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Mrs. Goertzen's Gr. 6 class from Plum Coulee School got into character for Heritage Day at the Pembina Threshermen's Museum last Friday. After studying about pioneers in class, the group decided to dress the part while enjoying everything from soap-making and blacksmithing demos to the petting zoo and the tractor parade. The event saw record-breaking numbers, as hundreds of students from across the region stopped by the Hwy. 3 museum. More photos on Pg. 17.

Getting the ball rolling on a second Morden daycare

Province commits \$240K to satellite centre

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The provincial government's announcement last week that it is committing to funding for 14 new or expanded childcare centres in Manitoba is very good news indeed for Morden.

Pembina Valley Child Care Centre Inc., which operates the Morden and Manitou daycare centres, is slated to receive \$240,000 from the province to use to create a second Morden childcare centre in Boundary Trails Place.

"That's a huge amount, which is fantastic," says executive director Shuana Richards."What it means is we can finally move forward with the second site at the old hospital."

Richards says the City of Morden and the Morden Community Development Corporation are also contributing \$300,000 to the project, while Boundary Trails Place is donating \$60,000 and the Morden Elks have donated \$10,000 to build a playground for the site.

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Hochfeld students lend a helping hand

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Students from Hochfeld School made a special trip into Winkler last Friday to lend a hand at the Winkler and District Food Cupboard.

About 40 Gr. 5-8 students stopped by the Cargill Road facility to drop off several boxes of donated food items, hear about the non-profit's mission

to help those in need in our community, and get their hands a little dirty by helping to stock the food bank's shelves.

Food cupboard secretary-treasurer Menno Giesbrecht says they love seeing students take an interest in the work of the food cupboard, and they're always happy to open their doors to schools looking for a hands-



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The extra food the kids brought

along is also most welcome, he says,

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on field trip.

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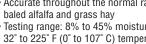
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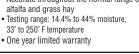
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Rain puts a damper on Block Party

By Cori Bezan

Unrelenting rain Saturday morning and early afternoon washed out the majority of the events lined up for Morden's Block Party 2015.

"I think we were all sitting around in a depression," said organizer James Steedsman. "It's one of those events that, being weather-related, there's not really a whole lot you can do."

Still, a little water couldn't stop the car enthusiasts from bringing down their wheels for the car show and burning a little rubber at the Burn Out Competition.

Everything else—the barbecue, children's entertainment, music—was cancelled, and now organizers are looking at ways to reschedule



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

While many of the events at Saturday's Morden Block Party got rained out, the burnout competition couldn't be deterred. Organizers are now discussing holding some of the other events at a later date.

some of those events.

Steedsman said the committee will meet soon to discuss potentially rescheduling the entire Block Party for a future date in September, or possibly scheduling a series of smaller standalone events to showcase the entertainment that was cancelled, such as the CWE wrestling matches or the

Mighty Man competition.

Updates will be posted on mordenblockparty.ca.

> FOOD CUPBOARD, FROM PG. 3

come in. I think that's the most we've ever had in one day," Giesbrecht says. "A couple of years ago we'd have 30 on an average day. Then it went to 50. And now when we have a busy day it's up to 70. So the need is growing."

Food cupboard clients run the gamut from large families trying to scrape by on a single income to single people struggling to make end's meet.

Some have had to stop by the food cupboard regularly for years to feed their families, while other clients come once or twice during a rough patch in their lives and are then able to get back on their feet, Giesbrecht says.

"Some are on social assistance, and

they say it's hard to live on \$9,000 a year, which isn't very much," he says. "And some are sick, and they can't work right now, so they just need some help to get through it."

Helping so many families means the food bank spends upwards of \$6,000 a week on food. They rely completely on community donations—both financial and food donations—to be able to run.

"It adds up quickly," Giesbrecht says. "We're grateful for every donation."

If you need help from the food cupboard, stop by the Central Station community centre or talk to your church pastor for a referral slip.





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Serve as you would be served

remember the anguish and embarrassment my mum would feel at having to ask for a Christmas hamper when we were kids.

The sense of shame was so palpable that one could cut it with a knife. To have to use a food cupboard on many

an occasion and seek assistance from our church was as difficult for her as climbing Mount Everest without oxygen ... and yet she did it, and it never got easier.

I know that she



By Peter Cantelon

did these things for her children and not for herself. She would never have gone for herself (although she should have) but it was always very important to her that we had a good Christmas dinner and

The reason I am writing this is on the news that Morden has a new permanent food bank (see Pg. 10) that will help people carry the load when things get difficult, and this is a good thing.

gifts or decent meals and clothes.

Between Winkler and Morden there are numerous organizations willing to assist people who have the extreme courage it takes to actually ask for help—and believe me, it is never an easy thing to ask for help.

So, with these many hands in our community held out offering assistance, I thought it would be good to offer a little advice to faith communities, those who are either employed or volunteering to assist others or may be in the position of managing such initiatives.

First of all, THANK YOU for taking your time, money, and resources to ensure that others will not have to be without. Each and every one of you are silent and invisible heroes.

That being said, and speaking as a former food cupboard recipient, please remember the following:

Never try to guess or determine whether a person coming for help "really needs it." If your mission is to give, then give, no questions asked. If you find yourself becoming cynical and resentful of people who come to you for help, then it is time to take a break and let others take on the task.

Don't fall into the trap of thinking that "if I stop doing this the whole thing will fall apart." As amazing as you are, you are not solely responsible for feeding or supporting the entire community. Too often people fall

into this trap and when they do they rapidly become negative and burnt out; this serves no one, least of all yourself . . . and trust me when I say that the people that come to you for help can tell, and this matters.

It does not matter if a person comes to you once, twice, ten times or daily—meet them with the same grace, non-judgemental smile and service you met them with the first time they came to you.

Now for the hardest piece of advice: if someone comes to you for assistance and you somehow know they don't need it, give it to them anyhow and do so with a smile.

I know one thing for certain: a person who is made to feel small or in some way like a burden when they seek aid will never seek it again. They would rather suffer hunger than suffer indignity, and we should never allow ourselves to contribute to the indignity of another.

Recognize that for as much as you are helping another, so they too are helping you. To be able to genuinely serve your neighbour is a rare thing and in doing so with humility you can come to better understand the value that each person holds and so, also, your own value . . . which is immeasurable.

letters

Genesis House grateful for Pay It Forward May generosity

As the "Pay it Forward" month of May comes to a close, Genesis House would like to thank the community for keeping us close in heart and mind.

Throughout the month we were reminded how fortunate we are to be able to provide services in the generous area that we do.

Here is a small sample of the love and gifts we received in May 2015:

Serious Marketing delivered a

pizza for staff and clients.

- The Pathways Church committed to painting our tired counselling rooms, cleaning eavestroughs, and cleaning up our overgrown flower
- Youth in Philanthropy at NPC provided a grant so that we can replace broken toys.
- Access Credit Union Staff also reached out to the children of Genesis House through the donation of

- Two young sisters made and sold book marks for Genesis House
- QUILTS—lovingly made so that each person who accesses our service receives the gift of warmth.

Without a storefront or a facility open for the community to tour through, the gifts come based on the trust that we are providing a necessary service.

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Morden-Winkler MLA making quick progress on Pedestrian Safety bill

Last week, my Private Member's Bill Carina Denisenko who in 2013 was (Bill 203 Pedestrian Safety) was heard at a committee of the Manitoba Legislature.

I was honoured that GVSD superintendent Vern Reimer, GVSD board chair Laurie Dyck, and WSD chair Robyn Wiebe were in attendance and made presentations in support of the legislation.

I introduced this bill in December following the loss of NPC student struck by a vehicle in front of the Winkler's newly completed high school.

Bill 203 was meant to address a weakness whereby the traffic authority is not in the loop during the collaborative school planning process.

This bill originally required all pedestrian and traffic changes to be in place before a new school could open. (Currently, a new school in Manitoba can be approved, constructed and opened without a mandatory and timely review of all pedestrian and vehicle traffic issues at the proposed site.)

In bringing this legislation, I worked with many people including superintendents, school board officials, principals, parent councils and community members.

As a result of feedback received from many Manitobans, I introduced a number of amendments at committee which I believe strengthen the

These include expanding the definition to include significant school expansions, and allowing for temporary safety measures to be put in place if the new or expanded school is used before permanent measures are fully implemented.

The bill will now be reported back to the Manitoba Legislature for final approval. It is my hope that my colleagues, including NDP government members, will pass Bill 203 without delay and support these measures to keep our students safe around schools.

> Cameron Friesen, MLA Morden-Winkler

Daycare hosting benefit BBQ Monday

From Pg. 1

The facility will include 44 preschool and eight infant spaces, which should help alleviate some of the need for childcare spaces in the community, Richards says. The Morden Community Child Care Centre currently has about 155 kids in its care, with another 100 on the wait

"We do have currently a wait list of 100 or so, so 52 new spaces is really big," Richards says. "This will make a dent, but there are still going to be quite a number of people who will not have childcare right aways. But it is a really good start and we're really excited about it. It's something that's been a long time coming for Morden."

The plan is to get to work on the renovations this summer. The daycare is going into space in the southwest corner of the building.

"We're hoping to get it started in the next couple of months and to possibly move in time for January or February," Richards says.

Even as it prepares to expand to a new location, the Morden Community Child Care Centre is also still raising funds for the upkeep of its existing facility at 5 Rampton St.

On Monday, June 15, the community is invited to stop by the daycare from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to check out a selection of garage sale items, purchase Co-op gift cards, and enjoy a hot dog lunch.

All the funds raised will go towards ongoing improvements to the daycare's backyard.

"We have a few small projects going on there, including adding more hockey nets, benches, and refinishing the wood materials that are outside," says Richards, who notes they're hoping to raise upwards of \$2,000 for these projects and to have them completed by summer's end.

The barbecue lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per person, which gets you a hot dog, chips, watermelon, ice cream, and juice.

Our mistake

The front page photo of the June 4 edition of the Voice incorrectly identified the child enjoying the Winkler Family Resource Centre Teddy Bear Picnic on May 30.

In fact, the boy featured in the photo is three-year-old Bentley Froese, not Barrett Murray.

We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

> GENESIS HOUSE, FROM PG. 6

The community remembers us I am sure not only in good deeds but also in their prayers.

Thank you to the Winkler and Morden Community Foundations for creating this campaign and making each of us remember to be grateful.

To the community: thank you hardly seems adequate, but on behalf of the staff and board of Genesis House, THANK YOU!

