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Fiddling up a storm

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Trey and Kemper Hamm were a few of the performers who marked National Fiddle Day last Saturday by busking at the New Leaf Garden Centre and the Winkler Co-op grocery store. The young violinists took turns performing at both locations throughout the day, with funds from busking donations and the sale of a variety of baked treats going to the Cadenza summer music camp bursary fund. The fund helps ensure students of all financial backgrounds are able to take part in the week-long day camp this July.

Morden man honoured with Lt.-Gov award

By Cori Bezan

Robert Jordan of Morden traveled to Winnipeg on May 12 to receive an award from Lieutenant-Governor Philip S. Lee.

Jordan was one of five Manitobans honoured for their contributions to the preservation and promotion of our province's history.

"I got it for my work with the Darlingford School Heritage Museum," Jordan explained when reached at his home the next day. "It was some of the people on the board that nominated me."

Jordan has been the curator and director at the museum, which showcases artifacts from the town's history. The museum is contained in a 105-year-old, two-storey brick school house within the community.

"The school closed up about the late 1980s," Jordan said. "In 1992, we started the museum committee. There was a collector on a farm there. He had died and he had a lot of stuff . . . his wife wanted to get

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Bob Jordan receives award for historical preservation

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off the farm, so she donated a whole bunch of stuff to the museum, about 200 or 300 items. That got us started."

Since then, Jordan has helped with fundraising, training, acquisition, and curation in the museum.

He has also constructed some of the exhibits and donated his own extensive collection of military insignia and uniforms.

Two local history books on the town have also been written over the years, with Jordan lending a hand in the creation of both.

Turning 89 this summer, Jordan continues to volunteer at the museum, sharing a wealth of knowledge about the artifacts and the history of Darlingford.

"I've always lived in Darlingford, and I was interested in all this," Jordan said. "I knew a lot of these people, and I've heard about the others, the older ones."

"It's a lot of memories that are interesting," he added.

As part of the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion, Jordan received a framed certificate, a medal, and a one-year membership to the Manitoba Historical Society.



PHOTO BY TRACEY GONCALVES, PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

Lieutenant-Governor Philip S. Lee (left) and Dr. Harry Duckworth (right) of the Manitoba Historical Society presented Morden's Robert Jordan with an award for historical preservation and promotion for his work with the Darlingford School Heritage Museum.

Morden fire dept. adds house to training site

By Cori Bezan

A multi-year plan to expand the Morden Fire and Rescue training site has come together in the matter of a few short weeks thanks to the generous donations of area residents and businesses.

The training site was set up along the south side of Morden on Willcocks Road six years ago.

"We knew we wanted a place [to train]. We were always needing to go to Brandon or to a different site to do some of our training, and a lot of the live burns came from donated farm houses that we would go do live fire drills to," said Fire Chief Andy Thiessen. "Over time, those disappear—we can't use them over and

over again. We started developing a program where we can get this kind of thing in place so we don't have to depend on the old farm houses to get our training from."

With the recent donation of an old house, the training site's expansion began to take shape faster than the department could have ever hoped for, Thiessen said.

"We've been working on getting some burn containers to replace the mobile homes that we were using, the ones that didn't look so great," he said. "All of a sudden, things just started leaping forward, where people came forward to donate their time and energy and expertise."

Al Jones from Horizon Earthworks donated what many Morden residents might remem-

ber as the old Skubovius house. The building was moved to the training site last Tuesday.

"In order to take advantage of that, we needed to prepare a place for it to go to," Thiessen said. "[Jones] also donated his equipment and his time to move some earth around, so we could develop our site so it was a little more stable."

Wolfe Enterprises also came on board to donate some equipment to help move things around, and Elite Crushing donated gravel to spread across the site.

All this work jumps the department's growth plans for the site ahead by several years, Thiessen said.

"Our community supports us very well, and this is just another example of what they do," he said. "It's excellent."

"It's humbling, actually, because there's a lot of costs involved that people have just donated," he added. "They shrunk down a four or five year plan down into three weeks, and allowed us to physically do it."

The house will not be used for live-burns, Thiessen said, but will be invaluable for a variety of other training drills.

"Now, with the donation of this house, we can do search and rescues, we can do ventilation drills, we can do ladder drills. There's a multiple amount of things we can do with this donated house."

The department is also still working on getting burn containers for the site, which they can stack and arrange to create mock homes and buildings to practice live burn situations in. They also hope to put in a concrete pad and some fencing.

Development of the site doesn't just help Morden firefighters, Thiessen noted, since it also serves as a training ground for several surrounding rural departments.

"That's the bonus part about it: the smaller departments, i.e. Darlingford, Miami, or Manitou, they are smaller departments, and for them to put that cost out there is just prohibitive. Now they have an opportunity where they can go just a few miles . . . and they're more than welcome to use this site as well for their training. It will benefit the whole area."



MORDEN FIRE & RESCUE PHOTO

Morden Fire & Rescue moved this donated house to its training site on Willcocks Road last week. The structure will be invaluable in a variety of firefighter training drills, says Fire Chief Andy Thiessen.

Your votes earned Big Bros. a \$10,000 grant

By Cori Bezan

With a landslide of votes, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler were named the first of 10 recipients of the MTS Future First grants last week. The mentoring agency will be receiving \$10,000 for its Kicks for Kids program.

"The work that the Big Brothers Big Sisters program does in Morden/Winkler, specifically the Kicks for Kids program, it was just such a natural fit for Future First," said Craig Lawrence, MTS community investment and communications representative. "It's a youth-serving organization, they're getting kids active, they've got them occupied in after-school programs, and it's exactly what the Future First program was designed to accommodate, programs like that. We're very proud that they were one of our 10 recipients today."

The grant recipients were announced online on May 12, revealed one by one every hour throughout the day.

Executive director Michael Penner said that he logged on shortly after the first announcement to find that they had been the first organization unveiled thanks to the nearly 6,500 online votes the agency received from its supporters—the highest level of any of the nominated non-profit

groups up for the grants.

"It feels really, really good. We're really excited to be able to have received one, and looking forward to putting it to good use," Penner said.

Kicks for Kids is an after school taekwondo program Big Brothers has been offering to elementary school-aged kids since last year.

"We've run it a couple of times now with really, really good results," Penner explained. "[We're] seeing lots of kids who participate, seeing them increase their self-esteem and confidence, getting out there the messages that we have about important values like respect and acceptance of others, integrity, self-control."

The MTS grant will help expand the program into another five or six classes over the next school year, with about 10 kids participating in each class.

Penner added that they are also looking at introducing the program into more schools.

"It's really exciting," he said. "The kids we've been working with often don't have this opportunity... some of them struggle with self-esteem, whether it's at school or at home, so it's been really neat to see how this program has addressed some of those needs and given them this opportunity to participate."



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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler will spend its \$10,000 MTS Future First grant—one of just 10 handed out across Manitoba this year—on its Kicks for Kids taekwondo after school program.

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WA+C \$50K from getting started on arts centre

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture is in the home stretch in fundraising for phase one of the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.

"We are \$50,000 away from starting construction," says WA+C board president Ray Derksen. "We are hopeful that we can quickly find those final few supporters in order to get the project underway ASAP."

WA+C plans to transform the former water treatment plant on Park St. into an arts centre over the next few years. Phase 1A of the project gets them in the door, and is estimated to cost \$569,000.

"It allows us just to get the construction started and to get in that space and have the building start living again," Derksen says, noting the work will focus on getting the main gallery floor and classroom space ready for use. The hope is to begin construction this fall in order to have a spring 2016 opening.

Derksen says he's pleased with the support the project has received over the last year of fundraising, and he's

confident they'll reach this first goal and be able to then focus on future phases of the renovations.

"We're not going to stop fundraising with this—we'll always be fundraising for the next phase," he says. Future phases include further expansion and renovation work so the building can accommodate upwards of 500 people for special functions.

The entire project may take years to bring to completion, but the time is right to get started on it, Derksen says.

"This is something this town, this region needs," he says. "We're a growing community that needs to have a place for creative output, for artistic output."



If you'd like to support the project, contact Deb Penner at City Hall at 204-325-5600. Charitable tax receipts for donations can be issued.

You can also support WA+C at the Winkler City Limits concert, which takes place at the P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall this Friday, May 22.

The show features Jess Reimer, Bill Dowling, The Irons, and Tanisha, Alley, & Bowen, with proceeds going to the arts centre project.

Tickets are available at the door or online at winklerconcerthall.ca.

At its annual general meeting last week, WA+C welcomed a few new faces to its board of directors and shifted around several returning members to new positions.

The board make-up features Derksen returning once again as president, Eileen Blatz taking on the vice-president role, Deb Penner as secretary, Dwight Suderman as treasurer, Don Friesen as the city council rep, and members at large Gustavo Peters, Wes Hildebrand, and Karen Schellenberg.

Imagination Library needs your vote

The Winkler Imagination Library is in the running for the Cargill Together We Thrive contest, and they need your votes.

Cargill is celebrating 150 years of helping the world thrive by donating \$150,000 to six communities this summer.

That kind of funding would take a major bite out of the Imagination Library's annual fundraising campaign, says board member Joyce Sawatzky.

"Our goal is to raise \$48,000 each year in order to provide free books monthly for pre-schoolers in GVSD," she says. "The \$25,000 Cargill donation would take us over halfway to

our fundraising goal. That would provide over 6,000 books to homes in this area."

Since launching last fall, the literacy program reached a high of 771 children registered to receive free books each month until they start kindergarten.

To vote for the program, head online to www.togetherwethrive.ca. You can vote daily from now until June 30.

If you'd like to support the Imagination Library financially, donations can be sent to: Winkler Family Resource Centre, Note: Winkler Imagination Library, Box 997, Winkler, MB, R6W 4B1.

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Chinese docs get a taste of Cdn. medicine

By Cori Bezan

The Boundary Trails Health Centre hosted two students from China's Shantou University last week.

