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Tractor trekkers support Eden

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Eden Foundation's 11th annual Visit the Villages Tractor Trek brought in over \$44,000 for Eden Health Care Services's mental health programming on Saturday. Forty-six vintage tractors set out from Reinland for an 80 km ride through several villages in the area. For more, see Pg. 2.

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Tractor Trek raises over \$44K for mental health

By Lorne Stelmach

Dozens of vintage tractors hit the road Saturday in support of mental health services.

The 11th annual Visit the Villages Tractor Trek attracted 46 participants who raised about \$44,400 for Eden Health Care Services.

Although the numbers were down a little, the revenue "is still on the lower end of our average," said Earl Reimer, director of development for the Eden Foundation.

"We're very pleased with that number. We're very grateful for that support," he said, noting the first year brought in around \$40,000 while last year reached \$73,000. "Over the past 10 years, over \$600,000 has been raised as a result of this one fundraiser alone."

The trek this year went along a route of historical significance, taking the eastern portion of the Old Post Road used by Mennonite settlers. The tractor caravan started and ended in Reinland south of Winkler after having gone as far as Halbstadt east of Gretna.

"It was significantly longer than what we had done before," Reimer said, estimating the distance at about 80 kilometres. "We had chosen to do that as a result of listening to our trekkers saying they enjoyed driving and wouldn't mind having a longer ride."

The ride was held in memory of faithful tractor trekker John Elias, who passed away last year.

Reimer noted they were pleased that the event attracted a very diverse range of participants.

"It still continues to maintain an engagement and an intensity that we are so grateful for," he said.



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Forty-six tractors took part in the 11th annual Visit the Villages Tractor Trek, which left Reinland first thing Saturday morning and made its way through the villages of Rosengart, Neuhorst, Blumenort, Gretna, Edenburg, and Halbstadt.

"Over the course of the years, we've had some women join us," he noted. "There were also 11 new drivers, and that was pleasing as well to know that there is a younger demographic ... they may in fact have been driving some of the same tractors, but the drivers' participation is something that is so delight-

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Morden thrift shop unveils 50th anniversary mural

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden Community Thrift Shop volunteers and supporters were blown away by the 50th anniversary mural unveiled at the store Saturday morning.

Artist Neil Fehr spent upwards of 150 hours trying to capture the essence of the shop and its impact on the community through the years.

He certainly succeeded, said board president Jean Hildebrand, noting the mural, which graces the store's north exterior wall, is everything they had hoped it would be.

"He tried to portray what we've done here and I think he's done an awesome job," she said. "I really think it's an attractive addition to the community."

For the artist, each element of the mural tells a different part of the shop's story.

"When I paint a mural it has to tell a story, and at the same time it had to be a sign," Fehr reflected. "So what I decided to do was tell the story with ideal subject matter: faith, love, giving, passing the torch."

The passing of the torch is repre-

Morden Community Thrift Shop supporters check out the newly unveiled mural on Saturday. Created by artist Neil Fehr, the piece is meant to tell the story of the store's five decades in the community.

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sented by a woman handing down a story quilt to a young girl. There are also several items you might normally see for sale at the shop—a teddy

bear, a trunk, tools, clothing—in addition to a growth tree marking the many financial donations the store has made through the years, as well

as a Bible verse and a white dove representing the faith that is the bedrock of the organization.

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Harvest for Kids needs nearly 150 more combines

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With a little over two weeks to go, it's crunch time for Children's Camps International's Harvest for Kids.

On Aug. 4 on a field just south of Winkler, the Christian ministry is aiming to set a new world record for most combines harvesting a field in a single go.

To do that, they need to beat the previous record of 244 combines set by CCI's Saskatchewan office in 2012. Winkler is hoping to field 300.

They still have a ways to go to hit that goal, event coordinator George Klassen said last week.

"At this point we have 156 registered," he said, adding that though that's only a little more than half of what they need, he's confident the final 150 or so combines will sign up in time.

"It's a God thing," he said.

Many farmers have expressed an interest in being part of the world record attempt but simply haven't officially signed up yet, Klassen noted.

"They just need to be convinced that this is a wonderful cause and they need to be here to be a part of it."

Farmers who are on the fence about taking part need to know a few things.

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Harvest for Kids organizers George Klassen (left) and Dave Thiessen with a pair of intricate wooden combines built by Reuben Andres that they'll be auctioning off at the world record attempt Aug. 4.

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What lies beneath?

I am afraid of a lot of things. I am sure this says much about me. I have written of my fear of the dark in the past but that really is simply the tip of the iceberg.

Aside from the dark I am afraid of flying beetles, most walking beetles, bugs in my food, dementia, blindness, poverty, fascism ...

While all of these things may be worthy of my fear there is one that rises higher than any other to the very top of the list, even higher than the dark: I am afraid of water. Especially murky water.

In some ways the fear might be an extension of my fear of the dark. I have said before that it is not so much the dark I am afraid of but what might be lurking in it. Well, the same goes for water—I am not so much afraid of water as I am the beasties that call it home and call me trespasser.

Growing up in Ontario, pretty much

every lake I swam in was carved into Canadian Shield rock and or limestone and was thus crystal clear from top to bottom. This did not eliminate my fears, but at least I could see the monsters coming and futilely attempt to outswim them if necessary.

But murky water ... every time I swim in it I feel like I am putting my life at risk. This is frustrating because I love swimming and am reasonably good at it. What is it I think will happen? Not a clue. Maybe I'll step on a body, maybe a snapping turtle or a water moccasin will attack me, maybe a large fish will brush my leg ... maybe Jason will grab my foot. The list never ends and runs repeatedly through my head as I am swimming.

"Why don't you just stay out of the water?" A reasonable question, but I have this odd wiring where when I become aware of a fear I need to face it, even if the fear does not go away.

Now, my fear of murky lakes is nothing in comparison to my fear of the ocean. Even though I know the odds of getting attacked by a shark are far less than getting hit by a car or struck by lightning, the thought lingers.

It probably didn't help that I saw *Jaws* when I was about seven years old and couldn't even get into a bubble bath for two years after that (I had to see to the bottom of the tub, just in

case).

I do swim in the ocean when I travel but not without the feeling that my heart might explode. I like to have people around me if I am swimming because it reduces the odds of me getting eaten in favour of one of them.

Once while vacationing in Mexico, after pestering a travelling companion to snorkel with me for what seemed like forever, I finally gave up and wandered into the water alone. I went in about waist deep, put on my mask, and bent over to dip it in the water and there, three feet in front of me relaxing on the bottom, was a six-foot-long shark.

The experience taught me how to briefly walk on water and after a panicked conversation with a beach patrol person I was told simply, 'Oh, it was probably just a nurse shark. Nothing to worry about.' I did not enter the water again on that trip.

I couldn't even watch the end of *Titanic*. I have nightmares where I wake up and am lost at sea at night and my only companion is a selfish woman floating on a giant door that she won't let me on because it would be more romantic if I just slipped under the waves and died.

Now excuse me, but I need to get my bathing suit on and head to the beach!



By Peter Cantelon

> THRIFT SHOP, FROM PG. 3

While the mural grabbed attention outside the shop, inside volunteers had put up a detailed timeline of the store's history in Morden.

It had its start back in the 1950s and '60s when Ruth Winkler began receiving and distributing used clothing from her 9th St. home. She was joined in her task over the next decade or so by many volunteers who also worked out of their homes, including Jennie Kutcher and Olive Tasker.

Eventually a committee was formed to discuss moving these activities into an actual storefront. The Morden Community Thrift Shop was born.

One of the shop's founding committee members, Kathy Kehler, shared her memories of the early years, recalling that one of their very first dai-

ly deposits came to the grand sum of \$26.

"Now I'm told that's multiplied many times," she said.

In the years since, the volunteer-run, non-profit business has moved numerous times, most recently into its current location at 220 North Railway in 2013.

The Morden Community Thrift Shop has donated over \$3.7 million back into the community since its creation, including a massive \$500,000 disbursement to dozens of local projects and organizations just a few weeks ago.

None of it would be possible were it not for the way the community embraces the work that they do, Hildebrand stressed.

"It starts with the [used item] donations from the community. Without that, we would have nothing," she said. "We get really strong support from the community and surrounding area as well. People come here and shop, and of course we need that just as much as the donations.

"And we have a really, really good group of people here. We enjoy working together and I think that's a part of it as well."

The shop currently has about 100 volunteers and could use many more.

"There's people that work here kind of like a full-time job," Hildebrand said. "Some of them, I think, would be happy to ease off a little bit if we had more help."

Karina Bueckert enters Winkler council race

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Karina Bueckert has thrown her hat in the ring for a seat on Winkler city council.

Bueckert is a familiar face in Winkler, having volunteered her time with the regional tourism board, Donate Love, Big Rigs Big Hearts, and the J.R. Walkof parent advisory council.

Now she wants to “take that next step in my servanthood.

“I’ve always been somebody that prefers to be busy rather than not,” Bueckert reflected. “This community has been very, very good to me and so I want to give back to it.”

Bueckert said she had considered running in the last municipal election, but felt her children—Dominik, now 15, and Kate, 12—were too young then for her to be able to dedicate the time to the job she wanted.

Now, with her family’s support, she’s eager to tackle the challenge.

“They’re all on board and so I’m ex-

cited to take this next step,” Bueckert said.

Bueckert feels her life experiences make her well suited to the role, as they allow her to bring a fresh perspective to city council.

“I bring a lot of different perspectives, really,” she said. “One, being a woman. Two, being a mom, a working mom. Three, being a local business-woman.”

Bueckert is the director of business development for five hotels in Manitoba, including Winkler’s Quality Inn.

“So I wear a lot of hats,” she said, “and I’m good at it.”

In light of how fast our community is growing, Bueckert noted she also brings one other valuable perspective to the table.

“I also am an immigrant, and so I think I bring that aspect to it as well,” she said, explaining her family moved to Canada from Paraguay when she was a child. “And that’s why I feel that it’s our job to give back to the community that accepted us back in the

day It kind of goes full circle.”

It all comes down to having more balance on city council, which has had just one female representative in the city’s entire 112 year history.

“I think to have a balanced council we’ll be able to make better decisions as a community,” Bueckert said. “We’ve grown so much in the last couple of years and to be able to have a voice for every different group of people in our community I think is critical.”

When it comes to campaign promises this early in the race, Bueckert is loathe to make unrealistic pledges she may not be able to keep.