> Angela Braun, Genesis House executive director

3 SIMPLE STEPS -**MAKING THAT CONVERSATION EASIER**

by Michael Grenier, SRES

Moving from the family home can be an emotional topic for parents and their adult children. Discussing the situation can be challenging, but it is an essential conversation. Here are some perspectives, taken from Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High, to help get you started.



The Senior Perspective: They want the best quality of life, along with support of family and friends as they make their decisions. They do not want you to complicate their decisions by adding stress, guilt or drama. If they are talking to you about moving, it's because they want your help in directing the decision. They're not looking to be treated like a child or to have decisions dictated for them.

The Adult Child Perspective: Adult children want what's best for their parents. They want to see their parents happy and healthy, feeling secure in the decisions their parents make. They often feel stuck between their parents and their own children, leading to the moniker 'sandwich generation'. Like their parents, they don't need more complications added when deciding to sell the family home. They want to help their parents, not argue with them or the siblings about the process.

The Realtor Perspective: Contrary to some opinions, your Realtor is not a snake-oil salesman trying to take advantage of your family. They have multiple roles to play as more people are involved. They advise, research, counsel and consult. Doing their best to ensure the family is comfortable with any decisions made, realising that sometimes there is frustration and fear involved in the decision.

Moving can be tough on a family, these are the people we love. Considerate and respectful conversation will go a long way toward making a difficult conversation easier. It might even improve a relationship and lead everyone to the best possible outcome.

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> Michael has been a Realtor with Crocus Real Estate since 2005; you can contact him at 204.362.7728 or email Michael@crocusrealty.com

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RRTVA students medal at Skills Canada competition

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Students from Red River Technical Vocational Area courses in Winkler, Morris, and Altona did their communities proud at the National Skills Canada competition in Saskatoon last month. Earning gold at the event was Devin Boger, an autobody repair student at Morris School, and Stefan Winkler, a carpentry student from W.C. Miller.

Bringing home silver medals were Winkler's Northlands Parkway Collegiate students Manuel Stuermer (electrical installations) and Nelli Albertin (aesthetics).

Garden Valley Collegiate's Leonard Heinrichs also competed in the outdoor power and recreation equipment division, though he did not medal.

Albertin, who is in Gr. 11 at NPC, says the competition was a great learning experience.

"I loved every moment of it. It was a lot of fun," she said. "It was something different."

In her event, Albertin had 12 hours to do an advanced facial, a body treatment, a spa manicure with nail design, and a make-up design and application.

The competition was steep, with eight other students from across the nation all hoping to earn a spot on the podium.

"It was a lot of work," Albertin says. "It didn't hit me when I got the medal ... you get so exhausted doing the competition you don't realize what is happening. When I got home at three in the morning and finally got to bed, it hit me hard: I got the silver medal. Second in Canada. And it was amazing ... I was sobbing."

Fellow NPC student Stuermer wasn't sure how he'd fare at the event, and says winning silver was quite a high.

"It feels good, for sure, to come home with something," he says. "I'd

have liked to get the gold, but silver is really good, a really good achievement for me."

Stuermer's category had him showing his skills in several residential wiring tasks on day one and, on day two, kitchen counter wiring and commercial wiring projects.

"It was overall just an amazing experience," Stuermer says. "Just the atmosphere of being there, all the competitors are giving their best—it's just really awesome to see."

The Gr. 12 student graduates later this month and plans to begin a career as an electrician.

RRTVA program services coordinator Brenda Giesbrecht says this is the most students the region has had at the national competition in years.

"It was definitely a higher number than usual. We're really proud of them," she says. "They put forth their full effort and they represented our region very well."

Team Manitoba's 60 competitors brought home a total of 10 gold medals, 11 silvers, and six bronze medals.

"So the RRTVA region receiving four medals out of those 27, it's huge, really," Giesbrecht says, crediting the success not only to the students, but to the program instructors who put in a lot of extra time to help the youth prepare for the competition.





RRTVA students Manuel Stuermer and Nelli Albertin brought home silver from the Skills Canada competition last month. Left: **Devin Boger** and Stefan Winkler (not shown) earned gold in their events.

Above:

Access CU merger hits another road block

"THE BOARD IS SURPRISED

BY THEIR RESPONSE, AND

DISAPPOINTED."

By Cori Bezan

The Access Credit Union has hit a new roadblock on its path to a merger with Assiniboine Credit Union.

The ACU board's request to hold a revote for the

v o t e d - d o w n merger was denied by Financial Institutions Regulations Branch, the provincial government regulatory body for credit unions.

"The board is surprised by

their response, and disappointed," said board chair Darryl Loewen. "There are at least three precedents in Manitoba credit unions for exactly this kind of revote in the last 15 years, and we had three independent legal

opinions that interpret the act other than the way FIRB did, so we're surprised by it."

One such precedent includes the merger between credit unions in Gretna, Plum Coulee, and Winkler to

form Heartland Credit Union. Another revote was approved in the Interlake region to form Noventis Credit Union.

"Gretna members, like Access this year, were just short

of the required threshold," Loewen said. "A member petition recalled the question, and it was just a few weeks later that a much larger membership

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group turned out and voted yes on

Nonetheless, the regulations branch wasn't swayed by the 970 signatures collected by a member-led petition for a revote on the matter.

"It was a legal interpretation, and since they're the regulator, they hold the decision," Loewen said.

Still, Access Credit Union isn't giving up the merger idea just yet, as there are still a few things they can do to bring the two financial institutions together, starting with a member meeting at the Access Event Centre in Morden on June 22.

"That meeting will propose bylaw changes that will allow future votes on fundamental changes to the credit union to take place in simultaneous remote locations, so that we can vote in multiple locations at one time and not restrict it to one location,"Loewen explained. "That's one of the things we learned this spring."

The new bylaw changes, if passed, would see voting be able to take place in multiple Access Credit Union locations, as long as the voting locations are connected by audio or video to the location where the main vote meeting is being held.

Loewen said he hopes to see members support the changes as they will "increases the democratic opportunity for all members everywhere."

While a revote can't be cast on the current amalgamation agreement, the Access and Assiniboine credit unions can work together to draft a new agreement to be voted on in the

"The two boards, Access and Assiniboine, are preparing to meet and see how robust the appetite is to create a new amalgamation agreement," Loewen said. "The regulators made it clear that we are able to do so. That would certainly be an answer favourable to those who drafted the petition, so we will see if the boards have an appetite for doing that."

Loewen said that he is not sure yet if a new agreement will be drawn up, but added he has "a strong suspicion" that one will.

If a new merger agreement is forged, Loewen said they are not sure when it will be put to a vote.

"Certainly we believe in the merit of the business case that we presented, and we're hearing overwhelmingly from members that the business case is very strong," he said. "The summertime is a challenging time for elections of any kind. Holidays and travel and disruptions of routines just makes it not an awesome time, but that's not to say it might not be chosen."

Farmers' market season about to begin

Markets start in Morden June 18, Winkler June 30

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The Winkler and Morden farmers' markets get underway for another summer of offering locally grown and created goods later this month.

Morden's market takes over the corner of 8th St. and Stephen St. starting Thursday, June 18, while Winkler's market begins on Tuesday, June 30 in the Southland Mall south parking lot.

Both markets will run weekly from 4-6:30 p.m. until the beginning of October.

"We have 22 full-time vendors, but our total numbers always change depending on our seasonal vendors," says organizer Candace Olafson from the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce, adding that seasonal vendors are always welcome.

The markets always have a wide-range of selection, Winkler organizer Tina Unrau says.

"We are hoping to grow this year by adding new vendors and adding variety," she says.

Offerings include all manner of baked items, all-natural local honey, fresh vegetables, homemade perogies and noodles, beef, pork, bison, and, when in season,

strawberries and corn.

Visitors to Morden's market can also try a Filipino style spring roll, dumpling or pulled pork pizza at the returning Mr. D23 food truck. There are also vendors selling artwork, jewelry, home-made soaps, and Tupperware.

Olafson says that they are excited to welcome new vendors like the Prairieland Artists—a group of local artists selling paintings and pottery—and Pure Joy Naturals, which is offering

essential oils and natural body wash-

"We want to encourage people to come back and shop locally," she says. "It's a great place to meet your neighbours or grab a bite to eat."

To add to the atmosphere, the Morden Farmers' Market is looking for buskers to energize the evenings.

For more information on either market, contact Olafson at 204-822-5630 or Unrau at 204-331-3688.

New administrators for Parkland, Southwood

As the school year winds down, a resource teacher at Emerado Cen-Garden Valley School Division has made some decisions for next year.

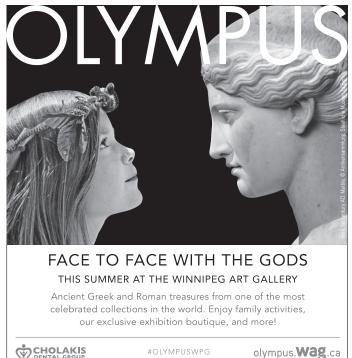
Last week, GVSD announced that Linda Dyck has been appointed to the position of principal at the Southwood administrative unit, effective this September.

Dyck is currently the vice principal/resource teacher at Parkland Elementary School and has served in this role since 2011. Previously, she was the vice principal at Southwood, tennial School, and served two term positions as principal at Parkland.

Meanwhile, the division also announced Scott Hiebert will take on the vice-principal role at J.R. Walkof School.

Hiebert has been working with, and studying the development of, children for the last 15 years. He is currently the guidance/literacy support teacher at J.R. Walkof and has been with the division since 2012.

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Donate Love gets a new home base

By Cori Bezan

The Winkler-Morden area's Donate Love non-profit finally has a storefront to call their own.

Donate Love, which provides supplies and support to families in need across the region, moved into their new home at 876B Thornhill Street in Morden just last month.

"We've been wanting the space forever," said president Denise Thiessen. "We've just had so much stuff, and people are just getting tired. Being able to have a spot is awesome."

Up until now, Donate Love has been operating out of a packed storage unit in Winkler and the garages of many, many volunteers.

"It had everything in there and our garages all had stuff full, so this is so awesome,"Thiessen said.

Once they had put the idea out there for a new location, things began to fall into place for them quite quickly, Thiessen said. Many volunteers lent a hand over the course of around three to four weeks to get the space ready for the organization to move in.

"A group of people came together to make this possible for us," she said. "This is the first time we've ever had space."

The new space is just over 3,100 square feet, leaving ample amounts of room for Donate Love to house their clothing racks, their food cupboard, and still have room to spare for growth and future projects. Thiessen added that local non-profits are welcome to reach out to them to book the space for meetings.

