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From left: Southern Health vice-president of finance and capital Ken Klassen, Tabor Home CEO Sherry Hildebrand, Southern Health CEO Kathy McPhail, Counc. Irvin Wiebe, Health Minister Sharon Blady, Mayor Ken Wiebe, Southern Health board chair Guy Lévesque, Southern Health's Paulette Goosen, and Tabor Home board chair Wilf Warkentin break ground on the new Tabor Home care home in Morden May 21.

By Cori Bezan

Ground was finally broken on the new Tabor Home site east of Morden last Thursday.

"I'm not even standing on the ground, I'm in the air," Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe said at the sodturning ceremony for the personal care home. "It feels absolutely amazing to be here today ... it's a wonderful day. We're ecstatic." Local dignitaries such as MP Candice Bergen and MLA Cameron Friesen were on hand for the celebration alongside Health Minister Sharon Blady, council members from the City of Morden and the RM of Stanley, representatives from Tabor's fundraising board, and staff and volunteers from Southern Health-Santé Sud.

"This has been a very special day for us of celebration for our community and the Tabor Home," said Counc. Irvin Wiebe, who was the master of ceremonies for the morning event. "I'm sure some thought that this day would probably never come, but we have endured and this is for real."

The need to expand Morden's services for its eldest residents has been growing for years, and the current Tabor Home isn't big enough to meet it.

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Originally built in 1968, the current building had already seen one expansion in 1984 before an announcement was made in 2010 to build a newer, larger facility near Homestead South off of Hwy. 3.

Even after that announcement was made, the road to the new Tabor Home was fraught with challenges and delays, said Tabor board chair Wilf Warkentin.

"It's just been an uphill battle all the way," he said. "The government, of course, is always reluctant to spend money, and this is almost \$40 million, it's a big project, and so it has to get approved every step of the way"

"Every single move you make has to go back to the government for approval, and that can take two or three months just for somebody to look at it. It's just a very, very frustrating situation, we just get really tired of it, but persisted."

Health Minister Blady said that she

expects construction to finish in the spring of 2017.

"This will mean faster access to long-term care for their loved ones, but, most importantly, it will mean peace of mind for everyone in the community," she said. "There's nothing more important, we know this, than providing high-quality care for our loved ones."

"Being able to age close to home in a loving environment that feels like home is something that everyone deserves," she added.

Once the facility has been completed, it will boast 77,319 square feet more than twice the square footage of the current Tabor Home.

The care home will be laid out in five pods with a total of 100 beds, 20 of which can be utilized as supportive housing in times of need. Tabor Home will also contain a unit to care for seniors with complex needs such as severe dementia or behavioural



care home last week, local representatives presented Southern Health with a cheque for \$3.69 million—the community's contribution to the \$38 million project. Left: Health Minister Sharon Blady was all smiles at the event, which has been years in the making. The care home is expected to completed sometime in 2017.

management issues.

"Each 20-bed pod will have 20 separate bedrooms with their own bathrooms, it will have their own dining room, their own sitting area, and they"Il have their own little patio outside," Warkentin explained. "It's just like a little community . . . so it will be a lot more comfortable for everybody."

Those in attendance at the sod-turning ceremony last week could see the groundwork has already begun at the site, with the infrastructure in place and the piles going into the soil.

With the sounds of the work taking place behind them, the dignitaries gathered together to toss the ceremonial soil and officially kick off construction.

"I really appreciate the persistence and the patience and the collaboration of all the different community players that have come together," Blady said. "I'm really excited to see this happening, and the fact that it is going to be state-of-the-art, that it is going to be as flexible as it is."

"We've been talking about this for 15, 20 years, and today's the day," added Warkentin. "It's very exciting, and it's good to see that it's already started. You know it's coming. This state-of-the-art facility is going to be one of the drawing points in Morden from all over the province."

"It's a place that people will come and get the care and love and attention that they need," he added.

The new Tabor Home is the second stage of what Mayor Ken Wiebe called a "campus concept" for the city's senior community.

"A campus concept is to have a

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designated area for our 55-plus, so they can live on their own, maybe in a condo, and then right next door is Homestead South, where it's assisted living," he said, "and if at some point you can't even do assisted living anymore, the new Tabor Home for full care is right here."

"You never leave your neighbourhood, you're always in your neighbourhood, so you can spend 20, 30 years in your neighbourhood and you can get to meet people and know people."

Also at the event, the Tabor fundraising committee presented a cheque of \$3.69 million to Southern Health, totaling their community contribution towards the \$38-million project.

"This is a monumental day. It was a real project of love and dedication and commitment," said Southern Health CEO Kathy McPhail. "It takes a lot of time to mount a project of this size, and to get all the right players at the right place at the right time. It's a big day."

"This project is so needed," she added. "I am absolutely thrilled. I haven't slept for the whole of the week pretty much, I'm so excited. It's a good start, a really good start."

PHOTOS BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE Above: At the sod-turning for Morden's new Tabor Home personal

W.E.S. unveils 'Josh's swing set'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

"Josh would have been all over this." Jake Fehr stands a few feet from Winkler Elementary School's new swing set, which last week the school dedicated to his son, Joshua, a Gr. 4 student who passed away from cancer a little over three years ago.

Fehr says his son, who died a month shy of his 10th birthday, would have been the first to leap onto one of the brand new swings and reach for the sky.

"It would have been just inexpressible joy," he says, reaching for his phone to show a photo of a grinning Josh swinging high.

There's no question Josh loved to swing, which is why when the school

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wanted to do something to honour his memory, a new swing set seemed the perfect choice.

"This was something that he loved to do at recess, just go outside and swing. It was a

calming thing for him," says educational assistant Kathy Rempel, who worked with Josh through the W.E.S. special needs program.

"My arms got tired often from pushing him so much," adds fellow EA Alyssa Friesen, laughing.

Josh was a special kid, Rempel says, who never lost his joy for life.

"I wish sometimes that I could see



ABOVE PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Above: Jake and Naomi Fehr, with daughter Morgan, at the dedication ceremony for Winkler Elementary School's brand new swing set, which was dedicated to the memory of their son, Joshua Fehr (at right), last week. Josh, who passed away a month shy of his 10th birthday, loved nothing more than to go for a swing.

life through his eyes, and working with him helped me to see that. Everything was a joy, everything was exciting. As we get older, we tend to forget that, but he helped us see that in a new light."

There were no strangers in Josh's life—just friends in the making, Friesen adds.

"He loved people. He loved being around other people," she says. "If you hadn't met Josh, he came up to you and made you his friend. He didn't give you a choice, really. You were his friend, or you hadn't met him yet."

Knowing that Josh had such an impact on the people around him in life and that this swing set will allow him to continue to do so in death brings a measure of solace to the Fehr family.

"It's tough to describe all the impact that Josh had in his short life," Fehr says. "Even though Josh's life was short on this earth, he lived life to the fullest."

"Joshua loved this school," he adds, noting the W.E.S. special needs program was a huge part of his son's life. "When we saw the growth and the things that they taught him . . . it was so incredible just to see these things and how he grew and how he matured in a school environment. I can't say enough great things about this program."

"I'm happy to say that Joshua's legacy will live on at Winkler Elementary School."







Fdn. directors do their part

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The staff and clients at Gateway Resources were on the receiving end of a major Pay It Forward event last Friday afternoon.

The Winkler Community Foundation board set out to set an example for their own Pay It Forward May campaign by serving up doughnuts and drinks during Gateway's afternoon coffee break, following it up with a bit of yard work on the grounds.

"We felt this was a great opportunity for us to lead by example," said president Phillip Vallelly.

The Pay It Forward initiative was launched by the Winkler Community Foundation and the Morden Area Foundation at the start of the month.

They're encouraging residents to do random acts of kindness for others all month long in the hopes the recipients will pay it forward with a good deed of their own for someone else.

Vallelly says they've been hearing about a lot of good deeds both large



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Above: Winkler Community Foundation board members served up doughnuts and drinks to the staff and clients at Gateway Resources last Friday. Right: Afterwards, the board, including president Phillip Vallelly, stuck around to spruce up the grounds.

and small over the last few weeks.

"We're hearing some great stories," he said. "Businesses in town have also taken part in some great Pay It Forward projects."

If Vallelly could get one message out to people about the Pay It Forward campaign, it's this:

A Tinker Toy Fossil Embarrasses Scientists from Creation Moments Radio Program

Proverbs 12:20

"Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy."



In October of 1999 scientists announced the discovery of a new fossil at the National Geographic Society in Washington. Scientists from the Dinosaur Museum in Blanding, Utah, and the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology in Beijing, China, announced the discovery of a so called "missing link." The feathered fossil was clearly a bird, but it had the tail of a small dinosaur. They named it Archaeoraptor.

The fossil from China was not excavated by scientists and its history was uncertain. It possessed

the specialized shoulders and chest typical of birds, but it had the long tail identical to some small dinosaurs. After the announcement, scientists proceeded to study the fossil in detail. They found that a few bones that would have connected the tail to the bird body were missing. After more study, they concluded that they had been fooled. Someone had taken the fossilized tail of a dromeosaurid and made it look as if it had been part of the fossil bird. The scientists involved admitted they made a mistake by not examining the fossil before they announced the discovery of a "missing link." Like so many "missing links" before, this one was a hoax.

Every uncontested "missing link" that was ever "discovered" has suffered the same fate as Archaeoraptor. That these "discoveries" are announced before they are studied illustrates that evolution is nothing more than a faith. It is a deceitful faith, and the truth will only be found in the Bible.

Prayer: Dear Father, let me never be deceived and led away from Your truth. Amen.

For further info. contact Creation Science of Saskatchewan Inc., Box 26, Kenaston, SK. S0G 2N0 or call 204-325-5244. Copyright@2012 by Creation Moments, Inc. P.O. Box 839, Foley, MN. 56329 or www.creationmoments.com "Do it," he says. "Just do it. By paying it forward, you're actually helping someone else realize the potential to give back in some form without receiving anything."



You can post your stories of generosity on the Winkler Community Foundation Pay It Forward May Facebook page, the Morden Area Foundation Facebook page, or via Twitter at #payitforwardmay.

Day of Caring looking for volunteers Saturday

"COME OUT FOR A MORNING AND VOLUNTEER AND LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT THE UNITED WAY AND OTHER AGENCIES DO IN THE COMMUNITY."

