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South Central Regional Library Book Sale raises over \$19,600

By Cori Bezan

The South Central Regional Library's annual Book Sale last weekend came pretty close to setting a new fundraising record.

Hundreds of book lovers swarmed the Access Event Centre community hall Thursday through Saturday to pour through over 600 boxes of used and donated books

"There always is a line-up waiting for us to open the doors, and there was not a moment when the doors were open that we were alone," says director of library services Mary Toma. "Every day at closing time I had to gently urge people out the door so we could close ... it was very busy all three days."

The sale brought in a grand total of \$19,646.50 for the SCRL, which falls just shy of the record-setting \$20,000 raised from the sale a few years ago, but still beats out last year's total.

But the money is only part of the story, Toma says.

"Certainly it's a fundraiser for the library. But when you see families

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Hundreds came out to fill their bookshelves at the South Central Regional Library's annual Book Sale, held in the Morden Access Event Centre last Thursday to Saturday. The event, which offered thousands of used books, raised over \$19,600 for the library's branches in Winkler, Morden, Miami, and Altona.

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Local docs support Katie's Cottage

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Katie's Cottage got a huge funding boost last week courtesy of the Winkler-Morden medical community.

The physicians of the Agassiz Medical Centre in Morden, the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre in Winkler, and the Physicians of the Southern Manitoba Radiology Consultants group have made a \$66,200 contribution to the respite home project.

The first installment of the twovear commitment was made to Katie Cares' board members Ruth and Randy Reimer at the Boundary Trails Health Centre last week.

"It's huge. There is no other way to say this," says Ruth Reimer. "We are overwhelmed and grateful."

Katie's Cottage will be an eight bedroom respite facility located right across the road from the Boundary Trails Health Centre to give families of patients at the hospital a peaceful and close place to rest as their loved ones undergo treatment.

The project is named in honour of the Reimers' daughter Kaitlyn who, before her death of cancer at the age of 15, founded Katie Cares to help other kids battling life-threatening illnesses.

Reimer says the support this project has received from the community would have made Katie's day.

"I can see Kaitlyn standing right beside me today, bouncing and smiling as this is happening," she says. "This is what she wanted, and we will carry out that wish and we will have our own respite house here in Boundary Trails."

Thus far, the fundraising campaign



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH **VIVEIROS/VOICE** Representatives from the Agassiz Medical Centre, the C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre. and the Physicians of the Southern Manitoba Radiology Consultants presented Katie Cares' Ruth and Randy Reimer with a donation commitment of \$66,200 towards the Katie's Cottage respite home. At right: An artist's rendering of the eight bedroom home.

for the home has raised well over \$250,000.

"We're over halfway," Reimer says. "Closing in on \$300,000, with many more donations to go."

Katie Cares hopes to break ground on Katie's Cottage later this year.

Agassiz clinic manager Karen Chezick says Morden area doctors are pleased to be able to support such a worthwhile project.

"I think that often when people think of physicians they put them on the medical side of these situations," she says, noting people often neglect to think of doctors as also being "wives, husbands, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters that also understand the importance of having family really close when you are going through something like this."

"The clinic and the physicians have

always felt completely supported by the community in all kinds of endeavours that have happened over the years," adds C.W. Wiebe Medical Center manager Jim Neufeld. "This is just an opportunity for the physi-

cians to be involved with a community project that certainly is needed." Find more information about Katie's Cottage and how you can support the project online at katiecares.ca.





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Canadian author and actress Meg Tilly kept a class of students from J.R. Walkof School riveted as she read selections from her children's books and answered questions about life in the spotlight last week.

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Tilly was at the Winkler Library on May 6 as part of TD Canadian Children's Book Week, a literacy initiative sponsored by TD Bank Group in partnership with the Canadian Children's Book Centre.

Kicking off a day that also included stops at the libraries in Morden and Altona, Tilly treated the kids to several lively readings from her books *A Taste of Heaven* and *Behind the Scenes*, which provide a fictional glimpse into a life of fame and celebrity.

Those are topics that hit close to home for Tilly, who rose to fame staring in the 1983 drama *The Big Chill* and went onto earn a supporting actress Oscar nomination for her work in *Agnes of God* three years later. More recently, Tilly has been earning acclaim for her work on Global TV's *Bomb Girls* series.

But to the eight-year-olds in attendance at the readings last week, it's Tilly's work as an author and identity as an avid reader that kept them interested in her engaging presentation, which is just how she likes it.

"Children's Book Week takes you to places that you normally wouldn't go," she said of her involvement in the campaign, which saw 29 authors visit schools and libraries across the country to get kids excited about reading. "I've been doing a lot of reading in areas that have challenged or impoverished [children] and it's really wonderful to reach those kids as well, because you're able to say it's possible to have a different life, and the choices you make now will make a difference."

"If you just even reach one child, then that's one child that's been reached," Tilly added. "I remember a company once came to our school and they did a play, and it was everything to me and my sisters."

Tilly survived a rocky upbringing of

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and little children, and they ask Mummy, 'Can I have this one?' and Mummy looks at the price and says yes, the child's face just lights up."

"Yes, they can come to the library and get books, and they're absolutely free, and they all know that," she adds. "But it's not the same as being able to keep it and have it for my own. Books are expensive."

After the sale wrapped up on Saturday, Morden Fire and Rescue came to pick up some of the boxes of leftover books in preparation for their own book sale fundraiser, which will be taking place May 29-30.

The remaining 166 boxes of unpurchased books were sent to Better World Books, where they will be sold online to help fund literacy projects around the world.

'A COMMUNITY EFFORT'

Toma sends out a huge thank-you to everyone who helped organize this year's sale and to the hundreds of shoppers who came out to support it.

"This is a community effort," she says." From the people who donate the books, from Elaine Ivey-who's been chair of the pricing committee for more years than I know-and the pricing committee."

"There was a class of students that came from the Morden Collegiate to help us distribute all the boxes," Toma adds. "We're all getting older and these kids come in and they lifted a box like it was

a package of candy. We appreciate them so much doing that for us."

"Then there's the folks that help us set up, unpack all the boxes. There's the folks working at the counter taking the money, and the folks who help clean up," she went on. "It's just a fantas-



books.

Book lovers filled the Morden community hall

on opening day of the South Central Regional

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PHOTOS BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE Above: Morden parks manager Shawn Dias demonstrates how to transplant trees and shrubs to the outdoor education class from Morden Collegiate, which was helping the city put in nearly 50 new trees into the Grant Street community garden last week. Right: Emerald Geblerariss (left) and Kelsey Sagert prepare a tree for its new home.



Community garden gets a little greener

By Cori Bezan

The Morden Community Development Corporation teamed up with the city's parks department and Morden Collegiate's outdoor education class on May 5 to plant a variety of new edible trees and shrubs at the Grant

Street community garden.

The new greenery included 12 apple trees, two cherry trees, two plum trees, two pear trees, 15 honeyberry shrubs, and 15 saskatoon trees for a total cost of \$1,658, which was covered by a grant sponsored by Tree Canada, Loblaws, Telus, and Silk.

Violinists to celebrate National Fiddle Day Sat.

Youth busking at Winkler Co-op, New Leaf Garden Centre to raise funds for Cadenza music camp

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Local violin students will have the customers at the New Leaf Garden Centre and the Winkler Co-op grocery store tapping their feet for National Fiddling Day this weekend.

Performers will be setting up busking stations at both locations from about 10 a.m to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 to help raise funds for the Cadenza Summer Music Week's bursary program. The young performers will also have baked goods and coffee available by donation.

Bursaries help ensure students of all financial backgrounds are able to take part in the music day camp, says organizer Rochelle Drudge.

"It's a way of helping parents with the cost of registration . . . some families have more than one child involved each year and it can add up," she says, noting that they will provide bursaries for about two dozen of the 85 or so students who will take part in Cadenza this July. The Cadenza program, which is run by the Douglas Kuhl School of Music, gives violin, cello, and piano students a chance to spend a week learning from professional musicians and instructors while also playing alongside their peers in daily concerts.

Drudge says the program is helping to create a real sense of community amongst chamber/ orchestral musicians in our area.

"What's happening at Cadenza is there are so many levels getting involved," she says, noting they have both youth and adult students performing alongside more experienced musicians. For some students, this is the only opportunity they've had so far to perform in a larger orchestra, Drudge notes. > TILLY, FROM PG. 4

dirt, so it's fun."

poverty and abuse. Books, she says, were an escape for her and her siblings.

"I feel really good about it," said Gr. 12 student Emerald

Geblerariss midway through the planting. "I feel like I'm

helping out my community in a really good way, and I like

"Reading was amazing, because I think it taught me that there were other ways to live life, and that there were other moral codes," she said. "Not that everything was terrible in my life, but there were definite large challenges, and to read about parents who parented differently, and people who had it worse, and people who had it better, it gave me balance and a feeling of not being alone, and a feeling of what I could strive for. I think it just opens you, reading."

In 1994, Tilly was inspired to write her first book, *Singing Songs*, which she says was a way of sharing memories of her challenging childhood. Her second novel, *Gemma*, which touches on some of the same themes of abuse, was published in 2006.

The success of those books and the fact that, in them, she was able to capture the voice of the 12-year-old protagonist so well got Tilly an invitation to try her hand at young adult writing.