"Aside from the exhaustion, it's exhilarating," Thiessen said. "It's so very cool to see everything kind of come together."

"It looks more like a store setting," she added. "Now we have a permit, we are an actual food bank for Morden...we're very excited about that."

"We always were going to peoples' homes, which is a great way to connect with people, but this gives us more of a chance to be able to sit down and continue those conversations and find out what the needs are."

With the new home completed, Thiessen has a few ideas on where they hope to expand next.

"Something I am very passionate about is I would love to be able to ...

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set up advocacy programs for recipients, whether it's for Child and Family Services or Manitoba Housing, that sort of thing, for people who are using those, that they will be able to learn the system and understand the system, help guide them through the system and fight for themselves and family members," she explained.

If you would like to make a donation or are looking for support your-



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Donate Love president Denise Thiessen in the Winkler-Morden area charity's new home on Thornhill St. in Morden.

self, Donate Love is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1-7 p.m.

You can also support Donate Love every Wednesday in June with tai chi lessons from Burst Martial Arts at the Access Event Centre from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for a \$5 donation or the donation of a non-perishable food item.

And, every Friday in June at CK Lounge in Winkler, \$5 from each steak, spud, and sud dinner between 5-8 p.m. will go towards the non-profit organization.

Finally, on June 16, volunteers can meet at the new Donate Love location at 6:30 p.m. to help take part in a Morden-wide food drive.

No charges in bloody incident

No charges are being laid in a violent incident that took place on Royal Crescent in Winkler on June 4, after the parties involved refused to cooperate with police.

Police were called to an apartment complex by a caretaker who reported hearing a woman screaming in one of the units.

Upon their arrival, the caretaker told police they had last seen the unit's occupants running into nearby Scotia Park, one of them bleeding profusely.

The man and woman were located in the park, both heavily intoxicated. The male had suffered a large cut to his face and provided several versions of the events, the last one being that it was self-inflicted.

The female bore injuries to a lesser degree and provided additional versions of the events, one being that the man had gone to the neighbours to steal cocaine and when he returned he was cut and didn't know who did it

The pair were taken to Boundary Trails Health Centre for treatment and returned to police custody for detention until sobering up. Both decided not to cooperate or to file a complaint. As such, no charges are being contemplated at this time, police report.

Other interesting incidents in the Winkler and Morden police reports include:

• Winkler Police have put out a warrant 28-year-old Tiffany Mary Lee Antoine, who is wanted for motor vehicle theft and numerous counts of fraud, theft, credit card theft and use, forgery, and probation breaches

Anyone with knowledge of Antoine's whereabouts is asked to contact their local police department or the Winkler Police Service at 204-325-0829.

• Winkler Police received several reports of thefts from unlocked vehicles throughout the city. A resident of Linden Drive also reported someone had entered his unlocked attached garage, rummaged through his storage cupboards, and left the doors open.

Police once again remind residents that the best prevention for breakins and thefts is to lock their homes and vehicles. • Morden Police are investigating a June 3 break-in to a garden shed on 7th Street. Thieves broke into the shed, which was believed to be locked, and made away with two fishing rods and a tackle box.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

• Two Morden youth are facing theft charges after being detained by police after an off-duty officer witnessed one of them trying door handles and attempting to get into vehicles on Alexandria Bay.

There were two suspects observed on bikes and a third on foot who appeared to be watching at the corner of Alexandria Bay and Parkhill Drive.

One youth was arrested for theft under \$5,000 and, upon search, a multi-tool was located in his jacket pocket. The youth advised that the friend he was with gave it to him to hold on to.

The second youth was arrested for

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Young entrepreneur raises \$585 for charity

By Ashleigh Viveiros

An enterprising eight-year-old in Morden decided to turn his annual lemonade stand into a fundraiser for a good cause last weekend.

Despite a rainy start to the day, Jaxon's Lemonade Stand on 15th St. was a busy place Saturday afternoon, ultimately bringing in \$585 from the sale of drinks, prize raffle tickets, and face painting donations.

Jaxon donated the entire amount to Katie Cares to help the charity build the Katie's Cottage respite home across the street from the Boundary Trails Healthy Centre.

"My cousin Brooklyn died of cancer last year," said Jaxon when asked why he wanted to support this cause. He noted Katie Cares provided Brooklyn with one of its care packages while she was receiving treatment."I wanted to raise money for other kids like

"We have a lemonade stand every year," he added, explaining that in past years he's kept the money for himself."But this year I really wanted "WE HAVE A LEMONADE STAND EVERY YEAR. THIS YEAR I WANTED TO DO IT FOR KATIE CARES."

to do it for Katie Cares."

"I didn't think anybody would come, not this many people, because it's all so rainy. But they did," Jaxon said. "Thanks for coming and supporting Katie Cares."

On hand for a cup of lemonade was Ruth Reimer, mother of Katie Cares founder Kaitlyn, who passed away from cancer several years ago.

"I think it's the coolest thing when kids want to do something like this to support Katie Cares," Reimer said. "That's what Kaitlyn wanted-she wanted kids to take the reins and that's been happening more and more with kids doing things like this."

STOP Above, Jaxon,

with parents **Jeanette** and Jeff and cousin Misty, at his lemonade stand for **Katie Cares** last weekend. The afternoon, which also included face painting and prizes, raised \$585.



Teddy Bear Picnic in Morden Park this Sunday

By Cori Bezan

Morden Park will be filled with families this Sunday as kids bring in their teddy bears and other favourite fuzzy friends for a freecheck up at the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre's annual Teddy Bear Picnic.

"This is our eighth annual Teddy Bear picnic, so it's something we've been doing for a number of years now, and we sort of use it as our wind-up for our family resource programming," said coordinator Karen Vandijk. "It's for parents and children that want to come and have a great time just having fun and focusing on health and safety, and also just having a time to play and enjoy the weather in the park with their family."

Local businesses and organizations will have booths set up for the teddies to get their annual shots, have their injuries tended to, and have their eyes and teeth

checked out.

"The kids can bring their teddy bears and they can go around and sort of get a clinic check-up for their teddy bears," Vandijk said. "For kids that might find medical check-ups a little bit stressful, they get to bring their teddy bears and do it in a way that they're the caregiver and find out that it's not a stressful event, that these are caring and fun people to be with, and they can be the caregivers to their teddy bears."

Kids will also get to have their fac-

es painted and participate in games such as the MPI mini car track, get a wagon ride sponsored by the Morden Lions Club, and get a closer look at Morden's emergency services when the fire truck, ambulance, and police all attend.

Vandijk said they have quite a few new additions to the picnic this year, including inflatables, a petting zoo, and a photo-booth manned by local professional photographers.

Food will also be available, including hot dogs, water, and DQ ice cream, as well as fresh popcorn and cotton candy.

"I think that families love coming out and being able to enjoy the weather in the park," Vandijk said. "They can just wander from one station to another ... it's just all so freeflowing and free-moving that they really enjoy it, and we hope everybody comes out and has a great time again this year."

The Teddy Bear Picnic runs from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, June 14. Admission is

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theft under \$5,000 and searched. A phone charger, some change, and a keychain was found in his possession. The phone charger belonged to a friend, which was confirmed, but the youth admitted to taking the change and keychain from a vehicle.

Both youth, ages 15 and 16, were released on promises to appear in Morden Provincial Court in July due to previous police involvement.

Both are on an order to have no contact or communication with each

Police are continuing their investigation and will be speaking with the third youth involved in this incident.

• On June 1, Morden Police received a report of mischief to a motor vehicle that occurred sometime overnight.

The owner found the window on his locked truck had been broken. Suspects broke the steering wheel column as well as the door handle and ripped off the door panel in an apparent failed attempt to steal the vehicle.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Morden Police.

Youth in Philanthropy supports Imagination Library

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Elementary School Youth in Philanthropy group shared the proceeds of a semester's worth of fundraising with the Imagination Library last week.

The junior high students donated \$583.52 to the early childhood literacy program, which sends out free monthly books to registered preschool kids in the Winkler area.

"It was a good cause around our local community and so we thought it was a good idea" to support the project, says YiP member Jessica Martens.

Fellow member Aleah Hildebrand said she got involved in YiP to do some good.

"It's a good way to just help in general and it's a good feeling to know you can do something," she says.

The students organized various in-school fundraisers, including Taco in a Bag lunches and candy cane message sales, to raise the funds, with the Winkler Community Foundation also contributing to the final total.

Fundraising aside, the kids also kept busy this year by volunteering to pack hampers for the Christmas Cheer Board, working with Hometown Ford to collect over 60 pounds of food for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard, and participating in the WE Day conference in Winnipeg where they heard from a number of speakers.



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Winkler Elementary School Youth in Philanthropy members Aleah Hildebrand, Kenneth Valdez, Jessica Giesbrecht, Mackenzie Klassen, Jessica Martens, advisor Hayley Wooster, and Jonah Funk presented the Winkler Imagination Library's Judy Unrau, Louise Fultz, Rachel James, and Joyce Sawatzky with a donation of nearly \$600 last week.

"All the inspirational stories and stuff you hear, it motivates you to make a difference in the community," said Hildebrand.

The group is already looking to next year, with

plans in the works to host a school garage sale in December. Donations of garage sale items are being accepted now for the sale. Contact the school for more information.

Hit the links for Genesis House women's shelter

Swing for Safety golf tournament in Miami June 26

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Registration is now open for the 12th annual Genesis House Swing for Safety Golf Tournament, which takes over the Miami Golf Course on Friday, June 26.

"The tournament just keeps growing every year," says Ang Braun, executive director of the regional women's shelter. "Last year we raised nearly \$6,000, which is pretty fantastic."

The tournament kicks off with a shotgun start at 2 p.m., with dinner to follow after nine holes of golf.

You don't have to be the next Tiger Woods to take part, Braun stresses.

"It's not really a competition, so if you're a novice golfer this is great tournament to come out and try it," she says. "It's an awesome way to spend an afternoon."

Funds raised from the event go towards keeping the shelter and its various programs for the victims of domestic violence up and running.

That's a task that becomes more difficult every year, Braun notes.

Though community support for Genesis House is phenomenal, the operating grant the organization receives from the provincial government hasn't increased in years.

"The provincial grants have not kept up with the cost of living, which creates challenges for us," Braun says.

That's what makes fundraisers like Swing for Safety so integral to the shelter's ability to keep its doors open, she says.

"Having events like this also help to remind people that we're here."

Register for the Swing for Safety tournament by calling 204-325-9957. The registration fee is \$60 and includes nine holes of golf, supper, a \$20 charitable receipt, and the chance to win a variety of prizes.

