



By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum was a hopping place last weekend, as hundreds came out to enjoy the heritage village's 47th annual Reunion Days celebrations Aug. 28-29.

Amidst all the time-honoured Reunion Days activities—countless hands-on demonstrations of pioneer life, tours of the museum's many historical buildings, tractor parades, home cooking courtesy of the Valley Harvest Maids, and evening musical entertainment—a highlight this year was Saturday afternoon's ribbon cutting for the Elias Seed Farm elevator, which was moved to the Hwy. 3 museum's grounds last winter and was only opened to the public last weekend. The elevator had been a landmark for rural families living south of Winkler for over 70 years, standing as it did on the Elias family farm at Eichenfeld near Haskett since 1943.

With the death of "Barley King" George G. Elias in 2012 and the subsequent sale of the farm by his

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Journey for Justice makes a stop at Winkler MCC

By Ashleigh Viveiros

MCC Manitoba executive director Ron Janzen hit the highways of Manitoba with his trusty bicycle last week for the third annual Thrift Store Re-Cycle: Journey for Justice tour.

Janzen biked over 600 kilometres in seven days to visit every one of MCC's 16 thrift stores in the province.

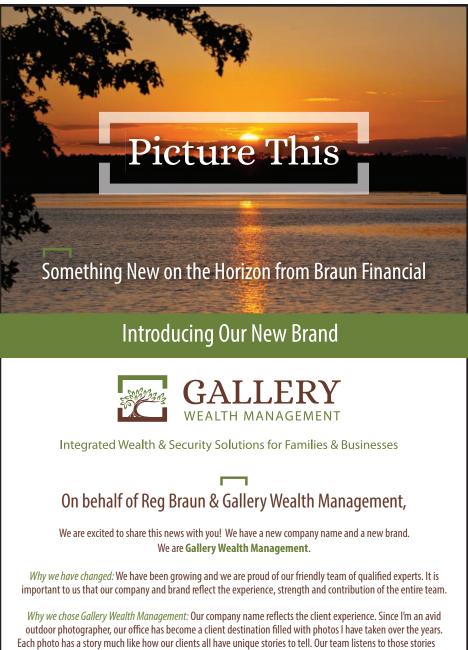
The cycling odyssey raised funds and awareness for the charitable agency's restorative justice programs, with each thrift store donating an average of one day's sales to the cause.

That donation was slated to be doubled by an anonymous donor at week's end, raising the total amount raised to approximately \$50,000. Though MCC is often most known for its global relief efforts, its programs closer to home are no less important, Janzen said at the Winkler celebration on Aug. 25.

"People aren't all that aware of MCC's restorative justice programs and I think they appreciate hearing about it," he said. "So that's part of the ride, to focus a bit on what we do right here in Manitoba."

Working with partner agency Initiatives for Just Communitie, MCC reaches out to Manitobans living with a variety of challenges to help them become productive members of society.

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which works with high-risk offenders after their release from prison; Touchstone, a program that provides guidance and structure for individuals living with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder; the El'dad Ranch, which provides support for those with intel-

lectual disabilities; and the Open Circle prison visitation program.

"It's a principle of MCC's that we speak to needs here at home as well as overseas . . . to make an impact on the world right around us, as well as far away," Janzen said, stressing that forgiveness acts as a guiding concept for many of

these programs, especially those that work to reintegrate former criminals into their communities.

Gail Schellenberg, executive director of Initiatives for Just Communities, says these programs are changing lives and communities.

"It's hard to know just how many people have been affected . . . and it

ripples—it's not just the person, it's the family and it's the community" that reap the benefits, she said, adding that many of these rehabilitation efforts have been operating for decades.

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alive," Schellenberg said, stressing that events like the Journey for Justice tour go a long way toward doing just that."The funding is really important for us. For the El'dad and our Touchstone program, we get some government funding . . . but for

our Open Circle and COSA, we rely on donations in order to keep it going, so this is a crucial event. MCC is a crucial funder for us."

Initiatives for Just Communities is always looking for volunteers. If you'd like to learn how you can get involved, find them online at www. initiativesjc.org.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE MCC Manitoba executive director Ron Janzen with Initiatives for Just Communities executive director Gail Schellenberg at the Winkler stop of Janzen's 600 km Journey for Justice tour last week.

Morden to mark Queen's record-setting reign

"IT IS A BIG DEAL,

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By Lorne Stelmach

Queen Elizabeth is more than living up to the line in *God Save The Queen* that prays for her to

"long reign over us." The 89-year-old is about to surpass the record set by her great, great grandmother Queen Vic-

toria as the longest serving monarch in modern history. On Sept. 9, Queen Elizabeth's reign

overtakes Victoria's record of 63 years, seven months and two days, setting off celebrations throughout the Commonwealth, including right here in Morden.

"I think it is significant to a lot of

people in this area," said Maurice Butler, who was asked to help spearhead a local ceremony to mark the milestone.

> Butler said a request came from the Monarchist League of Canada to over 1,500 communities across Canada.

They want as many communities as possible to take a brief moment—just 15 minutes or so—on Sept. 9 at noon to recognize and honour the queen and her achievement.

"It will be coast to coast including the Northwest Territories," Butler

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Maurice and Linda Butler standing among some of the various monarchy memorabilia in their Morden home along with an official portrait of Queen Elizabeth, who will be honoured at a ceremony Sept. 9 when she becomes the longest serving monarch in modern history.



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Left: Sisters Sylvia Josse and **Shirley Unger** at the desk of their father, George Elias, which is now on display at the **Elias Seed Farm** elevator that was relocated to the Pembina Threshermen's Museum earlier this year. Right: A ribbon cutting for the building was held on Saturday.

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> ELIAS ELEVATOR, FROM PG. 1

family, the question of what to do with the towering cleaning plant he had built was solved with the sale of the building to PTM for just \$1, ensuring it could be toured and appreciated by future generations.

Elias' daughters Sylvia Josse and Shirley Unger said their father would have been honoured to see a piece of his life's work preserved in this way.

"I believe that if he had been here there would have been tears in his eyes," said Unger. "His dream come true."

That said, their father likely never imagined that the entire grain elevator would be up and moved several kilometres north to a new home at the museum.

"He had a dream that a legacy would be left for the family and for others, for the community," noted Unger. "But he never mentioned that it would be moved."

"He did, in later years when he was talking about legacy, he did mention ... whether the museum would be interested in some of his things," added Josse. "So he had thought about the museum, but on a much smaller scale."

The elevator now houses a number of those artifacts Elias would have been considering donating, including photos of the elevator staff at work and the desk from which he oversaw the operation's business affairs.

Elias, who ran the family farm alongside wife Martha, was known as the Barley King for his decades-long agricultural career, in which he specialized in the seed trade business, winning a number of national ag awards along the way.

Aside from being an ideal place for a game of hide-and-seek—Unger fondly pointed out that the perfect spot was a now blocked-off alcove upstairs—the Elias sisters recall that the elevator was always at the centre of their family's business, cleaning up to 1,000 bushels a day at the height of its use.

"IT HAS A HISTORY—AND NOT JUST A FAMILY HISTORY BUT A LOCAL HISTORY—INCLUDED IN THAT BUILDING"

"A lot of the activity of the farm at the time I was growing up was in and out of here and the structure that was next door to it," Josse said. "This was the central part of where things happened ... the elevator definitely was key and just always on the go."

Considering the impact he had on the local agricultural industry for so many years, the Elias family are proud to know that George Elias' memory will live on at PTM in the form of the elevator.

"It's just truly wonderful," Josse said. "There's so much hard work that has gone into making this really, really happen. I had my doubts, but it has new life."

"Others can enjoy it in other ways now, and hopefully people will be able to get a sense for what the history, what the elevator was all about," she added." It will help children to understand what some of the farming prac-



tices were, in addition to machinery."

Moving the elevator to the museum last February was a truly monumental task, and one that extended into the months following as volunteers worked to make the building safe for visitors, says PTM board chair Howard Thiessen.

"Things have fallen into place, things have worked out better than what we might have anticipated," he said. "We were all new at moving this kind of a facility from where it was to here. There were obstacles all the way along the process ... getting it here, the condition it was in."

The value of adding such a landmark to the museum's villagesized collection of heritage buildings made overcoming such obstacles worth it, though.

"It has a history—and not just a family history but a local history—included in that building,"Thiessen said. "The history of the seed business and the growing of the foodstuffs and all that kind of thing, it's there and it's part of where we are, where we came from."

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum is by no means done for the season just yet—they remain open through to the end of September. For more information on hours and admission prices, check them out online at www.threshermensmuseum.com.

> QUEEN ELIZABETH, FROM PG. 3

said."It is a big deal, even though it is a small event." The Morden ceremony will take place at City Hall next Wednesday at noon, and will include a brief ceremony, Butler said, including greetings from Mayor Ken Wiebe, a singing of the national anthem and *God Save The Queen*, and the reading of a letter that was sent to Buckingham Palace from Morden congratulating the Queen on the occasion.

"We don't know what kind of numbers we will attract to this event because we don't know how many monarchists and loyalists there are out there," Butler said. "But when we had our book signing when the Queen reached her Diamond Jubilee we had close to 100 people."

New outdoor workout park installed

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

Winkler residents have a new gym, of sorts, to get their exercise in at.

The city recently installed outdoor exercise equipment at a new park beside the Pine Ridge Skate Plaza on 15th St.

The wheelchair-accessible workout site includes many different types of equipment for stretching and strengthening exercises, as well as instructions and diagrams on how to use each piece of equipment.

The equipment uses the user's own body weight as resistance and was purchased through a grant given to the City of Winkler by the Chronic Disease Prevention Initiative of South Health-Santé Sud.

"We've had the equipment housed for a long time and had a hard time deciding where to put it," says Winkler parks and recreation director Rick Denison, who notes that they picked the current site because of its easy access to the nearby walking trails, baseball diamonds, and other Parkland recreational offerings.