"I'd never really thought about it before," she said. "But then I realized that the books that still touched my heart are the ones that I read as a child and as a teenager."

Today, Tilly has six books to her name, including four novels aimed at the middle-school and YA market.

"I find it really, really rewarding when I have a mom come up and say, 'My daughter never finished a book and you came to her school last year and you read from *A Taste of Heaven* and she bought it and read it in three days and she hasn't stopped reading since."

"For me, that's the greatest, greatest reward."

Chad Sheldon named Chamber prez

By Cori Bezan

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce has formed their new board of directors, with Chad Sheldon stepping into the role of board chair for the next three years.

Sheldon, who is the director of home oxygen services at Rana Respiratory Care Group and co-owner of Floral Scents, takes on the mantle after spending his first year on the board as its vice-chair.

"When you're vice-chair, typically, it means that people are looking at you to assume that chair role," he said. "Knowing that was probably coming and I would be letting my name stand, I worked with [past chair] James Steedsman quite a bit over the last year as he kind of mentored me into the role."

Other returning members to the board are vice-chair Vince Sheppard and Reg Braun. They are joined by newcomers Charlene Friesen, Jared Hildebrand, Stewart Matychuk, and Michelle Sawatzky.

Sheldon said that the nice mix of new and returning members puts the board in a great position for the upcoming year. "So far it's a great, very engaged board, so I feel really good about where we're at and the people we've got on the board," he said. "It's a perfect mix. The new perspective is always great . . . and then the board members that were there provide great history. They can kind of talk about how we got to decisions in the past or why we made those decisions, and what the long-term goal was, so it's a really good mix right now."

Sheldon said that he hopes to continue the chamber along the same path that began with Steedsman and executive director Candace Olafson.

"James left it in a great spot," he said. "The goal is to . . . at least maintain the momentum that James had built up, keep the organization as strong as he built it to be."

After the new board was elected, they launched into strategic planning over two half-days sessions, laying out the groundwork for the next three years.

"We kind of have an idea already of where the Chamber will go," Sheldon said.

The board outlined the chamber's strengths as well as the challenges that they will face, he said, and came

"THE GOAL IS TO AT LEAST MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM."

up with a priority list of the things they would like to tackle this term.

"Usually it revolves around improving or increasing member services, that's usually the big one, and we've got a real focus over the next couple years just of not only increasing those services, but also getting involved in a lot of advocacy work," Sheldon said. "We are the voice of business in Morden and district, so just getting involved as we are now with the Manitoba Chamber and Canada Chamber. At all the government levels, we just want to have a stronger voice for this region."



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE Chad Sheldon is the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce's new board president, taking over from James Steedsman.

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by Michael Grenier, SRES

Did you know the average person spends more time researching the right TV then they do when looking for the right Realtor? Sadly, that could end up costing a person in the end.

When house prices climb and a modest home can easily cost you \$250,000, excitement can lead to indifference. This little primer will hopefully help put more money in your pocket.

STEP 1: Make your agent earn your business.

It may be a 2nd cousin, acquaintance or someone highly recommended by your friend. Sometimes you need to just say 'no thank you' and hire the agent you are comfortable with. Remember, you are the boss, don't be afraid to request things to be done on your terms.

STEP 2: Don't get overwhelmed.

It's easy to become overwhelmed with a dozen showings in a week, or to feel an elevated heart rate when you have multiple offers come in on your home. Take a deep breathe, remember you are in charge. Keep communication open with your Realtor, let them know what you have going on.

STEP 3: Do your homework

This goes back to my intro. If you are not about to buy a TV without some research, why would you trust your family's home to someone without doing your homework? One Realtor might be looking for a quick sale and decide to price your home a bit low next to comparable homes. A good option if you want a quick sale so you can move on. The next Realtor may be more inclined to aim for a higher price, hoping to get you top dollar. Again, good option if you don't mind the waiting game and a potential price reduction.

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Question or comments? I would be happy to hear from you. You can contact me at 204.362.7728 or Michael@crocusrealty.com

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FAITH PERSPECTIVE Finding the antidote when life's got you down

shared in my last article some of our experiences going through a health crisis with our daughter, Keziah, who is eight years old and has been diagnosed with Autoimmune Hepatitis (she's got a sick liver).

Since then our other daughter, Nevae, who is six years old, has been diagnosed with Celiac Disease, also an autoimmune dis-

order in which the ingestion of gluten leads to damage in your small intestine. Finally, my father-

in-law has had a rough couple of months in his journey with terminal cancer.

My answer to the inevitable question of "How are you doing?" typically sounds like "Well, nothing's been easy in life the last while." I suppose it's a polite way of saying, "It sure feels like the poop has hit the fan."

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." This is what Scripture teaches us, or, more personally, this is what God is teaching me in the midst of difficult circumstances.

I want to share a couple of perspec-

tives that seem to want to poison my joy, and the antidotes I've discovered through my relationship or faith in Jesus:

Poison #1: Entitlement.

There is a life that I feel I deserve that has been taken away from me and, even harder to accept, has been taken away from my children.

I don't want a sick child-didn't ask for it, didn't plan for it, and certainly don't deserve it.

Antidote: I am the created, not the creator. My children were never mine to begin with; I don't deserve a single day with them, but God has already given me eight years with Keziah and six years with Nevae.

Each day I spend with my loved ones must be considered a gift from God, who created them and gave them to me. Anytime you become the centre of your universe, any flaw will throw your universe out of equilibrium and it will feel like the world is crashing down on you.

Poison #2: Self-Protection.

It's been such an emotional roller coaster of ups and downs that somewhere along the way I made a conscious decision to try and protect myself and not to get too high or too low, to brace myself for the worst.

In other words, I wanted to feel less: less disappointment, less fear, less anger. The flip-side of that is that I also "feel" less joy, less excitement, less hope.

Antidote: God is my protection. I'm

beginning to wonder if my "bracing for the worst" means I lose out on the wonder of seeing God perform a miracle because I'm putting myself in a posture of unbelief and I close my eyes to the possibility.

It's natural for anyone to have a defense mechanism kick in and I'm no different; but maybe I'm trying to protect myself from the fear of trusting God with the unknown future of my children.

I'm learning how powerful it can be to praise God and have an attitude of thankfulness in the midst of difficult circumstances because it aligns my focus on what God can do. In praise, my trust moves from my own ability to save to God's ability to save.

When I lack joy, I lack strength. And when I lack strength, I lack joy. The Bible teaches that the two are connected.

What is stealing or poisoning joy in your life? What is sapping your strength? Is it rooted in a lie that maybe God can't be trusted, maybe He's not good, or maybe we're just the outcome of a cosmic accident and there is no God?

There is always a choice, an element of faith in our relationship with God and, without a doubt, with faith comes the real risk of having your faith put to the test. But the more I learn to let go and let God, the more I discover a joy-filled life through Jesus, even when nothing goes easy.

> - Terry Dueck is an associate pastor at the Winkler MB Church



letters NDP budget: broken promises, broken trust

The NDP's 2015 provincial budget is about broken promises and broken trust. It takes Manitoba in entirely the wrong direction.

The provincial deficit is up 20 per cent to \$422 million while the NDP government has made clear it will miss its most recent revised target for eliminating the deficit by 2016-17. The NDP had promised to eliminate the deficit by 2014, then changed the target to 2016, and now it's unclear when, if ever, that will happen.

As a result of overspending, Mani-

toba's debt has skyrocketed to over \$36 billion—double what it was just six years ago.

Why does this matter to Manitobans? We pay more as a result of the



By Terry Dueck

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NDP's failure to manage the province's finances. If a government can't manage its spending and match expenditures to revenues, it has only two choices: either borrow money or raise taxes to make up the difference. This NDP government does both.

The PST hike in 2013 was Manitoba's largest tax increase in recent history. Because of the PST increase, the NDP takes in \$500 million more per year on everything from haircuts to home insurance. Manitobans should be shocked that with all this increased revenue, the NDP still can't balance the budget. The Selinger government is raising fees and raiding the province's rainy day account.

This NDP waste is threatening essential front-line services. Under the NDP, Child and Family Services is in disarray with over 10,000 kids in care. Our students' education scores are second-lowest in Canada. Manitoba leads the nation in ER wait times. Every dollar the NDP wastes is a dollar that can't go to the services Manitobans really need. With the NDP, Manitobans are paying more and getting less.

This disastrous budget shows for the NDP, rising deficits, high taxes, and skyrocketing debt are just business as usual. This NDP government's trust is broken. Manitobans are tired of the same NDP broken promises and want a change for the better.

Cameron Friesen, Opposition Finance Critic, Progressive Conservative MLA for Morden-Winkler

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is coming to **WINKLER ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 20** to outfit you with the best possible bra for your body. Chapman said she will be seeing clients on a one-on-one basis, explaining the benefits of good bras and measuring their bodies properly.

"Most women just want to find a good-fitting bra that's not uncomfortable," Chapman says. "What they don't realize is that a good support bra is also important for blood circulation and enhanced lymph drainage."

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- She offers these questions for women to ask themselves:
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- the straps to give you added support?
- Have you ever begun an exercise class only to drop out because your breasts ached from lack of support while jumping or running?

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Auxiliary bake sale on next Fri.