By Cori Bezan

The community is going to get a little extra love on May 30, when volunteers and organizations come together for the Morden and District United Way's annual Day of Caring.

"We gather up projects from Morden and the surrounding area, then we assign volunteers to carry out the work of those projects," explained United Way chair Lisa Gandier. "It's an excellent opportunity for people who don't have time to commit to volunteer work on a continual basis to get to come out for a morning and volunteer and learn more about what the United Way and other agencies do in the community."

The Day of Caring has been taking place in Morden for over a decade, and volunteers come from around the area as individuals, families, or teams to come help tackle a list of odd jobs and projects that otherwise may have gone undone.

In the past, the ever-growing group of volunteers have helped plant community gardens, painted aging picnic benches, and done various other light maintenance work all over the city.

"It's become almost a tradition," Gandier said. "There are people that have odd jobs that need to be completed and they can't do them themselves. That's what United Way is all about: ensuring that people have places to turn when they need help, and increase the awareness of volunteer work."

As for the volunteers, it's a chance to do a job well done.

"It's an opportunity to actually get out and complete some work, but also get to know the people in the community," Gandier said."It's about coming together and having fun to get the work completed."

Wilf Warkentin honoured as Volunteer of the Year

By Cori Bezan

Wilf Warkentin was the man of the hour on Sunday, as the Morden Area Foundation honoured him with the 2014 Morden Area Outstanding Community Volunteer Award.

"The recipients of this award never cease to amaze me, because these are volunteers that always seem to have a full-time job or a business to run and a family to take care of," said executive director Lynda MacLean."Yet they continue without question volunteering and making their community a better place just because they want to."

The award was first created by the Morden Kinsmen Club in 1946 as the Meritorious Service Award. The final service award was given by the club in 2002 after recognizing 57 citizens for their volunteer efforts. After the club's dissolution, the Morden Area Foundation took over the tradition to honour those who embody the spirit of volunteerism.

"It's very exciting," Warkentin said of being named Morden's top volunteer. "I'm sure there are a lot of deserving people around, but it's extremely exciting that they chose me ... I wasn't expecting it."

Receiving the award was bittersweet, though, as the person who first pulled Warkentin into the volunteering world in Morden passed away just last Friday.

"When Grace and I moved to Morden in 1967, it was Abe [Riediger] who insisted I become involved in the community," Warkentin explained. "I will miss him."

"There are many times where I'm not sure if I should thank him or blame him for getting me involved," he laughed. "Particularly since after he nominated me, he quit, and 30 years later, I'm still here."

One of the first places that Warkentin began volunteering was with the Morden's Kinsmen Club, but he quickly jumped into other organizations with both feet.

"When we moved to Morden from Winnipeg, all of a sudden there's all kinds of opportunities, people are looking for volunteers," Warkentin said. "[Abe] got me involved in the school board and got me involved in the town council, got me involved in the Tabor Home. He was very instrumental in getting all that done."

Since then, Warkentin has put countless hours into volunteering on various boards for the Morden Veterinary District, the Morden Corn and Apple Festival committee as its first president, and the library board. He has also sat on the Morden Community Handi-Van board from its inception in 1984, as well as spent 30 years on the Tabor Home board, where he still serves as chairperson.

"Those are two projects that I find very dear to my heart, and want to make sure they succeed," he explained.

Warkentin was nominated by Denis Magotiaux and Lory Wowk, who have worked and volunteered alongside Warkentin through the Handi-Van.

As part of his award, Warkentin was presented with two \$500 grants

Get a glimpse behind-the-scenes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The first annual Open House Winkler gives you the chance to get an insider's look at 20 different local businesses and organizations this weekend.

On Friday from 1-4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., everyone is invited to pop by participating venues to take advantage of special offers and behind-the-scenes tours.

Winkler community events coordinator Deb Penner hopes Open House Winkler will give people the chance to see a side to companies and venues they've never seen before.

"It's a great way to learn about a

business," she says."And it's not only free, but each business will have free offers or demonstrations or samples, as well."

For example, you can enjoy a free workout at Core Fitness, snag some complementary french fries at The Potato Store, or get a free Winkler water glass at the city's water treatment plant.

"It so far ranging," Penner says. "There's so many different things you can try out and ask questions about. Really go behind-the-scenes."

"I'm really excited at all the businesses who are participating," she

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PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Morden Area Foundation past board chair Kathy Ritchie presented Wilf Warkentin with the Morden Area Outstanding Community Volunteer Award at a ceremony on Sunday.

to distribute to the charities of his choice. He presented them to Morden Handi-Van and Tabor Home.

Warkentin urges everyone to find a place they can volunteer and make a difference.

"I think it's very important that people should donate their time and

their energy, and help other people that are disabled or unable to do it," he said. "As long as I'm healthy, I'm more than willing to do it. It's made my life a lot different. I've achieved a lot of satisfaction and just knowing I've been able to do some good in the community."









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Not just another piece of fabric

typical Mav his long weekend that just past gave me more than just the opportunity to marvel at snow in May and more than the chance to wander around with my daughter looking for downed trees—it gave me a chance to ponder the various flags in our community.

How, you might ask, would a storm cause such an odd thought to arise? Well, maybe it was the number of ab-

solutely destroyed and tattered Canadian and provincial flags I had the misfortune to see.

Shredded, their miserable corpses left hanging in the wind by a thread, remnants of once proud images were

shadows of themselves clinging to their various poles.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not a drum beating patriot (not many Canadians are, really) but I am a person who understands the importance and power of symbolism and a Canadian flag is a very important symbol.

The red in the flag, representing spilled blood, is a symbol of Canada's sacrifice in the two world wars (and, unfortunately, the ones since). 98,476 Canadians are believed to have been killed in them, not to mention the 205,000 Canadian soldiers wounded. This same flag has draped the caskets of thousands of Canadian soldiers and dignitaries throughout the years as a reminder of values worthy of such sacrifice.

The white in the flag is symbolic of the peace that Canadians, above all nations, strive to keep around the world to avoid the sacrifices of the past. Canadians can proudly own the term "peacekeepers"-it was Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson who suggested the creation of the United Nations peacekeeping force. The white is also a symbol of Canadian neutrality and impartiality . . . things we would do well to recollect.

The Maple Leaf started to act symbolically of Canada as early as the 1700s and represents the natural abundance and beauty of Canada. The leaf is also a reminder that before European settlement, Canada's rich resources, including the maple, were well-known and utilized by our First Nations people.

There is no other flag like ours anywhere on earth, just as there is no other people like us. It is symbolic of all that is and can be good about Canada and Canadians. It is not merely fabric strapped to a pole.

Did you know that there are actually rules for flying the flag?

The Canadian government states on its website: "The National Flag of Canada should be displayed only in a manner befitting this important national symbol; it should not be subjected to indignity."

Here's another one:

"When a flag becomes tattered and is no longer in a suitable condition for use, it should be destroyed in a dignified way."

We were taught in the artillery that the flag should be raised at dawn and lowered at or before sunset. This is not an actual rule, but simply an extra step safeguarding its condition and ensuring a level of respect. When a flag was ready for disposal it was ceremoniously burned-never bundled up and thrown in the trash, destined for a landfill.

I know I am coming off a little stodgy and possibly even patriotic, but one cannot underestimate the power and importance of symbolism.

A tattered flag says something. It says something about the people or organization responsible for it, it says something about the community it is left to fly in, and ultimately it says something about the country itself.

If you proudly fly a flag and it is torn or faded, take it down. Better to leave an empty flag pole for a time than to display the symbol of our country or province in such a state.



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adds."I had no idea what to expect for Museum, and the Winkler Senior this first year."

Other businesses taking part include Ben Krahn Homes, Gateway Resources, Grandeur Housing, Golden West Radio, Ideal Floors, Muscle Hut, Pembina Threshermen's Museum, and Ten Twenty Seven.

Also on the list are public venues such as the Gemstone Park Arboretum, the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall, Winkler Fire Hall, and the Winkler Rec. Centre, and non-profit organizations such as the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre, the Winkler Archives, Winkler Heritage Centre.

At each stop you'll get to fill out an entry form to win one of three \$100 Winkler Co-op gift cards.

> DAY OF CARING, FROM PG. 4

The day kicks off at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday at the United Way office, located in Workspace 379 on Stephen Street, where volunteers will receive their assignments.

After a morning of work, everyone is invited to return at noon for a barbecue lunch before the United Way

For a full list of participating venues and their offerings, go to www. cityofwinkler.ca and check out Open House Winkler on the events page.

hosts its annual general meeting. To sign up as a volunteer or register a project to be completed, you can contact Gandier at 204-823-0115.

"We're so thankful for the people that keep coming year after year, and we're always looking forward to new people joining in the fun," she said.



Get 'Gutsy' for Crohns & Colitis Canada June 7

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

For the first time ever, the Gutsy Walk for Crohn's and Colitis Canada will be coming to Morden next week.

The Access Event Centre plays host to the 3k fundraising walk, which gets underway at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 7.

Proceeds from the event go to raise awareness and help find a cure for the disease that affects the gastrointestinal tract and makes life more difficult for every 1 in 150 Canadians.

That includes local Cathy Cramer and her husband, who both live with Crohn's disease.

The Cramer family have been supporting the Gutsy Walk by walking in Winnipeg's event for the past few years. They were recently asked by Crohn's and Colitis Canada to help them branch out into Morden to create greater awareness in this area.

"It's an invisible disease. You can't look at a person and know that they have Crohn's and Colitis," says Cramer, who was diagnosed with Crohn's in 2008."It affects everyone differently. There are no two people who are affected the same."

People living with Crohn's or Colitis can have stomach cramps, anemia, and diarrhea, as well as gum, eye, skin and liver problems.

All this may result in frequent bathroom trips a day—sometimes only 10 minutes apart—which certainly makes daily life a challenge.

Cramer says that she also never knows when an unexpected hospital trip will happen.

"Often when I am well, I'm doing a million things because I'm not sure when I'm going to hit that period of unwellness," she says. "I live with a sense of I've got to do it now' because I'm not sure what's around the corner."

The uncertainty also effects Cramer's son, Adam, who is helping his mom organize next week's walk.

