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Cycling grandmas

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The Wiebe family organized the Stationary Bike-a-Thon at Schanzenfeld's Southwood School Saturday, raising over \$22,000 for the Movement Centre of Manitoba. Above: On the bike for one of the day's first shifts were Mary Wall and Elizabeth Wiebe, grandmothers to Kathy Wiebe, who has received treatment at the centre for the past 12 years. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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Mental Health Week was marked in Morden last week not only with speakers but also a variety of fitness and wellness workshops, including cardio drumming on Wednesday and kickboxing on Thursday. Other classes included yoga, meditation, and a mindful triathlon.

Bike-a-thon sets record

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Move 'N Groove-A-Thon Stationary Bike Race returned in a big way last weekend.

After a hiatus in 2018, organizer Marie Wiebe wasn't sure what to expect when the six hour bike-a-thon set up shop once again in the Southwood School gym on Saturday.

The event, which raises money for the Movement Centre of Manitoba, had only 23 cyclists come out to take on half hour shifts throughout the day.

But what they lacked in riders the event more than made up for in donations.

A record-setting \$22,419 came in through rider pledges, corporate donations, and the proceeds of a barbecue lunch and raffle tickets.

"It absolutely blew me away," said Wiebe, who noted the fundraiser was really only pulled together in the past few weeks, so she had set her expectations low.

"And instead it's the highest we've ever done," she said. "There's absolutely no way that I did this. God did this for us."

The Winnipeg-based Movement

Centre provides clients like Wiebe's daughter Kathy, who lives with cerebral palsy, with conduction education exercises to improve their range of motion.

They rely on fundraisers like this to be able to operate, said Chris Martin, a conductor at the centre.

"We offset a ton of the costs to the clients so that they're able to come to the programming," he said. "So we do a ton of fundraising; we fundraise over half of the costs of a client coming in."

"It's through the kindness and the charity of others that we're able to offer this service to anyone who could benefit from it."

Martin said families like the Wiebes who offer to lend a hand through events like this are a blessing.

For her part, Wiebe is quick to pass on all the kudos to the community for its support.

"We're so, so very grateful to all the volunteers—we couldn't have done it without the volunteers—and to the bikers," she said. "And of course the generosity of the community and the businesses around the Winkler-Morden area."

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Winkler volunteer named to Order of Manitoba

By Lorne Stelmach

A dedicated Winkler volunteer is being welcomed into the Order of Manitoba.

Kathy Hildebrand is among a dozen Manitobans who will receive the



Kathy Hildebrand

province's highest honour at the investiture ceremony July 18 at the Manitoba Legislature.

"It's a very humbling experience, I think, in light of all of the many other deserving Manitobans, but it's certainly an honour to be selected," said Hildebrand.

"You don't work necessarily for the award, but I think when the recognition comes it is a wonderful feeling," she added. "The Lord certainly has brought many wonderful opportunities my way. I've met many wonderful people along the way. So it's all been a great opportunity for me, a great experience."

Hildebrand was cited for having been a dedicated community volunteer in Winkler for more than 35 years.

She is the co-founder and president of Hearth Families Incorporated, an organization established to help new immigrants settle in the community.

Hildebrand has helped many immigrant families obtain basic necessities while also connecting them with local programs to help them learn English.

Hildebrand was also a recipient of the Premier's Volunteer Service Award and has volunteered with

Habitat for Humanity, Stanley Agricultural Society, community round tables, and her church.

While one doesn't go looking for recognition like this, it can at the same time be an encouragement to carry on, she noted.

"I think that you can make a difference. I think sometimes, with everything that's going on, you kind of feel like is it going to make any difference? Does it even matter what I do or what I say and that kind of thing," she said. "I think it's just the reassur-

ance of knowing that, with everything that's going on in the world, that you can make a difference, that you can have an impact on society. I think that's a wonderful feeling."

The Order of Manitoba was established in 1999 to honour Manitobans who have demonstrated excellence and achievement, thereby enriching the social, cultural or economic well-being of the province and its residents. The list of all Order of Manitoba members is on permanent display in the Legislative Building.

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The *Voice* was named Best in Class for newspapers with a circulation of 10,000 or more and also received the first place award for Best Layout and Design and a second place award for Best Front Page in that circulation category.

Editor Ashleigh Viveiros received the second place award for Best Tourism Story for a piece she did on the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's Brimberly Village project, Peter Cantelon was second in the Best Columnist category, and designer Tara Gionet received a third place nod for Best Advertisement. Our Corn and Apple Festival special section also won a third place award for Best Special



Staff from the Winkler Morden Voice, Selkirk Record, Stonewall Teulon Tribune, and Express Weekly News with the awards the publishing group received at the MCNA Better Newspapers Competition Saturday.

Section.

Our sister papers in Stonewall, Selkirk, and Gimli also had standout showings at the competition.

The *Selkirk Record* brought home a

first place award for Best Front Page and second place awards for Best in Class and Best Layout and Design.

Justin Luschinski earned the *Record* the first place award for Best First Nations Coverage and second place for Best Habitat Conservation Story, while Brett Mitchell received third for Best Photo Essay. The paper's Lindsey Enns received third in the Reporter of the Year category.

The *Stonewall Teulon Tribune* received first place honours for Best Layout and Design and second place awards for Best in Class and Best Front Page in their size category. The *Tribune* also

received the third place award for Photographer of the Year for Lana Meier and a third place award for Jennifer McFee for Best Arts and Culture Story

The *Express Weekly News* received third place for Best in Class, Best Layout and Design, Best Front Page, and Best Christmas Edition.

Express reporter Patricia Barrett also won first for Best Agriculture Story, first for Best News Story, and second for Best Photo Essay.

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BTHC, Eden team up to hire joint security staff

By Lorne Stelmach

Security services will now be provided at Eden Mental Health Centre as well as Boundary Trails Health Centre.

The initiative announced Friday will see Southern Health-Santé Sud and Eden Health Care Services cost share a security contract that allows two on-site personnel to be placed at Eden on a 24-7 basis, with the flexibility to allow one of the personnel to respond when needed at BTHC.

It will allow the hospital to admit clients at risk of or already exhibiting violent behaviour while reducing the need for patients to wait in emergency for access to an acute psychiatric bed. It will also lessen the need for police to supervise patients while they await assessment or admission (an issue that made headlines last month when the City of Winkler sent the RHA a \$19,000 bill for those services).

Health Minister Cameron Friesen called this example of partnership “a powerful model for the future in how we want our systems to behave, where we are aligned in purpose, where we are solving problems and where we are finding efficiencies.

“One of those ways that we must improve is in having people be able to work co-operatively together within the system,” Friesen said in making the announcement at Eden on Friday.

He noted there have been inconsistent security standards from one health facility to the next in the province, so the provincial government is reviewing security at facilities throughout the province. But they recognized an urgent need at Eden and BTHC to improve safety for patients, clients, and staff.

“It was the only acute mental health facility in the province without a security provision in place ... we’ve had this question mark over the community and over this facility,” said Friesen.

“I can tell you that there has been a tremendous effort behind the scenes at all levels to solve this, but I have to commend Eden Mental Health Services and also Southern Health-Santé Sud for the engagement more recently, for the collaboration that we’ve seen and for the solution that we’ve found for a shared cost agreement.

“We want visitors, patients and medical providers ... to have a high degree of assurance that they will be safe,” he stressed.

Southern Health is focused on ensuring clients and patients experience safe, high-quality and timely care, said CEO Jane Curtis, who saw this as an important step toward achieving that goal.

“As part of this process, we are also reviewing the security needs at other regional centres,” she noted, adding



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Dignitaries and health care leaders were at the Eden Mental Health Care Centre in Winkler Friday to announce funding for security personnel to be shared between Eden and Boundary Trails Health Centre.

they value being able to work with Eden to address this concern. “It is a true partnership. We’re very happy to be able to work with Eden Mental Health Centre ... our end goal is to make sure we’ve got the right care for our patients, and so we were really committed to getting to that point.”

The introduction of security services will allow Eden to be better able to meet the mental health needs of residents of southern Manitoba, said CEO Kym Kaufmann.

“As part of the mental health and

additions system in Manitoba, the addition of security will also help improve access to mental health services for all Manitobans,” she said, adding it will also have an impact on their bed capacity as well. “The access to security will allow us to increase admissions of patients that require hospitalization to be able to fill the current beds that we have in place.

“This will really help from a provincial lens to be able to improve access to mental health services for all Manitobans.”

Morden council meetings move to Mon. mornings

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden city council’s sudden switch to Monday morning meetings stirred some debate on social media last week around issues of accessibility.

The move is a temporary one for the summer, stressed Mayor Brandon Burley, who added that council will do all that it can to make it work for residents as needed.

The change was precipitated by Burley feeling compelled to step in to coach his daughter’s youth soccer team when no one else came for-

ward to take on the task. The schedule means he will be busy as coach on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday mornings.

Council considered its options, but moving meetings to Tuesday nights was not ideal either due to a conflict for other members, while Friday evening got the thumbs down as the start of the weekend.

Council’s next meeting on Monday, May 27 will take place at 9 a.m.

“I asked if I could get a leave of absence ... council asked instead we just

change the schedule,” Burley said, adding that “council felt if I wasn’t there on Monday night that there could be a lot of pieces of information missing.”

One step the city is taking to help address the issue of accessibility is by shooting video of the meetings that will be available for viewing.

As well, Burley added that if a member of the public who wishes to be heard by council cannot make a morning meeting then a special council meeting can be held at any time.

“Council are no strangers to special meetings,” he noted. “If they aren’t able to make the scheduled meeting, we will arrange to have a special meeting to hear them at their convenience as soon as possible ... that way we make sure that people don’t lose access to their government.

“That was a trade-off for me ... wanting to determine that people could still be heard ... this was the solution we had ... as long as council could still hear people on a timely manner,” said Burley, stressing that they will return to a regular evening schedule in fall.

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This is an outrageous column

I am outraged. Pretty much all the time. Are you outraged? You probably are. The thing is, most of the time I don't even know what the heck I am outraged by anymore. Do you know? Maybe you think you do. I thought I knew.

In my life I do not remember ever being more outraged about nothing. Our whole world is outraged. People are outraged about literally everything.

Want to have an honest conversation about whether Jordan Peterson might have a few good points? **OUTRAGEOUS!**

Want to quietly point out that U.S. President Donald Trump might be a less-than-stellar human being? **OUTRAGEOUS!**

Want to talk about how Prime Min-

ister Justin Trudeau's performance lately has maaaaaybe been a little lame? **RIGHT WING FREAK!**

Want to point out that there is really a lot of data that supports climate change? **LEFT WING COMMIE!**

Everyone, everywhere is outraged about everything and we need to take a collective 10 minute (hour? Year?) break and re-focus.

Recently I was browsing through someone's Facebook profile (which I do from time to time because if you make it public it is fair game—you have been warned) and literally *every single post* was steeped in anger.

I mean from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day, all day, multiple posts an hour—anger and hate. How can a person function in such an environment? It would be like living in an aquarium of bleach.

We are missing something. It as if the sane center of our brains was cut out one night while we slept leaving only the extreme left and right portions. Perhaps some sort of odd experiment by aliens who are now recording their observations as we bash each other in bursts of deaf intolerance.

Everyone seems to want to silence everyone else either through cynical humour or outright hate and vio-

lence. No one is tolerant of anyone anymore. No one wants to listen to someone they disagree with ... we just want to yell as if the loudest person wins.