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Winkler Auxiliary hosts its annual spring bake sale at the Southland Mall next week Friday, May 22.

The sale, which will feature a wide selection of homemade goods baked by the auxiliary's members, begins at 9 a.m. and will run until the last treat is sold, says president Nettie Friesen.

This year the funds from the sale will all go to support the purchase of two tilt wheelchairs and one pressure ulcer mattress for the BTHC.

The total cost of these items—which are all high on the hospital's unfunded wish list, Friesen says—is about \$9,300, so the auxiliary hopes the community will come out to show their support.

In addition to the tables full of baking, coffee and dessert will also be available for sale all day.



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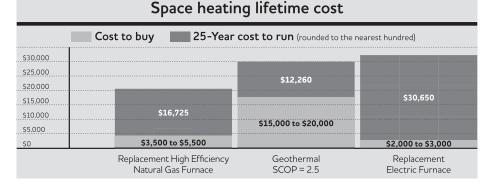
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At left: Gr. 1 student Ethan LeMasurier (left) and Gr. 2 student Blake LeMasurier shared their stories with the community at Minnewasta School's first annual Young Author's Night last week. Above: Gr. 3 student Jack Goertzen read his story with parents Pam and Dan.

Budding young authors share their stories

By Cori Bezan

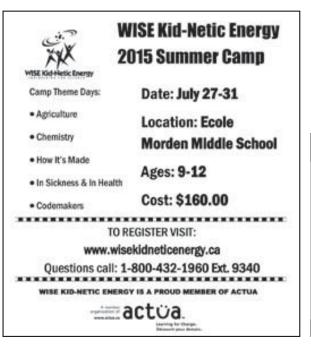
Over 100 elementary students at Minnewasta School brought their written works to life last week.

"Young Author's Night is a celebration of the students' writing," said Western School Division literacy coach Darlene Keith."They've been working hard all year writing their stories."

The May 5 event gave students the chance to read their stories and poems to the parents and friends in attendance, receiving feedback on their work.

"The kids are just really celebrating what they've written, and we're really proud of how much work they've done this year," Keith said. "This is a chance for the parents to see the growth from the beginning of the year until now, and how much has changed."

"It gives them the shining light on them," she added.



"The parents get the kids to autograph the back of their brochure, making the kids feel famous and more important than ever."

A total of 120 students in six classes took part in reading their own works. All of them were anxiously awaiting the literacy evening, Keith said.

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"They were very exciting

and very nervous all at the same time," she said. "They did practise in the classrooms with their teachers or with some cross-grade buddies, just to be ready ... but very excited to be able to read to the parents, and have other parents to read to as well."

The idea for the literacy evening came from a similar concept that teachers

had been using for their writer's workshops, Keith explained.

"Just as a result of a professional development session that was held early in the year," she said. "They decided they wanted to celebrate some of the students' writing in this way as they had learned from someone else. It's a



learning experience for the teachers as well as the students."

With the first event down in the books as a huge success, Keith hopes to see this become an annual celebration of student progress and writing.

"The benefit for the students is just to encourage them to keep writing, that they are capable of writing. It's not just about making sure that they have capitals and periods in the right places, but to write with thought-provoking ideas, to entertain somebody, to get their message across, and to use it as a form of communication. It's a life-long skill that they're learning now, and their writing skills will develop as they go on through the years of school."

Keith wanted to extend her thanks to McDonald's and Winkler Co-op for donating the refreshments for the evening, and to the teachers for the work they put in to help make the event such a success.

She added a special thank-you to the students for working so hard and providing a wonderful evening of entertainment.





PHOTOS BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE The grade ones and twos at Minnewasta School showed off their dance moves at an assembly last Friday as part of the Artist in the School program. The students had been working with Becky Sawdon of the Aboriginal School of Dance thanks to the support of the Manitoba Arts Council. Demonstrating traditional powwow and round dancing, the students gained a greater understanding of Aboriginal culture and the value of working together.

Kicking up their heels



Mud will fly at Miami Mud Bog May 23

By Cori Bezan

Motorsport enthusiasts are going to put their trucks and ATVs through their paces in the upcoming sixth annual Miami Mud Bog, where if the mud

ain't flyin', you ain't tryin'.

"The big thing is, everybody likes horsepower," said organizer Joel Frost. "When you get into motorsports, horsepower rules. It's another excitement, another thrill."



Police auction off bikes

The annual Police Bike Auction sold 84 bikes in Winkler last Friday night. About 100 people came out for the auction, which this year was jointly hosted by the Winkler and Morden police services. Winkler's police sold 62 bikes to raise \$3,154, the bulk of which will be going to its Victim Services program, while Morden PD sold 22 bikes for \$1,037, which will be donated to Youth for Christ and the school student patrol programs. The police departments send out a big thank-you to everyone who came out and to Bill Klassen Auctions for donating their time as auctioneers.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Vehicles at the May 23 event will have to plough their way through 200 feet of slick mud in classes that include stock, super stock, and modifieds.

"We're going to do a dash for cash, give people a chance to get in the mud and run for some money," Frost said.

The current fastest time across the pit is just under three seconds, he added, challenging drivers to have a go at setting a new record this year.

The event drew out around 600 people last year and organizers hope to see just as many faces in the crowd again this year, Frost said.

The mud bog will include bouncy castles and face painting for the children, as well as a 50/50 draw, a beer garden, and a food booth open for the afternoon.

The event will run rain or shine, and while the racers duke it out in the mud, spectators can take shelter from the sun, wind, or rain under the roofed grandstands and tented tables.

"We hope for good weather, and we hope to see everybody there," Frost said.

Participants can register the day-of at the Miami Fairgrounds, and must be registered by 12:30 p.m. in order to compete starting at 1 p.m. The cost to register ranges from \$40 and up, depending on the event. For rules, visit mbmudracers.com. You can also contact Frost at 204-745-8220 for more information.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth 12 to 17, with free admission for kids under 12. The money raised will go towards offering graduating students at Miami School a scholarship for their continued education.

"There's excitement all day long," Frost said. "It's a great way to bring people to our community . . . and it's just another way of giving back to our community."



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Manitou Opera House hosts Prairie Voices (above) and Horizon (below) on May 24 for an afternoon of lively choral music. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$4 for students.



Prairie Voices, Horizons in Manitou May 24

The Manitou Opera House hosts two of the province's top choirs next week.

On Sunday, May 24, the heritage building welcomes Prairie Voices and its sister ensemble Horizon.

Founded in 2000, Prairie Voices is an awardwinning choir of 18-25-year-old singers. They are currently led by director Vic Pankratz, assistant director Geung Lee, and accompanist Steven Webb.

While placing an emphasis on performing the music of Canadian and Manitoban composers, Prairie Voices also loves to perform innovative contemporary choral music from all over the world.

The group has performed around the globe, and have won gold medals at events such as the World Choir Games in Latvia in 2014 and Cincinnati in 2012.

Horizon, meanwhile, was formed in 2013 to expand the Prairie Voices family of choirs to meet the needs of a growing choral community.

They feature the musical talents of adults aged 26 and over, giving them a place to further hone their choral skills.

Horizon is led by conductors Scott Reimer and Leanne Cooper-Carrier.

The show begins at 3 p.m. at the Opera House. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$4 for students and are available from Muellers' Hardware in Manitou (204-242-2171), from members of the Manitou Opera House Foundation, by calling 204-242-2794, or at the door.

> AN ARTIST'S LIFE **Teaching children to appreciate the arts**

t many arts events in Manitoba, the average age of the concert-goer is

increasing.

Many concerts see very few attendees under the age of 20, let alone children; yet concerts, plays, and recitals are a valuable part of any child's educa-

child's education. Read on to learn about a few of the benefits of exposing your children to the arts from a young age. First attend

First, attending different types of arts

By Candace Hamm events exposes your child to new ideas. Does your child know what a ballet is? What about a musical, orchestra, choir, or art gallery? Going to a concert or show is not only educational but offers your child the chance to explore different areas of the arts he or she may be interested in.

The material presented in these concerts can also be educational. Upon seeing Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*, a child may be interested in learning about Russian fairy tales. The subject material found in the arts can spark an interest in history, current events, literature, and even math and science.

Attending arts events can inspire your budding musician, thespian, visual artist, or dancer. Seeing professional artists perform onstage and knowing the tremendous amount of work they did to achieve their level of proficiency is encouraging to young artists who can see what they could also achieve. Students who are feeling discouraged about their work or practice time may receive the inspiration they need to keep going instead of giving up.

Going to arts events exposes children to many different cultures without ever leaving their home province. Cultures around the world express themselves through different forms of art, whether through beading, carving, singing, dancing, or other artistic means. Through these events, children gain an appreciation for diversity, learn about other lands and peoples, and see that other cultures also value the arts and choose to express feeling, emotion, history, and cultural pride through their work.

Lastly, attending arts events with your child also helps to teach children that you value the arts, instilling that same value in them. With so many orchestras, operas, and other artistic groups closing due to a lack of support and funding, instilling this value in future generations is the only way to keep the arts and a large part of our own history and culture alive.

Ensuring these organizations continue to exist also means that young artists may grow up to have the opportunity to fulfill their dreams and make a career in the arts.