After spending two weeks in Winnipeg, Josephine Wu and Nicole Chen traveled to BTHC to learn about the way our region's doctors practise family medicine.

"We heard from the previous students that came here the previous year, they shared their experience with us," Wu said. "We picked Winnipeg because we wanted to have experience more in family medicine here."

While here from May 11-15, Wu and Chen toured the hospital with Dr. Leanne Nause, the student preceptor for the Boundary Trails Clinical Teaching Unit.

They spent time learning how to operate a family practice and dealing with patients one-on-one.

"We learned how to communicate with the patients, learn some very important skills to communicate with a patient, and do physical examinations on them and taking care of them. Things like that," Wu explained.

Outside of the hospital, the duo also got to experience a slice of life in southern Manitoba when, among other activities, they visited a local Hutterite colony.

"It is a very different experience for us, especially for us," Wu said. "They live in a colony, and they make all their things by themselves... I loved [it] there."

"We very enjoyed our time here, so it's hard to say which was the best moment," Chen added.

When they head back to China in a few weeks, the pair hope to put what they learned about Canadian medicine to good use in their own practices.

"I want to take our experience here to share with someone else," Chen said. "It is a very good experience for us."

"[Family medicine] is similar, but in some details there's differences between the one in China and the one here," added Wu. "We have a preceptor, Dr. Clayton Dyck, he is just introducing family medicine to us in China. He came to Shantou in the previous year. We are trying to es-



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Shantou University students Josephine Wu (left) and Nicole Chen (right) with the BTHC's Dr. Leanne Nause last Thursday. The Chinese medical students were at the hospital for a week as part of an exchange program to learn more about family medicine in Canada.

tablish our family medicine [faculty] there, and in July we will have our new family medicine building there."

As much as Chen and Wu learnt from the experience, the exchange program was also beneficial for the Boundary Trail's Clinical Teaching Unit, Dr. Nause said, adding that she would be interested in traveling to China in the future to continue teaching.

"It's nice to support the university family of medicine in this joint project with Shantou," she said. "For me, it was just an interest in getting to know the students and learning from them a little bit about their culture and their medicine and practices."

With their week at BTHC completed, the two students returned to Winnipeg for four more weeks before heading back home next month.

Back 40 ready to fill the park bowl with music

By Cori Bezan

It's almost time for the Back 40 Festival to fill the Morden Park bowl with music, art, food, and good times all around.

"We always say that the Back 40 Festival is the great small festival experience," said board chair Jocelyn Unrau. "Whether you're inside the kids' tent, browsing through the artisans, in line for food, or in the back of the park, you can hear music, you can see the music, you can experience everything in one location."

"A lot of times people will stray away from festivals because they don't like all the crowds and the noise, but the Back 40 is small and relaxed, and really a very personal festival experience."

The line-up for the June 7 afternoon of music is proving to be a strong set of performers from across Manitoba.

"There's a lot more new music coming into the bowl, and we're

definitely going to step it up a notch in terms of tempo and overall vibe," Unrau said. "It's going to be a little bit more lively, but still playing true to the folk roots."

"We really worked very hard to bring a diverse line-up," she added. "We're very proud to say that 50 per cent of the performers on our stage are females. It's unheard of in the music industry to have such a balanced line-up."

Headlining the afternoon are The Crooked Brothers, a crowd favourite that offer a unique blend of classic country and back porch blues.

"These guys have awesome, awesome blues sound that is really all of their own, and they're a ton of fun to watch," Unrau said. "I've been trying to get them at the festival for years, but they've always been busy touring in Europe. It's exciting to have The Crooked Brothers headlining the festival this year."

Unrau is also excited to see Ca-

nadian artist IsKwé take the stage in Morden. Her debut record was nominated for Electronic/Dance Album of the Year at the 2014 Western Canada Music Awards.

"She is an incredible, incredible musician, and we're really excited to host her," Unrau said. "She's going to bring more of an R&B/pop flavour to the festival, which is very exciting, and a dynamic that was underrepresented in past years."

Other performers include The Craig & Ash Band, Until Red, Tin Heart, Chez Willi, and Ingrid Gatin.

The stage also hosts performances by "tweener" artists Bowen, Mockingbird, and sisters Kayla and Hannah Drudge filling in between the sets of the other groups.

The festival will close out with a unique performance from a Morden jazz band comprised of students from Morden Collegiate and the community-at-large.

"We always try to have local per-

formers close the evening of the festival, and it's very exciting to be able to work with the school to expose new people to the festival," Unrau said. "I'm excited to see what they come up with."

Aside from the musical offerings on tap, there will also be plenty to see and do away from the stage at the festival.

This year's artisan village will be home to over 20 vendors offering up wares that range from art to jewelry to fashion.

"It really is a growing aspect of our festival that we're really proud to feature," Unrau said. "There's a huge variety, and it's right inside the bowl."

There are still spaces available for vendors. Anyone who would like to register a spot can contact the art gallery at 204-822-6026.

Nearby will be the Kids' Tent, which

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Are little ones in my future?

I was awakened at 2 a.m. the other night in a cold sweat to the horrific yowling screaming of cats in love and the terrifying realization that I left my bathroom window open.

Could it be that my small, still whole, female cat had managed to escape for some midnight rendezvous? Ludicrous. Kitty is a good cat who would never wander from home for some evening tryst.

Still, now wide awake with thoughts of kittens invading my home in a few months, I could not simply lie there without checking. So, with that, I wandered to the main floor and began the hunt.

"Kitty? Kittyyyyyy . . . come here kit-tyyyyyy."

Nothing.

Nothing to worry about yet because anyone who has ever owned a cat recognizes the futility of actually calling them, for a cat comes to you when it

suits them, no sooner, no later.

In the half-dark I stumble around seeing if she might be in her normal haunts. On the window shelf? Nope. In the corner of the couch? Nothing. Perched on the counter next to the lizard? Empty.

Finally and with a certain resignation I wandered slowly over to the front door and quietly opened it to peer out to the front porch.

There she was: a too small for her age (almost four) black and white tuxedo cat casually licking her paw and cleaning her face as if everything was perfectly fine.

"Get inside!"

Of course I only had myself to blame. I left the window open. I knew the screen was torn. I should have thought.

But being nothing if not pragmatic, I switched from panic mode to rationalizations. Maybe she wasn't pregnant. I mean, cat yowling could mean anything . . . maybe she was simply wanting to come in and decided to shriek like a banshee until I opened the door. Maaaaaybe . . . or maybe she met that big male tuxedo from across the street. The scoundrel!

With this thought came visions of little tuxedo clones running all over the house and, being a cat lover, I couldn't help but smile at the thought as I watched her now on the couch simply staring at me as if to say, "You know, you really over-think things".

"If you have kittens maybe I'll give you away and keep Version 2.0," I said. "An upgrade would be nice."

She didn't seem to really care, like she could sense the idleness of the threat.

It was likely nothing happened anyhow and there will be no kittens. Heck, even if there were, how many could there be in such a small cat's first litter? Maybe two or three at the most?

Friends were of no help with this.

"I knew of a tiny cat who had 12 kittens in her first litter," said one. Wonderful.

Who knows? It's probably nothing. After all, where could one amorous night possibly lead anyhow?

In the meantime, I will keep an eye on her and if she starts swelling up I will begin the futile effort of making her a nice little nest. I say futile because cats have their own idea of the best place to give birth and it usually isn't in the nice, quiet, dark, warm, blanket-filled box you make for them.

I imagine the cat studiously eyeing any such construction with skepticism.

"Sure, I could have my kittens in this nice little warm nook, but frankly I think the pile of dirty underwear on the floor in your closet would be much better."

Yep, better cat-proof the house and pick up all my laundry, just in case.

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will be packed with activities such as T-shirt designing and kite making.

"We always try to focus in on the family aspect of the festival," Unrau said. "We have some leftover tee-shirts from past festivals and we're giving people the opportunity to bead them, to paint them, to cut them up, to really make them their own."

Morden author Sharla Kinsman will also be making an appearance in the tent to read from her new book *My Mother Always Tells Me*.

Finally, not an activity, per se, but definitely something new this year: festival-goers will see some extra

cameras around the grounds as a Winnipeg artist films the festival for his documentary *Northern Folk*.

"We were approached by a filmmaker by the name of Paul Plett. He's creating a documentary about folk music right across Canada," Unrau explained. "He was actually interviewing different folk musicians and he said all of these folk musicians happen to be playing at the Back 40 Festival this June, which is in itself really, really awesome because we try as a festival very hard to bring music to the bowl that really has traveled across the world. So he is actually coming out for the day

and filming the festival as part of his documentary."

Back 40 tickets are \$20 at the gate or \$15 in advance. Children ages 12 and under are free admission.

Under the festival's Fill the Bowl campaign, festival-goers can also get a poster and 10 passes for \$150.

Advance tickets can be purchased online at back40folkfest.com (until June 5) or at Jonny's Java in Winkler and Thornview Grocery in Morden.

Advance tickets also get you access to the 10 a.m. Yoga in the Bowl, led by Harmony Tree Studio's Sheena Butler and with musical accompaniment from Melanie Schwarz.

Winkler hires new head planner, engineer

By Cori Bezan

The City of Winkler has welcomed Malli Aulakh as the new director of planning and engineering.

Aulakh has over 20 years of experience in management and infrastructure planning, having worked for the cities of Thompson and Winnipeg as well as several other municipalities.

He also worked as a capital works engineer for the Province of Manitoba, and has some background in new technology and alternative energy such as solar or geotechnical systems.

Aulakh, who chatted with the media at last week's city council meeting, says he was eager to make Winkler his new home.

"I know some people here, I used to come and visit them," he said. "I'm quite familiar with the city of Winkler and its challenges, in my opinion. Any new place you go to, I'm always looking for a challenge, and I do make sure I do to the best of my ability to make improvements for new developments. The whole city can be grown."

