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This young girl was all smiles as she tried out a paddleboard on Lake Minnewasta during the second annual Morden Paddlefest held Saturday afternoon at Colert Beach. People of all ages tried out everything from navigating smaller kayaks and canoes on their own to being part of a crew on a large dragon boat, all under the guidance of volunteers from the Morden Paddle Club. If you missed out, the club will be renting out watercraft at the beach starting in July. For more Paddlefest photos, see Pg. 14.

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'Sky is the limit' for new Winkler Senior Centre

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Senior Centre is finally back home.

The organization cut the ribbon on its new space in the Buhler Active Living Centre last week Thursday, wrapping up over two long years of construction on the 6th St. seniors' housing complex.

"This is a great day for the Winkler Senior Cen-

tre," board chair Tina Siemens told the hundreds in attendance at the ceremony. "We are back home.

"We are thrilled and thankful that we have come this far. It is a beautiful space, and we will enjoy being here."

"Our plans are to continue our programs, which have been running for many years. And we will work at offering new programs that everyone can

enjoy ... the sky is the limit."

Taking up space on the ground floor of the Buhler building, the new senior centre offers a gift store featuring local crafts and Ten Thousand Villages products, a commercial kitchen and dining room, a multi-purpose room, workout room, hair and foot

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Above: Morden Collegiate students Abby Friesen and Bailey Munro unveil the new historical plaques they designed for Confederation Place Park in Morden. Left: On hand for the ceremony were members of the Morden Legion and project leader teacher Darryl Toews.

Honouring the past

By Lorne Stelmach

Today's generation is helping honour the sacrifices of the past generation with a new display in downtown Morden.

Morden youth were involved in the project that preserves a part of the community's military history with a series of interpretive signs in the Confederation Place Park on Stephen Street.

The signs feature historical research into the First World War that also connect to Morden and feature designs completed by Morden Collegiate students under history teacher Darryl Toews and graphic design instructor Ashley Hoitink.

"It's unbelievable. We're really happy with it. It's fantastic ... the work that's been done on this," Morden Legion president Bob Frost said at the

unveiling last Friday.

Frost said he was very impressed when he saw the finished product.

It's challenging to continue to ensure veterans are not forgotten, he added, so a project like this can go a long way in helping to do that.

"It's really gratifying for us as a Legion to see that there are young people out there taking an interest in this ... and actually promoting remembrance."

"It adds another level of interest and purpose for the park. I'm very happy with how the project has worked out," said Clare Agnew, community services director for the City of Morden, which helped to fund the project with the assistance of a Manitoba government heritage grant.

The project was inspired by the centenary of the start of the war in 2014 when the City of Morden held a small

"IT'S REALLY GRATIFYING ... TO SEE THAT THERE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE OUT THERE TAKING AN INTEREST."

ceremony that included the unveiling of three servicemen's names added to the cenotaph following research done by Toews.

He had dug through recently released service documents and came upon the names of men who had connections with the local community but for unknown reasons were missed during the engraving of the cenotaph in 1921.

Toews said the discussion with Agnew then turned to the idea that "there was probably more things we could do over the next four years to really commemorate the centenary of the Great War.

"So we brainstormed and came up with the idea of creating some memorial plaques that would maybe look at the history of the Great War and then make a direct connection to Morden," said Toews.

He said it was interesting to explore the idea of "what was the role played by Morden soldiers or others in the events of that conflict."

He then approached Hoitink, who was keen on involving her students to put together the designs.

"I had a lot of information already gathered ... it was just a matter of handing it over to the students, and then they kind of took the lead and designed some really fantastic looking plaques," Toews said. "When you're walking through it, it's chronological in the history, and there's connection on each one to Morden."

The project has really stoked Toews' interest in our community's military past.

"I've learned a lot about Morden history in my time here, and the Great War history in particular has become a passion for me. I look forward to doing some more work ... there's more projects ahead," said Toews, noting additional missing cenotaph names have been identified.

As well, next school year they plan to involve more students to carry on the project.

"We'll create the history for Morden's involvement in the Second World War ... get the students again to design plaques that will be placed in Confederation Park as well."

A funding application has already been submitted for the second project to add more plaques to the dozen already in place.

For the students involved, this has proven to be a very meaningful project.

Abby Friesen and Bailee Munro both said it was interesting to work on something that can have an impact.

"Looking back at all the pictures, it's pretty amazing," said Friesen.

"I definitely learned a lot. I learned a lot from the project ... that I didn't know before."

"I think the city did a really good job in setting it up ... it's in an awesome spot," said Munro.

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Stanley Cup champ excited to bring it home

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It's something plenty of Canadian kids dream about, but very few ever actually realize.

That moment when a teammate hands you the Stanley Cup, the NHL's highest honour, and you get to hoist it over your head in celebration.

For Winkler native and Pittsburgh Penguins centre Eric Fehr, that dream became a reality last week.

"It feels pretty awesome. It's definitely something that I've wanted to do for a long time," he said shortly after arriving back home in Winnipeg Monday night. "I wasn't sure it was ever going to happen, but I kept trying for it. To finally be able to hoist the Stanley Cup, it's pretty special."

Fehr and the Penguins dashed the San Jose Sharks' title hopes in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals June 12 with a 3-1 win to take the series four games to two.

"It's not something I'll ever forget," Fehr said of the celebration that followed in which each member of the team took their victory lap with the trophy.

All that's running through your head in that moment is, "I can't believe this is actually happening," he said.

"I didn't know who was going to pass me the Cup. We didn't really have a set order or anything, so I saw Phil Kessel finish his lap and he came toward me and I knew I was going to get it next.

"That moment there's a lot of excitement and you just want to take the

longest lap possible, but you know there's other guys in line with that same feeling, so you pass it on."

Fehr's family, including his wife Rachel and their daughter Ellie as well as his parents Frank and Helen, joined him on the ice after the win.

Having his parents there to watch him reach the pinnacle of his profession was an especially poignant moment.

"The celebration is the best part about winning, and to have my wife and my daughter there was unbelievable," Fehr said. "But also having my mom and dad, the two that brought me to the rink through all those years and all those early mornings, to celebrate with them and to watch the excitement on their faces, that's something I'm really, really happy to have experienced."

Fehr got his share of ice time in the post-season, contributing a key goal in Game 4 of the finals and a few other points earlier in the playoffs.

But it was his defensive skills that the Penguins needed most, and he's proud to have done his part.

"I'm really happy with how I was able to contribute to the team this year," he said. "My roles in the past have been a lot more scoring orientated, but for me this year it was more playing in our checking line and playing on the penalty kill.

"You don't play the most minutes on the team, but those are very important minutes when you're out there. It's a good feeling to know the game is in your hands and you have con-



PHOTOS SUPPLIED BY ERIC FEHR

Winkler's own Eric Fehr takes a lap with the Stanley Cup after helping the Penguins win the NHL championship June 12.

trol of it and the coach and players are trusting you."

And now, for the third time in a decade, Lord Stanley's Cup will be brought home to Winkler by a hometown hockey hero (Dustin Penner did the honours back in 2007 and again in 2012).

Fehr is pretty psyched at the opportunity to share his win with his hometown.

He said he's honoured by the support the area showed him during playoffs. Many businesses painted their windows and put up signs cheering him on, and hundreds came out to watch Game 5 together in Bethel Heritage Park.

"That was awesome. It was really special to have that viewing party in the park. I was bragging to the other guys after about how the hometown got together and watched the game," Fehr said. "It feels pretty special to have that and I just wish we had been able to win in Game 5 so that the city could have celebrated a little bit earlier.

"It doesn't surprise me because I know the type of city that Winkler is," he added. "They appreciate everybody that comes out of there and they support everybody. It's a big city but it's got a real small town feel.

"I definitely appreciate everything the city does for me and that's a big reason why I want to bring the Cup back there so we can celebrate together."

Fehr isn't sure just yet when his day with the Cup will be, but he'll be keeping Winklerites posted in the weeks to come.



Eric Fehr with wife Rachel, daughter Ellie, and parents Frank and Helen Fehr after his Stanley Cup win.

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PTM steam engine hits 100 years

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum held a special birthday party for one of their own last weekend.

The heritage museum's 1916 Case Steam Tractor was the star attraction Saturday in celebration of its 100 years of service.

"It was built in Racine, Wisconsin in 1916, came to the area and served the area until 1966," explains PTM general manager Kim Striemer. "And then the museum got going and it ended up here ... in the '60s and basically it's been going here ever since."

After sitting unused for a decade and being replaced by a steam engine that was in better shape, in



The Pembina Threshermen's Museum celebrated its 1916 Case Steam Tractor's 100th birthday with a special day of events on Saturday.

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2004-2005 the museum spent countless volunteer hours and upwards of \$60,000 to restore the Case steamer to its former glory.

"Parts went all over North America to get done, to get restored," says

Striemer. "And it's been passing its inspections ever since."

Today the steamer and its signature whistle is a highlight of the museum's tractor parades throughout the summer. It's also been used for years by the Morden Corn and Apple Festival to steam heat the water to cook the free corn on the cob.

"It's a huge part of history and I thought a hundred years for an old, iron, antique work horse like that deserves recognition," says Striemer. "Why not throw her a birthday party?"

The celebration included wagon rides around the grounds pulled by the steamer, free cake and mini "tractor wheel" donuts, free postcard gifts featuring the steamer, and special dis-

plays and demonstrations.

Running the tractor at the event was a team of dedicated volunteers that includes Terry Klassen and Darren Klassen. The duo are following in the footsteps of their uncle, Bill Reimer Jr., who has been a driving force behind keeping the steamer operating smoothly in recent years.

"It's nice to keep the heritage going and keep the past alive," said Terry on what got him involved. "And learning. There's actually a lot to learn about this."

Indeed, steam tractor operators have to take specialized training to operate and care for the steamer. They need to know exactly what pressure level to hit to get the unit moving, how much wood to use to stoke the fire, and even how to make the temperamental giant make a turn safely.

"It's kind of a dying thing," Terry says of those skills. "It's sad to see it go. Places like this keep it alive."

Terry Klassen (left) and Darren Klassen manned the steam engine Saturday. The century-old tractor requires a fair bit of know-how to safely operate and steer.



Resident calls for improvements to PR 336

By Lorne Stelmach

A recent fatality has some rural residents in the region again calling for the province to improve a stretch of road they say is getting busier by the day.

The death of a 19-year-old driver from Winnipeg May 27 a mile south of Hwy. 3 near Sperling is sparking renewed requests for improvements to Provincial Road 336.