With a thriving arts scene in Manitoba, the options for taking in arts events are numerous. From local productions to youth events to professional companies such as the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, and Manitoba Opera, finding concerts, plays, and shows is not difficult in our province! So find an arts event and explore the world of the arts today!

Reach Candace Hamm at ibcnu@mts.net

Death of film hits Stardust Drive-In hard

By Cori Bezan

After several summers of hoping it wouldn't happen for a few more years yet, it's now official: 35 mm film is dead, leaving the fate of the Stardust Drive-In in Morden up in the air. "It's been a few years now that

they've been talking about the elimination of 35 mm film," said owner and man-

said owner and manager Marlene Nelson. "The film companies don't want to produce it anymore, they don't want to store it, they don't want to ship it they'd rather go digital. So they've been pushing for the whole industry to go digital."

Still, for the last few summers, 35 mm film was available, though it was a struggle to find.

"It's been really hard to access 35 mm for the last couple of years," Nelson said."There were some times last year where I didn't know until literally a week before whether I was going to have a movie the next week."

Things have shifted this year,

though, as the Stardust has received news from their booking agent that film companies are no longer willing to provide any movies via the old method. The news really "took the wind out of our sails," Nelson said, since, despite a few years of fundraising, the Stardust has not yet raised enough to be able to purchase a digi-

tal projector.

"It's all so up in the air," she said. "It's been a really tough start for the season." Past fundraisers have raised around \$17,500 for the needed projector upgrade, but it's not enough to begin showing digital films for this season, Nelson said.

Still, the Stardust isn't ready to go dark quite yet.

"Initially to do a digital conversion for the size that we would need would be approximately \$86,000, which is huge for a four-month operation," Nelson said. "Having said that, we have gotten right back onto the fundraising bandwagon."

Some of the new equipment is becoming more affordable, so Nelson is hopeful they will be able to raise enough money to finance a projector and keep the drive-in going as quickly as possible.

"We're not looking at fundraising the whole amount," she said. "We're looking at if we can get it to a certain level, then we can actually go ahead and make this feasible and have this happen, put it in reach."

In the meantime, Nelson said that they have been in close contact with

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The Stardust Drive-In has received word that 35 mm films are going to be harder to come by than ever this summer. The theatre plans to continue its fundraising efforts for a new digital projector.



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Bowen releases fivetrack debut album

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Jonny's Java in Winkler was packed last Thursday night with fans of singer-songwriter Bowen, who grabbed the mic to share music from his debut album *Short Lived EP*.

The five-track album paints a picture of life and love and is meant to provide a taste of what the young country/pop musician has to offer.

"I've been writing songs for many years already and so it was time to sit down and put them together and try to get them out there. I really wanted people to have a little taste of everything," Bowen says, taking a break from his job at the Winkler Bible Camp to chat with the *Voice* about the album a few days before its launch last week.

Working with the musical gurus at AccuSound out of Altona, Bowen says this album took the better part of the last seven months to pull together, and he's proud of the results.

"I actually absolutely loved every part of this process," he says. "There's hardly a portion of this project that hasn't been touched by me. So what you get, that's me. It's just the way I wanted it."

"I go under the country genre but this first release definitely has some strong pop influences in it," Bowen adds. "Some people would call it country, some people would call it pop—it's a strong mix of both."

Rewind a few years and a younger Bowen would never have expected to be launching his own record today.

"I've always really enjoyed music, but when I was younger I never thought it was something I was going to do with my life," he says. "But as I got older it was something that was always on the back burner that I wanted to try and pursue at some point."

With high school graduation came more time to focus on music, leading to more public performances, a whole lot of songwriting, and, finally, this album.

"As soon as school ended I started writing more seriously and just getting into the studio and trying things," Bowen says. "With this album, I'd really say it's kind of an experiment for me. I was learning the whole time. Every time we recorded a song then for the next one I had a little more experience on how it's done."

"I'm definitely already looking forward to doing more projects, learning even more," he says.

Short Lived includes the title song alongside tracks Whisper, Stuck Together, Runway, and Leave the Light On.

While the first four songs provide a glimpse into stories of falling in and out of love, Leave a Light On has a broader message on life's struggles.



"It's a straight-up, honest song of struggles I've had, dreams that I've had and knowing that no matter what people say, no matter what you do, you need to be who you are and follow your dreams and follow your heart," Bowen says, noting he wrote the song as a fundraiser for the Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry, which helps orphaned children around the globe. Proceeds from the song will go to the ministry in perpetuity.

The bedrock of the album is honesty, Bowen stresses.

"With all my songs, whatever story or part of my life I'm writing about, I want to just basically write what happened," he says. "Whatever feelings I was feeling at that moment, that's what I want that song to be."

"As a musician and as an artist, I think it's very important to be honest

and be who you are in every part of it, not trying to be something else."

Bowen isn't sure where *Short Lived* will take him, but he's excited to be sharing it with fans and eager to get started on the next stage of his career.

"It's very exciting not knowing where this is going to go," he says. "I did this project and I already want to do more, but I don't really know what to expect of it, where it will take me. But I'm always dreaming."

Bowen can be seen on stage at several community festivals this summer, including the Morden Block Party and Back 40 Festival in June and the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition in August. A full schedule is available online at bowenmusic.org.

You can also check Bowen out on Facebook, or find the new album on iTunes.

Art auction fundraiser on now

By Cori Bezan

Bidding has officially opened for the Art and Food for the Soul silent auction, a fundraiser in support of the Pembina Hills Art Gallery and Many Hands Resource Centre.

"We were approached by Heather Francis with Many Hands to do this fundraiser, and we just thought it was a nice opportunity to work with a local organization that's doing such important things," explained gallery executive director Amanda Nicholls. "It just seems like a good fit: two community organizations that want good things for the community."

The joint fundraiser had previously

been planned as a gala, but plans were changed after some challenges presented themselves.

"After reviewing the expenses that were going into the higher-end gala type event, we decided that it made more sense, more financial sense as a fundraiser, to scale down to something a little smaller with fewer fees and whatnot involved," Nicholls explained.

Currently, 20 pieces created by several regional artists are up for auction.

"We have everything," Nicholls said. "We have acrylic painting, mixed

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> STARDUST, FROM PG. 13

the Shamrock Drive-In in Killarney—one of the only other drive-ins still operational in Manitoba—trying to work together to find movies to light up the screens this summer.

"They had been able to find that there were two films being released this summer in 35 mm," she said. "Two. For the whole summer."

"We've also been asking whether we can access any of the older films, because we're thinking there's got to be some still in storage," she added. "They were saying there was nothing available, nothing available, nothing available."

After some persistence, Nelson said a few film companies are now talking about bringing some of the old film reels up from the United States—for a price.

"There's a real cost attached to it," she said.

Despite the lack of newer films, Nelson hopes drive-in fans will keep the Stardust in their long weekend plans, which will function as a fundraiser for the theatre.

Hy-Wire Ziplines will be setting up a paintball course at the drive-in over the weekend.

"It's a joint effort. It makes people aware that Hy-Wire does do this now, and also puts it in a prime location for people to access it for the weekend," Nelson said.

If the equipment can be worked out, Nelson also said that Morklers/Pembina Valley Computers in Morden has offered to sponsor a movie night, possibly on Sunday.

Details for the long weekend are still being finalized, but updates on events and prices can be found on the Stardust Drive-In page on Facebook or at stardustmorden.tripod. com.

Another upcoming fundraiser is a 1950s-themed zumba evening taking place May 29 at the Morden 55+Activity Centre. The class will be led by fitness trainer Carie Janzen.

"We're going for a '50s kind of *Grease* theme and a lot of fun,"Nelson said."It should just be a lot of fun and a different way of getting some more interest and making people aware of the dilemma that the drive-in is experiencing."

The evening will run from 7-9 p.m.. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth ages six to 17. Admission is free for children five and under.

Tickets will be available at the drive-in this weekend and at other locations soon, including Thornview Grocery and Freund's Auto Parts. Some tickets will also be available at the door.

Nelson extends her thanks to everyone who continues to support the drive-in's bid to keep the landmark alive in the Pembina Valley.

"It's not that our attendance hasn't been good," she said. "It's just the hurdle we're trying to get over for being able to access the movies again."

> ART AUCTION, FROM PG. 14

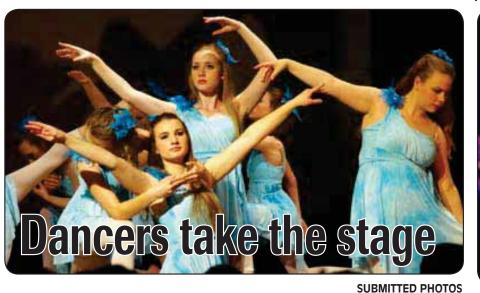
media, watercolour painting, ink painting on tile, pottery, print-making in a variety of styles, fibre arts, photography, sculpture. You name it, we got it."

The artwork is currently displayed in the gallery, but you can also view the pieces at artandfoodforthesoul.com.

Bidding is taking place at the gallery until the free reception on May 28 from 6-8 p.m. Bidding will close at 7 p.m. that night, with auction winners to be announced shortly afterwards. Food that evening will be provided by the Many Hands community kitchen program.

"It's important to give exposure for our artists, and it's also important as a fundraiser to raise funds for important programs that Many Hands Resource Centre is doing, and that we are also doing," Nicholls said. "It's for the community, it's a fun thing to participate in."