Some of those challenges that Aulakh hopes to take on include sustainability in a time when financial support can be tight.

"I would like to set an example of

the city here for Canada . . . to actually make the system, or try to make the system, sustainable and energy-saving, whether it's a building, infrastructure, new development, residential, commercial, industrial."

Mayor Martin Harder said council is pleased to welcome Aulakh to the team.

"As a city, we want to make sure we do our infrastructure and our planning correctly, and I think what we found out from Malli is that he certainly is a very personable individual, and I think as a community we appreciate that, an ability to work with people, and he certainly demonstrated that that's what his gift is," he said. "We look forward to many years of working together with him and to provide service to our community."

CITY PAYING IT FORWARD

In other council news, the City of Winkler will be donating almost \$5,000 to the Winkler and District Food Cupboard after a very successful Pay It Forward initiative May 4-8.

Residents were invited to stop by City Hall that week to enjoy free Tim Horton's coffee and doughnuts as part of the Pay It Forward campaign going on throughout the month of



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Mayor Martin Harder (left) and city manager Dave Burgess (right) welcomed Malli Aulakh as the city's new director of planning and engineering at the May 12 city council meeting.

May.

"As a city, we wanted to set an example for our community," Harder said. "We decided that we wanted to support the neediest of the community, which is the food cupboard."

Council committed to a \$1,000 donation to the food bank on top of agreeing to match any donations that came in for the charity throughout the week.

Donations totalled \$1,800, which means the food cupboard will receive a \$4,600 cheque to help feed Winkler families in need.

The city will also be paying it for-

ward on May 30, when the Winkler Aquatic Centre offers free admission for the day.

Harder says the free day is to celebrate—a little bit early—National Health and Fitness Day, which technically takes place on Saturday, June 6.

"We are offering our pool for free use on May 30 to kickstart [it], so to speak," he said. "We encourage our community to get active."

"A healthy community is a productive community. We are encouraging the community to stay active, stay healthy, and get involved."

Miles for Smiles raising funds for palliative care

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The BTHC Foundation wants you to put on your goofiest costume and head down to the Winkler Arena June 6 for the annual Miles for Smiles marathon.

The long-running fundraiser is looking for participants to run, walk, bike skate, skip, or even hop their way through four, six, and 10 kilometre routes throughout the city to raise funds for the Boundary Trails Health Centre's palliative care program.

"We'd love to see over 100 people this year," says organizer Shannon Samatte-Folkett, noting last year's run had about 75 participants and raised nearly \$8,000. "We're hoping to raise \$10,000 this year."

Runners can tackle the marathon solo or as part of team, and this year organizers are encouraging participants to dress up in their favourite outfit—be that workout gear, a tutu, or even a favourite superhero.

"We are encouraging people to come in costumes, just to brighten it up and make it even more fun," Samatte-Folkett says.

Adding to the fun is the list of prizes, which includes a one night stay at the Days Inn Winkler for the adult who brings in the most pledges, a \$30 gift card to the Iceburg Drive-In to the child 12 and under who fundraises the most, and a DJ's Restaurant pizza lunch party to the top-earning team.

For every \$100 you raise, you'll also be entered into a draw for a Fitbit One activity tracker.

Registration begins on Saturday, June 6 at 8 a.m., with the walk getting underway at 9 a.m. The entrance fee is \$25 a person, though this can be covered by pledges raised.

Pledge forms are available at the BTHC Foundation office at the hospital, the BTHC Auxiliary Gift Shop, Core Fitness, Access Credit Union in both Winkler and Morden, FittWell and Hi-Way Groceteria.

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Steps for Pets to support PVHS shelter animals

Pembina Valley Humane Society holding walks in Morden, Altona, and Carman next month

By Cori Bezan

It's nearly time for the annual Pembina Valley Humane Society Step for Pets walks, coming to Altona, Carman, and Morden on June 13 and June 14.

The non-profit regional shelter, located in Morden, relies on fundraisers such as the walkathons to bring in the funding that allows them to care for the hundreds of animals that pass through their doors each year, says board president Cindy Kalansky.

For example: Scruffy, the current resident kitty troublemaker at the shelter. This playful cat came into the shelter's care two months ago in pretty rough shape, Kalansky says.

"Scruffy is a cat that came to us through a Good Samaritan who had found Scruffy wandering out in the rural area around the landfill. Unfortunately, animals are frequently dumped off in that area, and this Good Samaritan had found Scruffy and another cat, and she took them both in and gave us a call."

At the time, the shelter was full to capacity, but they asked the resident if the cats needed any immediate medical attention.

While one appeared healthy, the other cat—now dubbed Scruffy—was in terrible condition.

"She said there's something really wrong, and she wanted to be humane about it. She wanted to know, 'Can you look at this cat, is he really suffering?'" Kalansky says. "What's the best way to help this cat?"

Scruffy was brought to the shelter to be examined, where it was immediately determined that he would require a veterinarian's care.

"The first thing we noticed was that it appeared as though Scruffy's front right leg, at one point, had either a snare wrapped around it or something really tight fastened around it," Kalansky says. "He'd obviously managed to get it off at some point, but the damage was so severe that the skin had started disintegrating, the

bones were visible towards his paw, which was really quite frightening to look at."

Scruffy also had severe frostbite which caused him to lose the tip of one ear and part of his tail. On top of all that, he also had an eye infection.

"The vet looked at Scruffy and said this is all fixable. This is all manageable," Kalansky says. "She was able to do the miraculous work that she does."

A lot of work and resources went into Scruffy's recovery. His injured leg was amputated at the shoulder and his eye was treated before he was cleared to return to the shelter to continue his rehabilitation.

"Now he's back to being the 18-month-old cat that he should be," Kalansky says. "It took us a while to really get to know him, because it took a while for him to heal and feel like a cat again, but he's quite the character. We've become really attached to him and we really want to find him just the perfect home."

Scruffy has warmed up to people and is the perfect cuddler. He is starting to find he can run around just as well on three legs as he did on four, and although he's still gaining the confidence to jump, he's become quite the escape artist.

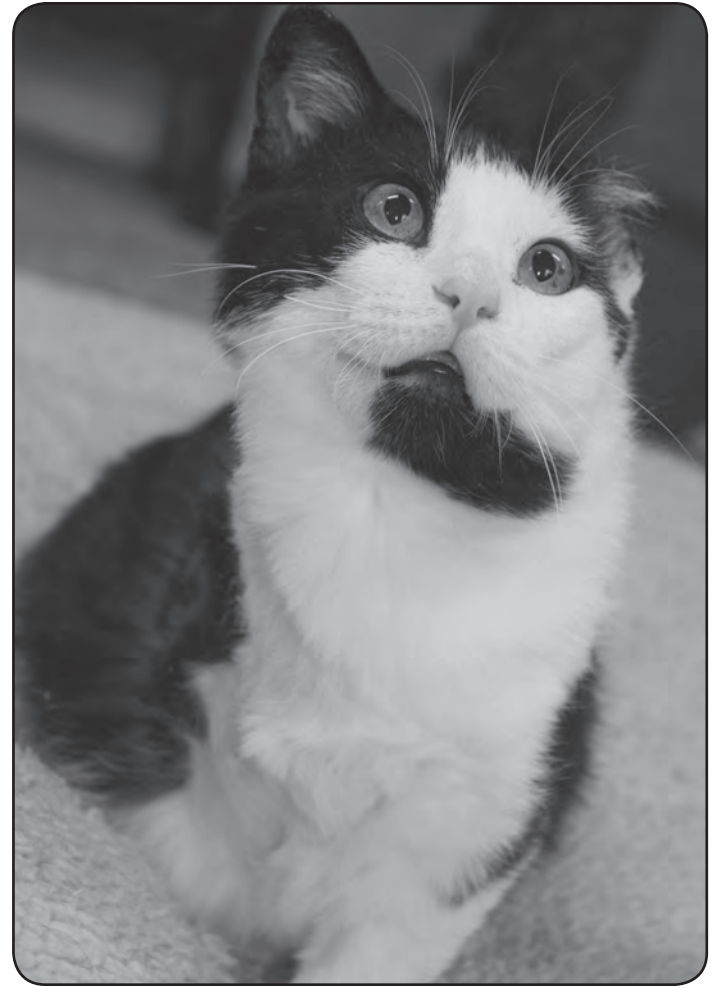
"He's quite comical and makes us laugh," Kalansky says. "Just the other night, I came in the evening

to do chores . . . he had managed to get his kennel door open, and he was sitting in the middle of the floor, sassily grooming himself when I walked into the room."

PVHS fundraisers help raise money to care for animals like Scruffy, who could require anything from basic spay and neuter surgeries and vaccinations to additional procedures and medications.

"He is a perfect example of why we're here," Kalansky says. "If we had not been here to take him in . . . he likely wouldn't have had a second chance at being healthy and happy and being a cat."

"But that all costs money, so fundraisers like our walkathons, they're crucial to us, and it's re-



PVHS PHOTO

"Scruffy" came to the Pembina Valley Humane Society shelter in rough shape a few months ago, but now he's healed and ready to be adopted. He's just one of the hundreds of animals the PVHS Steps for Pets walks raise funds to help.

ally important that they are successful days for us, because then we can keep doing what we do and save more Scruffys."

The Steps for Pets walks take place rain or shine at King's Park in Carman and Centennial Park in Altona on June 13. The Morden walk will begin at the stage in the bowl in Morden Park on June 14.

Dog owners are encouraged to bring along their furry friends to take part in the walk, though it is not a prerequisite to participate. The PVHS asks owners to keep female dogs in season at home and to make sure puppies are on a leash.

Registration for the three kilometre walk gets underway at 2:30 p.m. in Morden, with the walk itself running from 3-4 p.m., followed by a free barbecue.