"This area is very expandable," says Denison, adding that in the future they are hoping to add other outdoor entertainment to that area, like basketball, beach volleyball, and tennis courts and an outdoor hockey rink.

"We're hoping it will become more



PHOTO BY EMILY-ANN DOERKSEN/VOICE

Several pieces of outdoor workout equipment have been installed in a new park beside the Pine Ridge Skate Plaza on 15th St. in Winkler.

popular in the future," he says, noting they also hope to add additional workout equipment—like a stationary mimic of cross-country skiis, for example—in the future.

Police remind drivers to slow down in school zones

It's time to slow down in school zones again.

Local police are reminding residents that with the new school year starting next week, as of Sept. 1, reduced speed zones take effect once again.

In addition to regular patrols, police will be partnering with MPI specifically to focus on providing additional enforcement in school zones. The goal is to see an accident-free school year, police say.

Other notable items in the most recent weekly police reports from Winkler and Morden include:

• Two Mordenites came away from a domestic dispute facing assault charges last week.

The charges stem from an incident Aug. 27 when police were called to a home around 3 p.m.

Police say a woman went to her common-law husband's home to retrieve some belongings when they got into an argument. They began pushing and shoving, and the man threw a remote control, narrowly missing the woman. He then grabbed her by the arms and slammed her against the wall. Police were told the woman then grabbed a video game controller and hit her partner in the arm to get away.

The man, however, claimed she had walked into his house uninvited and then struck him with a controller.

As a result, the 34-year-old male from Morden was charged with assault with a weapon and breach of recognizance, while the 33-year-old female, also from Morden, was also charged with assault with a weapon and unlawfully being in a dwelling house.

• Shortly after 3 a.m. on Aug. 24, Winkler police were called by a shift worker who came out to his vehicle to find someone had kicked a dent into a quarter panel, broken several light lenses, and let the air out of the tires.

• Also on Aug. 24, this time in Morden, police were called to an accident at 6th Street and Wardrop Street. A vehicle heading north on 6th Street failed to stop at the



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three-day canoe trip every summer with Boy Scouts.

In the summer over a weekend we would marshal our canoes on the Saugeen River at Walkerton, Ontario and make our way to the port of Southampton and majes-

tic Lake Huron. This canoe trip went with the current and so, while hard work, we

paddling for while we were still moving forward.

would

On occasion we paddle

against the current to head back upstream to visit with friends. On those occasions we could not stop paddling. We had to relentlessly work to move. If we stopped for a little to rest in a slow moving section of the river we would immediately lose ground and go backwards.

Life can be a lot like this ... we are moving along this river at varying speeds but there is always a little resistance ... a little current against which we must press. When we stop to rest we start sliding backwards.

At this point I will stop to say that there isn't anything necessarily wrong with this. What is important, however, is to be aware of this phenomenon that happens with individuals, groups, families, faith communities, organizations, festivals, cities, etc.

As a person or a family, drifting a bit with the current to see where it will take you can be a good exercise and open up new opportunity and insight.

As a business or some other mission driven entity, however, drifting is never a good thing because there is nothing intentional about it and you can quickly lose sight of where you are and where you were going.

There are some who believe that once they have reached their goals

they can simply maintain and allow their momentum to carry them along. The problem with this is that there is no such this as maintain. The second you stop intentionally moving forward and striving to achieve goals the current begins to pull you backward. This is why new goals must always be waiting in the hopper once the old ones have been achieved.

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For organizations there are real consequences for putting things on autopilot: customers get bored; revenue/ visitation starts to flat-line and eventually drop; complaints increase; staff and volunteers begin to sense stagnation and become stagnant in kind, leading to increased turn-over and loss of people; motivation drops and attention to detail and service levels fall as a result.

As people we call this state the rut. "He's in a rut," we say. We call it a rut because it is difficult to get out of once we are in it. It takes much more effort/energy and resources to reverse backward momentum than

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> POLICE REPORT, FROM PG. 5

intersection and collided with a vehicle heading east on Wardrop.

The driver of one of the vehicles sustained injuries to an arm and was taken to Boundary Trails Health Centre for observation.

• In Winkler, a resident of Park St. reported her husband's car had been stolen from their driveway sometime overnight on Aug. 25.

As well, she reported a second vehicle on the yard had been rummaged through, although nothing had been stolen from it.

The stolen vehicle, a 2001 black Honda Civic, has a large decal on the back window that says "J-Nan Concrete." To date, the vehicle has not been recovered.

That same day, a second Park Street resident reported her vehicle was rummaged through, with numerous documents from it found

to slowly and constantly continue to build it forward.

Back to canoeing. When we would arrive at our destination and the awesomeness of Lake Huron would unfold before us and stretch to the horizon, we would often drift a bit out into the lake and then make our way to shore, pack up our things, load the canoes onto the trailer and head home with thoughts of coming back next year.

We can do this as well: it's called closing the business, shutting down the organization or festival, shuttering the facility.

It is true sometimes things do need to die so that new things can be reborn in their place. But make no mistake: you cannot put your business or organization on pause and come back in a year expecting to find it in the same shape; you cannot sit back and assume your momentum will carry you, because if you do, before you know it, there won't be anything there.



strewn about the yard. Anyone having information re-

garding these incidents is asked to call the Winkler Police Service at 204-325-9990.

• On August 27, the Youth for Christ building in Morden was the target of vandalism overnight. Staff arrived to work and noticed a hole in a window to one of the offices.

• On August 28, a vehicle parked on a yard on Mountain St. in Morden had the windshield damaged.

The owner returned home around 3 p.m. to find the windshield of their 2002 Chevrolet Venture van smashed by a rock. It had happened sometime in the last two days.

Anyone with information on the incident can call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



By Peter Cantelon

Bergen rallies the Conservative troops

By Lorne Stelmach

There are a number of reasons why incumbent Candace Bergen will have Elton Dunseath's vote in the upcoming federal election.

They are both personal for the Winkler resident as well as in general favoring the policies of the federal Conservative government.

"I think a balanced budget is important and the economy is important," he commented at an Aug. 25 rally at Bergen's headquarters in Winkler.

Dunseath echoed the Conservative party's message that suggests a Liberal or NDP government would spend more and increase taxes.

"I don't want to see our country leave a big debt for our kids and grandchildren. I want the debt paid off," said Dunseath, who also praised some of the initiatives of the Conservative government such as the fact "as a senior citizen ... I can split my pension with my wife."

It is that kind of feedback that encourages Bergen when she is going door-to-door across the riding in the ongoing election campaign, she told her supporters at the rally.

Bergen also stressed that she is not taking the election for granted and is working hard to convince voters they should give her another term in office.

"We're running a full campaign ... we're door knocking," she said, noting that the additions of communities like Morris and the surrounding rural area to the Portage-Lisgar riding means"we have a big riding to cover." Bergen reiterated the Conservative campaign theme that this election is





PHOTOS BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Incumbent Candice Bergen held a campaign rally at her Winkler offices last week, taking time to share her vision for another term in office and meet-and-greet with her supporters (left).

about leadership and who can best lead the country through some uncertain times.

And she stressed that the economy is the most important issue in the campaign, targeting the Liberals and NDP for big spending promises.

"Whether it's the Liberals or NDP, they're both interested in big government spending ... all their spending has not been costed," she said. "Conservatives fundamentally believe that your dollar is better in your pockets ... not in big government coffers."

Bergen encouraged her supporters that "we all have to stand up very strongly for what we believe."

"We're not only strong on the economy, we're strong on the safety and security of Canadians. We're strong on compassionate benefits," she stressed. "Canada will not remain the great country it is unless we keep those values strong ... work hard for Canada ... and we make sure we don't go back." most visible candidate in the Morden-Winkler area by far, she's up against at least three challengers for the Portage-Lisgar seat.

Taking up the Liberal banner is Ken Werbiski, a newcomer to politics who works in the health care field as a licensed practical nurse.

Representing the Green Party is Beverly Eert, a Rossendale resident who is a member of the Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association and has had careers in both music and architecture.

Finally, standing for the Christian Heritage Party once again is Jerome Dondo, a St. Claude accountant who specializes in working with First Nation reserves. Dondo placed fifth in the 2011 election with 2.3 per cent of the vote.

The NDP had not declared a candidate for Portage-Lisgar as of press time.

Check out next week's *Voice* for our full profiles of all the local candidates for the Oct. 19 election.

While Bergen has thus far been the

Test drive a Ford in support of Imagination Library

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Been thinking about getting a new vehicle or maybe just test-driving the latest Ford has to offer?

Why not do it when it'll do a local charity some good?

The Winkler Imagination Library is teaming up with Hometown Service for a Drive4UR Community Drive a Ford Event, where every test drive earns the early childhood literacy program \$20.

"The Imagination Library is a very good cause that goes a long ways toward helping literacy in school by getting kids in the habit of reading before they start school," says Hometown's Carl Derksen. "It's a great cause and we wanted to support it."

The Imagination Library currently has 749 pre-school age children receiving free monthly books in the mail to foster their love of reading. Another 40 kids are on the waiting list.

The Drive a Ford event could raise up to \$6,000 for the project, which takes a big bite out of the Imagination Library's annual campaign to raise the \$48,000 needed annually to cover operating expenses, says chair Joyce Sawatzky.

"We appreciate any support we can get," she says, noting the positive feedback and outpouring of donations the program has received from the community since launching a year ago has been overwhelming.

To support the project, stop by Winkler Elementary School parking lot on Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 4:30-8:30 p.m and sign-up to take a no-obligation test drive of one of the eight vehicles on hand. "We'll have a variety of models cars, trucks, SUVs," Derksen says.

Only one test drive is eligible per family. Drop-ins are more than welcome, though organizers do need at least 250 people to commit to a scheduled test drive for the event to happen, so email Sawatzky at winklerimaginationlibrary@gmail.com if you'd like to confirm your attendance.