One promise she will make?

“That I will serve to the best of my ability,” she said. “I’ll work hard for this community.”

You can learn more about Bueckert online at karinabueckert.com.

Voters will head to the polls for the 2018 general municipal election on Oct. 24.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Karina Bueckert has thrown her hat into the ring for a seat on Winkler city council this fall.

“I just don’t see this happening here again”

From Pg. 4

Firstly, if you have concerns about tying up your combine during prime harvesting hours, know that organizers are committed to getting farmers back on their own fields that day as soon as possible.

“Some are thinking that it’s such a big event that they won’t be able to get out of there until late,” Klassen said. “That’s not the case. We’ve made provisions that, as long as they tell us, 10 minutes later they can be on their way home. They just need to tell us so we can make sure they can get their combine out safely.”

Participants need to commit to having their combine at the field for 10 a.m. that morning. The harvest itself will likely take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Secondly, you do not need to collect any pledges as a driver.

“You just need to bring your combine,” Klassen said, noting that while there are \$1,000 combine sponsorships available for support-

ers who want to do so, it is not a requirement to participate.

Finally, though this is Winkler’s second time setting a world harvesting record, there’s a very good chance that it will be the last.

“The combine drivers need to know that the odds of this ever happening here again are slim, because how are we going to break another record? How are we going to beat

300 combines?” Klassen said, noting field size and ground conditions make going for a much bigger record increasingly unfeasible. “I consider this once-in-a-lifetime. I just don’t see this happening here again.”

While setting a world record is the flashy part of the undertaking, it is, of course, not the real reason behind any of this.

The true goal, Klassen stressed, is to raise enough funds through the sale of the crop and donations before, during, and after the event to send 1 million kids to CCI’s camps around the world.

Just \$5 is enough to send one child to camp for a week and provide them with weekly follow up for one year, so that means CCI hopes to raise \$5 million through Harvest for Kids.

That money won’t be coming in just locally, but from around the entire world as viewers tune in and donate online, Klassen said.

“The combine drivers need to see the big picture,” he said. “It’s world attention and world funds that are coming in as a result of this.

“We need them for the world stage,” he stressed.

Details for signing up your combine are available at harvestforkids.com or by calling Klassen at 204-325-3255.

The record attempt starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, but Harvest for Kids will feature a variety of activities all throughout that day and even the evening before, including a benefit concert, kid’s events, vendor displays, and a farm show.

Check out next week’s Voice for a full run-down of what’s all going on when and what you need to know to watch the record attempt live or online.

“HOW ARE WE GONG TO BEAT 300 COMBINES?”

> TRACTOR TREK, FROM PG. 2

- The renovation of six suites at Enns Courts in Winkler.

- New evaluation software and training for Segue Career Options serving both Winkler and Steinbach.

- Mental health promotion projects in Morden, Winkler, and Steinbach.

- A men’s mental health learning event in Winnipeg.

- A wellness library of resources in Eden Mental Health Centre to augment the resources available through the Steinbach office.

- A gathering space with park

benches at Concordia Village IV in Winnipeg.

- Furnishings in the interview room at Eden Mental Health Centre.

- Engaging a professional to examine the agency’s services for the purposes of insuring they continue to appropriately serve the community

- A pre-school playground area at Enns Courts in Winkler.

“The money raised at the Visit The Villages tractor trek is in large part helping to fund those programs,” said Reimer.

Wall, McKitrick gearing up for STARS Rescue on the Island

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Two area residents are counting on your help to get off the island they'll be "stranded" on this fall.

Winkler's James Wall and Crystal City's Cheryl McKitrick have signed-up for STARS air ambulance's Rescue on the Island taking place Sept. 6.

They'll join several other volunteers in being dropped off on a remote Manitoba island to spend the day tackling survival and first-aid challenges and, armed with only their cell phones, attempting to hit their \$50,000 fundraising goal.

Luckily they get a head start on that lofty goal, spending the rest of the summer soliciting donations in person and online.

For Wall, who many may recognize as the service manager at Janzen Chevrolet in Winkler, this cause is a very personal one.

"My son used STARS a year and a half ago. I never really realized what STARS all was before that," he said.

Wall's son, Brad, was in a serious motor vehicle accident and needed to be airlifted to Winnipeg for treatment. He didn't survive his injuries, but the fast response of STARS gave the family precious time with the teen.

"It was crucial," Wall said. "It gave us four more days with him."

"I'm not doing the Rescue on the Island for me," he said. "I'm doing it for anybody who ever needs STARS. It's

not a service that you want to use, but when you do need it then you definitely want it to be there."

Wall's son Cody will be with him on the island, as, he believes, will Brad.

"I wear the chain that Brad always wore, so that is going to be my good luck charm," Wall said. "I know he'll be there with me."

McKitrick is fortunate in that she hasn't had a personal experience with the air ambulance, but as a former nurse and current board member with Southern Health, she knows all too well how vital this service is in saving lives.

"Being a nurse for so many years and involved with patients and families in the most distressing moments in their lives ... draws me very close to STARS and the work they do to make a difference for people in need," she said.

Time is of the essence when it comes to emergency medical care, McKitrick said.

"Time is essential. It's the time that STARS can get someone from Crystal City to Health Sciences Centre," she said, noting that while a ground ambulance could take a couple of hours, going by air takes a little over half an hour.

Her experience in the medical community isn't the only thing that attracted McKitrick to this event.

She's been a dedicated member of the Lions Club, which was vital in the creation of STARS, for over 40 years.



Winklerite James Wall and Crystal City's Cheryl McKitrick are taking part in the STARS Rescue on the Island this fall.



McKitrick had the honour of meeting fellow Lion and STARS founder Dr. Greg Powell at a convention this spring and was inspired to take on this challenge.

"That got me more motivated to do this," she said. "I have a real passion for helping others."

STILL A WAYS TO GO

Thus far, the response Wall and McKitrick have received in their fundraising efforts has been overwhelming. They've both raised well over \$10,000.

"Almost everybody knows someone that has had to use the service," Wall said. "It hits home for a lot of people."

Indeed, STARS, which flew over 700 flights in Manitoba last year, executed dozens of missions in the Winkler-Morden area, said Lori Derksen, STARS events manager.

"Winkler-Morden is definitely one of our busier communities," she said.

Rescue on the Island is the non-profit air ambulance's biggest annual fundraiser, raising between \$250,000-\$400,000.

"We are partially government funding," Derksen said, explaining they still have to raise 10 per cent of their operating budget each year via charitable giving. "So an event like Rescue on the Island is super important for us ... so that we can continue providing all those extras that we can provide without government support."

Wall and McKitrick will be reaching out to individuals and businesses in the area over the next few weeks for further support.

If you'd like to make a donation to their campaigns, head online to support.stars.ca/2018RescueontheIsland and click on the "Rescue Me" button beneath their photos.

Winkler council awards waste, recycling contracts

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The City of Winkler has inked new deals for waste, compost, and recycling collection in the community.

At its July 10 meeting, council awarded five-year contracts to Penner Waste Management for waste and compost and Gateway Resources for recycling.

Both organizations are the current providers of these services in Winkler. The new contracts come into effect Jan. 1, 2019.

Mayor Martin Harder said they were pleased to see so many bids come in for these contracts.

"We've had years where we've had limited competition as far as bidding for this process," he noted.

The city undertook a major review

of its waste strategy as the current contract neared its end to ensure the community is getting the most bang for its buck.

"It's always nice to be able to look at it afresh, with an unbiased opinion," Harder said. "Just looking out at what else is out there. Are we doing the right job for our ratepayers? I think that's the biggest thing."

Both Gateway and Penner Waste have proven to be dependable service providers, the mayor added, and they also put in the lowest bids.

"We're very grateful for the services Gateway has provided for individual home recyclable pickup. They manage it better themselves, they can in fact separate it better on their own, and we're grateful we're giving them employment as well," he said, refer-

ring to the fact the Gateway recycling program provides jobs for intellectually disabled individuals.

"And Penner Waste has proven to be dependable [at] bulk waste pick-up," Harder added. "On the compost side of it, it's worked very well, so I'm glad that they participated and ended up getting that portion of the tender."

Penner Waste's bid for weekly garbage bag and compost bin pick-up came in at \$374,800—well below bids from Green Acres (\$392,000), Ed Crossing (\$480,000) and Municipal Waste Management (\$687,680).

Gateway Resources' bid of \$264,800 for recycling box pick-up and processing beat out MWM's \$517,120.

Winkler's two-bag garbage limit will continue under these new contracts, though there is flexibility to

potentially move to a one-bag system in the future, Harder noted.

For compost, residents are encouraged to pick up one of the large subsidized bins available from the civic centre for \$20. Overflow compost material (leaves, grass clippings, etc.) should be placed in compostable bags at the curb.

"Don't just put those small containers out there—get a bin," Harder said. "It's a very nice medium-sized container and it works very well."

The city did look into whether a three cart system (waste, compost, and recycling) similar to that used in Morden would work here, but decided it wasn't a good fit for Winkler.

"When we look at the results of a

Winkler unveils revised plans for exhibition centre

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Winkler offered residents a look at the future Meridian Exhibition Centre on Monday.

An open house at City Hall included conceptual plans and cost estimates for the facility that will include a second arena as well as exhibition facilities.

Mayor Martin Harder suggested they have a feasible and affordable plan.

"I'm actually surprised that we could get to the point where we are today where we know that we can afford to do it," he said. "Yes, there's some money that we still want to raise, and that's the challenge that I have going forward, and I plan on making sure that those numbers come in right."

The preliminary plan is for a project with a total estimated cost of over \$19,170,000 including \$17,994,000 in capital construction costs.

Based on borrowing \$16,120,740, the estimated impact on taxes would be a \$175.94 increase on a residential property assessed at \$200,000, \$219.93 for one assessed at \$250,000, and \$263.91 for a \$300,000 property.

Harder said there has been one significant change from how the project was originally envisioned.

"The biggest adjustment that we made is to take it down from a 2,000 seat arena down to 400 which is expandable to 600," he explained. "So in other words it becomes the secondary arena, not the primary arena ... and that basically took roughly \$10 million off the price tag, so it makes it doable."

Harder anticipated there would be some disappointment over the reduced seating, but he suggested it simply was not an option right now given the financial restrictions that they are facing.

"That's the biggest adjustment. The rest of it I think has pretty much stayed intact," he said. "The other stuff is cosmetic that has been removed and to make sure that it is simply functional."