It is believed Braxton Ducharme lost control while driving home from Al-

tona that day. He was ejected from his vehicle and killed.

"The potholes on that road at that time were six inches or better," said Gary Kelly, who lives in the area. "Safe driving at that time in places was probably no more than 30 kph."

Kelly says the road has been a problem spot in the area for years, but the issue has been exacerbated by increased traffic recently, including vehicles from the Morden-Winkler area using it as a shortcut between Hwy. 23 near Kane to Hwy. 3 near Sperling.

"The traffic has considerably increased ... tripled or more," he said. "The only time you don't see traffic is a lot of time after it rains and the condition is poor."

Kelly compared the route to PR 432 from Morden to Rosebank, which is paved.

"It's a good feeder road to the west ... 336 is a feeder road to the east going into Winnipeg. People considerably take a shortcut that way."

In addition to concerns about increased traffic, Kelly suggested there

are also issues with how the road has been maintained.

"We've been requesting for a long time for this road to be maintained properly ... possibly sealed," he said, suggesting the province tries to just recoup some of the gravel back into the road from the sides, but he thinks a lot of mud comes with it.

"All the gravel that they had put on is being mixed back in with mud," he said.

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care services, and more.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder noted that “the whole dream of having the senior centre together with a facility like this has been a dream in the making for years.”

The Buhler Active Living Centre creates a true haven for Winkler seniors, ensuring they are able to remain in the community and still receive the care and services they need as they age.

“We want to give thanks to the senior centre for seeing the same vision,” he said, “that this facility will serve the community at large and the seniors in a way that they haven’t been able to see before.”

Senior centre executive director John Klassen, taking a break from serving up free waffles at the grand opening festivities, said it’s a relief to finally be settling in and they’re looking forward to working out the kinks that come with operating in a new space.

“I thank the people for their patience because, you know, there’s always few glitches to work out,” he said. “Another month or two we’ll have things smoothed out and we’ll be cooking.”

Since opening the doors the week before, plenty of people had stopped in to see the new digs and the response had been pretty positive, Klassen said.

“At the end of the day I think just about everybody is excited,” he said. “We’ve had up to 35, 40 people just for coffee. It’s so great to see that we now have people coming into the senior centre.”

Several programs have resumed or are expected to get started soon, including the congregate meal program, fitness classes, tea room, and bingo.

“A lot of the activities really start in fall, so we have a couple months to just get ... the minor things going,”

Klassen said. “We have a little time to tweak things as we go along.”

Another highlight during this time of settling in has been the inking of a service agreement between the Winkler Senior Centre and the Buhler Active Living Centre just last week.

A previous agreement had to be reworked due to government regulations regarding charitable organizations, Klassen noted.

The new document outlines the sharing of common spaces in the building (the kitchen and dining areas, fitness centre, etc.) and also ensures the senior centre is receiving value for the land they provided for the complex.

“It’s going to give us rent-free for the next 40 years,” Klassen explained. “Which doesn’t mean that we don’t contribute to the cost of living here, but the rent-free is the big kicker for the senior centre ... we don’t have a whole lot of money and we basically survive on the community’s good graces, and the Buhler centre has provided that opportunity for us to be alive and going for the next 40 years.”

The organization will still contribute a monthly common fee to help cover costs such as taxes, utilities, and the like.

If you’d like to check out the new senior centre, drop by any day this



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Above: The Winkler Senior Centre served up hundreds of free waffles at their grand opening celebration last week. Right: Board chair Tina Siemens says they’re eager to get their programs back up and running in the new space. Below: Cutting the ribbon on the future.

month for free coffee or check out the free community soup and pie supper on June 23 or the free hot dog barbecue on June 30.



A banner year for Big Brothers Big Sisters

By Lorne Stelmach

The past year was one of significant growth for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler.

That continued development however is also a reflection of there being a tremendous and growing need in the region, said board president Vince Sheppard.

“As many kids as we’ve reached ... there are still boys and girls who are waiting to be mentored,” he said, cit-

ing a continual need for more volunteer mentors. “It is very important to what we’re doing going forward.”

The organization saw a large growth in the number of kids being mentored in 2015-2016, with a lot of that increase resulting from the introduction of new group mentoring programs. In all, 89 children were involved in Big Bros’ various programs—up from 58 the year before.

There was a small increase in the regular mentoring programs, Shep-

pard noted, but the group programming drove the numbers up significantly, as they allow more kids to participate while requiring fewer mentors.

“So this was a great year for us reaching more kids,” he said.

“We think that every kids deserves to be mentored,” Sheppard added. “I think as communities of southern Manitoba, we’ve come together and stepped to the plate to try to make that happen.”

On the financial end of things, the agency ended the year with a surplus of \$22,933 when the budget had actually estimated a deficit of \$10,545.

A big part of that successful was strong fundraising, including the introduction of the new Big Night Out event, as well as several major grants.

“We basically had a record year to my knowledge with the organization,” said Sheppard. “We really wanted to focus on our fundraising ... that

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More flexibility needed with Morden's waste bin options

Firstly, we would like to commend Morden on the new waste pick-up system. We were apprehensive at first but find the system has merit. It is efficient and clean.

There is one major flaw in the system, that being the fact that council has put little forethought into the individual needs of the people.

Every family has different requirements regarding waste disposal due to obvious reasons. Age, family size and property size being a few.

This council has decided to be rigid in meeting the needs of the voting public. It would have been great if when the program started that this council would have given each fam-

ily the freedom to, in their own wisdom as to their family needs, decide for themselves which three bins they knew they would require based on their lifestyle. Who would know better to make this decision?

Instead this council has decided to choose for us even though they could not possibly know what would work best for each family.

This system is not user-friendly but could be fixed with a little less stubbornness and a lot more flexibility on the part of the people we expect to have our best interests at heart when we elect them to office.

Are we a voice crying in the wilderness or are there other citizens who

would like the ability to choose for themselves the size of [each of] the three bins offered? Let this council know if you are unhappy with this lack of choice; after all, you are paying \$118 for the bins, should you not have some input regarding your needs? Let your voice be heard.

Morden council, this is a small, easily rectified concern. What's so hard about it? Are you not there to help make our lives a little easier? Let's use some common sense, please.

George & Wendy Penner, Morden

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"Of course when they do gravel that road ... at least 25 per cent of that gets pounded back out into dust ... and you're left with the by-product of whatever's left."

RM of Morris Reeve Ralph Groening said even at its best, PR 336 has never been a good road in the municipality.

"I know it's a bit of a challenge to maintain," he said, "but we've been disappointed in the condition of that road. Of the PR gravel roads that we have ... about 65 miles ... 336 would probably be one of the worst."

"It's a fairly busy road, and it's not in great shape," said Groening, suggesting it "especially needs a higher level of road maintenance."

"Council is concerned about it. We

did have some discussions about it ... and we have shared the concern about that road ... in meetings with the highways minister.

"It's a tragedy when you have an accident like that," he said of Ducharme.

Representatives with Manitoba Infrastructure and Infrastructure Minister Blaine Pedersen did not return calls for comment on this matter as of press time.

Kelly said area residents raised concerns initially about the road four years ago.

"At that time ... we were almost getting stuck ... a small car would get stuck on that road ... trucks would sway all over the place."

Some additional gravel work has

been done since then, but he said it goes for naught as "every time it rains, it's just like soup on that road."

"As long as you're putting gravel and putting mud in, you're still creating a problem. It's not a fix."

"When it's perfectly dry, it's hard ... but when they grade it, they don't grade it deep enough ... all they do is skim the potholes and fill it up with gravel. And then when the big trucks go down, it ends up blowing right out."

"If we don't maintain it better or get something improved ...," he concluded, leaving his thought unfinished.

"The only time it really gets attention is when somebody makes a stand on it."

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was one of our initiatives ... we made some changes there ... and we had a great year for grants as well."

Some of the more significant fundraising included \$36,500 from the Bowl for Kids' Sake, \$17,000 from Healthy Child Manitoba, \$16,000 from Boston Pizza, \$15,000 from the Big Night Out, \$10,000 from MTS Future First, \$9,800 from the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign,

and \$5,000 from each of the Morden and Winkler United Way agencies.

"So everything seemed to really come together for us last year," said Sheppard.

Looking ahead, another part of the agency's continued growth could be expansion into Altona.

Sheppard said they will need to ensure there's both financial and community support to meet the mentor-

ship needs in that community before they take that step.

"We need the community of Altona to come on board ... [we] want to know if this is something that they want," he said, noting they are currently putting feelers out to confirm the support is there.

"We'll see what happens with Altona. It's something that we think is a great idea."

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Residents want more choice in waste bin system

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden says there has been a learning curve with some aspects of its waste collection program.

An issue for some residents is the sizes of the three bins for waste, recycling, and compost.

Mordenites like George and Wendy Penner feel there should be more options available in terms of the size combinations.

"There's people with six kids ... people like us with no kids ... people with all these various needs," said Wendy Penner. "If you would let each one customize these three bins, it's not asking much ... especially if you are willing to pay the cost difference."

Mayor Ken Wiebe disagrees and maintains it would get too complicated to cater to every individual.

"You're just not going to be able to satisfy everybody," said Wiebe. "We've had so much switching back and forth ... there's too many possible combinations ... it gets a little bit too convoluted."

Residents did have some choice available when the new system first began earlier this year, picking between three full-sized bins, three smaller ones, or getting a larger recycling bin and two smaller ones for compost and waste.

Penner thinks, however, that there should be able to be more flexibility than that, as some people want to do more composting. She said they were willing to pay the difference for the cost to go to just a larger compost bin, which they were told would only be about \$14.

"But you can't have a big compost with two smaller ones," she laments. "What would be the difference? You can have a big recycling but you can't have a big compost?"

"I really don't think it's fair. People are paying ... they should have a choice as to what suits their lifestyle," suggested Penner, who feels the city should allow for exchanges. "Just be flexible. After all, they're just garbage cans."

Wiebe said it was complicated lo-



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Wendy and George Penner wish the new waste collection program in Morden would allow them to have the smaller sizes of the blue and black bins for recycling and waste but a larger green bin for composting.

gistically ordering a variation of sizes of bins, so the city decided to go with what would best serve the most people

"We went with what the majority of people need," he said. "In order to give everybody exactly what they want, it would have cost us more ... many, many thousands of dollars."

"It's a cost thing. In order to get more bins, you have to order them by a truckload to get a decent deal.

"You try to find a compromise. You try to find a middle ground, and that's what you go with," Wiebe said. "We've only got so many bins ... and we have had so many requests. We don't have a lot of bins of the variety of sizes."