I will tell you a secret: Shouting down people and groups you disagree with does not make them go away. Removing the platforms for them to speak does not make the ideas go away. If anything, censorship and repression only causes a thing to grow. It just grows out of sight, making it much more dangerous.

It really is time to stop screaming at each other and start listening. Listening and dialogue and debate do not equal approval. Talking to people who hold what you consider hateful and wrong ideologies might actually help you understand why they hold them in the first place.

Talking to people who believe the earth is more than four billion years old will not instantly change your perspectives just like talking to someone who believes the earth is 6,000 years old won't.

The point? Not everything needs to be a fight. Not everything is a hill you should die on. Climb down from your mountain strongholds and meet your enemy in the valley. The world will not end.



By Peter Cantelon

Letters

Carbon tax—why not?

I have been struggling with all of the talk and mostly complaining about a carbon tax.

Like most people, paying more for fuel does not appeal to me and the economic impact on business is certainly a concern, but I also strongly believe that we have to be doing something tangible to address the mounting crisis of global warming.

We have known for some time that there was a problem and yet many corporations and businesses have been reluctant to embrace alterna-

tives that would create change.

A carbon tax is one approach. I don't know if it is the best approach or not but it is a least a starting point.

Contrary to Harry Siemens' comments of April 11th in the *Winkler Morden Voice* [Pg. 21, "Carbon tax—what for?"] there are actually many countries, states, and even provinces that have introduced a carbon tax of some sort. Such action has not been "silly" but has in my opinion been courageous! Sweden, Norway, Australia, California, and British Colum-

bia to name a few. It is also an option that many other counties are currently exploring. The scientific evidence suggests that it is an approach that is mostly working.

The carbon tax is simply a price put on the carbon content of fuels. It provides a fiscal incentive to rethink the way that we live. There seems to be agreement that it raises the incentive for industries to innovate and find ways to lower their emissions.

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Letters

Keeping our city clean is everybody's responsibility

I am writing in response to the article "Landowner fed up with mountain of trash" in last week's *Voice*. I sympathize with the Camerons and I hope that people will respond in a positive way to help solve the problem of garbage making its way across the countryside.

When we moved to 3rd St. I enjoyed using the 1st. St. South walkway. I realized that I would enjoy it more if there wasn't so much garbage along the path, in the ditch, and caught in the fence. The first years I cleaned

up the walkway I found that spring was the worst season for clean up. I stuffed garbage and recyclables into ten or twelve large garbage bags each spring, plus large cardboard and plastic pieces, pails and bags, and then maintained the pathway until the next winter.

This spring I discovered that it took only about four or five large bags to clean up the entire path! Either people are throwing less stuff out of their cars and keeping garbage from blowing across the street, or somebody is helping keep the pathway clean. Whichever the case, my back and I appreciate it!

I'd like to extend a note of thanks to one of the companies along 1st St. South. I had been bending over and picking up hundreds of bits of white stuff. One day I gathered up a couple of handfuls and took them to the company where I thought they originated. I spoke to a friendly gentleman who put the bits into a paper envelope, explained that stewardship for the environment is important to that company, and said he'd see that the problem was looked after. Since that day, 3M has cleaned up the problem by almost 100%! Very impressive and much appreciated! It would be

great if all companies, businesses, restaurants, farms and all citizens looked after their cardboard, plastic bags, foam packaging, plastic strapping, and garbage as responsibly! The 1st St. walkway is only one small area that needs periodic cleaning up!

Drink and food containers! I pick up beer bottles, pop bottles, cans and cups, fast food containers including pizza boxes, empty or partially full plastic water bottles, plus cigarette packaging. Please take all of those things home to your recycling and garbage bins or drop them into one of the many bins around the city.

Thank you to all the people who manage their garbage, recyclables and compostables responsibly! Morden has one of the best systems in the country and by using it responsibly we can make a real difference. Let's especially think of people like the Camerons who are cleaning up mountains of trash on their properties! They certainly deserve our consideration!

Pat Neuman,
Morden

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There can be a profit made from figuring out ways to supply energy without incurring the tax and this promotes research into new greener energy sources and can over time change the behavior of consumers too. Progressive oil companies are getting on board and support this move as a way forward that will eventually lead to solutions. Even a low carbon tax has positive benefits in terms of encouraging conversations and reevaluation of everyday decisions around protecting our environment.

I would encourage people to do their own research; consider the increase in devastating natural disasters and the economic and personal costs associated.

A carbon tax may not be the best way to cut emissions but it is critical that we acknowledge the problem and start taking proactive steps to address it.

So a carbon tax—maybe we need to embrace it as the best solution on table thus far.

Audrey Armstrong,
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“These babies don’t have a voice”

Protesters demand Cdn. abortion law

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A group of concerned citizens set up shop at Winkler intersections last week to raise awareness about Canada’s lack of an abortion law.

The local demonstration coincided with the March for Life rallies being held in cities across Canada May 9 to protest abortion rights.

“We’ve been here all week to let people know there is no law,” said Rita Hinz as she waved her sign at the corner of Main and Mountain Thursday during rush hour.

Currently in Canada, abortion can legally happen at any point in a pregnancy.

That said, Manitoba medical centres like the Women’s Health Clinic only offer surgical abortions for those up to 16 weeks pregnant, while Health Sciences Centre provides surgical

abortion for those who are up to 19 weeks, six days pregnant.

Those timelines are professional policies, not law, which is why Hinz and her peers want the government to enact legislation that would more formally protect pre-born children.

“It’s just so unfair. These babies don’t have a voice,” Hinz said, pointing out many other countries have laws protecting the rights of fetuses. “We need one here too to protect the babies more.”

Hinz said most passersby gave them the thumbs up.

“It’s been very positive,” she said. “There are some negative, but mostly it’s been people showing they agree. It’s been very good.”

“I was here on Monday and we got a lot of honks,” noted fellow protestor Elena Schefer. “And a few guys yelled ‘Good job’ out the windows, so we’ve got a lot of positive feedback.”

The issue of abortion in Canada is one Schefer feels very strongly about.

“I want to support the babies,” she said. “A lot of women don’t under-



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From left: Rita Hinz, Marina Fazylova, and Elena Schefer were among those protesting Canada’s lack of an abortion law by bearing signs at Winkler intersections during rush hour last week.

stand what they’re actually doing. [That realization] will come later in their lives. I just want to encourage them to think more about it.

“Life is precious. It’s not our decision [to end it],” Schefer said. “There is always another solution. Babies are precious.”

Morden trying to find its way forward on Morenet

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is close to finally settling how the

Morenet high speed internet service will continue to be rolled out in the community.

First technical issues held up progress and then council and administration had concerns around higher costs in terms of not only capital but operational expenses.

“At this point I don’t think there’s any question that Morenet will succeed ... it’s just a question of under which funding model,” Mayor Brandon Burley suggested last week.

“I don’t think the future of Morenet is in question. It’s the future of it as a city-run service versus a co-op model ... and we’re just trying to determine which model makes the most sense and which do we have the most chance of success under,” he said.

When the city introduced the idea of Morenet, it was touted as the first of its kind, community-owned high speed internet service in Canada.

The city hoped to offer the service to residents at no ongoing direct monthly service charge. There is an initial setup cost of around \$400 to homeowners.

Work was delayed when the city encountered technical questions around the viability of the network to be able to deliver the service prom-

ised. The new council then found out the project had increased in costs from the \$300,000 originally projected for capital to \$400,000 and \$120,000 in operating costs.

Burley suggested there have been a number of key considerations council has been weighing in the days since, including whether the city was really best positioned to be the service provider.

“We’re looking at it to see whether or not this is the right funding model for it,” he said, adding they are considering whether it should be overseen through an external corporation and under a co-operative model.

“The problem for us is that it was going to need to be a government department in order for it to work,” Burley said. “We’re looking at it from a few different angles.”

“We also have to look at what is the potential risk,” he added, citing questions around legal liability such as in the case of data loss.

An announcement outlining the way forward is expected in the next few weeks.

“We have another two meetings ... just to kind of take a look at the end game and what that would look like for Morenet and what would give it the best chance of success,” said Burley.

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“Businesses are suffering”

Clearwater appeals to province to make headway on road access issues

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The community of Clearwater is appealing to Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler for help in greasing the wheels of bureaucracy.

A group of citizens calling themselves the Clearwater Bridge Committee sent a letter to the minister's office last month requesting the province find a timely solution to the limited road access into town, located about 10 minutes west of Crystal City.

Three summers ago, the 96-year-old arch bridge on PTH 3A south of Clearwater was deemed unsafe and subsequently blocked off. Traffic into town from the south was detoured onto a narrow gravel road that adds several kilometers to the journey.

The bridge was completely removed in March of 2018, says bridge committee member Jolene Gardiner, and since then very little headway has been made to restore full access to Clearwater.

“It's definitely impacted our small-town store, the restaurant,” she says, noting people trying to get to Clearwater from the southeast—the community's main market area—face over 20 kilometres added to their round trip. Some don't bother, opting to head to other nearby towns instead.

The community has felt the pinch, as well, during what are normally its busiest times of year: its huge Canada Day baseball tournament, which

hosts upwards of 70 teams from across Manitoba and the U.S., and the Harvest Moon Festival, a music fest that sells out its 2,000 tickets every September.

“Tourism is not our bread and butter year-round, but it is definitely the bread and butter for our restaurant and store those weekends,” Gardiner says. “It helps carry them through the year.

“It's been a challenge each year,” she adds, for visitors trying to make their way into town and instead finding themselves facing a concrete barricade and a lengthy detour on a nerve-racking gravel road.

Other provincial roads into and around the town are often also in poor shape, Gardiner says, further compounding the issue.

“We understand that everybody's on cutbacks. But we have some businesses in town and the businesses on our farms are basically what keeps our community alive and they're all suffering,” she says.

“Our request is just let's work together and get moving on this ... we just want to know how to move it forward.”

SLOW GOING

This whole matter is complicated by the fact the province has asked the RM of Louise to take over ownership and maintenance of a portion of 3A south of Clearwater.

The RM sent back a letter of intent two years ago outlining the stipulations it requires before agreeing to the handoff, says Reeve Murray McIntyre.

Among them was the replacement of a box bridge in the area damaged in the flood of 2011, a commitment



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Ever since the 96-year-old bridge (shown below) on PTH 3A into Clearwater was blocked off three years ago and then removed last year, visitors have been greeted by a concrete barricade and a lengthy detour to find their way into town. Residents say it's significantly affected local businesses and travel patterns.

from the province for erosion repairs on 3A, and other local bridge repairs.

They're still waiting for all those stipulations to be met. It's been slow going, McIntyre says.

“We've been working at it for three years now,” he says, acknowledging that some of the bridge and road repairs have been made or are slated to be completed this year, but others remain up in the air.

“We've been talking to them repeatedly over the last number of years but the problem is they keep changing staff and they keep changing ministers and deputy ministers,” he says. “As a result, our project never moves up very far.”

The RM itself can't do anything to improve 3A, including potentially paying to replace the bridge, without provincial approval.

“It's a provincial road right now. Until we have a signed agreement with them we can't touch it,” McIntyre says.

“We have a letter of intent to build a bridge but they have to do this other part of the road,” he says, explaining the RM has suggested the province look at curving the road to avoid erosion issues (and a multi-year environmental impact study) entirely. But it's a costly project and not one the municipality can afford to tackle on its own.