Volunteers will also be hosting a fundraising hot dog barbecue that evening. They invite everyone to come out to learn more about the Imagination Library.

Steeltech Inc. up for provincial MBiz Award

By Lorne Stelmach

Tougher national rules on environmental protection became a bit of a game changer for a business like Steeltech.

Stricter emission limits posed a challenge, which became a real opportunity for the Winkler firm, according to manager Ryan Friesen.

"It becomes a little more restrictive, but it also gives our company a real opportunity because we've developed some of the cleanest woodburning technology in North America for sure, possibly even the world," Friesen said last week.

"It's given us a lot of opportunity ... and we're seeing a lot of opportunities coming to fruition right now. We're using that as a jumping board for developing other very exciting products."

It is that kind of attitude and initiative that helped earn Steeltech a nomination for the annual Manitoba Chambers of Commerce MBiz awards last month.

The company is nominated in the category for outstanding long-term achievement for business in Manitoba alongside Encore Business Solutions of Winnipeg and Big Dollar Corporation out of Selkirk.

Steeltech's path to success has been through the manufacturing of outdoor wood furnaces that burn wood and coal to heat water, which is then used to create a heating source.

It is basically utilizing a fuel source



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Steeltech manager Ryan Friesen says the company is honoured to have been nominated for a 2015 Manitoba Chambers of Commerce MBiz Award.

that is normally readily available, while leaving you with no electric or gas heating bill associated with it.

Friesen said they have greatly benefitted from the growing movement towards cleaner and more efficient technologies.

"I've been here for 10 years and the industry has grown immensely since then. It was a growing industry even prior to when I started," he said. "So for us to get in when it was growing like that has helped us to grow."

And Steeltech has, indeed, grown

significantly since it was started in 2001 by Friesen's father, Jake, and his business partner Ben Wall.

"They started as the only employees in a small shop that they rented ... and gradually grew the business," said Friesen.

They moved into a new shop in Winkler's industrial area in 2006 and "thought this shop would be all that we ever needed ... within a year, we bought the shop next to us as well."

They now employ 35 people, but the two families still own the business and remain very much involved.

"It is really and truly a family-run business. I think both families are really close," said Friesen, suggesting it does bring an extra level of commitment and dedication to the company.

"It's the willingness to go the extra mile for customers and getting things done. Absolutely, it helps."

Friesen said he remains optimistic about the business's potential for even more growth in the future.

"I'm really excited about where we're at right now ... a place where we're just getting ready to really see massive growth."

"There's opportunity we have in the U.S. ... we are already starting to take advantage of it for developing some exciting products to open brand new markets," he said. "And we're getting interest from overseas. So there's a lot of things that are happening."

As for the nomination for the provincial business award, Friesen said they were surprised when they even won a local business award in Winkler in recent years.

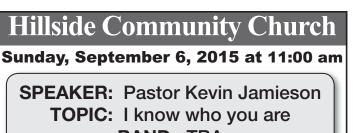
"We're not out looking for recognition, but it is an honour to be thought of. I would say I was more surprised by it than anything," he said. "There's a lot of great companies in Winkler, in the area, and in Manitoba that could be thought of as among some of the best."

The MBiz Awards will be handed out October 28 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre in Winnipeg.

Pembina Valley Challenge is on this weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

If you are out and about across the Pembina Valley this weekend, chances are you're going to encounter teams of people tackling an array of fun and weird challenges. The Pembina Valley Challenge returns for another year



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Sept. 5-6, with 32 teams already registered to take part in advance of the Sept. 4 cut-off deadline.

"The numbers are similar to what they were last year for the teams," said race director Carly Stockford, noting they may get a few last-minute teams signing-up on Friday before things get underway Saturday from Morris.

It's going to a fun weekend of exploring all the Pembina Valley has to offer, Stockford said, adding that they've added a few new locations and challenges to keep the race fresh for returning participants.

"I'm really excited about all the new challenges and having a new community ... with St. Claude coming on board," she said."We have a bunch of new businesses as well. And we have at least a couple new teams as well, so it's going to be fun." Organized through Pembina Valley Central Plains Tourism, the event has become a popular annual end of the summer rite for those involved, many of whom keep coming back year

after year.

This local version of television's Amazing Race happens every Labour Day weekend all across the region, with last year's race attracting over 150 participants from across Manitoba.

For the tourism association, the race continues to provide an important platform to showcase the nine communities and about 80 businesses and non-profit organizations involved.

Each day, teams will have several communities to race to and within, and these communities will have multiple businesses or locations that host challenges-both physical and mental-for racers to tackle.

At the end of the weekend, the team with the most challenge points will win the grand cash prize of \$1,000.

If you'd like to put together a last-minute team to take part, check out pembinavalleycentralplainstourism.com/amazing-race for registration information.

A&W's Cruisin' to End MS raises \$2,000

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

Last week Thursday, Winkler's A&W joined together with its sister restaurants across Canada to help raise money to fight MS by hosting the seventh annual Cruisin' To End MS fundraiser.

A dollar from every Teen Burger sold on that day went directly to the MS Society of Canada for research.

A&W is the largest donor to the MS Society and this year Winkler's location played a big part in helping to support it.

"We are proud to say that we will be sending \$2,000 to the MS Society from our little store, doing Winkler and the Pembina Valley proud," said owner Steve Hollins after the busy day.

Over the past six years A&Ws across Canada have raised \$6.5 million for the MS Society, Hollins noted.

"The Pembina Valley is really rising up to fight this disease, as MS seems to focus on our home more than others," he said, adding that the customers were very generous with both their purchases and donations, dropping everything from \$10 to \$200 into the pot.

MS affects more people in Canada than in any other country in the world, Hollins explained, and Southern Manitoba has highest concentration per capita in the nation, making last week's fundraiser one that hits



PHOTO BY EMILY-ANN DOERKSEN/VOICE Winkler's A&W served up hundreds of Teen Burgers last Thursday during their Cruisin' to End MS Day, raising \$2,000 for the MS Society.

very close to home for many people. "We all look forward to the day when MS no longer troubles our home and our friends," Hollins said. "Thank you to all of you that contributed to fighting this disease, and to the team members at Winkler's A&W for their hard work."

Lace up for the Parkinson's SuperWalk Sept. 19

By Lorne Stelmach

Murray Smith saw Parkinson's gradually take its toll on his wife Myrna over an eight year period of time.

And now, after she passed away in 2010, Smith has a brother who is just starting to deal with the disease.

His motivation for wanting to stay involved with the local support group in Morden then is evident.

"You cope as best you can," Smith commented recently as local supporters prepared for the Morden SuperWalk in support of Parkinson's Sept. 19.

"You keep going. You just do what you have to do," he said of the challenge of living with the disease and being a caregiver.

"The doctors help. The support group helps because you see people who are in the same situation as you are ... maybe a little worse, maybe a little better ... but you're not alone. That's the main thing about the support group."

Smith's wife was diagnosed while they lived in B.C. in 2002. In 2006, they moved back to Manitoba, where he had grown up in Snowflake.

They had been involved with a support group in B.C. and when in Manitoba joined the one in

Morden.

After his wife's death, Smith remained involved with the group, helping to organize the meetings and get people to attend while also still participating himself.

Smith said it was tough to see the decline happen with his wife, who until her retirement had been actively involved in helping run two car dealerships.

"It progressed slowly. And in the last few years, between the disease and all the medications she was taking, it affected her mind," he recalled. "I think she handled something like \$55 or \$60 million a year. And the last year she was alive she couldn't sit down and balance her own cheque book."

MOTIVATED TO HELP

The disease continues to impact many people, which is why people like Lenore Laverty are motivated to spearhead the annual SuperWalk.

The event was first held in Morden in 2003 and has become well-established here since then.

"We have a pretty low key event. We just get together and go walk, no big bells and whistles, but we're there to



raise some money and provide that show of support," Laverty said.

Last year, the Morden walk raised over \$37,000, and it has consistently seen upwards of 120 people involved.

"It was really surprising ... for many years we had a pretty stable number of participants ... and last year we had more than 150

participants, which was a big jump for us," said Laverty. "So it will be interesting to see what happens this year."

"One thing that has consistently happened for us is that we have raised more funds every year. Each year, we think maybe that is as much as we'll ever do, and every year we surpass our total. So it's fantastic."

The walk gives participants the option of tackling two or five kilometre routes through the city, with registration starting at 9 a.m. and the walk getting underway at 10 a.m. from the Morden Mennonite Church. Information is available in a number of locations around town, but people can also go online to the Parkinson's Society of Manitoba website.

"It really is a family event where people rally around somebody that they know who has Parkinson's," said Laverty. "We have a number of teams

that have always come out to Morden and been pretty strong."

"I think that is the biggest part," she added."That you're walking for someone that you know and really get together and provide that moral support for people."

For his part, Smith continues to recognize the importance of having that kind of support, which is why he continues to offer his time to whoever may need it.

"The biggest reason I think maybe is just so I can a little

something back," he said, adding that he'd like to let people currently dealing with the disease know they are not alone. "If anybody who is a caregiver wants to talk to me, I'll be glad to talk to them ... for moral support if nothing else."

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"WE'RE THERE TO RAISE SOME MONEY AND PROVIDE THAT SHOW OF SUPPORT."



Playhouse raffle raises over \$14K for Katie Cares



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE Grandeur Housing's Jeff Enns (far left) and Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer congratulate playhouse raffle winner Travis Bluhm last week.

Fashion show tix on sale

Tickets for the Katie Cares 2015 Fashion Show go on sale today, Sept. 3, and they're expected to sell out fast.

The 460 or so tickets to last year's charity event sold out in just 12 hours, says organizer Ruth Reimer.

"So get your tickets early," she urges."Because of the amount of response that we've had, I anticipate them going very, very quickly again this year."