"Sometimes the plans we have get cancelled because we have to be by a bathroom," he says. "There are lots of hospital trips and we always have to stop for random bathroom trips when we are in the city."

It's not all doom and gloom, though. Cramer says she wants everyone—including the many kids who have recently been diagnosed with the illness—to know it is manageable.

"As a mom, I want kids who are diagnosed to know that they can live successfully and happy, despite what kind of diagnosis you are given," she stresses. "It doesn't have to define you. I have the disease ... but the disease doesn't have me."

To get involved in the Gutsy Walk, you can volunteer, register, or donate in advance online at gutsywalk.mb@crohnsandcolitis.ca.

Adam will also be collecting pledges in person at the event and online at the Gutsy Walk website.

On-site registration begins at 11 a.m. on June 7



PHOTO BY EMILY-ANN DOERKSEN/VOICE

Cathy Cramer and her son Adam are organizing Morden's first annual Gutsy Walk for the Crohn's and Colitis Canada on June 7, raising funds for awareness and a cure.

at the Access Event Centre.

For more information, visit the "Morden Get Gutsy Walk" Facebook page.

RRTVA welcomes Giesbrecht, Curry in new leadership roles

By Cori Bezan

The Red River Technical Vocational Area will be starting the new school year in September with two new leaders at the helm.

With long-standing director Harv Giesbrecht stepping down from the role, Brenda Giesbrecht has risen to fill his shoes as the new director of the organization.

"I'm looking forward to it," Giesbrecht said. "I believe in technical vocational programming for high school students."

RRTVA provides extra hands-on educational opportunities for students to learn above and beyond their usual high school courses.

"The goal is to offer hands-on programming or tech-vocational programming for the students in five school divisions," Giesbrecht explained.

Currently, RRTVA works in eight different locations to offer 23 programs such as auto-body, backstage theatre, baking and pastry arts, carpentry, culinary arts, esthetics, and welding.

As of the 2015/2016 school year, Giesbrecht said that there were 726 students registered in RRTVA programming.

Though new to the director's chair, Gies-

brecht is certainly not new to the organization. She has served as the RRTVA's program services coordinator for the past four years and has a passion for the program.

"They are a great opportunity, great options with hands-on experiences, lots of transferable skills [students] learn, and hopefully in the future, it gives them excellent career opportunities," she said. "It is an excellent opportunity to try different types of programs in comparison to just one stream."

As the 2015-2016 school year approaches, Giesbrecht has set some goals for both herself and the organization as a whole.

"My vision is to continue to see growth, as well as continue to offer hands-on tech-vocational programming in this region, and continue to promote it," she said. "I see it as a communication role, to continue to work with and communicate with everyone."

Meanwhile, filling Giesbrecht's position as program services coordinator will be Lane Curry, who had been working at Maple Leaf School as the vice-principal and part-time teacher, as well as the International Education Coordina-



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Morden Co-op celebrates completion of renovations

By Cori Bezan

After a long year of hard work and patience, Morden's Co-op grocery store marked its completed renovations last Friday with a celebratory ribbon cutting.

"It feels great to be finally open and the renos complete, get on with the usual business," said store manager Cam Buhler.

"It's a relief for everybody," agreed Co-op general manager George Klassen."We had a mess for almost a year, at times just a terrible mess, but now it looks fantastic."

The renovations mark the first major project at the former Foodland store since Co-op first took it over a little over a decade ago.

"I guess there was a renovation then, and there really hasn't been much of a renovation in about 10 years, so it was long overdue," Buhler said.

The renovations were originally budgeted to cost around \$750,000, but it was decided that more work needed to be done and the project doubled in size, finally coming in at around \$1.5 million.

"It was an old store. Once we started taking apart walls and started doing that kind of stuff, we noticed that we needed to do a little bit more work,

so that's what we did," Buhler said. "We wanted to do it right. We want to make sure everything's fresh, we want to make sure everything's safe for our customers and staff."

Some of the biggest changes to the store included shifting an entire aisle to the opposite side of the building, as well as installing new freezers and coolers with doors.

"We didn't really expand a lot," Buhler explained. "We did expand out to the west, we expanded a couple freezers, but mostly what we did was redecorated and we moved some stuff around in the store to make it flow a little bit better for our customers."

Since the renovations were completed, customer feedback has been very positive.

"I'm amazed at how many people come in and say wow, and are giving a lot of great compliments to the store," Buhler said.

The update to the store means longevity and continued good service to their customers while maintaining their mandate to return dividends to their members and giving back to the community, Klassen said.

"This means we're now with the times," he added. "We look like a brand new store now."



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

After a long year of work, the Co-op grocery story in Morden cut the ribbon on their renovations at a celebration last Friday.

"At the end of the day, we want to expand, we want to reno, we want to update, because we want to keep things positive for our customers," Buhler said. "We want to do better . . . because we want to give back. We want to give back more to our members, but we want to give back more to the community."

With the store's renovations completed, Co-op can turn its attention to other projects in town, including a new agriculture site on the south side of Morden and a new gas bar on Thornhill St. in the works.

"The ag site is just on the way. As a matter of fact, two weeks ago, we put in our crop protection products," Klassen said. "We bought the old Monsanto building, so the next phase will be to add fertilizer to the site, which we're planning right now, so hopefully by fall we're up and running with fertilizer on that site as well, and then it's going to become a complete crop supplies."

"The gas bar is going where the Goody's restaurant is now, the drivein," he added. "We purchased three properties, we're just in the final stages of getting them rezoned. We expect that to be finalized somewhere in probably August or so, then plans of going to tender. So we expect a year from now to start digging, and hopefully have it running by late fall of 2016."

Immigrant Services dir. speaks at nat'l conference

"I THINK I SHONE

COMMUNITY."

THE LIGHT ON WHAT

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Laurie Sawatzky, executive director of South Central Immigrant Services, got the chance to share the success of our region's immigration initiatives with her peers at a national conference earlier this spring.

Sawatzky and fellow Regional Connections staffer Steve Reynolds travelled to Vancouver a few weeks ago for the National Metropolis Conference, a three-day event that brought together immigration experts from across Canada.

"The topic was to showcase settlement services in a rural community and to share my experience on service delivery and building community relationships to strengthen services to newcomers," she said, noting it was an honour to be asked to speak at one of the sessions.

"To me, it was a real great opportunity because, by in large, when people

think about immigration they think about Toronto or Vancouver," Sawatzky said, noting that, indeed, she was the only speaker out of 16 who came from a rural community, so she was able to provide a unique perspective on the challenges

smaller urban centres face when it comes to immigration.

Sawatzky certainly had plenty to share, going right back to the creation of the "Winkler Initiative" that got the immigration boom started in

the Winkler-Morden-Altona area in the late '90s.

That pilot program sought to fill the growing need area employers had for workers. It resulted in 50 families settling in the area and led to the creation of the region's first dedicated settlement assistance services program.

Those early years had just two settlement workers working from their

homes, but in the last decade the program has grown so much that offices are now located in Winkler, Morden, and Altona, employing nearly 30 people. Since 1998, South Central Immigrant Services has welcomed more than 11,000 people from 119 different coun-

tries. The influx has affected all facets of life in the Pembina Valley-from making it a much more multi-cultural place to creating some challenges

when it comes to education, health care, housing, and infrastructure needs.

"That said, the community and the region has been successful in attracting and retaining newcomers, even though there are some of these pressure points," Sawatzky said.

Sawatzky stressed the importance of forming partnerships across all community sectors when it comes to planning for that growth.

"Partnerships-whether at a local, regional, provincial or federal levelare an important component in a rural/regional project, as they increase our capacity to deliver services," she said.

She also emphasized the value of providing a variety of settlement programs for newcomers to help them more easily integrate into their new homes, including language training,

IT MEANS TO RUN A **PROGRAM IN A RURAL**

Jumpstart charity BBQ at Cdn. Tire Saturday

Help ensure every kid can get in the game by snagging a hot dog at the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charity BBQ this weekend.

The fundraiser runs this Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Winkler Canadian Tire store on Norquay Dr.

The day will include the sale of hot dogs and soft drinks, bake sale items, and rides in a 1931 Model A (weather permitting).

All the funds raised will stay in the community to help ensure financially disadvantaged families with kids are

> RRTVA, FROM PG. 7

tor for Western School Division.

"The opportunity to work with kids from across southern Manitoba is appealing," he said of his decision to come on board at the RRTVA. "It's going to be a lot of new learning, of course, so I'm really interested to get into all these schools and see these programs in action."

While the new position means leaving Maple Leaf School behind, Curry said he will still be working closely with the school division and is only leaving"in a sense."

"There's four partners in the RRT-VA, and Western School Division is one of them," he explained. "I'm actually still a Western School Division employee, but I am working with all of those divisions, helping coordinate still able to participate in a variety of sports activities.

The event also kicks off Jumpstart Month, which will see Canadian Tire donate the proceeds from its Red Ball Campaign (\$2 a ball) to the Winkler chapter of Jumpstart.

Last year, the chapter helped 197 kids participate in sport and recreation who would have otherwise watched from the sidelines.

Since 2005 the Winkler Jumpstart has helped 1,222 children to get into the game.

things."

Curry said he hopes to continue growing technical vocational options in our area, and he says he's thankful that Giesbrecht will be on hand to help him do that.

"Brenda will be a great source of knowledge for me and what I will be needing to do and trying to get accomplished," he said. "The goal would be to keep things going in a positive way number-wise, to at least maintain and try to fill some of our programs in the RRTVA that aren't always full, and to maybe help promote [tech-voc programs] within the region, to let parents and students know that it's a viable option for high school education."

> IMMIGRATION, FROM PG. 8

employment services, community events, and ongoing settlement assistance as needed.

Community integration is helped along in part thanks to Regional Connections' booming volunteer program, which has proven a boon on so many levels, Sawatzky said.

Since getting started 18 months ago, the program has attracted over 250 volunteers eager to learn more about our new neighbours and to help them navigate living in a strange new country.

"We've really found that that integration piece is so necessary to build community connections," Sawatzky said, noting volunteers help with everything from providing community tours to serving as classroom helpers to meeting regularly one-on-one with newcomers to help them practice their English."We have amazing people who are coming forward to our volunteer calls and saying, 'I want to help. I see the need.' It's really helping build communities."