“The price tag of putting in that

curve is beyond us,” the reeve says. “There's a limit to what we can spend.

“If we had a letter of intent that they were going to do it we could probably get on with it [replacing the bridge]. But we'd have to have a pretty firm commitment that they were going to do it ... there's no point in building a bridge to nowhere.”

Ruth Eden, acting assistant deputy minister with Manitoba Infrastructure, understands the community's frustration and says the province is committed to finding a solution.

“This has been going on for awhile,” she says, reiterating, however, that repairs have been made to roads in the area and more are scheduled for this year. “Work is definitely being done to maintain access into Clearwater.

“We're definitely in discussions with the town in terms of if there's further work that can be done,” Eden says, noting they're currently looking at what options are available in regards to the erosion issue along 3A, including possibly installing rip-rap lining.

“There are meetings that are happening out there with our staff with the RM on this issue,” she says. “We're committed to continuing to work with the RM on finding a resolution.”



“LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND GET MOVING ON THIS ... WE JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW TO MOVE IT FORWARD.”

Gateway highlights hardworking participants

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Gateway Resources put a face to its programming with its annual gala last week.

The Faces of Gateway dinner May 9 introduced guests to some of the agency's intellectually-disabled participants and the work they do.

"Gateway affects so many different places in the community, but people often don't realize it until we shine the spotlight on all of the things that Gateway does," said CEO Kim Nelson. "Having this evening to educate and share our passion is huge. People always leave going, 'I didn't know that' or 'Wow, you do this too?' It really expands our relationships with all the communities we serve."

The evening also does double duty as a major fundraiser for the non-profit agency's fund at the Winkler Community Foundation, interest from which will be used for future projects.

"These funds help us throughout the year with many of our projects," said Nelson. "Gateway's undergone many renovations in recent years, so these funds go a long way toward that."

Gateway's director of operations Loni Derksen painted a picture of the services Gateway and its workers provide, as well as the life-changing impact that work has on participants.

In the past year, local companies have contracted Gateway workers to fold hundreds of thousands of cardboard boxes, build tens of thousands



Gateway Resource's staff and participants shared their stories at the non-profit agency's Faces of Gateway gala last week. Several of the participants are shown here with a giraffe made entirely out of recycled materials found at the Gateway depot.

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of pallets and crates, stuff envelopes for newsletters, bag and deliver newspapers, and shred confidential papers.

The agency also oversees a massive community recycling program, including an on-site drop-off depot and sorting department.

"In 2018, the recycling division received and sorted over 2,500 metric tonnes of material," Derksen said. "This material comes from Winkler, Morden, Plum Coulee, Roland, Carman, St. Leon, and Notre Dame."

Gateway teams provide curbside pickup for the entire community of

Winkler, going out year-round.

"Monday to Friday, rain or shine, +30 or -30, they're out there. They're a very tough bunch," Derksen said, noting the workers didn't want to miss a day this past winter, despite some brutal weather. "There were a couple days where I questioned sending them out. A couple times I even went and asked them, 'Should we cancel pickup today?' The answer was always the same: no. Talk about dedication."

Since China closed its borders to global recyclables two years ago, Gateway has had to find new customers for its sorted materials. Morden-Winkler businesses have stepped up.

"We are very fortunate southern Manitoba has so many entrepreneurs. We're able to sell much of our stuff locally," Derksen said, explaining that companies use the paper to fill out caskets and make insulation, while the plastics are transformed into railway ties.

These and other Gateway work programs provide valuable services throughout the Pembina Valley, but they also give participants a chance to give back and to grow.

"We all want to belong. We all want to make a difference in lives. To be part of the community," Derksen said. "This is no different for the 140 participants at Gateway."

"We are teaching our participants that every job is a stepping stone to more opportunity. Our staff coach

and build strong work awareness so that when participants are given the opportunity to have a job in the community, they have the skills needed to be successful.

"This is our hope for all the people that we serve: to assist them in belonging."

Two of Gateway's participants took the stage next to share their stories.

Dan Eberling has worked at Gateway for 20 years in a variety of capacities, including currently in the wood shop.

"I enjoy going to work every day because I am always learning new things and getting to know the people that I work with," he said. "I never have a chance to be bored."

Cody Enns is involved with Gateway's life skills day program and also works in the recycling department as well as a few days a week at Dollar Tree.

"My favourite thing about working at Gateway is having the opportunity to work at Dollar Tree," he says. "This has allowed me to interact with people as well as meet new ones."

If you missed the gala but want to learn more about Gateway's programming, they're hosting an open house on Friday, May 31 from 1-3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy coffee, treats, and tours of the facility.

"WE ALL WANT TO BELONG. WE ALL WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."



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The evening also included a musical performance from Brian Jacobs and Ed Wayne.

BTHC obstetrical team honoured with nat'l award

By Lorne Stelmach

Boundary Trails Health Centre received national recognition last week for its efforts around the introduction of twin deliveries at the regional hospital.

The obstetrical team received the moreOB Patient Safety Award at a ceremony at the hospital last Tuesday.

"The fact that they've recognized all the hard work that we've done is a huge, huge accomplishment for us," said Lorraine Cassan, regional obstetrical education facilitator.

"It is very, very satisfying to have all of our hard work recognized," she said. "I know that we're all very, very proud of it. This was really a hundred per cent of a team effort. There was no one person who did this. We came together, we pulled together as a team, and I think the way that we were able to accomplish this really showed that."

The "more" in moreOB stands for managing obstetrical risk efficiently. It's a comprehensive patient safety and quality improvement program that has engaged about 16,000 obstetrical health care providers in 300

The BTHC obstetrical team (right) received a national patient safety award last week. Below: Some of the families who were able to deliver their twins at the hospital over the past year.

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hospitals in Canada and the United States over the past 13 years.

Essentially, the program standardizes information and communication for obstetrical care so that care providers speak the same language across the province, and Cassan said the emphasis on a collaborative approach very much came into play at the hospital.

"We had to collaborate, not just with obstetrical staff and obstetrical nurses and midwives, we also had to collaborate with the operating room," she explained, noting for example they needed to be able to switch to an emergency cesarean section if necessary.

"What that means is we had to involve an entire different

department into how are we going to do this," Cassan said. "Our simulations were very multi-disciplinary and inter-departmental, and that was a key component of this."

BTHC got involved with moreOB following some emergency twin deliveries that had to be done at the hospital. Since February 2018, the hospital has delivered close to a dozen twins.

"We deliver close to a thousand babies a year here and the care they provide here is absolutely top notch. It's excellent care," said Cassan, suggesting this very much makes it a vital regional centre that will draw patients from a large area.

"Something like this, we are thinking we might be able to pull more people in to deliver here, especially more of the twins in the area," she said. "They have to go through a selection process. They have to be uncomplicated twins ... but once those ones get approved, they can deliver here, and we're excited to have more deliveries come."

"The research has shown that deliveries close to home have better outcomes than having to travel," she added. "The fact that we can keep them at home, it's going to decrease their cost ... it decreases their travel, it decreases their cost and increases their satisfaction."

"Patient safety is intrinsic to quality health care," Jane Curtis, CEO of Southern Health-Santé Sud, said in a news release. "This award recognizes this team's ability to embrace a learning culture of continuous improvement, teamwork and innovation with the ultimate goal of providing the best possible health care for the safety of our patients."

"This award aligns with the region's focus to continually enhance patient-centred experiences, achieving improved health outcomes for the long-term accessibility of safe, high quality care in the community."



Hwy. 32 voted 10th worst road in Manitoba

Winkler's Hwy. 32 once again cracked the top 10 in CAA's Worst Roads campaign.

The congested roadway was ranked the 10th worst road in Manitoba in the public poll. Winkler's 1st St. has made the list many times over the past several years as the city continues to lobby for the province, which has jurisdiction over it, to twin it.

Also making the list was Hwy. 23 to Morris, ranking seventh. Coming in

number one for the second year in a row was Winnipeg's Empress St.

"Manitoba's Worst Roads campaign is about uniting the public in sharing their views," says Tim Scott, president of CAA Manitoba.

Over 2,700 votes were cast for more than 400 roads. Potholes and crumbling pavement continue to be the most critical issue identified by motorists, followed by traffic congestion. Cyclists pointed to potholes and poor

cycling infrastructure as their top gripes, while pedestrians cited inadequate walking infrastructure as their biggest problem.

Earlier this year, both the federal and provincial governments announced that a combined total of approximately \$300 million will be spent to improve 350 kilometers of the highway network across Manitoba, and the City of Winnipeg recently announced that one-time federal gas

tax funding will be spent on road repairs, road safety initiatives, and the promotion of active transportation.

"We know that CAA's ongoing advocacy efforts are working and that governments are listening," says Scott. "CAA will continue to bring the voice of Worst Roads voters to government and work with stakeholders on how to create infrastructure and transportation that we can all be proud of."

Recognizing the triggers of stress, anxiety

By Lorne Stelmach

There are triggers of stress, anxiety, and depression all around us in our daily lives, and we need to understand those things that affect our mental health.

Gaining a better understanding, though, needs to take into account all aspects of our lives—from the food we eat to our relationships and even to the technology and social media we consume, according to a keynote speaker for Mental Health Week in Morden.

Sonia Funk's address May 7 stressed the idea that all those things are connected and can have a ripple effect.

"You can't separate your mental health from your body," said Funk, encouraging everyone to start listening more to our bodies because "your body is never going to lie to you."

The nutritional therapist and wellness consultant behind *The Whole Avocado* offered a presentation entitled *It's Not Your Fault*.

She aimed to empower people with some very real cause and effects in their lives and what they may be able to do about them.

"It really has to do with understanding the buildup and the changes that have happened in our society that have affected every part of who we are, what we do, and how we do it,

and even how we eat it and how we feel about it," said Funk.

"We need people to really understand that cause and effect of things that have happened and the outcomes," she continued. "We have changed the way we thought in a limiting way that doesn't allow us to get the information that we need.

"We've taught people to be thinking positively when they should be thinking negatively," she added, describing that as being willing to consider what is not working in our lives. "It makes you ask questions, it makes your follow your gut.

"So it's just about understanding the whole journey so that we can reverse parts of it and then it's not rocket science."

There are many small things that can accumulate and contribute to our sense of imbalance, Funk said, and the result is what she likened to a motor that is idling too high for too long.

We need to understand that the longer we continue in this state, she said, the longer it will take to restore our balance.

"I take a person's whole timeline," Funk said. "It just isn't one of those things you can fix in two months."

A large part of it all does relate to food, and one concern is that much of what we might be eliminating from our diet means that we are not getting

"YOU CAN'T SEPARATE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH FROM YOUR BODY."

everything that we need.

"Food gives us building blocks for everything," Funk said, noting our food supply has radically changed and in many cases "we've taken the value out of it [and] then we put that into the body ... and what your body is doing with the things you're consuming really matters.

"The food is a double whammy because we changed it so much it doesn't feed our bodies anymore ... and we've dissected it so much that it was so hard for us to understand how to put it back together to eat that we need people to teach us how to eat, which is ridiculous.

"Then the reversal of that is actually easy when you throw all of the 'Dr. Google' and nutritionism out the door and just figure out what food actually is."

Funk again stressed that the bottom line is to always recognize how all these things are connected.

"It's all a positive feedback loop. It



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Sonia Funk presented the keynote address for Morden's Mental Health Week May 7.

isn't separate; it's all connected, and once we start to realize that then the solutions become a lot easier.

