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**Carrying the torch for Special O**

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The Law Enforcement Torch Run made its return to Winkler and Morden on June 9. Local police officers were joined by school kids—including this class from Emerado Centennial School at the Winkler run—to run across town to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics.

By Cori Bezan

The Winkler and Morden police departments worked together to return the Law Enforcement Torch Run to both cities on June 9 in support of Special Olympics Manitoba.

The day began in Morden as about 40 runners—including police from across the province, Special Olympics athletes, and students from École Morden Middle School—laced up at the RCMP Station before running to the Morden Police Station downtown.

A few hours later in Winkler, Winkler police officers joined students from Emerado Centennial School to run from the arena to Bethel Heritage Park.

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# Special O hopes to start Morden program

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“Law enforcement has been a long-time supporter of Special Olympics, and we’re very happy to be back, re-involved,” said Morden Chief Brad Neduzak of the run, which hasn’t taken place in our area in years. “We were involved back, many, many years back in the early ‘90s, and we’re very pleased to be part of this once again.”

“It’s a good cause, for Special Olympics. Law enforcement has been behind that for many years,” added Winkler Police Chief Rick Hiebert. “It’s good to see [the run] back, and hopefully we can raise some money and help some local athletes.”

Morden Police Cst.

Scott Edwards holds a seat as a member at large on the LETR Manitoba executive board and was a driving force behind bringing the run back to the Pembina Valley.

“The Law Enforcement Torch Run board wanted to bring the event back rurally this year,” he explained. “It’s been done out here in the past, it’s been done in Winnipeg the last few years, so Morden/Winkler was an obvious choice.”

“It was a really good turn-out, impressive,” he said after Morden’s leg of the event, noting they were pleased to welcome a Special Olympics team from Portage la Prairie at both the Morden and Winkler runs.

Edwards hopes the event sparks some interest in getting a Morden Special Olympics program up and running again. Right now, the nearest program is in Winkler.

**“IT’S GOOD TO SEE [THE RUN] BACK, AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN RAISE SOME MONEY AND HELP SOME LOCAL ATHLETES.”**

“Today was more about awareness, given it’s Special Olympics Awareness Week, and we have some of the employees from the head office of Special Olympics Manitoba out speaking to people, hoping to find some people that are willing to volunteer a bit of time to start a program in Morden,” he said. “Unfortunately, we are without a program for our Special Olympics athletes here right now—they have to travel to Winkler or Altona or Carman.”

With the Torch Run successfully completed, Edwards said that his focus now turns to the wintertime as police plan to host a 2016 Polar Plunge in Morden in February or March, also in support of Special O.

“It’s quickly becoming the staple



PHOTOS BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

École Morden Middle School students joined police on the Law Enforcement Torch Run last week. Right: LETR chair James Couvier presented Morden Police Chief Brad Neduzak (at right) and Winkler Police Chief Rick Hiebert (not shown) with plaques to mark the return of the event to the area.



event for Law Enforcement Torch Run in raising money for Special Olympics Manitoba, so hopefully we’ll get some support from our community for that and see how it goes,” he said.

For more information about Special Olympics—including how you can get involved as a volunteer or coach—visit [www.specialolympics.mb.ca](http://www.specialolympics.mb.ca).

## City gets funding for 3rd St. improvements, 14th St. paving

By Cori Bezan

It’s a project that’s been nearly 40 years in the making, but Winkler’s 3rd Street South is finally about to get a major makeover.

Thanks to a \$400,000 grant from the provincial government, the city will finally be able to fix the problem street this summer, says Mayor Martin Harder.

“We have been working on 3rd Street South for a number of years, to try and get approval from the residents on 3rd Street South to widen it to a full nine metre road, which would be complete with curb and gutter,

parking on one side, plus two lanes of traffic,” he explained. “We’re just delighted to have the approval that the province has seen fit that they’re going to contribute towards that under the joint services agreement with the city.”

“Third Street is actually the worst street we have anywhere in Winkler,” he added. “It’s been long overdue . . . I think from the meeting one of the residents told me it was 37 years ago since that was paved temporarily. And so, 37 years later, we’re going to make it permanent.”

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# Walking to remember

By Cori Bezan

Around 150 people laced up last week to take part in the annual Memory Walk, an event to raise awareness and funds for the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

The walk hit the streets in Winkler on June 10 and in Morden on June 13.

"This walk is to bring awareness to the Alzheimer's disease and other dementias," explained regional coordinator Kathy Fehr. "It's to have the community know that we do have this disease all over in our community, and to build resources and to be a support to people that have the disease and also to caregivers."

Fehr estimated around 80 to 100 people came out to support the Winkler walk, while another 50 or more people made it out to Morden's.

Many of the participants this year were residents and staff members of the Salem or Tabor personal care homes, and Fehr says she hopes to see community participation grow in

the future.

"I would like to bring it out into the community more and have the community come out more, but I think that will take time," she said. "With me being new in my position I think it's just a matter of building and we'll just take it from there."

Bill Braun joined his wife Joanne on the walk in Winkler. The couple have participated in the event ever since Joanne was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

"Joanne's had Alzheimer's now for five years, so we're just supporting of the society and research of Alzheimer's," Bill explained. "I think [it's important] to make people aware of Alzheimer's and dementia disease. A lot of

people aren't aware of what it's all about."

Lois Dudgeon first stepped up to take part in the Morden walk when her father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Since his passing, Dudgeon continues to carry on the tradi-

**"PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW WHERE TO GET THEIR RESOURCES, WHERE TO GET THEIR EDUCATION. SOMETIMES, PEOPLE NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO."**

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The Alzheimer Society of Manitoba held Memory Walks in Morden (left) and Winkler (above) last week to help raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's disease research and support services.

tion in his memory, walking with her aunt, who is a resident at Tabor Home.

"People usually get involved because a family member has had the disease. So when my dad was diagnosed five or more years ago... that's how you get involved in something like this," she said. "Any time you can get out and help raise funds for a good cause—and Alzheimer's is a good cause because it's not going away until they find a cure."

"There may never be a cure, but the money goes towards research or whatever else to possibly find a cure, and you're always hearing new and good things about Alzheimer's all the time, that's why it's important."

Morden and Winkler's walks were

just two of several held all across the South Central region this month.

"It is very important to host them in different communities," Fehr said. "We not only have the disease and people that are diagnosed with dementia and Alzheimer's in all the communities, as well as people need to know where to get their resources, where to get their education. Sometimes, people need someone to talk to."

A support group for the Winkler and Morden area will start up again in September and take place on the first Wednesday of each month at the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

For more information, you can contact Fehr at 204-325-5634.

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# ACU donates \$8K to Eden Foundation

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Eden Health Care Services got a helping hand from the Access Credit Union last week to the tune of an \$8,000 donation to the Eden Foundation.

ACU regional manager Chris Hildebrand presented the giant-sized cheque to the foundation's director of development Earl Reimer last Wednesday.

"We have partnered with Eden for a number of years now," Hildebrand said. "We firmly believe in the services that they offer and the programs that they support and we want to partner with them because mental health is so important to everybody." "What some people don't realize is

that it is an actual illness and not a matter of weakness," she added. "It is a real illness and should be treated as such and considered as such, especially in the realm of fundraising and research. So we support Eden in what they do."

**"WE FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THE SERVICES THAT THEY OFFER AND THE PROGRAMS THAT THEY SUPPORT."**



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Access Credit Union's Chris Hildebrand (left) and Joel Billing (right) presented the Eden Foundation's Earl Reimer with a donation of \$8,000 last week.

Reimer says that corporate donations like this are fundamental to Eden being able to continue providing the community with a wide range of mental health care services.

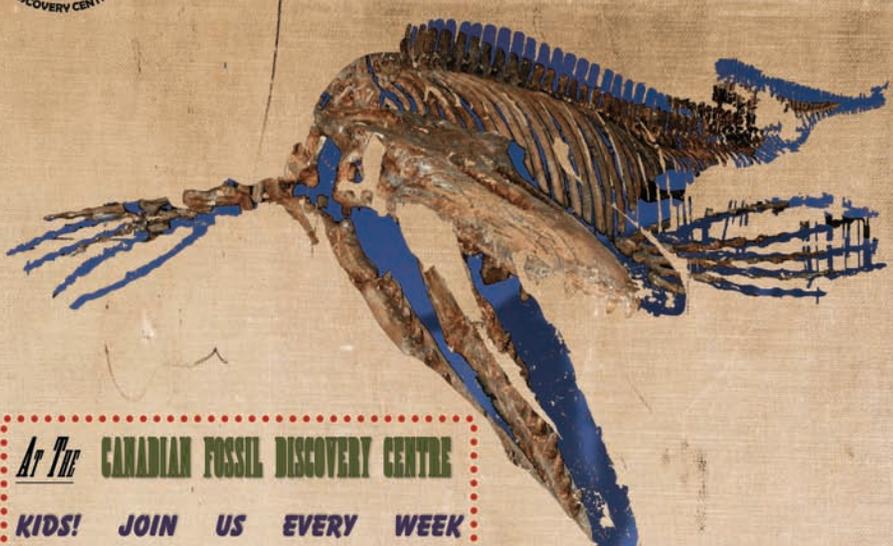
"The funds that an organization like Access Credit Union provides to us is the seed money that helps to grow bigger projects and larger concepts and ideas," he said, noting this donation in particular will offset costs of fundraisers such as the Head for the Hills bike ride this fall, the Iron Man Golf Tournament later this month, the Visit the Villages Tractor Trek in July, and the new Sharing Our Stories mental health awareness event in fall.

"What this does is it covers an awful lot of the costs that are associated with

producing those events . . . in turn, it gives other donors the confidence to know that the funds that they give to the Eden organization in fact will be used completely and fully for the projects that we take part in," Reimer said. "Those events support the work of Eden in everything from occasional counselling through to paying for trainers to help people educate themselves to hold down a job . . . or to find a place to live, to find a home."

For more information on getting involved with Eden's upcoming fundraisers—there's still room at both the golf tournament on June 23 and the Tractor Trek in early July—go to [www.edenhealthcare.ca](http://www.edenhealthcare.ca).

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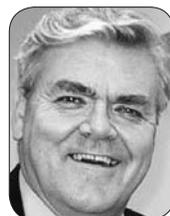
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## Privatizing government workers' sick benefits a bad deal

Turning over sick benefits to a private insurance company opens all Canadians to potentially one of the biggest tax grabs in Canadian history. This is what Division 20 (changing federal employees' sick leave over to a short-term disability program) in the Bill C-59 specifically would do.

The current sick leave program, negotiated between the federal government and unions, allows for a maximum of a 1 ¼ days per month over 12 months for sickness, which creates a ceiling on how much can be paid towards illness benefits in a year.

If this program were to be handed over to a private insurance carrier we would have to deal with a "for profit" company handling the benefits, and this is where it becomes a very bad deal for all Canadian taxpayers.