Nicholls extends her thanks to the event's sponsors, including Access Credit Union, Francis Family Homes, Ron and Jeanne Wiebe, and Winkler Co-op.



Over 300 dancers from across the region performed in the DanceWorks Spring Recital, held at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall May 8-9. The young dancers showcased their skills in a variety of dance styles, including contemporary dance (above), breakdance (above, right), Celtic (right), ballet (below), dance exploration, hip hop, jazz, Latin, tap, and tiny dancer.



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The first thing to understand is that the people engaged in servicing and repairing automobiles are as honest as any other types of business operators in Canada today. And like them they need to be profitable, so keeping you happy and making you a repeat customer is extremely important. They are also aware that if you do run into an operation that abuses the faith you've placed in it, you have rights and there are mechanisms in place to help you seek redress.

Taking the time to select a shop that will deliver on your expectations will give you the peace of mind you want the next time you take your vehicle in for service or repair, says Car Care Canada.

The right time to start looking for a service facility isn't just after you've coasted to the shoulder with steam billowing from under the hood. Do a little"shopping around" before you face an emergency situation that could force you into the first place available. Following the correct maintenance schedule outlined in your vehicle's owner's manual is a good way to start. Taking your car, truck, van or SUV into a shop for a basic "oil change" type service allows you to get a feel for how it conducts its business. If you leave feeling good about how you were treated and the work performed, you'll feel comfortable returning. If you don't, you can look elsewhere.

To start the process of finding a shop you have a number of options. The first one should definitely not be to look for a second rate operation that promises bargain prices. Any shop that is going to provide you with professional service and repair of any of today's highly complex vehicles needs to have made a large investment in properly trained staff and up to date equipment. And to ensure customer satisfaction it will use quality products and parts. It won't stay in business long if it isn't charging a fair price for the work performed. You can telephone a few shops selected at random to check out local prices for basic services and current labor rates.

Selecting a shop located near where you live or work will make the logistics of getting your vehicle serviced easier, and local business people always appreciate being supported by members of their community – a good start to building the rapport that goes hand-in-hand with any business relationship. If you're new to an area a good source of it mation is the Car Care Canada website – v carcarecanada.ca – which, along with plen other useful auto repair and service related formation, offers a Find A Shop feature that more than 5,000 auto parts retailers, repair f ties, body shops and parts remanufacturers. I ing a shop that specializes in your particular of vehicle is always a plus.

Or, you can seek recommendations from ily members, friends and co-workers. If the established a good working relationship w shop, chances are you will too. Letting the know you've been referred by an existing cus er is always a good idea.

The final decision on where you get your fixed or serviced should be yours, however, w means you should meet those you'll be de with face-to-face and conduct a personal ins tion of the premises.

A well run business will usually welcome with a clean reception area/waiting room attentive staff that deals with you promptly courteously. Most shops will proudly display business and employee licenses, accredita and such things as service awards.

If you can, meet the owner or manager, and about such things as how long the shop has in business, how it calculates labor rates and kind of warranty it offers on work performed



otive service

can also ask about ongoing staff training and such hings as whether the shop offers loaner vehicles or a customer shuttle service and if it road tests cars prior to return.

A quick look into the actual working portion of the shop should reveal a clean, uncluttered area equipped with modern looking tools, equipment and diagnostic aids. If you can also meet and chat with the technician who will be working on your vehicle all the better, but if you're dealing only with a service writer, as you will in larger shops, make sure he or she is willing to take the time to fully understand your needs. This is a job that requires patience and understanding of both venicles and people and as this person is often your main point of contact, make sure you feel comfortable with him or her.

Once you've selected a service provider and have become comfortable with its operation and level of service don't be shy about letting them know you appreciate their efforts and reward them with your loyalty, both of which will help build a stronger relationship.

The fact that a recent Car Care Canada survey shows almost three-quarters of Canadian motorsts have a regular automotive service provider to deal with their needs is proof that the vast majorty of these operations are meeting the expectaions of their customers.





How to store your winter tires

It's spring! The snow has melted, the roads are clear, and road trip season is here. Now that the warm weather has finally arrived, chances are you've swapped out your winter tires for your all-season or summer tires, but have you taken steps to protect your winter tires until next year?

Though winter is now the furthest thing from our minds, it will eventually come back, and you'll probably want to get some more wear out of your winter tires. Here are some tips to help you safely store them away:

Check the wear and tear on your tires to determine whether they are worth storing or if you will need to buy new ones next winter.

Before storing your tires, clean them with soap and water to remove any dirt and grime. Take special care to wash off any brake dust, which can be corrosive and can damage your tires.

Remove all moisture from the tires then place each one in an individual bag, taking care to remove extra air, and tape the bags shut. This creates a micro environment for each tire that reduces oil evaporation and prevents the rubber from drying out.

Though tire totes are convenient and prac-

tical, they are not airtight. If you want to us them to store your tires, be sure to put you tires in plastic bags before putting them in the tire totes.

Store your tires in a cool, dry place, prefer ably indoors, that does not exceed 25 degree Celsius. Avoid direct heat sources and direct sunlight, which can degrade the rubber.

Avoid sources of ozone from high voltag equipment and electric motors, like those on furnace or water heating system.

It is preferable to store your tires in an up right position on a flat, clean surface becaus it reduces the stress on tires. If, however, the are still on their rims they should be stacked Be sure not to stack your tires too high!

Use caution when storing whitewall of white letter tires because the black rubber of the whitewall side is compounded differentl than the black rubber on the opposite side If you are storing your tires without baggin them, be sure to stack them white-to-whit and black-to-black.

If you follow these simple tips, your winter tires should be in great shape come next wir ter!





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Ritz says U.S. ready to make changes to M-COOL

By Harry Siemens

Canadian Agriculture

Gerry Ritz has concluded his second agricultural mission to Turkey, where Minister he participated in the G20 ministerial

agricultural meeting. There, Ritz advocated agricultural



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to increase safe food production, sustainability, and improve farmers' incomes.

He also called on G20 members to support international free trade to ensure producers and processors have the market access needed to feed the world's growing population.

The 20 members adopted a joint communiqué that supports information sharing on agricultural technologies and markets.

When it came to the question and answer period on a worldwide media conference call, Ritz answered questions regarding the status of the United States' Mandatory Countryof-Orgin-Labelling regulations.

On May 18, the World Trade Organization is slated to release its decision on the United States' final appeal of earlier rulings that M-COOL discriminates against imported livestock from Canada and Mexico in violation of U.S. trade obligations.

The M-COOL legislation requires retailers to label beef and pork according to where it was born, raised, and slaughtered, prompting many U.S. processors to stop using imported product rather than keeping it segregated.

Ritz said he spoke with his U.S. counterpart, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, about this issue while in Turkey.

"Tom and I had a very candid conversation today here in Istanbul," he says. "He recognizes now the economic hurt that this is actually doing to his own industry, so he's given instructions to the administration to bring forward a piece of legislation that will either look at a NAFTA label-which, of course, would encompass us-or something that would seek to repeal what COOL has done."

Ritz says he's firmly in the camp of repeal.

"We don't want the second shoe dropping some three or four years down the road when someone else gets this ridiculous idea," he says. "Tom is on-board fully now, saying we have to work together. We can no longer negate the intricacies of the North American marketplace, so I welcome that change. The epiphany he had on the way to Istanbul, I

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The Canadian government has said it is prepared to impose duties on a wide range of imported U.S. products if the U.S. doesn't settle this issue.

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Also while in Istanbul, Ritz met with Turkish Agriculture Minister Mehmet Mehdi Eker and secured an agreement to open market access for Canadian breeding cattle to Turkey. The agreement is estimated to be worth \$4.5 million annually.



He also discussed growing Canada's agricultural trade with the European Union Commissioner for Agriculture Phil Hogan.

Ritz and Hogan both welcomed the signing of the Canada-EU Free Trade Agreement and agreed they need to implement it in a timely manner.

"Increasing global agricultural trade, as well as encouraging innovation through biotechnology, are foundational to ensure food security," says Ritz. "Collaborative efforts will certainly bring more economic prosperity and growth for farmers in Canada and around the world."

4H heads to Carman for Fun Fest

Bv Cori Bezan

Manitoba 4Hers will be headed to the Carman Country Fair July 9-10 to celebrate the fourth annual 4H Fun Fest

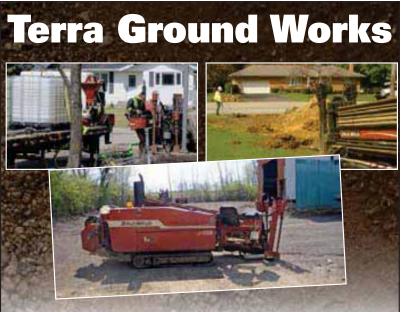
"It's like a big provincial rally," explained organizer Diane Kovar. "We're slowly growing. It's a work in progress . . . it changes as we keep adding new events and we see where we need

to fit things and what we can do differently to keep the kids coming back."