Council, police hashing out 24-hour policing

By Lorne Stelmach

Discussions continue on the proposed addition of officers to the Winkler Police Service.

City council had approved the hiring of two officers, but it was conditional on the service using the additional resources to ensure it has officers not just on call but on duty around the clock.

That stipulation, however, required the contract with the police association to be renegotiated, and discussions to that end have been underway.

A report to council at its June 14 meeting indicated the Winkler police board has recommended the two officers should be hired this year regardless in order to have an

increased police presence in the community.

Representatives on both sides have also suggested an agreement could be reached.

Police Chief Rick Hiebert also made the case the additional officers would be invaluable in a number of ways: they could potentially give more attention to traffic duty or allow for a special investigations unit for larger cases that would free up other officers for other duties.

In other council news, the city also approved plans for a dedicated emergency operations centre.

The space on the second floor of the Winkler fire hall will provide a permanent location for emergency equipment and allow for it to be ready to go into operation when

needed.

It was estimated the cost of construction and renovation to set up the space will be around \$30,000.

Council also approved a number of other expenditures, including:

- \$190,000 for sewer replacement on North Railway.

- \$99,000 for asphalt patching and paving.

- Approximately \$59,000 for playground equipment in the Northlands Parkway area and around \$20,000 for playground equipment at Roblin Boulevard W.

Clarification

Following up on the story on the Altamont Community Centre that ran in the June 2 edition of the *Voice*, the centre's board would like to clarify that the \$6,000 grant they received toward operational expenses last year came from Manitoba Community

Services Council by way of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries' Bingo Program.

The centre spokesperson misspoke when stating those funds came directly from Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries.

Southwood kids collect hundreds of markers for recycling

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The kindergarten students at Southwood School certainly learned the lesson of sustainability well this school year.

Two of the Schanzenfeld school's youngest classes spent the year collecting used markers for recycling.

While tallying up their total last week, the kids got to 600 markers before teacher Amanda Hildebrand surprised them with a giant box of hundreds more contributed by school staff.

"It's amazing how many markers the school goes through in a year," she said. "Normally teachers just throw them in the garbage and grab another one ... but now we started to pay attention to it."

When Hildebrand heard that Crayola had a program set up to allow schools to send in used markers, she thought it would be a fun project for the kindergartners to oversee on behalf of the school.

"I thought what a fantastic idea. Kindergarten kids love collecting things and they're also naturally drawn to sorting things."

The project also gave Hildebrand and fellow kindergarten teacher Michelle Shepherd the opportunity to talk to the kids about where garbage goes and how recycling helps keep reusable products out of the landfill.

"The fact that now these won't go into a landfill and they won't be wrecking the earth was a really neat idea for them, and some of them really got it," Hildebrand said.

A letter outlining the project was

"IT'S AMAZING HOW MANY MARKERS THE SCHOOL GOES THROUGH IN A YEAR."

sent home with Southwood's students in fall, and the markers started to pour in soon after.

"Kids were bringing in bags of markers and the kindergarten kids were just beaming," said Hildebrand. "They'd go home and as soon as they'd have just one dried out marker they'd bring it into class."

'SOMETHING TO HELP'

Rather than submit the markers to Crayola directly, the school decided instead to reach out to Winkler's Seth Friesen.

Friesen, a 13-year-old student at Parkland School, started up Prairie Recycling from his home last year.

He takes in a variety of items not accepted by local recycling programs and sends them out to be repurposed by programs elsewhere in Canada.

Friesen stopped by the school last Wednesday to pick up the markers and chat with the kids about recycling.

"We thought what a great idea to bring Seth in to show the kids that a kid can make an impact," said Hildebrand.

Friesen said he was inspired to start Prairie Recycling when he realized



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Two of the Southwood School kindergarten classes presented Prairie Recycling's Seth Friesen (centre) with several boxes of dried up markers last week.

there were a lot of items headed to the landfill that didn't need to be.

"There were gaps in the recycling program that I saw in Winkler and thought I could do something to help," said Friesen. "It started with ink cartridges and toner and then I found new recycling programs and stuff and added them to our list."

That ever-growing list includes old toothbrushes, Brita water filters, pens, plastic bottle caps, cookie and cracker wrappers, and even cigarette waste, to name just a few.

"I knew there was going to be a lot, but I didn't know that there was so much that could be recycled," Friesen said, noting people can see the full list

of recyclables he accepts by checking out his website at tiny.cc/precycling.

Once he collects enough of a given item, the programs he works with send him a free shipping label to send it all in.

Friesen invites anyone who would like to arrange a drop-off time for recyclables to email him at prairie.recycling@outlook.com or visit the website.

Two arrested in Morden drug bust

Morden police arrested and charged two people with a number of drug offences after a search of a local home earlier this month.

Police in conjunction with their K9 unit and the regional support tactical team executed a search warrant at 163 North Railway St. on June 7 at about 9:30 p.m.

The search produced 42 grams of marijuana along with several marijuana derivatives and substances. Also seized were scales, multiple cell phones and two large dagger style knives.

Rory William Currie-Steeghs, 28, and Sarah-Lynn Siemens, 20, are charged with possession of marijuana, possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of cannabis resin, production of cannabis resin, and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Both were released to appear in court in July.



PVHS hosts Steps for Pets

Dogs currently available for adoption from the Pembina Valley Humane Society were among the participants at the organization's annual Steps for Pets walkathon in Morden last Thursday. The Morden walk had been rescheduled after earlier being postponed due to poor weather, while other walks were also held in Carman and Altona this month. The three events together raised around \$12,500, which will go towards veterinary care for the animals at the regional shelter.

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Imagination Library accepting book, art donations

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Imagination Library hopes you'll keep them in mind when you're cleaning house this summer.

The early childhood literacy project intends to hold its second annual used book sale in October and they are once again putting out a call for donations.

This time around they're expanding the scope of the sale, says organizer Joyce Sawatzky.

"We had talked about this a little bit last year after we finished the sale, that we could maybe expand it and include something else in addition to books," she says.

"Something else" has since translated into artwork: paintings, framed photographs, wall décor—as long as it's tasteful and in decent shape, they'll take it, Sawatzky says.

"We thought it might add another dimension to the book sale that hasn't been done before. It might draw in a different crowd."

Books will, of course, still form the backbone of the sale, and there's already a roomful of donations at Winkler Elementary School that have poured in throughout the school year.

"Good condition, current books are what we're looking for," Sawatzky says.

Donations of both artwork and books can be dropped off at the



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From left: Wendy Wiebe, Joyce Sawatzky, Rachel James, and Judy Unrau of the Winkler Imagination Library with some of the book and art donations they've already received for their fall used book sale. Donations can be dropped off at Winkler Elementary School until June 30 and then again after Sept. 7.

school office until June 30 and then again after Sept. 7.

Last year's book sale brought in just over \$2,000 for the Imagination Library.

"For our first year, we thought it was pretty good," says Sawatzky, noting that fundraising will be an ongoing undertaking for the program to allow them to cover the costs of mailing out free books to every registered preschool age child in the Winkler area.

The program currently has 729 kids signed up, with about 30 on the waiting list. Kids age out of the program when they start school.

The program has been very successful in reaching out to families who might not otherwise be able to afford to

have books for their children.

"We know those books are in homes that previously did not have books," Sawatzky says, stressing that getting books into the hands of children at an early age pays dividends as they grow.

If you'd like more information on the Imagination Library, including how to support it financially, check them out online on the Winkler Family Resource Centre website (winklerfamilyresourcecentre.com).

Are you ready to party?

Winkler and Morden hosting Canada Day bashes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Our nation celebrates its 149th birthday next week, and the Winkler-Morden area is ready to party.

Free family entertainment is the name of the game at both cities' Canada Day celebrations.

In Winkler, the festivities take over Bethel Heritage Park downtown.

On the line-up from 3-8 p.m. is musical entertainment from children's performer Mr. Ken, Johnny Cash tribute artist Cold Hard Cash, and cover band Electric Angel.

From 4-8 p.m. a children's carnival will provide a host of games and activities for the kiddies.

And from 5-7 p.m. you can enjoy a \$5 pizza supper courtesy of the Winkler Co-op.

Over in Morden, meanwhile, the July 1st bash is happening at Colert Beach starting at 1 p.m.

The afternoon will include a sand castle contest with prizes from Giant Tiger and Co-op (judging starts at 4 p.m.), a treasure hunt and face painting for the kids from 1-4 p.m., food vendors and market stalls, music from Total

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Carrying the torch for Special O

By Lorne Stelmach

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is making its presence felt in rural regions of Manitoba once again.

The run returned to Morden and Winkler for a second year on June 14.

"Last year was the first year that we brought it back outside of the city," said Cst. Scott Edwards of the Morden Police Service, who also serves as director of the run. "We took part in organizing one in Morden and in Winkler."

"They both grew in size. We were pretty blown away with the support we got, especially from the École Morden Middle School. They must have sent the whole school.

"It was quite the experience, and I think everyone walked away feeling pretty good about it," Edwards said.

He estimated the Morden event had at least 200 people including officers, athletes, and students who did a short run from the RCMP detach-



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY STEVE HIEBERT AND SIMMONS MULTIMEDIA

Runners took to the streets in Morden and Winkler for the Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Special Olympics last week.

ment to the police office downtown. Meanwhile, Winkler's run through town had about 40 participants this year.

The run wasn't really about fundraising as much as it was about building its presence in the area again, said Edwards.

"It wasn't our primary goal. The runs were more geared towards the awareness part of it ... in conjunction with

the Law Enforcement Torch Run," he said. "We have Special Olympic athletes in our region ... some of whom are actually going to the international games next year.

"And there are programs in the area ... we're still working on confirming a new startup program in Morden."

Edwards said he was encouraged by the response, suggesting it will help raise the profile of the Torch Run in

the region along with other events like the Polar Plunge.

"This area, Morden in particular, I think is supporting the cause, and we couldn't be happier," he said.

Locally, Edwards noted they are also doing some additional fundraising for the cause with the sale of Hero Bears. The stuffed toy police dogs can be purchased at the local police stations.

Aune, Thiessen taking icy plunge next week

By Lorne Stelmach

Mordenites are willingly preparing to take the leap into the frigid Hudson Bay water next week.

Fire Chief Andy Thiessen and Morden Police Sgt. Sean Aune will be in Churchill June 30 to July 2 for the Ultimate Polar Plunge in support of Manitoba Special Olympics.

"I haven't had a lot of time to think about it yet," Aune said. "They showed me a picture with the chunks of ice floating in the water, so this might be a little different from the one we did in Morden ... but I'm really looking forward to it."