The volunteer programs also serve to better educate the community about just what newcomers are going through and where they're coming from, she said.

All of this is a model that other rural communities across the nation are using as they build their own settlement programs.

"Ten years ago we were where a lot of the small programs are today," Sawatzky said, noting she fielded a lot of questions and was pleased to be able to share some of the things learned over the last few years with other communities just getting started on their community immigration programs. "I think I shone the light on what it means to run a program in a rural community."

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Memory Walks in Winkler, Morden next month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba invites you to lace up your shoes for the annual Alzheimer Memory Walk taking place across the region next month.

In Winkler and Morden, the walks kick-off from Winkler's Salem Home at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10 and from Morden's Tabor Home at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 13. Walks are also scheduled for Altona, Carman, Cartwright, and Morris that week.

Each walk is only a few kilometres long, but the funds and awareness the event generates for the Alzheimer's Society is invaluable, says Kathy Fehr, regional coordinator.

"Currently there are 20,000 Manitobans living with Alzheimer's disease and the numbers keep going up," she says."What we do is we are a network of support and education for people living with Alzheimer's or other dementias, for people and their caregivers."

In addition to its education and support programs, the society also serves as an advocate for change at all levels of government when it comes to Alzheimer's disease-related issues, Fehr says.

Walk participants can register online at alzheimer.mb.ca/memorywalk2015.

collect pledges, the walk offers participants a variety of tiers of prizes,

As an incentive to get out there and including a Memory Walk t-shirt, water bottle, and gift cards to a variety of retailers.



Kids Biz Camp accepting registrations for summer session

By Cori Bezan

Community Futures Heartland is gearing up to bring the entrepreneurial spirit to Morden's youth with a special Kids Biz Camp July 27-31.

The new camp, which was held by CFH for the first time in Portage la Prairie last year, will give kids a chance to have some summer fun while also learning about key business topics.

"As we introduce kids to entrepreneurship, we help them begin the thinking and dreaming process which fosters entrepreneurship," explained manager of business development Alana Bolton. "We believe in the potential of kids and the need to inspire entrepreneur-



ship at an early age. Having been fortunate enough to work with entrepreneurs, I realized that, given the right influences, kids can become entrepreneurs."

The five-day camp is aimed towards kids ages nine to 13. The campers will spend a little time each morning learning in the classroom before taking part in field trips in the afternoon.

"We will tour local businesses and have a local business person come speak to the class and hopefully help plant that entrepreneurial seed," Bolton said.

Participants will also work on creating a product of their own design to sell at the Morden Farmers' Market.

"Each camper will receive \$20 back from the camp fee to purchase supplies for an item they decide on and develop and sell at that week's farmers' market," Bolton said."This will teach them revenue/expenses and profit/loss."

"This camp teaches the fundamentals of good business, and helps to develop their entrepreneurial spirit," she added. "Each camper leaves with the understanding that entrepreneurs drive innovation, create jobs, and make the world a better place."



The success of the camp in Portage last year led CFH to decide to expand it this summer.

"We will host two camps this summer, one in Portage and one in Morden," Bolton said. "We decided on two camps this summer because it has been very well received in the past, and we want to reach out to as many children as we could."

At the end of the camp, Bolton said that they hope the kids come away with a sense of confidence and knowledge about business.

"We want them to know what entrepreneurship is, and we want them to know that they can take an idea and what they can do with it, how they can roll that out into something," she said. "Hopefully, get that little entrepreneurship buzzing, so that they can have that feel, they can think one day this is what I could do, one day I want to own a beauty salon or carpentry business."

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day from July 27-31 at the Morden Chamber of Commerce offices.

Registration is open now. The camp costs \$100 per youth, with \$20 of that returned to the camper to purchase supplies to create their products.

To register for the camp, contact Bolton at 204-239-0135 or by email at abolton@cfheartland.ca.

"They're our future," Bolton said. "I think that letting them know that there's more out there than what they may see or may hear, knowing that you can start a business, no matter how small to how big, it's planting that seed, and I think that's great at this level."

"It starts them off early, and that's what we want."



PHOTOS BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE PVHS president Cindy Kalansky says their Morden animal shelter (above) has allowed the agency to come a long way in the last five years.

PVHS animal shelter marks five years in business



By Ashleigh Viveiros

Time flies when you're having fun, or, in the case of the Pembina Valley Humane Society, when you're using that time to help care for and find loving homes for literally thousands of stray and surrendered animals.

This Friday, May 29, marks the PVHS animal shelter's fifth anniversary.

The Morden shelter as it is today opened its doors on Jefferson St. in the city's industrial park in 2010 after a major fundraising campaign that saw support coming in from all across the region.

It replaced a tiny, make-shift shelter located a few blocks away, and completely changed the humane society's footprint in the community, says former president Michelle Frost.

"When I first came on board as a volunteer in 2008, they were operating out of a little warehouse on Grant St.," she recalls.

Though the society was able to significantly raise its profile in the community and rehome over 500 cats and dogs from its time in that rented space between 2006 to 2009, it was forced to vacate the facility in February of 2009.

With that, PVHS, unable to find a new place to rent, had to go back to how it used to care for unwanted animals: fostering them in temporary homes and facilitating adoptions via its website—a less than ideal situation.

"Building a new place, it seemed impossible," Frost says. "But we didn't want to lose all the momentum we had gained."

And so the agency began to approach businesses and municipalities, seeking support for a major capital campaign for a building they could finally call their own.

In less than a year, through the hard work of a dedicated core of board members and volunteers and thanks to many generous supporters, PVHS managed to raise over \$440,000 for the project.

"Before we knew it, we'd already gone from having **"THEY HAD A VISION OF** nothing to SOMEDAY WE'LL HAVE being able to start con-A BUILDING AND WE struction," CAN CARE FOR LOTS OF Frost says."It was amaz-ANIMALS . . . AND THAT'S ing. There WHERE WE ARE TODAY." are so many people that deserve to be

thanked—it

really was a community effort."

"I think the most comforting thing about it all is to know that not only did people want to give—and they did—but that this building is now here for the long-term," she adds."By now, hundreds, probably thousands of animals have been helped and the families that have adopted those animals have been blessed by their new family members. That's the part that was always the most important and that I'm most proud of." Current PVHS president Cindy Kalansky crunched the numbers recently and says that since the shelter opened its doors they've cared for 1,686 animals.

"Without this shelter, we never would have gotten close to those numbers," she says. "With a building we are able to genuinely offer services to a wide range of communities in the Pembina Valley. We have intakes coming in from everywhere."

Looking back, Kalansky says that the PVHS has come so far from its grassroot beginnings as an organization run and funded by a handful of dedicated animal lovers.

"So much has been accomplished in five years and especially from the early days when it was, 'Who has room in their garage for a dog?' or

'Who has space in their basement to take in a cat?'"

"Back then I think they had a vision of someday we'll have a building and we can care for lots of animals ... and that's where we are today."

Though they've reached that goal, the humane society hasn't stopped dreaming.

Kalansky says they're always looking for new fundraising ideas, ways to improve the shelter itself, and strategies to educate animal owners and protect animals from maltreatment.

"We have so many ambitions for what we would like to do," she says. "Primarily it's the intake and care and rehoming of animals, but, beyond that, there's the whole idea of being able to be a source of education in the Pembina Valley, being able to work with communities and be advocates for animals."

"We're also always looking at ways we can use our building more effectively," Kalansky says, noting that it is a busy place and that future expansions are certainly being considered, funds allowing. "I think if our building was twice as big it would still be full."

Today, as it was five years ago and five years before that, the Pembina Valley Humane Society remains an organization primarily run by volunteers—animal lovers who want to make a difference.

"The volunteer base that is required to keep our shelter running is huge," Kalansky says, noting they have upwards of 50 volunteers taking regular chore shifts and another 25 or so helping the society out in other capacities.

More help is always welcome, especially at the board level.

"We would love to have a few more people on the board," Kalansky says. "The more help we have, the more we can do."

Learn more about how you can help the PVHS, either as a volunteer, donor, or through a pet adoption online at pvhs.ca.

Locals earn CMMA designations

By Cori Bezan

It takes a lot of patience, dedication, and commitment to pursue an education, especially while maintaining a balance between full-time jobs and family. But that's exactly what four local municipal movers and shakers have done, having completed all of their courses to receive their Certification in Manitoba Municipal Administration.

MSTW manager and administrator Dallas Prawdzick, Winkler city manager Dave Burgess, Morden city tax roll/building permit clerk Nicole Enns, and RM of Stanley planning clerk Kristin Penner graduated from the University of Manitoba program together recently after taking the courses online over the past five years.

"It's a designation, a program, that's required or definitely an asset to any sort of municipal administrator," explained Prawdzick."This is the designation and the courses that the employers, the councils, would like to see their leaders have."

"I think you can always learn more expertise, and I think it's a very worthwhile course," Burgess said.

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Above: Nicole Enns, Dave Burgess, Dallas Prawdzick, and Kristin Penner (left photo) graduated together after receiving their CMMA designations to further their education in municipal management.

"All of the aspects are encompassed within our workload, whether it's to do with finance, accounting, human resources."

"I was interested in learning more, and different aspects of the municipal work," added Penner.

All of them agreed that the most challenging part of taking the certification was making time for it within their busy schedules.

"For myself, I was a single mom working full-time, doing these courses at night with a little girl at home," Prawdzick said."It was a lot of work."

"You had to be disciplined, because it was all done through online, so you're not going to a classroom,"Enns added. "You had to be very disciplined with your time and make sure you used your time appropriately, especially with working full-time and kids at home. It sometimes made it quite difficult to get everything done, but in the end, it's all worth it."

The four graduated together alongside 50 or so other students at a recent conference held by Manitoba Municipal Administrator's Association

"They make a really big deal of it, which is great, because for a lot of us it's a really big sacrifice," Prawdzick said.

With their program completed and their designations in hand, all four can take everything they've learned and put it back into the communities they serve, Prawdzick said.

"In my position, every course that I took is relevant to my job, so I apply each and every day a little bit of every course that I took," she added. "Moving forward, it's going to help me continue to be great at what I do and continue in my career. Hopefully one day I can maybe be a CAO or something like that, and with my experience and my designation, hopefully I'll have a lot to offer."

