists reflect on meaning of "home"

By Lorne Stelmach

Some of Morden's youngest artists have taken over the Pembina Hills Gallery.

Two local elementary school classes have their artwork on display through January at the gallery in downtown Morden.

The fourth annual early years exhibit features art from about 40 students from the Minnewasta Gr. 3 class of Carl Klassen and the Maple Leaf Gr. 2 class of Terry Mansell.

"It's wonderful that the staff here have opened up the space for us again," said Klassen, who had his students at the gallery last Thursday to check out the display.

"Something that's really important for me as a teacher working with kids ... is being involved in the community," he said. "This is one thing I know that I look forward to every year, and when I let the kids know that we have this opportunity, they were overjoyed as well."

This year's exhibition theme was "home."

"We kind of think about what's going on in the classroom, what the kids are talking about ... and this year the idea originated in a novel that we were reading together," Klassen explained. "We're connecting it to things that we were talking about in class and different parts of the curriculum, and we're finding ways of sharing that with the community."

A nice thing about the theme of home was that it could be open to varied interpretation, he added.

"When we first started talking about the idea of home, students first went to the idea of the building that they live in. They quickly expanded that thinking to different things ... maybe it was the people in their family who give them that feeling of safety or the people who take care of them. Other students started talking about maybe the places that they have come from."

"The connection that I see overall is it is about that feeling of comfort,



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Minnewasta Elementary School Gr. 3 students were at the Pembina Hills art gallery in Morden last week to check out their joint show with Gr. 2 students from Maple Leaf School.

feeling of safety and feeling of belonging," Klassen said. "We're really proud of the kids for doing so much thinking ... when I walk around the space ... there's no cookie cutter idea of what home is ... the kids are able to interpret that idea in different ways."

Klassen believes the project overall proves to be both fun and special for the kids.

"I think it's a really powerful experience and a really memorable experi-

ence for the kids," he said.

"We talk all the time about sharing what they're thinking, and usually in school that comes down to writing out ideas," he added. "Having the chance to create something that's maybe a little different ... and having this different experience is something that will stay with them maybe a little longer than some other things."

Mr Mikes supports PVHS

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is the big winner of Mr Mikes SteakhouseCasual's Deeds Well Done campaign.

The Winkler restaurant asked customers in recent months to nominate local charities to be considered to win a \$500 donation, part of \$20,000 the chain has committed to donating in its communities across the country.

Last week it was announced the regional animal shelter will receive the funds along with a group dinner at the restaurant.

"We continue to be blown away by

the care and compassion shown by our guests, staff, and charitable organizations in the communities we operate in across Canada," said company president Robin Chakrabarti. "Deeds Well Done provides us with an opportunity to recognize and give back to the people and organizations that make our communities a better place."

The campaign, now in its sixth year, had given back \$80,000 to over 250 charities throughout British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario.

> THIESSEN, FROM PG. 9

It's a lament Thiessen has heard again and again, and one he will continue to pass along to the uppermost levels of government.

Thiessen's efforts so far have included meeting with numerous officials.

"I've been getting very good responses from our MLAs and leadership people in government," he said. "They're all interested in

helping ... but all of this takes time.

"I'm excited at the opportunities that we have, not only in Winkler, but regionally," said Thiessen, who hopes his efforts in the months and years ahead will forge a path for continued growth in our area.

"I'm excited to see that growth," he said. "People want to come here and we need them here."

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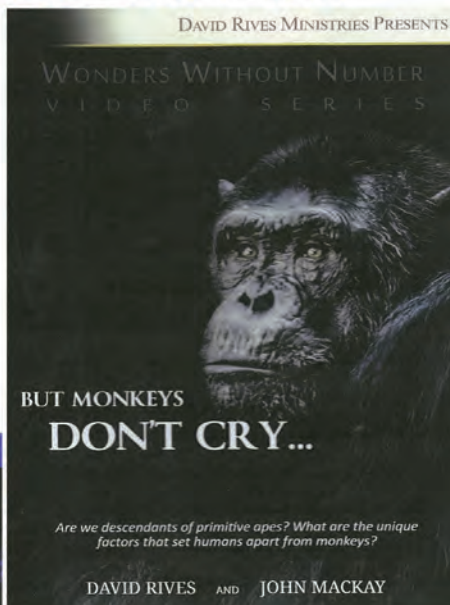
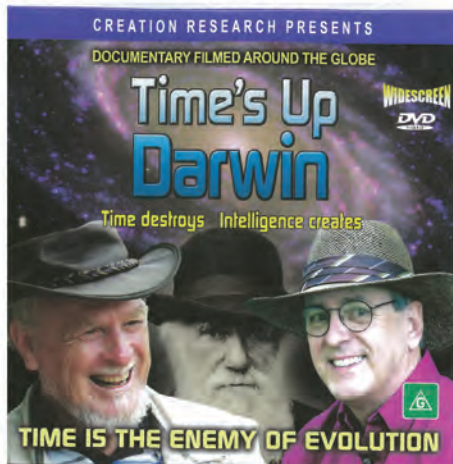
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Morden United Way exceeds its fundraising goal

Directors of the Morden and District United Way gathered Saturday morning to wrap up its 2018 campaign, which ended successfully with the organization surpassing its \$85,000 goal by reaching over \$92,000 in donations for local non-profits and community projects. "Absolute best result of all time," said president Alex Fedorchuk, who noted there were a number of factors including a boost in payroll deduction contributions. "Word is getting out." Gathered to cut the cheques along with Fedorchuk (second from left) were Andrew Plett, Harvey Kinsman, and Terry Gibson.