All short-term disability programs are designed with the employer and employee paying a monthly premium to the insurance carrier, then the insurance carrier decides if they will pay out any claims submitted to them. So who is the employer in the above situation? Obviously it is the Canadian taxpayer, not some entity known as the federal government.

The federal government does not create money to pay the premium, it just taxes all Canadians and then decides how Canadians' own money will be spent, in this case to pay insurance premiums.

Who pays the employee portion of the insurance premium? Obviously

every single employee in the federal public service, who are also Canadian tax payers. So, in essence, the Canadian taxpayer pays 100 per cent of the premium.

Now this is where it becomes very scary. Since the insurance carrier is a "for profit" company, any time they feel their profits are not high enough for their shareholders, all they have to do is raise the premium—the premium that all Canadian taxpayers would have to pay to create larger profits.

Currently, all that is administered by our supervisors and managers with a NIL cost, since it is part of their job description.

The Honorable Tony Clement has stood up in the House of Commons and stated that removing the current sick leave program in the collective agreement and replacing it with a short-term disability program is because it needs to be modernized and has to be fair to the employees and fair to the Canadian taxpayer. However, "modernizing" is not synonymous with better or fair.

We know it won't be fair for the employee because they will have to fight with the insurance carrier each time they file a claim, and it is definitely not fair to the Canadian taxpayer as they are on the hook for paying 100 per cent of the premium regardless of how much it increases.

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen has stated in media interviews that

close to 15 million sick days have been banked in Canada, which the taxpayers would be on the hook for. But she failed to explain that when public service employees retire these 15 million sick days are banished. In the last 24 years at my workplace I witnessed many employees retiring, leaving behind over 6,000 hours of sick leaves which were there just as a safety net.

Once the federal government passes Bill C-59 and turns sick benefits over to a private insurance company in the form of a short-term disability program, they will lose all control over how much it will cost Canadians and there will be no ceiling to that cost.

If you are thinking the government will be able to control the insurance company and premium rate, I would suggest otherwise. There are very few insurance carriers that can handle 175,000 new clients, so the government will have almost no negotiating power with the insurance company and they will make the rules.

The Conservative government would be mistaken to think they could make a four-year contract with an insurance carrier that would limit premium increases.

Too many things can change in four years and a private insurance company would not be prepared to lose money and lower their profit margin.

Gus Mardli,  
Morden,

## > ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, FROM PG. 2

The city recently held a meeting with 10 of the 11 residents on the street, who unanimously agreed to the changes.

"We wanted to let them know that some of their properties actually extend to the current pavement, let alone where the new pavement is going to be, so we needed 10 feet of property from those residents," Harder said. "We went to them and said . . . 'Would you consider allowing us easement on the property, first of all, to build the street and, subsequently, transferring a portion of your property to the City of Winkler for basically a dollar?' We had a unanimous agreement from all 10 that were at the meeting to agree to basically give us the property for

free."

The sizeable provincial grant will also help to cover some asphalt on 14th Street South from Prairieview Drive to Road 11 North.

The total cost of both projects is between \$1 million to \$1.2 million, which was fully budgeted for before the grant was received.

"This helps us tremendously," Harder said. "The \$400,000 goes a long way . . . this is a bonus for us."

With engineering underway and the projects getting ready to go to tender, Harder said he hopes to see both streets completed before the end of this year's construction season.

In other grant news, at last week's council meeting it was announced

the city will be applying for a Western Economic Diversification Grant in support of the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.

If approved, it could mean another \$500,000 for the project, which plans to turn the former Park St. water treatment plant into an arts facility.

"We said, 'How much more could we do with the Arts and Culture Centre [with these funds], with taking it a little further into where they would like to get to, and including the entire retrofit for the tower?'" Harder said of the application.

Harder hopes to see an announcement on that grant soon, as the approved grant recipients must complete their projects in 2017, which is Canada's 150th anniversary.

# Pembina Valley CNIB volunteers honoured

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley CNIB Group were honoured for their years of service during a volunteer recognition event held at Government House in Winnipeg on June 9.

The event shone the light on the long-time volunteers of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the work they've done to support people living with visual disabilities in our community.

Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee presented locals Lillian Hildebrand, Liz and Bill Cumming, Anna Loeppky, Mary Friesen, Jessie Glover, and Justina Unrau with service pins and certificates to mark their 10 or more years of service to the CNIB.

The Pembina Valley CNIB Group as a whole also received a commemorative glass inukshuk engraved with the group name in thanks for the work they do.

Volunteer leader Liz Cumming says it was a special honour for the group, which services the communities of Winkler, Morden, Altona, and Carman.

"We're a support group and we meet once a month," she says. "We've really become like a big family. We support each other, we bring in speakers on all kinds of stuff to keep up with all the new technology that's out there."

Cumming says the group's members range in age from 27 to 101, but they all share the common experience of living with a visual impairment.

That's where the group's support can be so key, she says, as they are able to lean on one another and provide information to new and existing CNIB clients.

Cumming, who lost her eyesight as a teenager over 40 years ago, says getting together with her peers through CNIB has been an extremely important part of her life.

"Leading this group for 10, 15 years . . . these people are very important to me and I try to always encourage them to be strong and carry on, because it's not always easy."

The group is open to all local CNIB members living with vision loss.

"There are definitely more people in our area who could be coming, but they won't come until they're ready, and that's fine," Cumming said.

If you'd like to learn more about how you can get involved with the Pembina Valley CNIB Group, go to [www.cnib.ca](http://www.cnib.ca) or contact Cumming at 204-822-4833.

Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee (third from left) and CNIB board chair Glenn Hildebrand (far left) with CNIB Pembina Group members (from left) Lillian Hildebrand, Liz Cumming, Bill Cumming, and Anna Loeppky at a service awards ceremony last week.



# Park Days return

By Cori Bezan

Get ready to have fun in the sun this summer as Park Days (formerly known as Park School) returns to Morden for three weeks of summer vacation fun next month.

"We really just hang out in the park and have a lot of fun," explained summer recreation program coordinator Josh Enns. "We make crafts, we play games, we go to the spray park. Every week on the Wednesday we go to the [CFDC] and have a Dino Day, so we have a tour, we make a craft, and we go outside and play."

Kids will get involved in team sports like beach volleyball and kickball, play on the park playgrounds, and do a variety of craft projects, including making their own sponge balls for their days at the spray park.

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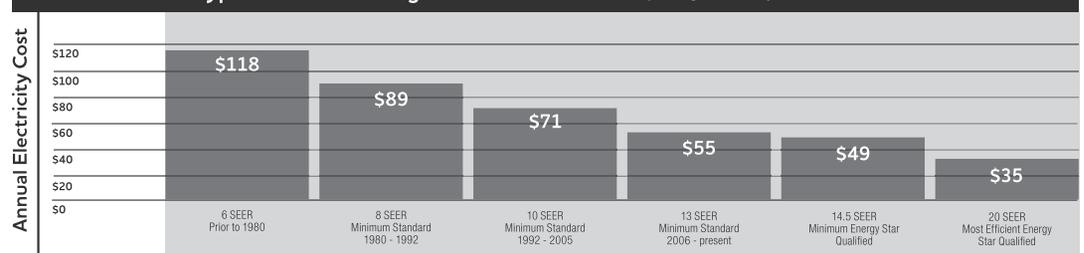
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# Thrift store distributes \$71k to the community

By Cori Bezan

Over a dozen community groups and organizations received some welcome funding thanks to generous grants from the Morden Community Thrift Store last week.

"It's just a way to say thank-you to the community for supporting us and giving back whatever we can," said vice-president Olga Dyck. "It's just something that warms your heart."

The money was raised through the sale of second-hand items, silent auctions, and community support, Dyck explained, adding that they see more and more requests for funding each year.

"Our expenses are paid and then it goes back into the community," she said.

The thrift store, which doles out funding twice annually, handed out \$71,400 in grants to 14 groups on June 10.

The recipients include \$15,000 for



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The Morden Community Thrift Store handed out \$71,400 in grants to 14 different community organizations last week. Back row, from left: Chief Brad Neduzak and Sgt. Sean Aunt (Morden Police), Chief Andy Thiessen (Morden Fire & Rescue), Ken Friesen, George Martens, Abe Dyck, Harry Bergman and Allen Schellenberg (Christian Programs), Dale Wiebe (Winkler Bible Camp), Doug Frost and Henry Penner (Agassiz Medical Centre). Front row, from left: Heather Francis (Many Hands), Ruth Reimer (Katie Cares), Judy Bradley (Rock Lake United Church Camp), Margaret Ann Popplestone (BTHC Auxiliary), June Letkeman and Deb Thiessen (SCCR), Judy Stambuski (BTHC), Myra Mayor and Karen Chezick (AMC). Missing: Todd Waldal (Pembina Valley Bible Camp)

Morden Fire and Rescue for training and a mapping system; \$12,000 each for the Pembina, Winkler, and Rock Lake Bible Camps for ongoing programs and fees; \$8,500 for the Morden Police Service for specialized camera equipment; \$2,500 for the Agassiz Medical Centre for a defibrillator unit; \$2,500 for Katie Cares to purchase activity bags for the children's hospital ward; \$2,500 for Christian Programs for Sunday worship at

the Corn and Apple Festival and New Year's Service; \$2,000 to the Morden Collegiate for four student bursaries; \$1,000 to South Central Cancer Resource for their travel program; \$1,000 to Many Hands Resource Centre for the community kitchen program and food cupboard; \$150 to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Auxiliary for hospital services; \$150 to the Boundary Trails Health Centre for bedding plants; and \$100 to the Morden Col-

legiate Safe Grad.

"[The funding] stays in our own community and it supports them," Dyck said. "People appreciate it, and it pays for things that might not be able to sustain them... it's just an ongoing thing we like to see."

Volunteers are always needed at the store. Anyone interested in lending a hand can stop by their location at 220 North Railway Street.

# Winkler Police board gets started on five-year plan

By Cori Bezan

A five-year strategic plan is in the works for the Winkler Police board, which got the ball rolling on it at their June 10 meeting.

"We've looked at our policies and procedures and looked at how we operate, but as we look to be in a community that continues to grow, a community that continues to change, we have to make sure that we stay ahead

of that curve so that we don't end up being surprised by things that are coming," said board chair Henry Siemens. "If we're able to stay on top of it and make sure that they have the resources that they need to do their job, then we have a much better chance to police effectively."

Siemens said that they are currently gathering ideas to bring forward in the plan, and they will be meeting with city council "early in the process" in order to work together towards a clear goal for the police department.

"Council funds the police service, so we want to make sure that they know what our needs are as those needs develop so we're not surprising them with a big request later on," he explained. "We want to make sure that they're a part of the conversation. Ultimately, the responsibility of those decisions comes to the police board, but if there are changes needed or if there's funding needed, we will be approaching council for it."

The plan will include a strategy for adding new officers and specialized services.