This year's show once again takes place at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60.

On the line-up are fashions from seven area stores, a dance performance from the DanceWorks Celtic dance group, an array of desserts, dozens of silent auction packages to bid on, and a chance to hear more about the work Katie Cares is doing in the community.

"We will be showcasing Katie Cares in a light that people have never seen before," Reimer says. "We don't have a guest speaker this year because we wanted to showcase Katie Cares, show you what we do, what we're all about, how we use the money that has been donated to us."

The funds raised from the event will go towards the Katie's Cottage respite home Katie Cares in the midst of building on a lot just east of the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

The home and the fashion show are both realizations of the dreams of Reimer's daughter, Kaitlyn, who founded Katie Cares before her death in 2012.

"This was Kaitlyn's dream. She wanted a night for moms and daughters to come out," she says, noting this is the fourth annual fashion show and they strive to improve it every year. "We're just working hard to present a really good show."

For tickets, call 204-325-5050 or 204-362-1173.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The winner of the second of two Grandeur Housing playhouses built in support of Katie Cares was picked last week.

Mordenite Travis Bluhm's name was drawn from the hundreds of tickets sold over Corn and Apple Festival weekend, winning him the 100 square foot playhouse built by Grandeur volunteers.

"I figured it's going to a good cause," said Bluhm on why he picked up a ticket.

Not having kids of his own, Bluhm isn't quite sure what he'll do with his prize.

"It might just be a man-cave right now," he said, laughing.

When combined with the \$7,200 raised from the raffle of the first playhouse over Winkler Harvest Festival

weekend, the two playhouse draws brought in \$14,170 for Katie's Cottage, the respite home slated to be built by Boundary Trails Health Centre later this year.

Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer said she was blown away by the community's support for the raffle.

"People are excited about Katie's Cottage coming," she said. "They see the need."

Reimer also lauded Grandeur, who has come on board as the builder for the home, for going above and beyond in their support of this project.

"It's been such a cool project to work on with Grandeur," Reimer said. "They're such a community-minded business and we are just honoured that they asked us to be part of their project and couldn't say enough thank-yous to them and to Travis and to everyone else that bought a ticket."

Citizen of the Year nom deadline nears

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Time is running out to nominate someone you think worthy for the 2015 Winkler Citizen of the Year Award.

Winkler Community Foundation executive director Myra Peters reminds Winklerites that the Sept. 14 deadline for this year's award nomination is fast approaching.

Though they've received a few inquiries, Peters said last week that they had yet to receive any nominations for the honour.

"But that's very typical for this time of year . . . this last push is always the most important," she says. "There are so many potential candidates. We encourage people to take the time to nominate someone."

The Citizen of the Year Award recognizes an individual that has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year or has given an outstanding service over a number of years to our community over and above their normal employment duties.

The recipient is chosen by the WCF awards committee and honoured at the Citizen of the Year Award gala in October. At that time, they also receive a \$1,000 grant to award to the charity of their choice.

The award is our community's way of saying thanks to the people who make Winkler the great city it is, Peters says.

"There's so many people that have really impacted the community and made Winkler what it is," she says. "This is an opportunity to say thank you to these individuals and an opportunity for the community to say thank you for what they've done."

Nomination forms and criteria are available on the Winkler Community Foundation website (located at www. winklercommunityfoundation.com) or in the foundation office located in City Hall.

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ACU wraps up summer with Movie in the Park

Hundreds of families came out to celebrate the end of summer with Access Credit Union last week, as the financial institution hosted its annual Movie in the Park in Winkler, Morden, and Altona. A giant inflatable screen was set up at Winkler's Parkland and in Morden Park to show the Disney animated movie Big Hero 6. The evening also included face

painting, ball throws, bouncy houses, and colouring stations. This year, all the money raised from the sale of drinks to go along with the free popcorn went to a worthy local charity. As a result, nearly \$460 was raised for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard, while in Morden just over \$340 was raised for Donate Love.

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Anne Murray tribute show in Winkler Sept. 23



SUPPLIED PHOTO Laura Gillespie brings her Anne Murray tribute show to Winkler later this month.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Canadian music icon Anne Murray has been off the touring circuit for nearly a decade, but an upcoming tribute show is bringing her music back to her fans live.

B.C. singer Laura Gillespie brings Murray's decades of hits to the stage in *Snowbird: A Tribute to Anne Murray,* which comes to the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler on Sept. 23.

For Gillespie, the show is a chance to pay homage to an artist that holds a special place in her heart.

"This show started a few years ago, really, when my mom passed away. She was a huge fan, and so was I, growing up in Nova Scotia," she says, noting that Murray, who is also from the eastern province, has been a constant presence in her life through her music."It was something that I always had a passion for ... it just seemed like it would be a great thing to do. She's done so many amazing things."

Indeed, Murray was the first Canadian female solo artist to hit number one on the American Billboard charts and the first to sell a gold record in both Canada and the U.S. She won 24 Juno Awards and four Grammys in her 40 year career, which included selling over 53 million albums and getting 33 number one hit singles.

Gillespie has worked hard to recreate not just Murray's distinctive sound but also her mannerisms on stage.

"When my mom died she had a boxset of Anne Murray CDs and I just listened to them over and over again. I used to always sing along with them as a kid, too, but now I was listening to them non-stop, drilling them all into my head."

"Then I started watching all the videos. She's not really a big mover on stage, actually," Gillespie says, laughing and adding she has to tone down some of her natural inclination to go big on stage when she's playing the role of the iconic songstress. "It is a huge challenge. She's just got an amazing voice and it is always such a compliment when people say that I do sound like her."

Gillespie has yet to meet Murray herself, but got the highest com-

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pliment possible from the singer's brother and sister-in-law after a show.

"They were absolutely floored and loved it," she says."They told me I did her proud, and that meant the world to me."

So, too, are the compliments that come from Murray's legions of dedicated fans, many of whom credit the tribute show with bringing back a lot of fond memories through her music.

"[Her songs] hold a lot of emotions, and people say that it brings back a lot of memories," Gillespie said. "It's a huge time in music history."

Gillespie performs many of Murray's biggest hits, including a song that both the original artist and the tribute artist cite as one of their favourites.

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The Winkler-Morden Voice has **three sets of tickets** to give away to the **Sept. 23 tribute show at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall.** *Answer the trivia question below for your chance to win a pair.*

What song is Anne Murray tribute artist Laura Gillespie's favourite song to perform?

E-mail your answer along with your name, mailing address, and phone number to contest@winklermordenvoice.ca. Or mail your answer to Box 185, Winkler, MB, R6W 4A5. Entries must be received by noon on Friday, Sept. 11.





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Honey, Garlic, and Maple Syrup Festival on next weekend

By Lorne Stelmach

Great food and good music are staples for any summer festival, and Manitou's Honey, Garlic, and Maple Syrup Festival has all that and more to offer Sept. 11-12.

The annual event has been around for 14 years after first being started



by Joe Kozak, a local producer of the festival's three namesakes.

"It attracted local producers and gave them a place to sell their products, and it attracted people and tourism to the area," said current organizer Evelyn Lea.

The festival aims to offer visitors "a taste of the Pembina Valley."

Friday will kick off at 11:30 a.m. with a BBQ lunch and music at the Log House, which will benefit from the proceeds, followed by tours of the Pembina Valley and the R.M. of Pembina starting at 2 p.m.

Anchoring the Friday evening entertainment at the Manitou Opera House at 7:30 p.m. are the Manitou Coffeehouse Musicians featuring the Jess Reimer Band.

The band consists of Jess Reimer

The Jess Reimer Band, featuring Jess Reimer (left) and husband Jeremy Hamm, join the Manitou Coffeehouse Musicians Sept. 11 for the Manitou Honey, Garlic, and Maple Syrup Festival.

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and husband Jeremy Hamm alongside Chris Saywell, Bill Western, and Mike Hiebert presenting their own brand of Americana, folk, alt-country, and bluegrass music. Ticket information is available at 204-242-2794.

"Anything at the opera house is usually an excellent production," said

Lea. "The opera house was closed for a time, then the coffeehouse musicians took it over and brought it back to life."

Festival activities continue through the day Saturday, including a pancake breakfast (8-10 a.m. in support of the Manitou

Kinsmen Club), craft show and sale, farmer's market, display booths, a Mighty Machines display, cooking demonstrations, historic town tours, a soap box derby, Gourmet Alley, the Country Hicks Car Club Show N' Shine featuring upwards of 100 vehicles, and beverage gardens.

The Saturday stage lineup includes the Prairie Red Coats Band, David Stelter, the Altamont Orchestra, Ayla June, and Jess Reimer and Jeremy Hamm.

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Wrapping up the festival is a gourmet supper from 5:30-7 p.m. featuring a meal of slow roasted pork, honey glazed chicken, sweet and sour farmer sausage, garlic mashed potatoes, and much more.

Supper tickets are \$16 per adult and

\$6 for kids 12 and under and can be purchased in Manitou at Sam's Foods or in Morden at the Pembina Hills Arts Centre or by calling Pat at 1-204-242-2530.

"It's a really enjoyable meal for a good price," said Lea. Lea encouraged

people to come out and enjoy the good food, music, and fun in an environment with a small-town community feel.

"There's things to do for the whole family," she said. "And it's kind of like a reunion for some people who come back or they have relatives come out. It always seems like a nice visiting time."

For a full list of festival events, go to pembina.ca.





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Snowbird: A Tribute to Anne Murray features the musical mimicry of Laura Gillespie, coupled with photos and videos of the iconic singer.

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"One of my favourites songs is actually one of her favourites to sing. It's a song that was on the B-side of *Snowbird*, and it's a song that people I don't think have often heard all that much called 'Bidin' My Time,'" she says. "It's just a really, really nice song ... it was a song that was written for her specifically and it's just such a beautiful melody ... it's a lot of fun to sing."