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Winkler council extends interim financing for WAC

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler will continue to extend interim funding to Winkler Arts and Culture into 2019.

City council at its Jan. 8 meeting approved the bridge financing of about

\$125,000 as the organization continues to raise funds to pay off the remaining outstanding amount from the capital costs associated with their building.

"There's still some outstanding pledges, which should bring it down

to about \$85,000 to \$90,000," said Mayor Martin Harder.

He noted the city provided similar support in the past for the golf course with interim financing for the pro shop.

"[WAC] is a little bit different where

they don't have the resources to go back to at this point, and we would still like them to be able to raise the money to be able to pay it back," he explained.

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Line 3 Replacement Program



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Agriculture

Record attendance for St. Jean Farm Days

By Harry Siemens

St. Jean Farm Days 2019—which last week featured a record-setting 61 exhibits and 295 farmers over two days—is ready to celebrate 35 years in 2020.

Farmer and Farm Days committee member Gilbert Sabourin said his involvement stems from dabbling in it back in 1985, 34 years ago.

“I was fairly young at the time, going to university, so I didn’t quite help out the first couple years, but fairly active since then,” he said. “I deal a lot with the floor plan and the exhibitors, sound system, organizing the speakers, and working with our co-chairmen.

“The show has evolved over the years. The speaker used to be in the main hall with the exhibitors. There were chemical companies, and now we don’t have any chemical companies. Many changes including a men’s program and a women’s program, but in this day and age it’s a program for all.”

Being the first farm show of the season in Manitoba, Gilbert said the character of the event is the fact the hall and total facility isn’t very big. But the intimate social aspect of it all more than makes up for it.

“People come in, for their six bucks they get breakfast, lunch, see the displays, always an awesome lineup of speakers. And we’ve been able to jig the floor plan ... with the little foyer addition we’re at 61 exhibitors this year, a record, and we also have nine on the waiting list.”

Sabourin’s crops missed most of the rains in 2018, making it the smallest crop on his farm in quite some time.

“On our farm, we grow barley, wheat, oats, canola, soybeans, sunflowers and corn,” he said in an interview during the first day of the show. “We have swing acres, depending on pricing, availability, and delivery opportunities, too. We grow a diverse amount of crops. That way I guess I’ll never hit the home run on the one crop, but I’ll never be wrong on what could happen with pricing and crop production.”

Over the years Sabourin has had a number of banner years, but not in 2018.

“This was my worst crop in 10 years. We missed all the rains. People were calling me Moses because every time a cloud would come over it would part and go to the north and the south of my farm,” he said, going on to explain they also had no soil moisture reserves. Things were bone dry six inches down. “So we’re going to be needing moisture to get a crop this coming season.”

While lacking moisture and suffering a poor crop, other areas that received several inches more marvelled at wheat yields of 50 bushels to the acre. It’s a real testament to what’s happening in improved farmer practices, seed genetics, and crop protection products.

“Yeah, minimum tillage, better genetics, fertility, and fungicides all help to improve the crop. And like you say, four or five inches rain made a big difference,” said Sabourin. “My wheat did do 52 bushels an acre, but if you went four miles north, they had five inches more rain, and they were getting high 70s to low 80s in their wheat. Location, location, location. I told my banker I’m nailing it this coming year.”

Paul Sabourin, a sitting councillor on the RM of Montcalm and a farmer too, said there is a lot history in St. Jean when it comes to the annual farm show.

They call this the best little farm show in Manitoba, he said, noting the success speaks for itself by the record attendance of producers from across



PHOTO BY HARRY SIEMENS/VOICE

St. Jean Farm Days 2019 was a booming success last week with a record-setting 61 exhibits and hundreds of farmers.

the region.

At the show, Sabourin also talked about his cropping plans for 2019 and what he expects to grow:

“Everything. Because right now, we’re on a bit of a dry cycle ... so we’re trying to crop accordingly,” he said. “So we’re diversifying in about nine different crops ... whichever in the end ends up being the most better yielding.

“We grow early seeded crops all the way to late seeded. I think most guys do the same now. We start combining

in early August [and] all the way to freeze-up. Used to be we only combined in August, but now we combine for three months, because of the crops we select.

“We’re very aggressive and not afraid to experiment.”

Sabourin said there’s a youthful mindset coming into the farming business right now and a lot of innovation.

“As you can see by all the exhibitors here,” he said. “I think it’s a fun time and exciting time to be in ag.”

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to rent the trailer for two days. The suspects never returned with the trailer.

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 manitobacrimestoppers.com or text “TIPMAN” plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

• Jan. 10: Morden police received a call from a mother stating that her teenage son was hit by a moving vehicle. The accident happened

between noon and 1:30 p.m. on Stephen St. between 2nd St. and 3rd St.. No descriptions of the vehicle or driver were provided. There were no known injuries. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact police.

• Jan. 12: Morden police received a call at 4:01 a.m. regarding a stolen vehicle.

The victim had been at a local bar and given friends a ride home. At the residence, everyone went inside, except one of the friends. When the victim went to leave, he noticed that

his vehicle, which he had left running, was now missing.

The stolen vehicle is described as a 2007 brown Pontiac Montana with license plate HCH 253. It is suspected that the vehicle is in Winnipeg. Police continue to investigate.

• Jan. 12: Winkler police received a report of a 16-year-old male that was assaulted by a 38-year-old female after the two entered into an argument.

This investigation is ongoing.