"We have a number of different members who have had specialized training in different areas," Siemens said. "We know that we have

some members who are specifically trained in drug searches. Looking at dealing with that area, is that something that should become a stand-alone entity?"

The board also intends to make regionalism a key component of the plan.

"We want to approach Morden and Altona as well and have some conversations to see what are things that we can do together, and what could that look like?" Siemens said. "We want to have a wide-open conversation, find out what their needs are and where those needs are similar to ours, where are there opportunities to work together."

In other police board news, changes may be on the way to the Provincial Offences Act that will reduce the time officers have to spend in court, which balloons overtime costs and keeps them from performing other duties.

"There are really big concerns when we have highly-paid members sitting in court waiting to deal with an offence, and to be there for most of the day and then to find that the accused did

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not show up and it's simply being remanded and they've got to come back and do this whole thing again," Siemens said. "It's an expensive, expensive problem, and there has to be some type of resolution."

Siemens said that Manitoba Justice has confirmed there will be some changes coming to the Act on this matter, but what those changes are or when they will be enacted is still not clear.

Finally, Winkler Police Chief Rick Hiebert shared a project he hopes to continue pursuing with the board involving how the department handles its dispatch.

Hiebert expressed safety concerns over their current system, which can potentially distract officers while they attempt to simultaneously handle incidents and police the streets.

The chief outlined a few options he has already begun looking into, including having late-night dispatch run through Brandon Police Service, creating their own dispatch unit, or hiring a private firm.

The board urged Hiebert to continue with his research in the hopes of finding a cost-effective solution to work towards.

> CAMP, FROM PG. 7

Thanks to a sponsorship with Boston Pizza, participants will get to enjoy a pizza party on Fridays.

"Instead of staying inside for the summer, it's just an afternoon camp," Enns said. "It's three hours, and they can go outside and they can play and meet other people, and go around Morden."

Park Days will run from 1-4 p.m. during the weeks of July 13-17, July 20-24, and Aug. 3-7. Kids are welcome to register for one day, a whole week, or for all three weeks. Registration costs \$5 per day per child.

"A lot of people can't go to the expensive camps where it's \$150 a week. \$5 a day, that's \$25 a week...so it's a very reasonable, very good price," Enns said. "I think it's going to be a lot of fun, and I hope everyone can at least come try it at least one day."

The camp is open to kids ages six to 12. Space is limited to 15 campers per day.

To register or for more information, you can contact Enns at 204-822-5431, ext. 234 or by email at [programs@mordenmb.com](mailto:programs@mordenmb.com).

# Steps for Pets raises over \$14k for shelter

By Cori Bezan

It was paws to the pavement time on Sunday as the 7th annual Pembina Valley Humane Society's Steps for Pets Walk-a-thon took off from the Morden Park to raise funds for the non-profit regional animal shelter.

Around 50 participants joined in the Morden walk, most bringing along their canine companions for the sunny afternoon. Walks were also held in Altona and Carman the day before.

"The event went really great today," fundraising co-chair Megan Rodgers said on Sunday. "We had all kinds of dogs out here, all sizes and shapes and colours. It was so much fun to see."

Events like the walk-a-thons are extremely important to the PVHS to help spread awareness throughout their ever-growing service area.

"We really want to get the public involved and see what we do, and how they're able to help us out," Rodgers explained. "We represent the whole Pembina Valley, so for us to be able to go out into the community and just have that sense of community with the public is important for us, because we can't raise the money with-



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

The Pembina Valley Humane Society held their annual Steps for Pets Walk-a-thon in Morden on Sunday, raising over \$14,000 for the shelter's veterinarian expenses.

out events like these."

The event brought in over \$14,000 for the shelter, with more donations still trickling in as of press time. The money raised through the walk-a-thons will go towards the shelter's veterinary expenses.

"That's going to go a long way for our medical expenses," Rodgers said. "We don't adopt out any animals until they've been neutered or spayed as well as have all their shots and tattoos. Other animals, especially the ones that come in from being found out in the country, they need to be

dewormed. We have some puppies that were tick-infested, so they needed lyme medication. We never know what we're going to get, so we definitely need to be prepared for these situations when they come into our shelter."

Rodgers said they're optimistic that with late donations they'll hit the \$15,000 they were aiming for this year. Anyone interested in making a donation can drop by the shelter at 462 Jefferson St. or follow the links to the pledge forms on [pvhsociety.ca](http://pvhsociety.ca).



  
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Fabricland Winkler owners Abe and Kathy Penner celebrated 25 years in business last weekend with a customer appreciation lunch and special sales.

## Fabricland celebrates 25 years in Winkler

By Cori Bezan

For a quarter of a century, Winkler's Fabricland has been the place to go for all of your fabric needs.

On the heels of the store's 25th anniversary celebrations last weekend, owner Abe Penner remembered the store's humble beginnings when he and his wife Kathy set out on a new business venture.

"We started out on Main Street in a 2,300 square foot building," he said. "About five years later, we built this building here on Norquay Drive, and we built 5,000 square feet. Twelve years later we added on another 2,300 square feet, so we're close to 7,500 square feet now."

Penner began the business after working in construction and dealing with persistent back and knee issues.

"This came up for sale and [my wife] thought she could help me with this," Penner explained. "She operated it for the first couple years, until we were a little bit bet-

ter set, and then I sold my other business and then came into here."

Penner said that the store has grown over the years to bring in new product and meet their customer demand, which has only increased since Fabricland opened its doors.

"We could still increase in size, but I think enough is enough," he added, laughing.

The store has been open long enough for Penner to see a shift in what his customers are looking for.

"Home decorating has increased quite a bit, and also baby stuff," he explained. "With a lot of new homes in Winkler and Morden and surrounding area, we've definitely seen an increase in home decorating."

But while some things have changed in the last two decades, some trends are coming back full circle.

"The trends seem to change almost every other year or so, and we used to do a lot more for weddings and not as much now," Penner explained. "Colours have had their full circle. When we started, there were certain colours, and it seems like in the last couple years, those colours have come back. The trends just keep following each other."

Penner said that some of his highlights includes building the current location and attending buying shows,

while his wife (and assistant manager) Kathy said that getting new stock into the store is always an exciting time.

"When the new stuff comes in, it's like Christmas, just the excitement of what's going to be in the next box," she said. "Even though we bought it, it's a six-month waiting period, so by the time

you get the product, it's new again, and it's always exciting to put new product in the store."

Fabricland celebrated the anniversary with a huge sale last Friday and Saturday, complete with a barbecue lunch on Friday served by volunteers from The Bunker.

The Penners are proud to see their store reach this milestone, and they say they're looking forward to the future.

"I never thought we would have 25 years. That means a lot of fabric through the door," Abe said, extending his thanks to all of the store's staff past and present, to his wife for all of her hard work, and to God for all of His blessings.

"I NEVER THOUGHT WE WOULD HAVE 25 YEARS. THAT MEANS A LOT OF FABRIC THROUGH THE DOOR."

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# Lindsay Rae embraces new pop/country sound

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler singer-songwriter Lindsay Rae is shaking things up with the release of her new self-titled EP this Saturday.

"I'm really excited about this because it's a totally new sound for me," Lindsay Rae told the *Voice* last week. "It's more of a pop/country sound, and I've kind of gone from more of a folky sound before. I wanted to try something different, something that people really haven't heard from me before."

Different but familiar, really, since she's always been a huge country music fan, she says, and this EP is her chance to let her inner country crooner shine.

Working with producer James Shiels (a member of local pop/rock band The Color), Lindsay Rae spent the last few months in the studio developing her new sound.

"I've always loved country, but it's taken me awhile to develop that and figure out what does that sound like for me? Adding the country drumbeat and the guitars and fiddle, bringing it all together—we've got country music coming off of every part of this album. It's a lot of upbeat music."

The album's five songs each tell a story, some culled from Lindsay Rae's life, others inspired by the stories of others.

"I'm a bit of a story-teller and I love to portray that and show that to my audience," she says.

"I'VE ALWAYS LOVED COUNTRY, BUT IT'S TAKEN ME AWHILE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT DOES THAT SOUND LIKE FOR ME?"

"Girl With the Chevrolet" relates the meet-cute story of an Altona area couple, who Lindsay Rae hopes will hear the song and get in touch with her.

"It's about a guy on his way to a football game and he meets this girl who has a flat tire on the side of the road, and they fall in love, of course" she says. "It's based off of a true story . . . but I haven't been able to find this girl—her name is Ashley—since I wrote it. I really want to find her so she knows I wrote her song!"

Other songs include At Least I've Got These Boots, Tale About Me, Longing, and Beneath the Stars.

"All my songs come from just different experiences in life—my own and others—and combining that with how I love to tell stories," Lindsay Rae says.

Lindsay Rae has been on the local music scene for a few years now, releasing a Christmas album back in 2012, penning several singles in 2013, and performing frequently at coffee houses and summer festivals across Southern Manitoba.

With her new EP, she's hoping to take things to the next level.

"I'm really trying to take music from being just a hobby and see where I can go with it," she says. "I believe that I have been given a talent and I feel I'm supposed to share it."

"I have so much fun doing this and entertaining people on the stage . . . as long as I can encourage or entertain one person, then I've done my job."



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Winkler singer-songwriter Lindsay Rae's new self-titled EP releases this Saturday. The five song album features the artist's new pop/country sound.

You can see Lindsay Rae perform live at the Carman Country Fair and the Altona Sunflower Festival next month, and the Plum Coulee Plum Fest in August.

Her EP, *Lindsay Rae*, is available on iTunes and CD Baby on June 20. You can also pick up a copy at Gingerwood Lane, Jonny's Java, Janzen Bros. Music, Thornview Grocery, and The Olive Tree book store.

## Manitou students boogie to raise funds for Eden

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Nellie McClung Collegiate's Global Issues class got hands-on with its Action Plan project last month.

The class, which consists of Gr. 12 students Eric Pauls, Sarah Klassen, Jesse Creith, and Giffen McLean, organized a benefit dance at the school

on May 29, with all the funds raised going to Eden Health Care Services.

"For the class we had to think of a 'take action' project, and one of my classmates, Sarah Klassen, came up the idea to have a dance," said Pauls. "All four of us decided that was a great idea . . . at first, though, we weren't sure who we would support with it."

Pauls says they began researching the many non-profit organizations in the Pembina Valley and eventually decided they wanted to throw their support behind the Eden Foundation, the fundraising arm of Eden.

The cause hits especially close to home for Pauls,

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# Muscle Hut settles into new home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Muscle Hut in Winkler has upgraded to a new location five times the size of its old one.

After over two years in its previous location, the fitness centre has moved shop down the street to 415 1st St. (the old Kroeker Machinery building).

The move gives them 5,000 square feet to create their new Strength & Conditioning Performance Centre—something owner Kurtis Fox says is going to redefine fitness in the community.