The rest of Murray's songbook is also a joy to perform, Gillespie says.

"They're all great songs. Like I said, if there's one thing I could do, it's to do this. I just love the music so much." In addition to the music, the tribute show also features photos and video of Murray over the years, chronicling her career and impact on the music industry.

Gillespie hopes she can continue to "do Murray proud."

"People are really enjoying it and I think it's helping to keep the music alive," she says.

Tickets to the Winkler show are available by calling 1-866-943-8848, online at winklerconcerthall.ca, or in person at Winkler's City Hall.

Learn more about the show online at www.snowbirdannemurraytribute. com.

Building permits down after years of highs

By Lorne Stelmach

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Art Walk, Historic Bus Tours, Youth Stage

One might assume, seeing the continued expansion of Winkler, that the city would still be on a record pace of growth.

Development and building permit statistics, however, tell a bit of a different story so far in 2015.

Permits for new residential housing are actually down to date this year compared to 2014. And the situation is somewhat similar across the region, including in Morden and Stanley, suggested Henry Siemens, chairperson of the MSTW (Morden Stanley Thompson and Winkler) Planning District. "We kind of saw some of this coming," commented the Winkler deputy mayor last week, "whether it was talking to contractors, whether it was people telling us what plans they had on the go. So we were kind of expecting what we are seeing now."

And what Siemens suggested the region is seeing is the pace of development in the area easing off from what was likely a pace of growth that would be hard to maintain.

To keep things in perspective, Siemens stressed that the region is still enjoying a level of development that most rural regions do not have across the province.





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The 47th annual Pembina Threshermen's Museum's Reunion Days took over the Hwy. 3 pioneer village last Friday and Saturday. Activities included (clockwise from above left) demonstrations of pioneer life such as steam threshing and corn grinding; fun activities for the kids, including a children's carnival and free barrel train rides; a chance to see a real blacksmith shop at work; and volunteers like Alyce Klassen and Betty Warkentin adding some colour to the village in their vintage costumes. Also on the schedule was free musical entertainment every night, homemade waffles and supper courtesy of the Valley Harvest Maids, and the grand opening of the village's new elevator (see Pg. 1 for that story).



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Peruvian visitors wowed by Manitoba's charms

By Lorne Stelmach

The reward is easily worth the effort as far as Linda Dart is concerned.

Half of a year of hard work led to the Winnipeg resident leading a group that included 17 informal ambassadorsl from Peru on a day trip to Morden on Corn and Apple Festival weekend.

Recently retired, Dart is involved with the Friendship Force organization, a global movement that started in 1977 with the support of then U.S. president Jimmy Carter and now has over 300 programs every year in 377 communities in 60 countries, involving a volunteer core of over 18,000 people globally.

"Because I'm the exchange director on this exchange, I've been working on it for six months. I have a committee of about 12 people. It's a fair bit of work setting it up, but it's worth it. We're really enjoying it," Dart commented as the group arrived for a tour of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre Aug. 21.

For Dart, the reward is "meeting people you would never meet otherwise," she said of her commitment and dedication to Friendship Force.

"Shortly after I joined, I went on an exchange to Turkey. I don't know what I expected Turkey to be like, but it was a wonderful experience. Turkey is where east meets west, and I got to experience that," said Dart. "It was quite a vacation and a learning experience."

The cross-culture education is set to continue as, in October, Dart will be part of a group that will be going to Germany and Austria. They are also looking ahead to next summer when they will be hosting a group from Japan.

The premise of the Friendship Force organization is a simple one, Dart said.

"The feeling was if we made friends with people of other cultures then we would be far less likely to go to war with them," she said. "So it is a peacemaking venture. Now there's chapters of Friendship Force all over the world, and we have two in Winnipeg." For this most recent week-long exchange, Friendship Force volunteers were hosting the delegation that included 17 people from Tarapoto, Peru, with some additional people joining the exchange from Ontario and California.

As part of the exchange, which saw them arrive first in Calgary, the group's time in Winnipeg included visits to Assiniboine Park, the Manitoba Museum, Fort Gibraltar, the Lt. Governor's House and the Manitoba

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A Friendship Force tour group from Peru made stops in Winkler and Morden last month as part of their visit to Manitoba. While in Morden, the group toured the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre (above).

> PERMITS, FROM PG. 14

In a recent MSTW report to Winkler council, permits for new single family housing starts were at 27 as of the end of July, compared to 37 a year earlier. The value of the development, however, is steady at about \$7.3 million. Meanwhile, permits for new two family residential development were down from nine to three.

The numbers have eased off as well in the manufacturing sector, where permits were down from 27 to 14. Permits in the commercial sector are also down from 23 to 16, while the value of the development has also decreased.

Siemens noted that over the last several years the statistics have been boosted by large projects that have drive up development numbers, such as the Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler and the Homestead South project in Morden.

"This year, we haven't seen that size of permit yet ... and we don't expect to see one," he noted. "We do expect a number of other commercial developments to come through."

"I think we have been extremely blessed by a lot of growth ... particularly the last five or so years," he continued. "We have seen a lot of residential growth ... every year, we seem to have had a bigger year than before."

Siemens suggested it may be healthy for development in Winkler to have the growth balance out more, and they see potential for the commercial sector to pick up some of the slack.

"We've seen some industrial growth, some manufacturing growth as well," he said. "We've been a little bit worried in the past that our commercial growth didn't seem to be there, but this year we're seeing more of it. We're seeing some big permits come through. There are a number of things over the next six months that are going to come through as well ... mostly on the commercial side."

Siemens also suggested they see similar trends elsewhere in the region.

"Winkler has been the engine that has grown the district. We're not seeing quite as strong a number in Winkler this year ... some of the other areas are going to pick up."

He noted some of the new mixed use development in downtown Morden is especially a good thing and something Winkler would like to see more of in its own downtown.

"We definitely have seen in Morden, for instance with the Tabor development ... even though you don't see a lot of action as you go by it yet, the permit has been taken, the site work is happening. And there are some residential projects that are happening in Morden that we're very excited to see."

"So as we look at that ... overall district-wide ... I think the numbers are pretty much almost exactly where we thought they would be at this time of year," Siemens said. "The interesting part will be what will happen the last several months of the year. There's always a slow down at the end of summer in the building industry."

New brand, same great services at Gallery Wealth Management

By Ashleigh Viveiros

They have a new name and logo, but Gallery Wealth Management still offers all the same financial services that area residents have come to know them for in their nearly 30 years of business.

The Morden company formerly known as Braun Financial recently rebranded to better reflect its ongoing growth and future.

Owner Reg Braun says they've been

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Legislature, and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

The group then spent a day south of the city, visiting the house barn historic site in Neubergthal followed by the tour at the CFDC, a visit to the Corn and Apple Festival, and ending the day with a Mennonite buffet at the Triangle Oasis restaurant in Winkler.

Language could have been a bit of a challenge for this tour, but Dart noted they were fortunate to have a very good Spanish interpreter throughout the week.

The Peru connection was first made nine years ago with the formation of a Friendship Force chapter in Tarapoto, and one of its founding members was part of this trip.

Most of the group were retired people, but there were also a couple more youthful members in the delegation, said Dart, who noted a lot of the participants were professionals who could more easily afford the cost of the travel.

Aside from the adventure of seeing different places around the world, the best thing about the program is the intercultural fellowship, she said.

"When we travel, we stay in the homes of the people in the receiving group and then we organize usually a seven day exchange," Dart explained. "So it's busy. We go from early in the morning to late at night, looking at as much as we can in that time. And there are chapters in places like Mongolia, places you would not anticipate."

"It's absolutely a wonderful way even to make friends in your own city because people that you wouldn't have met otherwise are interested in this. We get to know each other quite well because we see each other quite often."

And as for the group from Peru, Dart said they all seemed very pleased with the experience.

"They actually said we're a happy chapter, so we find that flattering." considering a name change for a few years now.

"We've been talking about it for the last four years because when we moved into the office here we moved with the idea of growing the team," he says of their home at 6-75 Thornhill St., which they recently further expanded to include additional offices.

The company has certainly come a long way from its home-based business roots back in 1987, Braun says, and he wanted the name to reflect that.

"We've been very fortunate over the

years to have some good success, and the business got to the point where there were too many clients for me to look after by myself."

The company welcomed Chris MacPherson to the team last fall, joining Braun, wife Allison Braun, and Andrea LaBonte in providing marketing, administrative, and financial services support for over 900 clients.

"It is important to us that our company and brand reflect the experience, strength, and contribution of the entire team," Braun says, adding that they chose the name because it reflects the client experience—the company's office is filled with photos taken by Braun in his hobby as an outdoor photographer. Each photo has a story, he says, much as each client has a unique story to share with them.

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"Our relationship with our clients will be much the same," Braun says, noting they hope to continue to grow to meet their clients' needs.

> DOCTOR'S CORNER Vaccinations: why we all need them

his month we are talking about vaccinations.

Vaccinations help to build your child's immune system so they can resist harmful diseases. These vaccines are designed to protect your baby as soon as possible against more than one disease.

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cessful public health efforts of the last century.

Adults need vaccinations as well. You should have a tetanus booster every 10 years. Flu shots are available at no charge to all ages yearly. If you are travelling be sure to check with a travel clinic or your physician about what vaccinations are needed and see if you need any booster

shots.

There is a myth that natural immunity is better than vaccine immunity, but natural infection can kill or seriously harm your child before their body develops a strong immune system.

Vaccines use harmless or inactive virus or bacteria to trigger the body's natural immune response to produce long term protection against a disease without the risk of getting the disease.

Another prevalent myth is that vaccines cause autism. Autism is a complex neurological disorder and many studies involving millions of children have found no connection between vaccines and autism.

A study by Dr. Wakefield in 1998 was published saying there is a link between the MMR vaccine and autism. This paper was retracted by the journal in 2010 as his studies were discredited as fraudulent.