"If you can help one thing, it affects all the other ones ... and it's empowering."

Morden student returns from national spelling bee

By Lorne Stelmach

Maria Koryukina is determined to get another crack at the national spelling championship.

The Gr. 5 student at École Morden Middle School didn't advance as far

as she would have liked in the 32nd annual Spelling Bee of Canada in Toronto last week.

She successfully got an initial word right after someone before her got it wrong, but she then slipped up on the word "detectable."

"I struck out on the second word," lamented Koryukina, who earned her place at the competition by winning the junior division at a regional spelling bee held in Morden this spring.

She was among five Pembina Valley competitors at that event, which drew 17 students from across southern Manitoba.

Whether on a local stage or a national one, Koryukina has a step-by-step approach to figuring out the proper

spelling of a word:

"I break it up into little parts," she explained, as she successfully took up the challenge of spelling out the word "contextual."

"I pause and I think about it ... my dad tells me to think about it three times before I start spelling. Both of my parents tell me to go slowly."

Koryukina said it was disappointing

at first to be eliminated so early from the national competition, but she then reminded herself that she could work to get back there again next year.

"I cheered up because I could still have four more tries," she said, adding she enjoyed the trip overall. "I still am kind of sad about getting 32nd place out of 33 people, but it was a good experience."

New VP for Parkland

Esther Zacharias has been appointed to the vice principal/resource teacher role at Parkland Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year.

Zacharias currently serves the Garden Valley School Division as a resource teacher at Parkland. She has worked with the division for 16 years, teaching everything from Kindergarten to Gr. 7.

Zacharias' educational philosophy

belief, in part, states that "the education of children is our responsibility as a community and a team: which includes all school staff, parents and other community members. Each one influences the culture of learning within the school. As we work together, encouraging and supporting each other, we create positive learning environments for our students."



École Morden Middle School Gr. 5 student Maria Koryukina competed at the Spelling Bee of Canada in Toronto last week.

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Countdown to Back 40

By Lorne Stelmach

The Back 40 Folk Festival has been keeping homemade music alive and well for three decades.

The one-day festival marks its 30 year milestone with the June 2 event that will go from about noon to dusk in the Morden Park bowl.

"We're pleased that it's had this kind of longevity," said festival chairperson Scott Bell. "I'm not sure that the festival founders would have imagined that it would go this long, but we're so happy that it has endured."

"There's still a strong audience of people who come out and enjoy the event every year," he suggested, estimating that the crowd plus volunteers usually will come to somewhere "around 1,000 people, give or take."

"It just seems to be kind of the number that we arrive at each year. It's interesting. Initially we were thinking we have to grow the festival, but I think we realized it attracts a certain amount of people and they come and enjoy it, and that's good."

One headliner this year will be Steve Bell, a well-known songwriter and storyteller who has been sharing a message of love, hope and faith over the past 30 years as a solo act.

The second big name will be acclaimed blues and roots artist Big Dave McLean, who is a multiple award winner with a career spanning nearly four decades. McLean's gruff, raspy voice with a feel for the traditional acoustic and electric blues has established him as a stalwart on the Canadian blues scene.

"We always try to balance it to give some local performers an opportunity, bring in maybe some lesser known performers from Winnipeg or other areas, but then also provide a couple big names that will have instant recognition," Bell suggested.

"That is one of the most fun parts of the festival for the volunteer committee that puts it together, just seeing who's available and piecing it together. We're always looking for artists that we know we would enjoy seeing, and we hope that the general public enjoys them as well."

The festival also includes performances from Jayme Giesbrecht and the Soul Revue Band, Link and the Moustaches, Sean Burns & Lost Country, An Unexpected End, Linda Hiebert and Cate Friesen, The Osmond-Davis Band, Roger Roger, and children's entertainers Lulu and the TomCat, who will also act as emcees.

The day will also feature a songwriters workshop on the festival stage and "tweener" sets between the main

acts from Steve Keys, Mika Dawn, Marcel Desilets, and Bill Dowling.

The children's tent will have an afternoon full of interactive activities. There will also be an Artisan Village run in partnership with the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

"We love the variety of the events,

and we're always trying to maintain those traditions," said Bell, noting as well that there will be a number of food trucks on site.

For a complete festival details, head to www.back40folkfest.com.



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Since 1999, opioid prescription rates have quadrupled, leading to dramatic increases in the number of overdoses and deaths from prescription and illegal opioid drugs.

While Canadians were once told that prescription opioids were safe to use for controlling chronic pain, it's become clear that these powerfully addictive drugs were over-prescribed for far too long.

Because of the opioid crisis, the National Pain Centre has released new Canadian guidelines for the use of opioids to manage pain, urging health care providers to limit the use of these drugs in favour of safer treatment options like physiotherapy.

Research shows that physiotherapy is an effective alternative to opioid drugs for patients living with chronic pain, especially conditions like fibromyalgia and osteoarthritis.

By helping patients to improve their strength, flexibility and range of motion in the parts of their body causing discomfort, physiotherapy can eliminate pain at its source instead of simply masking it. Avoiding opioids removes the possibility that the patient will become addicted to the drugs or experience an overdose.

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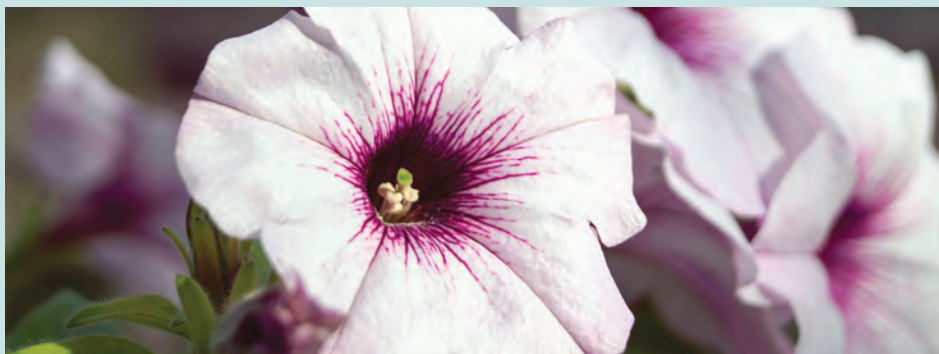
3. WHEN THE PLANT BLOOMS

Enjoy blossoming annuals from May to October. Choose plants that flower at different times to have an ever-blooming yard.

4. THE COLOUR AND SHAPE OF THE PLANT

Choose annuals that look good together, and aim to get plants in a variety of shapes, colours and textures. Opt for a well balanced colour scheme by selecting either cool or warm tones for the entire yard.

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Spring cleaning: three key items to deep clean

Cleaning your home this spring? Don't neglect these three things.

Curtains

If your curtains are made of a lightweight, washable material, all you have to do is run them through the washing machine. For heavier fabrics, or those that need to be hand washed, a steam cleaner with an upholstery attachment will do the job while your curtains are still hanging.

Carpets

Whether they're starting to smell, they're stained or you just plain can't remember the last time you washed them, don't put off cleaning your carpets. The best and easiest way is to hire a professional carpet cleaner. They'll have the right equipment and products to make your carpet look as good as new.

Oven

Your oven's self-cleaning function fills your kitchen with smoke, and chemical oven cleaning products are enough to make anyone woozy. Here's a more natural way to make your oven shine like new: remove the racks from the oven, make a paste of baking soda and water and spread it on all of your oven's surfaces except the heating elements. Let the solution sit for 12 hours (wash the oven racks while you wait) and then scrape off. Wipe with vinegar and water a few times until it sparkles.

Once your curtains, carpet and oven are clean, make their upkeep a part of your regular routine to avoid needing to deep clean every spring.

The advantages of gardening with raised beds

Do you want a garden but have poor soil? Then gardening with raised beds is likely the best solution.

Raised beds are garden plots raised several inches or more off the ground and enclosed on all sides by a frame made of wood or rock. You simply fill your box with rich soil then start planting the desired fruits, veggies, herbs, flowers and plants.

Raised beds are different from planters because they have open rather than closed bottoms. Since raised beds are designed this way, they provide better drainage. Plus, the roots can extend into the ground and seek available nutrients.

Having a raised garden bed has a number of other advantages, notably:

- It provides a strong barrier against weeds and pests
- Its soil doesn't compact or erode away in the case of heavy rain
- It allows you to plant earlier in the season, since

soil that's above ground is warmer and drains better

Lastly, gardening with raised beds is a great option for people with limited mobility or back problems. If the bed is high enough, you can tend to the garden without bending over.



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A hobby that rocks

Morden-Winkler residents painting, hiding colourful rocks

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A community-wide treasure hunt is taking place in Winkler-Morden, and all you need to take part is a keen eye for colour.

The Kindness Rocks Project is alive and well in the Pembina Valley, with Facebook groups for both Winkler Rocks and Morden Rocks attracting hundreds of members.

They're all decorating small rocks with inspirational sayings or fun pictures and hiding them to be found throughout the two communities.

If you spot one of these colourful rocks hidden in area parks and playgrounds, you can keep it as a souvenir or hide it again, first snapping a shot of it to post on social media and encourage others to try and find it.

"My kids were kind of the ones who got me into it. They always wanted to paint rocks so I thought let's start hiding them too," says Ashley Elias, who heads up the Winkler Rocks group. "We saw Winnipeg had the same kind of Facebook group, and Morden too, so we figured we'd start one up here in Winkler.

"It's been awesome," she says, noting the group has almost 200 mem-

bers who post about their finds and newly hidden stashes daily. Each rock includes the group's name and the rules of the game on the back so people can track how far the pebble has travelled.

It's a simple, fun hobby for kids and adults alike to get into.

"We do it as a family all summer long," Elias says. "All you need is some rocks and paint."

Basic acrylic paint works fine, with permanent markers for details. Cover it all with a coat of Modge Podge and clear spray paint and you have a colourful rock ready to withstand the elements as it waits for someone to spot it.

"The kids love hiding them," says Elias. "We paint bags full and then anytime we go to a park we bring some with us to hide."

Hiding spots can range from the easy—nestled at the base of a play-structure, perhaps—to the difficult—tucked into the low branches of a tree, say.

Now when Elias and her family go for a walk, they're always keeping an eye out for rocks.

"The last few months I can't believe how many people now are getting into this," she says. There are rocks being hidden in just about every neighbourhood and park. "It's nice to see because the kids are all so excited about it. They're always looking around like crazy for rocks."

If you'd like a crash course on the rock-painting craze, Winkler Arts and



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Ashley Elias and her daughter Sophia, 6, were in Winkler Park last week to hide some of the colourful rocks they've painted. If you find one, snap a photo and post it on social media before hiding it again.



Culture is hosting a Winkler Rocks! Community Art Project next week Thursday, May 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person,

which includes all the supplies you need to make a few rock art creations of your own to hide. You can register at winklerarts.com.

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Fossil centre unveils MosasART exhibit

By Lorne Stelmach

Its newest exhibit takes a different approach for the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

Dubbed MosasART, the display unveiled Sunday in conjunction with Manitoba Day offers an artistic perspective on mosasaurs.

Artists from across southern Manitoba took on the challenge of hand

painting and decorating a dozen mosasaur skull replicas for the exhibit which will remain on display now until September.

Art can very much be inspired by science, and programs and volunteer co-ordinator Yevgeniya Tatarenko said they liked the idea of a project that would bring two different fields together.

"The idea was to connect these two

different worlds: the science and the art," she said. "It was a project to bring different people together and to create something great."