"Now that it's getting closer I'm getting a little bit nervous about it ... but I think it's going to be a lot of fun," said Thiessen.

Thiessen and Aune were among the crew of local police, firefighters, and others who took part in the first local Polar Plunge in Morden held in February in conjunction with the Winterfest.

The Polar Plunge was also held in Winnipeg and

Fire Chief Andy Thiessen took the Polar Plunge in Morden this winter. Now he and Cst. Sean Aune are headed to Churchill for the Ultimate Polar Plunge.

Brandon, with each event able to send their top plungers north for the event in Churchill.

Anyone who is

able to raise \$3,500, though, can also qualify to take part in the event.

"I've always wanted to go up there to check out that area as well, so it's a perfect opportunity," said Thiessen, who added it is also particularly worthwhile to be supporting the organization.

"I've got a couple of friends whose kids are in Special Olympics ... which makes it a little more personal that way."

"It gives us an opportunity to go experience the real cold polar plunge," said Aune, who was confident he would reach the fundraising target.

"So far, it's looking not so bad," he said last week, noting at that point he was "still about \$700 short, but I'm sure I can get there by the end of the month."

It's all about supporting a cause that is important to the police, who also give Special Olympics a boost through events like the Torch Run held in Morden-Winkler last Tuesday.

"Special Olympics is one area that our officers have chosen to try to support," said Aune. "It is an area that they were looking at that needed more awareness in our area and the Morden area particularly, so we thought this was something we could get on board with."

If you want to support Aune or Thiessen in their fundraising efforts, you can do it online at www.specialolympics.mb.ca/events by going to Ultimate Polar Plunge and choosing your pledge participant.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Losing their locks to make wigs for others

By Lorne Stelmach

They were past due for haircuts, but Jerilynn Peters and Cyndie Wiebe had been letting their hair grow extra long for a good cause.

They were among the donors who came to Shear Bliss in Morden Saturday to lose their long locks in support of Angel Hair for Kids.

"I'm ready for it to be gone. It's getting pretty heavy," said Peters, who was donating her hair for a third time. "I think it's a very easy way to make somebody's life better.

Angel Hair for Kids is a program of A Child's Voice Foundation that provides wigs and hair loss solutions to financially disadvantaged children in Canada who have lost their hair due to a medical condition or treatment.

It takes 10-12 donated ponytails to make one hair prosthesis and costs \$800 to \$1,000 to cover the costs.

Angel Hair for Kids takes a big bite out of those costs, said Shear Bliss

owner Heidie Janzen.

"We do it every two years and I think this must be our seventh time doing this," she said. "It's a great cause ... it's one way for us to bring a great awareness to a great organization."

The childhood and teen years can be challenging enough without then also being in a situation where they don't have hair, Janzen observed.

"It's one way of helping them get through a really difficult time and difficult situation. It's the least we can do to help those kids," she said, noting they had also asked participants to also get at least \$100 in pledges to help cover the costs

She estimated in the past their Angel Hair for Kids events had collected over 200 ponytails.

"And that can make a number of wigs, but the amount that it takes to make that hair into wigs is quite a bit."

Some people, like Janzen, come back to donate their locks again and again.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Jerilynn Peters said goodbye to her long locks Saturday as Shear Bliss held its Angel Hair for Kids event. This was her third time donating her hair to create wigs for kids who have lost theirs due to illness.

"I grow my hair specifically for this," Janzen said. "I get my hair cut today, and then I don't come back for two years to do it again."

While Janzen is a veteran at the event, this was Wiebe's first go at it.

"I just thought it would be a great cause ... a good reason to grow hair ... I don't think I'll ever do it again ... but I've never done it before, so I'm glad to participate," Wiebe said.

"I think I had a headache from the weight of my hair because the hair was so thick. As soon as she took it off ... it was 'oh my goodness, I feel like I've lost a pound'.

"We had a student in our school who had cancer," noted the teacher, "so you do think about those kids. I just feel like it's a great way to honour them."

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The Stanley Ag Society's exhibition at the Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition has long been a key way for them to promote and celebrate rural living. The 70th annual exhibition takes place this August.

Stanley Ag Society celebrating 70 years

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Stanley Agricultural Society is marking 70 years in the community this summer.

They'll celebrate with the events that have formed the bedrock of their activities in recent years: hosting the annual cattle show July 1 and organizing the exhibition hall, horse shows, and gymkhana at the Winkler Harvest Festival & Exhibition in August.

But they're also spending the year reflecting on where the organization will go from here.

"The ag society brought technology to the farmers. That's how it started," said board president Peter Penner, who explains that the organization had its roots in the introduction of milk pasteurization to the Winkler Creamery in the 1940s.

"Now, in our 70th year, we would like to go back to some of that," he said. "We'd like to bring the new technology back to the farmers, because

it's all changing so fast."

"We have such a wide variety of ag technologies out there," chimed in Elizabeth, Penner's wife and S.A.S. board secretary. "How can we show or demonstrate that it's part of the agricultural landscape now, even though many people may not even realize that it is? Not just in equipment, but also programs that farmers use to figure out how much crop they need to plant ...

"We haven't gotten that far so far, but our goal is to get to a place where we are a resource for those sorts of things," she said. "It's a lofty goal."

'REACHING OUT'

While providing producers of all ages with venues to get together to talk shop and showcase the fruits of their labours will always be a big part of the society's role, so too is its mantle as an educator for the general public.

Winkler certainly isn't the community it was seven decades ago, Peter pointed out. Back then, many more people either worked in or had a familiarity with agriculture of one form or another.

"Farmers would bring their eggs to town to sell them. They'd bring their milk to the creamery ... people would have gardens in their back yards ... now, everyone just goes to the store and gets what they need," he said.

"So it's about bringing back the agriculture into the city again to show them where the food is coming from. Reaching out to urban people and educating them."

Stanley Ag strives to do that in part at its annual exhibition, which remains one of the last and largest such events still operating in Manitoba today.

This long-standing celebration of rural life—with prize categories running the gamut from artwork to gardening to baking—has remained viable thanks to a core of volunteers who make it happen each year, said S.A.S. vice-president Leslie Hildebrand.

"There are some very passionate people that have been the drive behind it for many years," she said. "We'd like to take what they've done and build on it and make it stronger going forward."

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Fun at Paddlefest 2016

Above: Teamwork was the mantra as groups took a guided turn at trying out the dragon boat during the 2016 Morden Paddlefest Saturday at Lake Minnewasta. Right: With instructors on hand offering lessons and guidance, a number of people had fun trying their hands at paddleboards.

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Orioles fall to Marlins, Winnipeg South

By Lorne Stelmach

It was a more game Pembina Valley Orioles squad that went west to Brandon Sunday, but the Marlins still swept the doubleheader.

The 7-5 and 11-7 losses left the Orioles in a three game losing skid that has dropped them to the sixth place in the eight team Manitoba Junior Baseball League.

The Orioles led 3-0 after two innings and then 5-3 after four in game one, giving up pairs of runs then in the 5th and 6th innings.

Mack Hamm gave up 12 hits in six innings of work, picking up six strikeouts, while Riley Sager went two for three at the plate.

In game two, a seven run rally in the fourth inning did in the Orioles after they had scored three in the top of the inning to pull within one.

Xander Wieler was pulled in the

fourth after having given up eight runs on seven hits, seven errors and eight walks. Tanner Bergman then gave up three runs on four hits and a walk.

"Hamm competed hard for us in the first game ... and we were able to generate some quality offence for him to give us a chance, but they capitalized on a couple mistakes late in the game," said coach Mike Wilson.

"The second game our pitching and defence let us down with too many mistakes," he continued. "We need to stay out of the big inning against teams like Brandon."

Earlier in the week, the Orioles had missed their chance to get back to .500 in falling in a resounding way to Winnipeg South with a 12-0 shutout loss.

"We played how we prepared," lamented Wilson. "I feel bad for the

fans who came out to watch such a complacent effort.

"Taylor Drobot threw a heck of a game, but our defence and offence didn't show up to play."

Friday's game against the Altona Bisons was postponed due to rain.

This week the team hosted the St. Boniface Legionnaires on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Ties all around for Storm, 'Canes

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Hurricanes hosted the St. James Legends in Winkler Monday and left the field with their second tie of the season.

The ladies battled the Legends to a

2-2 draw, with goals coming from Jen Martens and Erica Heppner.

That brings the team's record in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League's first division to two wins, two ties, and three losses, putting them in sixth place in the 10 team league.

Next up for the 'Canes is a home game June 27 against the Titans at 7:30 p.m.

In the Manitoba Major Soccer League, meanwhile, the Winkler

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Eden Ironman raises \$15,000 for mental health

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

The Eden Foundation held their 16th annual Ironman Golf Tournament at the Winkler Centennial Golf Club on Monday.

By noon, the nine golfers and four caddies had raised over \$15,000 for Eden Health Care Services' mental health programs.

"It's a good cause and we enjoy golfing," said third-time Ironman participant Peter Krahn. "We just support Eden, and it's a great thing to do."

"Mental health has been one of those silent issues," said the Eden Foundation's Earl Reimer, pointing out that on average one in every five people are affected with some form of a mental health issue. "To not speak about something as personal as that is rather discouraging."

"When you think about golfing four rounds of golf, some people would say that it's foolish, that's a stressful situation," he said. "If we compare that to the ongoing challenge of someone dealing with a mental health issue, they deal with it every day of the year. So for us to engage in something that is hard to do for a large portion of the day, we can begin to comprehend the difficulties."

In past years the event had golfers tackle 100 holes in the day; this year organizers scaled things back to 72 holes.

"We changed it to 72 because we saw that golfers really didn't want to engage with it," Reimer said. "We realized was that that sensation of being difficult was already achieved by the time we got to 72 holes, so for us to go to 100 holes really wasn't achieving anything more."

"I think it makes it more plausible," said participant Stuart Driedger, who did note, however, that by the time you get up to that fourth and final round, each shot gets more difficult. "You're still out for four rounds, which is a tough feat, but it takes that last edge off, but still gets the mental

health awareness across, that we are here for a specific event and the Eden Foundation."

The money raised through the Ironman will be used to help support Segue Career Options, Recovery of Hope, the Aqua-cise physical education program as well as smaller projects including refurbishing buildings and purchasing new resources for the centre.

"There's a lot of different pieces to the puzzle," Reimer said, adding that the community has been very generous to help the Eden Foundation achieve their goals.

"We're very grateful to the golfers who went out and asked for support for this event and for the people who have said yes to that request and have been generous."