Participants are asked to bring a minimum \$20 donation to the event. Pledge forms and more information can be found online at pvhsociety.ca/steps-for-pets-walkathon.

"It's a great chance for us to connect with supporters in different communities," Kalansky says. "It is also a chance for us to raise much needed funds."

"Our animal expenses have increased this year, and we find ourselves in rather desperate need of donations," she adds. "This walkathon is a great way for people to be able to financially support us and have some fun while doing it."

Mordenite doesn't let MS slow him down

By Cori Bezan

On May 24, area residents will lace up their shoes to take part in the annual Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Morden MS Walk, supporting people who are living with the degenerative disease.

Until a cure can be found, walks like this one help to fund research into multiple sclerosis and support those living with it.

Morden resident Phillip Duncan is one of the more than 3,500 Manitobans who has MS, but he hasn't let it him slow him down.

Duncan has been living with MS for several years now, and knew something was off even before his diagnosis five years ago. Looking back, he suspects he was showing symptoms for a decade before his diagnosis.

"Those were recognizable symptoms that I was talking to the doctor about, and now in hindsight I am sure that I had had symptoms that wouldn't have been recognized for what they were for 15 years previous to that," Duncan said. "In the late 1990s is when it really started creeping up on me."

"Living with MS, symptoms are different for every individual, which is part of the particularly specific puzzle that goes with MS, because it's so different for everybody," he added. "Some people have really big issues with fatigue, which has only been a problem with me in the last few years. Initially, I just starting having some carpal tunnel-like symptoms and tingling in my left hand. That has just progressed to some pain in the left side of my body... it's creeping onto me more and more all the time."

Duncan's symptoms went misdiagnosed when he first began talking with doctors about them. In fact, it took about eight years before he received an official diagnosis from a neurologist in 2010.

"My first reaction was disbelief that I had a condition I knew nothing about," he said. "Shock seems like an oversimplification of my initial reaction, because it's like your entire world changes instantly. Everything, your entire perspective on your future, changes instantaneously."

Unfamiliar with the disease he now found himself living with, Duncan threw himself into researching it.

"I especially knew very little about the prevalence of MS in North America. There's so many things I have found out since then."

In the years since, Duncan has looked into everything that could help him cope with his MS, all while maintaining an upbeat outlook on life.

"Trying to do everything I can to make myself better, and trying to stay calm at the same time," he said. "It is so difficult when you can't get a straight answer from one person about what the best path to deal with or heal MS is."

"Some people think there is absolutely no cure. There are a few people out there who claim that they have made changes to their lifestyle and diet that have made them feel better, but moving forward from that diagnosis is only about making choices for me that would possibly make me better."

Duncan said that staying positive and getting lots of rest

"DEALING WITH A CONDITION LIKE MS, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR YOU."

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PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Phillip Duncan will hit the streets on May 24 to take part in the Morden MS Walk, which raises money for the MS Society of Manitoba. Duncan has been a supporter of the event ever since he first learned he had MS several years ago.

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is the way he handles his condition.

"It is not always easy to stay positive. Especially when you are considering your future options, and dealing with a condition like MS, you don't know what the future holds for you."

Still, Duncan hasn't let MS stop him from living his life. He currently teaches drama at Morden Collegiate and is heavily involved with local children's theatre, such as the summer Kids ACT camp.

He also recently auditioned with a friend to take part in *The Amazing Race Canada* television series, though they didn't make the cut.

Most of the time, people aren't even aware he's living with MS, Duncan said.

"From the outside, nobody could tell that there is anything wrong with me, or know that I live in daily pain. One of the difficulties is dealing with a condition that people forget that I have, and they think that they have expectations of me and myself that they would have of an able-bodied person that doesn't have the kind of challenges that I have."

WALKING FOR MS

One of the tangible ways people

can support those living with MS is through the annual MS Walks.

Duncan has participated in the Morden walk for years, even acting as an MS ambassador for a few years.

The importance of the financial support the event generates for the MS Society can't be overstated, Duncan said.

"The MS Society does a lot to help research the problem," he said. "They are behind the newest study about stem cell research that is about to take place in Canada—they certainly are a big proponent for that."

But on top of the donations, the MS Walk is also a great way to spread awareness of the disease, which is so prevalent in our country that it's become known as "Canada's disease."

"Raising awareness, I think, is the most important thing," Duncan said. "Raising awareness about the condition so people know more about it, and raising awareness so that people can be more educated on how to support people who have to live with MS."

"There are even a lot of people, and a lot of people in the medical field, that need to know more about MS, and need to be more informed about MS and how to deal with MS. That's why things like the MS Walk are important."

Duncan said he has watched the Morden walk grow year after year, and he is glad to see so many people returning to support the event.

This year he is planning to take part

by walking with team Philly's Family and Friends, made up of around 15 to 20 people who have supported him as he's dealt with MS.

"It's great that they're there to support me emotionally. Watching them walk with me—it's awesome," Duncan said.

Morden's walk will feature two routes of varying lengths for participants of all ages and abilities.

The event will kick-off with registration at noon on Sunday at the Access Event Centre with a barbecue lunch for participants, followed by the walk itself at 1 p.m.

Teams or individuals interested in taking part can preregister online at mswalks.ca.

Many Hands bike tune-up day Sat.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Not sure how to best get your bike ready for the summer? Many Hands Resource Centre has got you covered.

Many Hands has teamed up with Country Cycle and Francis Family Homes to offer free bike repair/

tune-up services at its second annual Community Bike Safety & Tune-up Day, taking place in Morden Park this Sunday, May 24.

Bike tune-up services including basic parts will be offered free of charge. Those who can are encouraged to contribute a financial donation or

a non-perishable food item to help Many Hands stock its food pantry shelves.

New at the event this year is a fun kids cyclocross course through the park.

The day runs from 2-5 p.m. near the park's north entrance.

Thank You!

Our 3rd Annual Spring Indulgence Fashion Show in support of South Central Cancer Resource was held April 29.

It was a tremendous success, in excess of \$20,000.00 was raised and over 400 people were in attendance at the Access Event Centre in Morden. The theme for the evening was inspiration. The guest speakers Marion Klassen and her daughter Melanie Penner told us about their cancer journey. The importance of surrounding yourself with a supportive group of people was very inspirational. Thanks to the fantastic support of Decor Cabinets, participants were each given a flipcard of inspirational sayings to take home. Decor Cabinets was also our major financial partner for this event.

This event could not occur without the generous participation of Saban & Co and Total Sound. Gina Dyck and her staff put together a fun filled fashion show and Dave Destoop and his crew at Total Sound provided lighting, live video and sound. Both of these companies spent a huge amount of time and energy to bring about a tremendous event. SCCR is very grateful for their efforts.

Many other businesses provided generous services for the event: Dena and Amy at Party On Rentals for linens, centrepieces and decorations, Heidi at Shear Bliss for hair and make-up, Eagle Eye Printing for posters and tickets, and Tim Hortons for coffee.

Thanks are also due to Jayme Giesbrecht and Chris Sumner of Golden West radio. The duo kept the evening light and entertaining. Morden Rec Centre staff were great and supplied a fabulous dessert.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended and bought tickets for our rainbow auction. Thanks to your generosity SCCR will be able to help people with cancer and their families in the upcoming year. Since all of our funding comes from local donations, grants and our own fundraising, this event is very important in our ongoing viability.

Special thanks also to Joanne Friesen of Altona for initiating her own fundraising project for SCCR. A beautiful quilt was constructed and raffled off. The draw was made at the fashion show and all proceeds donated to SCCR.

Thank you to our many generous sponsors and donors who are listed here.

I am continually inspired by the support of our communities. It is appropriate, in this month of Paying It Forward, that we recognize that so many people are paying it forward each and every day. We are generous communities. **Thank you very much.**

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Block Party '15 in two weeks

Party takes over downtown Morden June 6

By Cori Bezan

Downtown Morden will be packed from curb-to-curb with activities and entertainment when the Morden Block Party returns for its ninth year on Saturday, June 6.

"The Block Party keeps evolving every year, and it's something a little different," said organizer James Steedsman. "I think people enjoy the things that we have, getting downtown with their families, seeing different things. It's kind of a casual day."

"They can expect something that maybe they haven't seen before, they can expect some really good local talent, a lot of fun," he added. "They can expect something they haven't seen at other festivals."

The event—which today takes over much of downtown Stephen St.—had some humble beginnings. Back in 2007, several local businesses were looking for ways to thank their customers for their support.

"It started out with myself here at Giant Tiger and Jeff [Sit] at Velocity, and we were each doing our own individual events kind of at the same, so we decided why don't we join forces," said Steedsman. "I think our third year in, YFC [Youth for Christ] came on board as a beneficiary, so any of our proceeds that we made get do-

nated them to them. That shot us up into another level of participation once they became involved."

The Block Party has grown every year since, adding new family-friendly activities for people to enjoy throughout the afternoon.

This year, the day will kick off around 11 a.m. with the YFC by-donation barbecue.

If that doesn't satisfy your hunger, Steedsman says there will be several other food vendors to choose from offering mini-donuts, french fries, and lemonade.

On the event front, back again this year is a match between Canadian Wrestling's Elite wrestlers, the popular car smash, the Mighty Man competition, and the Velocity car show.

Over on the main stage, local Christian rock band The Color headlines the musical entertainment.

The kids' entertainment, meanwhile, will be set up in Confederation Park, with appearances from Harmony Tree Studio for Yoga in the Park, the Morden Magics gymnastics club, Ronald McDonald, and LuLu and the TomCat.

The kids' park will also showcase inflatable rides, giant board games (jumbo Jenga, anyone?), and carnival games.

The party will wrap up with the burn-out

Back at the Block Party this year is the car smash (above), Mighty Man (right), and burn-out competition (below) for kids big and little.



competition at 4 p.m. Participants can register at Velocity by dropping into the store or by calling 204-822-4000.