CFDC volunteer Adolfo Cuetara of Dinokinetics prepared the copies of the mosasaur skull. They were then handed over to a variety of artists who were mostly from this area but also from Winnipeg and Steinbach.

They were given carte blanche to do whatever they liked with them, said Tatarenko.

"We told them to spread your wings and create, do whatever you want to do with them," she said, adding she thought "it was a challenging thing for them because it was a different shape ... it was something different for them, but they were happy to participate."

With artists on hand Sunday for the unveiling, Tatarenko said everyone seemed pleased with the results and the response.

"We couldn't have expected such great results ... it's really incredible. We're really happy that people seemed to enjoy it," she said, noting when viewing the exhibit you can also use your phone to scan the name and it takes you to a web page with more information about the artists. "So you could spend a lot of time with it."

The artists welcomed the challenge and had fun with the project.

"Agreeing to this project was a no

brainer. My biggest passion in art is combining science with creativity," wrote Johanna Leer of Morden.

"This MosasART project means for me an invaluable opportunity to try myself in a new direction," added Lena Terzi, also of Morden.

"I really enjoy working with bright colours and vibrant patterns, especially on three-dimensional projects like the MosasART," wrote Ronda Peters of Winkler. "While working on the MosasArt, I used a lot of blues and greens to invoke the idea of a sea monster."

"Once I was shown this opportunity to paint on this replica skull of the Mosasaur, I thought it would be an amazing way to express art," wrote Aquila Brown of Morden. "I painted it with different tones of blues to show dimension and the natural texture of the skull. This was an aquatic mammal, so the reason behind the blue is what I think it would look like underwater."

Tatarenko now looks forward to the second phase of the project, which will be unveiled July 27.

"We decided to have two different parts to this project," she said, explaining they will go further afield for artists for the next stage. "It will be national with other artists from other provinces."



CFDC PHOTO

The CFDC unveiled its MosasART project Sunday. It features a dozen mosasaur fossil replicas that were decorated by Manitoba artists.

BALC pays it forward



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The Pay It Forward van set up shop at the Boundary Trails Health Centre last week to help serve lunch to hospital volunteers. Buhler Active Living Centre executive chef Martin Evans (left photo, far right) prepared a variety of sandwiches, salads, and desserts for the ladies of the BTHC Auxiliary (above) to enjoy in thanks for all the work they do at the hospital. The lunch was delivered by Evans and centre director Mike Chute (left photo, far left) with some help from Winkler Mayor Martin Harder. Share your Pay It Forward stories on social media using #PIFMAY.

Faith Mission celebrates 25 years of giving

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Faith Mission (FriedensBote) in Winkler marked a special milestone last weekend.

The Christian non-profit celebrated 25 years of service at its annual fundraising supper at the Winkler Mennonite Church Saturday, which was followed by a special presentation and report the next evening at the Winkler EMMC.

Jake Elias, board secretary-treasurer, has been with the organization since the very start.

"In the early '90s we had a pastor here from Russia visiting and while he was at our house for supper he got a phone call from a pastor back home asking, seeing as he was in Canada, if there was any way he could possibly get someone to collect some clothing here for them," he recalled.

The pastor made a presentation at a local church that same night and the donation floodgates opened.

"After the service was done people just kept coming up and asking where to bring it all," Elias said. "We decided right there we'd put it in our single car garage for the time being. That was the start of it all."

The donations quickly filled Elias' garage and his neighbour's as well. The first shipment of clothing was sent to a depot out west on a gravel truck in 1993.

"The two garages combined we had enough to load a semi-trailer, though

it wasn't actually a semi-trailer: it was a flatbed trailer that had three gravel bins on top of it," Elias said, smiling at the memory of volunteers trying to secure the load. "We put tarps on there and strapped down the whole thing and, oh, it was a nightmare."

They've come an awful long way in the years since.

These days, operating out of their depot on Roblin Blvd., Faith Mission's volunteers clean, sort, and bale clothing donations prior to packing them into giant shipping containers for their journey overseas. A single container—the mission sends anywhere from eight to 13 in a year—holds over 400 bales, or about 16,000-17,000 kg. of clothing.

"Our main focus has always been used clothing," Elias said. "We've done many other projects—we've focused on church construction and we've always sent bicycles over and the last number of years we've started to do Christmas gift boxes—but our main purpose is still the clothing."

"Most of our clothing goes to Ukraine. We were to the point in 2013 where we were looking at other countries because the Ukraine was doing better, but then the war came and ever since they've always been saying ... there's more and more need, especially in the eastern Ukraine."

Since Ukraine has a similar climate to Canada, the mission is able to accept donations of all kinds of clothing, including winter wear.



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Faith Mission in Winkler has been sending bales of used clothing to churches in Ukraine for distribution for 25 years. The distribution days (above) always draw hundreds of people in need.

"We've had people ask us why can't we ship to South America, to Africa, but those are warm climates and then we have to sort out all the winter stuff," Elias explained. "And then what do we do with that? We don't have space to store that stuff. But Ukraine ... it's not quite as cold as here, but they still use winter clothing and they're able to take whatever we send them, everything that we can get ahold of."

As they did when the call first went out 25 years ago, donations continue to pour in not just from the Winkler area but across the Prairies.

"We have received some clothing all the way from La Crete, Alberta. They bring us big tote bags filled with clothing," Elias said. "We also get some excess from local thrift stores as well, which really helps us out."

"Donations have been very, very steady this year. Our bins have not been empty, really."

Looking back on two and a half decades of giving, Elias is humbled at the support the mission continues to receive.

"When we first started, we were asking for clothing to fill a container. We filled that one and we had some left. So we decided to try and fill another, maybe we can get enough clothing to do that ... and now we've done 245 containers, all 40-footers."

"We have been so blessed with the support from local businesses, local churches, volunteers. The community has always been there for us."

Elias has seen firsthand the impact these donations have half a world away.

"I've been in Ukraine six, seven times, and to see how people rejoice when the container arrives and it gets opened and distributed ... it's like a swarm of bees when they open the bales there. It just breaks my heart to see that, that there's such a need. That's what keeps us going."

You can learn more about Faith Mission online at faithmission.ca or stop by at 425 Roblin Blvd East. Donations are accepted 24 hours a day on the west side of the warehouse.



Above: Volunteers come out to the mission's Roblin Blvd. warehouse weekly to help clean, sort, and bale clothing for shipment overseas. Right: The mission's first shipment in 1993. In the years since, they've sent out 240 shipping containers full of clothes, blankets, and bikes.



Habitat speaker talks building connections

By Lorne Stelmach

There are strong connections between what John Janzen does with a community agency in Winnipeg and the mission of Habitat for Humanity.

Speaking at a fundraising dinner in Morden last Thursday in support of the Winkler-Morden Habitat chapter, Janzen liked how the two communities have come together and found common ground through this effort.

"When you get different kinds of people coming together working toward a common cause, that's when you get real relational health," said Janzen, who serves as director of development with Inner City Alive.

"There's lots of overlap between what I do, working in the inner city in the north end, sort of working on building the community ... we connect youth and families to resources that help them have stronger family connections, stronger community connections," said Janzen.

"Habitat does that from the start, so there's a lot of working together happening there where Habitat is making the house and we will be working at making it a home.

"You need all these kinds of aspects coming together."

Much of Janzen's work in life has been around the idea of building community.

He previously served as community education co-ordinator with Siloam Mission following a stint as volunteer creative director with the HOPE International Development Agency.

He is also the author of the children's story *Blink's Garden*, which began as a short parable told in schools about seeing beauty where others can't. The story has since been adapted into a stage play.

Having spoken here as well to students at École Morden Middle School, Janzen uses storytelling as a metaphor to talk about how to build strong communities and the broad and complex challenges that come with issues like poverty and homelessness, which are hard to define with no easy answers, he added.

"That's like the biggest, hardest question. How do you communicate to kids who are in Grade 5 and 6 such a big question?" he said. "The closest thing that I've seen to an answer is to build healthy communities by connecting with people who are not like you. We tend to not be too healthy as a community where we only stick with people who look like us, think like us

and talk like us. So the encouragement is to step outside your comfort zone and connect with people who are not you.

"I change you, you change me, and that changes everything," Janzen added. "I've got just as much to get as to give ... you get strong parts you didn't have before."

Janzen also touched on his personal journey and especially lessons learned from his time in Japan.

He has seen the kind of profound changes that can happen with providing people with clean water and schooling, but he also stressed that you can't solve all problems by throwing money at them.

"Not every kind of poverty is the same kind of poverty," he observed, noting there is a poverty of basic needs while other poverty can be from broken hearts. He has seen much of the latter in his work with Inner City Alive with youth who see their lives as worthless, and he wants them to recognize that they have so much potential.

Money can work with the basic needs, but healing broken hearts needs relationships and ultimately it is the investment of what he called "heart hours" that can do the most



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Inner City Alive director John Janzen was in Morden last week to speak at a fundraising dinner for the Winkler-Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

good.

"That actually becomes a bigger ask for people ... that is actually a limited resource."



Book hunt

PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

A large crowd converged on the Access Event Centre last Thursday for the opening of the 44th annual South Central Regional Library Book Sale. Some eager readers had been waiting in line nearly two hours before the doors opened. The sale concluded Saturday with the \$10 bag sale. Unsold books were picked up by a number of other local organizations, with few left to be recycled. The sale is a major fundraiser in support of the five regional branch libraries and brought in around \$17,000 this year.



Morden Youth for Christ marking 20 years of reaching out, giving back

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden chapter of Youth for Christ marks a milestone this year, and its 20th anniversary is important not just locally.

Dropping in for a visit earlier this month, national director Tim Coles said this kind of long term relationship is vital to the organization's success.

"It means a lot to have that kind of longevity. I think we're really blessed to have that across Canada. What that means in a community is you build trust in that community, and you're able to keep working with generations of young people," said Coles.

"Our emphasis is very much on community in every respect," said Morden director John Rempel. "If you say that you are part of a community, if you are inviting kids into community, you have to model that, you have to demonstrate that and you have to show them."

Morden YFC has come a long way since it opened its doors here two decades ago.

A couple years of planning led up to that moment, including the purchase of the building that became its home at the corner of Stephen St. and Mountain St.

Youth for Christ was first spearheaded by Perry Neufeld before Rempel stepped in about 16 and a half years ago.

It was his employer at the time, Larry Dyck at Decor Cabinets, who encouraged Rempel and gave his blessing to the move.

"And it's been quite an adventure," Rempel said. "It's been kind of a nostalgia journey for probably the last

year now because we saw 20 years coming on the radar. There's this rolodex of faces and names that goes through your mind, and everyone of them has a story connected to it, and you realize that you've journeyed with thousands of kids."

He estimates that each year they see about 450 different kids connect with them in one of their ministry areas. Of that number, perhaps 100 become regulars.

Rempel marvels at the thought that students graduating this year from high school were not even born when

the doors opened in 1999, and their original group of regulars can now have their kids involved with possibly even a third generation coming up.

"That is such a strange reality but really should come as no surprise. When children are having

children there are fewer years between generations," he said.

"It's humbling and it's stunning, but it's also sometimes a bit scary," Rempel continued. "You realize, in a sense, that you have job security, and it's one that you may not necessarily have wanted, but it is a reality."

"People all have some brokenness in them and some of these kids have less resources to draw from," he said.

Many of their youth have single parents who are absolutely doing the best they can, Rempel said, "but there's just lots of challenges for them."