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Jon Heppner sends his golf ball flying onto the fairway at the Winkler golf course Monday while golfing 72 holes in the Eden Ironman tournament.



NHLers Byron Froese (far left) and Justin Falk (far right) joined Terry Enns and Corey Derksen on the links last Saturday in support of the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Group.

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Teeing off for Candlelighters

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Group's fifth annual online auction included a pretty big ticket item this year: a round of golf with home-grown professional hockey players Justin Falk and Byron Froese.

Falk, who plays with the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets and just last week helped lead the Lake Erie Monsters to the AHL Calder Cup championship, and Toronto Maple Leaf centremen Froese were in Morden early Saturday morning to play 18 holes with Corey Derksen and Terry Enns, who were standing in for package winner Crystal Fehr. The package, which went for \$2,200, also included signed jerseys from both Falk and Froese.

"It's the first time I had heard of this auction going on back home," said Falk, "and cancer started to affect more and more people close to me and it was just a little way that we could chip in and help."

After hearing about the auction from Falk, Froese said he was eager to lend his support to the cause.

"It sounded like a great thing, so I was happy to help," he said, noting it's great to be able to give back to an area that so supports its local athletes.

"We have the best support here," he said. "It's always good to hear from Winkler and to hear especially what they did for Eric [Fehr], watching the [Stanley Cup] game in the park. That was awesome to see."

"We were a little nervous that the timing of all this

wasn't going to be able to work out," noted Falk, whose team swept the ALH finals over the Hershey Bears in three games. "If we had to go to seven games it wasn't going to work, so our best case scenario was we swept the finals and we get home in time to do this, and that's what happened. So everything worked out well."

The quartet played the round at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club, which filled in last-minute for the Winkler Centennial Golf Course after it had to close due to flooded greens.

"We'd like to thank both courses and pros for helping out with this," said Falk.

DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S TOTAL

Golf with Froese and Falk was just one of dozens of prizes up for grabs in this year's auction, which with donations raised over \$28,000.

"That's almost double what we raised last year," said organizer Naomi Fehr, who notes the fundraiser has come a long way from its first year in 2012 when it raised \$3,200. "We've been almost doubling it every year since."

The funds go to help the support group plan social events for families and children affected by cancer.

"So many families feel like they're isolated. They're in treatment and not often are they given the opportunity to go out to an event where the surroundings are safe," Fehr said. "So we provide them with a safe

environment where they can come and they don't have to worry about the general public being there."

For example, on Saturday Candlelighters rented out a movie theatre in Winnipeg so young cancer patients and their families could enjoy the animated film *Finding Dory*.

"We have 30 families coming. The majority of those kids are on treatment right now and a few families are from the Winkler area," said Fehr.

The support group, which had its start in the Winkler-Morden area and has since grown far beyond it, is grateful to everyone who continues to support them.

"We're very humbled. The people in this community are absolutely amazing," said Fehr.

If you'd like to learn more about the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Group, check out their new website at www.manitobacandlelighters.org.

Mohawks drop Clearwater, Whips split with Pilots

By Lorne Stelmach

The Morden Mohawks halted a three game losing skid while the Winkler Whips had their winning streak ended at six games in the Border West Baseball League this past week.

The Whips split their Sunder doubleheader in Pilot Mound by taking game one 5-4 and then falling 3-0 in game two.

A clutch 10th inning solo shot from Alex Howe provided the winning difference in game one, while Jamie Fehr went 4 for 6 including a lead-off double. A three run rally in the third gave the Whips a 4-1 lead before the Pilots battled back to tie it 4-4 in the 7th.

Game two saw Paul Schaak throw five strong innings for the Whips, allowing only one run, but that would

have been all the Pilots needed. Still, they scored two more with Marv Quiring pitching in the sixth.

Earlier in the week, the Whips had extended their winning streak to five games with a 4-0 shutout of Clearwater Tuesday.

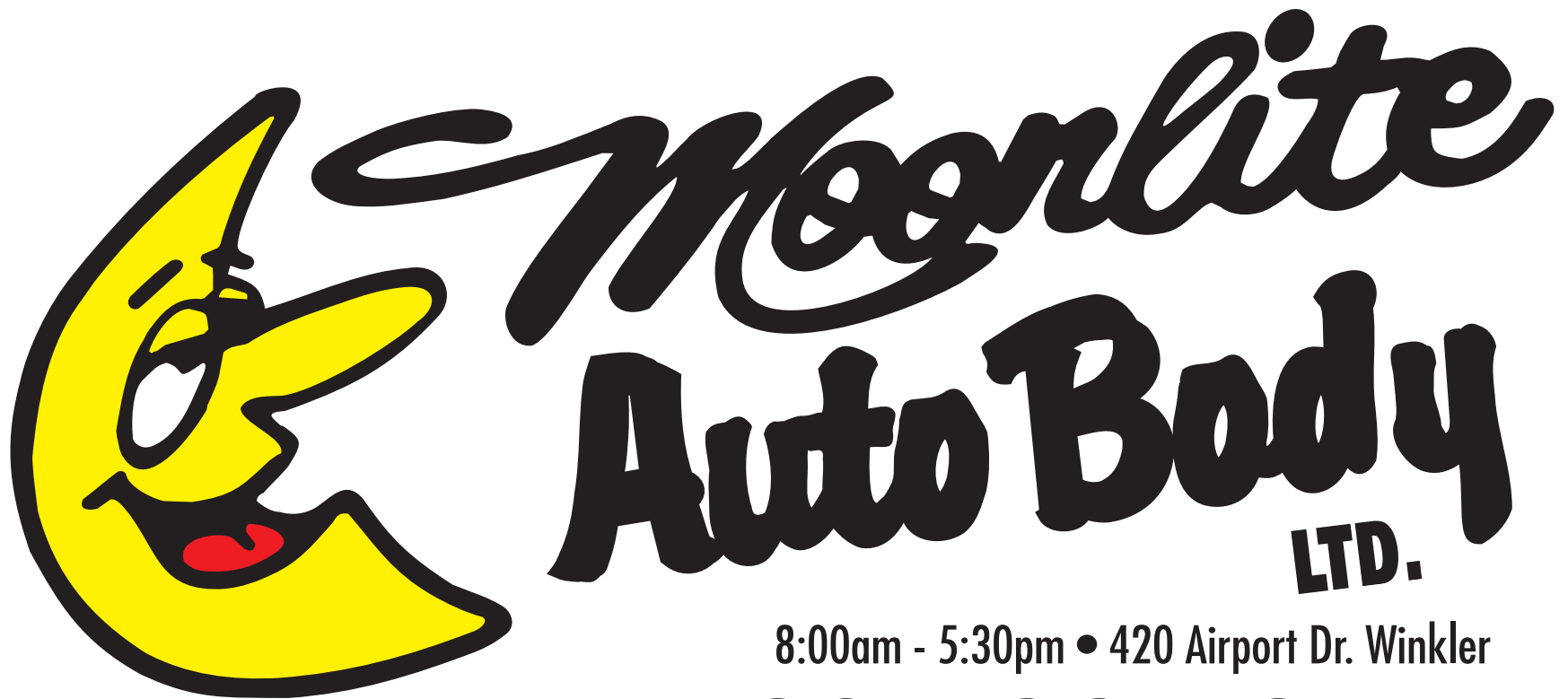
Abe Friesen was on the mound for the Whips Tuesday and shut down Clearwater in pitching a complete game shutout with the defense also

chipping in with plays like a great running catch from Nick Friesen in centerfield. Leadoff batter Jamie Fehr scored three of the runs.

The Mohawks, meanwhile, broke out of their three game slump with a 5-1 win in Clearwater Sunday. Three runs in the top of the first inning was

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Team Pembina Valley wins 25 medals

By Lorne Stelmach

Local athletes came home with 25 medals from the 2016 Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries 55 Plus Games last week.

Team Pembina Valley included 106 athletes among the total of 975 who took part in the 34th annual Games in Brandon June 14-16.

Athletes participated in everything from cards to floor curling and pickleball to golf and slo-pitch.

Pembina Valley competitors earned 12 gold, eight silver, and five bronze medals with the total of 25 coming in just under the 2015 tally of 32.

"Everybody needs to be congratulated. As long as you're participating in something that you enjoy doing, that's all that really matters," said team manager Lois Dudgeon. "Yes, the medals are nice, but that's kind of like icing on the cake. I'm proud of all 106 people who went."

Pembina Valley excelled on the links, with golfers taking home six medals including gold for Dudgeon, gold and silver for Tammy Dyck, silver and bronze for Ron Lowry, and gold for Charlie McCullough.

The Carman Cardinals slo-pitch ball team, meanwhile, went through the tournament with five wins and one tie to take gold in their division after having won bronze in 2015.

Margaret Dudgeon of Morden picked up six medals in swimming including one gold, four silver and one bronze.

Other Pembina Valley medalists included:

- Basil Agnew and Hellar Nakonechny, Morden/Carman, silver in duplicate bridge.
- Doug Fraser, Carman, two golds in track.
- Stuart Ganske, Cartwright, bronze in snooker.
- Susan Harms, Mary Groening,



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Team Pembina Valley 2016, led by Jean Janick and Jean and Linda Brisson, at the Manitoba 55+ Games in Brandon last week. The group brought home 12 gold, eight silver, and five bronze medals.

Elizabeth Giesbrecht, and Margaret Suderman, Winkler, gold in floor curling.

- Morley Johansen, Pilot Mound, bronze in horseshoes.
- Mary Anne Plett, Winkler, gold in horseshoes.

• Ed and Gail Sanderson, Carman, silver in cribbage.

- Suzanne Sigurdson, Morden, gold in predicted walk and two golds in track.
- Dennis and Gustine Wilton, Carman, bronze in contract bridge.

Countdown is on to Morden Triathlon



VOICE FILE PHOTO

By Lorne Stelmach

If you believe you could never compete in a triathlon, think again.

Now in its 35th year, the Morden Triathlon is known for having such a variety of options for races that nearly anyone can compete, suggested race director and 3rd Wave Tri Club member Colin Sibelleau.

"It really can be for everyone," he stressed. "We have age categories that go all the way up to 70 years old ... and there have been 70-year-olds compete in Morden."

Set for July 16-17, the Morden Triathlon is the longest running triathlon in Manitoba, and among its many race options it is perhaps best known for the Ironman event.

"It's the only Half Ironman race in Manitoba," said Sibelleau. "I believe the next closest Half Ironman event is in Calgary."

The Half Ironman features a 1.9 km swim, 90 km bike ride, and 21 km run.