"It won't be an architectural wonder of the world. It will be a functional building, so that's really where we wanted to keep it," Harder said.

"The amount of use that people can get out of it, it doesn't depend on the exterior architectural view, it depends on the interior functionality, and we believe that we have come up with a good functionality design that ties the two arenas together and the exhibition centre and actually accomplishes what we're trying to accomplish."

The mayor said the city came to a



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Winklerites came out to the City Hall Monday night to get a glimpse of council's plans for the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

workable plan after much consideration and consultation with the community.

"What we have accomplished so far is doable," he reiterated. "The design that is currently there is after lots of consultation with user groups, a variety of sports related activities as well as general community use."

"We have also connected with the business community and the education community in order to make sure that we have the size right and the ability to have multiple different types of functions in the facility," said

Harder.

"And obviously the other thing that we look at is what is affordable, what can we do as a city."

"We have always said we need this thing very badly. The community has said we need it badly, but there is a limit as to what we can afford," he concluded. "There is no government support for a project like this ... we need to start with doing it on our own and making sure we can do something that is affordable."

"What we're trying to do is we tried to have a happy medium."

Morden assures drinking water safe, despite smell

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is offering assurances that the local water supply is safe to drink.

A news release from the city last week stressed drinking the water poses no health risks despite there being issues with its taste and odour in recent weeks.

Dave Haines, deputy city manager of operations, did not return requests for comment at press time, but the news release outlined a number of steps the city is taking to deal with this matter.

Morden has been looking at a product called Ponder, which is a naturally derived product applied to surface waters that aims at promoting the natural health of the water system.

The product is harmless to both humans and the aquaculture environment. The city plans to apply it to Lake Minnewasta as soon as it has

regulatory approval.

"There will be several applications of it over the summer and autumn, but we are not yet sure when we will see results," the city said in the release.

Part of the longer term strategy is to better understand how the water quality varies over time at different locations.

"We have begun long-term sampling and testing of Lake Minnewasta," the city said. "Our aim is to understand how changing environmental conditions might affect our treatment process and to prepare for that and to determine if there are opportunities to draw water from different locations at different times."

As well, the city is working with the University of Manitoba to study the lake and treatment process and advise them on any further changes that could be made at the water treat-

ment plant or in the lake itself to address taste and odour.

"We are continuing maintenance at the water treatment plant to ensure that all parts of the process are functioning as they are designed to, including the replacement of filter media which helps reduce taste and

odour issues," the city said.

"We have been working on this for a while, researching products and seeking approvals from the regulator. We take the quality of our water supply very seriously and are applying every resource to find a resolution to the taste and odour problem."

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three cart system ... it is not going well," Harder said, pointing to problems of contamination when people incorrectly put waste items into compost or recycling bins.

Having to separate recyclable materials that have been severely compacted in a bin can also be a serious challenge for processors, he added, and one the city wanted

to avoid entirely.

The main change with these new contracts is that the city is discontinuing commercial and industrial waste pickup.

This is at the request of the business community, Harder said, which has expressed a desire to contract out their own waste services.

PHAC book reading to benefit Candlelighters

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A special guest is hiding amongst the art at the Pembina Hills Art Gallery all this month.

The titular character from Sally Gilcrest-Unrau's book *Sam's Weird Afternoon* is waiting to be found on a different shelf every day at the Morden gallery leading up to a book reading on July 30.

Children who successfully find Sam will have their names entered into a draw to win a free copy of the book and a pair of shoelaces (an item that features memorably in the story).

Artist Tammy Hendrickx will be reading the book in memory of the late author, who lost her fight with cancer three years ago.

Sam's Weird Afternoon—which is a story about a little boy who neglects to put his shoes away and soon finds his room magically filled with sneakers—was written during a healthy period in Gilcrest-Unrau's life.

"She had cancer many times, but held a positive outlook for life and in between one of her bouts she did this book," Hendrickx says, noting Sally loved kids and this was a fun way for her to exercise her talent for storytelling. "This book was one of her dreams that she fulfilled."

The first run of the book sold so well that Gilcrest-Unrau had a second batch printed, but she fell ill before she had the chance to really promote it.

Gilcrest-Unrau's widow wants to see the books put to good use, so they will be sold for \$7 at the reading with all proceeds going to the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Group.

"There's a new generation of kids that maybe hasn't heard about this book," Hendrickx says. "So we're bringing 'Sam' back to life for a good cause."

Candlelighters certainly appreciates the support. Group spokeswoman Naomi Fehr says the funds will go



PHAC PHOTO

Sam from the book *Sam's Weird Afternoon* is waiting to be found at the Pembina Hills Art Gallery in Morden all this month. Kids who find him will be entered into a prize draw.

a long way in their mission to assist families affected by childhood cancer.

"We've been doing a lot more now than we ever have been for families," she says, noting they provide care packages to those spending a lot of time in the hospital and have also been hosting an increasing number of group events. "So they're able to connect with other families with children who have similar cancers."

"We're all strictly volunteers, so every nickel we receive gets put into the group's activities."

It's always humbling when someone in the community steps up to fundraise for Candlelighters, Fehr says.

"It just amazes me because so often it's people I've never even met," she says. "It really tugs on the emotions."

The reading takes place on Monday, July 30 at 12:15 p.m.

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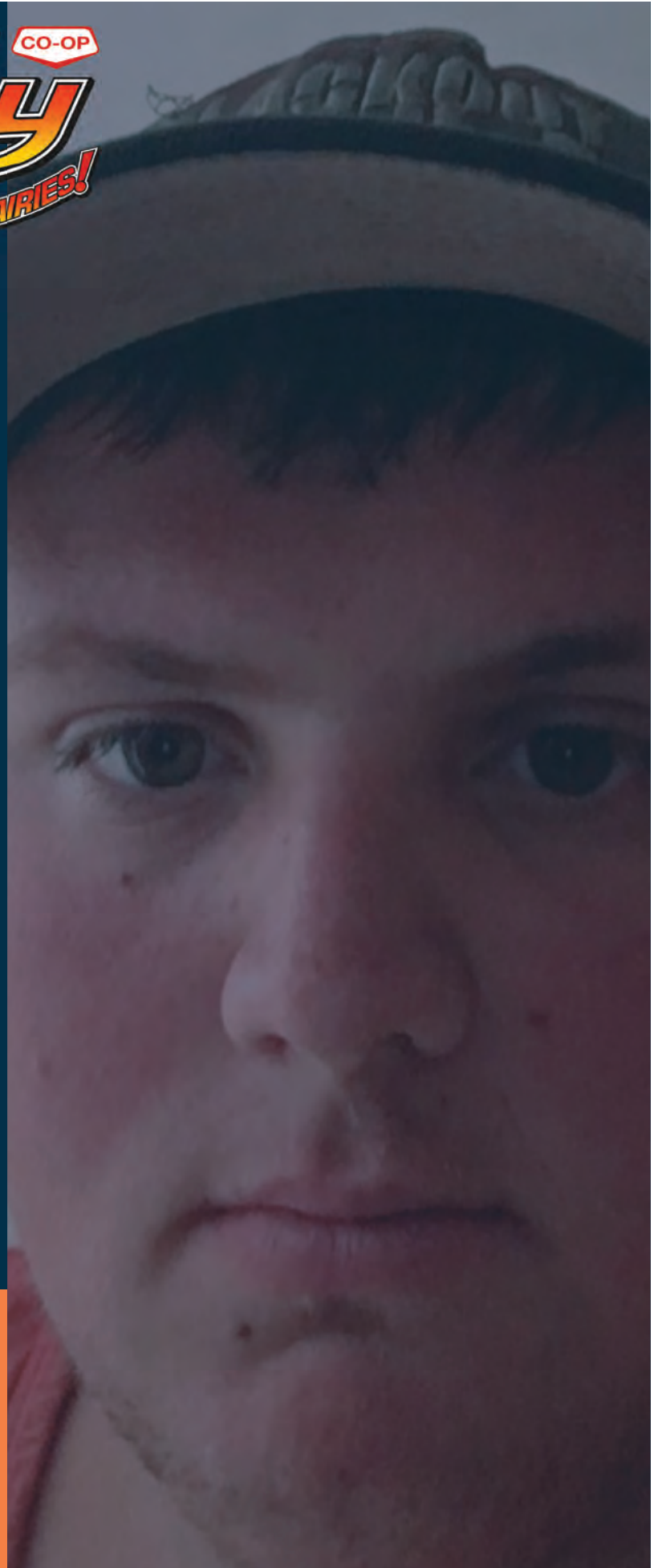
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Local bridge player reaches Ruby status



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Morden's Doreen Smith has achieved Ruby Life Master status with the American Contract Bridge League for her time at the card tables.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A Morden card player has leveled up in her chosen game.

Doreen Smith received confirmation this June that she has achieved Ruby Life Master status with the American Contract Bridge League, the governing body for the game in the United States, Mexico, Bermuda, and Canada.

The ranking—the 11th out of 17 possible levels—is reached when a player earns 1,500 Masterpoints, at least 300 of which are at the silver/red/gold/platinum level of competition.

It's taken Smith 24 years to make it this far.

"It was my son that started me with this," she said just before sitting down at the card table for an evening of games last week alongside partner Basil Agnew.

"I didn't start until I was 65, when I retired. I've always said that he did it out of self-defense: he figured I'd be a nuisance not working," Smith said, chuckling.

She quickly took to the game and has since spent many years playing regularly with the clubs in both Morden and Carman.

"It's very addictive," Smith said. "It's competitive and it keeps you thinking."

Duplicate bridge has an added layer of challenge to it because you can't really blame the cards for a

bad night, as the same hands are played successively by different partnerships.

"You can't go home at the end of the night and complain that you had bad cards because everybody has to play the same hands," Smith said. "So if everybody else played it better than you did ... it's your own fault."

Smith earned many of her higher level points by playing at tournaments across the Prairies over the years.

Now, at 89, she's slowed down a bit when it comes to attending larger scale competitions, so she doesn't expect to work her way too much higher in the Masterpoint rankings.

But that doesn't mean she won't be having a blast at the card table as long as she's able, and she hopes see more new people try their hand at the game.

"You can start at any age," she stressed. "It's competitive, but people are friendly. It's a very welcoming group."

Morden's club is led by Walter Dedio, a Diamond Life Master, and Madeline Blum. They meet Thursdays at the 55+ Activity Centre at 7 p.m.