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SEMHL regular season starting to wind down

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Royals and Morden Redskins have just a couple more weeks to bolster their showings in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League standings before the end of the regular season.

Morden got a good start with a 6-5 win over Warren on Sunday.

The back-and-forth game saw the first two periods end 2-2 and 4-4 thanks to a hat trick from Mike Rey and a fourth goal for the Redskins from Tyler Grove in the second.

Tyler Peers broke the deadlock with a goal midway through the final period. A minute later, Rey scored his fourth of the night to cement Morden's lead.

Warren managed to sneak just one more past netminder Reed Peters, but it wasn't enough to catch up. Peters made 34 saves overall as Warren outshot Morden 39-22.

With that, the Redskins are 9-5-0-1 for 19 points and fourth place behind Portage (23 points), Carman (22), and Warren (20).

Sitting in seventh and last place are the Winkler Royals, whose 6-4 loss to Altona Sunday brought their record to 2-15 for four points.

After a scoreless opening period, Altona's Dane Crowley made it a 2-0 game before the first 10 minutes of the second.

It was 3-0 before Winkler finally got on the board with a goal from Jason Peters at 14:35. Altona scored once more before Winkler's Michael Moore made it a 4-2 game heading into the final frame.

There, Altona scored on either side of goals from Tristan Loewen and Kevin Schellenberg for Winkler, including an empty-netter at the end.

Devon Wiebe made 31 saves in net for the Royals. The Maroons won the shot battle 36-30.

This weekend Winkler hosts Morden on Sunday and then plays in Notre Dame next Wednesday. The Redskins play the Hawks on the road this Thursday.

Winkler goalie Devon Wiebe stops Altona's Tyson Fehr on a breakaway in the second period of Sunday game, which went Altona's way 6-4.

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Flyers split pair with Stampedeers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After the Winkler Flyers' four-game win streak came to an end at the hands of the Selkirk Steelers last week with a 2-0 loss, the junior team split a pair of weekend road games against the Swan Valley Stampedeers.

Britt League stood tall in net for Winkler Friday night, making 49 saves overall en route to victory.

That included stonewalling the Stampedeers in the opening period while teammates Jayden McCarthy

and Drake Burgin scored a pair of powerplay goals in the final minutes to send the game into intermission with Winkler up 2-0.

Swan Valley cut that lead in half with what ended up being their lone goal of the game 1:46 into the second.

Marcel Berube scored Winkler's last goal six minutes into the third. That, coupled with more strong goaltending from League, gave the Flyers the win 3-1.

Things swung the other way the next night in game two, which Swan

Valley took 6-1.

McCarthy opened scoring nine minutes into the first period, but that proved to be the last time Winkler would find the back of the net, while the Stampedeers added one goal in the first, three in the second, and two more in the third.

League made 26 saves off of 32 shots before Riley Morgan stepped into play the final nine minutes, stopping the two shots he faced.

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The GVC Zodiacs won their home tournament over the weekend.

Zodiacs win home tournament

The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs prevailed at their home hockey tournament over the weekend.

After a flawless 2-0 showing in the round robin, GVC faced off against local rivals the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks (who won one and tied one in their own pool) in the championship bracket's semi-finals.

The Zodiacs took the game 4-3 to move on to face the W.C. Miller Aces for the trophy, winning that game 3-1.

Meanwhile, in Zone 4 hockey action last week, NPC fell to Morris 12-0 and

GVC beat Morden 6-0 and Pembina 3-2.

Out on the basketball court, things certainly went Winkler's way.

GVC's varsity boys bested Morden 76-48 in an exhibition game on Jan. 8. The Zodiac girls won their match 75-16.

The Nighthawks started off their SCAC Tier 2 season with the boys beating St. John's Ravenscourt 71-64 and the girls falling 44-32 on Jan. 9.

On Monday, NPC's boys defeated the Westgate Wings 72-42.

Kings prove to be a royal pain for PV Hawks

By Lorne Steilmach

The male Pembina Valley Hawks have yet to solve the puzzle that is the Brandon Wheat Kings this season.

The AAA Hawks dropped a third one-goal decision to the second place Wheat Kings with a 2-1 loss Saturday in Brandon before rebounding Sunday to edge the Parkland Rangers 5-3 in Dauphin.

The Hawks battled hard with Brandon, and the opportunities were close with the shots on goal ending up 38-32 in favour of Brandon, which won the last two encounters 3-2 in a shoot-

out and 2-1 in regulation.

It was special teams that made the difference this night, as Brandon went two for seven on the powerplay while Pembina Valley ended up zero for six on man advantages.

After spotting Brandon a second period goal, the Hawks evened it with an Andrew Boucher marker 5:20 into the third. But the Wheat Kings pocketed the winner about three minutes later. Dylan Meilun helped keep the Hawks in this one with 36 saves.

The Hawks came out guns blazing Sunday, firing 25 shots on goal in the first period as they took a 3-1 lead af-

ter the opening 20 minutes.

The Rangers came back to tie the game before two more goals in the second half of the third period sealed the deal for Pembina Valley.

Goal scorers included two apiece from Tyson Allison and Michael Hladky and one from Roux Bazin.

Brock Moroz made 23 saves as the Hawks outshot the Rangers 51-26.

The Hawks remain in the middle of the pack in seventh place with 16-12-3-2 for 37 points, which is five up on the Winnipeg Bruins and eight behind the Eastman Selects.

Pembina Valley is home Saturday to

host the Winnipeg Thrashers before hitting the road to Teulon to take on the Interlake Lightning Sunday afternoon.