If that sounds too daunting, the Sprint Triathlon is another option with shorter distances of a 750 metre swim, 20 km bike ride, and 5 km run.

"It's a very, very popular race in Manitoba," said Sibelleau. "It's a very

short, very fast triathlon ... popular because pretty much anybody can do it with very little training. It's very accessible to a lot of people."

If you want to up the ante a bit from there, then your option may be the Foilman, which features a 950 metre swim, 45 km bike ride, and 10.5 km run.

Other events include the Duathlon, which cuts out the swim and instead focuses on a run-bike-run route; the Try-a-Tri on Sunday with a 300 metre swim, 10 km bike ride, and 3 km run; and the Kids of Steel, also on Sunday.

"It's a really fun time. Sunday is probably my favorite day," said Sibelleau, noting the Kids of Steel has attracted around 100 youth in recent years, while another 175 or so athletes sign up for all the other events.

"I'm expecting a similar number of registrations to last year," he said. "My goal has really been to open up Morden Triathlon to as many athletes as possible."

If competing simply is not an option, Sibelleau encouraged people to consider getting involved as a volunteer. You could help in ways ranging from directing competitors on the course to working at a first aid and water station.

"Regardless of your schedule, we can find a spot for you," he said, adding people in Morden are also asked to cheer on the racers. "If you notice that your house is on the run course, you can set up a sprinkler. There's nothing better than running through a sprinkler."

If you would like to get involved, e-mail mordentriathlon@gmail.com or go to www.mordentriathlon.com for more information.

Athletic challenges aside, the Morden Triathlon also supports the community with event proceeds being donated to local charities. This past year they presented donations to South Central Cancer Resource, Many Hands Resource Centre, and Morden Caring and Sharing.

Presenting those donations on behalf of organizers recently, Sheri-Lynn Duncan commented on the importance of the triathlon.

"We think it's a big part of summer in Morden," she said. "It draws athletes from all over Canada and North America. It's a very exciting event ... it's great for the community, and we hear many comments from the athletes that the Pembina Valley is a great place for the event to be held."

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Treat yourself to a massage, support local charities

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden Massage Therapy Centre continues to give back to the community through a co-operative program involving students.

The 360 Degree program is a win-win situation for everyone, said owner-manager Linda Menzies.

Through the program, students do their clinical work at the centre in Morden and the money from their therapy work is donated back to local organizations.

"The students benefit because they get some excellent practice. Patients benefit because they get some excellent care. The community benefits because we always give the money back," said Menzies, as she made an \$884 donation to Youth for Christ last week.

"It's rewarding for me," she said. "It's a nice way to give back to the community ... the proceeds always go back into the community."

Morden Massage Therapy Centre is designated by The Wellington Col-

lege of Remedial Massage Therapy for students to complete their practicum hours at the local clinic.

On average, it may involve about seven students working at the clinic throughout the year.

Each month, Menzies and her staff choose an organization to make a donation to on behalf of the students, staff, and clients. June's recipient is going to be Katie Cares.

Student therapists Eric Olfert and Tim Wiebe (who will return to the centre as orthopedic registered massage therapists after graduation this month) said they appreciate that they have been able to contribute to benefitting worthwhile community organizations while getting a great learning experience themselves.

"It's helping in so many ways," said Wiebe. "Not only are we doing what therapists do, we come here and help people ... also with the money we raise, it's going to great causes."

"Even for ourselves, it's great having a mentor like Linda who's very knowledgeable in this field," he add-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Morden Massage Therapy Centre presented an \$884 donation to Youth for Christ from the proceeds from the work of massage therapy students during May. Students Tim Wiebe and Eric Olfert (either end of the cheque) joined owner Linda Menzies in making the presentation to YFC director John Rempel last week.

ed. "It advances our level of knowledge as well."

Elizabeth Neufeld, one of their clients, agreed it is nice that it supports a worthwhile community organization, and she really appreciates the students who work here

"The students are great. I've had a great experience here with them."

John Rempel of Youth for Christ also expressed his appreciation.

"We're both in the business of trying to help people to get better, to get healthier," said Rempel.

"To be parallel ... to come alongside someone like YFC ... they recognize that the holistic health approach is so important," he continued. "We've got a community partner who values us and who wants to invest in us ... they believe in us."

Winkler Whips host Baldur Sunday

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all they needed. Mike Mutcheson hit a homer and Pearce McDonald got his first win on the mound.

Morden earlier had suffered a third straight loss Friday in falling 8-3 to the Cartwright Twins after having been shutout 4-0 by the Pilot

Mound Pilots Tuesday.

The Twins scored three runs in the first, two more in the second and again in the third as neither the pitching or defense was sharp for the Mohawk. Mutcheson though went 4 for 4 with two singles, a double, and a home run, while Derek Holenski took the loss.

Pilots' pitcher Brad McLeod threw a complete game two-hit shutout, while Pearce McDonald also went the distance for Morden, giving up only a couple earned runs.

The Whips improved to 10-3 and were a game and a half up on the 8-4

Pilots, while Morden had slipped to two and a half back at 7-5.

Morden were slated to host the Killarney Lakers Tuesday night in their lone game of the week. Winkler will visit Cartwright Friday and then return home to host Baldur Sunday.

> SOCCER, FROM PG. 14

Storm mens team battled the visiting Britannia Rovers to a 2-2 tie last Friday, with Roberto Kort contributing both goals.

It was the team's second tie in as many weeks and boosts their record to one win, two losses, and

three ties, giving them six points and slotting them into eighth place in the 10 team Division 1.

Coming up this weekend, the Storm host Brandon Inspire FC at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

At the race track

Racing across the finish line in first, second, and third place last Sunday at the ALH Motor Speedway were:

- Pure stocks: Les McRae, Nathan Klassen, and Chad Allen.
- Midwest mods: Murray Kozie, Christopher Leek, and Brodie Dob-

son.

- Street stock: Jesse Teunis, Brad Wall, and Shawn Teunis.
- Modifieds: Ward Imrie, James Wall, and Scott Greer.
- Super trucks: Jeff Rempel, Rene Poluyko, and Jamie Vernaus.

Agriculture

Young dairy farmer building his way up

By Harry Siemens

Jeremy Dueck of Landmark's Dueck Holsteins milks 60 cows in a relatively modern tie stall barn.

The land he owns is the yard site with the house, barn, and room for an earthen lagoon; he also rents about 200 acres of land to provide enough forages for all his milking animals and heifers.

"What we don't use for forages on the farm, my dad's a grain farmer. [He] seeds and harvests about 150 acres for me," says Dueck.

Since his own forage land is too far away from the yard site, Dueck has an agreement with his neighbour for the manure produced by his animals.

"We have an earthen registered permitted lagoon that holds just over a year's storage, enough for the whole year. Every fall we empty it onto their land."

Growing up on his father's mixed farm, Dueck knew agriculture was where his own future lay.

"I grew up a farm boy, and knew I always wanted to farm," the 29-year-old says. "Dad's desire was never to colonize and become a big-time farm, so he never expanded when any of the boys showed interest. He told us, 'Go out and earn enough money to buy your own farms' and buy him out some day."

Dueck appreciated his father's attitude.

"It seems like a lot of guys my age get golden spoons put in their mouths where dad did all the hard work in the '80s, '90s and early 2000s, often don't know the value of what blood, sweat, and tears is all about."

Dueck got to work in construction after dropping out of school in Gr. 8.

"By the time I was 19 I was supervising a sewer and water installation crew in Winnipeg, making good money, and I knew I had to do that to get a down payment together for a farm ... and I didn't care what kind of farm either," he says. "The desire was always there, the knowledge that I'd

be a farmer someday, I never questioned that.

"After enough years in the construction industry, I had close to \$600,000 saved up, invested in a house and different things, but enough of a network I could put a down payment on a small farm."

During his last few years in construction, he started seriously looking for an opportunity to buy something, or get into something that would work for him and stay within budget.

"It was about the time when land was becoming quite scarce and it became pretty obvious that if I wanted to grain farm I'd have to move where the land was much cheaper and more readily available," Dueck recalls. "Places like Brandon, Swan River, maybe even Saskatchewan, somewhere not in the Red River Valley."

He was looking at all the options—poultry, hogs, grain—but nothing panned out. Dairy, at that time, wasn't an option for him.

But, after telling a friend that dairy was out of the picture, a year later he was milking 60 cows.



PHOTO BY HARRY SIEMENS/VOICE

Jeremy Dueck of Landmark currently milks 60 cows in a tie stall bar. He hopes to be milking in a new location next spring.

That was six years ago and for this young farmer and his young family, things are not standing still.

He recently bought a different farm closer to St. Anne where his dad farms.

The new farm comes with 450 acres and secures his land base. Dueck plans to build a new barn starting this fall and be milking in the new place by next spring.

Dueck always knew his first barn, the current farm, would be a temporary stepping stone to something big-

ger.

"A temporary stepping stone, get in the door, buy the quota, get milking, start making personal payments on the quota, and in five to ten years I'll be in a position to buy a different farm," he says. "Just so happened one came up for sale close to my dad's farm a grain farm, no livestock, we outbid everyone else I guess.

"Here we are, thinking of making a move and taking on a whole bunch of new debt."



By Harry Siemens

Recently I exchanged messages with a Hutterite friend in Alberta who has some real concerns with what has happened and what could further erode farmers' ability to farm profitably under governments that only have the ideology as their collective guidelines and use little common sense in making those ideological decisions.

Canadian consumers continue to enjoy the relatively affordable food our farmers produce. However, that could change if governments continue to add carbon and other taxes,

The cost of alternative power sources

spending money like drunken sailors.

My Alberta friend, who shall remain nameless, told me about his concerns a few weeks back.

He says when the NDP government in Alberta doubles the carbon tax in 2017, it will cost every colony in that province an extra \$200,000 to \$400,000 in operating costs. All farmers will have to pay it, too, but he could speak for colonies.

Can you see how much more it will cost to raise food? Those costs will trickle down to we, the consumers, or the farmers simply won't survive.

PM Justin Trudeau wants to add his

carbon tax on top of that number for Alberta farmers and who know how much it will cost the food producing industry right across this country.

The sad part in this commentary with my friend in Alberta is this: I exchanged tweets and direct messages with him Sunday and by Wednesday when we had agreed to talk by telephone, his Twitter account was gone like it had vanished off the face of the earth.

In doing a little research with other colony friends, I've determined the hierarchy in that colony felt my

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Russian, Ukraine crops are wet but progressing

By Harry Siemens

Mike Lee of @AgronomyUkraine recently completed the second Black Sea Crop Tour of 2016.