More than one vaccine at a time is safe to give your child. Having combination vaccines reduces the number of needles your child will get and allows them to be immunized against more diseases more quickly. Your child's immune system is capable of reacting to thousands of germs per day and can handle these vaccinations well. The more people that are vaccinated in the community the safer it is for those who are too young to be immunized or are undergoing cancer treatment and cannot gets certain vaccines.

Some diseases like measles had not been seen in Canada since 1998. But measles exists in other parts of the world and is one of the leading causes of death in children there. Measles can be brought into the community by travellers. There was a recent outbreak in Toronto in 2015. This can be prevented by MMR vaccinations at age one and a booster preschool.

Vaccinations can be given by Public Health nurses or in some doctor's offices. The Manitoba immunization schedule can be viewed at www.gov. mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/ schedules.html

Vaccines can cause side effects, but they are usually minor and include things like a sore arm or leg, fever, being tired or headache. The diseases and their complications are far more serious than possible side effects of vaccines.

There is good information about vaccinations at the Canadian Pediatric Society website: www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/vaccination_and_your_child.

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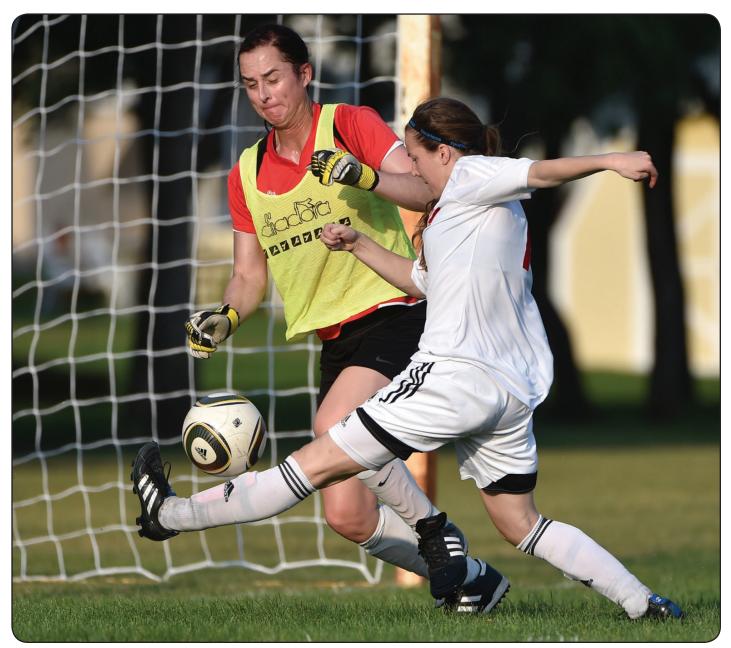


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Although the SC Hurricanes' Heidi Pauls would come up short on this scoring attempt, she would score the first goal of the game mere minutes later in the team's 5-0 victory over the Portage Blaze on Sunday. The win brings the team's record to 9-3-4 and puts them in third place in the WWSL for the season.

'Canes wrap up season with a win

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Hurricanes capped off a stellar season with a victory over the Portage Blaze.

The 'Canes battled the Blaze to a 5-0 shut-out win in front of a hometown crowd last Sunday evening. Heidi Pauls scored two goals, while Jen Martens, Esther Schwarzkopf, and Andrea Hildebrandt added singles.

The final win of the season gave the team a 9-3-4 record, slotting them into the third-place spot in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League behind the Victorious Secret in first place and the FCNW Titans in second.

In the Manitoba Major Soccer League, meanwhile, the Winkler Storm fell to both the Britannia Rovers and Bonivital United 3-0 over the weekend, dropping them down a spot in the standings.

The Storm are now 8-7 this summer, putting them in fourth place with 24 points behind the top three teams: Pescara (31 points), Bonivital (28 points), and Scotia United (26 points).

The Storm play their final game of the summer Sept. 13 in Winkler against Brandon Inspire FC.

Senior Smitty's named to Softball Hall of Fame

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's own Karen Doell will have her name listed on yet another sports hall of fame, this time as a member of the Smitty's Senior's Women's Team.

Softball Canada announced last week that the Smitty's 1993-1997 team will be inducted into the 2015 Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Winnipeg this November.

Those were the years the Smitty's won five consecutive Canadian Championship medals, working their way up from a bronze medal in 1993 to a silver in '94 to three gold medals from 1995-1997.

"I've been anticipating that this would happen for

some time," Doell said when reached for comment on the announcement last week. "Our coaches, [Roy and Evelyne Holenski], told us years ago that probably at some point we'd be up for it . . . so every time another year went by we wondered if this would be the year."

"It's a fantastic honour," she added, stressing the team in those years formed a special bond, and it showed both on the field and off."These are people that you would drop anything to go and do something for . . . you've got lasting memories of heartbreaks and victories. And it's great to know you're going in all as a group, because that's what it was: a total team effort. We were lucky to build a team the way we did, and we had a great time doing it."

Doell played for the Smitty's from 1983-2006, in addition to her time as a member of Canada's National Team from 1990-1996 and at the 1996 Summer Olympics.

"What kept me playing with the Smitty's was the people," she said. "Every year that softball season rolled around again, it was never a question as to whether I was going to be there or not."

Also being inducted into the Softball Hall of Fame this year are Smitty's coaches Roy and Evelyne Holenski in recognition of their 40 years of dedication to the sport.

Donations allows for fee freeze in minor hockey

By Lorne Stelmach

The support of a local business will help keep minor hockey affordable and accessible in Morden for the next two years.

Morden Physiotherapy is partnering with Morden Minor Hockey by presenting a \$2,500 donation that will help offset registration fees.

With that support, the sports organization will be able to freeze their registration fees for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 hockey seasons.

Minor Hockey president Dusty Fehr said they considered how best to use the money and decided to freeze fees to extend the benefit to as many people as possible.

He said this support will go a long way to helping local hockey families as they prepare for the expenses that are associated with the hockey season.

"And we hope it might boost our numbers ... make it easier for some families if they know they'll be paying the same for a few years."

Jared Hildebrand of Morden Physiotherapy said they aim every year aim to donate a portion of their income back into the community and toward a local charity or good cause.

The company's Tim Shantz suggested Morden Minor Hockey seemed like a good fit for them, as they want to support programs that help get people more active.

"As therapists, we want people to be fit and to be active," said Hildebrand. "I played hockey ... and I knew how it could be a drain on the budget," added Shantz. "If it makes it a little more affordable and accessible to



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Dusty Fehr, president of Morden minor hockey, received a \$2,500 donation from Tim Shantz and Jared Hildebrand of Morden Physiotherapy to freeze registration fees for the next two seasons.

people, that's a good thing."

The support comes at a good time, as minor hockey registration is slated to take place Sept. 8-9 from 6-9 p.m. at the Access Event Centre.

Find more information online at www.mordenminorhockey.com.

Flyers prepares for 35th season with Main Camp

By Ashleigh Viveiros

About 85 Flyers hopefuls take to the ice this week in the junior hockey team's Main Camp 2015.

The Winkler Flyers coaching staff will pass judgement on returning and new players alike through four days of practices and games Sept. 2-5.

"We have some coming back from spring camp, also our veteran players, some free agents, our guys on our 50-man protected list, and then our drafted players, as well," says Flyers coach and general manager Ken Pearson.

The team's roster definitely has a few holes that need filling thanks to the loss of nine retiring players last season.

Chief among them is in goal, Pearson said.

"We graduated both our goaltenders last year. We've since traded for one ... and we're still looking for a second goaltender right now," he said. "We've also got seven defensemen committed to us, so we're still looking for at least one more. And we've got six returning forwards, and we're still looking for three or four more."

With 11 returning veterans and a number of solid trades under their belt, Pearson is confident the team will improve on last year's 31-17-12 record.

"We're real confident. We've got a real good core of young guys ... we're happy with the depth that we've got," he said.

"Last year we fell short losing in six to Virden," Pearson said of the 2014-15 playoffs, which saw Winkler knocked out 4-2 after finishing fourth in the regular season. "Our goal is always every year to be the best team in the league ... we want to get through playoffs, get through that first round ... we've got a good squad here, a good returning group that's going to help us do that."

Main Camp 2015 concludes this Saturday with the Intra-squad game, after which Pearson hopes to have whittled down the roster to about 30 players heading into the pre-season exhibition games taking place next week.

Those pre-season games are crucial, Pearson says, as it gives aspiring Flyers the chance to prove their mettle

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"They were great coaches, great managers, and great at knowing how to find the right people to fit in the right spots," Doell said. "It was like a puzzle—putting the pieces together ... and soon enough it was something that was a special thing where we were winning medals and suddenly we won three gold medals in a row. and returning players time to get their heads back in the game.

"They really are important for our veteran players to get back into the game situation and get their timing and speed up to par," he said. "And then also for our rookie players, it's an opportunity for them to get their feet wet and understand what the pre-season is about."

"Some of the younger guys that will play in those games may not go on to play for us this year, but it's a chance for us to evaluate where they are right now," he added.

Once Main Camp is over, the Manitoba Junior Hockey League pre-season begins for the Flyers on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at home against the Winnipeg Blues, followed by road games against Winnipeg and the Portage Terriers on Sept. 9 and Sept. 11.

Winkler will play five more preseason games after that, both at home and on the road, before their season

A huge accomplishment considering where we came from."

Doell—who has previously been inducted as an individual into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame, the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame, and the Smitty's own Hall of Fame—says she wouldn't miss this upcoming induction ceremony for the world. opener against the Pistons in Steinbach Sept. 25.

This year marks the team's 35th season of junior hockey.

"We are excited about that, and I know that we are going to be celebrating it," Pearson said, noting further details will be released once the season gets underway.

Tickets for the upcoming season went on sale last week.