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Overall, Winkler outshot Swan Valley 38-34.

With that, Winkler's record is 18-20-3 for 39 points and eighth place in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League standings. Below them are Waywayseecappo, OCN, and Neepawa. Far ahead of them in the top spots are Portage (68 points), Swan Valley (59 points), and Steinbach (56 points).

Earlier this week, Griffin Leonard, Eric Fawkes, and Drake Burgin represented the Flyers at the MJHL/SJHL Showcase in Regina. Results were not available at press time.

The Flyers, meanwhile, play the Natives in Neepawa on Saturday. They also play in Winnipeg next Tuesday before returning for a home rematch against Swan Valley Jan. 25-26.

TRADE DEADLINE MOVES

At the MJHL trade deadline on Jan. 10, Winkler traded forward Michael Boutoussov (1999) to the Melville Millionaires of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League for future considerations.

The California native recorded four assists in nine games played as a Flyer after being acquired from Neepawa in late November.

Winkler is now down to the six allowed American imports on their roster.

Hawks struggle to get out of the basement

By Lorne Steilmach

The struggles continue for the female Pembina Valley Hawks.

The AAA team's losing streak extended to six games last weekend with a pair of losses to the Interlake Lightning and Winnipeg Avros.

Their biggest problem continues to be offensive production, as the seventh-place Hawks fell 2-1 to eighth and last place Interlake Saturday and then 3-1 to the second-ranked Avros Sunday.

"We've been playing some great hockey and playing well, just struggling to find the back of the net," said coach Shanley Peters on Monday.

Against the Lightning, Maiya Aschberg scored the lone goal for the Hawks, who were stymied in the offensive zone despite outshooting Interlake 31-21. Regan Durand took the loss in net with 19 saves.

On Sunday, the only Pembina Valley goal came in the second period as they trailed 1-0 and 2-1 at the intermissions against the Avros.

The Hawks again had their chances, but Winnipeg netminder Jordan Mackow stopped 26 of 27 shots.

Cora Fijala scored for the Hawks, while Kadynce Romijn stopped 27 of 30 shots.

The Hawks remain second from the cellar with their record having fallen to 7-11-3 for 17 points, which is above only Interlake at 2-18-2 for six points. At the top of the standings are the Westman Wildcats at 35 points, Avros at 32, and Yellowhead Chiefs at 28.

The Hawks have a break from league play this week as they head to Arlington, Virginia to take part in the 12th annual Junior Women's Hockey League Challenge Cup. They will be among 18 teams from across the U.S. and Canada taking part, including the Avros.

Pembina Valley will resume league play with a busy three day weekend next week starting with Central Plains in Portage Jan. 25, the Ice in Winnipeg Jan. 26, and then Eastman in Morden Jan. 27.

MAKING THE CUT

Hawks captain Kaila Powell will compete at the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, Alberta next month.

The 17-year-old defense player from Swan River made the cut for the U18 Team Manitoba roster, Hockey Manitoba announced last week.

The team includes six athletes from Winnipeg and 14 from rural Manitoba, with players coming from both the prep school programs and Manitoba Female Minor Hockey League teams.

Other locals making the team include Morden's Makenzie McCallum, playing with the Pursuit of Excellence prep team this season, and Morris native Rebecca Thiessen, who plays for the Balmoral Hall prep team.

Team Manitoba's coaching staff will be headed up by Morden's own Reid Sloan, who will be attending his second Games as a coach.

The Canada Winter Games take place Feb. 24 to March 2.

Agnew brings back know-how from world hockey championship

By Lorne Stelmach

Being involved behind the scenes at the world junior hockey championship made being away from home at Christmas more than worthwhile for Clare Agnew.

She filled one of over 850 volunteer roles at the annual competition hosted this year in Vancouver and Victoria from Dec. 22 to Jan. 6.

"It was a great experience. It was exciting to be a part of it," Agnew said shortly upon her return to work here last week as the community events and services manager for the City of Morden.

"I was really proud to be Canadian ... the fans there stayed enthusiastic and picked a team to cheer for even when Canada was out of the tournament," said Agnew. "It was nice that they stayed interested and involved right to the end even though our team wasn't there."

Agnew landed the role of venue operations lead for the practice and development rink at the event after having played a lead role in Morden hosting the 2017 Esso Cup national women's midget championship.

Her task included supervising a range of volunteers working at the secondary venue. Attention was paid to every detail to make sure teams had what they needed to prepare for their games.

"We were there to help the teams with any of their special requests for their practices," Agnew said, noting issues like access control and security were especially important. "The strict access control and security levels were certainly there."

"It was a lot of co-ordinating schedules between the two venues," she continued. "Because you're working with teams from other countries, sometimes they had requests that were unfamiliar to us or that we maybe wouldn't have thought of ... and it was really because of the international flavour. You really had to respect people's wishes and requests and make all the teams feel respected at the same level."

"It was just really making sure that the team schedules worked because if they practiced at eight in the morning they would have a game that afternoon ... so we really had to keep their schedules on track. We couldn't be late with them coming on or off the ice because someone was coming after them, and they had their meals scheduled ... there was always so much relying on the schedule."

"I think the players were all very appreciative of the work that we did every day, and that always felt good."

While keeping busy doing their jobs, Agnew said it was rewarding for volunteers to have whatever time they could have with the teams.

"It was just really interesting to get to know the different teams and countries. It's a two week event, and they had a practice slot every day," she said. "There were some of them we got to know quite well, like Denmark ... we saw them every day for 10 days in a row."