"It definitely gives us the ability to offer an improved level of service, as far as an ability to train the way we want to," he says, noting the extra space means they can do all their training indoors and on-site year-round. "We're now able to cater to every type of fitness."

The Muscle Hut offers a range of professionally-coached strength and conditioning, personal training, and athlete development programs.

Unlike other fitness centres, when-



ABOVE PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Muscle Hut's new Strength and Conditioning Performance Centre is located at 415 1st. St. in Winkler. The larger space allows the fitness centre's staff (below, from left: Lisa Vanden Berg, John Skeavington, Evan Kehler, Eric Sawatzky, and Kurtis Fox) more room than ever to redefine fitness in the community.

ever you're at The Muscle Hut you have a coach there to guide you through the exercises and motivate you to take it to the next level, Fox says.

"We hear from a lot of people that it's so non-intimidating compared to a typical gym because everybody's here to get something out of it," he says. "We get a lot of busy professionals who say they like to not have to think about a workout: 'I just show up and you tell me what to do.' It's a lot more efficient and effective for them."



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## Opera House celebrates \$50,000 donation

Work is moving full speed ahead on the Manitou Opera House's major accessibility project, and so too is the ongoing fundraising campaign.

Last week, the concert hall accepted a \$50,000 donation from the Access Credit Union towards the renovation and expansion of the facility.

"The Manitou Opera House Foundation is pleased with the regional recognition of the important role played by the Manitou Opera House," the project manager Al Thorleifson. "The acoustics of the building and the number of events and programs provided in the Opera House are both noted by sup-

porters as worthy of support."

Thorleifson says the renovations that will make the facility more accessible for people with disabilities are on track.

"The foundation is pleased with progress on the construction, walls and interior partitions have been constructed," he said, noting rafters were already in place at the start of the month and work on the geothermal drilling rig got underway last week.

The foundation committee is currently reviewing options for finishing the interior of the addition, he said.

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The Access Credit Union's Dan McCausland, Shane Norrie, Sheralee Forsyth, and Darryl Loewen presented the Manitou Opera House Foundation's Walter Mueller, Garry Young, Al Thorleifson, Lindy Sharpe, and Thor Thorleifson with a donation of \$50,000 towards the facility's accessibility project last week.



# Bethel Church marks 50 years with homecoming

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church in Hochfeld celebrates 50 years of growth with a huge homecoming celebration next week.

The church, located seven miles south of Winkler on Hwy. 32, is putting on three days of festivities June 26-28, and they invite everyone—past members and the community-at-large alike—to come join in on the celebrations.

“We’re celebrating God’s faithfulness, God’s blessing on Bethel, and we want to bless the next group going forward,” says event organizer Abe Wieler.

The Bethel Church began back in 1965, spearheaded by a group of Hochfeld-area families who wanted to start a church closer to home.

“They wanted to have one location that served the children, youth, and the whole family,” says senior pastor Randy Smart.

Eventually seeded from the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church, the congregation has since grown from about 48 members at the start to well over 500 today, coming from all across southern Manitoba and North Dakota.

The church’s physical footprint has certainly grown over the years as well. In 2011 they built a spacious new

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## > MUSCLE HUT, FROM PG. 12

The facility also caters to many athletes looking to get their strength and conditioning up in the off-season, Fox says.

“We want to go above average in everything we do,” he says. “So if people are looking for above average, that’s what we’re about.”

Learn more about The Muscle Hut at [www.musclehut.ca](http://www.musclehut.ca) or give them a call at 204-325-0247.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church’s Peter Klassen, Abe Wieler, and Pastor Randy Smart invite the community to the Hochfeld church’s 50th anniversary homecoming celebrations next week Friday to Sunday.

sanctuary building, turning the old building into an education wing connected to the existing fellowship hall/gymnasium.

Earlier this year, the older building was torn down, and the church is currently hard at work building a new two-level education centre to house classroom space, assembly areas, and youth programming.

“I like to think in some ways that this is a gift to the next generation,” says Smart. The 33,500 sq. ft. facility is expected to be completed by early next year.

To celebrate all the blessings Bethel Church has had in five decades of spiritual service, next week’s homecoming will feature a wide variety of activities, performers, and fellowship.

“There will be music, reminiscing, food . . . it’s open to all,” Wieler says.

“We see ourselves very much as part of the community,” adds Smart. “Everybody is welcome.”

Things kick off Friday evening with a performance from the Quonset Brothers followed by a bonfire and fellowship.

On Saturday, the day begins with a free breakfast followed by the Ladies Tea in the early afternoon featuring guest speaker “Lizzy” and a round of golf at the Winkler golf course.

Saturday evening features a by-donation steak supper supplied by Danny’s Whole Hog, a showing of the church’s anniversary video, and an evening program of music and open mic stories, wrapped up with another bonfire.

Sunday morning’s anniversary-themed worship service will include a special anniversary choir led by the original

choir leader John Zacharias and guest speaker Dr. Gus Konkol, church pastor in the 1970s.

After that, things will wind down with a church picnic and free barbecue lunch, children’s games, and a free fasha.

For a detailed schedule of events for the Bethel Homecoming, check them out online at [ourbethelchurch.com](http://ourbethelchurch.com).

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# Vendors show their wares

Poor weather forced the first annual Outdoor Expo in Winkler to move to inside the arena on Saturday, but that didn't stop over 65 local businesses from showing off their wares. Vendors set up tables to feature everything from homemade soaps to skin care solutions to clothing, as well as a few non-profit organizations.

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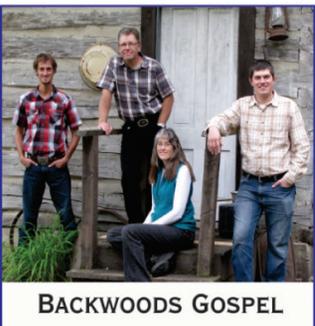
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who has a family member who received treatment at Eden for bipolar disorder.

"It really helped him out a lot and really helped our family a lot, too, so that's really why I wanted to support Eden like this," he says, adding that the students also gave a number of presentations at the school prior to the dance to raise awareness about Eden and mental health.

As to the dance itself, the students organized every aspect it, and Pauls said everyone had a really great time.

Last week, the class were able to send a cheque of just over \$83 to Eden's Winkler offices.

Eden Foundation director of development Earl Reimer expressed his gratitude to the students for their work in raising both funds and awareness for those living with a mental illness in our community.

"[Eden] is thankful for the fact that a dance, a celebration of life was connected with the serious issue of mental health," he says. "As much as the funds raised are appreciated in furthering the work of mental health recovery, Eden is greatly encouraged by the students having an understanding of the breadth of issues related to mental health and also by the fact that they have recognized that those dealing with mental health issues can find hope, healing and community."

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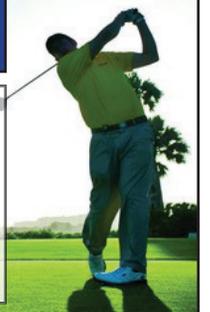
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# Teddy bear check-up

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Cole Payne, 5, watches as his stuffed elephant gets an eye test from Focal Point optometrist Tio Bellisario; Taylor Roller, 3, snuggled a live bunny at the petting zoo with her mom Jackie; Rhysian (far right) and Aria Wilkinson drove through the MPI driving course; Easton Hildebrand, 7, used his baseball skills at the bean bag toss and received UV-activated beads from the Canadian Cancer Society as a prize.



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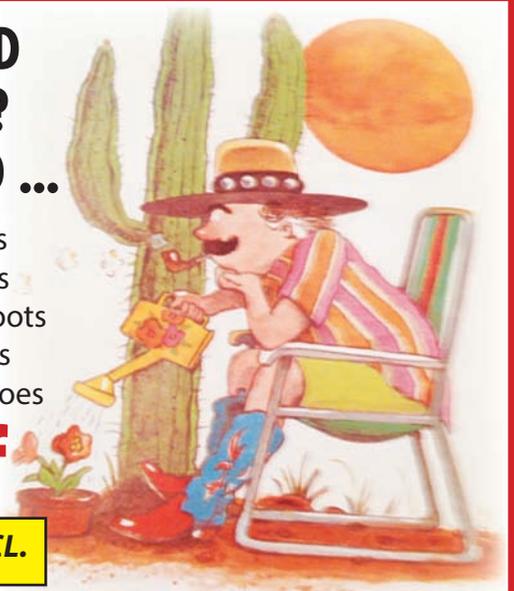
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# Mordenites take a ride on Heart and Stroke's Big Bike

The Rankin Rebels once again pedaled the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike through the streets of Morden Monday night on a memorial ride in honour of the late Wayne Rankin. The 28 riders raised just over \$2,600 for the foundation, which will be used towards cardiovascular and stroke research in order to improve the heart health of all Canadians. Southeast Manitoba program coordinator Dana Moroz wished to extend her thanks to all the supporters and donors who helped to make this year's ride another big success.

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# Much more than critter dipping at Binney Water Festival

By Angela Lovell

As their dipping nets filled with leeches, water snails, and the odd dragonfly nymph, the Gr. 3-4 students taking part in this year's Water Festival at Binney Nature Reserve near Manitou were having so much fun they didn't realize they were learning about marshlands, water quality, and sustainability.

"The focus of the Water Festival is sustainability education, so we look at the environment and also at community building, which is why we have so many partners here today," says Lynda Matchullis, learning services administrator, curriculum instruction assessment for Prairie Spirit School Division. "Another big part of the event is career awareness, and we have a lot of science professionals who come out to share their knowl-

edge so the students get some exposure to these types of career opportunities."

The Water Festival, now in its fifth year, is so popular with local schools that they come every two years in rotation, says Matchullis.

Seventeen teams, comprised of around 180 students, attended this year's festival from schools across the Prairie Spirit and Prairie Mountain school divisions.

Pembina Valley and La Salle Redboine Conservation Districts organize the annual event in conjunction with Prairie Spirit. Enbridge, which has been a long-time supporter of Binney Nature Reserve, is a major sponsor of the festival.

"The Water Festival's a great fit with Enbridge's goals for the environment and education," said Enbridge community relations advisor Les Scott. "It



Above: Students from local schools dip for critters during the Water Festival held at the Binney Nature Reserve near Manitou on June 12. Left: Experts and older students helped the kids to identify their catches.

gives these students, some of whom are going to be our future community leaders, a chance to learn early on about the environment, and it's good to be a part of this event."

The festival is a field trip that her Gr. 4 students look forward to every year, said Manitou Elementary School teacher, Marla Andon.

"It gives them hands-on learning experiences that I cannot provide in a classroom and the kids get right in—they aren't afraid to get their hands dirty. It's a lot of fun," she says. "They also get to see a true love for the environment in the adults and other students who are helping them with the activities."

The event gives students their first in-field exploration of topics that they are studying in the classroom, such as habitats and communities, soils, erosion, and biodiversity.

The kids rotated around eight stops on two separate loops where they learned about soils, weather and climate, water conservation, birds, trees, and beaver habitats.