Lobsterfest in Thornhill June 20

By Cori Bezan

The Morden Elks Lodge will be offering up a finger-licking good time on June 20 when they head to Thornhill to host their annual Lobsterfest dinner at the community hall.

"We have two tents outside the hall facility and we offer a steak and lobster dinner," said Elks member Rob Dudgeon. "There's a group north of Carman that does the same kind of a thing and they raise a significant amount of funds for children's groups, and so we thought we'd give it a go, and it turned out fairly suc-

cessful so we've been keeping at 'er."

The dinner boasts delicious steaks and whole lobsters that are shipped in live from the Maritimes, as well as potato salad, corn on the cob, and an apple pie dessert.

The Bare Yogis will be playing live until around midnight, and there will also be a silent auction and a few prize giveaways.

"It's all just a big fun night," Dudgeon said. "It's just unique. People come out and we always get good support."

Lobsterfest raises upwards of \$10,000 on average each year, and the

Elks channel those funds back into community projects and organizations in need.

"That's what the Elks do. We're a community organization," Dudgeon said. "We have these fundraisers and it all goes back to the community."

The fundraiser will kick off in Thornhill on Saturday, June 20 starting at around 5 p.m., with supper served at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$45 per person and can be purchased via any Elks member or by contacting Brian Andrew at 204-325-2152 or Dudgeon at 204-362-0151.

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History project seeks Morden milestones

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Attention Mordenites: Lenore Laverty wants your memories of community milestones over the last several decades.

Laverty is heading up the City of Morden's involvement with Heritage Manitoba's Our Essential Past project, which seeks to create a standardized, comprehensive collection of historical information for communities across the province.

Phase one of the project is to create a timeline of major events in Morden's history, stretching all the way back to the first settlers in the area in

Information for the late 19th and early 20th century is easy to come by thanks to the Morden history books that well-document those periods, Laverty says, but, beyond the obvious milestones, the late 20th century has proven a little more difficult.

"I'm looking for real turning points in Morden history—what really affected the development of the community?" she says. "It's easy to go back to the beginning and identify those events—they built the research station or they built the dam or it became a village and then a town—but when you get to now, it gets harder."

And so Laverty is turning to the community to help flesh out the timeline she's drafted so far.

The complete timeline is up on the wall at the Morden Library, and residents are invited to add to it by sharing other events they think should be included by detailing them in the project binder set up on the table nearby. The binder will be at the library for the next few weeks.

"Not everything that they put may get in [the timeline], but it's good to have all the information," Laverty

After fleshing out the community's timeline, Laverty will turn her attention to the next phase of the project: detailing the lives of notable people who left their mark in ways both big and small on the community over the

After that, the final research phase of the project will focus on the history of notable buildings in the com-

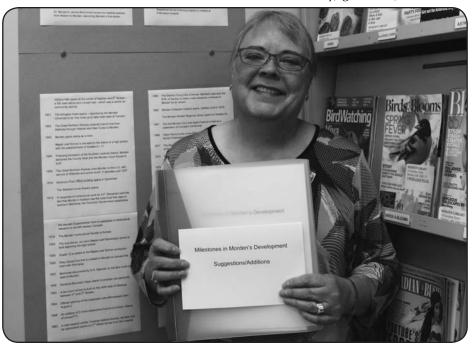


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Lenore Laverty is heading up Morden's "Our Essential Past" history project and she's looking for feedback on pivotal moments in the community's history. Stop by the library to share your thoughts.

Laverty expects to spend the next few years collecting and organizing all this information, eventually packaging it so that it can be used by local educators and anyone looking to find detailed information about Morden's heritage.

A website is already in the midst of being developed, where all of the information will eventually be accessible to everyone.

Laverty hopes the project inspires long-time Morden residents and newcomers alike to look at the community in a new way.

"Knowing something about the past of your community really gives you some pride in your community and understanding of how it got to where it is today," she says. "And then you make the future."

If you'd like to contact Laverty for more information on the project, you can reach her at 204-822-3427.

Federal funding for Corn and Apple Festival

By Cori Bezan

With only two months to go, it's nearly crunch time for the Corn and Apple Festival planning committee, said chair Chris MacPherson.

"It seemed to be a pretty full meeting today," he said after Monday's planning session. "Lots of comments, things are moving forward, couple issues like always that we've got to work through."

"The last two months, it's get down to business time," he added. "A lot of stuff you can't do 'til you're closer to the date, and now we're here, so it's time to get it done."

The committee is finding themselves a little bit short-handed this year, with no chairperson to manage the youth stage.

"We're looking for suggestions there," MacPherson said.

The festival committee is also trying to pin down drivers who are able to drive the Corn and Apple float at other festival parades in Carman, Morris, Altona, Plum Coulee, and Winkler.

Meanwhile, they are still waiting on more floats to register for their own parade.

"Maybe people hadn't got their applications in quite yet, so if someone's looking to be in the parade, the applications are on the website or they can call the office," MacPherson said. The deadline for the parade applications is July 31.

On the financial side of the festival, MacPherson said that they are just over half-way done fundraising for their goal of around \$280,000, including community donations and local business contributions, as well as pledges for funds still to come in.

"Still lots of calls to make, so we should be good,"he added."The Corn and Apple magic happens, everyone comes through."

The festival recently received two major grants for this year's event, relieving some of the financial burden in preparation for the big 50th celebration next year.

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MP Candice Bergen (second from left) stopped by the Morden Corn and Apple Festival offices Saturday to announce major government funding for the event. On hand for the announcement was the festival's (from left) Dale Stambuski, Chris MacPherson, and Cheryl Link.



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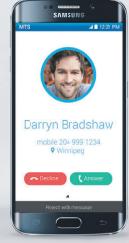
Miles for Smiles

About 50 people came out to take part in the annual Miles for Smiles run in Winkler on Saturday under rainy skies in support of the BTHC Foundation. The event raised \$5,679 for the palliative care program at the Boundary Trails Health Centre. Organizers send their thanks out to everyone who participated, all the volunteers who braved the weather to help, and the event's many sponsors.

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Back 40 fills the bowl

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By Cori Bezan

The Back 40 Festival filled the Morden Park bowl on Sunday as music lovers packed into the park for a day of good tunes, tasty treats, and all manner of fun activities under the sun.

While the threatening weather held off for most of the day, a few lateday festival-goers got a bit of a shock when the sky unloaded hail.

Still, despite the brief storm, the performers enjoyed the energy in Morden as they took to the stage for their sets.

"It's great," said IsKwé, who was performing in Morden for the first time.""I love outdoor festivals, so I'm always excited for the summertime for them, and this one is fantastic—I've never been before—and it's such a beautiful crowd."

IsKwé, who said she was "relatively new" to

the outdoor music festival scene, was recruited to the Back 40 line-up after the Folk Fest in Brandon last year, and was very excited to perform for the residents of the Pembina Valley.

"I find with festivals like this, that there's a lot more room to be a part of the audience and be on stage, so I like that part of these kinds of festivals the most, I think," she explained. "Not only do I get to perform and interact with the audience that way, but then I can actually go out and sit and watch and be an audience member comfortably. So it's work and leisure all at the same time ... it's all-inclusive." Fellow performers The Crooked

Brothers are no strangers to Morden, having performed at the Kenmor Theatre in the spring. Though they have performed at numerous outdoor music festivals, this was their first time at the Morden event.

"It's beautiful. What a great spot for it," said band member Darwin Baker of the park. "It's kind of this oasis in the middle of town. It looks like a great relaxed atmosphere."

Both artists commented on the need

for festivals like this which provide a very different setting compared to the average indoor concert venue.

"I think it's a great place for people to bring families, people of all ages can come to a festival like this and have a good time," Baker said. "I think it gets people out and seeing a lot of bands that maybe don't go to a bar show or even a theatre show, but they can come out

and catch a dozen acts or more in a day. I think that's really important, to expose people to the locals who are making music."

"I find the energy of the folks who show up are generally there to listen, they're there to enjoy what you're presenting, so there's sort of like a give and take between the two," IsKwé added. "The interaction is really nice. I find in clubs and stuff or proper concert hall venues, there seems to be a separation between the stage and the audience. Sometimes that isn't a bad thing, but just is a different way of performing."



Clockwise from above: At the Back 40 on Sunday, The **Crooked Brothers** and IsKwé kept the crowd's toes tapping; festivalgoers get up to dance and hulahoop to the music; the festival's line-up shared their "guilty pleasures"—the theme for this year's songwriters workshop.





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CFDC unveils new Aquasaur Theatre

By Cori Bezan

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre unveiled their new Enbridge Aquasaur Theatre with a celebratory ribbon-cutting and short film showing on June 2.

"For a long time we've been wanting to add some sort of interpretive theatre, a space where we could have more interactive educational opportunities for our visitors and our tour groups, especially the students that come through from schools," explained executive director Peter Cantelon. "We have a classroom in here, and it has a smart board, it's equipped well, but that kind of an environment isn't conducive to the average visitor."

"The first step after the dream is figuring out the cost for what you want to do," he said. "Once you have a cost you have a target, and then you start seeking out a benefactor, and that's where Enbridge fit perfectly. They

were looking for an opportunity to invest, but they wanted to do it in a way that benefitted the community."

Enbridge granted out a total of \$10,000 to cover the cost of the new theatre. Company public affairs senior advisor Les Scott said that they were glad to help make this dream a reality.

"We support projects all the way across our system. This one here just ties in so good with the pipeline corridor, the lake, what they're doing here, it's just a good connection, a good fit all the way around," Scott said. "I think it will be used and enjoyed by everybody in the community and everybody that comes. It will be well-used."

The 1,200 square foot theatre can seat up to 75 people and is a divided space that can be opened up for conferences and larger functions.

The Enbridge Aquasaur Theatre will become the final stop for visitors



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CFDC executive director Peter Cantelon (far left) and field and collection manager Victoria Markstrom (right) cut the ribbon with Enbridge public affairs senior manager Les Scott on June 2, officially opening the museum's new Aquasaur Theatre (shown below).

on tours of the museum, with videos and educational films rolling continuously on the special screen paint on the walls.

To Cantelon's knowledge, it is one of the region's only "plug and play" spaces with audio and video ready to go for any occasion.

"It's all ready to go. It's network-enabled, so from a community perspective, that's great," he added.

The theatre also expands the CFDC's ability to rent out the space for meetings and gatherings; already the theatre has been utilized by Child and Family Services Central Manitoba for their AGM. The space will also house a paleontology symposium in the fall.