Smith invites anyone interested in learning more to contact the centre or simply stop by with a partner one night to play (contact them in advance if you want to come without a partner).

Broncos pastor to speak at festival worship service

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition's commu-

nity worship service will feature a special guest speaker who can provide some insight into a tragedy that shook the nation this spring.

Sean Brandow, the team pastor for the Humboldt Broncos, will provide the Aug. 12 sermon at the Parkland stage.

En route to a Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League semi-

final game in April, the Broncos bus collided with a semi-truck. Sixteen players and staff were killed and many of the survivors were injured.

Service organizer Jeremy Isaak, associate pastor at the Winkler Mennonite Church, says Brandow's sermon is entitled "Brave Face/Broken Heart."

"We're very excited to have him out," Isaak said. "He'll be touching a little bit on his experience with the tragic accident the team went through and how God is present in and through that."

The service will also include worship music from Bowen Wiebe and his band and a children's feature courtesy of the Winkler Bible Camp.

A community worship service has been a long-standing event at the festival and it's one that draws hundreds of people each year.

"We invite all the local churches to take part," Isaak said. "It's phenomenal to be able to worship God together as a community."

The service begins at 10 a.m. festival Sunday. People are asked to bring along a can of food for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

The offering, after covering event expenses, will be divided between the Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Center and Habitat for Humanity.

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Morden hands out Yard of the Week awards

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is celebrating homeowners who go above and beyond with their yards.

A Yard of the Week program initiated last week came as the city prepared to welcome judges for the Communities in Bloom competition.

"If you have time to do a little extra yard work on the weekend, it'll all help with Morden's Communities in Bloom evaluation," said Clare Agnew, community services and events manager and chair of the Morden Communities in Bloom committee.

Judges for the Communities in Bloom competition are touring Morden on Monday, so the city is asking residents' help to make sure their yards or properties look their best.

To further encourage that, the city

launched Yard of the Week by selecting three eye-catching residential front yards and one deserving business.

Getting the nod were the homes of Lorne and Kim Zacharias at 565 Gilmour St., Kas and Glenda Holod at 15 Oakwood Dr., and Jim and Betty Duncan at 69 Conner Hill Dr. The business award went to Morden Coffee Culture owner Lisa Zacharias in recognition of the café's curbside frontage and sitting area.

Now these recipients will be asked to pay it forward by setting up the Yard of the Week signs at other deserving properties.

"The Yard of the Week is another example of how the community can be involved with the Communities in Bloom program," Agnew said. "It will help residents and visitors to take



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The home of Lorne and Kim Zacharias at 565 Gilmour St. was one of the recipients of Morden's first Yard of the Week awards. Below: Coffee Culture's Lisa Zacharias (left) accepts the business award from Clare Agnew.

notice of the effort so many people put into their beautiful yards.

"People see and appreciate different things in yards, and it will be fun to watch the signs move around the city.

This is Morden's second time participating in Communities in Bloom. Last year the city scored four out of five blooms and Agnew is hoping for a perfect five bloom score this time around.

Judges grade communities on floral arrangements, tidiness, environmental action, landscaping, urban forestry, and

heritage conservation, but the importance locally really goes much deeper, she said.

"The overall goals are to increase the pride in Morden and to acknowledge those that put in the extra effort."

The competition's results will be announced at the Communities in Bloom conference in Morris in September.



Parade marshals announced

Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition's 2018 parade marshals were announced last week.

The city will be recognizing four young athletes who won medals on a national level over the past year:

- Kyle Dyck and Tristan Peters, who brought home silver in baseball in the 2017 Canada Summer

Games.

- Talia Peters, a bronze medalist in the 2017 Canada Summer Games in basketball.

- Martin Russo, who clinched bronze in the National Judo Championships this spring.

The foursome will lead the Saturday morning parade at the festival on Aug. 11.



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Prepare for visiting elder guests

Homeowners may find themselves hosting senior guests several times throughout a typical year. These occasions can be wonderful opportunities for making memories, but homeowners may need to take certain precautions to ensure that guests are safe and comfortable. This may involve making some minor modifications around the home.

Mobility and comfort needs for seniors may differ those necessary to accommodate other guests. Meeting the needs of senior guests may involve any of the following.

- Make sure pathways leading to and from the home are level, cleared and easy to see.
- If possible, add a ramp over stairs that lead to the front door. Ensure handrails are sturdy.
- Remove clutter and excess furniture if a guest visiting will be using a walker or a manual/motorized wheelchair.
- Remove accent rugs from a home, and be sure

that any mats are secured with nonslip material.

- Increase lighting in entryways, staircases and hallways, especially areas leading to kitchens or bathrooms.

- If guests will be staying overnight, arrange sleeping accommodations on the first floor and/or in a room closest to the bathroom.

- Well-placed grab bars in the bathroom can be an asset. See if you can borrow a portable shower seat to make bathing or showering easier for overnight senior guests.

- For long-term guests, consider replacing round doorknobs and other pulls with lever-action ones that are easy to grab.

- Concessions may need to be made concerning interior temperature, noise levels and television viewing.

Several easy modifications can be made to make senior guests feel comfortable when visiting others.

Seniors becoming

Technology is the future, and digital communication has opened many doors for people around the world. Although younger generations have grown up with technology at their fingers, Baby Boomers and older adults

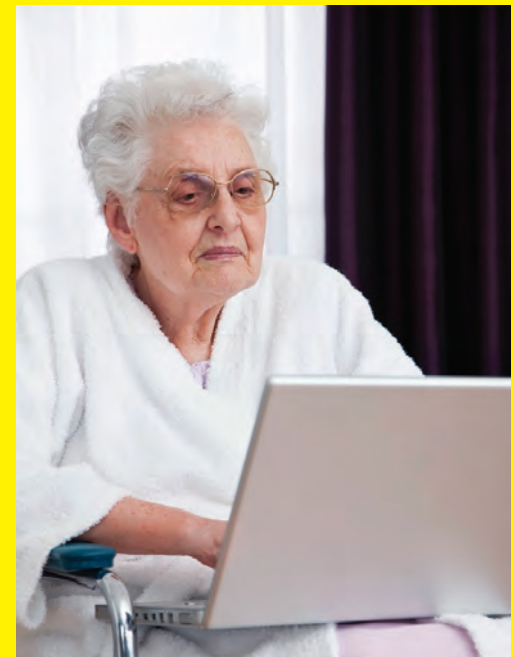
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not. But in spite of that, studies show that growing numbers of seniors are open to the use of technology and even seeking ways to increase their use and knowledge.

According to a 2014 study by Pew Research Center, 59 percent of seniors regularly use the internet - a 6 percent increase from the previous study conducted in 2012. Today, 67 percent of adults age 65 and older say they go online.

ew also says that, although seniors consistently have lower rates of technology adoption than the general public, four in 10 seniors now own smartphones, which is more than double the amount that did in 2013. Seniors in Australia are especially tech savvy, as Deloitte's mobile consumer survey found 78 percent of Australian seniors aged 65 to 75 own a smartphone, up from 69 percent in 2016.

While stereotypes have long painted seniors technologically inept, seniors are actually more socially and digitally engaged than ever before. Seniors use technology in many different ways. Some use mobile apps to manage medications and doctor's appointments and monitor their fitness regimens.

Some families employ 24/7 alert systems or parathome technology to keep seniors com-

fortable and safe at home for as long as possible. Noninvasive, “smart” technology can analyze factors such as whether or not doors are left open, if there has been movement in a home, or whether appliances/lights are on or off. This represents a great way for families to stay informed and provide assistance even if they are not nearby.

SilverSurfers, a senior-based information website, says other tech that seniors are embracing includes online dating; audio and digital books; online shopping, which is especially valuable to seniors who have mobility issues; and social media, which can keep seniors connected to others and feeling less lonely.

A study conducted by researchers from the University of California, San Francisco found 18 percent of American seniors live alone, and 43 percent report feeling lonely on a regular basis. Loneliness can increase death risk. Social media and internet connectivity can be an important tool in helping seniors feel like active members of society.

Technology is no longer just for teenagers or active workers. Seniors are increasingly embracing technology and becoming a fast-growing demographic for tech usage.

Welcoming Dustin Rainkie to the MMJS Team effective August 6, 2018



Dustin grew up in Morden, Manitoba, and has a longstanding family history with the area, with his Grandfather owning and operating a successful insurance brokerage in Winkler for over 25 years. He attended the University of Manitoba, attaining an Advanced Bachelors Degree in

Psychology, and Juris Doctor Degree. Dustin was called to the bar in 2012, and spent several years practicing at a boutique litigation firm in Winnipeg prior to changing his practice to focus primarily on wills and estates and real estate matters. In his spare time, Dustin enjoys travelling, live music and spending as much time in the gym as his wife will allow.

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Big Rigs Big Hearts hitting Winkler's streets Sat.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Big Rigs Big Hearts 2018 is poised to make a huge impact on the life of one local family this weekend.

The sixth annual truck rally takes over the Southland Mall's southeast parking lot on Saturday, July 21.

Over 125 semis are expected to come out for an afternoon of camaraderie, good eats, kid's activities, and music, wrapping the day up with a convoy of trucks through the streets of Winkler.

Funds raised at the event are earmarked for the STARS Air Ambulance and Winklerite Ty Franz, who suffers from one of the most severe cases of Crohn's Disease in Canada.

"It was mind-blowing," Franz said of the phone call he received from Big Rigs Big Hearts organizers letting him know he would be one of this year's recipients. "I was probably at the lowest spot I had every been that night when I got the call."

Last year's event raised \$20,000, again split between STARS and a lo-

cal family.

Knowing that his family might receive upwards of \$10,000 is a humbling realization for Franz.

"It's amazing how when you experience so much loss and defeat, how one piece of really good news can just restore hope," he said. "Words can't describe how humbled we feel and how loved we feel ... it feels like there's no way to say thank you enough."

"There's part of me that feels, okay, I can't give up now because there's a community behind me."

The symptoms of his illness—which includes severe pain and fatigue and necessitates constant trips to the washroom and, often, the emergency room—make it impossible Franz and his wife Jenny to work outside the home.

As a result, they've had to try and get by on just a few hundred dollars in disability payments a month and the generosity of others.