"I think it's just a different atmosphere and there's a little bit of something for everybody," said Steedsman, noting most of the activities are free, and those that aren't donate some of the proceeds to YFC, so it's a win-win for everyone.

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The Grade 3 students at Minnewasta School in Morden organized several fundraisers this month—including a bracelet sale, a used book and movie sale, and an odd job campaign—to raise over \$400 for charities that help kids in need all over the world.



Students give back

By Cori Bezan

The Gr. 3 students at Minnewasta School got into the entrepreneurial spirit as they organized events to raise funds for charity this month.

The annual projects were part of the students' social studies class in a unit that aims to teach them about living conditions in other parts of the world.

"We were learning about kids in other countries and the difference between rights, wants, and needs," explained teacher Rhonda Thomson. "Just learning that other kids in other countries don't live the same way that we live."

Thomson divided her class into two groups, each of which chose their own fundraiser to organize and a charity they wanted to support. They worked hard to organize their events from start to finish, with only a little guidance from their teacher.

The students were responsible for

everything from arranging the timing of the fundraisers with their school principal to creating advertising posters, writing invitation letters to parents, and managing the money they raised.

"It was all student-driven," Thomson said. "I was just kind of a guide at the side... lots of it was initiated and motivated by themselves."

The first group of Thomson's students held a used book and movie sale at the school, selling popcorn on the side and raising \$175 for Free the Children.

"It felt good," said student Saul Vandijk. "We learned that it helps to give money to people that help kids, so that they can get home and foster parents, stuff like that."

The second group raised \$128 for UNICEF by selling loom bracelets that they made on their own time.

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The Back 40 Festival took over Garden Valley Collegiate's student common area—dubbed 'The Zone'—last Thursday night for its spring coffeehouse concert. The evening featured performances from the GVC Jazz Band (above), Warren Friesen (right) on the open mic, the GVC Inversions, Bill Dowling and the Even Breaks, August Jack, and Donovan Giesbrecht playing from Ottawa via Skype.

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Roland 4H Museum up for Cargill grant

By Cori Bezan

The Canadian 4H Museum in Roland has showcased the history of 4H clubs across the nation for decades, but the building is starting to show its age and a campaign is underway to find the museum a new home.

The museum's current building on 3rd St. got its start as a bank, says museum board member Colleen Hodgson.

"It was the Hamilton Bank, first of all, in 1902... and then the Royal Bank took it over," she said. "The Royal Bank was here until the bank closed in the mid to late '80s."

Around the same time, two Roland residents, Ednes Smith and Myrtle Rudd, took it upon themselves to collect pieces of 4H history and compile them into a display in time for the 75th anniversary of 4H in 1988.

"Myrtle thought it was extremely important to have a collection of 4H memorabilia on display when everybody came to Roland that year. That was the beginning of the 4H museum," Hodgson said, noting the community is the birthplace of the Cana-

"WE'RE OUT OF SPACE. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO MAKE THIS BUILDING BIGGER."

dian 4H program, making it a fitting place to house all that 4H history.

"When 4H started in 1913, it started in eight small rural towns. The first actual meeting was in Roland, so that's why Roland is the home of Canadian 4H. That's what our heritage is, we're proud of it, and that's why we have the museum here."

The Historical Society of the RM of Roland was then formed in 1989, and the collection was moved into the old bank building in 1990, just in time for Roland's centennial celebrations.

Currently, a huge assortment of items fills the museum from wall-to-wall, including club banners, old



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Canadian 4H Museum board members Colleen Hodgson (left) and LeAnna Scott hope to raise enough funds to see the Roland museum move out of its aging building and into a new location. The project is in the running for the Cargill Together We Thrive grant, which is awarded partially based on the results of an online vote on now.

projects, trophies, and hundreds of photographs of club members and events from across Canada and the United States.

"It's kind of like a timeline as you come through it," said Hodgson.

But, at 113 years old, the building is slowly falling into disrepair. The roof is in need of upgrades, and the walls show years of damp and shifts over time. Hodgson said that they have to run fans and humidifiers all winter long to keep the humidity at bay and protect the collection.

Though the collection is safe for now, the museum board is worried about its future—especially considering they are rapidly running out of space in the 900 sq. ft. hall and have no viable way to expand the building, which has been designated as a heritage site, making it even more difficult to undertake major renovations.

"We're out of space," Hodgson said.

"We cannot afford to make this building bigger."

And so the board is looking at another solution: adding an expansion of about 1,500 sq. ft. onto the current Roland municipal hall, located on Main Street just a few blocks south of the museum.

"We are concerned that, because of the state of this building, this might be the last summer that the museum is in the building as it is," said Hodgson. "We don't want the collection to get compromised."

"If we can get our ducks in a row, we're hoping that... we might open in a new place next summer," she added. "Realistically, that's not probably what will happen, but that is our hope."

Permission has already been granted by the municipality and a fund



The Canadian 4H Museum has called this former bank building home for decades, but the aging building no longer suits the bursting-at-the-seams museum's needs.

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"We were watching a video about Free the Children and UNICEF and that's how we got the idea," explained student Chloe Douglas.

"[The goal was] to mostly help people," added Carson Friesen. "Help poor people."

Meanwhile, in Marcie Robertson's Gr. 3 class, the students took on some extra jobs to raise money for Plan Canada Gifts of Hope.

"Our class did little odd jobs either for other family members or neighbours or other people that they know, and it was for any amount of money that the people wanted to give," Robertson said. "We had about a month and a half to collect money."

"I wanted them to learn what empathy was," she added. "We talk a lot about the lives of other children that are their age from other countries in the world that are less fortunate than our country. I wanted them to feel how some kids have to do jobs like this all day long, and they don't get to go to school. I think they took a lot away from that."

The students raised just over \$100 doing jobs such as cleaning, shoveling the driveway, babysitting, and helping their parents in the kitchen.

"I walked the dog, I fed the dog, cleaned my room, cleaned the basement, and vacuumed my room," said student Kai Rach. "[I learned] anything's possible. It feels good."

"I had a slip in the mud at school, so I helped my mom clean my clothes," added Erica Plett. "I helped clean my brother's room, and made my bed."

The money the kids raised will go towards clean water and livestock for families overseas, including the purchase of two hens and some baby chicks.

Combined, the two Gr. 3 classes raised over \$400 for three organizations that will help children and families in need around the world.

Most of the students said that they would love to hold more fundraisers and continue their philanthropic work, a sentiment that the teachers had hoped they would take away from the projects.

"I think it's extremely important, and I think of all the discussions we had during this project, you could really see it in their faces and their eyes that they just maybe didn't look at it the way we looked at it after studying the unit," Robertson said. "I do think they are more aware now of their responsibilities in their own household, and how they can help."

"I think, just living here in Canada, we have so much freedom, and we just go about our daily life and sometimes we take things for granted," Thomson added. "We don't realize maybe what's happening, because we don't see it ongoing in the lives of children in other countries."

> 4H MUSEUM, FROM PG. 14

has been started to see this project through.

In addition to fundraising, the board will be applying for grants, including one of the Together We Thrive grants offered by Cargill.

"It supports rural projects. We thought, 'Why not?'" explained board member LeAnna Scott, who put in the original nomination for the museum. "4H is important to a lot of communities, it's been around a long time, so we think it's a worthy project."

"I don't think a lot of people know the state that we're in with the museum," she added. "I know it's important to a lot of people, but they maybe don't realize, so it's nice to have the word out."

"If you have a chance to win \$25,000 and get the word out there that we're thinking about it, it's been good," Hodgson added. "It isn't just important to Roland, it's a global thing, it's a Canadian thing."

People can vote once a day for the Canadian 4H Museum online at www.togetherwethrive.ca until June 30.

If you would like to make a donation to the Canadian 4H Museum, cheques can be made out to the Historical Society of the RM of Roland, Box 238, Roland Manitoba, R0G 1T0.

If you'd like to see the 4H collection

for yourself, the museum opens its doors for what may be its final summer season in the old bank building on June 29 from 1-4 p.m.

"It educates today's public about the past, and it gives them the opportunity to see what is available for 4H for the future," Hodgson said. "It's important in our community."

"We've got to take pride in our heritage and our history," Scott added. "Somebody's got to look out for the future."

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Mayhem in Morden

Canadian Wrestling's Elite took over the Morden Access Event Centre community hall last Friday night for a few hours of "Morden Mayhem." The evening featured more wrestlers than ever, including familiar faces from WWE's weekly television show. The line-up included "Hotshot" Danny Duggan, "A-List" Anderson Tyson Moore, "The Blue-Eyed Idol" Tyler Colton, tag team champions "The Main Vein" Dick Blood and Billy Blaze, Winkler's own "Psycho" Sydney Mason, and many more. At right: a tag team match gets out of hand when pool cues get added to the mix.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT



Orioles drop home opener 7-4 to Bisons

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Orioles are still working the rust out, evidenced by the fact they dropped their home opener against the Altona Bisons 7-4 on May 13.

The home team took an early 2-0 lead in the opening inning, but pitcher Matt Friesen struggled to control the ball when the Bisons came up for their first at-bat, giving up five runs.

Tanner Gitzel took to the mound for Pembina Valley after that, and the score held steady until the bottom of the sixth, when Altona added two more runs.

"We lost focus for most of the game," says coach Brent Laverty,

"as we didn't play well innings two through six."

That all changed in inning seven,

though, when the Orioles' bats finally came to life. They scored two runs, but remained two short of tying, and

the game went to Altona 7-4.

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Mohawks hit the pitch next Wed.

The Border West Baseball League season gets underway next week.

Six teams return to compete for the W.G. Coulthard Trophy, including defending Manitoba Senior AA champions the Baldur Regals, the Cartwright Twins, Clearwater, the Killarney Lakers, the Pilot Mound Pilots, and two-time defending Border West champions the Morden Mohawks.