"With it being over Christmas and New Year's, you also saw some of their traditions, so it was really interesting in that respect as well."

There were moments where the scale and scope of the event truly hit home.

"Although some of the tasks themselves were the same tasks we would do at the Esso Cup or another event ... at the same time, you're in Rogers Arena, which is huge, and you're crossing paths all day with people like the TSN crew," said Agnew. "You could tell based on the people you were sharing the hallway with that it's just such a bigger event."

And while she spent most of her time at the practice venue, she did also get some time in at the main rink.

"I did get to attend a couple of games ... and you just get a feel for it when



you're sitting amongst the 17,000 people how big this is ... the pieces that keep it going are the same if it's the Esso Cup though."

The lessons she learned volunteering at that level are ones Agnew plans to put to use here at home when Morden-Winkler hosts major sporting events.

Among them was finding out "just how important communication is and being clear on your instructions ... and understanding that not all volunteers will have the same background," Agnew reflected. "There were people

who volunteered that I worked with who had nothing to do with hockey ... they weren't involved because they liked hockey, they were involved because it was an international event, and they wanted to be part of it."

"When we put on a hockey event we tend to go to the hockey people ... but really it can be just anybody who's interested in your community who can be a good volunteer," she said. "So I think that's one thing that we maybe need to broaden our search for volunteers and include everybody in the community."

Twisters on solid footing in first place

By Lorne Stelmach

As they build another winning streak, the Pembina Valley Twisters continue to hold down the top spot in the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League.

They came into the week with a six point lead on the Raiders after three victories left them riding a four game winning run.

After a 4-3 overtime win Jan. 8 over the Charleswood Hawks, Pembina Valley beat the St. Boniface Riels 5-3 Saturday and the St. James Jr. Canucks 6-3 Sunday.

Derek Wood scored his fifth of the season just 16 seconds into overtime to give the Twisters the win over the Hawks.

It capped off a late recovery by Pembina Valley, which had Elijah

Carels tie the game with just 12 seconds remaining in regulation. Sven Schefer and Travis Penner also scored for the Twisters, who got 31 saves from Travis Klassen as Pembina Valley outshot the Hawks 44-34. On Saturday, the Twisters fired three unanswered third period goals after having spotted St. Boniface a 3-2 lead in 20 minutes.

Brendan Keck picked up a pair while Carels, Wood, and Braeden Beernaerts added singles.

Shots on goal were 45-25 for Pembina Valley. Martin Gagnon got the win in net with 22 saves.

Jeremie Goderis took his turn as hero Sunday, firing a hat trick including an empty-netter to close off another three unanswered goals in the final frame. His 25 goals this season so far currently leads the team.

Carels scored again, as did Dylan Dacquay and James Van De Velde. Klassen made 33 saves as Pembina Valley outshot the Canucks 40-36.

Having won eight of their last nine, the Twisters lead the way in the standings at 24-4-3 for 51 points. On their heels are the Raiders in second (45 points) and the Canucks in third place (42 points).

The team's offence also leads the league with Beernaerts first in scoring with 22 goals and 56 points and Goderis third at 25 goals and 51 points. Also in the top ten are Penner at 22 goals and 48 points and Wood at six goals and 38 points.

Pembina Valley welcomes the River East Royal Knights to Morris Saturday and then are in Winnipeg Sunday to face the Transcona Railer Express.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Ladies bonspiel winners

Sixteen teams went head-to-head at the Morden Curling Club's Ladies Bonspiel Jan. 11-13. Above, from left: Team Eryn Gillis featuring Gillis, Hayley Rach Friesen, Courtney Davison, and Jenny Mutcheson beat Team Dianne Lambert in the A-Side final. Right, top: Team Trinda Bayliss featuring Bayliss, Meghan Sandercock, Jennah Derksen, and Abby Storey beat Team Darcie Reimer in the B-Side final. Right, bottom: Team Stacey Guilford-Perrin featuring Ginette Pritchard, Leanne Nause, Terry Mansell, Guilford-Perrin, Sheri-Lynn Duncan, and Rhonda Plett beat Team Jocelyn Friesen in the C-Side final.



Giving families an affordable taste of hockey

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden Minor Hockey is bringing a new program to the area to give families an affordable way to try out the sport for the first time.

Canadian Tire's The First Shift program will be launched in the community next month.

"It's a partnership between Bauer Hockey, Hockey Canada, and Canadian Tire," explains Dantin Reimer, a board member with minor hockey. "It's a program to get kids age six to 10 involved in hockey for an affordable cost without travel."

The program's registration fee of \$199 covers the cost of outfitting the player from head-to-toe in hockey equipment, an equipment fitting

demonstration, and six weeks of close-to-home hockey sessions.

"[That way] parents don't have to travel from town to town and be committed for an entire season when their kid may not enjoy it," Reimer says. "It's a great way for these kids ... to get six ice sessions learning the game, learning how to skate, getting some fundamentals of the game."

"This is something that introduces them to what hockey is all about."

Both boys and girls are welcome to take part. The program is also open to area residents living outside Morden.

This will be one of the few First Shift programs running in rural Manitoba, Reimer notes.

"The closest other options are Brandon or Winnipeg," he says. "This is

something we wanted to offer to help grow the game of hockey in the Morden and surrounding area, allow people to try it out, and hopefully get more kids active and involved."

A welcome event featuring equipment fitting for participants is scheduled to take place at the Access Event Centre on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.