From now until Sept. 25, VIP passes are on sale for \$225, giving you access to all pre-season, regular season, and playoff games for as little as \$5 per game. After Sept. 25, VIP passes are \$275.

Also available are regular season adult and student passes (\$220 and \$150, respectively), a Family Pass (VIP \$550, regular season \$500), as well as ticket books and game day tickets available.

Tickets are available at the Winkler Co-op Gas Bar and the Flyers' offices.

"Hopefully we'll have a lot of people coming...it's a chance to see them all again," she said.

In addition to Doell, the Smitty's Senior team also included four other National Team members, including Kaleida native Jaunita Clayton, Heather Newsham, Sandy Newsham, and Deb Sonnenberg.

ACU wraps up another successful junior golf tour

By Lorne Stelmach

Over 60 kids took to the links at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club for the final round of the 2015 Access Junior Golf Tour last week.

It was the highest total for the nine rounds, so it was a good way for the tour to close out another year.

Golfer Mitch Penner, for one, was happy to be on the course to wrap things up on Aug. 27.

"It's sometimes a bit difficult around the greens," commented the 15-year-old from Morden. "But I like

my home course here. It's a good one." Penner had played

most of the nine courses this summer, which was his fourth year on the tour.

He had nothing but positives for the tour and the opportunity it provides to young golfers in the region. "Access puts on a

great tour ... it's a lot

of great golf courses," he said. "It's good for competition ... to get better and learn from the other guys. The courses have been pretty great. Most of the golfers are pretty good."

Access Credit Union came on board to sponsor the tour and work with area golf courses because they wanted to get more youth involved in the game.

"We wanted to help start something for the kids in the region and the Pembina Valley and beyond," said ACU community co-ordinator Kate Froese. "They have been able to try out different courses and get more interested in the sport of golf."

This year they added one more course to the tour with the addition of Elm Creek, joining the Roland, Gretna, Winkler, Manitou, Carman, Miami, Morris, and Morden courses. Froese suggested the number of participants has remained fairly consistent.

"In the past, we have had some higher numbers ... but we have still had solid numbers this year ... about 35 or 40 golfers."

The numbers vary from week to week, as it might be harder for some

to get to the courses thatare further from home, she noted.

"But at the one in Manitou we still had kids from Dominion City, so the kids are definitely wanting to come out to these events if they can," Froese said."I think the kids enjoy being able to try a big variety of different courses. Each one has different challenges. And it is a

good fit for the credit union, given the regional nature of the event."

"We're always trying to find more ways of getting involved and really help different community programs get off the ground," she said. "We do have a lot of golf courses in the area, and they support us, and we want to support them as well."

Geoff Kehler, head pro at Minnewasta, said the tour had been averaging 30 to 40 kids at each event this year.

"It's a little bit down this year from last year numbers-wise, but we added an extra event, so we had nine



events. It's been good."

He said the most important thing for them is what this can do to help develop interest in the game in the region.

"It's hard for a lot of the kids to get

lp local," said Kehler. "It's getting kids
into golf, which is very important for us."If you start golfing as a kid, you'll
et probably going to play it for life."

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tours ... so it's nice to have something

Zumba in the park raising funds for MB Burn Fund

By Lorne Stelmach

You can get some fun exercise outdoors and support a good cause at the same time this holiday Monday.

There will be a free Zumba class fundraiser in the Morden Park bowl on Labour Day, with freewill donations going to the Manitoba Burn Fund.

Instructor Carie Wiebe has hosted two other outdoor Zumba classes earlier this summer to good response.

"There's been a good turnout," she said, estimating there had been over 30 people who participated last time. "They've really enjoyed being outside and enjoying the park. I love being outside. I would like to make this one bigger though."

On hand for the evening event will be the Morden fire department, talking a bit about the Manitoba Burn Fund.

The class takes place starting at 6 p.m. in the park bowl and will run for about an hour or an hour and a half. All are welcome to attend.

Wiebe thanks the Fittwell Centre in Morden for helping with some promotion of the Zumba events.

For more information, you can call Wiebe at 204-384-8191



"IT'S GOOD FOR COMPETITION ... TO GET BETTER AND LEARN FROM THE OTHER GUYS."

Agriculture **Threat of PEDv returns to Manitoba** of disease themselves, so we thought greater chance of this disease coming four farms in this province. Being

By Harry Siemens

When an industry works so hard to keep a devastating disease from entering into their country, it doesn't make much sense when government reverts back to old ways, say the swine industry people in Canada.

According Manitoba Pork's weekly Pork Chops news alert last week, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) officially notified Manitoba Pork that, as of October 1st, the agency will no longer allow livestock trailers returning from farms in the U.S. to enter Canada at any port-of-entry unless they have been cleaned and disinfected as outlined in the federal Health of Animals Regulation, Section 106.

The rub here is that the change back to the discovery of PED virus, trucks entering Canada had to stop at an American wash bay, where industry people say they used recycled water, often infecting trucks even more.

Manitoba Pork says during the initial phase of the discovery of PEDv in Canada in early 2014, a temporary emergency protocol for empty swine trucks was established in Manitoba that permitted these trucks to cross the border to cleaning and disinfection facilities here.

"Now, over the objections of Manitoba Pork and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, the CFIA has determined that PEDv in Canada no longer requires this emergency response," says the alert.

Manitoba Pork says it's extremely disappointed with this unilateral decision by the CFIA.

"We are concerned that this change to cross-border transport protocol means that it is only a matter of time before we again find PEDv in Manitoba. As well, exporters will have trouble transporting the current level of weanlings to the U.S., since there will not be enough trailers and drivers to compensate for the backlog at the U.S. wash stations."

George Matheson, the chair of Manitoba Pork, says tests showed U.S. wash facilities to be inferior to those in Manitoba.

"The wash facilities in the states were not conveniently located and it was determined that they were full

it best to avoid them," he says. "It's a question of animal care. We feel that our biosecurity procedures will be compromised and there'll be a much

into Canada ... we have done such a fine job so far, as far as keeping it out." Matheson says there's proof in the fact that the disease infected only

pretty much the gateway to the west, there are no infected farms in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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Winter cereals yields doing well

By Harry Siemens

While hail and rain fell in parts of the Pembina Valley in the last couple of weekends, farmers further westeven just 10-15 km west of Mordenare hoping for rain because it is so drv.

Reports from further west at Boissevain and northwest at Wawanesa are that it is also dry and recent rains have helped to maybe finish off or fill out the later crops and replenish pastures and grassland.

With the Manitoba Crop Insurance Sept. 15 deadline fast approaching for

farmers to put in their winter cereals, those dry areas also prefer rain to get a start on planting in ready soil.

Jake Davidson, the executive director of Winter Cereals Canada, says winter wheat growers like the yields they're getting from this year's harvest.

When planting fall-seeded crops, moisture and how quickly the current crop comes off has a lot to do with the number of fall acres going in.

"Last fall's late canola harvest, which reduced the availability of acres for planting winter wheat, resulted in a dramatic drop in the numbers of acres planted in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but a consistent number of acres in Alberta," says Davidson."The crop that was planted came through the winter really well but a frost early in the growing season caused some concern, but the frost that came along apparently did not cause us a lot of problem. We're hearing that the yields are good."

He says talking to people in the Portage La Prairie area, yields are reaching over 90 bushels. In Saskatchewan, farmers like the 60 bushels an acre they're getting compared to what

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Farmers weigh hail damage

> HARRY SIEMENS



why so dark at 8 a.m.?

It didn't take long for me to figure out we were heading for another storm. While sitting in the van waiting for my wife Judith to catch an opening in the heavy downpour, a few extra ticks hit my windshield. Not good, I figured, but nothing more to speak of after that.

The trip over to the coffee shop was mostly uneventful, except getting somewhat drenched. That's when the news came in about hail, heavy hail starting about four to five kilometres east of Winkler, cutting a path diagonally across to Altona and beyond. The exact width of the path of destruction is hard to tell, but there were reports and pictures of golf ball and baseball sized hail.

Ron Falk, a former auto body works owner in Altona, standing in line waiting for the delicious lunch at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum, said when he watched those big baseball-sized hail come down and bounce, he knew the damage wouldn't be light.

"I estimate that 90 per cent of the vehicles not under a protective roof in Altona have some kind of damage," says Falk." In fact, some of those dents are the same as if someone took a large hammer and banged on the hood of the car."

It is hard to determine exactly how much damage the hail causes to individual crops because of the state of the crop, the size of the hail stones, and the velocity of the wind as the

hail strikes the crops.

Randy Froese, who manages a family farm of over 5,000 acres out of Reinfeld, around Winkler, with land east through Plum Coulee and beyond, says the hail damage varies from field to field and crop to crop.

On Friday afternoon, he already knew several fields of edible beans had losses of 50 to 60 per cent. While the hail pieces stripped the leaves off the corn and even a few chunks in some of the cobs, they couldn't really tell what the damage would be.

While finished harvesting their cereals and most of the canola, Froese estimates five to ten bushels is on the ground—about a quarter of the potential yield.

Ernie Janzen also had damage to his corn north of Plum Coulee a week earlier. While stripped of its leaves, he is confident the corn is



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they think their spring wheat crop is going to look like. Also, hearing farmers are seeing very low fusarium in Manitoba this year, is good news.

"The numbers came out from MA-FRI based on crop insurance numbers showing that there was a very good pick up of the newer varieties that are more fusarium resistant so we've got a good crop, reasonable yields," says Davidson. "I talked to one guy that told me that he had a 13.2 per cent protein on his winter wheat. His yield was down from where he expected it to be but he was kind of hoping that he was going to get a protein bonus back up to the point where it's not going to make a lot of difference."

He says it looks like the winter cereals came through okay, not hearing from anybody this fall that has been unhappy with what their winter wheat did for them.

Davidson says that even with the reseeding of a lot of canola in Manitoba in the swath and it looks like there

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progressing and maturing well.