"We've lived off of monthly miracles," Franz said, noting a recent treat-



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Big Rigs Big Hearts 2017 saw a record-breaking 128 semi trucks take part. Organizers hope the event this Saturday will beat that.

ment available only in the U.S. set the couple back \$10,000, all put on their credit cards. (Franz has had several good weeks since the procedure, but it will take months before they know if it significantly affected his symptoms long-term.)

That's why the funds from this weekend's Big Rigs Big Hearts are going to be so life-changing for the couple.

"It gives us the ability to breathe a little and know that we're going to be okay," Franz said. "It gives us an opportunity to focus on health on not how are we going to make our payments this month?"

Providing a hand up to families who need it is what this event is all about, says organizer Karina Bueckert.

"The whole purpose for Big Rigs Big Hearts has been for families that are falling between the cracks," she said. "That would be the clear definition of Ty Franz's situation."

Support for the event has been growing steadily year after year.

"Last year we had 128 trucks. This year we're going to have even more,"

Bueckert said. "I would love to raise \$25,000 this year, and I think that's being conservative."

Bueckert said sponsorships have really poured in and they're so grateful for all the support.

"We've never had this many sponsors before," she said. "For businesses to call us and say, 'Hey, can we be part of this?' Amazing. People are just getting behind it and it is so cool to be a part of it."

Setting up shop on a larger space than usual this time around is another boon for the event.

"To have a bigger parking lot is going to be huge to have a lot more room for all of the trucks," Bueckert said, adding that the paved lot also means rain won't be able to throw a wrench into their plans. "If it rains, it's no issue for us."

Big Rig Big Hearts gets underway at noon on Saturday. The site will feature food vendors, kid's entertainment from 12-6 p.m., and musical performances from Dale Maksymic

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Hunt is on for new Morden city manager

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is searching for a new city manager with the announcement Monday of the departure of John Scarce.

A news release announcing the resignation of Scarce noted that his final day of work with the city is uncertain, as he will remain for as long as possible while council looks for a replacement.

While Scarce is stepping away from the city manager position, he plans to remain in the area and establish a business that will assist municipalities and people who need to work with municipalities and the provincial government.

Scarce, who could not be reached for comment, has been with the City of Morden since May 2014.

"We wish Mr. Scarce well in his new endeavor. His enthusiasm, skill and motivation are truly wasted on one municipality," Mayor Ken Wiebe said in a statement. "Words cannot express how much we endorse his services to those municipalities looking to engage him. Mr. Scarce is highly recommended."

Wiebe gave Scarce credit for playing a pivotal role in a number of areas—from instigating the city's corporate plan to developing stronger

ties with other local organizations such the Morden chamber, school di-

vision, community development corporation, and many others.

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Morden city manager
John Scarce

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and the 78 RMPS, Ed Wayne and The North Border Band, and the Harvey Allen Band from 1-7:30 p.m.

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Artists take 'Flight'

By Lorne Stelmach

The annual summer showcase at the Pembina Hills Gallery once again offered local artists a challenge.

This year's member's exhibition invited artists to explore and interpret the theme of *Flight* in any way they chose.

"It is always inspiring to focus on a topic," said Olga Krahn, an Altona area artist who submitted four pieces to this year's exhibition, which runs until the end of August.

In contemplating the theme of flight, she saw that it could be interpreted as vision and hope.

"It is an incentive to move forward," said Krahn, who had some recent paintings among her existing work she felt fit with the theme.

"I like to work with a theme because that way I have something to focus on," said Krahn. "I love the freedom to portray the subject matters in an artist's perspective."

Krahn has also always been inspired by the challenge of painting commissioned pieces.

"You give me a topic and I love to

rise to the occasion, showing you how it unfolds on canvas."

Members' shows like this provide artists with a valuable shared platform, Krahn reflected.

"I can get my paintings out into the public ... if I can get into a members show, it's letting people know I'm still out there."

Krahn's work varies from scenery scenes to portrait painting, capturing unique expressions and situations of everyday life. She works in a variety of mediums, including watercolours, acrylics, ink, and mixed media.

Laurie Wiebe, administrative coordinator for the Pembina Hills Arts Council, noted members were invited back in March to consider their interpretations of the show's theme.

"We are extremely pleased to see how this show has come together. We have 61 pieces by 18 artists covering a large area from Emerson to Altona," she said. "I think the artists have truly embraced the theme, with some artists challenging their own skills."

For more information, head to pembinahillsarts.com or stop by the gallery.



Altona artist Olga Krahn with a selection of her work. Krahn is one of 18 artists taking part in the summer member's showcase at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.

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"Let's not forget the growth in new retail and industrial development easy to spot by looking east at our Pembina Connection," added Wiebe.

The city will be looking for a candidate that possesses many of the same characteristics that Scarce did, the mayor noted, citing examples like working within tight financial constraints, providing strategic focus, and being politically astute.

Morden has engaged the firm

Legacy Bowes to do an international search for a new city manager.

"Some people ask why an international search? Simply, we are looking for the best person to fill this position," Wiebe said. "No matter the country they come from, providing they have the right to work in Canada, the skills and educational qualifications we are looking for, we welcome their application for consideration."

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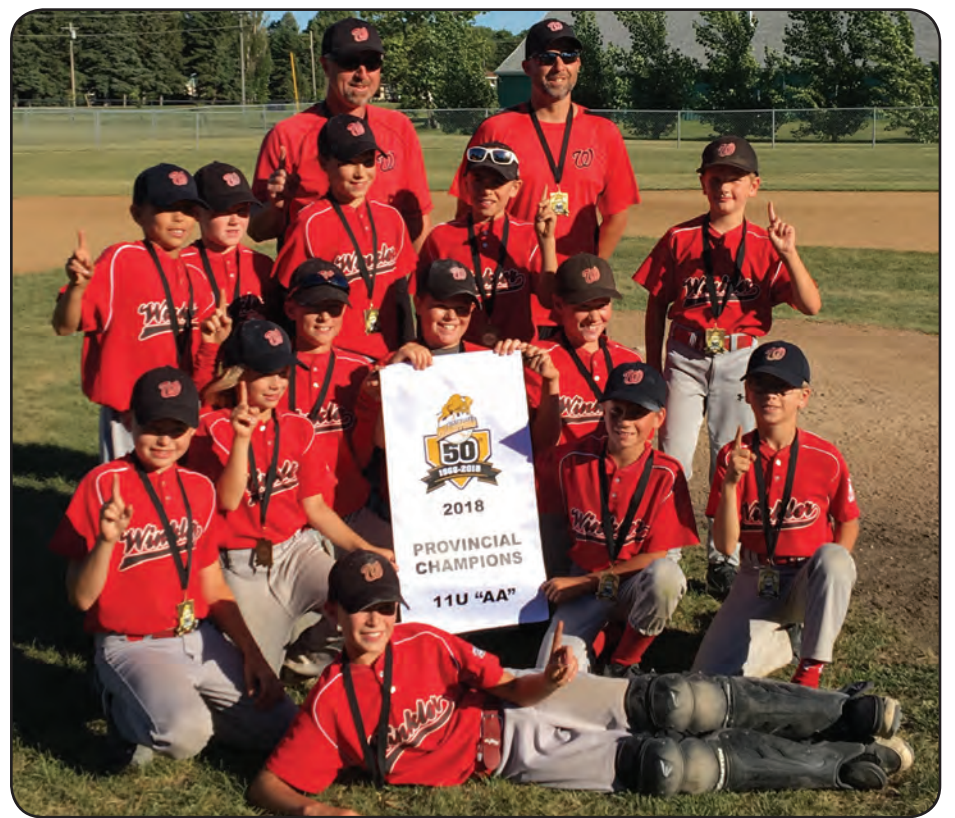
Winkler wins 11U title

Winkler clinched the 11U AA Provincial Championship title in Morden over the weekend, blanking North Winnipeg 4-0 in the final.

The team had previously defeated Steinbach 6-1 in the semi-finals after going 4-0 in the round robin, downing

Bonivital 8-4, Souris 14-1, Steinbach 1-0, and East Selkirk 5-2.

Team Morden missed out on making it to the playoffs after falling to MacDonald 9-5 and Brandon 3-2 on Friday and then decimating Stonewall 10-0 and Holland 7-1 on Saturday.



Left: Team Morden crushed Stonewall 10-0 Saturday morning, contributing to a 2-2 round robin record that left them out of the running for the title. Above: Team Winkler, meanwhile, went undefeated all weekend long to earn the banner. On the team is (back row, from left) Herman Peters, Kevin Penner, (third row) Mark Schefer, Caleb Fast, Heidi Wiens, Carter Nikkel, Diego Hildebrand, (second row) Daniel Wilson, Bryson Penner, Ryan Peters, Haiden Friesen, Graham Thiesen, (front row) Jackson Friesen, Caleb Pauls, and Ricky Friesen.

Orioles take on Sultans in MJBL playoffs

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles are set for post season play starting this weekend.

The Orioles not only had their final ranking but also their playoff opponent determined after a Monday night doubleheader against the Interlake Blue Jays.

Third place would have belonged to the Orioles if they had swept the two games. Instead, Pembina Valley fell 6-1 and 4-2 to Interlake, slotting them into fourth place in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League standings.

That means the Orioles will face the fifth ranked Carillon Sultans starting with game one in Morden this Friday, game two in Carillon Saturday, and game three, if needed, back on home turf Sunday.

Pembina Valley had last Tuesday

earned a split with the Brandon Marlin's, who actually had third place locked up but would not be participating in the playoffs.

After taking the opener 1-0, the Orioles fell 8-1 in the second half of the doubleheader.

"Seth Staple pitched a two hitter. He pitched really, really well for us and we played really well defensively in that first game," said assistant coach Sheldon Bergman. "In our second game, we basically just fell apart."

Things took a turn for the worse then last Friday in Altona as the Orioles were clobbered 12-2 by the last place Bisons.

"We got kicked there," said Bergman. "It was a tough night. We were missing five starters from the lineup, so it's always hard to coach a ball team then ... but the boys gave it their best."

The Bisons now face the second place Elmwood Giants in the opening round of playoffs, while the first place St. James As get the bye and third place Interlake face sixth ranked St. Boniface.

Pembina Valley had the regular season edge on Carillon, winning two of the three times they took to the field against each other, and Bergman liked their chances in the playoffs "if we have our starting lineup all there."

"We will be in the hunt ... absolutely. We've got to have the right guys there," he said. "These are the guys that you rely on all year to win ball games."

"We've been missing quite a few starters due to work and other reasons ... it's tough to win ball games. If we have our starting lineup there, I think we have a really good shot at going to the finals for sure."