Other partners such as Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, A Rocha, the Harvest Moon Society, and Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship helped man the stations, as did a number of older students from Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou.

The mentoring part of the Water Festival is another important component in environmental education for older students, says Matchullis.

"It's become almost like a rite of passage to be a part of this event," she says. "There are a lot of older students here working at the stations and mentoring each team, which is part of their ongoing mentorship training."



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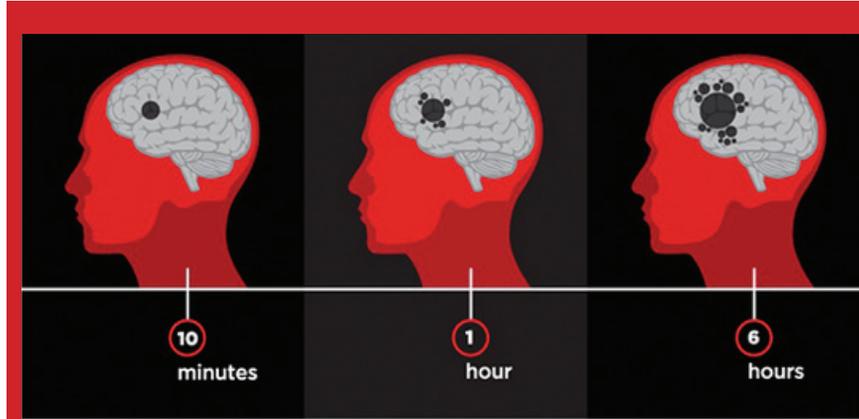
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## Winning weekend for Storm, 'Canes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler's soccer teams certainly made the most of home field advantage on Sunday.

Up against the visiting Vikings Sunday afternoon, the South Central Hurricanes hit hard and fast with goals from Jen Martens and Esther Schwarzkopf in the first five minutes to take a 2-0 lead.

It took the Vikings until the second half to respond with a lone goal, but the Hurricanes got that back when Jeanine Froese scored to make it 3-1, which held through to the end.

The win brings the team's record 2-2-2 in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League's Division 1. The ladies sit in fourth place in the league, trailing the Victorious Secret, St. James Legends, and CSSE Impact.

After a bit of a breather this weekend, the 'Canes take on the last-place Maniko on June 29 in Winnipeg.

In the Manitoba Major Soccer League, meanwhile, the Winkler Storm dominated in their home opener against Scorpion FC on Sunday.

Thomas Klassen and Roberto Kort both scored twice, while Tobias Morasch and Darrin Michnik added singles to the 6-1 victory.

Splitting duties in net in the near-perfect match were Waldi Friebus and Alvin Rode.

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PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The South Central Hurricanes sent the visiting Vikings packing with a 3-1 loss on Sunday, bolstering their record to 2-2-2. The men's team, meanwhile, also had a winning Sunday: the Winkler Storm crushed Scorpion FC 6-1 in their home opener.

## Orioles end rocky week with 4-3 victory

By Cori Bezan

It was a tough week last week for the Pembina Valley Orioles as they fell short in three of their latest four games, starting with a match against the Altona Bisons on June 10.

The Bisons got an early run thanks to a few good steals, but the Orioles' Tim Dunn tied up the game in the bottom of the first as he ran across the plate.

Altona pulled their one-run lead in the second inning, before taking control of the game in inning four to lead the Orioles 6-1.

The Bisons knocked off another two runs at the top of the seventh inning, toppling the Orioles 8-1 by the end of the game.

Another tough loss came to the Orioles on Friday after facing the St. Boniface Legionnaires.

It was a good start for the Pembina Valley boys, who sent five runs across home plate by the end of the second inning, and held that lead until the fourth.

The Winnipeg team rebounded in

the fifth, though, with seven runs of their own, followed by another 12 runs in the sixth inning.

The Orioles managed one more run, but it wasn't enough to snatch their lead back, and they fell to the Legion-

naires 19-6.

The O's then hit the road to take on the Elmwood Giants in a double-

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## Fordyce signs with Red Deer

Graduated Winkler Flyers goalie Devon Fordyce has found a home in Red Deer for next season.

The Cochrane, Alberta native has signed on to play for the Red Deer College Kings of the ACAC (Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference) for the 2015-16 season.

Fordyce wrapped up his junior hockey career playing for the Flyers last winter.

He played for a total of seven teams in his five years of junior hockey, starting with the AJHL's Canmore Eagles as a 16-year-old, moving to the WHL's Prince George Cougars, and helping the Brooks Bandits clinch the RBC Cup in 2012-13.

The Flyers picked up Fordyce from the OCN Blizzard at the trade deadline during the 2014-15 season.

He had a 2.97 GAA and a .915 save

percentage with Winkler during the regular season and a 2.49 GAA and .933 save percentage in the playoffs.

The 6'1", 201 lbs. netminder will be a great addition to a Kings' squad, which finished fifth in the ACAC Standings last season, the Flyers management said in a statement congratulating Fordyce on his success.

# Mohawks fall to Regals 2-1

The Morden Mohawks early-season winning streak hit a wall with the Baldur Regals Sunday afternoon.

Playing in front of a hometown crowd, Morden dropped a 2-1 decision to the Regals, who currently sit in first place in the Border West Baseball League.

The loss followed on the heels of a 6-0 trouncing of the Pilot Mound Pilots earlier in the week, and brings Morden's record so far this summer to 3-1.

The Mohawks are in second place in the league, with three games in hand over the Regals. Taking up the third-place spot as of press time was the Cartwright Twins.

Also last week, the Regals downed the Killarney Lakers 5-1 and the Pembina Hills Midgets 12-2, Clearwater beat the Lakers 13-6, and Pilot Mound bested Cartwright 10-1.

This week, the Mohawks hosted Clearwater on Tuesday and then hit the road to play Cartwright on Friday before returning home to face Killarney on Sunday.



PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Brad Parsonage of the Baldur Regals gets back to first safely on this pickoff attempt to the Morden Mohawks' Justin Cantlon in Sunday's game at Buhler Field, where the Mohawks posted their first loss of the season 2-1.

# Wirth named Rural Athlete of the Week

Morden's own Michael Wirth has been named the Tire Recycle Rural High School Athlete of the Week by the Manitoba High School Athletic Association.

Wirth, who attends Gr. 12 at Morden Collegiate, won his fourth consecutive Zone 4 championship in discus and shot put this year.

He followed that up with gold in the discus with a throw of 44.63 metres and silver in the shot put with a throw of 13.68 metres at the Milk Provincial Track & Field Championships earlier this month.



Michael Wirth

"Michael is thoughtful and conscientious when dealing with peers and has no difficulty competing in the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play," track coach Jeremy Winslow says. "He is very encouraging toward teammates and fellow competitors."

Off the field, Wirth maintains an 84 per cent average while also participating in volleyball, cross country, and badminton.

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The Storm are currently 4-1 so far this summer, putting them in third place in the Major Senior 1st division behind the first-place FC Internazionale and second-place Pescara.

The team head to Winnipeg this Saturday to take on Scotia United.

# Hone your athletic skills this summer

By Cori Bezan

Registration has begun for the Mutcheson Summer Hockey Training Camp for athletes looking for some additional off-season training to keep their competitive edge.

"What it does is provide really all-around training. Not just strength training, but agility, speed, quickness—training in those three modes, which is important in all athletics," organizer Raymond Mutcheson explained.

The camp has seen mostly hockey players take part, but Mutcheson stresses that the camp can benefit anyone participating in a multi-directional sport with stops, turns, and avoidance, such as figure skating, volleyball, soccer, and baseball.

Mutcheson said they designed the program to hone in on key athletic focuses to help athletes gain a sense of how to train properly to prevent injury to themselves.

"We use a variety of different things: plyometric boxes, agility ladders, and pylons for drills, and a variety of strength training objects," he said.

Other training components include how to warm up dynamically and how to wind down with static stretches, speed, agility, and quickness drills, and explosive strength drills, as well as proper nutrition habits.

"A common comment from parents after the kids have trained with us when they push off

their skates they go so much further, because they have that explosive muscle," Mutcheson said. "That can only be developed through plyometrics, not lifting weights in the gym."

Mutcheson has coached numerous athletes in the Pembina Valley who have all risen to take their place in the spotlight, including Byron Froese of the Chicago Black Hawks, World Hockey Champion Taylor Wood and Canadian Female Hockey champions Lauryn Keen and Katherine Lukowski.

"I have been very fortunate to have been able to work with such a committed group of athletes," Mutcheson said. "I've been able to train most of my athletes from two to six years. When you get the trust of the parent and the athlete to take them to the next level, it is a responsibility that you need to take serious. It is a lot of advanced training methods, disciplined eating habits and proper rest intervals."

The camp will be broken into two age groups of kids 9 to 12 and 13 and up.

The majority of the program will take place at the Access Event Centre, with some components taught at the Fitwell Centre in Morden.

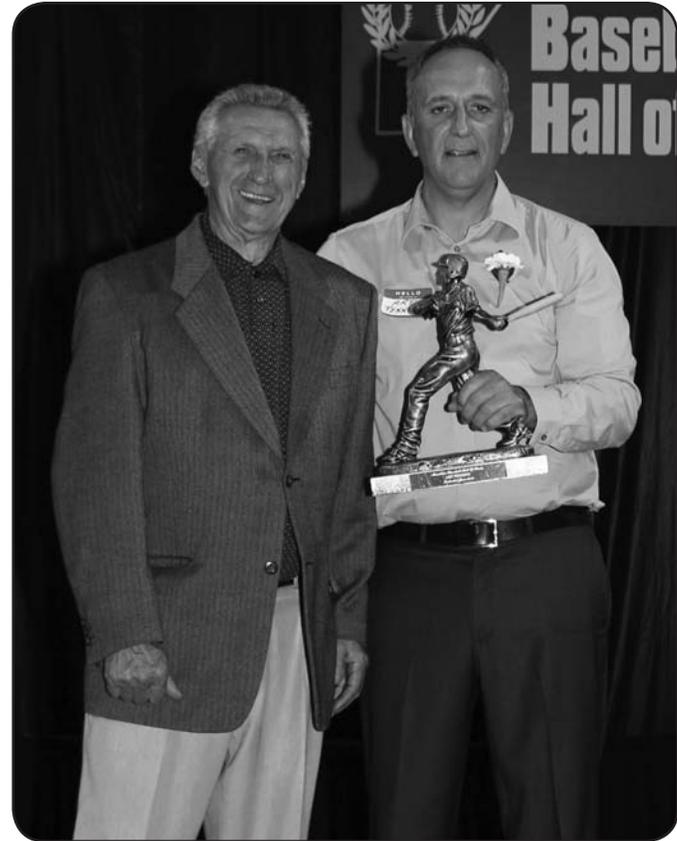
The first of two five week programs began on Monday, but it's not too late to register for either camp, Mutcheson said. Registration costs vary depending on the program, which is tailored for each athlete.