"If it speaks to anything, it's we've got a lot of capable people here taking care of our community, and we're all very proud to be doing it."

Teddy Bear Picnic in Bethel park Saturday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Saturday is the day the teddy bears have their picnic in Winkler, courtesy of the Winkler Family Resource Centre. The fourth annual Teddy Bear Picnic takes over Bethel Heritage Park May 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The free event will feature games, balloon animals, face painting, a photo booth, music from Lulu and the



Medical professionals will provide check-ups for stuffed animals of all kinds at Saturday's Teddy Bear Picnic in Bethel Heritage Park. VOICE FILE PHOTO TomCat, and a Teddy Bear Clinic in which health care professionals such as doctors, nurses, dentists, and optometrists will give your kid's favourite stuffed animal a complete checkup.

up. "It helps the kids feel more comfortable with some of the people they may feel nervous around," says organizer Terry Penner, who adds that the day as a whole is a great way to "get the community together for a fun, free event that little kids can really enjoy."

A barbecue lunch will also be available for purchase that day, with proceeds going to the resource centre for its free programming.

CREATING BUSY BAGS

A few days after the picnic, the resource centre is holding another free event designed to keep kids engaged. Busy Bags will run at Central Station from 10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2.

Parents are invited to stop by to learn how to make six simple activity bags for their children which can be pulled out to keep kids busy while at the doctor's office, grocery shopping, or a long car ride.

"We'll be building a small arsenal of go-to activity bags," says Penner, noting bags may include things like an iSpy sticker page or a Play-doh face paper.

To pre-register for Busy Bags, email winklerfrc@gmail.com or call 204-332-9418.

More information about the Winkler Family Resource Centre's programs can also be found online at winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com.

Calling all green thumbs

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Horticulture Society will be spreading floral beauty throughout the city next week during its annual spring planting blitz.

The society's members will be planting hundreds of flowers in the public gardens and planters throughout Winkler on Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2.

"We scaled back two years ago, so now we can get it all done in two days," says member Meg Suderman.

To do that, though, they need some help, which is why anyone with a green thumb or, at the very least, a willingness to get their hands a little dirty is welcome to take part.

"Everyone is welcome," Suderman says."We need as many volunteers as we can get."

Fellow member Martha Olfert notes that while some of the planting jobs can be a bit physical—there's a lot of crouching required to get so many plants safely in the ground—there are also tasks that can be done while sitting.

"We can accommodate people with mobility issues," she says. "We have plants that need to be popped out of the pot for planting, so anyone in a wheelchair can come help as well."

The horticulture society has been beautifying the city like this for years, and it's seeing the fruits of their labour that keep them doing it, Olfert says.



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Winkler Horticulture Society members Betty Klassen, Meg Suderman, Tina Gerbrandt, Martha Olfert, and MaryAnne Siemens with some of the hundreds of flowers they'll be planting throughout the city next week with the help of volunteers.

"We love gardening and it's just a way to help out the city with something that we love to do."

The planting schedule, weather permitting, is as follows:

Monday, June 1

• 8 a.m.: Bethel Heritage Park, Winkler Library, City Hall, and the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.

• 9: 30 a.m.: Pembina Ave. and Hwy. 32 cor-

ner garden and the "Winkler" floral display on Hwy. 32.

1 p.m.: Public Works planters and the displays at the Westridge and Winkler Cemetery.
7 p.m.: Corner of 15th St. and Grandeur Avenue and the two 15th St. plots by the soccer pitch.

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Morden gets greener with new rain garden

"IT'S NATURAL

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LEADER IN THIS."

By Cori Bezan

The City of Morden has found an innovative way to conserve and purify rain water with the installation of a new rain garden at the Access Event Centre.

The garden, which is located on the east side of the building, was officially opened last Saturday.

The garden will collect rain and water run-off from the roof of the event centre, where it will drain into the garden and be filtered through.

Additionally, water will be collected into a rain tank, which can be used for watering needs instead of chlorinated water. Currently, the city waters its trees with excess water from the splash park; with the rain garden, the city can water some of its leafy greens with natural rain water instead.

"This rain garden, rain capture, is just a smart water use, and it has a tremendous impact on downstream flooding, improving water quality, in-

creasing ground water, the general biodiversity, restoring carbon—all that kind of really good stuff," said Pembina Valley Conservation District manager Cliff Greenfield, who noted the project has been in the works for the last few years.

Greenfield said that while Morden is already keeping water conservation and green initiatives in mind, they realized that there was more that they could do to meet the demand for more water without hav-

ing to add more to the system. "I think Morden's always been a



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe and MLA Cameron Friesen get their hands dirty planting a hot wings maple tree in the city's new rain garden on Saturday.

very green community," he said. "The people are very progressive, very environmentally responsible . . . so it's natural for Morden to be kind of a leader of this."

"The City of Morden prides itself on providing a vibrant community with an extraordinary quality of life," noted Mayor Ken Wiebe. "As a council, we truly believe that Morden is the best in country living, and that's why we have made environmental management a key project in our corporate plan. We're proud to see the rain

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> RAIN GARDEN, FROM PG. 14

garden move ahead and delivering a part of that project."

The garden will have the added benefit of easing flooding issues around the Access Event Centre, said parks manager Shawn Dias.

"[We] talked about this east rink area here, knowing that we had some issues with water coming off the roof and then going into the parking lot," he said. "So this helps with some of that, mitigating some of the issues into the parking lot."

"I think it also helps with the beautification and the aesthetics of the side of the building," Dias added. "It's not the entire purpose of the project, but it definitely adds a little more appeal to the side of the building."

A total of four different types of shrubs and nine different tree species were planted at the garden, including a hot wings maple that was planted by Mayor Wiebe and Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen at the opening ceremony.

The project was made possible thanks to the support of RBC's Blue Water Project. RBC mutual funds representative Curtis Sanjenko was on hand to present a \$7,500 grant towards the garden.

"[The Blue Water project] has been a 10-year global commitment to help protect the world's water resource," Sanjenko said. "I think it's just an amazing initiative . . . it's an amazing impact when we can do things like this right here locally."

Greenfield said that the project cost about double the size of the grant, but it was supported by the conservation district and the City of Morden parks department. Three Red River College students also worked on the rain garden as a design project.

> PLANTING BLITZ, FROM PG. 13

Tuesday, June 2

• 9 a.m.: Parkview Gardens.

• 12-1:30 p.m.: Volunteer appreciation barbecue at Winkler Park, open to planting volunteers and Adopt-a-Plot volunteers.

• 1 p.m.: Winkler Aquatic Centre and Winkler Rec. Centre, Parkland

entrance and Stanley Ag. Society.7 p.m.: Perennial Patch.

If you want to know where, exactly, volunteers are needed at any given time on those days, you can call Margaret at 204-362-2552, Meg at 204-362-8099, Betty at 204-362-8784, or Carol at 204-325-0511.





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From left: PVCD manager Cliff Greenfield, MLA Cameron Friesen, Mayor Ken Wiebe, Counc. Brian Minaker, community services director Clare Agnew, RBC representative Curtis Sanjenko, and parks manager Shawn Dias next to the rain garden's collection barrel, which will store water run-off from the arena's roof to be used elsewhere in the city.



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4-H'ers clean up

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Miami 4-H Activity Club was one of the many Manitoba 4-H clubs to take part in the organization's annual Highway Cleanup Campaign last weekend.

Fifteen members, six leaders, and their families picked up garbage along Hwy. 23 for seven miles from the western border of the R.M. of Thompson to PTH 338 at Miami.

The group met at the Alexander Ridge Park (in photo at left) to get their assignments—a mile per group—and wrapped up the work by noon, says leader Wendy Pearson. "Thirty-two heavy duty garbage bags were filled to capacity, with additional larger items being picked up as well," she said.

"The weather was beautiful and the kids did such a terrific job giving back to the community and province by working hard and being environmentally responsible," Pearson added. "The parents and leaders are really proud of their hard work and commitment to get the job done."

Eight-year-old member Egan Mintenko summed up the work best: "That was hard, but it was worth it."

Registration for chamber golf tourney open now

By Cori Bezan

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is accepting registrations for its annual Community Open golf tournament, which takes place at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club on June 11.

Executive director Candace Olfason says the nine-hole scramble is meant to be a fun, casual day of golf, and it's open to everyone.

"It's really meant not only for the chamber of commerce members, but also for people in the community to come out and join us as well," she said. "It's a great, fun, casual way for people to get to know other people in the com-

munity."

"At the end of the day, we hope that they came out, they had fun . . . and hopefully they made some new connections with people."

Each hole is sponsored by a chamber member, and there will be a variety of activities and games to tackle throughout the course, with prizes up for grabs. For example, BSI is hosting a \$5,000 hole-in-one contest on hole four.

The tournament—which is being sponsored by Patrick Rae of RBC Wealth Management Dominion Securities—begins with a shotgun start at 5:30 p.m. There is space for 72 golfers, who must pre-register to ensure a spot.

Golfers can register on their own or in teams of two, three, or four. Registration costs \$60, which covers nine holes of golf, a cart, and a barbecue supper afterwards.

To register, call the chamber at 204-822-5630, ext. 1 or email Olafson at execdirector@mor-denchamber.com.

"This is still a really great opportunity for our members to get out and network in a more casual, fun way," Olafson said, "and it just brings the business community closer together."





PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT An angry Baltimore Oriole lets his fellow feathered friend know just whose grape jelly treat it really is during a stop-over at a Morden area bird-feeder recently.



Fine-tuning

Many Hands Resource Centre teamed up with Country Cycle and Francis Family Homes Sunday afternoon to provide free bicycle tune-ups to the community. Dozens of citizens brought a tin for the bin and had experienced technicians take a look at their set of wheels, while young bikers also got the chance to take part in a cyclo-cross course that wound throughout Morden Park. Above: Colin Sibilleau tunes up one youngster's bike. Below: Barreling down the race course.

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arts&culture

3 Mol Plaut to perform at Harvest Festival

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition is shaking things up a bit with its Low German offering this year.

The festival, which is celebrating 30 years this August, has announced that the Low German musical trio 3 Mol Plaut will perform at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Aug. 7 and Aug. 8.

Festival director Deb Penner says the traditional Low German drama has been a well-loved part of the festival, but this year they wanted to try something a little different.