"WE HAVE A REALLY GOOD SHOT AT GOING TO THE FINALS."

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Riots win, Storm and 'Canes fall

The SC Riot ran roughshod over Saints United over the weekend. Playing in Winnipeg Sunday afternoon, the local MMSL 8th Division team won the match 10-0.

Goal scorers included a triple from Reinaldo Oliveira and singles from Steven Klassen, Thomas Klassen, Kris Roberts, David Green, Martin Plet, Arni Schott, and Humayun Umar.

Next up for the Riot is a home game against Lightning FC in Winkler Sunday, July 29 at 5 p.m.

Playing in the league's 1st Division, the Winkler Storm fell to the Britannia Rovers 3-0 on July 10.

This week they were slated to host Granite United on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Next Tuesday the team hosts Hanover at 7:30 p.m.

In the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League, the SC Hurricanes fell to CCC United 7-0 Sunday night.

The ladies' next game is next Wednesday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m. against the Hornets SC.



The Winkler Storm fell to the visiting Rovers 3-0 July 10.

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Border Baseball League playoffs underway

Mohawks up 2-0, Whips tied 1-1 with Pilots

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Mohawks started their first round playoff series against the Killarney Lakers with a pair of decisive wins.

The Mohawks, the number one team in the Border Baseball League's regular season, beat the last-place Lakers 17-4 on Friday and 14-3 on Sunday.

Killarney's four runs in game one all came in the first inning, which saw Morden get just one in response.

The Mohawks more than made up for it with five at the bottom of the second, four in the third, one in the fourth, and then six more in the fifth.

While the Lakers burned through three pitchers (John Kummer, Jared Dueck, and Andrew Lochhead), Mor-

den's mound was manned for the duration by Derek Holenski, who gave up just six hits to 25 batters.

Stats for game two were not available.

The series continued Tuesday with game three in Morden. Results were not available at press time.

If the Lakers managed a win, game four is in Killarney next Thursday with game five back in Morden July 27 at 7 p.m.

The Winkler Whips, meanwhile, were heading into game three Tuesday night with their series against the Pilot Mound Pilots tied at one each.

The two teams finished the regular season with the Pilots in fourth place and the Whips in fifth.

Game one Friday night went Pilot Mound's way 10-6. Winkler bounced back for game two in front of a hometown crowd on Sunday, blanking the Pilots 4-0.

Game four takes place in Winkler next Tuesday, July 24, at 7 p.m. Game five, if needed, is back in Pilot Mound July 27.

Winkler hosts U14 provincials



Winkler beat Bonivital East 2-12-0 Friday afternoon.

Winkler hosted Softball Manitoba's U14 B Girls 2018 Minor Provincial Championships over the weekend.

Thirty-two teams took part in the tournament, with the Brandon Heat clinching gold, Hamiota 2 taking silver, and the Souris Cardinals winning bronze.

Both Winkler and Morden had teams at the event.

The home team were flawless in the round robin to take first in their pool, while Morden came in second in theirs with a 2-1 record.

In the first round of the championship bracket, Winkler was knocked out of the running by Hamiota 2, who took the game 6-5.

Morden saw their title hopes come to an end at the hands of Brandon, who won 12-1.

ALH results

Top three finishers at the ALH Motor Speedway's ROC Qualifier on Sunday included:

- Street stocks: Aaron Blacklance in first place, Bradon Miller in second, and Casey Vargas in third place.

- Modifieds: Ward Imrie, Shawn Teunis, and Jerome Guyot.

- Pure stocks: Kevin Smith, Bailey Cousins, and Pat Smith.

- Midwest modifieds: Austin Hunter, Brandon Wieler, and Cody Wall.

- Four-cylinder: Shane Rehill, Ryan Higgins, and Denis Seguin.

- Slingshots: Dexter Saxon, Ryder Raynard, and Tyler Doell.

Next race day is this Sunday, July 22.

Berry picking ends with ants in my pants

Every July our family went in search of blueberries. Some years we found abundant patches, some years we returned fruitless.

Usually word of mouth informed our parents where blueberries could be found that summer. West of Morden was often a good location, the shrubs and bushes around the lake loaded with fruit. But other years we had to drive as far as La Riviere.

When Mom noticed oak trees along the country roadsides, she called for Dad to stop. The car was quickly parked at an angle in the ditch and we all tumbled out.

One particular year I was 13 years old and went along reluctantly. My older sister Jeanne did not have to go as she had a full-time summer job.

So there we were, Mom, Dad, 11-year-old Jim, three-year-old Debbie, and me. Debbie was given her own bucket and warned not to eat too many or she might get sick. I was wearing the latest fashion of the day, tight-fitting pants called slim jims. The



By Florence Dyck

legs were narrow and had short zippers on each side. I had to pull the zippers up to get out of them. No stretchy fabric in the fifties!

Back at the patch, we were all busy with our own thoughts, picking (or eating) quietly. The solitude of the woods was enjoyed by all, including me.

Then an ear-piercing scream broke the silence. There I was, screaming hysterically and doing an amazing high-stepping Zumba dance in the middle of the forest.

When dancing didn't help the searing pain on my legs, I unzipped my pants, pulled them down, stepped out of them, and continued my high-jumping while batting at my legs and screeching.

Instead of helping or inquiring about the problem, Dad yelled in Low German, "Girl, what on earth is wrong with you?"

In 1956, teenage daughters did not pull down their pants and dance crazily in front of their fathers and brothers.

When I finally calmed down as the pain of the bites subsided and the insects retreated, we were able to determine the cause: I had accidentally stepped on a red ant nest.

This nest was cleverly camouflaged with dried grass and bits of leaves and twigs. The bite of one red ant stings like fire and here I had hundreds chomping their way up my legs.

I don't remember a trip to the doctor, lasting scars,

The author and her sister Jeanne sport slim jims in the 1950s.

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or any special sympathy. But the irony of actually having "ants in my pants" didn't escape my family and we had many a good laugh about it over the years.

Florence Dyck is a former Mordenite now living in the Okanagan

CFDC to unveil new mosasaur fossil July 25

By Lorne Stelmach

The most famous residents of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden are going to have to share their space.

The museum is set to unveil a display of a rare variety of mosasaur that will be the third completed skeleton featured alongside Bruce and Suzy.

"It continues to grow our stature on the national and international stage," executive director Peter Cantelon said of the newest addition to the museum's permanent collection that will be unveiled on July 25 at 1 p.m. "This addition has been a long time in the planning stages and we are very excited to see it finally come to fruition."

The new fossil is known as Kourison puntedgensis, or razor-toothed

mosasaur of the Puntledge River. It is a unique species whose fossils have only been found on Canada's west coast and Japan.

This particular specimen was first found in the early 2000s but it took a few years for it to be removed.

A company called Prehistoric Animal Structures (the same company that created Bruce) also made the molds from this specimen.

"They were donated to us because

of a connection that this mosasaur has with Betsy Nicholls. It was actually identified as a new species of mosasaur and described by Betsy Nicholls," explained Cantelon, noting it is an important connection as it was Nicholls' work that first established the significance of the collection in Morden.

Cantelon said that people will notice right away this is a very different mosasaur from Bruce and Suzy,

particularly because of its ferocious, razor-like teeth.

"It's a really cool mosasaur. It's smaller than Bruce and Suzy ... Bruce is an exception in terms of size, Suzy is an average size for a tylosaur," he noted.

"There are some things that set it apart from the mosasaurs we typically see," Cantelon continued. "It has

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Clinic walking challenge exceeds goal

154 participants walked over 28 million steps May through June

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Participants in the Agassiz Medical Centre's 2018 Walking Challenge didn't just achieve their goal this spring—they completely blew it out of the water.

The Morden clinic issued a challenge to its staff and the community at large to see if they could collective-

ly get the 9.8 million steps needed to walk from Morden to Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia during the months of May and June.

When reached last week, organizer Brent Gouthro, a nurse practitioner at the clinic, said that the final step tally came in at a whopping 28,211,409 steps.

"We more than met our goal," he

said. "That is amazing. Twice across Canada and then some."

A total of 154 people signed up for the challenge, with clinic staff logging nearly 13 million steps and the community adding another 15 million.

Exceeding the step goal is awesome,

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"THESE TEETH WERE DESIGNED TO CUT AND SLICE ..."

Agriculture

Hylife continues to invest in rural Manitoba

By Harry Siemens

Pork processor HyLife, headquartered in La Broquerie but with business around the world, earlier this year held an open house to announce the completion of its pork processing facility expansion and upgrade project.

The bulk of its investment focuses on the modernization of the integrated pork processing plant in Neepawa.

On July 5, HyLife opened the brand new feed mill, the second one in Manitoba and a replica of one began several years ago at Randolph.

"We established ourselves here many, many years ago by purchasing some barns and then leasing some finishing barns from producers," said company president Claude Vielfaure of the area. "The reception is always good and they've had faith in us and supported us, and so for us it was just a perfect area, Western Manitoba, to build a feed mill, and build some barns, and raise some pigs. And it's close enough to Neepawa, which makes sense for, transportation-wise, for our hogs. So that whole combination was just a perfect fit."

He said there is nothing extraordinary about the HyLife farm but what they raise on it is what matters. That's why they need the specialized feed mills to provide the special feeding programs used to increase the pigs.

"We do things to get the highest quality pork that we can get. And part of that has a facility that can make that quality feed exactly the way we want it so that our customers and our producers get the best pork possible. And then we sell that internationally, all over the world," said Vielfaure. "It's a combination of things, as far as feeding the right ingredients to get the right colour of fat, the right firmness of fat, the right taste, the right genetics of pigs to have the right marbling. All of that is so important in the program, to be able to produce pork that would be considered one of the best, if not the best in the world."

He said it starts first by selling the quality, and then the requests include different cuts for different countries.

"That's why we invested in our plant in Neepawa and spent a lot of money on machinery and technology that can meet those specs of different customers," Vielfaure said. "Japan has different cuts than Canada, then Korea, then China."

Meeting those demands starts with the company's employees, Vielfaure stressed, noting the business began in the early '80s with the Vielfaure brothers, and then merged with Don Janzen in 1994 to create HyLife.

"The growth of our company is all because of our employees. It's fantastic and they're an integral part," he said. "We hire rural people that are working in the area where our barns are. So they commit to their commu-

nity, and they want to make it better."