With the ribbon cut on the newest part of the CFDC, Cantelon said that he is excited to have the theatre ready for public use and he is ready to move on to the next big project.

"There's endless visions, it's just about being able to act on it," he said. "One of the things we'd like to do is, at the back of Mosasaur Hall, you see a curtain there right now . . . it used to be storage; it's now empty. We need to paint the floors, move that curtain to the back wall, and then that space is going to become special exhibit space, and it will also be usable for more spectacular type of events."



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Portage-Lisgar MP Candace Bergen visited the Corn and Apple office on Saturday to announce a grant of \$22,200 from the federal government as part of the Building Communities Through Arts & Heritage program.

"The festival draws people from right across Canada and the U.S.," Bergen said. "Everywhere I go, people know about the Corn and Apple Festival"

Last year, the festival only received \$13,900 through the same grant.

"It's super, because it allows us to continue on the diversity of the festival, so we really count on trying to keep our programs going, trying to get new ideas, new things going every year, because it's got to continue to grow or change with the times," said festival president Dale Stambuski. "It helps us immensely."

"It's always a goal to try and have extra funds at the end of the year, and we've been trying that for three years, trying to save up for the 50th," added MacPherson. "If we could save a bunch for this year and use it for next year, have a bigger bang for the 50th, that would be great."

The festival was also approved for the Federal Student Employment Grant for over \$5,200, which will help cover 14 weeks of employment for new administrative assistant Tyler Hancock.

If you would like to donate or volunteer at the festival, visit cornandapple. com or call the office at 204-823-2676.





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Hundreds of students and families came out to the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's annual Heritage Day last Friday. Attendees got the chance to enjoy hands-on demonstrations such as corn

grinding (above) and rope and soap making, check out the farm animals at the petting zoo (above, right), and enjoy two tractor parades travelling down the pioneer village's main street (top). The event had a recordbreaking 1,016 visitors in all come out to enjoy the day.



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tremely hot, and while a sunny, warm in the summertime. The temperature day may be perfect beach days, such usually drops a bit in the early eve-

May, June and July consistently rank conditions are not always ideal for among the most popular months to get weddings, especially weddings that married. These months typically pro- take place outdoors. If wedding-day vide pleasant weather, and if it does weather threatens to be very hot, ex-

· Choose a later start time. A late-af-But summer weather can be externoon wedding may be the way to go ning, even though the sun won't set for a couple of hours. That lingering summertime sun allows the bride and groom to enjoy an outdoor ceremony and still take beautiful outdoor pho-

Rely on shade and proximity to water. Shade can be your friend when the sun is blazing. If your outdoor wedding is in the early afternoon, keep temperatures under wrap by seating guests beneath umbrellas or inside a tent.

· Tie the knot near the water. Breezes off of the water also help combat the heat, so a lakeside or beach wed- a satisfying, light main course. Ice ding can make hot temperatures more manageable.

· Wear breathable fabrics. Opt for lightweight fabrics instead of heavy gowns and full tuxedos for the bride, groom and wedding party. Cotton and linen allow air to flow through clothing, helping people to stay cool. Light colors also will help deflect the sun. Bridal gowns made of chiffon, silk or satin may feel luxurious and help tame the heat.

· Have beverage tables. Keep canisguests can easily quench their thirst. Fresh lemonade, iced tea and water with a few sprigs of mint can help guests ward off dehydration.

· Make fans and hand these out to guests. Homemade fans of thick cardstock and popsicle sticks can keep guests comfortable. Such cards can double as thank-you messages or ceremony programs.

· Tailor the reception menu to the weather. A large, heavy meal may not be what guests are hoping for when temperatures are especially hot. In such situations, provide some cool, light fare, such as chilled salads or cold soups, as first courses. Sorbet can be a cool palate cleanser, and grilled meats and vegetables will make for cream cake may be a decadent option in lieu of more traditional wedding

Choose hairstyles and makeup wisely. Brides may prefer up-dos to keep hair off of their necks and allow for breezes to cool their bodies. Rely on makeup primers and powdered foundations so that makeup does not melt in the heat. Waterproof cosmetics are adviseable so that perspiration won't cause makeup to run.

Summer weddings are preferable, ters of cold beverages at the ready so and couples can take several steps to make sure they're both beautiful and

Did you know?

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Engaged couples often ask their ticipation to kids of a certain age, so closest friends and family members it's best to check with clergy regardto be part of their wedding ceremonies. Children often participate in weddings and can add joviality to in the wedding party. If children need to be coaxed down the aisle this special occasion. However, it's or are prone to disruptive behavior, important to consider a child's age it may be best to give them another and maturity before having him or role, such as handing out bubbles or

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Jamaica: Couples tying the knot in the earlier part of the year may want to honeymoon in Jamaica. With average temperatures in the 80s yearround, Jamaica makes for a great honeymoon destination. January through April see less rain than other times of the year, and keep in mind June through the end of December is hurricane season.

· Australia: People opting to get married in the winter in the Northern Hemisphere might want to escape the cooler temperatures and shorter days with a honeymoon south of the equator. Australia and New Zealand are

A honeymoon provides a welcome beautiful spots to visit and enjoy sum- can be particularly hot in the summer. often sees the bulk of its vacationers retreat for couples after months upon mer when those in the Northern Hemi-

dings. On their honeymoons, couples get the chance to escape the pressures of everyday life and simply enjoy bemooners visit in September when ing alone with each other in special the climate is quite comfortable and tourism is minimal. Spring is another Honeymoon vacations can be ex- great time to visit France, especially pensive, and many couples want to for those people who want to spend

owed by inclement weather can make popular Cancún and Cozumel, tend during these times of year. Rains in-

to venture there before the summer costs and bigger crowds. season is in full swing. Couples might want to avoid vacationing in certain areas in March, as students visiting for spring break may compromise the romantic atmosphere honeymooners are

· Hawaii: Spring and summer can be ideal times to visit the islands of Hawaii, as the weather can be beautiful · Mexico: Areas of Mexico, such as and travel tends to be less expensive

Spring brides and grooms may want during the winter, meaning higher

· Italy: April through June and September through October are some of the best times to visit Italy. Be aware that Venice tends to be misty and damp during the late fall and early spring. Italy, especially southern Italy and Sicily, can get quite hot during the peak summer months.

Weather and tourism should be considered as newlyweds choose where to go on their honeymoons.















Canada says repeal of M-COOL only option

By Harry Siemens

Canadian Ag Minister Gerry Ritz wrapped up a series of key meetings with U.S. representatives and industry groups in Washington, D.C. last week by repeating Canada's call for the U.S. to repeal its Mandatory Country of Origin Labelling policy.

He spoke with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and members of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees together with representatives from Canada's cattle and hog sectors and roundtable discussions with the COOL Reform Coalition and the Barnyard Coalition.

In response to the latest World Trade Organization decision and in accordance with international trade rules, Ritz made it clear Canada will seek WTO authorization to place retaliatory measures against U.S. exports to Canada if M-COOL is not repealed.

The U.S. has exhausted all possible means to avoid their international obligations, damaging the highly integrated North American supply chain, hurting producers and processors on both sides of the border.

"There is a growing recognition that the United States must respect the WTO's ruling and fix COOL once and for all," says Ritz"The only way for the United States to avoid retaliation is to pass legislation to repeal COOL"

Canada and Mexico have asked for a special WTO Dispute Settlement Body meeting later this month, at which time Canada will request authorization to impose over \$3 billion in retaliatory measures against the U.S., while Mexico will seek authorization for over \$653 million.

Late last week, Ritz addressed the media on this issue in a teleconference call.

"Let me take minute to address the

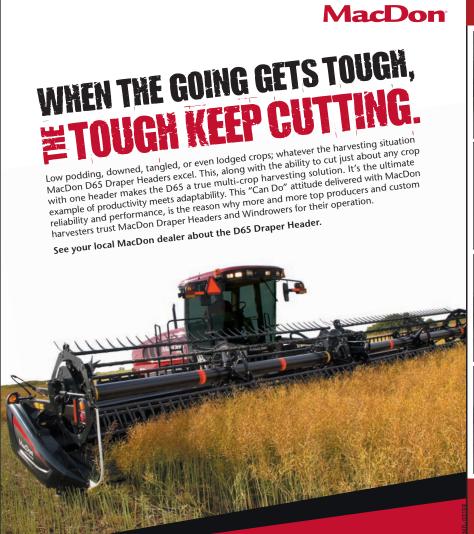
notion that this dispute can somehow be resolved by the implementation of a watered down version of COOL," he says. "This suggestion is patently false and is not an option our government or our industries will entertain. Let me restate that a full repeal of COOL is the United States' only option to avoid retaliation. A growing number of senior political and industry people stateside are demanding that U.S. Congress repeal COOL."

Ritz says Vilsack admitted to him that there is no regulatory fix to COOL. In two reports to Congress, Vilsack acknowledged that it requires a legislative change because COOL has cost his U.S. industry billions without providing any quantifiable benefits to American consumers.

He says a growing number in the U.S. Congress are getting the message that Canada will not blink on COOL.

Manitoba Pork Chair George Matheson, representing the organization at the World Pork Expo, met Friday with representatives of Iowa senators Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst to discuss this issue. He says law makers in the U.S. are starting to take Canada's stance seriously.

"I think maybe for a lot of them for the first time, they are really seeing it as a very important issue, that Canada is taking very seriously, prepared to apply these tariffs so it is definitely raised in terms of issues of importance," says Matheson. "This is a very significant issue and the repercussions will not be pretty if COOL continues to exist. And the best way, our feeling is, to deal with this is to repeal the law, go back to the days when free trade was existent, and not even go close to this tariff situation that we would be entitled to have on U.S. imports."



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Thirty-five people took part in the area's first Gutsy Walk in support of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada last Sunday.

Region's first Gutsy Walk raises \$4,000

By Cori Bezan

Morden's first Gutsy Walk was a phenomenal success, with sunny skies on Sunday for the walkers who came out to support the event for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada

"It was very successful," said organizer Cathy Cramer, who notes 35 people came out to take part, raising over \$4,000 to fund research into the diseases.

"There is no cure, so there's research that is being done,

and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada solely survives on fundraising," she said. "There are actually a lot of people living in the area living with Crohn's or colitis, or IBS [irritable bowel syndrome] . . . it's more common than you think."