This year's Fun Fest will include horse, beef, and dairy shows, a banquet, pool party, and other fun activities for multi-purpose members. "They'll do the livestock show, have their

regular competition show classes and all that, we'll do some judging," Kovar explained. "We

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The Northlands Parkway Collegiate cosmetology program raised \$682 for the Winkler Imagination Library last month through the sale of manicures on April 23. "We had over 40 clients. We were booked solid," said instructor Brenda Richer, noting they choose the Imagination Library program as the recipient for the fundraiser because of its huge role in promoting childhood literacy. The program mails out free books to every registered child every month from birth until the time they start kindergarten. Above: Richer with students Ivy Loewen, Yana Khutoryana, and Angela Renz, who were some of the youth involved with the fundraiser.

> FUN FEST, FROM PG. 24

do have a new event that we did last year: the tug-of-war. We encourage clubs to form their tug-of-war teams and come take part against other clubs."

If a 4H livestock member finishes in first or second in their class for their particular species, they will go on to compete against other species in the Supreme Showmanship competition.

"Say a horse member, he or she will get the chance to show a dairy cow or beef cattle," Kovar said. "Some of these kids have never touched the other different species, so this is sort of trying to learn. We give them time to go talk to the other project members and see what they have to do to show every animal."

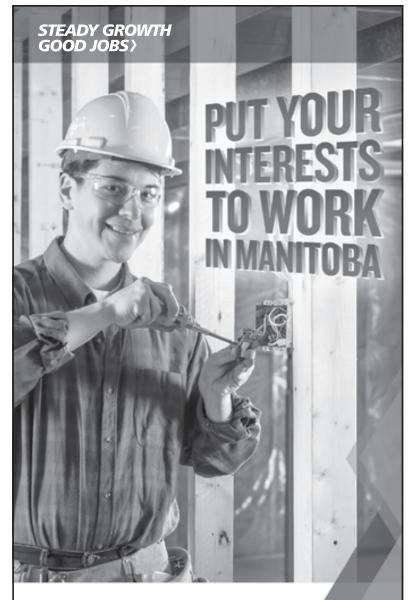
At the end of the fest, Kovar plans to hold a grand march that includes all of the participating clubs. "The goal to me has always been to bring kids together across the province," she said. "They have some fun, throw a little competition in there, and just see what the other kids do in their projects."

"It's important that we keep the 4H program going, and we keep the young kids involved," Kovar added.

Registration for Fun Fest is open now to all 4H members in the province.

The cost to register ranges from \$10 to \$30, and the deadline to enter is June 14. Forms to register can be found online at 4h.mb.ca/forms.php.

"I encourage spectators to come down and check out the event," Kovar said."Feel free to ask members questions—they always like to showcase their projects and are proud to brag about them." What's You's story? Call 325-6888



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PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Over 500 athletes from across Southern Manitoba were in Winkler May 6 for the Garden Valley Collegiate invitational track meet. Events included dozens of track races (above, below) as well as field events such as long jump (left), high jump, shotput, discus, and javelin throw.



GVC hosts track meet

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate and Northlands Parkway Collegiate jointly hosted the largest invitational track meet to be held at GVC in 17 years last week.

The May 6 track and field competition had 524 athletes registered from across Southern Manitoba, who competed despite the rainy weather that plagued the afternoon.

Local athletes who clinched a top three finish at the meet include:

VARSITY BOYS

• Blake Hildebrand, GVC, 1st in the 100m dash and 3rd in the triple jump.

• Andreas Richert, NPC, 3rd in the 200m dash and 3rd in the long jump.

• Sebastian Klassen, NPC, 2nd in 400m dash and 1st in 1,400m run.

• Levi Warkentine, GVC, 1st in 800m, 2nd in 1,500m, and 1st in 3,000m,

• Michael Wirth, Morden, 2nd in shot put and 1st in discus.

• Jeremy Menzies, Morden, 1st in the high jump.

• NPC also took first in the distance medley, while GVC took second place.

VARSITY GIRLS

• Emily Derksen, GVC, 1st, 80m hurdles.

• Esther Schwarzkopf, NPC, 2nd, 80m hurdles.

• Grace Tablan, GVC, 3rd, 80m hurdles.

• Megan Neduzak, Morden, 1st, 100m.

• Jess Russell, GVC, 2nd, 100m.

• Amber Wiebe, Morden, 3rd, 100m.

• Caroline Klassen, 2nd in the 1,500m and 1st in the 3,000m.

• Annaliese Loeppky, GVC, 3rd in the 1,500m and 3rd in the 3,000m.

• Elicia Wiebe, GVC, 3rd place, long jump.

• Mallory Byrka, GVC, 1st in the high jump.

Aztecs take fourth at provincial tourney

By Cori Bezan

The Aztecs volleyball club represented the Pembina Valley at Volleyball Manitoba's Provincial Championships in Brandon earlier this month.

After a good season, coach Pat Alexander said that the team was ready for the challenge of going up against the best 17U and 18U players in Manitoba.

"We've done reasonably well throughout the season, so it's been fun, it's been a good season so far," he said.

The Aztecs 18U boys team went on to place fourth in the tournament, overcoming the loss of an injured player to still do their best, Alexander said.

"We had an injury . . . the Friday before we left, so we weren't at full strength, which may have contributed to us not doing as well as we could have," he said. "But, overall, we're very happy with where we wound up and the play we got out of our team."

"We fight very, very hard and we don't give up ever, and I think that showed," he added. "We earned our way through matches and surprised some people with how far along we've come since the beginning of the season."

Aztecs 18U player Andrew Braun was named one of just six All-Star Players at the tournament.

Braun, a senior at Garden Valley Collegiate, says he's proud of how his team performed under pressure.

"We've definitely come a long way from how we used to be playing," he said. "We placed fourth, so we did pretty good. We've improved a lot, and it's good to see."

The All-Star nod was an honour Braun said he was aiming for.

"I was really happy about that. I've been working towards that for a while now and it was just really nice to be recognized for the hard work I feel like I've been putting in," he said. The team will now head to the na-

tionals in Calgary May 16-19.

Other local Aztecs teams will be joining the 18U boys, including the 17U and 15U boys teams and the 17U girls.

"We just need to leave everything on the court and just play to our full potential. We're a really good team,



VOICE FILE PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

The Aztecs 18U's Andrew Braun, shown here playing for the Zodiacs last fall, was named one of six All-Star Players at the Volleyball Manitoba provincial championships this month.

as we've been showing this whole season, so I think we just need to pull together," Braun said. "I think it's just about everyone's final year of playing high school or club volleyball, so if we could pull together and make it happen."

healthy. Most of these teams we will have never seen before and we don't know anything about them, and they're in the same boat as us," Alexander said. "You just go and do your best and whatever happens is going to happen."

"[We need to focus on] staying

Orioles strike down Wpg. South in season opener

high jump.

medley.

By Cori Bezan

After their home-opener was rained out last Wednesday, the Pembina Valley Orioles hit the road to take on Winnipeg South on Friday, kicking off the 2015-16 season in Manitoba Junior Baseball.

"Obviously, first game, you never know what to expect and how everybody will come together," said coach Brent Laverty. "With the weather the way it was, it definitely wasn't an ideal night for baseball, but with getting our first game cancelled, we figured if it's not raining, we kind of have to play. If you fall too many games behind early in the season it's pretty tough to make up and catch up with the rest of them as you go along."

While the cold and the wind drove temperatures down to near zero, the Orioles brought the heat to the diamond to steal the game out from under Winnipeg South 18-7.

Laverty said that all of the players, veteran and rookie alike, showed their potential their first time out as

a team.

"It was a very pleasant surprise how well the young guys played," he said. "They made a huge difference in the game."

"It was just a combination of everything," he added. "We put the ball into play, let them make some mistakes, which is the key early in the season. Usually good pitching needs good hitting early in the beginning of the year . . . you can't get on base if you strike out, and we did a really good job with that."

> TRACK, FROM PG. 26

• Victoria Byrka, GVC, 2nd in the high jump.

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS

• Alyssa Alderson, Morden, 1st in the 100m dash and 3rd in the high jump.

• Riise Dunseath, GVC, 1st, 100m.

• Madison Wood, Morden, 3rd in the 400m, 1st in the 800m, and 1st in the

The Orioles also took on the Altona Bisons this Wednesday, but the results of the game were not available at press time.

The Pembina Valley boys will continue their away stint on Monday in a double-header against Winnipeg South, as well as a rematch against the Bisons on Wednesday, May 20, before returning for their first home game against the St. Boniface Legionaires on Friday, May 22, in Morden.

• Jordan Parker, Morden, 2nd in the

• Tess Warkentine, GVC, 3rd, 800m.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

meter dash and 2nd in the 200 meter

• Ethan Rob, Morden, 1st in the 400

GVC also took third in the distance

800m and 2nd in the 3,000m.

dash.

• Colton Peters, NPC, 1st, 800m.

• Mattias Klassen, NPC, 1st 3,000m.

• Jason Nepinak, Morden, 1st in shot put and 1st in the discus throw.

• Ryan McCallum, Morden, 2nd in javelin throw.

• Isaiah Friesen, GVC, 2nd in long jump.

"IT WAS A VERY PLEAS-ANT SURPRISE HOW WELL THE YOUNG GUYS PLAYED. THEY MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN THE GAME."



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The Morden Thunder girls fast pitch team took second place at the GVC tournament last weekend, falling to Portage 11-0 in the AAAA final.