When there aren't enough local people, they bring in some immigrants, focusing a lot on the Philippines. The Filipino people integrate so well into the community, Vielfaure said, becoming part of it and making for a perfect balance of everything.

Both the federal and provincial governments also play an essential role in the company's success.

Under the current Conservative relaxing of the building regulations, HyLife could start rebuilding some barns and adding to their infrastructure. This mill wouldn't have happened otherwise, Vielfaure said.

The federal government has also helped on the immigration side, he

noted.

In 2008, when HyLife bought the Neepawa plant, they set out to make it a world-class facility, making Japan their number one market target and getting a Japanese company to invest in HyLife.

"They've opened up some markets for us, and it's been a tremendous strategic relationship with them," Vielfaure said. "We continue to have 100 per cent control of HyLife and Itochu has one or two people that come and work in HyLife to report back to their head office in Japan."

"But running of the company is completely the same team we had before. Everything is the same as the last 25 years."



By Harry Siemens

Trade issues and resulting tensions combined with people in Canada and the United States alike who'd like to see trade issues dominate the media airwaves for whatever reasons continue to demand outcomes on profitability for farmers.

There are countries and segments of each industry that like to float non-monetary trade barriers and irritants to I think support faltering segments and sectors in the hopes the local demand picks up to bolster local prices.

In my opinion, what is going on there is one thing that won't go away: the demand for food, whether in Canada, China or Timbuktu, will not lessen but increase. So we even if isolate certain pockets and those price rise or drop, the amount of food the world continues to consume will only increase.

At the same time, specific sectors of the economy will hurt, and profitability may drop depending on which side you are on.

Demand for food will continue

In that light Farm Credit Canada said recently that trade tensions between the U.S. and China are going to be a net negative for Canadian farmers in 2018.

J.P. Gervais, FCC's chief agricultural economist, said one of the most significant factors affecting profitability is some of the global trade tensions that people had not anticipated earlier in the year.

"For example, on the crop side, a lot of the price declines taking soybeans for example and even some of the grains and corn, a lot of that is the result of how the U.S. relationship with China has evolved," said Gervais. "On that front, the pricing we get here on this side of the border is a function of the trend in the U.S. price but, overall, I think we have a decent outlook for Canadian crops in 2018."

He said for livestock he thinks the second half of 2018 is going to be a little more difficult than the first six months were.

"One of the positive are feed prices coming down for livestock produc-

ers but overall. If you're looking at margins for hogs, for instance, we're looking at some negative margins or barely break even on average for the remainder of the year. That's mostly the result of increasing supply," Gervais said. "If there is an overall theme in the entire ag industry, I'd say this is a trend of growing supply."

"The most positive thing we have going for the Canadian agricultural sector in 2018 and into 2019 is that demand for the commodities that we sell remain extremely strong both domestically and in foreign markets and I think that will allow us to have a decent year in 2018 overall."

Gervais said where these trade tensions are taking us concerning profitability need to be monitored because we saw margins come down going into 2018.

One can develop all kinds of scenarios, but the bottom line is farmers will continue to do what they do best, and that is produce food for the other 98.5 per cent of the people in the world.

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Museum hosts Paleontology 101 this Saturday

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very different teeth from the tylosaur. Tylosaurs have these conical teeth that are very much designed for grabbing hold and crushing.

"These mosasaurs, their teeth are compressed ... these teeth were designed to cut and slice."

Cantelon said the new fossil model will help broaden the museum's mosasaur displays.

"This gives our visitors yet another example mosasaur to look at and differentiate," he said. "They can see the diversity of the species."

PALEONTOLOGY 101

Meanwhile, as the CFDC prepares

to unveil this new attraction, it is also offering a new educational program.

The CFDC's first-ever course on hunting for fossils takes place this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Paleontology 101 will be led by CFDC paleontologist Victoria Mark-

strom and will offer a chance to learn about Manitoba fossils: what they look like, how to find them, and what you can and cannot do if you find one.

"For a long time, we wanted to educate people a little bit more in a more hands-on way about fossils and find-

ing fossils," said Cantelon. "We want to give people the tools to be responsible with fossils."

The course registration of \$20 includes lunch and museum admission. All ages are welcome.

> WALKING CHALLENGE, FROM PG. 21

but the real goal was simply to get people more active, Gouthro stressed. On that front, it was mission accomplished as well.

"It was not a competition to see who walked the most steps. It was about getting people moving," he said, adding it was inspiring to see participants who used the program as a motivator to get up off the couch. "It was neat to

see people out walking.

"We got a lot of positive feedback from everybody," Gouthro said. "We will be doing the challenge again next year."

As further motivation, participants were entered to win one of several prizes, including Fitbits and prize packages from Coffee Culture and Fitwell.

"They were a nice incentive," Gouthro said, thanking the sponsors for their support.

Though the local program is over for now, Gouthro encourages people to look into the many other walking challenges available online at world-walking.org.

take a break > GAMES

SUDOKU

3					9		5	
						4	2	
	1						8	
1		6	4					
		2			3	9		
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	8		5			6		
			1				7	
				2				5

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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5	6	3	8	2	9	1	7	4
8	7	2	4	3	1	5	9	6
4	1	9	7	6	5	3	8	2
2	4	8	9	1	6	7	3	5
1	9	6	3	5	7	2	4	8
7	3	5	2	8	4	9	6	1
3	8	7	5	4	2	6	1	9
6	2	4	1	9	3	8	5	7
9	5	1	9	7	8	4	2	3

Sudoku Answer

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O	G	E				S	T	F	W
S	E	X				N	V	I	S
T	L	E				R	A	V	C
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Crossword Answer

X CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Rated horsepower (abbr.)
4. What a cow says
7. Snake-like fish
8. Spiritual leader
10. Catch
12. Car part
13. Extremely small amount
14. Nucleic acid
16. The Greatest of All Time
17. Lustrous
19. India's least populated district
20. Muckraking journalist Jacob
21. Medicine
25. S. American plant
26. Small amount
27. Dry or withered
29. Where construction takes place
30. Russian river
31. Supervises flying
32. "City of Brotherly Love" native
39. Greeting at meeting
41. Common gibbon
42. Type of TV
43. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
44. Scottish port
45. Computer company
46. One from Asia
48. Former significant others
49. Woven fabrics or garments
50. One's sense of self-esteem
51. The Science Guy
52. Monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

1. "The Leftovers" actress King
2. Epic

1	2	3					4	5	6		
7							8				9
10			11				12				
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17				18			19			20	
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39	40					41				42	
43				44						45	
46			47							48	
49										50	
	51									52	

3. Missouri county
4. Chinese revolutionary
5. Get
6. Ancient Greek coin
8. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
9. Part of the human eye
11. A fisherman's accessory
14. Brazilian state
15. Of a wedding
18. Prosecutor
19. The main constituent of chromosomes
20. Advice
22. Principles of right and wrong
23. Decorate a cake with frosting
24. Headgear

27. New York art district
28. ___ Lilly, drug company
29. Car mechanics group
31. Influential U.S. president
32. Quell the anger
33. Swiss river
34. Personal computer
35. Incline from the vertical
36. Wild goats
37. Assert that someone has done wrong
38. Anti-apartheid leader ___ Mandela
39. Crop of a bird
40. "A Doll's House" playwright
44. Autonomic nervous system
47. Consumed



Kitty-Kat Slimes creator Evan Warkentin, shown here demonstrating his product with Aliya Epp, was one of dozens of vendors to set up shop in Winkler's Bethel Heritage Park last Thursday at the first Market in the Park event. The evening coincided with Paul Bergman's performance for the Concerts in the Park series. The series continues until the end of August. This week's concert, July 26, features the Monochromatics. Next week, Aug. 2, it's the Bare Yogis. Bounce houses and a barbecue hosted by The Bunker starts weekly at 6 p.m. The music begins at 7 p.m.

Music, market in the park



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• YEAR OF THE BIRD

Transequatorial frequent flyer: the Bobolink

By Paul Goossen,
Discovery Nature Sanctuary

Ever been to Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil or Paraguay? One of our feathered friends, the Bobolink, a member of the blackbird family, makes the trip to South America annually.

From the prairies to the pampas, this songbird can travel an astonishing 20,000 km during its roundtrip journey.

For some individuals presumably from eastern USA, it can include a 1,200 km transoceanic flight made in one day! Magnetism and stars are thought to be used by Bobolinks to help aid their navigation.

The Bobolink is about the size of a bluebird. The male's black body is in contrast with its creamy nape, white rump and scapular feathers. Females are buffy with streaks.

Bobolinks arrive in Manitoba during May seeking out their preferred breeding habitats of hayfields, grasslands and alfalfa fields.

Unlike many of our native songbirds, Bobolinks are often found in loose colonies. Males arrive first followed by females about a week later.

The breeding season starts off with intense interactions among males which include numerous chases, displays and even fighting.

To make their presence more visible, males take to the air singing their exuberant and bubbly songs to help establish territories and attract females.

The female alone builds the well-hidden nest which is located on the ground. On average, five eggs are laid and by mid June and into July hungry nestlings eagerly wait for both parents to supply them with nourishing insects.

Family relations are somewhat complex in the Bobolink's world as males often have more than one female and paternity of young is not always sole sourced.

One of the greatest challenges for Bobolinks on the breeding grounds is the loss of adults, eggs and young

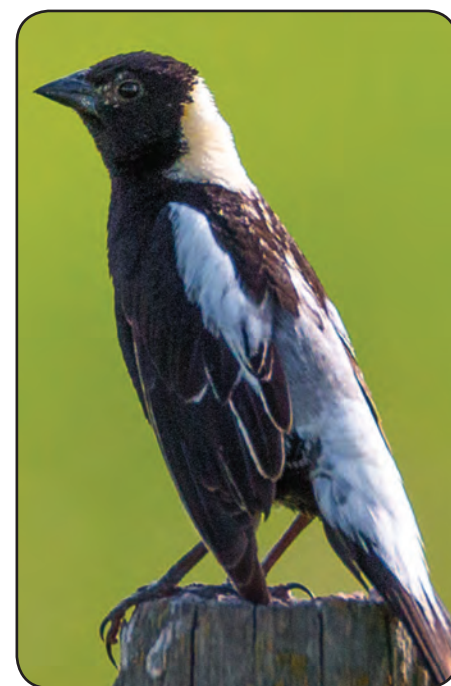
because of haying operations. Early cuts are particularly problematic for the Bobolink as they coincide with the peak of its breeding season. Delaying haying into early July is beneficial to the Bobolink's breeding success.