"The attendance has always been really good for the dramas or com-

edies or musicals-whatever we've done in Low German," she says. "But it has been slowly going down bit by bit, so we wanted to keep it simple this year, offer something new."

The Steinbach trio 3 Mol Plaut (which translates into "Three Times Flat") is well-known for taking popular songs and putting a humourous, Low German spin on them.

"They are so much fun that it's kind of like a theatre production anyways," Penner says."I've heard a lot of really good things about them."

You can check out 3 Mol Plaut online at www.yourepeat.com/g/3molplaut. The Harvest Festival and Exhibition

runs Aug. 7-9.



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Steinbach trio 3 Mol Plaut—Ken Sawatzky and Vern and Christina Neufeld—will perform a pair of Low German concerts at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall Harvest Festival and Exhibition weekend.

> AN ARTIST'S LIFE Getting ready for your music examinations

ongratulations to all of the music students who have been preparing and studying to play or write a music exam in the next couple of months.

Preparation is challenging and requires discipline, but the end result of your careful preparation will

be a sense of accomplishment, a feeling of success, and acknowledgement of a job well done.

month The before an exam is often the most challenging, so here are

some of the most important factors

By Candace

Hamm

exam:

First, choose your teacher carefully. Perhaps the most important factor besides your own attitude and practice time is the knowledge and experience of your teacher.

A music exam involves careful preparation and scheduling, an up-to-date knowledge of the syllabus, and a good sense of how to choose a balanced program. Your teacher should have adequate pedagogy training to deal with any challenges you may encounter. For an archived column on choosing a teacher, visit candacehammpiano. weebly.com under the 'blog' tab.

Second, commit to adequate practice time. Preparing for exams takes detailed work on each piece, memorizing, reviewing, and preparing for any unforeseen circumstances. A good resource for maximizing the benefits of your practice time is *The* Practice Revolution by Philip Johnston.

Third, prepare well in advance. The

in successfully preparing for a music last few weeks before your exam should be spent in practice performances, reviewing ear training and technique, and fine tuning each aspect of your program. This is not the time to learn notes, memorize music, or learn new scales.

> Your goal is to be 110 per cent prepared, since you will inevitably forget a few details during the exam and nerves will become a factor in your success.

> Fourth, prepare for nervousness. Even for the experienced performer, an attack of nerves can ruin a prepared and practiced performance. Practice making yourself nervous! Do several 'mock exams' and include walking in, pausing between pieces, and setting up.

> For the two weeks before the exam, practice a full run-through of your program every day. If possible, do these run-throughs at the same time and in the same clothes as you will have at your exam. Perform for people whose opinions are valuable to you and ask for feedback.

Fifth, do not neglect ear training, technique, and sight reading. You should be practicing these every week and learning about them at everv lesson.

As with your repertoire, overprepare. Learn your scales faster than you need to, or practice intervals using high or low pitches that are harder to hear correctly.

Sixth, give yourself time to relax on the exam day. Eat some of your favourite foods, arrive at the centre well in advance so you are not stressed out about being on time, and get a good night's sleep. And don't forget to smile! Remember, the examiner wants you to do well.

Lastly, encouragement from family and friends is extremely important. Preparing for an exam is a long process and can be discouraging at times. Remember to acknowledge a job well done, whether that be memorizing a tricky section or progressing in sight reading.

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MS Walk raises over \$30K

A sea of red stepped out from the Access Event Centre on Sunday as red t-shirtwearing participants laced up for the annual Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries MS Walk. A total of 155 participant made their way along the walk's two routes, raising awareness for the degenerative neurological disease. The event brought in \$25,430 in donations and another \$5,450 in sponsorships, topping last year's fundraising by almost \$6,000, says walk ambassador Clare Agnew. Right: Morden teacher Phillip Duncan walked alongside his family and friends to help raise awareness for the illness he lives with every day.



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et inspired > MEAL IDEAS

Peanut Pumpkin Muffins

with

Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole-grain pastry flour
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar 3 tablespoons unsulfured molasses
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 large eggs, divided
- 1 cup canned (solid-pack) pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup low-fat buttermilk
- 3/4 cup roasted salted peanuts, chopped, divided

Cooking spray

Preparation

Preheat oven to 400°F. Coat a 12-cup muffin pan with cooking spray, or line it with muffin papers.

In medium bowl, whisk together the first six ingredients until well mixed.

In large bowl, whisk together brown sugar, molasses, oil and one egg until combined. Add the other egg, pumpkin and vanilla, and whisk again until combined.

Gradually add flour mixture to wet ingredients, alternating buttermilk, until just combined,

being careful not over mix.

Stir in 1/2 cup peanuts.

Pour batter into prepared muffin pan, filling each one about 3/4 full. Sprinkle top of each muffin with remaining 1/4 cup chopped peanuts.

Bake until puffed and golden brown, and a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean, about 20 minutes.

Cool muffins in the pan on a wire rack for 15 to 20 minutes. Slide a knife around edges of muffins to loosen them from pan if no paper was used. Serve warm or cool; store in an airtight container or resealable plastic bag for up to 4 days, or freeze for up to 4 months.

Makes 12 muffins

Squash and Banana Mini Muffins

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup quick oats (uncooked)
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice 1 1/4 cups thawed frozen pureed winter
- squash 3/4 cup firmly-packed light brown
- sugar 3/4 cup mashed banana (about 2
- medium bananas)
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons canola oil 1 cup dried cranberries

Best of Show Apricot-Pineapple Jam

Ingredients

- 5 1/2 cups prepared fruit (about 2 1/2 pounds apricots and 1 1/2 pounds
- pineapple)
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 package fruit pectin
- 1/2 teaspoon butter
- 8 cups granulated sugar

Preparation

Pit unpeeled apricots, then finely chop or grind. Measure exactly 3 cups apricots into -quart saucepan. Cut, peel, core and finely chop pineapple. Measure exactly 2 1/2 cups pineapple into saucepan with apricots.



Preparation

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare mini muffin pan with vegetable pan spray. In large bowl, stir together flour, oats,
- baking soda, salt and pumpkin pie spice. In medium bowl, whisk together
- squash, sugar, banana, egg and oil. Make a well in center of flour mixture; whisk in squash mixture until just combined. Stir in cranberries.

Fill cavities 2/3 full with batter. Bake 12-14 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center of muffin comes out clean. Makes about 48 mini muffins

Mix well. Add lemon juice. Add pectin and butter and stir over high heat until reaches rolling boil. Add sugar and stir thoroughly until reaches rolling boil. Continue cooking

for four minutes, stirring constantly to avoid scalding.

Remove from heat. Skim off any foam that forms on top of jam. Ladle mixture into hot, clean jars, leaving 1/4-inch headspace. Wipe jar rims and threads. Cover with two-piece lids. Twist lid bands so not loose but not too tight. Process for 10 minutes in boiling water bath canner.

8 pints





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Pembina Valley Orioles short stop Ty Enns beats the tag at third base by Winnipeg South's Brayden MacDonald on Sunday. Enns went on to score the second run of the game to tie it at 2 -2, but Winnipeg managed to rebound to take their second win of the double-header 15-3, having won game one 16-4.

By Cori Bezan

It was a tough few days for the Pembina Valley Orioles, who dropped all four of their Manitoba Junior Baseball League games last week.

The Orioles, who previously had just one win and one loss to their names so far this season, added a second loss to the tally going up against the Bisons in Altona on May 20.

Altona took an early run in the first inning, but the Orioles kept them at bay and scoreless in the second.

The Bisons regained momentum, scoring another two runs in the third inning, and the Pembina Valley boys were left scrambling in the fifth after the Bisons ran five more across home plate.

Altona scored a final two runs in the sixth, taking the game in a 10-0 shut-out.

The home game against the St. Boniface Legionaires last Friday didn't pan out in the Orioles' favour, either.

Once again, their opponents kept sending runners across the plate, while the Orioles struggled to keep up. When the dust settled, the game went to St. Boniface 10-3.

Sunday afternoon's double-header against Winnipeg South was the final nail in an already rough week: the Orioles posted 16-4 and 15-3 losses to bring their record to 1-5.

This week, the team travelled to play

the Carillon Sultans on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

The boys will take to home grass again on Sunday in a double-header against the Elmwood Giants.

Nighthawks clinch Zone banner

It was Winkler versus Winkler at the Zone 4 Boys Baseball championships last week, as the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks faced off against the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs.

The road to the final started on Morden on May 20 in the championship round robin tournament.

There, the Morden Thunder fell out

of the running by losing to Miller 8-4 and Portage 11-4.

Meanwhile, GVC downed Carman 19-1 and NPC 7-4 before besting Portage 4-2 to earn a spot in the finals. NPC got their ticket by beating Carman 12-1 and then the Aces 3-2 in the semi-finals.

The final match saw a lot of back and forth between the two rivals, but, in the end, NPC came out ahead 5-3 to earn the banner.

The Nighthawks now advance to the provincial baseball championships in Cartwright and Baldur May 28-30, while GVC is hoping to earn a wild card spot at the tournament.

In Zone 4 High School Girls Fast-

Hurricanes down Shooters

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Hurricanes got their first win of the season on home grass last Sunday, blanking the SE Shooters 2-0. Goals came late in the second half from Jen Martens and Andrea Hildebrand.

ladies The are back in the Winnipeg Women's Soc-League's cer Division 1. where last summer they finished in sixth place with a 7-7-4 record. Sunday's win was game three for the

"I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A GOOD SEASON."

'Canes, who previously fell to Victorious Secret 3-1 on May 11 and tied the FCNW Titans 1-1 in their seasonopener on May 4.

The team is headed up by a new coach this season, as Reinaldo Oliveira takes over from Daniel Rocha.

"It's my first year with them and right now we're still figuring out the



Street hockey for Katie Cares

Nine teams faced off in the Winkler Recreation Complex on Saturday for the first annual Katie Cares Street Hockey Tournament. The event, a fundraiser for the Katie's Cottage respite home, was a fun success its first year out, says Katie Cares board member Ruth Reimer. Final fundraising numbers were not available as of press time. When the dust settled, it was the Gators versus The Sudermans in the final match, with the Gators coming out on top 9-5.

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positions, but I think we're going to have a good season," says Oliveira, who notes the 18-woman team is made up mostly of returning, experienced players.