Each of the league teams will also play one game against the Pembina Hills Midget team this season, with the results impacting their spot in the standings.

The top four teams in the regular season will make the playoffs, with a best-of-five semi-final and championship series deciding the champion.

For the Mohawks, the first pitch will

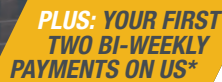
be thrown on Wednesday, May 27, when they face the Midgets at Buhler Field at 7 p.m.

Morden also has home field advantage against Clearwater on Friday, May 29, before hitting the road to play Killarney and Pilot Mound May 31 and June 2.

A full schedule is available online at www.bcball.ca/borderwestbaseball.



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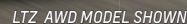
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Roland woman biking from Niagara Falls to Winnipeg

By Ashleigh Viveiros

This July, Nancy Bezan will bike more in two weeks than most of us will all summer.

The Roland woman is in the midst of training for Habitat for Humanity's Cycle of Hope—a 1,600 kilometre marathon that sees participants travel from Niagara Falls to Winnipeg via the Wisconsin Dells and the Mississippi.

Bezan, an avid cyclist, is no stranger to long-distance bike events, having competed for years in the MS Society's two-day bike rides throughout Manitoba.

But even for her, 14 days in the saddle is a lot.

"It is a long ride," she says. "But I heard about it and it seemed like an exciting challenge. I just thought it was kind of like a now or never kind of thing for me."

Bezan has been training for the ride for months, biking to her job in Winkler regularly in addition to longer weekend trips around the region.

The training is no real chore, though,

for Bezan, who says cycling has been a much-loved hobby ever since she was a kid.

"I used to live in Altamont and I would ride to school in Miami and back," she says. "And when I was 15 I rode to Winnipeg. I can't believe my parents actually allowed me to do that. It took a good part of the day to get there."

That love of cycling will hopefully hold Bezan in good stead when she has to spend upwards of six hours a day biking July 3-18, riding anywhere from 60-100 kilometres each day.

As far as she knows, she's the only local person taking part in the ride, though she certainly won't be alone—there are about

50 people in all tackling this year's Cycle of Hope.

"You almost become kind of a family on the road," Bezan says, noting she's really looking forward to getting to know her fellow cyclists. "Just being with people that enjoy the same thing you do."

As much as she's looking forward to testing her endurance on the ride,

"I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE REALLY KNOW THE CAUSE, KNOW HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AND WANT TO SUPPORT IT."



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Roland's Nancy Bezan is training to ride 1,600 kilometres July 3-18 as part of Habitat for Humanity's annual Cycle of Hope, which raises funds to build an affordable home for one Manitoba family in need.

Bezan is also excited for what will come at the end of the trip.

"At the end, you actually go to the family that's getting the house this year," she says. "I think they kind of hand over the keys to them that day, so it's an emotional end to it."

As much effort as she'll be putting into fundraising and riding, Bezan points out the family who will be receiving their new home put just as much of their own sweat into its creation.

"They aren't just given a house—the family has worked hard, too, to build that house," she says.

The house is built from the funds raised from Cycle of Hope, with each rider expected to collect at least \$2,500 in pledges.

"That, for me, is almost more worrisome than the actual ride itself," Bezan laughs. But she's gotten the ball rolling on her fundraising campaign,

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Cribbage team takes fourth at nationals

Morden Branch #11 cribbage team players Rob and Val Wiebe and Jeff and Val Wiebe (top photo at left) were in Spruce Grove, Alberta at the end of April to compete in the Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command 2015 Cribbage Championships, com-

ing in fourth place.

The team advanced at the district level in Fort Garry in January and then won the Manitoba-Northwest Ontario cribbage competition in Emo, Ontario in March.

Meanwhile, the Morden Legion

cribbage league wrapped up its season recently with the presentation of its awards.

Taking first in doubles was Joey Ginter and George Fieber (above right photo) with a score of 1,316. Rob Wiebe (far right in the above left pho-

to) won first in singles cribbage with a score of 1,373.

The league will start up again this October, running every Thursday evening at the Legion Clubhouse. It's open to both members and non-members



Let the races begin

MotoX season kicks off in Minnedosa Sunday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Manitoba Motocross Association kicks off another season of high-speed action with its first meet of the season this weekend.

The first round of the 14-race season takes place at McNabb Valley MX in Minnedosa on Sunday.

The MMA has nearly 200 members signed-up to take part this summer, which offers three more competitions than last year, says board secretary Ruth Neufeld.

"Tracks are doing more double-headers—Pilot Mound, Minnedosa—which makes it even better for families to make a weekend of it, especially if you're driving all the way out there," she says. "It's amazing how far families will drive for this sport."

It truly is families that form the bedrock of the MMA, which has kids as young as four all the way up to adult professionals taking to the track at any given competition.

"We call it 'Moto-Family,'" says Neufeld. "You see a lot of the same faces every weekend and we stick together—everyone looks out for one another. It's amazing the friends you make from all over."

Neufeld's own sons, Zac and Nic, have been competing since they were pre-schoolers and

they can't get enough of it.

"It's the competition and the speed, of course," Neufeld says. But the sport also teaches them responsibility and discipline, especially when it comes to being safe out on the track.

"Safety is drilled into the kids from the start," Neufeld says. "They're taught to know their limits, to respect the track."

And though they each ride alone, the camaraderie between riders of all ages really brings the motocross community together, she says.

Neufeld encourages anyone interested in motocross to check it out for themselves—you're really never too young or too old to get on a dirt bike.

If you're not sure if it's for you, the best way to find out is to come watch a race and talk with riders and their families.

"Just come and ask questions, see what it's all about," says Neufeld. "The competition's on the track, but it stays there. Off it, everyone's willing to help."

Even if you're not thinking of racing yourself, the MMA would love to see more spectators in the stands.

"The track promoters have done a lot of work to have good spectator viewing," Neufeld says. "There are plenty of spots to watch from."

Gate fee for spectators is \$15 for 13 and up, \$5 for kids 5-12 years old, and free for those under five.

The season continues through to the end of September with meets in Grunthal, Zhoda, Brandon, Pilot Mound, Minnedosa, and Altona.

For a full schedule, go to www.mbmotox.com.

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The Manitoba Motorcross Association's 2015 season kicks off in Minnedosa this weekend. Future races take place closer to home at the tracks in Grunthal, Altona, and Pilot Mound.

Rainy week for Zone 4 baseball

The Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs girls fast pitch team wrapped up the regular season with a loss to the Sanford Sabres last week. The ladies fell 4-0 in the May 13 game.

That same night, the Morden Thunder's final game against MCI got postponed to this Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. NPC's season-closer against the Aces also got rained out.

In the Zone 4 boys baseball league, the Zodiac-Nighthawks' doubleheader got rained out on May 14, while Morden finished the season with a pair of losses (6-4 and 4-2) to the Altona Aces.

> CYCLE OF HOPE, FROM PG. 18

and people have been very generous thus far.

"People have been really good about it," she says. "I think a lot of people really know the cause, know Habitat for Humanity, and want to support it."

If you'd like to make a donation towards Bezan's participation in the Cycle of Hope, you can give her a call at 204-343-2342 or at RONA at 204-325-8999.

You can also learn more about Cycle of Hope and make an online donation to Bezan at the Habitat for Humanity website at www.habitat.mb.ca.

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Beach volleyball league registration on Monday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In conjunction with the Winkler Activity Challenge, the Winkler Beach Volleyball League is holding a night of volleyball at the outdoor rink behind the Winkler Arena from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, May 25.

The evening also doubles as the league's registration night for the upcoming season.

Last year, the WBVL had 110 players take part in the weekly mens, ladies, and co-ed evenings from mid-June to August.

They hope to see those numbers grow again this year, says organizer Rose Toews.

"It's been growing every season, especially the co-ed and womens," she says, noting this will be the fourth summer the WBVL has been up and running.

Games run on Monday nights for the mens two-man teams (registration is \$80 per team), Tuesdays for ladies three-on-three games (\$120 per team), and Wednesdays for four-on-four co-ed games (\$160 per team, and each team must have at least one female on the court at all times).

If there's enough interest, the league will also consider a youth night, though in recent years registered teens have preferred

to compete on the adult teams, Toews said.

Individual players are also welcome to sign-up on their own to be placed on the team.

"It's a great way to connect with other people," Toews says. "We always have at least one team made up of solo players."

The season gets underway in mid-June and runs into August, capping things off with the annual Harvest Festival Co-Ed tournament, which is open to everyone.

The league is open to both competitive and recreational players, Toews says, noting that all the teams play each other in the first half of the season, but are then split into two tiers in the last half.

"We have players of all skill levels playing," she says. "We want it to be fun and as competitive as they want it to be."

For more information on the league, check out winklerbeachvball.com, e-mail administrator@winklerbeachvball.com, or contact the Winkler Rec. Department at 204-325-8333.

The Winkler Beach Volleyball League is also on Facebook. Like or share their posts for a chance to win a volleyball on registration night.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Registration for this summer's Winkler Beach Volleyball League takes place at the courts on Monday, May 25.

Flyers sign Winklerite, former Hawk Mitch Dyck

The Winkler Flyers have signed Winkler native defenseman Mitch Dyck for the upcoming Manitoba Junior Hockey League season.

The 18-year-old helped the Pembina Valley Hawks win the Manitoba AAA Midget Hockey League title in 2014-2015 as one of the top defensemen in the league.

In 41 regular season games played with the Hawks last season, Dyck recorded 29 points (eight goals, 21 assists) to go along with 39 penalty minutes.

In 11 playoff games, he chipped in with seven assists as Pembina Valley went on to win the championship.

"Mitch will bring size, mobility and a winning attitude" said Flyers head coach and general manager Ken Pearson. "We've tried to bring as many winners to the organization in the last few years and Mitch fits that bill."

"The fact that Mitch is from Winkler is also a tremendous asset, as we have tried to bring in as many local players as possible."