To register or for more information, you can contact Mutcheson at 204-823-1826.



PHOTOS BY MURRAY ZUK

At the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame 2015 induction ceremony held in Morden earlier this month, four teams and eight individual players were honoured for their work in baseball, including the Steinbach Millers 1964-1969 team (above) and player Art Penner (right, at right, with Hall of Fame manager Joe Wiwchar).



## Baseball Hall of Fame inducts players, teams

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has added eight individuals and four teams to its roster of outstanding players and builders who have left a legacy both on and off the baseball field.

At the 19th annual induction gala in Morden on June 6, the Hall of Fame honoured players Kevin Booker, Ross Lynd, John Melnick, Art Penning, Ken Pringle, Russ Reid, Winston Smith, and Tom Yandea for their excellence at several different levels of the sport—from playing junior ball for a variety of Manitoba teams all the way to representing the province and the nation at high-level sporting competitions—in addition to coaching and helping to organize baseball teams, leagues, and events in their communities.

In the team category, this year's inductees included:

- The Stonewall Blue Jays 2003-2008 team, which won the Winnipeg Senior League titles in 2003, 2008, and 2009 and the Manitoba Senior AA title in 2002, 2005, and 2006. The team also represented Manitoba at several Western Canada tournaments, bringing home silver twice. Many of the team's players are still active and giving back to the sport as coaches.
- The Baldur Regals 2006-2011 team, which captured the Border West Se-

nior AA Baseball League six consecutive years and also went on to win the provincial crown three years in a row. The team reached the pinnacle of Senior AA ball by clinching the Western Canadian title in 2009.

- The Steinbach Millers 1964-1969 team, which captured the La Verendrye Baseball League Championship three times in the final five years of the league. Though they lost the title in 1964 and 1967, in '64 the team had gone undefeated in the regular season before being upset in the playoff

semi-finals.

- The Rosedales organization, 1945-1950. The Rosedales were first organized as a Winnipeg junior team in 1945. They went on to win the city league title four times and to make it to the final round two additional seasons. The organization later formed successful, championship-winning midget and bantam teams before shutting down due to declining attendance and a lack of a suitable diamond after the 1950 season.

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header on Sunday, falling 13-2 in game one but then rebounding to take game two 4-3 to end the week on a bit more of a brighter note.

The team went on to face the St. James A's on Wednesday. Results were not available as of press time.

As of Sunday's games, Pembina Valley sat in fifth place in the six team Manitoba Junior Baseball League with a record of 5-10.

The Orioles get a rematch against the Bisons on Friday in Morden, followed by a home game against the Manitoba Youth Team on Sunday, and an away game against Altona next Wednesday.

Local high schools wrapped up the athletic year with their 2015 Sports Awards last week.

In addition to a myriad of sport-specific individual and team awards, the schools also named their top overall athletes.

At Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler, the Varsity Female Athlete of the Year honour went to Mallory Byrka, while the Varsity Male Athlete of the Year award was won jointly by Blake Hildebrand and Levi Warkentine.

GVC also handed out Junior Varsity Athlete of the Year Awards to Talia Peters and Isaiah Friesen. The 2015 Coach's Award went to Jessica Russell.

At Northlands Parkway Collegiate, the 2015 Athletes of the Year included Esther Schwarzkopf (Varsity

Girls), Cameron Wiens (Varsity Boys), Colton Peters (JV Boys), and Caitlyn Haney (JV Girls).

At Morden Collegiate, Megan Ne-

duzak was named the Female Athlete of the Year, while Michael Wirth and Mackenzie Hamm both were named the Male Athlete of the Year.

## High schools honour top athletes

## Our mistake

A story in the June 11 edition of the *Voice* accidentally omitted several athletes from the list of members of Team Pembina Valley bound for the Manitoba 55+ Games in Beausejour this week.

The story mistakenly included these athletes as part of the Morden 55's soft pitch team representing our region at the event.

In fact, the following Morden ath-

letes are competing in a variety of other sports at the Games: Basil Agnew, Walter Dedio, Lois Dudgeon, Kathy Forness, Elvene Hamilton, Jerry Kelner, Frank Letkeman, Ken Letkeman, Paul Link, Dennis Messner, Maurice and Jean Tetreault, Laverne Wiebe, and Elymer Young.

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

# Morden Triathlon to lengthen Foilman, add new sprint events

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's oldest triathlon is shaking things up in a big way this year.

The Morden Triathlon—which is coming up fast, July 11-12—has increased the distances for its Foilman triathlon and duathlon events, meaning both races for the first time now count for Olympic triathlon and long duathlon points in Triathlon Manitoba's Grand Prix race series.

"Before, the Foilman didn't count for points because our distances were so strange—the Foilman's a Morden creation, really," says race director Colin Sibilleau of the 3rd Wave Triathlon Club.

To meet race series standards, this year the Foilman will see athletes swim 950m, bike 45k, and then run 10.5k, making the event a true quarter Ironman.

Also new this year are sprint distance triathlon and duathlon events that have legs about half the length of the Foilman, making it easier for anyone to dip their toes in the competitive triathlon waters.

"The shorter distances makes it much more accessible, because the Foilman is already pretty daunting," he says. "But most people can train up to a 750m swim, a 20k bike, and a 5k run very quickly, and so we hope to see more people take advantage of it and give it a try."

While Sibilleau hopes these changes will bring in more out-of-town athletes looking to earn points in the series, he's also got his fingers crossed it will bolster the interest in triathlon locally.

"Naturally, we want the out-of-towners to come, but I think if we could get a local interest and a local passion for triathlon, that'd be awesome," he says, noting the event attracts anywhere from 140 to 200 participants each year.

Of course, in addition to all these new and revised events, the Saturday race day will also offer the only Half Ironman in Manitoba (1.9k swim, 90k bike, 21k run), as well as Half Ironman and Foilman relays.

Kids and triathlon newbies are also invited to try out the sport on the Sunday with the Kids of Steel and Try-a-Tri and Try-a-Du events, which offer even shorter distances yet.

Helping to bolster the numbers of kids getting into the sport is the 3rd Wave's kids skills training program, which practises weekly.

Kids age five to 13 can take part for \$10 a week to hone their swimming, biking, and running skills in preparation for the Kids of Steel events next month.

Adults can also join the 3rd Wave Triathlon Club, which gets together two or three times a week for training events.



VOICE FILE PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Athletes will take to land and sea for the 2015 Morden Triathlon July 11-12.

To get your kid involved or begin training with the club yourself, email [mordentriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:mordentriathlon@gmail.com).

If the idea of participating in a triathlon is daunting, you can still be a part of the Morden Triathlon as a volunteer, Sibilleau stresses.

"We're actually known for our volunteers," he says. "We are fortunate enough to have fantastic volunteers every year."

With just a few weeks to go until triathlon weekend, organizers are putting out a call for anyone interested in getting involved to get in touch with them.

"Right now, we are in need of volunteers big time," Sibilleau says. "If you're free for a few hours that weekend, we've got something for you to do."



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# ALH races in memory of Darren Baker Sunday

By Cori Bezan

The ALH Motor Speedway west of Morden hosts a very special race this Sunday.

The second annual Darren Baker Memorial Race honours the memory of the 37-year-old Morden man who lost his life in a workplace accident in Alberta last year.

"He was a firefighter from Morden and a farmer south of town, and he was a heavy-duty mechanic," said ALH owner Al Hildebrand. "He was a personal friend of mine, also, and he was very instrumental and very involved in the Morden fire department."

Baker was also an avid race fan who had even pitted for some of the drivers at the track. He even had "race car engines on his ringtone

for his phone," Hildebrand said, adding that they decided to hold a race every year on Father's Day to honour Baker's memory. "We just decided to put it on, and it's taken off."

Last year's inaugural race went extremely well, though it was definitely an emotional day, coming just a few weeks after Baker's death.

An outfit of racers four cars wide was led by a fire truck, with a spot left open where Baker's car should have been.

"It was an extremely emotional time, I don't think we'll ever be able to repeat that," Hildebrand said. "In all honesty, to me, it brought tears to my eyes."

This year's races take to the track starting at 4 p.m. on Sunday (pits open at 1 p.m.)

The day will include street stock, midwest modifieds, A-mods, four-cylinder, and pure stock races, with an increased payout for the winners.

General admission is free for kids six and under, \$5 for kids ages seven to 14, \$10 for young adults 15 to 18, and \$15 for adults.

"We're hoping that we can have equally as good a day of racing and fans and enjoyment and everything else," Hildebrand said. "Just enjoy the day, that's the big thing. Darren's demise was an example of that we should enjoy every day, because there's no guarantees."

## > ALH MOTOR SPEEDWAY RESULTS - JUNE 14

The big winners at the ALH Motor Speedway last Sunday included:

- Pure Stock: Andrew Thomas in first place, Steve Redman in second, and Les McRae in third.
- Midwest Mods: Rick Fehr, Paul Veert, and Rick Hamel.
- Street Stock: Shawn Holden, Shawn Teunis, and Jesse Teunis.

- Super Trucks: Rod Fidler, Jerome Guyot, Dustin Enns.
- A-Mods: Scott Greer, Lee McRae, and Ward Imrie.
- Four-Cylinder: Riley Beamish, Terri Burke, and Dean Miljure.

This Sunday is a special day at the race track: ALH hosts its second annual Darren Baker Memorial race day (see story above).

# Agriculture

## Manitoba Pork hoping to see action on M-COOL

By Harry Siemens

Manitoba Pork general manager Andrew Dickson is hoping to see change soon on the United States' stance on country-of-origin labelling.

Dickson, just back from a trip south last Thursday, says the Americans took the first step when last week their House of Representatives voted with a huge majority—300 to 131—to repeal Mandatory Country of Origin Labelling for pigs, cattle, and sheep.

"For the last three days I was in Washington with a small group from the Canadian Pork Council and we went around to 20 different offices of the senators and representatives in the U.S. congress," says Dickson. "It is very clear to us that it would pass by a good margin in the House, the repeal of COOL for beef, pork, and chicken."

He hopes strong congressional support for the repeal of COOL will prompt similar action in the U.S. Senate.

Unfortunately, when it comes to the Senate, it is a different ballgame. The U.S. system is totally different from how the Canadian system repeals or changes a given law. Both houses have to propose legislation, and they are not necessarily in concert when they do that. They come together in what they call a conference and agree to final legislation where the U.S. government finally carries out the regulation.

Still, Dickson is hopeful the strength of the congressional vote, combined with growing pressure from U.S. industry, will influence the Senate to pass a similar bill.

"Some major business coalitions have come together to oppose COOL, and not just farm organizations like the American Farm Bureau which finally said COOL needs to be fixed," he says. "But major trade associations of companies on that target list, and they are coming forth and saying to the U.S. government and to the Congress: get this matter fixed quickly"

"This is interfering in business, it's going to affect jobs, it's going to hurt people's incomes, livelihoods on both sides of the border, and over a matter that can be easily resolved by simply repealing the legislation."