Coming up, the ladies travel to play CSSE Impact on Monday and then host the St. James Legends on Sunday, June 7.

In the Manitoba Major Soccer League, meanwhile, the Winkler Storm men's team have been on a bit of a hiatus in recent weeks.

After splitting their opening two games during the first week of the month, the Storm return to the field this Sunday, May 31, to play Brandon Inspire FC in Portage La Prairie.

The road trip continues next week with a June 6 game at Selkirk FC.

The team's next home game is June 14 against the Scorpions.

Winkler Flyers rounding out their roster

The 2015-2016 season is still months away, but the Winkler Flyers are already shaping the roster for a winning season.

Last Thursday, the junior team announced it has added two more forwards to its line-up with the signing of Chase Fincaryk (1997) and Nicholas Labossiere (1998).

Both Winnipeg natives have had considerable success in both the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League and the Winnipeg High School Hockey League.

Labossiere is a 17-year-old centre from Winnipeg who played this past season with the Winnipeg Wild of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League.

In 27 regular season games, he recorded 21 points (eight goals – 13 assists) and 33 penalty minutes. He joined the Flyers for three games last season, chipping in with two points (one goal and one assist).

Fincaryk is an 18-year-old skater who can play all three forward positions. The 6'0", 172-pound Winnipeg product played 21 regular season games with Miles Macdonell Collegiate last winter, recording 48 points (32 goals, 16 assists) and 21 penalty minutes.

He AP'd in four games with the Flyers last season and contributed 35 points (14 goals) in 43 games played with the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League's Winnipeg Thrashers during the 2013-2014 season.

On Monday, the team made two more acquisitions, announcing the signing of forwards Robert Hechler ('97) and Braden Billaney ('98).

Both players from Southwestern Manitoba were key contributors on their AAA teams last season, the Flyers coaching staff said in a statement. Hechler was third in team scoring with the Brandon Wheat Kings of the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey

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Thunder fall to PCI Saints 8-2

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pitch, the Morden Thunder hosted the Zone tournament on May 21.

There, NPC fell to Morden 15-3 and to the Aces 12-4. The Thunder went on

to down the Aces 8-7 and the Cougars 10-0 to earn the right to play against the PCI Saints in the final.

That game did not go Morden's way at all—after a three-inning stalemate, the Saints managed four runs in the fourth.

The Thunder scored two, as well, that inning, but it was the last time they'd cross the plate, while Portage managed to score four more to take the banner 8-2.

Agriculture

Sioux City hog processing plant announced

By Harry Siemens

There is a new hog processing plant going up in Sioux City, Iowa that makes for good news, not only for hog producers in that area but maybe also for hog producers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, especially when the U.S. government does the right thing on resolving M-COOL.

Seaboard Foods and Triumph Foods will begin construction on the facility this summer, with completion targeted for 2017.

The plant will process about three million market hogs annually and will employ over 1,100 people. It will be built just north of the Sioux Gateway Airport along the Missouri River.

When contacting the company to request an interview, spokesman David Eaheart gave this response as to whether this new plant would take hogs from Canada:

"As of now, the plan is to follow a similar model to the other two plants, which is integrated pork production. Right now all of our pork is born, raised and slaughtered in the United States," he says. "For the new plant, Seaboard Foods and Triumph Foods farms will supply the hogs with possible opportunities for other pig farmers to align with our genetic, feed, and animal care practices under contract as part of the integrated food system."

Nevertheless, having another plant 800 km from the North Dakota-Manitoba border is good news for hog producers, as it will foster competition—even if it's perceived competition—for Canadian processors.

The company expects to produce a full line of fresh pork products for international, retail, food service, and further processing markets. Seaboard Foods will market and sell the pork produced by the plant.

"Today's announcement marks another step in strengthening our business partnership and position as a leading integrated food system providing customers domestically and throughout the world with premium pork focused on the highest standards for food safety and pork quality consistency," says Terry Holton, Seaboard Foods president and CEO. "We look forward to the new opportunities the plant will bring to our customers as well as the Sioux City region."

"Local leaders have built a business environment poised to bring growth to the region," adds Triumph Foods CEO Mark Campbell."We look forward to the new pork processing facility being part of that growth, and its staff being actively involved in the Sioux City community."

If taken as a single, combined en-

tity, Seaboard and Triumph together comprise the second-largest hog producer, a top five U.S. pork processor, and a leading exporter of U.S. pork.

Pork industry honours its own

By Harry Siemens

Last month, Manitoba Pork recognized the winners of the 2015 Pork Industry Awards, presented annually to individuals, groups and organizations in recognition of their significant contributions.

The first award went to the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association in recognition of the exemplary leadership of Manitoba's swine practitioners in addressing disease challenges and protecting the health status of the Manitoba swine herd.

Also honoured was Karl Kynoch

in appreciation and recognition of outstanding commitment, dedication, and service to pork producers in Manitoba.

"The swine practitioners of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association led the pork industry relatively unscathed through the PEDv challenges of 2014," says Manitoba Pork vice-chair Rick Bergmann. "Karl Kynoch provided tireless leadership through 11 years as chair of Manitoba Pork."

"These two very different recipients have contributed in their own way to the success of our industry." In 2014, when the Manitoba pork industry was faced with the enormous challenge of the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus, the swine practitioners of the MVMA stepped up to the plate and went into full disease prevention mode, Manitoba Pork says.

Working collaboratively with Manitoba Pork and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, swine vets investigated disease incidents and collected thousands of samples at farms and high-traffic facilities.

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Setting the stage for M-COOL changes

> HARRY SIEMENS

s far back as 2004, I warned the industry what could lay ahead should the United States ever fully implement mandatory country of origin labelling.

Someone had laid out for me the potential consequences, which others didn't really think would be all that severe, especially government at that time.

Fast forward to 2008 and, one moment, Canadian pork producers were breathing a collective sigh of relief and, the next, a sigh of heaviness as the uncertainty of M-COOL set in once again.

First, the former Bush administration released the final rule for M-COOL, giving Canadian and American livestock producers some certainty and hope that maybe this would work out after all.

Then word came out quickly that President Obama would be delaying all pending and last-minute regulations of the Bush Administration, including the COOL rule that was part of the 2008 Farm Bill.

And so, processors started the labeling process in September 2008 and fines for unlabeled items started the following April.

That suspension created even more uncertainty than before, bringing into question the future of livestock moving into the United States from Canada. "This may not be good news, as a review could also mean a toughening of COOL rules may be coming," said John McGregor, then farm production advisor for MAFRI in Steinbach.

Boyd Penner of Southeast Marketing told of how the mood changed at a hog industry meeting in Minneapolis on the day president Obama suspended the rule.

"Beforehand, very much optimism; the packers would take the Canadian hogs and things would be fine," he said."When Obama made the announcement, everyone became worried again, panicking because some U.S. customers who had not bought for a long time had started buying Canadian hogs [and] now were sor-

What can you do for you and your water?

Approximately 15 per cent of Manitobans rely on private water supplies as their source of drinking water. The vast majority of private water systems are comprised of wells and cisterns.

If you use a private well to supply water to your home, you should test it for bacteriological contaminants at least once a year.

Preferably, the sample should be taken when the system is most vulnerable to contamination, e.g. during spring melt or following a period of heavy rainfall.

Additional testing should be conducted if the well has been affected by flooding or if there is a noticeable change in the water's taste, colour, odour, or clarity.

Good water quality should be a major priority for all and if you are concerned about your water quality, starting with a thorough independent water analysis through a reliable private laboratory could be your first step and the only accurate way of knowing what is or isn't in your water.

Private water samples are tested for:

• Bacteria (total coliform and E. coli): Not all coliform bacteria measured in the total coliform test are harmful. Some coliform bacteria occur naturally in soil and in the intestines of humans and animals.

However, there are types of coliform bacteria that can be harmful: neither total coliform nor E. coli bacteria should be found in well water.

The presence of coliform bacteria indicates there may be an open pathway for contaminants to enter your well, whereas E. coli is a serious indicator that the well is contaminated.

• Nitrate: The Province of Manitoba recommends well water be tested for nitrate every three to five years or whenever there is a change in the taste, smell, colour or clarity of the water. Well water should also be tested for nitrate if someone who drinks the water is pregnant, nursing, or planning a pregnancy, or if there is an infant or toddler drinking the water.

The primary health concern associated with nitrate exposure is methaemoglobinaemia, or "blue-baby syndrome."

• Trace elements: In some parts of the province, well water may contain naturally-occurring elements, such as arsenic, barium, boron, fluoride and uranium, in amounts that exceed drinking water quality guidelines.

The Province of Manitoba recommends private well owners test for trace elements at least once, and every three to five years thereafter if trace elements are detected close to or above the Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guideline.

• Common minerals: In addition to sampling for bacteria, nitrate, and trace elements, new or existing well owners are encouraged to sample their well at least once for common minerals and general water chemistry if water quality is unknown.

Common well water issues (e.g., staining or encrustation of plumbing fixtures and staining of laundry) are typically the result of a particular mineral being above the guideline.

Over the years, PVCD has offered different well testing programs to test drinking water and raise awareness about water quality issues in the area.

"People with a weakened immune system are especially vulnerable to the effects of contaminated water," says PVCD manager Cliff Greenfield. "A test done on your well water every year is good for peace of mind."

The Pembina Valley Conservation District offers a well testing program the first two Tuesdays in June.



Landowners can pick-up testing supplies and drop-off samples at various locations within the district (watch for upcoming advertisements with more details).

The PVCD then takes care of getting the samples into the labs in Winnipeg at no additional cost to the landowner.

— Submitted by the Pembina Valley Conservation District

> PROCESSING PLANT, FROM PG. 24

They communicated with each other and with the broader industry to minimize the spread of this devastating disease.

They also provided constant support to affected producers, helping them cope with the virus on their farm and spreading awareness about the importance of a high standard of biosecurity for disease prevention.

Kynoch's commitment to his fellow farmers and the broader pork industry began as a Manitoba Pork Delegate in 1995. He was elected chair in 2004 and also sat as a director on the Canadian Pork Council.