As the old saying goes, the proof is in the pudding, and the harvest will definitely show whether the hail did any damage.

In talking to several different farmers with hail damage, I'm quite surprised to learn that not nearly everyone has hail insurance. Why not? Because it is simply quite costly, and with these particular areas having infrequent hail storms, farmers choose to take the risk.

Janzen says looking back at the annual premiums he would have paid had he taken hail insurance, it provided quite a saving and eases the losses this year.

Still, when a farmer loses a crop, it

and Saskatchewan, a lot of canola is

isn't only his loss, but the entire food chain down the road. The economic

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"We feel that that had a lot to do with the biosecurity measures that we took here in this province so, it was quite obvious that what we had been doing was very successful in terms of cleaning these trailers, biosecurity was kept in check and this has resulted in better animal care due to less disease."

Dr. Kurt Preugschas, a Red Deer swine veterinarian, agrees with Matheson that the planned change in washing requirements will increase the risk of PEDv entering Canada.

will be lots of opportunity to plant winter wheat this fall.

activity that one bushel of crop generates is huge.

Preugschas told Alberta Pork the policy is difficult to apply consistently to the standard the industry is used to in western Canada.

"There is significantly higher risk that PED virus or any other disease-PRRS or swine dysentery-will be brought into Canada as a consequence," he says, citing recent findings that outlined American washing stations aren't up to Canadian standards. "The policy change will mean an increased risk of PED or increased costs to re-wash trucks in Canada."

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Résumés can be emailed to: Jim Neufeld at jim@cwwwiebemedical.ca Or delivered/mailed to: C.W. Wiebe Medical Centre 385 Main Street, Winkler MB, R6W 1J2, Attention: Jim Neufeld

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Harold Nelson Wiebe 1930 - 2015

On Friday, August 28, 2015 at Tabor Home, Harold Wiebe aged 85 years of Morden, MB went to his eternal rest.

He is survived by his wife, Irene (nee Braun); one daughter, Sandra and John Wiuff; three sons, Greg Wiebe, Reg and Sylvia Wiebe, Phil and Val Wiebe; son-in-law, Steve and Roxanne Rawluk as well as eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three sisters, two brothers and their families. He was predeceased by his daughter, Bev in 2011 and two sisters.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 on Monday, August 31, 2015 at the Church of God in Morden with interment at Chapel Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff on Willow Ward at Salem Home, the staff at Tabor Home and Dr. Convery for their care of

Harold and Wiebe Funeral Chapel for their kind assistance with funeral arrangements.

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OBITUARY

goodbye to us in our family's home in Reinfeld at the age of 70 years old.

months before he passed. He had a will to live like no other, and never gave in to his illness or most times even acknowledge it.

He loved his job driving truck for Meridian Industries and finding little treasures on the side of the road. His favorite pastimes were; spending time in the garden with Mom, tinkering in the garage with his son and taking walks around the vard pointing out all his favorite trees with his daughters and granddaughters. He also enjoyed visiting with his mother and siblings.

Jordana and Tayla; son Clayton; daughter Angelina, son in law Troy and granddaughter Olive; daughter Rika, husband Ayn and son Haruko; mother Susana; sister Suzy; brothers Jake, Dave, Pete, Elmer, Irvin, Larry and their families. He was predeceased by his father David.

life has already been held.

Dad was a one of a kind, gentle soul and everyone who knew him will miss him terribly.

OBITUARY



Wayne Baerg (June 23, 1949 – August 16, 2015)

Wayne was born to Henry and Elvira Baerg of Dominion City but moved to Winnipeg as a young boy where he spent the rest of his childhood. After his first year of university he attended Bible school in Hepburn, SK. It was here his spiritual life put down deep roots. Wayne was not much of a talker but his thoughts were worth listening to. When the family moved to BC, Wayne stayed behind to finish his degree in agriculture. During this time he met Kathy Froese; on their first date they laid out the focus of their individual lives: to serve God anywhere, anytime, anyhow. They were married on June 21, 1974 and shortly after moved to Bangladesh to serve with MCC in agriculture for 5 years. On their return to Canada they moved to Winkler and Wayne eventually started his own business

as an agronomic consultant focusing primarily on potatoes and natural ways of farming. In his spare time he enjoyed playing games and recreational hockey. Wayne was actively involved in church ministries: prayer ministry, leadership and Mexico mission trips. In December, 2012, he was diagnosed with cancer and chose to use his remaining time focusing on God and bringing others to Him while still working. He is survived by Kathy and their children Danny, Rebekah, Judith, Jason and Philip (Joanna).

The memorial service was held Wednesday, August, 19,2015 at Winkler MB Church.



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Richard (Rick) Lee Jolin 1945 - 2015

On Monday, August 24, 2015 at Grace Hospital in Winnipeg, MB, Rick Jolin aged 70 years of Morden, MB went to his eternal rest. He is survived by two sons, Boyd and Cindy Jolin and their daughters, Isabella and Lilliana and Kyle Jolin and his daughter, Soleil. He was predeceased by his parents, Archie and Elsie Jolin. Celebration of life was held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 30, 2015 in Morden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rick's memory to Cancer Care Manitoba.

Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden In care of arrangements wiebefuneralhomes.com



OBITUARY Anna (Annie) Driedger (nee Friesen) 1921 - 2015

Our wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Annie Driedger passed away peacefully, in the early evening of Saturday, August 23, 2015 at the Salem Personal Care Home with her family at her side. She leaves to mourn her passing her beloved husband, David Driedger: one son, Brian (Lori) of Winkler, their children, Mikaela, Kiera and Chloe; one daughter, Carol of Medicine Hat, Alberta, her children, Amy, Lance and Raven as well as five great-grandchildren. Annie is also survived by one brother, Abe (Dorothy), three sisters, Mary Braun, Helen Wieler and Margaret Elias. She was predeceased by her sister, Elizabeth Friesen and brother-in-law, Abe Friesen, brother, Jake Friesen and sister-in-law, Anne, sister, Tina Peters and

brother-in-law, Abram Peters, brothers-in-law, Ben Braun, Jake Wieler and Ed Elias. Anna Friesen was born to Katharina (nee Hiebert) and Abram N. Friesen on May 19, 1921 on the family farm in the Glen Cross District. In November of 1924, her family relocated to the village of Reinland. This was where mom attended school which was cut short due to the many duties required at home. She was baptized on the confession of her faith on June 4, 1941 in the Reinland Sommerfelder Church. She married the love of her life, David Driedger on July 18, 1943. They celebrated 72 years of marriage together this past summer. The first years of their married life was spent living with mom's parents in Reinland. During the war years, dad enlisted as a CO and then mom and dad located to different towns working for different people. In 1948, mom and dad joined a large group of Mennonites that relocated to Paraguay. After eight years they returned to Winkler where they raised their family and she spent the rest of her life there. Mom spent her early married years working at the local creamery grading eggs. She also spent some time working at Bethel Hospital. In 1963 and 1966, they were granted the adoption of their two children. A very joyous time in mom and dad's lives. Mom spent these crucial years as a homemaker always there for her children making sure they were well taken care of and made sure that a strong Christian foundation was built in their lives. In the early 1970's, mom underwent a major surgery on her neck to correct a pinched nerve. The surgery was unsuccessful and she dealt with a burning sensation in her arm for most of her life. Mother spent time volunteering at the local MCC store as well as helping out the Harvest Maids. She decided to get her driver's license late in life and then spent many years doing homecare. It would be ironic that she would need that home care to take care of her in her last years. Mom loved her gardening especially her flowers. She could never have enough. There was always room for one more plant or one more pot. She loved her family and was more than willing to help them whenever she could. Growing up in an era where times were tough reflected her need to spend countless hours canning and freezing everything from chokecherries, blueberries, carrots, beans, watermelon, etc. There was always an abundant amount of food in mom's pantry. She also spent many hours sewing quilts and other blankets. Many were given to charity.

Mom and dad moved from their home on 13th Street to Crocus Estates in May 2012 due to mother's failing health. Since mom had begun to show definite signs of dementia and poor mobility, we did not feel safe leaving her at the house on her own. Mom lived with dad at Crocus for two years until it became too difficult for dad to care for her.

She was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Center on October 25, 2014. In January 2015, she was transferred to the hospital in Crystal City waiting for her placement at the Salem Personal Care Home in Winkler. She entered Salem Home on April 15, 2015. Dad faithfully visited her every day and helped her with her meals. On July 18, mom fell and broke her left hip. She was admitted to hospital for surgery. She seemed to make it through surgery and was on her way to recovery. Then on Friday, August 14, she suffered a stroke which paralyzed her left side, affected her ability to swallow and communicate. On Sunday, August 23, her breathing became more difficult for her. The family gathered in her room, enjoyed a meal together in her room and no sooner had we completed the meal she peacefully took her last breath. Mom's wish had been granted. She wished to be able to pass away in her sleep. We love you mom. We know you are walking on streets of gold free of dementia and no aches, pains and sorrow. The family.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2015 at the Winkler Reinland Mennonite Church with interment at the Church Cemetery in Schanzenfeld.

A big thank-you goes out to the staff at Evergreen Unit in Salem Home, nurses and doctors at Boundary Trails Health Centre and Crystal City Hospital, all Homecare staff who took care of mom in Crocus Estates. The family would also like to extend a big thank you to Bishop David Penner and people at the Reinlander Church and Wiebe Funeral Home who helped with all aspects of the service, as well as family friends and relatives for condolences, prayers, and meals.

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Abe Goertzen 1944-2015

On August 28, 2015 after a 9 year battle with cancer, Dad said

Many never even knew he was sick since he worked until just

He leaves behind his beloved wife Lydia; daughter Stephanie, son in law Neil, granddaughters

Out of respect to Dad's wishes, there will be no funeral. Instead, a small private celebration of