Dickson anticipates major pressure on the Senate to deal with the issue before it breaks for its summer recess.

He notes if action is delayed, senators could be left with too little time when they return in September to act before retaliatory tariffs from Canada and Mexico take effect.

"It became very clear to us there are a large number of senators who want to see some form of COOL stay in place," says Dickson. "Of course we're very nervous about that because there is no point in proceeding with this WTO process and ending up where we are today."

He says the hope is cooler heads will prevail and they will repeal the legislation in both houses then come up with something else before they take their summer break in August.

"Most people in the U.S. farm industry recognize this is a failed experiment and need to go back to the drawing board here," says Dickson. "There is no question there is more and more need to provide better information to consumers about their food."

Canada has country of origin labelling for some products, too, but it is working and no one complains about it. The U.S. system isn't. So why not

adopt something like Canada has and make it work for everyone?

Dickson says the message must go out that COOL has nothing to do with food safety, but from the American standpoint it has everything to do with keeping Canadian live hogs and cattle out of the U.S. market, plain and simple.

Dickson says COOL is very effectively doing that by segregation costing jobs, adding costs, and stifling what was once a thriving North American livestock industry, now much too fragmented.

## California wrestles with drought

By Harry Siemens

Crop conditions across western Canada vary greatly from mostly just right in Manitoba to areas of too much water and still some areas with nary a rain in parts of Alberta.

This last weekend, and even this past week, have changed things a

great deal.

Meanwhile, in California, the largest food producing state in the United States, farmers are up against it big-time.

Chicago-based farm commentator Orion Samuels says a lawsuit was filed in California a few days ago against state and federal water man-

agers.

"The basic purpose of the suit would be to take water from people, especially farmers, to save certain fish from extinction," he explains.

Bill Jennings of the California Sport-

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> HARRY SIEMENS

**T**he summer season beginneth with the biggest show of the season this week: the Farm Progress Show in Regina June 24-26.

I used to attend that show—right from day one back in 1978—but not very often anymore. In fact, this year I will cover it via telephone.

I've watched it from its early beginnings to where today the show's website says there is no secret to its success after nearly four decades.

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## Innovation front and centre

changing demographics, emerging issues and advances in technology in a fast-moving industry. Successful farms are cutting edge. So is the Farm Progress Show."

I can't agree more with that statement.

Two favourite programs in this, our country's largest trade show, include the demonstration areas and the FCC Innovations Showcase, where farmers demonstrate their latest inventions.

Which brings me to this next part of my column, about a piece of innovative equipment that looks to change how we do things to make it safer for people and animals.

Greg Esau, the sales manager with Nioex Systems, says concerns over diseases such as PED and Avian Influenza have fuelled a growing interest in the use of in-vessel com-

posting to dispose of deadstock.

A decade ago, the Puratone Corporation developed a composting unit called the Biovator for the disposal of dead of swine and poultry.

A number of concerns, including the ability of composting to destroy the agent that causes the BSE disease has kept the company from applying it to cattle.

Today, the Biovator, is capable of breaking down mortalities in 14 days.

Esau says recent concerns over the potential spread of disease is creating renewed interest in the technology, especially in the U.S.

"We have Biovators in Asia, Argentina, a lot in the U.S., probably 80 percent in the U.S. There's a lot

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fishing Protection Alliance says, "We bring this lawsuit in an effort to prevent the impending extinction of fisheries that thrived for millennia. We cannot stand aside and watch species go extinct simply because special interests have captured our regulatory agencies and they refuse to comply with laws enacted to protect fish and water quality."

"I guess Mr. Jennings considers food producers to be one of the 'special interest' groups," says Samuelson. "But does he know that farmers in the No. 1 agricultural state in the nation have already agreed to curtail the use of water and to not plant thousands of acres this year. And just days ago, the state ordered farmers with water rights that go back over a hundred years to stop using that water, meaning a severe loss of income for them, as well as a loss of produce for the rest of us."

He understands the concern over the extinction of fish, but he's more concerned about the extinction of farmers.

"We can't let that happen in California, so let's work together on dealing with the drought."

Years ago, this reporter toured a rather large farm with the owner John Kubler near Calexico, California.

"Without the Colorado River, this place is nothing but a desert," said Kubler. "I pick up my phone, order my water and the next day it's here."

That's how he described how the local Water Authority responded when he needed irrigation water for his farm. Still, with water scarce then as now, despite having first rights to the water, it's an increasing battle for farmers to keep their share amidst urban growth.

"For some time they have looked at the farms," said Kubler. "Complaining that farmers waste water. They use it for nothing else than to pour it on the ground for things like alfalfa."

At that time Kubler talked about a big battle looming, but stressed the solution would be finding ways to negotiate shared use.

"We have agreed to transfer some of our water making a deal with the city of San Diego to give them some about 300,000 acre feet in order to protect our rights. If we don't use our water under California law beneficially we

could lose those rights. Our goal is to negotiate more for them and conserve more ourselves."

Kubler thinks the future of the Imperial Valley is sound. The secret lies in learning how to get by with using less water. Scientists are working on technology and methods of using the water more efficiently and at developing new plants which use less water.

"Yes," he mused. "The future of the valley is safe as long as the politicians keep themselves under control."

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of interest due to the diseases of PED or Avian Flu," Esau says "PED has impacted our sales big-time. Ontario alone last year we sold close to 40 units just due the PED outbreak. Farmers want to not have rendering trucks or other paths of disease coming onto their sites. Companies are becoming more aware of biosecurity, trying to make sure they're not bringing diseases from one farm to another farm and just having everything contained on one site."

Esau says it also keeps scavengers away from the carcasses. The Biovator contains the whole animal and no one or anything can access it from the outside.

Esau notes composting keeps deadstock out of landfills and is a superior eco-alternative to burying or incineration. And because the system uses a small amount of electricity, it has a very small carbon footprint.

When I travel out of this area into other provinces and countries, I al-

ways wear on my sleeve the fact I come from a very productive area because of the innovative people that live here.

Many farmers started a business on their farms because they built something they couldn't find anywhere else.

Once they used it successfully and put on small demonstrations, other farmers wanted it too. Today, many of those businesses dot our local countryside.

# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS



## Salmon Pasta Salad With Mint and Lemon Vinaigrette

directions; drain. Rinse with cold water; drain again. In medium bowl combine drained pasta, salmon, cucumber, onion and mint.

For vinaigrette, in small bowl combine lemon juice, oil, honey, zest, if desired, salt and pepper; whisk to blend. Pour over pasta mixture; toss gently to coat. Add tomatoes; toss gently. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate up to 24 hours. Serve on top of lettuce with fresh lemon, if desired.

Preparation Time: 30 minutes  
Chill Time: up to 24 hours  
Makes 4 (2 cup) servings  
Note: Cooked smoked salmon or smoked turkey breast may be substituted for cooked salmon.

**Ingredients**  
8 ounces (about 3 cups) uncooked Rotini  
12 ounces coarsely chopped cooked salmon (see note)  
1 cup chopped seeded cucumber  
1/4 cup chopped red onion  
3 to 4 tablespoons snipped fresh mint  
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 teaspoons honey  
1 teaspoon lemon zest (optional)  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon coarse grind black pepper  
1 cup halved cherry tomatoes  
Leaf lettuce (optional)  
Lemon wedges (optional)  
**Preparation**  
Cook pasta according to package

## T-Bone Steaks with Dad's Steak Rub



**Ingredients**  
4 T-Bone Steaks  
2 tablespoons cooking oil  
Dad's Steak Rub (see recipe below)  
**Preparation**

Thaw steaks overnight in refrigerator or quick thaw by placing sealed steaks in sink with water for 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Prepare rub recipe.  
Heat grill on medium. Blot dry steaks with clean paper towel, then brush each side with cooking oil.

Generously season both sides of steaks with rub.

Grill steaks to desired doneness. For medium rare steak, grill for about 8 minutes on first side and 6-7 minutes on second side.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes  
Cook Time: 15 minutes  
Total Time: 30 minutes  
Serves 4

## Dad's Steak Rub

4 tablespoons coarse sea salt or kosher salt  
1 tablespoon coarse ground black pepper  
1 tablespoon coarse dehydrated onion flakes  
1/2 tablespoon coarse dehydrated garlic  
1/2 tablespoon crushed red pepper  
1 teaspoon whole dill seed  
1 teaspoon dried whole thyme  
1 teaspoon whole cumin (toasted and crushed coarse)  
1 teaspoon whole coriander (toasted and crushed coarse)

Preparation Combine all and mix well. Store in air tight container or zip lock bag for up to 6 months.

Note: To prepare cumin and coriander, toast by placing in dry pan over medium heat, shaking pan about 2-3 minutes until seasonings start to brown. Crush using bottom of pan on cutting board or with mortar and pestle. Yield: 1/2 cup

## Cranberry Maple Lemon Rice Pudding

**Ingredients**  
1/2 cup (125 mL) Arborio (short-grain Italian) rice  
3 cups (750 mL) 1% milk (approx.)  
2 1/2 tbsp (33 mL) pure maple syrup  
1/4 cup (50 mL) dried cranberries, cherries or blueberries, (or a mixture, chopped if large)  
Grated zest of 1 lemon or small orange  
Ground cinnamon

**Directions**  
In a heavy saucepan, bring rice, milk and syrup to a simmer over medium heat, stirring often.

Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes. Stir in cranberries and

half of the zest; cover and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes longer or until rice is very soft and pudding is slightly thickened (it will thicken considerably upon cooling). Serve hot, warm or cold, stirring in more milk as necessary to thin. Sprinkle each serving with cinnamon and remaining zest.

Prep time: 5 min | Cook time: 35 min  
Makes: 6 servings



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Where: Winkler EMMC  
When: Friday, June 19, 7:00 p.m.

Freewill Offering will be taken  
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Rural Municipality of Thompson  
Information evening regarding  
the Municipal Office /  
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**Monday June 29, 2015**  
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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STANLEY ZONING BY-LAW 20-08  
Being an AMENDMENT to the RM OF STANLEY

ZONING BY-LAW 4-15, AS AMENDED  
HEARING: RM of Stanley Council Chambers  
LOCATION: 23111 PTH 14W, RM of Stanley  
DATE & TIME: July 9, 2015 at 9:05am

GENERAL INTENT: To add "Religious Assembly" (non home-based) as a Conditional use under the "AR-2" Agricultural Restricted-Urban Buffer Area zone in the Community Services Use Class in the Permitted and Conditional Use Table.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Toews, Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Stanley Box 1600, Winkler MB R6W 4B5 Phone: (204) 325-4101

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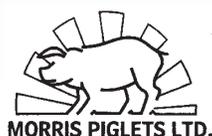
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## Ecusta Fiber Plant Final Auction – Winkler, MB

**Monday, June 22, 2015 • 10 AM**

All remaining equipment at the site 3 miles east of Winkler on Hwy 14 at Mile 17 W. Everything sells as is where is to the highest bidder!