"I have yet to add up the route but I think we covered around 4,000 kilometres across Ukraine and Russia, taking in central, southern, and eastern Ukraine and central and southern Russia," says Lee.

The crop consultant and agronomist says a couple of issues have the potential to impact on harvest 2016 and as yet these are not being picked up by the mainstream media. He believes these issues could only be ascertained by driving across the grain growing regions firsthand.

"We've looked at primarily spring planted crops like corn, sunflower, soya and saw the condition of those crops. We also looked at the winter cereals and spring cereals grown more in Russia than Ukraine," says Lee. "It is very wet. The USDA report suggested some parts of Russia there was 400 per cent rainfall in May. It is noticeable. It is June and I'm in Russia wearing a coat in June, it's cold. That is unusual."

"When looking at planting figures, farmers have still managed to get the most of crop in," he says. "While the moisture encouraged germination and some growth, the wet and cold is delaying some plant development. It has also encouraged the germination of the weeds. And it's obvious farmers are struggling to get on to spray for those weeds so rains have interrupted some farming operations."

While the crops look okay, the implications of too much rainfall is significant.

"With temperatures returning to near normal, this week ... the crops should be growing quite well, but with some of the fertilizers being washed out, it could affect further development."

Lee says lower oil prices and the impact that's had on the Russian economy also comes into play.

"I think the agriculture in Russia and Ukraine has benefitted from favourable exchange rates which has allowed them to sell their grain competitively," he says. "Both countries are financially in difficulty; farmers

are forever and a day struggling with cashflow issues and that sort of thing, but it is not really that noticeable across the farming regions."

He says the planting of potatoes and vegetables is down slightly in Russia this year. It has probably more to do with the weather, but the lack of credit and cashflow has had some impact too.

"At the moment the Ukraine and Russian crop numbers are high and both are forecasting bumper crops if not near record crops this year," he says. "It doesn't seem to be slowing down the continued development of Ukraine and Russia. Russia is forecast to be the leading exporter of wheat

this year, while Ukraine the leading exporter of corn. They seem to continue in the direction they're going."

You can learn more about Lee's boots on the ground perspective on his blog @AgronomyUkraine.

"Our goal is to build up a database of information and get better at what we do, and building up a network of people in regions and accessing weather stations data," Lee says. "As we progress the service we'll draw in more information throughout the season, spread out throughout the whole of the region, sort of shining the light into the abyss of the cropping info from Ukraine and Russia."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 20

friend was getting too open with his comments and made him cancel his Twitter account.

When you pass the wind farms along Hwy 14 near St. Joseph, what comes to your mind? Here's what I tweeted some time ago when driving by: looks good, no wind lots of sun. The wrong day to have a wind farm, solar panels would work better.

I could actually take a picture of the blades perfectly still. I remember when parked underneath a wind farm tower on a windy day, my young daughter at that time commenting, 'Wow those windmills produce lots of wind.' Dare I say how true she was?

If it wasn't for subsidies, those wind farms couldn't exist. In fact, in this case, Manitoba Hydro, the former NDP government actually had to lend

money to the company to build the wind farm, then subsidize the operation. Makes sense doesn't it? Not!

I maintain to determine a carbon tax is like trying to dress a ghost, or subsidizing wind farms—it costs each one of us more money, and I sometimes wonder for what reasons.

Well, I tweeted an article via Global News by a professor at Stanford University who says Canada can stop using fossil fuels in 35 years if we start now.

Mark Jacobson, a co-founder of Stanford's Solutions Project and an engineering professor, says Canada can transition its entire energy infrastructure to renewables like wind and solar power by 2050, but it's going to take immediate action from both governments and Canadian citizens.

This started a little Twitter discussion.

Bryan Dion says wind power is a joke.

"Feel good for greens, horrible for pocket book."

Dion says wind power is the biggest scam going—huge subsidies, oil are all in to get carbon credits and government subsidies.

Curtis Hiebert of Sperling says in his opinion if it can't work without a subsidy it shouldn't be done. "All I know is I don't want those things [wind farms] ruining my land, options for automating equipment or the skyline here," he says.

So what do you think? E-mail me at harrysiemens1@gmail.com

> STANLEY AG, FROM PG. 12

"We're trying to really make it more accessible to everyone, not just the few people who know about it ... and it's not just for farmers," Hildebrand stressed, noting they also seek to add new categories every year and to update existing ones to reflect changing times.

"We have to try to reach out to those 30- and 40-year-olds," agreed Peter. "They're not all knitting and sewing."

"Or if they are doing those traditional arts," added Elizabeth, "they're doing them in a more modern way."

'A LOT MORE GOING ON'

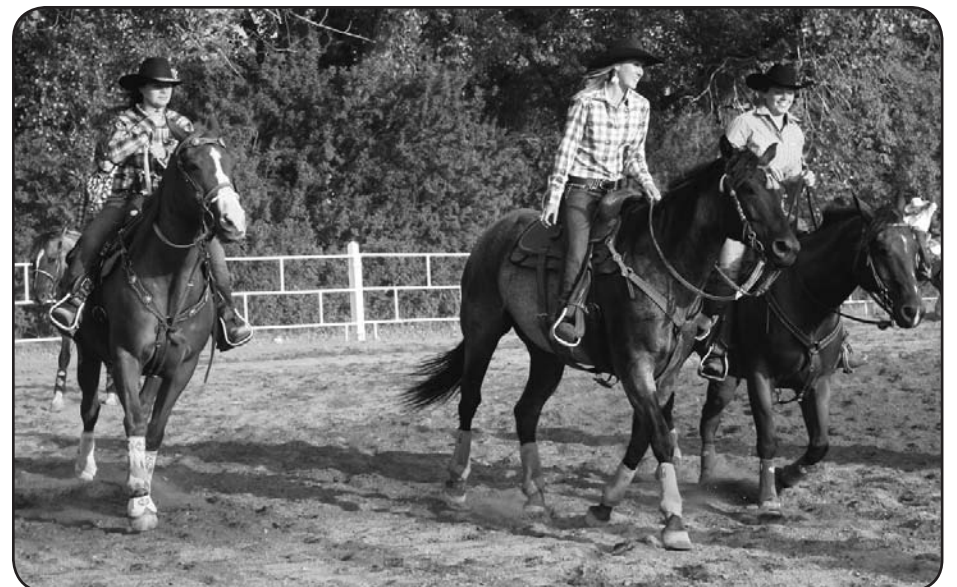
For the first time in years, the ag society is operating with a full slate of board members, but they always

need more volunteers and are eager to continue to grow their membership, which currently sits at around 100.

"Anyone with an interest in agriculture, gardening ... even if they just want to help us flip burgers at the festival, we can use them," Peter said. "Anyone interested in any part of what we do, they're all welcome."

"There's a lot more going on than people realize," added Elizabeth. "Always a lot more going on ... we want people to know that they can join us."

To learn more about the Stanley Ag Society and how you can get involved, check out their website at stanleyagsociety.com. There you'll also find this year's exhibition entry guide and information about other upcoming events.



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Organizing events like the gymkana at the Harvest Festival and Exhibition in August remain an important part of the work the Stanley Agricultural Society does to raise ag awareness in the community.

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PERMITS - PART I - SECTION 9 H.P.A. AND PART III - SECTION 17 H.P.A. 2/032/079/A/16 - FROESE ENTERPRISES INC.

Application to Modify Access Driveway (Public) onto P.T.H. No. 32, S.W. 1/4 27-2-4W, R.M. of Stanley.

The Highway Traffic Board will be prepared to consider all submissions, written or oral, on the above applications by contacting the A/Secretary prior to or at the hearing.

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NOTICES

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING Road Closing By-law No. 4-2015

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 290(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Roland has scheduled a public hearing in Council Chambers, located at 45 3rd St. in Roland, Manitoba, on Tuesday the 12th day of July, 2016, at the hour of 9:00am, to consider a By-law for the following purposes:

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NOTICE is further given that during the public hearing the Council of the Rural Municipality of Roland will allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

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		7						
	6	4	3					5

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Sudoku Answer

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

Crossword Answer

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 5. Belle's friend Chip was one
- 11. NBA MVP
- 14. Preeminent
- 15. ___ and the Beast
- 18. Round, flattish cap
- 19. Bright
- 21. Unpleasant person
- 23. Passes through a wheel's center
- 24. The New York ___
- 28. Military alliance
- 29. He prosecutes the accused
- 30. Noble act
- 32. Handyman's tool
- 33. Austrian river
- 35. An accountant certified by the state
- 36. Dad (slang)
- 39. Women
- 41. Type of blood
- 42. Ambush
- 44. Measuring instrument
- 46. Protein-rich liquids
- 47. Socially conservative person (Australian)
- 49. Girl
- 52. Small Spanish dishes
- 56. Mexican plant
- 58. About thigh
- 60. Absorptive
- 62. Diner
- 63. Ethnic group of Laos

CLUES DOWN

- 1. International radio band
- 2. Thrust
- 3. Measures insignificance
- 4. Appears on Roman currency
- 5. Does not drink
- 6. Midway between northeast and east
- 7. Actinium
- 8. A Chicago ballplayer
- 9. Compound
- 10. Former British pol Derek
- 12. Color properties
- 13. Chinese magnolia
- 16. American state
- 17. Conference of Allied leaders
- 20. Cats "say" this
- 22. Didymium
- 25. He conducts physicals
- 26. European Economic Community
- 27. Individually
- 29. Begetter
- 31. Press against lightly
- 34. Licensed for Wall Street
- 36. Posttraumatic stress
- 37. Mountain nymph (Greek)
- 38. Italian city
- 40. South Dakota
- 43. Rank in the Ottoman Empire
- 45. In the year of the Lord (abbr.)
- 48. Explorer Vasco da ___
- 50. Besides
- 51. Bart's sister
- 53. They hold plants
- 54. Song
- 55. Rescue
- 57. Small island
- 58. Coniferous tree
- 59. Albanian currency
- 61. Of I

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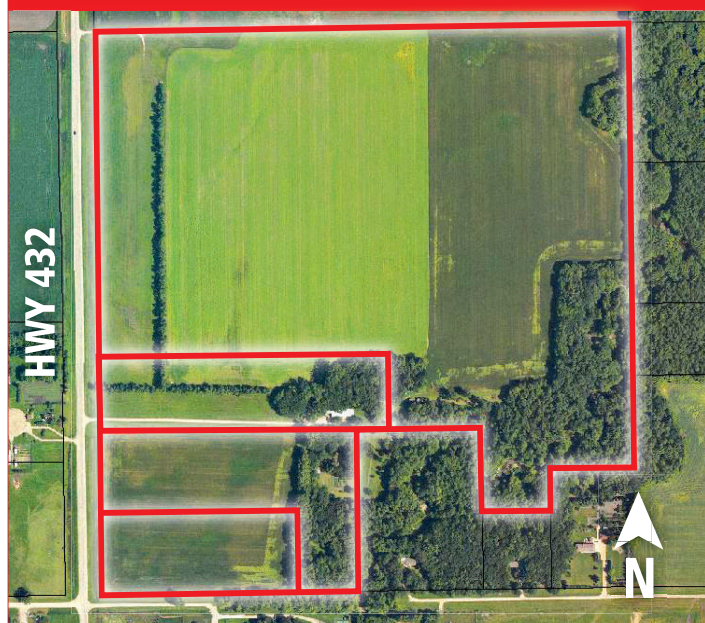
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OBITUARY

**Henry Thiessen
1920 - 2016**



On Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre,
Henry J Thiessen aged 95 years of Morden, MB went to his eternal
rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sara (nee Schroeder) as
well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by
his parents, two sisters and one brother-in-law.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday June 20, 2016 at
Morden EMMC with interment at the Glencross Church Cemetery.
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It is with deep sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Dorothy Topley aged 85 years at the Boundary Trails Health Centre on Tuesday June 14, 2016.