"Reps from the program will be out

and they'll be custom fitting every piece of equipment that you need, including a jersey, bag, helmet, gloves, shin pads—everything," says Reimer.

The ice sessions will start Feb. 17 and run Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. into March.

To enrol in the program, head online to firstshift.ca or contact Reimer at mordenminorchockey@gmail.com.

Zacharias wins provincials

A local curler made it all the way to the final draw at the 2019 Canola Junior Women's Provincial Championships last week.

Team Walter second Morgan Reimer of Morden and her teammates Meghan Walter, Erica Wiebe, and Mackenzie Elias put in a flawless 7-0 round robin showing at the event in Winnipeg Jan. 2-7.

In the semi-finals they bested Team Bevan 10-5 to move on to face Team Zacharias, led by Altona skip Mack-

enzie Zacharias, in the final.

Zacharias, who plays out of the Elmwood Curling Club with Lauryn Kuzyk, Emily Zacharias, and Caitlyn Labossiere, got the win 8-2.

Also competing at the event on the men's side was Morden's Team Titchkosky, which includes Thomas Titchkosky, Rylan Didkowski, Kelby Carson, Owen Storey, and Marcus Titchkosky. They were 1-6 in the Asham Express Red Group and failed to earn a spot in the playoffs.

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"We fully understand that, as a city, that we need to extend some financing ... it's interim, and hopefully we can get it resolved in the next year," continued Harder, noting they recognize the importance of the organization to the community. "The city has already carried this last year already with the hope that they are going to raise the funds."

Winkler council also approved an interim budget for the city until it has its 2019 financial plan in place.

The short term budget of \$4,215,000 includes \$1.3 million for protective services, \$580,000 for transportation services, \$525,000 for fiscal services, \$480,000 for general government, \$475,000 for recreation and culture, \$265,000 for garbage collection, \$210,000 for planning services, \$210,000 for economic development, and \$160,000 for health and welfare.

Council also learned Winkler will

receive \$681,318 in 2019-2020 gas tax transfers. That number is projected to increase to \$743,256 by 2023-2024.

The new five year agreement with Canada and Manitoba will see the province's share of federal gas tax revenues between 2019 and 2023 increase from \$340.4 million to \$375.7 million.

In other council matters, planning work continues behind the scenes as the city looks to move ahead with construction of the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

A recent recreation committee meeting noted that meetings will be taking place with the various user groups that will be making use of the facility.

Other discussion touched on areas ranging from hiring a facilitator to help develop a business plan for the centre to the operation of a concession stand.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

HEARING: Council Chambers at City of Winkler
LOCATION: 185 Main Street, Winkler, MB
DATE & TIME: Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL INTENT: By-law 2219-18 to amend the following sections of City of Winkler Zoning By-law 1938-08: Sections 6, 7, 8, 11, 25, 30, 32, 33, 34, 38, 42, 48, 54, and Appendices B, C and D.

AREA: By-Law 2219-18 will apply to the entire limits of the City of Winkler

FOR INFORMATION: Barb Dyck
City Manager
City of Winkler
CONTACT: Phone: (204) 325-9524

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom upon request.

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Winkler purchases approximately 35% of its water from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative (PVWC). The Public Utility Board has approved a rate increase for PVWC in the amount of \$0.82/1000 gallons, effective January 1, 2019. This rate increase reflects a "pass through" rate increase of .29/1000 gallons for Winkler consumers.

Public notice is hereby given that the water rate increase will be 0.29/1000 gallons effective for the March 15, 2019 quarterly billing in the City of Winkler. That being from the present water rate of \$9.50/1000 gallons to \$9.79/1000 gallons. The sewer rate will remain as it presently is, being \$6.42/1000 gallons.

Barb Dyck
City Manager

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OBITUARY



Lillian Florence Reimer (nee Demke) 1926 – 2019

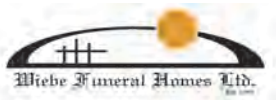
On Thursday, January 3, 2019 at the Red River Valley Lodge in Morris, MB, Lillian Reimer age 92 years formerly of Morden went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing one son, Rick (Dianne) Reimer and their children, Chad, Sheri, Lillian, Lyric as well as her stepfamily, Tiffany Dreger, Chassidy, Chloi, Austin, Jayson, Norma, Keenan, Nic, Jade, Ava and one sister-in-law. She was predeceased by her husband, Abe in October of 1996 as well as two sisters and one brother.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lillian's memory to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

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OBITUARY



Jeanne Katherine Wiebe (nee Giesbrecht) 1942 – 2019

After a lengthy illness, Jeanne passed away on Friday January 4th, 2019 in her home with her husband of 56 years by her side.

Mom will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her husband, Ron, their children and grandchildren: Tammy and Leon Hendrickx of Morden (their children Herman and Julio), Mark Wiebe and Erica Stecheson of Winnipeg, MB, Shauna and Miles McNarland of Brandon, MB (their children Elle and Gibson). Jeanne will also be missed by her siblings and their spouses as well as by numerous extended family members and friends. Jeanne will join several family members that have gone to Heaven before her: her

mother, Katherina Wiebe, father, Henry Giesbrecht, step-father, Henry Funk, step-father, John Wiebe, mother-in-law, Ruth Wiebe, father-in-law, Jake Wiebe, her two sisters-in-law, Sandy Funk and Pat Giesbrecht.