Leading a complex sector like food production is not an easy task in a world of animal activists, government moratoriums, frequent regulatory changes, low prices, trade barriers, and new diseases, but Kynoch did not waver, instead forging ahead, taking the long view of the industry and refusing to make hasty decisions based on the short term. Among Kynoch's many accomplishments are the implementation of the Sustainable Development Plan, which helped define Manitoba Pork's position on a wide variety of issues,

such as protecting the environment and animal care.

In another area, Manitoba Pork's encouragement and support in the development of the Farm and Food

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 24

ry they had."

The exporter of Canadian hogs working on behalf of many independent Canadian producers said even customers in Canada were going to add more farrowing crates hoping to cash in on the Bush-clarified rule to accommodate the extra demand.

"Since the latest freeze, many of those Canadian customers have given up again because this just does not look good," he said.

Since that infamous 2008 suspension and subsequent tightening up of the

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M-COOL rule, conservative estimates of losses to the Canadian hog and cattle industries have hit \$1 billion.

That, my friends, is what this big outcry regarding M-COOL is all about.

First, the legislation destroyed a once vibrant North American livestock market, one where producers could ship live animals back and forth between Canada, U.S., and Mexico.

Secondly, in doing so, it caused horrendous monetary losses, not to mention the huge emotional upheavals in farm families across Canada as the Discovery Centre at the University of Manitoba has created a lasting gift for all Manitobans.

slaughter access in the U.S. shrunk.

Last but not least, with access limited to the U.S., it decreased the competition in Canada because Canadian hog farmers didn't have that option of going south anymore, and instead had to take what Canadian processors would give them.

As an aside, gathering from what producers tell me, the Canadian processors didn't go out of their way to take advantage, but in some instances a general progression did lower the Canadian prices.

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Flyers bid farewell to Last, Hepp, and Posch

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League in 2014-15 with 44 points (21 goals, 23 assists) in 41 regular season games.

The 17-vear-old Brandon native also recorded 17 points in 14 playoff games to help the Wheat Kings make it all the way to the league final.

The 6'1", 170-pound winger was the Flyers' fifth round selection in the 2013 MJHL Bantam Draft and is an all around skilled, physical winger with a good shot. Hechler did AP with the Flyers for one game this past season.

Billaney, meanwhile, spent the past two seasons with the Southwest Cou-

gars of the Manitoba AAA Midget Last to Swan Valley, and Tanner Posch Hockey League.

The Boissevain product played 30 regular season games with the Cougars in 2014-15, recording 20 points (14 goals, six assists) and 86 penalty minutes.

The 16-year-old suited up with the Flyers for three games as an AP, chipping in with one goal.

At 5'10", 170 lbs., Billaney was a second round pick of the Flyers in the 2013 MJHL Bantam Draft.

Finally, the Flyers have also completed a trio of trades made last sea-

wards Tanner Hepp to OCN, Evan

son involving future considerations. The Flyers have sent 1995-born for-

to the SIHL's Battleford North Stars. Last, who played two season in Win-

kler and recorded 62 points, is the Flyers' end of a January trade which saw forward Jagger Thomas (1994) and a conditional fourth-round draft come to Winkler.

Hepp, who made three assists in 22 games with the team, was traded to OCN for goalie Devon Fordyce ('94). Goalie Casey Parker ('95) and the list rights to forward Matt Bullard ('98) were also sent to the Blizzard in the trade.

Finally, Posch was traded to the North Stars in exchange for forward Ryne Keller. Posch had played 41 games in Winkler last season, scoring six points.

> ALH MOTOR SPEEDWAY RESULTS - MAY 24

Winners of the ALH Motor Speedway's Sunday races this week were:

• Pure stocks: Derek Pollock in first place, Rod Wolfe in second, and Andrew Thomas in third.

• Midwest mods: Austin Hunter, Cody Wall, and Jason Somack.

• Street stock: Jesse Pederson, Shawn Teunis, and Billy Maruca. • A-mods: Scott Greer, Ward Im-

rie, and Jeff Pritchard.

Brandon Rehill, and Terri Burke.

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



CLUES ACROSS 1. S.W. gully 7. Japanese polytheism

- 13. N.H. Academy and town
- 14. Most aired
- 16. Prosecuting officer
- 17. Badger State
- 19. Atomic #24
- 20. Moose genus
- 22. Possessed
- 23. Make a smooth transition
- 25. Thug (slang)
- 26. Locations or places
- 28. Rivulet
- 29. The self
- 30. Not good
- 31. Obstruct
- **33. Decalitre** 34. Space for sitting
- 36. Taxi
- 38. 7th tone
- 39. Ethiopian lake
- 41. Tears down
- 43. Gold
- 44. Angle (abbr.)
- 46. Semitic fertility god
- 47. Beak
- 49. Digital audiotape
- 51. Small child
- 52. 4th caliph of Islam
- 55. 4840 square yards 57. Devious trick (Yiddish)
- 59. Overgarments
- 60. Large creature
- 62. Indest
- 63. Nuisances
- 64. -___, denotes past
- 65. Wine waiter
- 68. I, Portuguese
- **69.** Compunction 71. Overshadow
- 73. Emphasize
- 74. An unsuccessful ending
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Something comparable
- 2. Rural delivery



40. Kills oneself

45. Auto fuel

53. Most recent

59. Eagle's nest

67. Frozen water

72. Keystone state

70. 41st state

63. Lucre

54. Point of debate

61. Ripped a fabric

66. Manuscripts (abbr.)

42. Broad, flat pieces of stone

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OBITUARY **Frank Rempel** 1951 – 2015

On Friday, May 15, 2015 at his residence in Winkler, MB Frank Rempel aged 63 years passed away.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Elsie (nee Funk); two daughters, Beverly and James D'Hoore, Brenda and Paul McMullen; two sons, Michael and Marcia Rempel, Steven and Robbyn Rempel as well as eight grandchildren, Desirae Hiebert, Abigail Rempel, Chelsea Hiebert (Abe Wall, fiancé), Ainsley D'Hoore, Julien D'Hoore, Tie D'Hoore, Mckenzie Rempel, Sophie Rempel.

Funeral service was held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015 at Winkler Mennonite Church with interment at Rosenbach Cemetery.

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Tena Wiebe (nee Hiebert)

1914 – 2015

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Tena Wiebe aged 100 years of formerly of Amaranth went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing four sons, Edwin and Amanda Wiebe, Harry and Carol Wiebe, John and Sandy Wiebe, Elmer and Audrey Wiebe, son-in-law, John Harder and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter Wiebe in 1994; daughter, Doreen Harder; one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter. Memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday May 23, 2015 at Pembina Valley Baptist Church with interment prior at Grossweide Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Tena's memory to either the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba or the Salem Foundation Inc.

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Peter F. Goertzen 1931 - 2015

Peter F. Goertzen, aged 83 years, passed away in the early hours of Monday, May 18, 2015 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB.

Peter was born to Jacob and Anna (nee Friesen) Goertzen, July 23. 1931 in Reinfeld. MB. the sixth in a family of nine children. He married Helen Sawatzky on April 17, 1952 in the Glencross Church. Peter was a farmer and also spent many years active in local and municipal service, first as a school trustee (Reinfeld) and then for 22 years (1968 - 1989) as councilor of Ward 5 in the RM of Stanley. He loved hunting and fishing, and also road travel, often taking trips to Mexico and to visit family in Swift Current and Calgary.

He was predeceased by his wife, Helen (1988) and by his brothers, Jacob, Frank, Isaac and John and his sister, Helen. He is survived by his sisters, Mary Friesen, Annie Hoeppner and Eva Thiessen and by his three

children, Lynn Goertzen of Calgary, Pete (Cherrie) Goertzen of Winnipeg and Elaine (John) Stewart of Yellowknife, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Interment service was held at 11:00 a.m. at Reinfeld Cemetery on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. The family wishes to thank Salem Home and especially the Evergreen Unit for the compassionate care given to our dad.

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Justina Neufeld (nee Neustaeter) 1933 - 2015

Justina Neufeld, aged 81 years passed away peacefully and went to be with her Lord and Saviour on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Salem Home in Winkler.

Justina was born on October 13, 1933 to Johan and Maria Neustaeter in Mexico. She was the second youngest of 15 children: two sisters, one brother, four stepbrothers, six stepsisters and one adopted brother. She was baptized on confession of her faith on June 6, 1954. On August 8, 1954 Justina married Isaak Neufeld. They were blessed with 12 children: seven boys and five girls. They moved from Mexico to Belize in 1962, back to Mexico in 1964, back again to Belize in 1977 and returned to Mexico in 1983. In 1989, they moved again this time to Canada. Justina never complained

about all the moving they did. She simply did whatever needed to be done and looked forward, not backward and always with a smile. Although she had her share of heartache, loss and hard times, she lived her life joyfully and never lost her smile.

Isaak and Justina were inseparable throughout their married life until Justina's dementia progressed to the point where Isaak could no longer care for her on his own. She was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Centre in November of 2011. From there, she was transferred to Carman Hospital in February, 2012 while waiting to be placed in a care home. On September 19, 2012 she became a resident of Salem Home, where she stayed until the time of her passing. Dementia robbed her of the ability to speak, but it could not take away her testimony. Justina was a woman of prayer and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and looked forward with joy to being in heaven one day. She was a true example of a faithful and supportive wife, and a loving mother. She was a hard worker who kept busy, whether working in the home, going with Isaak on his business trips, or showing her creativity through craftwork. She loved any kind of needlework, and spent much of her spare time doing embroidery and quilting.

Justina is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Isaak Neufeld; and nine children, Maria (Jacob) Peters, Katharina Fehr, Juan (Susan) Neufeld, Margaret (Peter) Hiebert, Isaak (Susan) Neufeld, Peter (Anna) Neufeld, Jake (Lisa) Neufeld, Justina (Abe) Neufeld, Frank (Tina) Neufeld; daughter-in-law, Anna Neufeld; 83 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren and 18 step-great-grandchildren; as well as one brother, one sister and their families. She was predeceased by two sons, Henry (1970) and Bill (2013); one daughter, Justina in infancy (1960); two sons-in-law; five grandchildren; one great-grandson and one step-granddaughter; as well as her parents, Johan and Maria Neustaeter and all but two of her siblings.

Funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 25, 2015 at Zion Mennonite Church with interment at Zion Mennonite Church Cemetery. If friends so desire, donations may be made in Justina's memory to the Salem Foundation Inc.

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