"Having [the walk] locally has created a lot of awareness of the disease and some of the symptoms of the disease, which by ripple effect provides more educa"IT'S REALLY **REWARDING TO** SEE THE SUP-PORT THAT WE RECEIVED . . . "

tion, more awareness, and more general understanding," she added. "It's not a disease that's often talked about. and some of the details around the disease are difficult to discuss at any age ... it's really rewarding in the sense that we're able to come together as a community, show support for each other, make some connections so we can network about certain things that are working well and other resources that are available."

With the first year under her belt, Cramer said she hopes to see this become an annual event in Morden moving forward.

"It was really rewarding to see the support that we received, not only community members, but businesses," she said.



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Creativity meets community at art bar



By Cori Bezan

The Pembina Hills Arts Council held their second art bar event at the Morden Legion last Friday, giving residents who may not consider themselves artists a chance to gain some painting instruction in a social setting.

Led by Caroline Lynch, around 20 participants enjoyed a few drinks while they painted a setting sun over a street vista.

The goal of the program is to reach a new audience of creatives, said executive director Amanda Nicholls, who added that they hope to host future art bar events in Morden in the fall, as well as in other communities.

Another Van Gogh-inspired art bar is scheduled to return to the Morden Legion on Aug. 7.

Registration is \$65 and covers all of the materials, instruction, appetizers, and two drink tickets.

To register, contact the gallery at 204-822-6026.

Fibre arts on showcase at gallery open house

By Cori Bezan

Beneath the Oaks Gallery in Thornhill will be opening its doors on July 13 and 14th for the Common Threads open house, showcasing fibre art pieces from local artists.

"This is about our seventh or eighth year," said organizer Pamela Yorke-Hardy. "Some of the artists will be there, and you can come and meet them and enjoy a cup of coffee and a visit."

Each year the artists get a theme and a package containing materials, and the artists have until the next year to produce a piece of work that reflects their idea of the theme. This year's theme was "Illumination."

"It was started for people who didn't know how to sew, or don't like sewing,"Yorke-Hardy explained."There's still quilting, there's a few 3D items, and you can use the material in any way you want to, as long as you use it all."

"[The artists] came up with some absolutely awesome stuff, and every year they just get more creative," she added. "It is very unique, it makes you want to create, it really does."

There will also be a garden to admire, as well as the rest of the gallery

space to view.

Yorke-Hardy said that it was important "to showcase all the creativity there is in southern Manitoba, in the Pembina Valley, to look at the creativ-

ity."

Beneath the Oaks Gallery is located at 40 Valley Street in Thornhill, five miles west of Morden.

The open house will run from 1-4

p.m. this Saturday and Sunday. A map can be found online at prairielandartists.com.

Registration open now for KidsACT

By Cori Bezan

The KidsACT drama camp is back again for another summer, marking a decade of children's theatre in Morden.

"KidsACT is a one-week drama day camp where kids come on the first day and are introduced to a play or a movie we're going to make a play about," explained organizer Phillip Duncan. "We spend the week rehearsing, performing, building costumes and props, and everything that we need for our version of the performance on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m."

Duncan began the program in 2005 when he returned to Morden after working with the Manitoba Theatre for Young People in Winnipeg. Duncan has kept the idea of kids in theatre alive ever since.

"It means that I really have been

promoting community and theatre," he said. "I've always said that part of the slogan for KidsACT is for fun, for learning, for life, and a decade of that means I've been working with the community for 10 years to make it a stronger, better, more arts-oriented place to be."

With a new season on the horizon, Duncan said he is excited to get started again this summer. Kids can get excited over this year's play, which is still being decided on, but has so far come down to a choice between two Disney movies.

"We have fun. We go outside and do fun things every day," Duncan said. "It's summer camp. The whole idea of it is to have fun and to do theatre while we're having fun."

"The idea of performing and rehearsing and producing a play in a week is great, so all the kids that come to camp really have that performance bug or they want to have that performance experience," he added. "We've had more inhibited kids that come to camp too and sort of flower when they come to camp. The kids produce their own work, they take ownership of what they do because everything is produced by them."

The camp will run at the St. Paul's United Church from July 6-10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration is open to kids who have completed grades one through to grade eight, and the camp is already around half full, Duncan said.

Camp registration costs \$125 per camper for the week. A \$10 rebate is available for parents registering more than one camper.

To register, you can contact Della Duncan at 204-822-6931.

Is your child ready to begin private music lessons?

s parents begin to think about their summer and fall schedules for the next year, one commonly asked question is: "How do I know when my child is ready for private music lessons?"

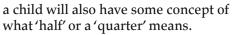
The answer is: each child differs. But while individual personalities should

be taken into account, the following pointers can serve a general guideline for determining readiness to begin music lessons.

First, does your child have a good grasp of numbers? Not only should

By Candace Hamm kids be able to count to ten, but they

should know simple addition. Ideally,



Second, does your child know the alphabet and can they manipulate the letters? For the greatest chance of success in lessons, your child should be able to say their letters from A-G, but should also be able to figure out which letter comes before or after the next one.

Third, your child should know the difference between their right and left hands if they're hoping to play an instrument, though this is not essential for singers.

Fourth, playing an instrument does require a level of hand-eye coordination. Your child should be able to complete tasks similar to holding and manipulating a pencil. They should also be able to wiggle most fingers independently. Again, this concept does not apply to singers.

Fifth, your child must be physically mature enough to meet the demands of the chosen instrument. Aspiring singers must reach a certain stage in muscle development before training

A young trumpeter must be able to produce a steady stream of air, while a pianist must have the finger dexterity to play one key at a time. Speak with your teacher about specific issues relating to each instrument.

Lastly, a young musician must have a certain level of maturity in that they must be able to concentrate for a 30 minute lesson (perhaps with a short break in the middle). Children who are not ready for this length of lesson may do best in group lessons such as Music For Young Children or Kinder-

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Local musicians honoured at provincial music and arts fest

Local musicians had a strong showing at the 2015 Provincial Music and Arts Festival, held in Winnipeg May

Winners, who each took home scholarships and awards for their work, included:

- Evelyn Alles, Winkler, took third place in the Junior Piano division.
- Hannah Drudge, Winkler, won the Jean and Lorne Chapple Scholarship for most outstanding performance of a J.S. Bach work in Advanced Piano.
- Shayla Thiessen, Winkler, took second place in Junior Strings.
- Micah Loewen, Winkler, took second in Intermediate Strings.
- Rose Sanders, Manitou, came in second in Intermediate Woodwinds and second in the Junior Canadian Composers event.
- Sam Bergen, Winkler, placed third in Junior Canadian Composers.
- James Bergen, Winkler, took second in Advanced W.A. Mozart.

Beautifying Winkler

From left: Anne Thiessen. Marlene Loewen, and Ruth Ens were just a few of the many Winkler Horticultural Society volunteers who put their green thumbs to work during Winkler's annual planting blitz last week, helping to plant hundreds of flowers in public gardens and floral displays all over the city June 1-2.

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PeeWees take second at Stonewall tourney

The Winkler PeeWee baseball team was at a tournament in Stonewall last weekend. Winkler finished in first place in the round robin, but were ultimately defeated by the home team in a hard-fought 9-6 loss in the gold medal game. At right: Winkler's Myron slides into third base safely during the round robin against Stonewall on Sunday.

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Winkler Flyers select 10 in junior bantam draft

The Winkler Flyers welcomed 10 new players to the fold at the 2015 Manitoba Junior Hockey League Bantam Draft held in Neepawa on Sunday.

The Flyers selected four forwards, three defensemen, and a goaltender in the draft. The players eligible for the draft this season were born in the year 2000.

Winkler's first pick, eighth overall, was Tate Popple, a Brandon native who had 44 points (18 goals, 26 assists) in 31 games played with the Brandon AAA Bantam Wheat Kings in the 2014-15 season.

In successive rounds the team took on Kyle Lang (centre, 32 points last season with the Winnipeg Warriors last season), Drae Esposito (defense, 24 points last season with the Winnipeg Monarchs), Trent Halfdanson (right wing, 24 points with the Winnipeg Hawks), Riley Johnson (centre, 24 points with the Winnipeg Hawks), Carson McConnell (defense, a Pilot Mound native who contributed six points with the Pembina Valley ban-

tam AAA Hawks last year), Montana Onyebuchi (defense), and Zachary Bennett (goalie, had a 2.79 GAA and a .898 save percentage with the Winnipeg Sharks).

Winkler also auto-protected locals Carter Wall and Sven Schefer.

Wall played as a defenseman last season with the Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks, contributing four points in 24 games, while Schefer, a forward, suited up for the Pembina Valley Hawks AAA bantam team, contributing eight points.

Storm drop Selkirk, 'Canes tie Legends

The South Central Hurricanes battled the St. James Legends to a 1-1 tie in Winkler Sunday night. Scoring for the home team was Jen Martens.

The tie brings the ladies team, which plays in Division 1 of the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League, to a 1-2-2 season thus far, putting them in sixth place in the 10-team league.

This weekend the 'Canes host the Vikings on Sunday at 6 p.m.

The local mens team, meanwhile, bolstered their record with a 3-2 win over Selkirk FC.

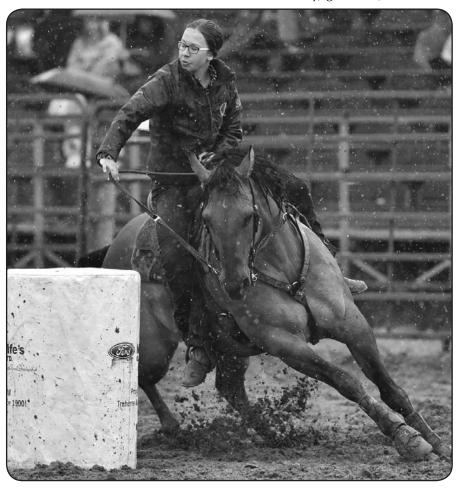
Contributing goals were Emmanuel Ntango with one and Cornie Siemens with two, while Alvin Rode and Waldi Friebus split goaltending duties.

The Storm are 3-1 so far this summer and sit in third place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Major Senior 1 division behind FC Internazionale and Pescara with a couple of games in hand.

This week the boys play their first home game against Scorpions FC on Sunday at 4 p.m.



Locals hit the rodeo ring in Selkirk



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At the 2015 High School Rodeo finals in Selkirk last weekend, Morden sisters Morgan Reimer (above) and Taylor Reimer (left) competed in events like barrel racing, breakaway, and goat tying, with Morgan coming in third in goat tying. Also competing was Schanzenfeld's Sabrina Nickel in goat tying.

Orioles down Sultans, fall to Legionaires

By Cori Bezan

The Pembina Valley Orioles added one to the win column last week in their game against the Carillon Sultans on June 3.