Youth for Christ can help fill that void, but Rempel emphasizes it does so in partnership with the community.

"We are just one spoke out of a hub because we consider the City of Morden just this wonderful hub ... there's

"OUR EMPHASIS IS VERY MUCH ON COMMUNITY IN EVERY RESPECT."



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Tim Coles, national director of Youth For Christ Canada, with John Rempel, director of the Morden chapter, which marks its 20th anniversary this year.

so many spokes that come from it, so many resources and so many agencies that advocate for these young people. We're just one of them, and we love being part of something bigger."

It also means that the centre has become much more than just a drop-in program over the years.

Rempel said opportunities have always arisen to help meet the needs in the community, whether it be a supper club, gym night, young mother's program, or the junior leadership and volunteer initiatives. They also work in partnership with the youth justice committee in helping fulfill community service needs.

"It's always with parental consent," Rempel stressed. "None of this can happen without a parent or a guardian saying, 'Yes, we endorse this.'"

An important part of their programs in recent years has been Samson's Gym, which is about to start getting

a renovation.

"We just want to make it more equitable and accessible to everyone," Rempel explained.

He said YFC Morden will continue to grow and evolve according to what the community needs.

"You're always looking for the next thing, the next program that fits those needs, but you're also looking at the existing programs and if this isn't meeting the needs we don't hold on to it."

As for future goals, Rempel said they are looking to get some feedback particularly around ideas for their empty outside area behind the centre.

"We want to develop that space. We've got that green space that we've always struggled what to do with it," he said, noting one idea they have is to make it into a basketball court.

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A chance to give back

The campaign to raise \$500,000 towards a \$1.25 million renovation of the Agassiz Medical Centre got a boost recently with a \$2,500 donation from Little Morden Service. Bob Wahl (left), representing the Agassiz community board, received the funds from general manager Abe Penner, who called this "a good opportunity for us to give back to the community." With the donation-tracking thermometer at the clinic already nearing the \$50,000 mark, Wahl noted that "we're basically starting to get into the full swing of our campaign."

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Zodiacs win home tournament

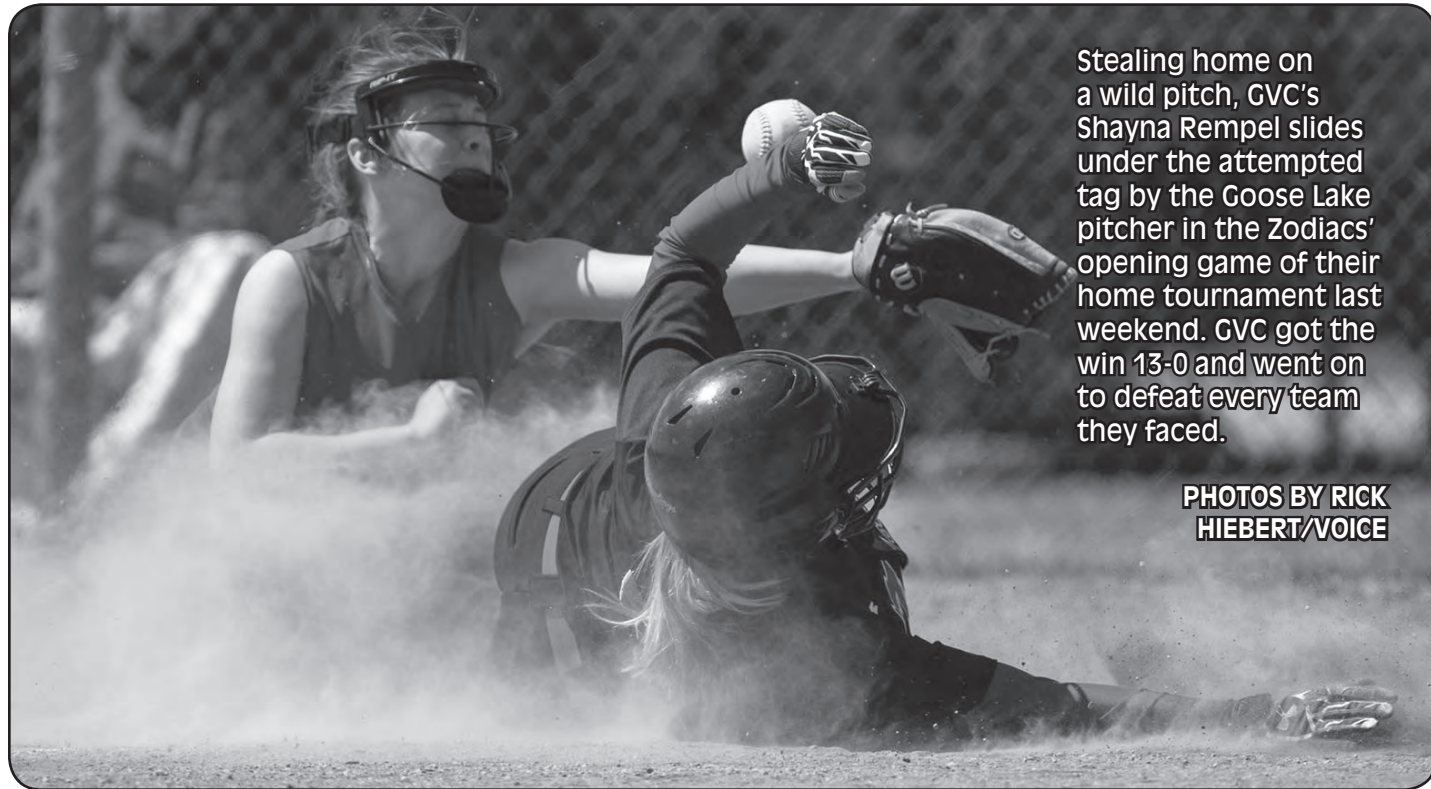
The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs came out on top at their invitational fastpitch tournament over the weekend.

The ladies bested Carman 6-5 in the championship match, following up on wins of 6-0 over Sanford in the semi-final and 3-0 record in the round robin against Goose Lake, Nellie McClung, and Steinbach.

Also competing at the tournament were the Morden Thunder, who went 0-4 in the round robin.

In league play, meanwhile, GVC squared off against the NPC Night-hawks Monday night, walking away with an 11-1 win. Morden fell to Carman 13-1 that same night.

Last week, the Zodiacs tied Carman 6-6 and beat Portage 17-8, NPC beat



Stealing home on a wild pitch, GVC's Shayna Rempel slides under the attempted tag by the Goose Lake pitcher in the Zodiacs' opening game of their home tournament last weekend. GVC got the win 13-0 and went on to defeat every team they faced.

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Altona 11-4 but fell to Sanford 16-1, and Morden lost to Altona 18-4.

In boys baseball, Morden fell to the Aces 10-2 and 11-2 and the Trojans 1-0 and 20-5, NPC split two with the Sabres (3-1 loss, 2-1 win), and GVC lost to the Sabres 13-4 and 11-4 and to the Aces 7-0 and 4-2.

Storm looking for first win

The Winkler Storm are still on the hunt for their first MMSL 1st Division win of the season after falling to Granite United 2-0 Friday night.

The boys will get another crack at it on their home turf Monday when they host Bandits FC. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The SC Riot, meanwhile, won their second match of the summer—and first in the league's 5th Division—Sunday afternoon, downing Stonewall United 1-0. The

lone goal scorer was Humayun Khan.

South Central also have their home opener next week, hosting North Winnipeg United Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Playing in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League, the South Central Hurricanes lost to the FCNW Titans 4-1 Monday night in Winnipeg. Scoring for the 'Canes was Selina Steiger.

The ladies' next game is in Winkler May 27 against the Winnipeg Storm.



Morden Thunder catcher Devin Toews attempts to tag a Neepawa base runner at home plate. Morden lost 13-3.

Rugby program starting up in Winkler May 25

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A new minor sports program launches in Winkler next week.

Winkler Roosters Rugby starts its first session on the front lawn of the Winkler Centennial Arena on Saturday, May 25.

The program, led by rugby enthusiast Adam Porte, offers a non-contact

introduction to the sport.

"I was born and raised in Plum Coulee, went to high school in Winkler, and I never had the opportunity to play rugby," Porte says. "When I came to Winnipeg a mutual friend hooked me up with a rugby club ... and I absolutely fell in love with the sport."

Porte sees rugby as a great option for youth looking for a new summer

sport to try.

"I know there's baseball and there's soccer, but that might not be for every kid," he says. "And with rugby, like with soccer, all you need is a pair of cleats and you're good to go."

"If you can catch a ball and run, you can play rugby," Porte says, adding that it works with any body type. "If you're heavier set and can't necessar-

ily run fast, there's several positions for you in rugby. If you're a skinny, lanky guy that's fast, there's a spot for you."

It's a sport that builds character and also camaraderie between both teammates and competitors, Porte adds.

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Prairie Elite U17 win bronze

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A new club basketball team started up for teen girls in the region saw great improvement out on the court this spring.

The Prairie Elite U17 team came in third at Basketball Manitoba's 2019 Club Basketball Provincial Championships in Winnipeg over the weekend.

The ladies beat the Westman Spartans Friday 61-29, got knocked out of the playoffs by the Junior Bisons 38-34, and then beat the Junior Bobcats 55-51 for the bronze medal.

It was a hard-fought weekend of basketball and coach Ashley Hoitink is quite proud of the team

"For a first-year club team, I'd say that's a pretty good showing," she said.

Hoitink said she saw the ladies really gel in their short time together.

The team were 1-3 at the Brandon Junior Bobcat Jamboree last month, so the third place provincial finish was the result of a lot of hard work.

The team brings together players from Northlands Parkway Collegiate and Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler and Morden Collegiate.

"For the girls, it's an opportunity to play for six more weeks and an opportunity to play at a good competitive level," Hoitink said.

It's also a chance for the players, who often face each other on the court in high school games, to hone their skills while also getting to know each other better.

"It created a real sense of unity between those three schools," said Hoitink.

Coming on board to support the club was the Prairie Elite Basketball Academy, which offers training opportunities for female basketball players in Manitoba.

Prairie Elite's JP Beauchemin, who co-founded the academy with Victoria Zuke, said they've had a good response to several development camps held in the Pembina Valley in recent years.

"And so we knew that there was a



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The Prairie Elite U17 ladies team won bronze at the 2019 Club Basketball Provincial Championships over the weekend.

pretty rich basketball community in the area," Beauchemin said. "We thought it would be a great opportunity to offer these girls a chance to play a little bit more.

"It was a different kind of experience for us, bringing together girls from three different communities," he

added. "To see their growth in such a short amount of time, both on and off the court, was really awesome to see."

The Winkler Basketball Club also had teams at the provincial championships, but their results could not be confirmed at press time.

Orioles win one, lose two to kick off season

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles had mixed results in kicking off their Manitoba Junior Baseball League season on the road this weekend.

The Orioles had a promising start Friday in doubling up on the St. Boniface Legionaires 8-4, but they then came up a little short in their Sunday doubleheader by falling 8-4 and 7-6 to the Carillon Sultans.

Despite dropping those two games in Iles des Chenes, both could have

very easily turned out differently, noted assistant coach Phil Hildebrand.

"Both games were good ... it was encouraging to see," he said.

In the opener, Braden Hatley started on the mound and pitched well for five innings. The Orioles held the lead going into the sixth.

"The last two innings then they had a couple big hits," said Hildebrand.