Jeanne was born to Katherina (nee Dyck) and Henry Giesbrecht in Wpg., MB. At Concordia Hospital. She was the oldest child and a birthday present for her mother whose birthday was one-week later, May 24th. Jeanne had a dream of becoming a nurse and that became a reality. After graduating from high school, she enrolled in the LPN course. Jeanne loved serving as a nurse and worked at Grace Hospital and then later at the Morden General Hospital when a certain young man lured her back. In November 1961, Ron asked Jeanne to marry him. They were married on June 23rd, 1962 at the age of 20. They made their life in Morden. This is the community that Jeanne grew up in and she loved. Their three children were born and raised here. Jeanne was supportive of Ron's terms as town councillor and church board as well as his many years of being a volunteer fireman and ambulance driver. When you elected Dad, you also got Mom – she was by him every step of the way. In 1982, Ron and Jeanne opened their own business selling real estate, insurance and autopac. In the later years, they sold off the insurance and autopac portion of the business and focused on real estate. Their office was filled with such loyal and supportive people that they became like family. During the 36 years of business they celebrated many ups and downs and met many great people! This past year they decided to slow down a little and closed the office.

Jeanne had many health issues, but God put a good loving man in her life. Ron was a wonderful caregiver. Through several years of difficult symptoms, with many tests and a caring doctor Jeanne was diagnosed with Scleroderma in December 1993, a disease that was not heard of. She was very motivated to stay as healthy as possible and although this disease brought years of pain and struggles, she never lost her faith. In 2012, Jeanne and Ron were married 50 years and the family hosted a celebration for this great occasion. Family and friends gathered from far and wide. What a joyous and memorable day. God blessed them with love, joy, and peace—all that they needed in this chaotic world. Jeanne spent her time praying for her family and supporting them in everything they did. She loved watching her children and grandchildren take part and excel in their various activities. Mom never missed a Christmas concert, a graduation or any special event including barrel racing in the rain! Jeanne was an Amazing, Loving, Strong, Happy, Selfless and Graceful woman. When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show it you have a thousand reasons to smile.

Funeral services were held on Thursday January 10th, 2019 at Westside Community Church with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

Donations in Jeanne's memory may be made to Scleroderma Manitoba.

I lift my eyes to the hills where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Psalms 121:1-2

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OBITUARY



Frank Hoepfner 1933 - 2019

Sadly, Sunday, January 6, 2019 Frank Hoepfner of Morden, MB passed away at the age of 85 at the Tabor Home.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Betty and family, Terry (Anna), Janet (Jim), Valerie (Lyle) and Steven, along with grandchildren, Ashley and Kevin and beloved great-grandchildren, Kyla and Riley.

Frank was born in the Morden district and spent the bulk of his life farming in the 1-6 area. After many full and rewarding years on the farm, Frank and Betty retired into town, where they enjoyed many years with good neighbors and friends; Frank being the first one outside on a wintry morning with his snowblower, making sure to clean the driveways of those who needed to get to work first. Dad's work ethic never left him, and he was a "snow angel" to many in the neighborhood.

Frank was predeceased by his father, Anton and mother, Annie as well as sister, Laura (Toots) and recently, brother, John.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2018 at Westside Community Church in Morden.

The family wishes to thank both the Red River Valley Lodge in Morris and the Tabor Home for their excellent care the last few years of Dad's life.

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OBITUARY



Harry Dueck 1933 - 2019

Harry Dueck, 85, of Winkler, MB passed away peacefully on Monday, January 7, 2019 at Salem Home.

Harry was born to his parents, Jacob and Anne Dueck (nee Wiebe) on February 14, 1933 in Schoenthal, Manitoba. He grew up in Horndean and later moved to Winkler where he was baptized upon his confession of faith at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church by Rev. J.M. Pauls on June 1, 1952. He married Mary Reimer, the love of his life, on November 2, 1952 and lived to enjoy and appreciate 66+ years of marriage with his sweetheart. Together Harry and Mary started life in Winkler with Dads work journey beginning as a baker at the Dutch Bakery. Dad had a diverse work life, changing careers several times. Over the years he worked for the Winkler Butcher Shop, Manotak Lodge, John Deere, International Harvester, Kroeker Farms, Manitoba Sugar, Al's Restaurant, Ecusta, El Paso Camp and Abe Driedger. He was best known for owning Tot's and Teens, a children's clothing store, the Eaton's Order Office (which Mom managed), Valley Bakery (Altona and Winkler) and Niakwa Pizza. Many of his jobs and business were a team effort with Mom and Dad working alongside one another. Although work was an integral part of Dad's life with a strong work ethic, his family and friends are what he held most dear. He had a very giving and generous spirit, always looking to help people in ways he could. He also enjoyed contributing to his community, serving on the Winkler Fire Department, on Winkler Town Council, on the Garden Valley School Board, on church committees, and at MCC.

He is survived by his wife Mary; two daughters, Linda and Murray Zacharias, Carey and Grant Martens; and one son, Walter and Nettie Dueck; as well as seven grandchildren, Justin (and Vanessa) Zacharias, Jayda Zacharias (and Adam Petkau), Joelle (and Jeremy) Heier, Janaye Zacharias, Mackenzie Martens, Evan Dueck, Reese Dueck; and four great-grandchildren, Berkeley Zacharias, Finnley and Emiline Heier, and Jensen Zacharias. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother, Kenneth and his sister-in-law, Darlene, his brother-in-law, John Reimer, one daughter (stillborn) and one granddaughter, Taylor Martens (2014), two nephews and one niece, Ronald Dueck and Robert and Bernice Reimer.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with burial at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses and caregivers at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Emerson Personal Care Home and Salem Home for the exceptional care Dad received over the past few years.