She will be lovingly remembered by her son, Stuart (Brenda) and their children, Erin, Carly (Jason) and Duncan (Ashley); daughter, Patty (Albert) and their children, Scott and Brianne. She was predeceased last fall by her husband Ross, of 63 years.

She grew up in Morden and in high school played hockey and softball. She was a member of the Morden Whiz Bangs and was inducted into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame in 2005. Dorothy was very active in the community volunteering at the St. Paul's United Church with Sunday School, CGIT and the UCW. She

also spent her time helping at the Boundary Trails Health Centre gift shop and the Thrift shop. Dorothy was always willing to help family and friends and loved watching her grandchildren's extracurricular activities. She was so kind-hearted and would do anything for anyone; always putting others' needs ahead of her own. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday June 17, 2016 at St. Paul's United Church in Morden with ash interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Dorothy had a wonderful group of friends. Special thanks to Betty Dunbar-Sager and Hugh and Jessie Dyck. We would like to thank all her friends for their love and support.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorothy's memory to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or a charity of one's choice.

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OBITUARY



Jacob (Jake) Friesen 1938 - 2016

It is with deep sorrow and profound loss, we announce the peaceful passing of Jake Friesen on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at the Boundary Trails Health Centre following a long, courageous and hard-fought battle with cancer.

Dad was born on December 25, 1938 at his home outside of Winkler, Manitoba. He established his reputation for strength, determination and a daring wit when he stole his soulmate and future wife off the street from a date she was on with another guy, placed her in his car and drove off. Only dad could get away with such shenanigans. They carried on throughout his life with nearly all who knew him, but his brothers-in-law were most often the recipients of dad's mischievous jokes. Despite it all, they loved him

like a brother and remained his most loyal companions following the loss of our mom. Thanks to dad's ever-charming personality and his fierce negotiating skills, he and "the date" remained friends. Mom was the love of his life and they married July 17, 1960. After beginning their life together in Winnipeg, they bought a small farm in Stephenfield, before dad informed her one day he'd sold the farm and they were moving to Miami. Mom thought he was joking; he was not. Dad had a work ethic like none other, and for a while he both farmed in Miami while commuting back and forth to Winnipeg building houses. Dad was gifted in many ways and could do almost anything himself from the maintenance of his equipment and later on his trucks, to construction building, landscaping, and rebuilding and painting old cars. He could fix anything. Mom and dad sold the farm, and built their home in Miami in 1978, when dad acquired the Miami Transfer. Dad eventually sold the transfer and focused exclusively on hauling livestock, and then grain, through his own fleet of trucks. In doing so, he built friendships all across southern Manitoba where his reputation for kindness and humour preceded him. In 2002, dad's determination once again was evidenced when he survived a trucking accident that placed him in intensive care for six weeks. Even with a broken back, he walked again only months later; although, never without pain, through which he persevered for the rest of his life. Dad retired in 2005, and focused on his passion... his family. He and mom spent their time caring and living for their grandchildren, attending ballet recitals, hockey games, skiing races, motocross races and school concerts. Mom and dad had an affinity for camping: she enjoying going, and he enjoyed coming home. They also traveled frequently to Toronto to visit their daughter and her family throughout the years. On May 11, 2013 dad and our family suffered a profound loss with the sudden passing of mom. Dad's heart never recovered, but he did his best to remain social and active, and continued to dedicate his life to his family. In 2014, his nephew took him on the trip of a lifetime when he travelled to Kenya, Africa... a trip, he said, that would never allow him to look at life the same again. In early 2015, following a trip to the Dominican with his daughter and family, dad began his brave and courageous battle with cancer when he was diagnosed with advanced lymphoma. His strength and determination undeterred, he was given a clean bill of health in October of that year. Sadly, at his three month follow up in January, it was confirmed his cancer had returned in the form of AML and it was terminal. With a prognosis of six weeks, dad was determined to prolong his life, mostly for the sake of his family. He traveled to Toronto to partake in a clinical trial at the Princess Margaret Hospital, and remained in and out of the hospital there for the next three months. True to his nature of putting others first, he said that even if the treatment didn't work for him but he could help someone else, it was worth it. That was you dad. At the end of May, dad returned to the Boundary Trails Health Centre, having left an unforgettable impression on the extensive team that cared for him at Toronto General Hospital. We dare say they had never met anyone like him before. Throughout his long and difficult cancer journey, he remained positive, never complained, and continued to say please and thank you, and that "he was fine" for every bit of care and support he received. Loyal and loving dad, grandpa (papa), brother, brother-in-law, friend, graceful and dignified cancer warrior, cancer research trail blazer, and hero, Dad will be forever loved and remembered for his kindness, generosity, loyalty, compassion, strength and determination, fierce negotiating skills, and his witty and funny sense of humour. Through to his final days, he kept us all laughing when we least expected it.

Dad was predeceased by his beloved wife of 52 years Marion; his granddaughter, Michayla; his parents, John and Aganetha Friesen; several brothers, sisters, brothers-in-laws and sisters-in-laws. He will be forever and lovingly remembered by his son, Ken (Dixie) of Carberry; his son, Rod (Leann) of Miami; and daughter, Melonie (Andrew) of Toronto; his seven grandchildren, Kelley and Brett Friesen; Nicholas, Karly and Jared Friesen; and Hudson and Sloane Zwingenberger; three sisters, ten brothers-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and many, many friends.

Dad, we are so proud to be your family and beyond grateful for the legacy you leave behind. You have always led by example and in doing so, have taught us a lifetime of beautiful lessons we will forever cherish. You will be truly missed. Give mom the biggest hug and kiss from us all, and tell her we miss her too. May you have the most joyous reunion up in heaven. All our love until we meet again...

Our family would like to thank Dr. Chan and his team at the Princess Margaret Hospital, and Dr. Hwang and the extensive team at the Toronto General Hospital for their unwavering dedication, care and support of life during dad's cancer journey; and Dr. Menzies, Dr. Convery, and the wonderful team of nurses at the Boundary Trails Health Centre for their loving care and support during dad's time there. We are also grateful to our extensive network of family and friends who have surrounded us all with love and support during dad's journey and our difficult time.

A celebration of Jake's life was held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 15, 2015 at the Miami Community Centre Hall with interment prior at the Miami Cemetery.

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OBITUARY



Margaret Letkeman (nee Harder) 1925 - 2016

On Thursday, June 16, 2016 at her residence in Winkler, MB, Margaret Letkeman aged 90 years went to her eternal rest.

Mom was born September 6, 1925 in Arnaud, MB. She was the second oldest of five siblings. She had a happy childhood growing up in Winkler on 10th St. Mom enjoyed many school and church activities. As a teenager, she was baptized upon the confession of her faith at the Winkler Berghthaler Church. After attending normal school, she taught at several locations including MCC work in Newfoundland and Northern Manitoba.

At the age of 36, she met the love of her life, Abe P. Letkeman. After courting for a while, she received a letter from Abe, which she hesitated to open for days. She suspected it was a marriage

proposal. Did she really want to marry a widower with six children? After much prayerful consideration, she opened it and accepted. They were married on July 14, 1962. Less than a year later, they were blessed with a son.

Life on the farm with a large family was difficult, but she loved the open space and embraced the challenge of being the mom of a large family. During these years, she continued teaching on a part-time and substitute basis. Mom and Dad moved to Morden in 1996. The adjustment to town life went well but they really missed the farm. They enjoyed nine years on Rampton St. Then in 2005, due to some health concerns, they moved to Garden Park Estates in Winkler. They had two years together before Dad passed away. Mom continued to live independently at Garden Park with very little assistance until her passing.

She was predeceased by her parents, Peter and Margaret Harder; husband Abe; brother, Wally and one brother, Johnny in infancy; one son, Robert and grandson, Ryan. She leaves to mourn her children, Richard and Martha Letkeman of Winkler, Ruth and Frank Klassen of Winnipeg, Ron and Denise Letkeman of New Westminster, BC, Albert and Pearl Letkeman of Morden, Laurie Letkeman of Morden, Ray and Brenda Letkeman of Morden, Gerald and Wendy Letkeman of Winkler along with 15 grandchildren and their spouses as well as 15 great-grandchildren. Additionally, she is survived by her siblings, Peter and Marion Harder, Anne and Marvin Enns, Mary and Henry Sawatzky, Sally Harder and their families.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2016 at Bethel Berghthaler Mennonite Church in Hochfeld with interment at Haskett Cemetery.

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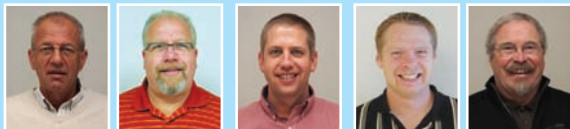


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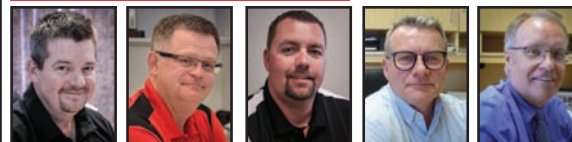
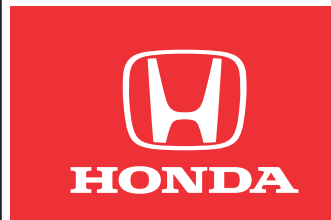
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