Other factors which work against the Bobolink include habitat fragmentation, pesticides, habitat loss and trapping in South America for the pet trade.

Although Bobolinks are considered to be a pest species in South America because of their feeding preferences for rice and other grains, they are listed in Canada as threatened because of long-term declines.

Your support for the protection and conservation of grasslands and haylands in southern Manitoba is encouraged to aid the survival of the Bobolink and other grassland birds.

Conservation organizations around the world are marking 2018 as the Year of the Bird in recognition of the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Check out this



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column each month for a snapshot of the diversity of our local feathered friends.

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If you require further details, call Wayne Rempel at (204) 325-4333.

Start date: September 1st

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THE MSTW BY-LAW NO. 1-2018

BEING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MSTW PLANNING DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW NO. 1-2014, as amended.

HEARING

LOCATION: R.M. of Stanley
Council Chamber
1-23111 PTH 14

DATE &

TIME: August 16, 2018
at 7:00pm

GENERAL

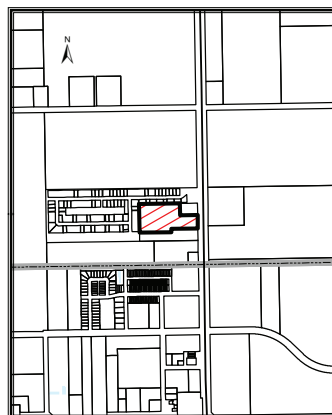
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portion of land
From: Agricultural
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To: Emerging
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AREA: R.M. of Stanley
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CONTACT: Glen Wieler, MSTW General Manager
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Adam: I'm going to go to school...
They want to know what's it like in Heaven...
To let you know that here on earth everything has changed...
Time goes by, this year marks seven...
We know that one day we will all be together again...

-Forever and always,
Sherry

OBITUARY

Audrey Mae McKay (nee Baldwin) 1934 - 2018

Audrey McKay was born on April 2, 1934. She enjoyed growing up on the farm and especially loved horseback riding. She attended the Hazel schools up to grade 9 and recalls riding her horse to school. She also showed horses at the fair with her dad. Audrey married George McKay on October 24, 1952. She was a homemaker and they had six children. In 1986, they moved from Manitou to Morden and later that year in December, her husband passed away. In 1996, she moved from her house to an apartment in Legion House 2. She had a special friend, Jack and together they attended numerous activities until Jack passed away in 2008. She moved into Tabor Home in May 2018. she enjoyed all activities wherever she lived.

She is survived by her family, Loretta (Maurice) Rachul and family, Lillian (Charlie) Hildebrand and family, Georgina (John) Unrau and family and Alex McKay, Deb McKay and family, Muriel McKay and family.

She was predeceased by her husband, George (1986); sons, Jim (2011), John (1998); granddaughter, Marcia (2013); grandson, Cody (2018); great-grandson, Nathaniel (2005) and special friend, Jack (2008).

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 13, 2018 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

A big thankyou to all the caregivers that look after Audrey McKay during her busy life and a thanks to Morris Vincent for being a part of her life and her passing and to Wiebe Funeral Chapel for their services.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Audrey's memory to the Tabor Home Inc.

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OBITUARY



Gerald James Unrau 1966 – 2018

On Sunday, July 8, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre. Gerald Unrau, 51 of Neuenberg, MB went to his eternal rest after a long battle with cancer.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Audrey; daughter, Vanessa (Lyndon) Giesbrecht; two sons, Darin (Michelle) and Colin (Eva) as well as seven grandchildren, one sister, three brothers and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, George and Justina Unrau, two brothers and one sister.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at the Winkler EMMC with interment prior to the service at Neuenberg Cemetery.

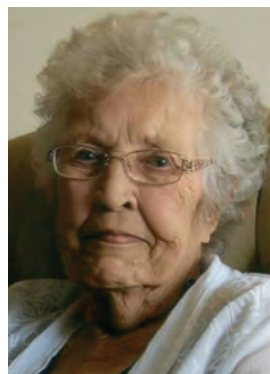
The family would like to thank all those who sent flowers.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Gerald's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to either Palliative Care or Cancer Care.

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OBITUARY



June Muriel Newsom (nee Thomson) 1925 – 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of June Newsom on Saturday, July 7, 2018, with family by her side, at the Tabor Home in Morden, MB.

June lead a remarkable life, much of it devoted to the care of others. One of seven children of Robert and Lillian Thomson, June was born and raised in Miami, MB. As a young woman, she moved to Winnipeg to complete her nurse's training at St. Boniface Hospital, and went on to serve as a registered nurse for the next 25 years, providing care to countless patients at hospitals and nursing homes primarily in Winnipeg. June's life took an unexpected turn in 1969 when her beloved sister, Shirley, died

suddenly, leaving behind eight children aged 2 to 14. June moved to Arnprior, Ontario to care for the family, eventually marrying the children's father, Peter James (Jim) Newsom. Tragedy struck again less than a year after their marriage with the death of Jim. June moved the family to Morden and shouldered the task of raising the children on her own.

June's dedication is remembered with love and gratitude by the Newsom family: Peter (Jackie), Mark (Cheryl), Nancy (Jim), Jamie (Renee), Kathryn (Ward), Andrea (Bob), Donna (Mark), and Amy (Curt). She is survived by all eight adult children; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; as well as by her sister, Mary Ann; many cherished nieces and nephews, and her dear friend, Minnie. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Jim; and her siblings, Enid, Donna, Marion, Shirley and Jim.

We will miss June's sense of humour and wonderful stories, her pragmatism and sound advice, her passion for crossword puzzles, cribbage and Scrabble, and her love of family and friends.

Our thanks to the staffs of Boundary Trails Health Centre, St. Claude Health Centre and Morden Tabor Home who cared so well for June in the last year of her life.

A memorial was held Monday, July 16, 2018 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden, with interment at the Miami Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Bernhard (Ben) Guenter 1954 – 2018

On Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Ben Guenter aged 64 years of Winkler, MB went to his eternal rest.

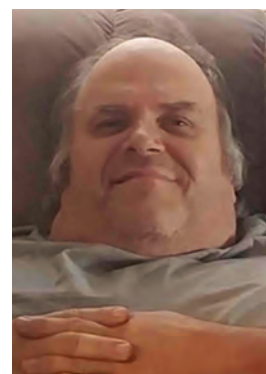
He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Elisabeth; three daughters, Judi, Sarah and Brent Penner, Tena and Matthew Banman as well as six grandchildren and one brother. He was predeceased by his parents, Johan and Maria Guenter; a grandson, Brady and a granddaughter, McKayla.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at the Zion Mennonite Church in Schanzenfeld with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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John (Jack) Wilbert Jacobs 1963 – 2018

It is with heavy hearts, the family of Jack Jacobs are saddened to announce his sudden passing at the Boundary Trails Health Centre on Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

Jack was predeceased by his Dad, Roy Jacobs and his Mom, Viola Jacobs. Jack leaves to mourn his passing, his two sisters: Maxine Lapple (Robert) of Brampton, ON; their children: Alicia Lapple (Michael Arenson) and their daughter, Rose; Rebecca Lapple (friend John Serré) of Brampton, ON; Adam Lapple (Anna-Rose Gagne-Lapple) of London, ON; Darlene Baker (Bob) of Winnipeg, MB; their children: Brent Titchkosky (Kelsey Parisien) of Brandon, MB; Stephanie Sarlakis (Nikolaos) of Winnipeg, MB; Kristen Titchkosky (fiancé Jon Stanners) of Winnipeg, MB. He

remained close with his cousin, Ken Jacobs and his Uncle Bruce and Aunt Bev from Winnipeg and with his cousin and neighbor, Ken McElroy.

Jack was born on February 24, 1963 in Carberry, Manitoba. Jack spent the majority of his life on the Jacobs' family farm at Darlingford, Manitoba. Farming was his life. He loved the country, his cattle and the many cats and dogs. As a young boy and teenager, Jack was involved in hockey and golf. Later he progressed to curling, broomball and keeping score at sporting events. He took every opportunity that he could to be out with his 'team' and having a great time. During his school years, Jack was the 'straight A' student without cracking a book and was the recipient of many high mark and achievement certificates. Jack was also an active participant in school plays and operettas, bellowing out a tune or entertaining us with his humor. One fond memory was of Jack on stage in a lion costume when he portrayed the lion in the Wizard of Oz. Unlike the majority of kids and teenagers, Jack was an early riser and began his morning by watching Canada AM before the school bus arrived. As a young kid, on Saturday evenings, Jack would watch Kinsmen Bingo so he could practice his numbers. Jack was a special man with a gentle spirit and a big heart; referred to often as a big teddy bear. He loved to meet people and visit with them. Meeting Jack was always a warm experience that you would never forget. He was involved in his community and helped out at events or on committees such as the Darlingford Hall, the Pool Elevator and the Darlingford Memorial Park. Jack was the 'big' brother and the 'little' brother. He helped and supported his sisters whenever he could. He always made it a point to ask what was happening in his sisters' lives. Jack was also genuinely curious as to what his nieces and nephews and their significant others were up to. In Jack's later life, he made the decision to expand his family and took the courageous step of looking up his birth parents. He was able to connect with his birth mother, the late Shirley Gross and his two half-brothers, Jason (Shannon) and Jeff (Danielle) and their sons. As Jack's health deteriorated, he watched a variety of sports with the same passion as he did when he participated. As it became more difficult for Jack to stay on the family farm, he made the decision to move to Morden. He was blessed in finding a welcoming community on Evergreen Drive where there was always a friendly face to say hello to, someone to stop in and have a short visit with, or to join him in a game of crib. Jack was never in want for a home cooked meal as his neighbors scooped him into their loving embrace and made him a part of their families too. Jack was a farmer and had the personality of a farmer. Everyone was a friend or had the potential to be a friend. He always made time to talk and connect with people wherever he was. He cultivated relationships and he left a wide swath of friends. Jack's family and friends will miss him greatly.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2018 at St. Paul's United Church with ash interment at the Darlingford Cemetery.

In recognition of Jack's dedication to the Darlingford Memorial Park, if friends and family so desire, donations will be accepted for the Darlingford Memorial Park, Box 46 RR#1 Darlingford, MB R0G 0L0.

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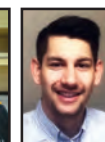
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