Donations in his honour may be made to MCC or Salem Foundation.

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OBITUARY



Katie Wiebe (nee Reimer) 1918 – 2018

After a good long life, Katie Wiebe passed away peacefully at Salem Home, on Sunday, December 30, 2018 with her daughter at her side.

Katie was born on August 5, 1918 to Cornelius and Aganetha Reimer of Blumenfeld. She was the 4th oldest of 12 children. She was baptized on June 1, 1939 in the Reinland EMMC. She married Peter H Wiebe of Hochfeld on September 27, 1941. She worked at Morden Fine Foods (the cannery) from 1969-1982. In 2009, she moved into Salem Home.

Katie was predeceased by her husband, Peter; son, Jack; sons-in-law, Pete Neufeld and Ernie Krahn. She is survived by one son, Glen and Helena of Morden; daughters, Peggy and Dave of Manitou, Alice Neufeld Krahn of Morden, Sharon and Cody Neufeld of Morris, MaryAnn and John Charles Beard of Paris Texas, Dora and John Hiebert of Winkler and Elaine and Derril Braun of Winkler.

Memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019 at the Winkler EMM Church with interment prior at the Hochfeld Cemetery.

She was well cared for by the staff at Salem Home. Her gratitude towards the staff always ended in "thank you dearie". We as a family too, want to thank Salem home for the excellent care she received.

We will miss Mom's warm smile, her endearing words, her love of life and that little sly look. We love you Mom.

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OBITUARY



John Douglas Hay April 16, 1947 - January 6, 2019

Doug passed away peacefully with his children at his side in The Victoria Hospital, Winnipeg. He is survived by his three children Heidie (Tim), Sherry, and Robby (Julia); grandchildren: Taylor (Nathan), Railen, Sawyer, Malcolm, Adrianna, Vivian, Veronika, Karsten and Ella.

He also leaves to mourn his brothers, Dan (Judy), Frank (Diane) and Phil (Darlene), his sister Faith (Richard) and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Susan Lynette Hay (nee Loewen); his parents Francis William (Bill) and Crystal Hay (nee Sloane) and a sister Elizabeth.

Doug was born April 16, 1947 and raised in Winnipeg. He has always been known as an adventurous soul, making friends everywhere he ventured. At the age of 23 he met Mary Bergen and married in 1972. Together they raised 3 children. Through the years the family moved around following Doug's job opportunities, eventually settling in Morden.

Years later Doug met his second wife Susan Lynette Loewen and married May 20, 1995. Doug lived a life centered around singing. From high school until his final months he was often found with a microphone in his hand. His retirement years were spent travelling, fishing, creating karaoke tracks and singing at various karaoke events.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Coutu Funeral Chapel, 680 Archibald St., Winnipeg, with viewing 1 hour prior to service. Interment will take place at the Winkler Cemetery on Saturday, January 19th at 1:00 p.m.

If friends so desire, donations in memory of Doug may be made to: Manitoba Lung Association, 301-1 Wesley Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4C6

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Sudoku Answer

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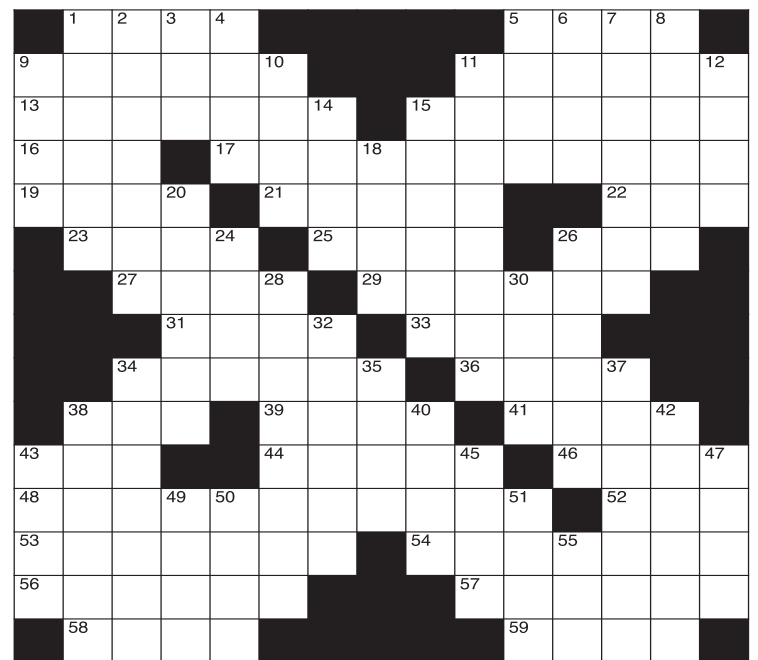
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- Islamic theology scholar
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- Food
- Can be combined
- Midway between east and southeast
- Governs a noun or pronoun
- Gorilla
- Type of trap
- "Unforgettable" singer
- Atomic #10
- Practice fight
- US gov't branch
- Female deer
- Remarks meant for the audience
- Undergarments
- Prevent from seeing
- Masked
- "A Suitable Boy" novelist
- Invisible gaseous substance
- Sour
- County in New Mexico
- No seats available
- Pulitzer-winning composer
- Fit or irritation
- The ability to move objects through thought
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- Herbal medicine seed
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- Bigelow
- Preferences
- Soundly
- One precedes another
- Au revours
- CLUES DOWN



- Famed explorer
- Transferred property to
- Clerical vestment
- Free-swimming marine invertebrate
- Cab
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