Dyck becomes the fourth player from Winkler on the Flyers' roster,

joining fellow homegrown players Jordan Wall, Lawson McDonald, and Nolan McGuire.

He is also the fourth second generation player to wear the Orange and

Black uniform, following in the footsteps of his father Warren Dyck, who suited up for the Flyers in the '80s.

Ed and Dayn Belfour, Steve and Brett Harder, and Paul and Lawson

McDonald are the other father-son combos to play their junior hockey in Winkler.

Morden in running to host Esso Cup

The City of Morden and the Pembina Valley Hockey Association have put a bid in to host the Esso Cup National Female Midget Hockey Championship in 2017.

As part of the application, a representative from Hockey Canada paid the Access Event Centre a visit on May 8 to tour the facilities.

"Having Hockey Canada come to

Morden on a site tour was a great opportunity to showcase the excitement and community passion for hockey in Morden that can be difficult to accurately portray on paper," said Morden community services director Clare Agnew. "They were impressed with the venue and options for marketing, meeting room space and promotions. We are excited for the possibility, and

we look forward to hearing their decision soon."

Agnew said they were not informed what other Canadian cities are in the running for the Esso Cup, but that a final decision is expected to be made later this month, with an official announcement coming in June.

> ORIOLES, FROM PG. 16

"It looked like our second game of the year as we had a lot of mental mistakes," Laverty admitted. "But those are easily corrected with more games played."

The Orioles didn't get the chance to work the kinks out in what was sup-

posed to be games three and four of the season on Monday against Winnipeg South—the Victoria Day double-header was rained out.

This week the O's took on the Bisons once again in Altona on Wednesday. Results were not available at press

time.

This weekend they host the St. Boniface Legionaires on Friday and Winnipeg South in a double-header on Sunday before hitting the road to play the Carillon Sultans next Wednesday.

Agriculture

Resolving M-COOL vital to Canada's growth

By Harry Siemens

The livestock industries on both sides of the 49th parallel were looking with anticipation to May 18, when the World Trade Organization was expected to release its decision on the United States' final appeal of rulings that U.S. Country of Origin Labeling discriminates against imported livestock from Canada and Mexico in violation of U.S. trade obligations.

The legislation, which requires retailers to label beef and pork, according to the birth of the animal, raised, and slaughtered, prompted many U.S. processors to stop using imported product rather than keep it segregated.

The WTO's decision came too late for this week's edition, but the Canadian Meat Council said last week that it remains hopeful the U.S. will avoid the prospects of retaliation by Canada and Mexico over M-COOL by repealing the legislation.

The council's Ron Davidson says the expectation, since the U.S. has lost a series of appeals on this matter since 2008, is that Canada and Mexico will win once again.

"After that determination then normally Canada and Mexico would have the right to identify the damage to our markets and to move towards retaliation," says Davidson. "Now, of course, at any time the U.S. could decide to repeal the legislation that's causing the prejudice to our exports, and that is the ultimate goal."

He says Canada's first preference is not to retaliate, but to use it only as a last resort.

The Meat Council's position from the beginning is that all countries should respect the international trade rules, Davidson says.

"If all countries don't respect the international trade rules then we end up into a series of disputes and different countries taking different border actions and the international trading system is at risk."

Another major issue facing the Canadian government right now has to do with trade. Here the council urges all political parties to support Canada's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a proposed 12 nation free trade agreement.

Following the G20 Ministerial Agricultural Meeting in Turkey last week, Ag Minister Gerry Ritz told reporters that when it comes to the TPP, Canada is at the table, negotiating in good faith, and serious about making this work in the best interests of Canada.

Davidson says full participation in

this is crucial to Canada's red meat industry.

"From the meat industry's perspective, participation in the TPP is something that is incredibly important," he says. "Not participating should not be an option. We are exporting over a billion dollars worth of meat to Japan

alone, and through the TPP we have potential for increasing our sales to Japan and to other TPP markets including Malaysia and Vietnam."

Should Canada not have a level

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Seeding moving ahead across region

By Harry Siemens

The realities of weather events and temperatures play such an important in growing a crop to fruition, equally important at every stage.

Rains swept the farming areas in the last week, and when asking farmers how this affected them, there were many varied responses: from not getting a drop to getting far too much to getting just the right amount.

According to the weekly crop report from Manitoba Agriculture, seeding progress across Manitoba is about 55

per cent complete overall and 70-90 per cent complete in the Central Region.

Recent precipitation impacted seeding operations across the province, but some producers were able to resume seeding as conditions allowed, the report said.

Early seeded cereal crops, canola, corn and peas are emerging; however, growth continues to be slow due to cool temperatures.

Temperatures dipping down to below 0°C across Manitoba makes frost a concern in some fields. Further as-

sessments are expected to be completed as to the damage, if any, over the next few days.

Unless it's a killing frost, for the most part farmers may just wait and see how it a damaged field will do rather than reseeding. For the most part, they go in there with a zero-till drill and put down some seeds to top up any Mother Nature took through the frost.

In general, southern areas of the region are most advanced, the province

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Soybeans and canola make interesting mix

> HARRY SIEMENS

First off, if you hadn't noticed yet, there is a new name for the bean and pulse crops growers in Manitoba, showing again the growth of the entire pulse industry in Manitoba.

I can remember back in the early '80s with one Manitoba variety doing good for maybe one or two years, along comes Mr. Jack Frost early and—boom—the bloom came off the rose, in this case the fledgling soybean industry.

It was a bit like the corn industry

that suffered almost a similar fate, but it got back on its feet because the farmers had a fallback to frozen grain corn, cutting it for silage for a thriving cattle industry.

The soybeans came back, too, with a new name in hand: the Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers.

The soybean is such a great crop to grow; I keep calling it the next Manitoba Cinderella crop, and it will be interest when the dust settles how many acres Manitoba farmers will plant this year.

That gets me to the main point of this column, something that caught my eye and prompted my little piece on the mighty soybean: a feasibility study reveals Manitoba can support a soybean crushing facility

The study, funded by the Canada and Manitoba governments and industry partners, has found Manitoba has the right mix of soybean produc-

tion and market demand to support a soybean crushing facility.

My first impulse is to say does Manitoba have snow, meaning it is quite obvious to me the farmers and processing industry could ill afford not to built that plant.

MPSG partnered with Soy 20/20 to initiate and co-fund the study.

"We have an opportunity to provide more value to growers in Manitoba and it's always good to have an alternative market that doesn't rely on exports," said Kyle Friesen, MPSG chair. "We want to encourage local supply and demand to keep value-added processing in Manitoba to support jobs, the tax base and economic activity."

Kyle, you are dead on. When the old CWB controlled as much of anything they could get their hands on,

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Supporting Katie Cares

Manitoba Hydro employees charitable representative Juanita Hatley (centre) presented Kate Cares' Ruth Reimer (left) and Hedy Suderman with a donation of \$1,000 from the Manitoba Hydro Morden CSC Employees Charitable Donations Committee. The funds have been allocated to the building of the Katies' Cottage respite home, as did another recent \$1,000 donation from the Carman Legion, which has also pledged an additional \$1,000 donation for 2016.

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Regional projects receive Community Places grants

Winkler Minor Ball receives \$20,000 for baseball diamond upgrades

The Manitoba government's Community Places program has come through for several local groups in a big way.

Housing and Community Development Minister Mohinder Saran announced last week that 216 projects across Manitoba will receive more than \$3 million in grants to support improvements at recreational, cultural and community facilities.

"Community groups provide the essential recreational and social facilities and programs in neighbourhoods across Manitoba," Saran said. "This year, we are pleased to support 216 projects, which will ensure Manitobans can continue to benefit from recreation and wellness opportunities close to home."

In our area, the Winkler Minor Ball Association was a big winner, receiving

\$20,000 towards upgrades at the Parkland baseball diamonds.

Other regional recipients include the Crystal City Community Daycare, which received \$26,000 towards the construction of a new daycare facility; the Miami Children's Facility, which received \$6,000 for bathroom renovations and flooring replacement; the Somerset Recreation Commission, which received \$8,000 for eaves-troughing, flooring, and light fixture upgrades; and the Carman Elementary Advisory Council for School Leadership, which received \$10,000 for phase one of its playground redevelopment project.

Since it was established in 1986, the Community Places program has provided more than \$115 million to support over 7,500 community-led projects across Manitoba.

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 21

processing wheat on the Prairies, forget it. Rather ship carloads of grain to the West Coast where one railcar out of seven carried screenings that cleaners on the coast blew out, and I'm not sure what they did with it.

According to the study, a soybean crushing plant would bring many benefits to Manitoba producers, including easier access to the market, the ability to bypass uneven rail freight, and the capability to generate freight savings and better soybean prices.

The study says a soybean crushing facility could make money, based on the growth of the province's soybean acreage and the demand for soybean meal in the western Canadian livestock industry.

Manitoba currently produces 18 per cent of all soybeans grown in Canada—more than 1.25 million acres—and the study estimates soybean acreage could quadruple in western Canada over the next decade.

There are currently no large-scale soybean crushing facilities in western Canada.

It will be interesting how they

accomplish this major undertaking.

I also ask: why not throw canola into the mix? Not to belabor the

> M-COOL, FROM PG. 21

playing field and equivalent access to TPP markets, not only would Canada lose the potential for increasing exports but the current exports would be at risk.

"We saw already what happened in South Korea when we did not have equivalent access to the United States and Europe," Davidson says. "That impact would be magnified several

> SEEDING, FROM PG. 21

says. Cereals are emerging, with the most advanced spring wheat fields in the late two to early three leaf stage.

Weed growth is minimal, so very little pre-seed burn-off has been done. Producers hope to complete some pre-emergent treatments, but cool and wet weather conditions are interfering with those plans. Wild oats are emerging and may cause problems in some crops.