The Flax straw processing plant with baler and shieve equipment all going for parts or scrap. Two 500 electric horse power mills - each on triple axle semi trailer 10 x 60' two 500 HP electric 3 ph, balers, each on 10' x 60 triple axle semi trailers. Two Cyclone dust collectors on 8 ft x 45 ft Drop Deck. one cyclone collector free standing, large voltage power switch and observation panel. Most of this equipment is mounted on Trailers from light to tandem 40 ft to 60 ft x 10' with triple axle. Equipment is mounted on trailers, in many cases welded to deck. A number of 30 hp Fans 575 volt 3 phase power. Some Hydraulic power units 30 to 40 horse power.

**SOME ADDITIONS**

**CONSIGNED by Dave Guenther and Construction, Winkler manitoba,**

2004 Cat 262B Skid steer loader cab heat, Desjarins man lift, 80 ft reach, gas powered engine, ELECTRIC 12 Volt, PD30 DC Will lift up to 30 ft straight up, 2005 Great Dane, 45 ft Deck semi trailer tandem 24,5 x 1100 tires, alumin deck saftietd trailer with piggy back fork lift attachment, Selick piggy back TMF-55 FORK LIFT cap, 5500 lb, serial # 368190155320. Selick Piggy Back TMF -55 Trycycle forklift serial # 65406035532D. 2000 Mec 33RT Sissor lift, 4 wheel drive, Kubota gas Mec 2033ES LIFT NOT RUNNING project or parts, 250 ft of Rollers 30" 24" 16" with



Turning sockets in some sections, also support stands see photos on these, Tandem axle long pole pintle hitch, 15 ft roller deck

trailer, Jon deere 3130 tractor 3 pth, pto, power steering, no loader, Wood chipper 30 horse power 3 phase.



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This list may look short but if there is any thing you may find useful, come on down. Machinery needs to be off the premises in 20 days, July 22, 2015

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**EVENING FARM AUCTION  
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THURSDAY, JUNE 25 AT 6 PM**  
from jct. Highway 26 and 430,  
3 miles north and 3 miles west on 73



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**AUCTION**

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FOR ROBERT & MAXINE MURRAY  
SATURDAY, JUNE 20 • 10 AM**  
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SATURDAY, JUNE 27 10AM**

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Highway tractors  
JD 535 Baler,  
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OF THE LATE GLENN HOWARTH  
FRIDAY, JUNE 19 • 5 PM.**

Manitou/ La Riviere, Manitoba. Auction will be held at the Farm of Ron Howarth. From La Riviere follow # 242 North for 5 miles. From Manitou 4 miles West on #3, then 4 mi. North, 1 mi. West on Road 20 and ¼ mile south, Yard #19113. Will have some signs up auction day.



2006 John Deere 4320 compact tractor, fwa, 400cx loader, quick tach bucket, joy stick, 3pth roll bar E Hydro, etc 595 one owner hours. 2003 John Deere X495 yard tractor, 3 pth, 540 pto, hydro with 54" mounted mower, 931 one owner hours. 1974 John Deere 110 garden tractor with 38" mounted mower, real nice. 1964 John Deere 4020 Diesel, power shift, cab, 18.4 x 34 rear, no 3pth, dual hyd. Has front mounted Cancade Dozer, we may sell dozer separate. Universal 445 Diesel tractor, good running unit, front wheel drive not working, sells complete with Leon loader. Late model 90 cc mini quad. John Deere 38T grass catcher. 2006 John Deere 48" 3pth rotary tiller. Farm King 7ft single auger 3 pth snow blower hyd chute. John Deere walk behind 10 26 snow blower. 12 volt pull behind yard sprayer. 5000 watt gen set. Yard and garden tools. LKS power hack saw. ¾" drive socket set. Red roll away tool chest with some tools. Other tools and shop and yard items

This is a partial listing made in middle of winter. No doubt many more items will show up. Please plan to come for supper and spend the early evening here in the beautiful Pembina Valley. Information on items please call brother Ron Howarth 204 242 2009.

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**AUCTION**

**FARM AUCTION  
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WED., JUNE 24 AT 5 PM**

Manitou 1 mile north on pth 244 then 3 1/2 miles east. Signs will be up.



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. Kvalor 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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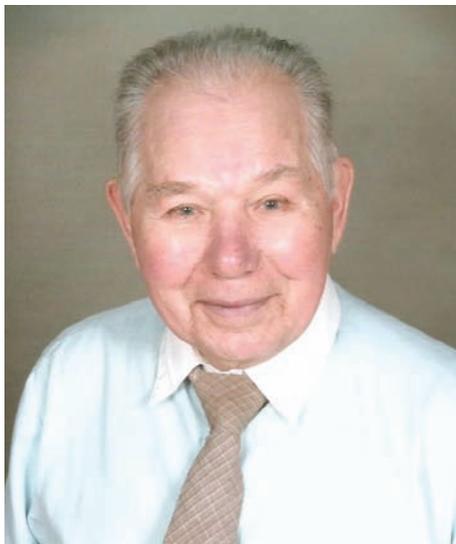
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**BIRTHDAY**



Happy 90th Birthday Isaac!  
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of Isaac I Peters' 90th Birthday on  
Sunday, June 28, 2015  
from 3 – 6 p.m.  
in the Common Room at Cedar Estates  
in Winkler, MB.

**ANNIVERSARY**



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And wish that you were here;  
It's the heartache of your absence,  
That always brings us tears.  
Our thoughts are always with you,  
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In life, we loved you dearly,  
In death, we love you still.

-Lovingly remembered  
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**BIRTHDAY**

Come & Go  
80th Birthday  
Celebration for  
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**OBITUARY**

**Jim Sawatzky  
1933 – 2015**



Jim Sawatzky was born on December 31, 1933. He grew up in Gnadenthal, Manitoba where from an early age he helped run the family farm. This was particularly important since his father, Reverend F.F. Sawatzky, was a pastor and evangelist, devoted to his calling to God's church. Dad was a quick learner and enjoyed farm life. In 1972 Dad moved the family to 10th Street in Winkler as he started his second career as manager of the Winkler Coop grocery, meat and cafeteria departments. He learned how to do this as quickly as he learned how to farm. He enjoyed working in the store almost as much as he liked working the land and raising animals. Through his work in the store Dad developed relationships with many people from far and wide and from all walks of life.

Mom and Dad created a happy home for their four boys, which usually centered around sports, food or camping. Mom and Dad were a great team as they drove their boys to hockey games, worked the arena canteen, sat on the minor hockey executive, took them camping and so on. Everyone was welcome and accepted in the Sawatzky home. When grandchildren entered the picture they also felt Dad and Mom's unconditional acceptance and support - the house on 10th Street, with the big yard, wishing well and 32 thirty-foot evergreens rang with noise and all kinds of fun; grandchildren could eat the kind of food they requested and have the kind of fun they wanted - and Mom and Dad didn't need advance notice. We sometimes wondered what the neighbours thought about how often steak could be smelled coming from Dad's barbeque and could they hear cartoon programs or Don Cherry and Hockey Night in Canada through the window panes? Retirement for Dad meant he had more time to spend with family, golfing and coffee at Twisters with his many friends.

Dad showed great courage and constancy in the last two years as he battled cancer. His quiet faith and trust in God became more evident than ever. Near the end of his life, when asked about matters of faith and eternity, he would reply, "God is on our side" and he would be quick to add "Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins." He suffered quietly and his lifelong concern for others overshadowed concern for himself. As little as three weeks ago, while undergoing chemotherapy, he invited family members over to his condominium where he had prepared a fried fish lunch, including dessert. Dad died peacefully early Monday morning, June 8, 2015 at Boundary Trails Health Centre. The family would like to thank the hospital staff at Boundary Trails, Health Sciences Centre and Victoria Hospital for their care and concern for Dad; he spent the last two weeks of his life away from his home at Boundary Trails. The family would also like to express their appreciation for the support they received from extended family, friends and the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church staff.

Dad leaves to mourn his death his wife, Margaret Sawatzky (nee Hildebrand); four sons, Richard (Karen), Donald (Jennifer), Jerry (Sandra), Mark (Kim) and grandchildren, David, Alison, Luca, Calvin, Erika, Alicia, Josh, Kate and Olivia; brother, George (Deanna) Sawatzky; and sisters, Anne (Harold) Sawatzky and Hilda (Peter) Wieler. He also leaves to mourn his death brothers and sisters-in-law, Jake and Anne Dyck, Peter and Gert Hildebrand, Bert and Helen Epp, Mary Wiebe, Jake (Liz - deceased) and Helen Olfert and many nieces and nephews. Dad was predeceased by his parents, Franz and Anna; by a brother, Frank in infancy; and his sister, Helen (Dick) Froese.

Memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday June 12, 2015 at Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church with a private family interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

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**OBITUARY**

**Heinrich (Henry D) Toews  
1924 - 2015**



Born in Gnadefeld, MB on March 5, 1924, Henry passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Douglas Campbell Lodge in Portage la Prairie. He was predeceased in 2012 by his beloved wife, Susie; an infant son, Darrel Glenn and was the last remaining member of his seven siblings and seven half siblings. Henry is survived by four children, Darrel (Lucille Harms), Laverne (Ruth Neudorf), Myrna (Garry Buhr) and Arthur (Debra Wieler); 12 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Winkler Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

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**OBITUARY**

**Irmgard Katie Wieler  
(1938 – 2014)**



Born July 29, 1938 in Altona, Manitoba, Irmgard passed away peacefully on August 3, 2014 at The Scarborough Hospital in Toronto, Ontario at the age of 76. Predeceased by parents Abram and Susanna (Sawatzky) Wieler. Beloved mother of daughter Sonya and son James. Cherished sister of brothers Alfred Wieler, Peter (Esther) Wieler, Henry (Linda) Wieler and sister Edith (John) Dyck. Loving aunt of Brenda, Bradley, Gladys, Gerry, Johnny, Jackie, Peter, David, Gregory, Patrick and Rodney.

A graduate of Altona Collegiate (class of '56) and former student of MCI (Gretna), Irmgard continued her studies at the University of Manitoba, United College (BA, class of '59) and University of Toronto (MA). Irmgard spent most of her working life in the fields of Publishing and Market Research in Toronto, Ontario. Irmgard was a vibrant woman who loved political discourse and debate, nature, poetry, literature and jazz music. She was a fierce proponent of women's rights and the equal and fair treatment of all persons and will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

A Celebration of Irmgard's life will be held on Thursday, July 30th commencing at 3 p.m. at the Morden 55+ ("Friendship") Centre in Morden, Manitoba.

Remembrances, condolences, or messages may also be made online to ikwcelebration@gmail.com.

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