After a scoreless opening two innings, the Orioles took the lead with a run in the third and then maintained it with singles in the fourth and sixth.

Carillon didn't get on the board until the fifth inning, and it was the only one they got, giving the game to Morden 3-1.

The momentum wouldn't last when next Pembina Valley took on the St. Boniface Legionaires in front of a hometown crowd last Friday.

There, the Orioles fell by a disappointing 16-4, bringing their record for the summer thus far to 4-7 and keeping them in fifth place in the seven-team Manitoba Junior Baseball League.

double-header Sunday's against the Carillon Sultans was cancelled due to the wet field conditions and rainy weather, and the results of this Wednesday's game against the Altona Bisons were not available at press time.

The Orioles will get their rematch against the Legionaires on Friday in Morden. They'll also play an away

double-header against the Elmwood Giants on Sunday and a game against the St. James A's next Wednesday.

Team Pembina Valley off to Games

Just over 100 athletes will represent the Pembina Valley at the 2015 Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries 55 Plus Games being held in Beausejour next

Regional Games representative Lois Dudgeon says that, at 103 athletes in all, Team Pembina Valley is down from the participation heights of last year's 140, but they won't let that stop them from holding their own at the June 16-18 competition.

"These Games are these older adults 'Olympics 2015,'" she says.

Team Pembina Valley is made up of no less than three 55+ slo-pitch teams: the Carman Cardinals, the Morden 55'ers, and the Manitou Rock Lakers,

the last of whom hope to defend their first-place finish from 2014.

Other local athletes who are Gamesbound include:

- Stuart Ganske and Morley Johansen from Cartwright/Pilot Mound.
- Jean and Linda Brisson, Andre Dacquay, and Rheal Simon from Plett from Winkler.

- Willie Anseeuw from Oak Bluff.
- Jean Janick, Connie Johniton, and Eileen Price from Roland.
- Bill and Jane Braun, John H. Klassen, John and Sharon Klassen, Bill and Dora Peters, and Mary Anne

Mohawks crush Regals

In Border West Baseball League action this past week, the Morden Mohawks crushed the Baldur Regals to take their second game of the season

This week, the Regals get another

crack at the Mohawks, this time playing in Morden on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Later in the week, the Mohawks host Clearwater on Tuesday and then travel to play Cartwright on Friday, June 19.

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Making the cut

A trio of local athletes have made the cut to represent Team Manitoba in two different sports.

Morden's Rayvn Wiebe has qualified to play on the 18U provincial volleyball team, while Winkler's Raelyn Elias made the 16U team.

Wiebe and Elias both played on the local 17U Aztecs girls' club volleyball team this past season. They made the provincial teams after a making it through two highly competitive rounds of try-outs.

Both provincial teams start practising in mid-June to prepare for the national championships taking place in Richmond, BC July 15-19.

After that competition, one team will be picked to represent Manitoba at the Western Canada Summer Games being held in Alberta, August 11-16.

Meanwhile, Winkler's Tiago Oliveira has been named to the provincial basketball U15 team.

The 15-year-old went up against nearly 100 players from across Manitoba in a five-day tryout to make the

Oliveira, who is wrapping up his Gr. 9 year at Garden Valley Collegiate, played for the Zodiacs varsity team this past season.

"I'm hoping to play through college and go from there,"Oliveira says of his basketball aspirations. "It's very exciting [to make Team 'Toba]. Not many guys from Winkler have done it before. It's an opportunity

Oliveira will travel with his team to Halifax for the Canadian National Championships in August.

Athletes shine at track provincials

Regional athletes had a solid showing at the MILK Provincial Track and Field Championships in Winnipeg last weekend.

Top finishers included:

- Évan Cesmystruk, Pilot Mound, third place in the boys junior varsity high jump event.
- Tara Frisch, Nellie McClung Collegiate, third in girls varsity high jump.
- Mallory Byrka, GVC, fifth in girls varsity high
- Madison Wood, Morden Collegiate, fifth in girls JV high jump.
- Alyssa Alderson, Morden, sixth in girls JV
- Jason Nepinak, Morden, fourth in boys JV shot put and second in discus throw.
- Megan Neduzak, Morden, seventh in girls 100m dash varsity.
- Michael Wirth, Morden, first in boys varsity discus and third in boys varsity shot put.
- Luke VanDamme, Pilot Mound, third in JV boys 100m hurdles.
- Victor Keeper, GVC, seventh in JV boys 3,000m run.
- Levi Warkentine, GVC, fifth in varsity boys
- Colton Peters, NPC, fourth in JV boys 800m run and fifth in the 1,500 m run.
- NPC varsity boys medley relay team finished

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Next race day is this Sunday.



Morden's Rayvn Wiebe (top left) made the cut for the 18U provincial volleyball team, while Winkler's Raelyn Elias made the 16U team. Winkler's Tiago Oliveira, meanwhile, made the U15 provincial basketball team.



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Above: The Winkler Ironfist Martial Arts Academy's members brought home 31 medals from the Winnipeg Ironfist tournament. Back row, from left: Marcel Reimer, Susan Blatz, Cindy Thiessen, McKayla Thiessen, Heidi Brodland, Nathanu Botha, Paul Engel, Lukas Studer, Eric Olfert, Mike Penner, Wolfgang Schaefer. Front row: Connor Doell, Wallace Glespy, Tyler Maynard, Evan Hildebrand, Rueben Penner, Michael, Phoenix Penner, Rylan, and Presley. Also at the event was Manitou's Premier Taekwondo, which won 46 medals. At right: Premier's Hayden McNab takes a high-flying kick. McNab brought home two golds and a silver.

Bringing home the hardware

Taekwondo athletes from across the region had a strong showing at the annual Ironfist Winnipeg tournament last month.

The competition pitted over 300 competitors from across Saskatchewan, Ontario, North Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba in full contact sparing, pattern, and board breaking events.

Premier Taekwondo out of Manitou sent a strong contingent of 27 competitors to the event, making them the third largest team there.

The team brought home 46 medals in all across all three categories. The team also received the Club Spirit Award for rural Manitoba at the event, which comes with a \$150 donation towards its activities.

The Winkler Ironfist Martial Arts Academy, meanwhile, sent 17 athletes to the tournament and brought home eight silver, six gold, and 17 bronze medals in all.



Premier Taekwondo's (back row) Master Lea, Lucille Rheault, Kim Klassen, Brendon North, Nick Wood, Caleb Blythe, Hayden McNab, Gerrit Maxwell, Brian Nichol, (middle row) Noel Boulet, Landon Barron, Bethany Sanders, Jamie Treble, Trent Desender, Alexa Guilford, Joshua Sanders, Leah Sanders, (front row) Alicia Keen, Trystan Cassels, Derek Rasmussen, Patrick Boulet, and Ava Sanders with the 46 medals they brought home from the Winnipeg Ironfist tournament.

Right: Neil MacAulay, Nancy MacAulay, Joshua MacAulay with their medals. Missing is Paul MacAulay. Below: Judge Heather Hamilton with Nathalie Saarela, Jace Guilford, and Connor Langan.







Agriculture

Task force to evaluate rural veterinary service

By Harry Siemens

Manitoba's ag minister says a new three-person task force will evaluate the province's rural veterinary services, consult with stakeholders, and provide recommendations to government on how to enhance this important service for livestock and pet owners, something first done back in 2007, with many of those recommendations still outstanding.

"Manitoba's rural veterinarians provide a broad range of services and care for animals throughout the province," says Minister Ron Kostyshyn. "Animal health and biosecurity are priorities shared by vets and our government, so we want to ensure appropriate services and infrastructure are available. We want to hear the priorities of stakeholders and then develop a comprehensive plan for veterinary services for the future."

The task force includes Dr. Paul Schneider, Bertha Russell-Langan and Merv Starzyk and will hold a series of focus groups with producer associations, members of the veterinary community, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and other stakeholders to determine focus areas for broader consultations.

Kostyshyn headed up the last veterinary review in 2007, while Schneider was also on the three-member panel at that time.

Dr. Allan Preston, former director of Veterinary Services Branch and provincial veterinarian, says this review will be treading on similar ground.

"That review had 33 recommendations and a number of those have not come to fruition, so this new task force is going back to revisit some of the same topics again," says Preston. "In terms of what is missing or lacking in the veterinary community, I think we still do have a very good program in Manitoba, but room for improvement, especially some lingering concerns."

He says one of the issues around for many years is the funding for the rural veterinary services program.

In broad strokes, the funding is roughly \$20,000 per year per district to be matched by municipal contributions and provincial dollars. Several years ago the provincial match

dropped to 95 per cent.

"There was an intent from the last review to take a look at those funding mechanisms again and to my knowledge nothing has changed," says Preston. "There was also recommendations with regards to some of the legislation and the mandate behind the veterinarian services program in terms of agreements veterinarians sign with their boards and things of that nature. To my knowledge the act has not been opened and reviewed, although recommended back in the last review."

Two other areas that need addressing is the antimicrobial resistance and how large it has become in recent years and, secondly, disease surveillance, Preston says.

"I still have the fear of another disease outbreak, foot and mouth or whatever, and we still aren't as prepared as an industry as we should be,"

The pig industry has the Canadian Swine Health Information Network, which allows for eyes and boots on the ground to report situations that develop in the pig industry and bring them to the people's attention.

"We don't have anything like it in the cattle industry and we're vulnerable in that regard," Preston says.



Modernize the marketing system

> HARRY SIEMENS

nen I interquestions always marketing whether their bins are empty, especially if the date is after Jan. 1 following their last crop.

Even more important is whether they market the grain themselves and whether the transportation and elevator system is such that works for them or against them.

One farmer told me recently he seldom if ever markets at a loss, and seldom does he hit the highs in the marketing system.

It is hard work, and something that takes dedication, self-effort, and consistency to say the least.

With the end of the single desk for wheat, things keep popping up that didn't surface before because the CWB monopoly only let things surface it found beneficial to keeping the monopoly alive, whether it favoured farmers or not.

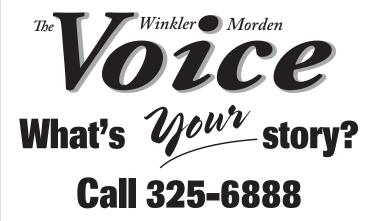
The American farmers complained long and hard about how the CWB treated them. That is where this news from the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association comes in: the group is urging the federal government to take action and make Bill C-48 a priority for parliamentary approval.

Currently, Canadian farmers delivering wheat into the U.S. receive equitable treatment with grain grown south of the border, however U.S. producers who deliver into Canada automatically receive the lowest grade, regardless of the quality or variety of grain.