Winter wheat and fall rye have come through the winter well. Most fields are reported to be in excellent and in

point, but we have at least six canola crushing plants between Altona and Saskatchewan and how many flour

times if we weren't permitted equivalent access into foreign markets for the TPP."

While M-COOL doesn't so much hinge on trade per se, it is the big door that mostly swung shut when the Americans implemented it.

Many found out very quickly the labelling was only adding cost and no value to the domestic beef and pork

plants? This study shows if this new plant would crush both soybeans and canola, it could do even better.

markets.

Now the Americans must figure out a way to save face, change legislation, and put the livestock industry back on a North American level playing field, Davidson says.

The TPP is a much larger dimension, putting Canada on a level playing field with 12 of the big trading countries in the world.

good condition, with only a fraction of acres rated as fair.

Minimal acres are reported as re-seeded; a result of poor germination due to dry conditions last fall.

Pastures and hay fields are resuming growth. Rainfall has improved conditions, but forage growth is slow especially with the cooler temperatures.

Pastures overgrazed last year are very slow to recover. Pasture growth in most areas is still inadequate for grazing.

Although hay supplies are sufficient for most producers to carry through until pastures can support grazing, some producers in the south are running low.

Where hay is in short supply, producers are hoping to get the animals on pasture as soon as possible.

Overall, dugout levels are adequate at this point. However, Pembina area reports producers may need to continue to supply water to pastures.

CIBC supports United Way

From left: CIBC branch manager Kelly Guent-er and assistant branch manager Nicole Hargesheimer handed over an employee dona-tion of about \$1,800 to the Morden United Way board chair Lisa Gandier and secretary Alex Fe-dorchuk last Thursday morning. Hargesheimer said that CIBC has long supported the United Way, adding that they are very happy to be able to donate to an organization that supports so many other local causes and projects.

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take a break > GAMES

SUDOKU

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

Fun By The Numbers

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

Sudoku Answer

S	T	N	I	V	S	K	V	O
S	O	R	E	T	O	B	O	R
E	N	O	T	E	E	N	O	U
G	I	F			E	N	V	S
H	F	A	V	I	D	E	N	V
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I	R	N	O	R	E	M	O	S
S	E	I	B	I	D	E		
A	R	E	A	V				

Crossword Answer



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. On time
7. Swiss river
11. Maine river herring
12. In a way, waits
14. "Titanic" director
18. The Ocean State
19. Black tropical Am. cuckoo
20. Macaws
21. A transgression of God's will
22. Belonging to a thing
23. Mures River city
24. Electroencephalography
25. Puts together
29. Sound practical judgment
31. Pops
32. In a way, assists
33. One and only
34. Prong
36. More wise
39. One who propagates
40. Got up
41. Writers of news stories
45. Pianist Cliburn
46. Hindu mother goddess
47. Insures residential mortgages
48. Non-human primate
49. Of sound mind
50. Ficus fruit
51. Sodium
52. BOGO
57. Pulsating ache
59. Short open jackets
60. Genus Quercus trees
61. N.O. football team

CLUES DOWN

1. Sows a crop
2. Derelict
3. Be indebted
4. Prefix meaning wrong

	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	
11									12			13
14							15	16	17			18
19							20				21	
22						23					24	
25			26	27	28				29	30		
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36	37	38					39					
40						41					42	43
45						46					47	
48						49					50	
51			52						53	54	55	56
57		58							59			
	60								61			

5. Beginning military rank
6. Afternoon meal
7. American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery
8. Own (Scottish)
9. Rural delivery
10. Most supernatural
11. Roseate spoonbill genus
13. Lightly burns
15. Adult female horses
16. Geological times
17. Radioactivity unit
21. 1/100 of a tala
23. Winglike parts
26. S S S
27. "Ghost" actress Demi
28. Package or bale (abbr.)
29. More mentally healthy
30. Siskel and __, critics
34. Pith helmet

35. __ Jima, WW II battlefield
36. Learned person or scholar
37. East Colorado Native Americans
38. No longer here
39. 1995 Brad Pitt movie
41. Gambling town
42. An earnest attempt
43. Odd-toed ungulates
44. Profoundly wise persons
46. Sunrise to sunset
49. Poor boys
52. Chinese cabbage, __ choy
53. Point that is one point S of due E
54. Tibetan gazelle
55. __ Lilly, drug company
56. Hamilton appears on it
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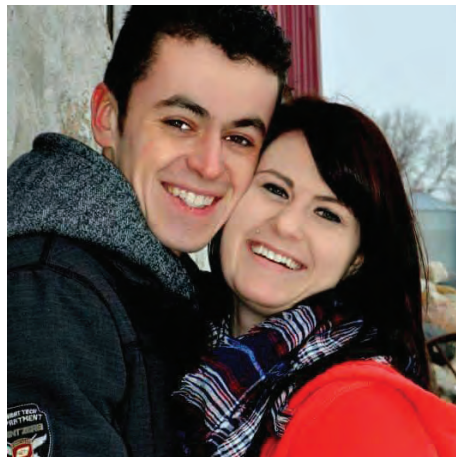
Betty Sager and all the families wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to relatives, friends and neighbors for their love and support during Don's illness and passing. A special thank you to the Boundary Trails Health Center Staff, and Dr. Persson, for their excellent care and compassion shown to Don and family members. One example of their caring was seen as they willingly assisted us to celebrate Don's 85th birthday outside on the lawn. Thank you Rev. Cathie Waldie for your strength and words which supported Don and the family during this very difficult time. The attendance of the members of the Elks and the Legion was greatly appreciated. Thank you as well to the U.C.W., ushers, pianist and Wiebe's Funeral Home.

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90th Birthday Celebration for
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We are excited to announce the upcoming marriage of our children, Trisha Fehr and Josh Hamm. The wedding will take place in Winkler, May 30th. May your love shine brighter and your friendship grow richer with each passing day. Congratulations!
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BIRTHDAY



Happy 90th Birthday
Dad (Abe Wiebe)
on May 27 !

-With love from your family

OBITUARY



Katharina (Tina) Unrau (nee Klassen) 1933 - 2015

On Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Tina Unrau aged 82 years of Winkler, MB formerly of Chortitz went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Leona and Hank Wiebe; two sons, Walter and Katrina, Ray and Sandra; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren as well as two sisters and three brothers. She was predeceased by her husband, John in 2011; one sister and five brothers.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2015 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment prior at Chortitz Community Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Tina's memory to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler
In care of arrangements,
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OBITUARY

Cornelius J (Neil) Kehler 1940 - 2015



On Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre, Neil Kehler aged 74 years of Morden, MB went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his children, son, Kurtis Kehler (Corinne Johnson); daughter, Candace (Shawn Wahl); son, Kris Kehler (Nicole) as well as six grandchildren. He is survived by brothers, John (Edna) and Arthur (Susie) and sister, Esther (John Penner). He was predeceased by his parents, Cornelius and Margaret Kehler and sister, Edna Hildebrand.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2015 at Morden Alliance Church with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

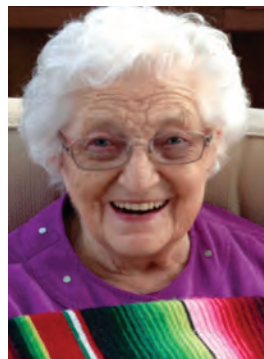
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Neil's memory to the Circle of Hearts FE241 685 William Ave. Winnipeg, MB R3E 0Z2.

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OBITUARY

Katherina (Tina) Thiessen (nee Hiebert) 1929 - 2015



Mom went to be with her Lord and Saviour, on Sunday, May 10, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Mom was born September 17th 1929 to Frank and Aganetha Hiebert, in Mexico and immigrated to Canada with her parents when she was five. She married the love of her life, Abe Thiessen, on October 4th, 1954. They were blessed with six children. They lived in Winnipeg until 1975 at which time they moved to a farm in Roland. They eventually moved to Morden and lived there until May 8, 2015 when they moved to Cedar Estates in Winkler.

Mom is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Abe and their children, daughter, Mary (Jim) Hadfield and their children, Darryl (wife, Beth and daughter, Halee and stepson, Joseph) and

Jacqueline; daughter, Shirley (Bob - deceased April 28, 2013) Simpson, and their daughter, Marilyn (Mohammed and Yanis, Yusef, Yasmine, Amira, Abdul, Samya, and Saji); daughter, Judy (Dave) Zacharias and their daughters, Erin (Mike) and Tami; daughter, Pat (Len) Janzen, and their children Scott (Kim) and Candace; son, Tim (Myrna) Thiessen and their children, Scott (Brittany) and Pam (Jay and children, Ethan and Harper); son, Ken (Annette) Thiessen and their children, Kevin (Anna), Ryan, Brooklyn, Jean and Justin, stepdaughter, Diane and children, Jason and Justin.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Winkler EMMC with a family interment prior to the service at Hillside Cemetery in Morden.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the home care staff, and dear friends, Rose Wiebe and Anne Elias as well as the staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

In lieu of flowers donations in Tina's memory to Back to the Bible Broadcast would be appreciated.

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OBITUARY

Norval Albert Spangelo 1943 - 2014



Norval Spangelo passed away on December 30, 2014 at the age of 71 years at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

Celebration of Norval's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden with ash interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Donations in Norval's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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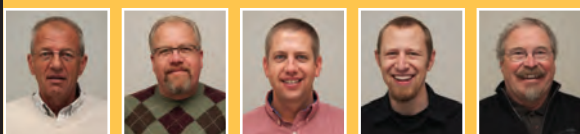
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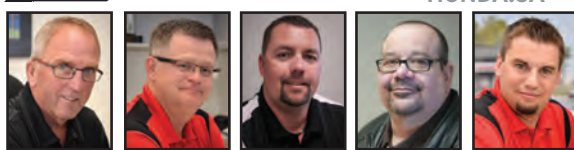
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