Thunder take 2nd in fast pitch tourney

Sixteen teams from across Manitoba were in Winkler last weekend for the Garden Valley Collegiate Girls Fast Pitch Tournament.

The teams battled cold weather and each other through 40 games over Friday and Saturday, with the Morden Thunder earning second place after falling to the Portage Saints 11-0 in the tournament's AAAA final.

In the AAA pool final, the Pilot Mound Pilots defeated the Nellie McClung Stingers 15-12.

The GVC Zodiacs , meanwhile, dropped the AAA pool third place game 11-5 to the W.C. Miller Aces, while the NPC Nighthawks were beaten 10-0 by the Killarney Raiders in the AA pool third place game.

In regular season fast pitch this week, the Zodiacs fell to the Saints 6-0 on Monday, while NPC beat the Blues 15-7, and the Thunder bested the Aces 18-7.

In boys baseball, the Nighthawks beat the Cougars 9-6 and 10-0 on Monday, the Thunder downed the MCI Blues 8-3 twice, and the Zodiacs lost to the Altona Aces 9-0 and 13-3.

Sydora wins 2015 IBAM-MJHL Scholarship

Winkler Flyers goalie Dasan Sydora was named the winner of the \$2,000 2015 IBAM-MJHL Scholarship at the Insurance Brokers Association of Manitoba's President's Dinner in Winnipeg last month.

The Red Deer, Alberta native accounted for 84 per cent of the Flyers' wins last season, finishing the season with a record of (26-10-5).

Sydora, who was the runner-up for the MJHL's Top Goaltender Award, was one of the highest ranked goaltenders in every statistical category with more than 10 games played.

His 26 wins ranks third among MJHL goalies. He finished tied for third with three shutouts, third in goals against average at 2.61, and sec-

ond in save percentage at .921.

When he wasn't stopping pucks for the Flyers, Sydora was volunteering his time with minor hockey teams, reading to children in schools, and visiting local day cares.

Sydora's commitment and work ethic were recognized by his winning of the team's Coaches Award, in addition to being named the MJHL's Goaltender of the Month and runner-up several times throughout the season.

Sydora plans to continue his hockey career and education at the collegiate level this fall.

Storm, Hurricanes both fall 3-1

The Winkler Storm took their first loss of the season on the chin last weekend in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's First Division.

Following on their season opener win the week before, the men's team fell 3-1 to FC Internazionale Friday night in Winnipeg. Steve Klassen scored the lone goal.

After a break this long weekend, the boys head to Portage on May 31 to face Brandon Inspire FC before hosting their first home game on June 6 against Selkirk.

The local women's team, meanwhile, hit the road Monday night to face Victorious Secret, coming home with a 3-1 loss.

Playing in the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League's Division 1, the SC Hurricanes are next slated to host the SE Shooters on Sunday, May 24 at 6 p.m. They then play on the road against CSSE Impact on June 1.

Filipinos cheer on Pacquiao

Over 60 people made their way to Morden the home of Marcos Simpao to cheer on Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao in his highly-anticipated boxing match against Floyd Mayweather Jr. on May 2.

The match, which was billed as the "Fight of the Century," was a fantastic evening for the local Filipino families who gathered to watch the boxers battle it out.

"The fight was very important for us Filipinos because Manny Pacquiao is our pride, he is our hero, he is our icon. He is the symbol of hope, humility and God's faithful servant," said Simpao. "He can unite every Filipino all around the world."

Simpao added that, despite the crowd, his home was silent as the match went on as everyone watched with anticipation as Pacquiao faced Mayweather in the ring.

In the end, Mayweather bested Pacquiao in 12 rounds by unanimous decision.

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Agriculture Make some 'space on the plate' for pulses

By Harry Siemens

Pulse Canada hopes that the United Nations' designating 2016 as International Year of Pulses will spotlight the health benefits of pulses, spark additional research, and increase attention to the hurdles that cause trade disruptions.

CEO Gordon Bacon says going forward they really want to make sure people know how pulses are a healthy addition to one's normal daily diet.

"We really believe that we have the opportunity in the pulse industry to catapult to be the ingredient of attention on a global basis," he says, noting they've just launched a new international logo and tagline billing pulses as "The Future of Foods."

Bacon says the timing is right for beans, lentils, peas, chickpeas, and pulses around the world to get the recognition they deserve, not only as a protein source, but more importantly as something that will make a difference from a health perspective.

The main health factor he wants to talk about to anyone who will listen is blood sugar control, which is key in diabetes.

"This is a pandemic around the world in the developing countries, and certainly related to obesity problems, which aren't just restricted to North America, but India, the Middle East, and increasingly even in China with the younger generation," says Bacon. "We have the opportunity to position pulses as being something that provides some value to society in addressing one of our key priorities and that's health."

Bacon says much of the discussion at the recent Global Pulse Confederation in Las Vegas was not about traditional supply and demand of pulses, but rather how the industry can unlock this potential to move these crops from commodities to key ingredients that impact health.

"I think everything in life is greatly influenced by the timing," Bacon says. "We're coming together with 2016 being declared by the United Nations as the International Year of Pulses. We're continuing to see focus on health and non-communicable disease health problems like blood sugar control diabetes and cardiovascular disease."

He says they're seeing more and more on a global basis new product launches that contain pulses to compliment the cereal base.

"I think this is our future, looking for 'space on the plate' and an understanding at the consumer level as to why this is important," says Bacon. "On eating whole beans, we have decades of research in terms of what the health benefit is, but we haven't come up with creating new excitement for the new generation of bean eaters."

He thinks all of the things coming together are going to give that big critical push to help them focus on what are the things they need to do.

"When you start with a new focus, then new questions come to light. I think that is our opportunity as to continue to provide that information to answer those questions and to catapult us forward to put pulses back on the plate," he says.

The International Year of Pulses will launch with an official UN declaration next January, with celebrations planned to start in Australia and work their way around the globe.

Standing firm on GMO foods

> HARRY SIEMENS

ome weeks ago I wrote a column based on research of the mighty little flaxseed and how healthy it really is if you take a couple teaspoons of the milled stuff every day.

This isn't about getting a shiny coat like dogs do, but about cutting back on heart attacks by 30 per cent or more.

You know that my role is and will always be to advocate for farmers and the good job they do of raising food that is healthy, safe, and costeffective.

So I've told the story of flax and will tell it again and again because someone I know who had high blood pressure followed the recommended dosage and saw his blood pressure drop. This isn't only wives' tales: the St. Boniface Research Centre is getting the same results from their own controlled studies.

In today's issue you see the story with Gordon Bacon on not only how healthy pulse crops are as a great source of protein, but how they too control blood sugar levels and cardiovascular disease. Farmers do an amazing job with feeding the masses around the globe. Not everything is gold that glitters, they say, but in this case they're taking a commodity and turning it into healthy ingredients that will find their way onto your plate.

But, stop the presses: there are those people who want to destroy the much maligned genetically modified foods that have in some cases been around for centuries.

My colleague, farm broadcaster Orion Samuelson, tells me he took on again the people who keep claiming GMO foods kill millions.

To do that, Orion turned to another voice to fight the battle.

He says that at the Annual Coca Cola Shareholders Meeting held on April 29 in Atlanta, Justin Danhof, director of the National Center for Public Policy Research, addressed shareholders and Coca Cola executives from the floor and shared these thoughts:

"Despite the fact that GMOs are mainstream agriculture, that GMOs feed people more efficiently, that GMO crops are more environmentfriendly than conventional crops, and there is scientific consensus GMO foods are safe, activists still attack companies such as Coca-Cola for using GMOs in some of its products."

"Last year *Scientific American* reported that the delayed application of Vitamin A-enhanced Golden Rice,

thanks to controversies stirred by anti-GMO activists, had cost over 1.4 million life years in India alone. This is real human suffering and death."

"The anti-GMO attacks come from Americans who have likely never missed a meal in their lives. The campaign against GMOs is unscientific, fear-based and inhumane, but they are winning. One ABC news poll showed 93 per cent of Americans think the federal government should mandate GMO labeling—a tactic they hope will elevate GMOs with taboo products such as tobacco and alcohol."

"As perhaps the most recognized brand in the world, Coca Cola has an opportunity and indeed a duty to do more to bridge the GMO information gap and educate consumers about the safety of GMO products."

Orion and I both fully agree with what Mr. Danhof had to say, and we wish food companies would spend as much time defending science as they do reacting to emotional activists whose claims are not based on science.

We have been consuming GMO foods for four decades now and I have yet to see the first death certificate that lists cause of death from consuming GMO foods.

Here is one other thing to remember, as the *Economic Times* reports: 1.3 million children die from malnutrition, while zero, nada, no one has ever died from GMOs.

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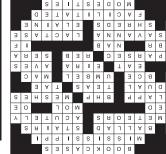
Despite some chilly weather, the fourth annual Garage & Bake Sale for Kenya was a huge success last weekend in Winkler, raising just over \$10,000. The money will be split between Children's Camps International's programs in Africa, the support of a family of dozens of Kenyan orphans, and the Hope Without Limits Foundation, which is fundraising to improve the Victorian Academy school in Kenya. "Everyone who had donated items, cash or shopped at the garage sale is a part of this project," says organizer Shirley Banman, "and though you may never receive their thanks in person, please know that every gift is appreciated and together we are making a huge difference." At left: Some of the many volunteers at the sale last weekend were Karen Fehr, Abe and Shirley Banman, Tina Letkeman, Ike and Elsi Banman, and Bert and Doreen Warms.