In the second half of the doubleheader, the Orioles got a solid outing from rookie pitcher Kyle Dyck, who

went the distance on the mound.

"We fell behind early 4-0 in that game ... but the guys really battled back hard," said Hildebrand. "We tied it up at four, gave up two runs in the sixth, and we tied it with two runs in the seventh."

"So the guys really battled hard in that game. They didn't just roll over and die. That's a good sign."

In their opener, Seth Staple pitched five innings before Liam Giesbrecht sealed the deal in the last two innings.

"We were able to get some runs

later on in the game to pull ahead," said Hildebrand. "Overall, it was a good game for us. We played well, we pitched well. It was a good start to the season."

The Orioles hosted the Altona Bisons Wednesday night in their home opener. Results were not available at press time.

This weekend they travel to the Interlake to face the Blue Jays and to Elmwood to play the Giants.

Miami duo athletes of the week

The Manitoba High School Athletic Association's Rural High School Athletes of the Week are Tayah Vanstone and Phoebe Riddell of the Miami Marlins badminton team.

This girl's doubles team have had a dominant badminton season this year. They went undefeated in Zone 4 play, winning the zone championship banner in varsity girls doubles.

They also won the Maples tournament and placed second in the Louis Riel and Gimli tournaments.

The duo then capped things off by capturing gold at the Provincial Badminton Championship in Thompson.

"Both girls are irreplaceable to our school culture and student leadership team and will be missed in June when they graduate," said coach Wanda Stockford.

Vanstone maintains an academic average of 96 per cent while Riddell has an average of 98 per cent.

Miami's Tayah Vanstone and Phoebe Riddell were named the MHSAA's Rural Athletes of the Week.

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Agriculture

Winnipeg hosts first Western Drone Show

By Harry Siemens

Calvin Reich of Vernon, BC spoke at the first-ever Western Drone Show and conference in Winnipeg about where the drone industry is, where it is going, and whether it's going in the right direction.

Reich is on the board of directors with Unmanned Systems Canada, which helps represent drone operators to the government.

"We try to encourage the government to make reasonable regulations. Sometimes they listen to us, sometimes they don't," Reich said. "But we try to work closely with them but also to encourage them to make things make sense so that we can carry on and grow this industry."

While owning a fixed-wing aircraft commercial pilots license, Reich doesn't fly drones himself, though he has been involved in the drone sector for about ten years now. His previous career was in insurance.

"There was always a big gap for the insurance world and the drone side

and they didn't know how to handle it. So I helped coordinate that side of things with my aviation background, with my insurance background, and they work hand-in-hand with the drone side."

Reich said he liked what he heard at the Winnipeg conference about the future of the industry.

"I think there's a lot of positive things that will come out of this," he said. "It gets us one step closer to the real big picture."

Reich talked about the reports of problems caused by drones and their flyers, about the near miss reports, and drones causing accidents.

"There will always be reports, and we see the news, see the stories, and you know there are two sides to everything. What we're seeing is there is some misuse going on, and there always will be," he said. "Some people speed on the freeway, people that do things they shouldn't be doing, but I think overall we're seeing a trend of improving attitude towards it.

"And people recognize that it's a

little more complex, more people are learning and asking the right questions," he added. "Unfortunately sometimes an incident that we see in the newspaper isn't always a drone. There are reports of a plastic bag and things like that, but right now drone is a buzzword and it works well for the media, so they use that word. Certainly, if it's confirmed the incident, we're concerned. But I think the new regulations have shown that Transport Canada has stepped back from their concern a little bit and less restrictive than a few years ago."

A drone conference participant asked Reich, "When are we going to see these guys with the drones doing an aerial application and that kind of things?"

He said in some cases it's starting but still very limited; part of that is the payload that they can carry. Regulations apply to under 25 kilograms.

"So by the time you have a drone

that's big enough and some liquids or whatever it is that you have onboard, you lose your payload pretty quick. It has to be effective and efficient. And at this point, 25 kilograms is probably still a bit light for a spraying application or that type of thing," said Reich.

"I would say the technologies are there with companies that have spent a fair bit of time and effort building spraying equipment," he added, pointing to Yamaha's helicopter. "It's a small helicopter but it's big for a drone, and it has a sprayer on it ... but, again, the regulations don't always keep up with the technology."

He thinks the sky's the limit and somewhere in his lifetime the industry will see crewed aircraft without a pilot or a pilot sitting in Winnipeg flying an airplane that's taking off in Edmonton.

"We're still a long ways away from it, but I think that is the direction it's going."

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In the meantime, the centre of course does continue to have the drop-in component including Thursday evening for Grades 7 to 9 and Friday evening for Grades 10 to 12, and there is always the potential for a variety of other specific programs.

"That's important because no one program will fit for every kid ... you are going to need a variety," said Rempel.

As for Youth for Christ nationally, Coles said their goals are very much the same for the organization and its 35 chapters across Canada.

Their hope is that it can be part of a transformational experience for the over 200,000 kids involved with a Youth For Christ chapter.

"We tend to take a holistic approach

to bringing our faith into life context," he noted.

"We're often working with kids at a number of different levels, equipping them for life and with life skills. In the middle of that, we bring Jesus and the hope of Christ into the lives of kids."

He also places a lot of emphasis on community partnerships.

"Through those strategic partnerships, we can have an influence in the life of every youth," he suggested.

"We do have diversity in our programs," he added. "And we're doing a lot of communicating. We're going to be opening up to our staff to have them give input into strategically how we're going to be engaging youth across Canada with some new initiatives."



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The Winkler Community Foundation, Eden Health Care Services, Country Cycle, Time-Out Sports, Winkler Co-op, and Whitecap Coffee all teamed up May 9 to offer free bike tune-ups and coffee as part of Pay It Forward May. The event also served as a way to mark Mental Health Week in Winkler by encouraging physical exercise and the mental health benefits it generates.

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OBITUARY



Erna Francis Falk (nee Janzen) 1928 – 2019

Erna Falk passed away peacefully at Boundary Trails Health Centre after a lengthy battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Arthur, five sons and three daughters and their families. She is also survived by 20 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren.

Erna (Janzen) Falk was born on April 27, 1928 to Frank and Agatha (Hiebert) Janzen at Crystal City, Manitoba. Her parents and siblings had immigrated to Canada in November of 1923 and stayed with a family in Rosenort, Manitoba for the winter. In spring of 1924, they moved to the McKittrick farm near Crystal City. This is where the twins, Erna and Eddie were born. Erna was the youngest of 14 siblings. Because of the drought and grasshoppers, in 1935

the family packed up and moved to Sperling, Manitoba, where they looked for greener pastures and a place to start over. Erna was only 13 years old when her mom passed away. This had a great impact on her life. She instantly became the woman of the house, making meals and cleaning for her dad and two brothers.

Mom was baptized on October 10th, 1948 by Rev. David Shultz at the Homewood Bergthaler Church. Her faith, reading her Bible, daily devotion and attending church were important in her life. She spent a year at Elim Bible School in Altona. This was an opportunity for her to meet new friends. Shortly after her year at Elim Bible School, she met her brother's friend, Arthur Falk at the Carman Fair. It wasn't long after and a courtship took place and on September 24, 1949, Mom and Dad got married in Winnipeg. They lived in a one room apartment in Winnipeg that first winter. Mom was working for a dry cleaner, cleaning curtains, dad working in a coal yard. In the spring of 1950, they decided to give farming a try. Renting land from Art's brother, Peter and planning to work together with another brother, Victor, they moved to a farm near the U.S. border south of Crystal City. The five oldest children were born during these years. Mom worked hard caring for her young family and being a helpmate to dad. She was the best cook and baker and enjoyed making meals and inviting company over. She took hundreds of meals to the field so that machines didn't have to stop for long or at all. A house fire initiated a look for new accommodations for the family. Thus in 1960, a new home was built and yard developed on the land that was purchased on the Snowflake 201 RD. Here the three youngest children were born. It wasn't long after they bought more land and expanded their farm several miles east towards Snowflake because some of the boys were interested in farming. There they started another farmyard and Mom again developed another beautiful yard site with gardens, flowers and shrubs. She enjoyed her children's activities; she seldom missed a game and often would get Dad to stop the combine to join her to travel across the province to watch baseball games.

Mom enjoyed gardening, baking and camping. She developed and created four beautiful yards with shelter belts, trees, shrubs and flowers. Mom had the gift of hospitality and loved to host family gatherings. Her baking was second to none and everyone would come looking forward to the meals she prepared. Erna enjoyed camping and every summer she and Dad took their family on a trip with the camper. Later in their marriage they traveled to Texas for several of the winter months. Mom never failed to have her children dressed and ready for Sunday School and always showed and displayed her Christian love for all of us through evening devotions and leading us to Christ. She always encouraged us and registered us for Summer Bible Camp. Mom was highly involved with the Christian Women's Club and the Ladies Aid at the Crystal City Mennonite Church. Mom belonged to the Rock Lake Health Auxiliary, fundraising to benefit the local hospital and took her turn delivering meals on wheels. Later in their marriage they moved Crystal City and then to a condo in Morden and have resided there for the last 10 years, still hosting family gatherings and displaying her beautiful shrubs and flowers.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday May 13, 2019 at the Morden Mennonite Church with a private interment prior at the Southside Cemetery.

Thank you to all the nurses and health care staff, Dr. Woelk and Dr. Convery at Boundary Trails Health Centre for their care and concern for our mom during her illness. The family would like to thank Wiebe Funeral Home for making all of the arrangements and for the kindness they have shown to us at this time.

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OBITUARY



John (Jack) Fehr 1947 - 2019

Dad was born on January 23, 1947 in Winkler and passed away May 8, 2019 in the comfort of his home, after a struggle with ALS.

Jack was born to Isaac and Eva Fehr (Friesen) and he lived on the family farm until age 18 when he moved to Winnipeg to work in the mail room at the Grain Exchange. In 1966 he began a 36-year career with the Provincial Government as a tax assessor. Jack met Priscilla Fouasse in 1968 and they were married in Winnipeg on September 12, 1970. They moved to Morden in 1971, the same year daughter Michelle was born. Jack looked after that house like he looked after his vehicles, and it was his comfort zone right up until his passing. Son Corey followed in 1975 and Ryan in 1978.

Dad was a busy guy, serving several years as a volunteer ambulance driver and attendant. He was also very involved in Minor Hockey, baseball, and soccer, with both of his sons, serving as Coach, Manager, and executive member for many years. He never missed a hockey game and was often a taxi for the kids' teammates too. Over the years, Dad's interests varied widely, including snowmobiling, fishing, wood-working, baseball, a 10-year stint of golf, and anything outdoors. Dad was also a meticulous handyman, renovating the family house on his own, helping many other family members on their renovations, and always lending a helping hand to anyone who needed home reno's, and never cutting any corners on quality. The same meticulous character carried over to the care of his vehicles, which were always known to be the cleanest in town. Many family vacations were taken over the years, seeing the sights of the USA. In 1991 Dad got his motorcycle license and bought his first bike, which started a long love affair of the open road on two wheels. Dad retired in 2002 and realized he couldn't sit still. He picked up work with Emergency Measures Manitoba, validating flood claims through home inspections which he really enjoyed. He also worked for Elections Manitoba and spent a lot of time in Winnipeg with the grandchildren. In 2003 he bought himself a retirement gift, a Harley Davidson, and he never looked back. He loved that bike and all the good times he had on it, which are too numerous to count. Spending winters in Arizona was his happy place, and he looked so forward to the Arizona departure date every winter. He loved trailering his bike to the desert and couldn't get enough of the Arizona landscape. Attending the annual Scottsdale Barrett Jackson Car Auction was always a highlight for Dad too. He rode motorcycle right up until the bitter end, until his illness took away his strength. And even when his illness was robbing him of his independence, he maintained the positive attitude he was known for. Dad's demeanor made him a model patient for his caregiver, (Mom), as even in the worst of times Dad never complained. His character should be an inspiration for all of us.