The Wheat Growers recognize that this inequity has created significant concerns from the American wheat industry regarding the continued discrimination of U.S. grain coming into Canada.

"While changes to our Canadian system have taken place, they have not yet gone far enough to produce a more equitable environment for farmers on both sides of the border," says president Levi Wood."The United States is one of the largest and most accessible markets for our wheat and the potential of trade retaliation would have devastating effects on our industry."

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Is there someone you would like to see recognized in the newspaper for their accomplishments - athletic, academic or community service.

RBC donates **\$1,000** to daycare

Morden's Royal Bank staff stopped by the Pembina Valley Child Care Centre last month to help with some spring yard clean-up alongside parent volunteers and daycare staff. The bank employees also dropped off a \$1,000 donation for the daycare courtesy of RBC's Employee Volunteer Grants Program, which recognizes employees for the good works they do in their personal time.



"In our view, the continued modernization of the Canadian market structure is essential for maintaining a positive relationship with the U.S. agriculture industry," says Wood, "We need an equal trading environment with open competition."

I agree wholeheartedly. The M-COOL trade issue—one that keeps cattle and hogs out of the



U.S.—is something that our ag minister Gerry Ritz wants to resolve. We have spent millions of dollars on legal fees, travel costs, and man hours trying to resolve it. As we speak, another delegation is off to Washington D.C. to lobby some more.

Now if the Americans decide to place extra tariffs on wheat heading south just because we treat their

wheat poorly when it comes here, the costs would be horrendous.

Not to mention how Canadian farmers closer to the U.S. borders are able to truck their wheat south, often at premium to what a Canadian company would pay them. We need to resolve this issue sooner rather than later.

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The Winkler Morden Voice is looking for an outgoing individual to join our staff as a reporter to provide news and sports coverage for the Winkler-Morden area.

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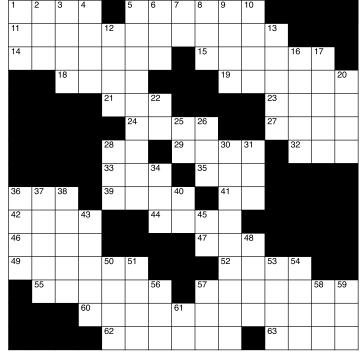
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- 19. Forged using a metal bending block
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- 23. National Asset Mgmt. Agency
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- 28. 7th tone
- 29. A role of insulation
- 32. Midway between S and SE
- 33. The longest division of geological time
- 35. Oolong, green or Earl Grey
- 36. Disorderly crowd
- 39. Children's author Blyton
- 41. A radio band
- 42. Assist in some wrongdoing
- 44. Measures speed of rotation (abbr.)
- 46. Bring up children
- 47. Mitt's spouse
- 49. Light, narrow paddle boats
- 52. Unstressed-stressed
- 55. Oriental water pipe
- 57. Miser
- 60. "The Hobbit" director
- **62. Traditional German frock**
- 63. This (Spanish)

CLUES DOWN

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- Lanka, country
- 3. Play on words jokes
- 4. Finger click 5. Repeating



- 6. Toddler
- 7. Article
- 8. Women's movement
- 9. Promises to pay
- 10. A ball of yarn or thread
- 12. Towards the mouth or oral region
- 13. Fatuous
- 16. Old Irish alphabets
- 17. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 20. Defy
- 22. Dear husband (abbr.)
- 25. A blood group
- 26. Make lacework
- 28. Golf ball support 30. Having a particular scientific skill
- 31. Chit
- 34. Head louse egg

- 36. Pomace
- 37. West Indian sorcery cult
- 38. A. Hutton drew this Br. comic
- 40. Popular 1950's hairstyle
- 43. A unit of girl or boy scouts
- 45. 3.6% of the earth's crust
- 48. Drug agent (slang)
- 50. Supplemented with difficulty
- 51. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 53. Br. slang for donkey
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973 Case 1175 standard trans, 18/4-38 duals 8000 hrs, 2000 hrs on rebuilt engine, no 3ph, good looking tractor Case 400 diesel, like new rubber on rear, needs head gasket 1977 Massey 750 hydro 3500 hrs Mccoy Rinn pickup Trucks. 1975 Chevy Silverado 4 wheel drive v8 standard trans, 1967 ford 2 ton 10 ft box /hoist, 1951 1 ton Chev 1967 1 ton Dodge b/h. 1938 GMC 3/4 ton 38000 original miles 3 original tires should be running by sale time stored inside rare truck. 1966 Small school bus. Livestock Equipment. 45 ft semi trailer bale hauler with single axle dolly, very nice unit. Like new Raes full cattle handling system, sells complete, palpation cage, triple length crowding chute, triple length curved alley with splitting chute, all stored inside.. Lewis cattle oiler and 2 free standing mineral tubs. NH #270 sq baler. NH #56 side delivery rake. NH 7 ft trailing sickle mower. NH #327 manure spreader also one older one Massey mix mill, 100 or so corral panels, 200 railway ties Farm Equipment: IHC 6200 2/12 rubber press disc drill with factory trans and track erasers stored inside. Lode King 14 ft drill fill. FK 8 ft swath roller. 7 bottom Melroe auto reset plow

JD 14 and 12 ft deep tillers. 28 ft L240 field cultivator 53 ft Herman tine harrow. Leon prong type stone picker. Versatile 480 sprayer 400 gal tank 60 ft. 6 ft Caroni finishing mower. 30 ft coil packers. Vers 40 ft pto auger. FK 8/51 pto auger. FK 7/41 w Briggs. 40 ft bale/wood elevator. Special item 2 Large POOL Elevator signs. From Neighbour Murray Young: 69-79 Ford 700 15/8 1/2 steel box and hoist, no safety. Prairie Star 25 ft pt. Swather. Conskidy Grain vac Several Westfield Augers. Small trailer load of farm tools and

hardware and more. From neighbour Malcom Young: 2000 gal steel water tank, 8 ft swath roller, Kvator grain vac (parts) half ton tool box. 4 new car tires with studs. We have room at this auction for a trailer load of smalls and larger equipment consignments.. Call Morris Olafson @325-2141 or 822-3742 and let's see what we can do for you. Most of the equipment here has been in shed and has not been used much in the last few years. Auction Rep Morris Olafson 325-2141 or 822-3742 Owner Ian Dobson 242-2440

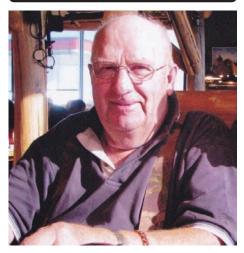
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AUCTION

HOBBY FARM AUCTION FOR RAY AND SHARON STEWART SW OF MIAMI MB.

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Tractor Ford 4000 diesel, w/loader 3pth, pto, low hrs acreage tractor. MF Square baler. Ford side delivery rake. 15 bale stooker and fork. Allied square bale elevator approx 35' on carriage. 12 FT Glencoe cultivator. 8 ft Double disc. New Holland Tank type Fail spreader. Two horse trailer. Ranger Ford pickup, with deck, standard shift, 3pth model 250 Cyclone seeder, very nice condition. Skid steer Pallet forks. Skid steer Mount V type snow Blower, hyd Drive, electric chute control. IHC Model 230 SP Swather

w/ pickup reel 18 ft. 250 gal poly water tank Two gas powered pressure washers. Craftsman tool chest Honda Motorcycle . 250 ?? Approx 150 square hay and straw bales 2014 crop in loft nice condition. Four Riding Saddles, and Tack, Bridles, Harness etc. Horse Drawn 4 wheel riding trailer, and cutter, and others. Chain saw, and many other Yard Tools. Trampoline. Some household merchandise. Some dimensional lumber, and for sure many more items. The Stewarts have sold this real nice Hobby Farm and are moving. All items need to be removed within the week. Owners 204 435 0427

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70th Wedding Anniversary Norman and Daisy Watchorn Come & Go Tea, June 21, 2015, 2-4 P.M. Homestead South, Morden

IN MEMORIAM



October 13, 1934 - June 13, 2014 Your cheerful smile, Your heart of gold; You were the best. This world could hold. Never selfish. Always kind: These are the memories. You left behind. -Lovingly remembered and sadly missed, Mildred and family

OBITUARY

Katherina Heinrichs Braun (nee Guenther) 1918 - 2015

On Thursday, May 28, 2015 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB Katherina Heinrichs Braun aged 97 years went to her eternal rest.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Tina Heppner, Mary Rathe, Helen Braun; one son, Neil and wife, Dorothy Braun; daughter-in-law, Nettie Heinrichs as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-greatgrandchild. She was predeceased by her husbands, Cornelius Heinrichs in 1951 and William Braun in 2004; twin sons in 1941; another son, John in 2012; three sons-in-law; one sister and four brothers.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Rosenbach Cemetery.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Katherina's memory to the Salem Foundation

Wiebe Funeral Home, Winkler In care of arrangements, wiebefuneralhomes.com



OBITUARY

Cornelius (C. J.) Dyck 1931 - 2015

C. J. Dyck, aged 84 years passed away suddenly at his home in Plum Coulee, MB on Sunday, May 31, 2015.

He is survived by one brother, Dave and his wife, Katherine Dyck and one sister, Agatha Gerbrandt and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by five sisters and one brother.

Cornie was born to John P. and Aganetha Dyck on March 7, 1931 on the home farm in Rosefarm, Manitoba. He received his early education at the Rosefarm School and later completed his high school education (G E D) at the age of 65. Cornie had an adventurous life growing up on the farm and choose farming as a lifetime career and chose farming as a livelihood. Although he never married and had children of his own, he took great interest

in his many nieces and nephews and their children. He also supported many children through Christian Children's Fund. Cornie was also very generous in supporting the community of Plum Coulee's sporting and recreation activities and could be found tying many a youngsters skates while he was working at the local skating rink. Cornie had a great love for his antique tractor and enjoyed participating in the Thresherman's Museum activities. For many years, he drove his tractor in the Plum Coulee parade and threw candy to the children. As Cornie grew older and his health deteriorated, his faith grew stronger. He wanted his family to know that he was prepared to die and was looking forward to heaven. After spending nine weeks in Boundary Trails Health Centre, he was able to return home and spend a few more weeks in his home and community which he truly loved.

Cornie will be dearly missed by his family, his neighbors and his coffee shop friends. We love you Uncle Cornie - See you in Heaven.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2015 at the Plum Coulee Bergthaler Mennonite Church with interment at the Plum Coulee Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Cornie's memory to the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

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