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The Carruthers family wish to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to friends. neighbors, and relatives for the love and support they showed our mom, Dorothy, during her struggles with her health within these past few weeks. The visits, food, flowers, cards, donations to The Tabor Home Fund, and prayers meant a great deal to all of us. We would like to thank the staff of Boundary Trails Health Centre for the care and comfort they provided and the compassion shown throughout mom's stay. A special thank you to Dr. Convery for the excellent care you gave mom throughout the years. Also thank you to Rev Suzanna Bates for the beautiful service and to both her and Rev Cathie Waldie for all the many encouraging visits you made to mom. Thank you to the pallbearers, ushers, soloist, pianist, and to the U.C.W. ladies for supplying and serving the luncheon. Thank you to all those who played a part in the celebration of mom's life. Thank you to Joey Grenier, from Wiebe's Funeral Home, for the compassion and professionalism shown during this difficult time.

-The Carruthers family

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Happy 60th Birthday/Retirement Rick! -Love always from Trisha, Sean, Jenna and Dante

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Our sincere thanks to our family, friends, neighbors and 4H'ers for the flowers, cards, food, visits and support we have received during this difficult time. Your kindness has been greatly appreciated.

-Norma Wood and family



Linda Marie Giesbrecht July 25, 1952 - May 17, 2013 In loving memory of our dear daughter, Sister, aunt, niece, cousin and friend; With so much love in our hearts. We remember our precious Lin, Not only at this difficult time. But every day of our lives... There will always be a heartache, And a silent tear: But always precious memories, Of the days when you were here. We hold you close within our hearts, And there you will remain: To walk with us throughout our lives, Until we meet again. **Don't Forget**





OBITUARY

Jacob Bernhard Peters 1933 - 2015

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Dad was called to his heavenly home on Tuesday, May 6, 2015 after a two month battle with a failing heart, lungs and kidneys. Dad is survived by his wife, Anna; children, Jack and Wendy and their children, Vic and his wife, Kris and their children, Nathaniel and Theodore, Dinah and her husband, Brian Luzny and Mark, Ben and Diane and their children, Derek and his wife, Nicole and

their children, Brody and Jace, Kyle and Rene and their daughter, Lauren and Reed, Bill and Carolyn and their children, Tyson and his wife, Megan and Bryce, Kelvin and his children, Jackson, Lorraine, Johnathon and Rachel, Len and Cindy and their children, Catrina and Jayden, stepdaughter, Lisa and her husband, Garry Warkentine and their sons, Jordan and Joel and stepdaughter,

Dorothy and her husband, Rob Penner and theirs sons, Scott and Dylan. Dad is also survived by his sister, Anne and her husband, Henry, his sister, Mary Unrau, his sister, Elizabeth and her husband, George De-Vehr and his sister, Helen and her husband, Diedrich Rempel as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2015 at Morden Mennonite Church with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Jacob's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care.

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We can't finish talking about Dad without using his farewell greeting he used so often. Nay Ya, we will see you then.



Katharina (Tina) Peters (nee Knelson) 1948 - 2015

On Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Tina Peters aged 66 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Cuauhtémoc, Mexico went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing two sons, Frank and Trudy Peters, Jake and Shauna Peters; four daughters, Tina and Ray Bergen, Susan Stein and friend, Paul, Trudy Hildebrand, Christine Pauls and friend, Michael; 15 grandchildren and her first greatgranddaughter. She is survived by eight sisters and seven brothers-in-law. She was predeceased by her parents Frank and Katrina Knelson; her husband of 35 years, Jacob H. Peters in 2001;

one son, Cornie and her granddaughter, Destiny in infancy. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Winkler Mennonite Church with interment at the Chortitz Old Colony Cemetery. Donations may be made to help cover funeral costs.

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Donald Elmer Sager 1930 – 2015

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Donald Elmer Sager on May 3, 2015. Don celebrated life until the end and spent his 85th birthday on April 29th with a party on a beautiful spring day surrounded by family and friends.

Donald is survived by his loving wife, Betty; daughters, Glenda Hemminger (Terry) Chilliwack, Janet McCue (Pete) Belleville, son-in-law Brian Burnett of Roland, stepchildren, Joe Dunbar (Shannon) Altona, Brenda Sloan (Al) Morden, Joanne Dunbar of New York; grandchildren, Brenda and Adam Burnett, Rachel and Kristen Hemminger, Leah, Sheridan and Mariah McCue, Tyler Sloan (Allison), Reid Sloan, Matthew Dunbar (Denise), Mallory Roovers (Sebastiaan). Molly Dunbar and four great-grandchildren. Aubree.

Olen, Dash and Felix; brothers, Gordon (Betty), Howard (Oddney). He'll be lovingly remembered by his large extended family. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Ruth; daughter, Barbara Burnett; granddaughter, Stacey Burnett; brother, Lawrence and sisters, Gladys and Evelyn.

Don was the third of six children born in Morden to Ralph and Martha Sager. He grew up on the farm and returned to farming after trying his hand at mining and the oil patch. Don was a farmer at heart. Don volunteered in countless ways in the community throughout the years. He was involved with the Elks, Legion, Golf and Curling clubs. After family, his greatest love was golf. Don spent many hours on the golf course with his close friends and golfing buddies. He was very proud that he golfed his age last summer (84) even with that crazy swing of his. Don had a great sense of humor and was always up for a conversation. He will always be remembered for his smile and quick wit. His memory about events was truly admirable, he never forgot a thing! Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at St. Paul's United Church

in Morden with a private ash interment at Hillside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Donald's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation Box 2000 Winkler, MB R6W 1H8.

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OBITUARY



Justina Klassen (nee Fehr) 1921 – 2015

On Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Justina Klassen aged 94 years formerly of Morden and the Wakeham district, went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters, Betty and Bernie Klassen, Agatha and Ernie Wieler; three sons, Henry H and Tina Klassen, Peter and Hilda Klassen, Ike and Martha Klassen as well as 16 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter H Klassen in 1983; daughters, Lena in 1949 and Justina in 1957; son, William in 2000 and two grandsons.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at

Thank you to the staff at Salem Home for their compassionate care during mom's stay with them.

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Bernard Groening 1917 - 2015

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Our husband and father, Bernard Groening, went to be with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on Monday, May 4th at 8:24 p.m. at Salem Home with his wife, Betty and three children by his bedside.

"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that last day, and not to me only, but unto all of them. Also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7 and 8.

Dad was born to Jacob and Katerina Groening at home at the family farm at Lowe Farm, Manitoba. He was baptized upon confession of his faith at Bergthaler Church in Lowe Farm. He married Elizabeth (Betty) Thiessen, following a three month

whirlwind courtship at her family's farm at Plum Coulee. Dad grew up on the family farm, worked alongside his father and brothers there, worked for other farmers as a farm laborer, was a lumber jack, operated a garage at Mather and did upholstery. Dad could fix anything, be it electrical, plumbing, carpentry, appliances and on and on even with his failing eyesight. His ethic was, "I'd rather work myself to death than rot to death." A work ethic his children inherited.

We were so privileged to have had parents who were very concerned about our spiritual upbringing as well. As small children we were privileged to be taught of the love of Jesus and our need to make a decision for Christ in order to ensure our future home in eternity. Up until a week before he passed away, he prayed for each and every one of us, by name daily. Oh how we will miss dad's prayer at family gatherings. We, the children and our families were so very, very blessed to have mom and dad as our parents. We were never wealthy in this world's standards, but oh the love our parents shared with us. There were hard times, but we never went without. Their nearly 70 year marriage was an example of how marriage should be.

Ben is survived by his wife and soulmate, Elizabeth; daughter, Esther Little (Larry) of Beausejour, their children, Sherry Meilleur (Wayne), Cathie Markus, Curtis Little and Suzane Bouchard (Phil); son, Gerald (Bonny) of Winnipeg, their child, Michael (Michelle); James (Susie) of Burnaby, BC, their children, Matthew, Amanda and Rachel; daughter-in-law, Irene Groening of Starbuck, her children, Kristy Smith (Kris), Scott and Lucas (Kayla), 15 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren, 49 foster children including especially Sandra, Beverly, Roberta and Agnes; sisters-in-law, Tina Groening, Elsie Groening, Mary Groening, Barbara Martens, Margaret Thiessen, Marv Thiessen and brother-in-law. Ben Bergen: many nieces and neohews and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Jacob and Katerina Groening; three sons, Andrew Arthur Groening in 1966, Walter Elmer Groening in 1972, Donald David Groening in 2002; granddaughter, Jenny Groening in 1987; great-great granddaughter, Mia Mackie; brothers, Jacob, Frank, Herman and Dave; sisters, Tina Gerbrandt, Nettie Hoeppner, Mary Born, Margaret Brignall and Helen Heinrichs and many in-laws. Ben was the last surviving member of his family.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2015 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Clearwater Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ben's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

OBITUARY

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Dorothy Carruthers (nee Ward) 1924 – 2015

Dorothy passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Memorial service was held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at St Paul's United Church in Morden with a family interment at Darlingford Cemetery prior to the service.

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

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