Jack leaves to mourn his wife of 48 years and chief caregiver, Priscilla; his daughter, Michelle; sons, Corey (Erin), Ryan (Brenda); grandchildren, Taya and Duncan, Rylan, Hunter, and Surena; siblings, Irene Rawluk (Alex), Edna (Don) Stobbe, Ed (Sadie), Tammy (Lawrence) Dyck, and Nancy (Russ) Rach.

Jack was predeceased by his Dad, Isaac in 1992; his Mom, Eva in 2015; his mother-in-law, Odette in 1987 and his father-in-law, Martial in 2006. Jack is also survived by Priscilla's sisters, Annette (Raymond) Remillard, Nicole (Aurel) Pantel and Suzanne (Fern) Vermette and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Westside Community Church in Morden with private family interment prior to the service.

Special thanks to Dr. Botha for supporting us on this painful journey, as well as palliative doctor, Dr. Woelk; nurses, Shannon Reimer and Karen Schaak; pharmacists, Ray Buors and Annika Klassen; ALS Society of Winnipeg; occupational therapist, Carri Kroeker as well as all the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre who showed special care to Dad during our ER visits.

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OBITUARY



Maria (Mary) Groening (nee Dueck) 1935 – 2019

On Sunday, May 5, 2019 at her residence in Winkler, MB, Mary Groening aged 84 went to her eternal rest.

Mary was born March 13, 1935 near Altona, MB. She was predeceased by her father, Jacob Dueck and mother, Margaretha (nee Toews); sister, Margaretha; brother, Diedrich; sister, Helen, and brother, Jacob. Mary was also predeceased by her loving husband of 51 years, Detray Groening. She leaves to mourn her daughter, Cyndie (Tim) Wiebe and son, Kevin (Lisa) Groening, together with grandchildren, Josiah (Katie) Wiebe, Annika (Martin) Bshouty, Emily (Justin) Peters, Josh Groening and Olivia Groening and great-granddaughter, Lainey Wiebe. Mary is also survived by siblings, John (Ann), Peter, Susan (Bill), Ben (Brenda) and many

nieces and nephews.

We are all so grateful to have shared our lives with Mary and to have been recipients of her love and joy for life.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019 at the Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church in Hochfeld with a private family interment prior at the Winkler Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Mary's memory to Baptist Mission Society of Latin America (BMSLA) designated to the Christian Education Centre in San Carlos, Mexico.

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Skylar Michael Enns August 18, 1999 – May 1, 2019

It is with heavy hearts that we share the devastating news of the passing of Skylar Michael Enns our dear son, brother, cousin, grandson and friend. On Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at the age of 19 Skylar lost his battle as he struggled with depression, the darkness that he must have felt brings overwhelming sadness to those that love him. He leaves to mourn his Mom, Nicole Dupuis Enns; stepdad, Ray Reidle; brothers, Shadoe Enns (Sara Jordan), Deveraux Enns, Coby Enns (Sierra Peters) and father, Duane Enns. Skylar had numerous, aunts, uncles, cousins as well as his grandparents who loved him and are struggling with their grief surrounding this senseless loss. He was predeceased by his

maternal grandparents, Leo Paul and JoAnn Dupuis who we know in our hearts are comforting him in heaven.

In his short life Skylar touched the hearts and lives of many people, he liked to make people laugh and had the most unique sense of humour. Sometimes those of us close to him didn't quite understand his unique humour but he was always sure to make us laugh and put a smile on our faces. Growing up, Skylar loved technology computers and gaming as well as soccer, skateboarding, snowboarding and his BMX bike which he could be found spending many hours at the Morden Skate Park practicing his "moves". He also loved to spend time going to his childhood friend, Jordan's farm in Arnaud riding dirt bikes, snow tubing and many other activities which only the two of them will ever really know the trouble they managed to get into. Arnaud was where Skylar really felt at home. His love of snowboarding was shared with his brothers, this past January they were able to share a trip together to Panorama, BC which I know Shadoe, Deveraux and Coby will forever hold the memories deep in their hearts. In his high school years, Skylar worked for the City of Morden in the summers at the campground as well as a server at the many banquets at the Access Event Centre. Moving on from the City, he worked at the Morden Co-op in the deli department until his graduation from Morden Collegiate in 2017. Throughout his short life Skylar had a love for technology, computers and gaming he spent many hours learning, playing and teaching his love for technology. There were few questions he couldn't answer. Instead of asking Google, many would seek Skylar's help. He was Google to many family and friends. After graduation he took a position at the BellMTS store in Winkler/Morden where he worked for a year and then transferred to their store in Winnipeg at St. Vital Centre. His career at BellMTS was Skylar's happy place, he was working with technology, he was able to help many customers who tended to be technologically naive as he politely put it all while building friendships with co-workers. He often spoke highly of many of his co-workers. As a family we would like to thank BellMTS/IDC Communications for their belief in Skylar and giving him the opportunity to work in an environment that he loved, as well as to all his customers who took the time to compliment him on a job well done. Skylar touched the hearts of many throughout his life, we wish we could re-live all the moments but for now they will have to be cherished memories. We never want to say good-bye so let's just say, until we meet again. Skylar you were loved by so many, we only wish you could have felt the love not the darkness. My baby you were my sunshine, love you forever, love you for always...Mom

Funeral service was held at the Access Event Centre on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Ash interment to follow at a later date at the Emerson Cemetery where Skylar will be laid to rest with his maternal grandparents.

In lieu of flowers friends have set up the "Skylar Enns Trust Account" donations can be made at any Access Credit Union Branch to assist the family with the significant cost of bringing him home. Remaining dollars will be used to help raise awareness of mental illness/suicide and the impact on our youth, their families and the community.

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OBITUARY



Robert "Ryan" Spence February 8, 1972 - April 18, 2019

Heartbroken and with devastation, we announce the sudden and totally unexpected passing of our beloved son, brother, uncle and friend, Ryan Spence, from Coronary Artery Disease, at Ymir, BC.

Ryan is survived and will be forever missed by parents, Bob and Alice Spence; brother, Jeff (Kathy) Winnipeg; sister, Kelly (Adam) St. Albert, AB. Ryan had a very special bond with his nephews and nieces: Bowan, Sydonie, Kaden, Sam and Liv. Also, mourning his loss is his soulmate, Sara Vickery (Powell River, B.C.) and special friend, Alma (Mazatlan).

Ryan was born in Gillam, MB. February 8, 1972. He had his schooling in The Pas, where he still has lifelong friends. He was an avid hockey player growing up. Music was always an important

part of his life and he still had the Takamini acoustic guitar that he received for his 16th birthday. Ryan lived 14 years in the Kootenay Mountains at Ymir, BC. and attended the Nelson School of Music during this time. Here Ryan made even more lifelong friends. It was said that wherever Ryan went, he became a "local"! We were very proud of him when he attained his Carpenter Designation and he built or worked on many homes/buildings in this area. Ryan then lived and worked in Powell River, B.C.

Ryan's next adventure was to go to Mexico to "Teach English as a Second Language". He spent some time teaching English in an orphanage as a volunteer and was quite proud of becoming fluent in Spanish.

Visitation/Viewing was held April 25 at Thompson Funeral Services in Nelson, BC. Celebration of Life was held April 26 in Ymir, BC.

A VERY SPECIAL thank you to ALL of Ryan's friends who supported the family during this time, as well as our friends and family here in MB.

OBITUARY

Maria (Mary) Peters (nee Wolf) 1918 - 2019



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and sister. Mary passed away at the age of 100, just nine days short of her 101st birthday. Mary's family was at her bedside at the time of her passing. Mom will always be in our hearts and in our memories.

Left to honour and cherish her memory are daughters, Marianne (Johnnie), Caroline (John); her nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; all who will miss her deeply. Mary was predeceased by her husband, David (1997); her son, Jacob (2014); her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Mom was born in Neuhoffnung Village May 13, 1918 to Jacob J. and Aganetha Wolf. She was the oldest of nine children. She married David on October 6, 1940 and was married almost 57 years before his passing.

Prior to her marriage, Mom worked as a housekeeper for farm families, hoeing sugar beets, picking potatoes, picking corn and working at the cannery and the poultry plant. During those times she worked for as much as twenty five cents a day. Mom lived through hard times and was a farm wife in the earlier years, but never complained as it was her nature. She worked hard and made the most of what she had, to ensure that her children were well provided for. She loved and had great pride and pleasure in her flower and vegetable gardens which she loved to share with others. Her last garden was in 2014 at the age of 96.

We will always remember Mom for her quiet ways, courage, determination, resilience and dedication to us. She was the backbone of our family who cared, nourished and guided us throughout our lives. Her unfailing support is something that we will always cherish and be grateful for. Mom was a quiet pillar of strength that bound her family together. Her strength and resolve became more apparent after the passing of her husband. Family was always first with Mom, with a special place in her heart for grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her beautiful legacy will live on in all our hearts.

A celebration of Mary's life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Morden Sommerfeld Church with interment at the Southside Cemetery.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the Morden Home Care staff, the Morden Adult Day Program and the Heritage Life Personal Care Home for kind and compassionate care. We would like to give special thanks to all the wonderful and caring staff in Lilac Lane in Heritage Life Personal Care Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mary can be made to the Morden Adult Day Program at Tabor Home or the Recreation Program at the Heritage Life Personal Care Home in Niverville.

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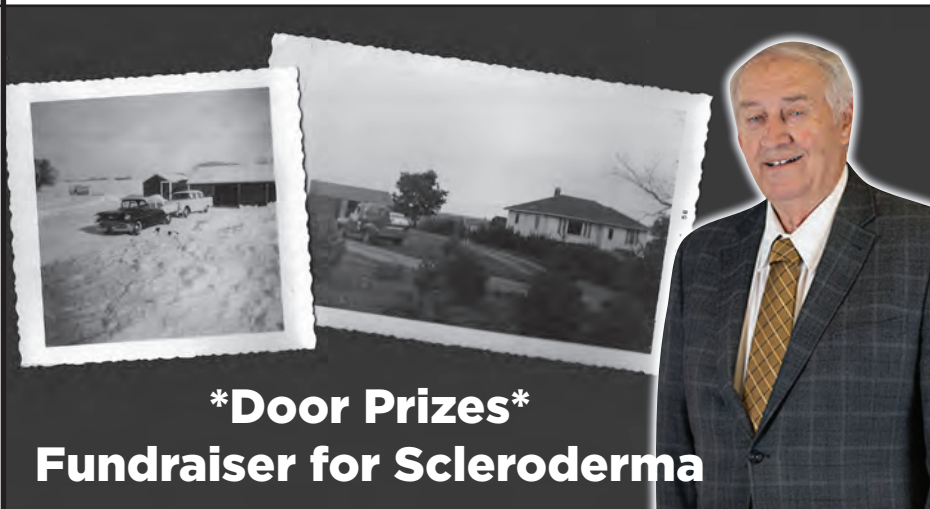


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