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# A time to celebrate



The Morden Adult Education Centre's class of 2015 tossed their caps high after receiving their hard-earned diplomas last week. For more on the ceremony, see Pg. 13. You can also find our story on Winkler's Red River College grad ceremony on Pg. 12, and check out our full coverage of the local high school graduations in our special pull-out section.

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# RM of Stanley marks 125th anniversary

By Cori Bezan

It certainly was an interesting party on Saturday when Stanley Park was filled with people all coming together to celebrate the RM of Stanley's 125th anniversary.

Though the day had started out mostly bright and sunny, the weather took a sharp turn when the clouds rolled in with high winds, rain, and hail.

Thankfully, no one was injured when a tent collapsed over the eating area or the canopy fell from the main stage, as party-goers sought shelter from the storm.

The afternoon quickly warmed back up again, and while some soaked sound equipment meant cancelling a few of the bands, the party plunged ahead despite the setbacks, offering entertainment such as inflatable castles, a petting zoo, face painting, and cotton candy, while LuLu and the TomCat kept kids grinning from within a dry picnic shelter.

RM of Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson made a short presentation to the crowd as supper was being served

late in the day.

"When I throw a party, we bring the roof down!" he joked.

Olafson recounted the story of how a man named Valentine Winkler and his brother lived in what became Morden before Valentine became the RM's first reeve and founded what has grown into the city of Winkler.

"In essence, Morden and Winkler, the RM of Stanley are your grandparents, so we are humbled," Olafson said, lightly adding, "you've always got to remember you're supposed to respect your elders or grandparents, and do what they say!"

"It just humbles me to be part of such an occasion," he continued. "We've got a lot of great things happening between ourselves and the two cities that are involved and the 12 villages or more that are within the RM of Stanley. There's so much stuff happening here. Where else would you want to live?"

A number of local dignitaries also offered their congratulations on the anniversary and reflected on the history of the area.

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RM of Stanley's 125th celebration included unplugged performances from Lulu and the Tom-Cat (top left) and the North Border Band (top right); the Pembina Valley Rendezvous offered up elk soup for supper (right), while DJ's sponsored hot beef on a bun (below); and kids were given a grand tractor tour of Stanley Park (bottom).



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# CodeRed alert gets off to an early start

## Tornadoes prompt CodeRed alerts; cell phone registrations jump as a result

By Cori Bezan

While CodeRED's first local test had been scheduled for this Tuesday, Mother Nature couldn't wait to put the emergency notification program through its paces as two severe weather systems hit Morden and the surrounding area, causing two different alerts to be sent out to residents' landline phones last week.

"We've used it twice, once on Wednesday [June 24] and once on Saturday," said Morden Fire and Rescue chief Andy Thiessen. "The first one was a tornado awareness or tornado watch, and the second one was a possible tornado landing or possible tornado itself because of the proximity and size of it."

Thiessen said that the first CodeRED response on June 24 was not quite as efficient as they had hoped, but any issues that they had were easily remedied within the program.

"The reason that we wanted to make a test was there's a couple of settings that we needed to just kind of clarify, and one of them is the speed of how the phone calls are delivered," he explained. "The first one on Wednesday, we found out the speed was too fast for the MTS system to absorb, so we had to slow down the dialing process a little bit so that it could get to everyone's phone properly."

Thiessen noted that a human error prevented the first message from reaching everyone, so a second message was sent out shortly after to make sure that all participating residents received the alert.

"On Saturday, it went much, much smoother because we'd already had that speed set up," he said.

Thiessen said they have heard nothing but praise and compliments about CodeRED in the wake of the turbulent weather of last week.

"We've had nothing but positive feedback from it," he said. "I've had quite a few emails, and the girls in the city office are getting quite a few comments when people are coming in . . . that they are really appreciative of the early warning system."

After the first tornado alert, an influx of residents registered their mobile phones and email addresses to the CodeRED system.

Prior to the first alert, Thiessen said that they had around 150 registered emails and app downloads. As of Monday, there were over 500 apps and emails registered to the program.

"From Wednesday to Saturday, I'll say with cell phone apps and emails, we probably had about 100 and so extra people that came on right after that, and on Saturday's alert, we doubled that," he said.

With the program's official first alerts completed, Thiessen said that they are pleased with how CodeRED is fitting into the community's arsenal of emergency response.

"There's a few other things we can do with CodeRED that we haven't had an opportunity to play with . . . but for right now, it's doing what we're hoping it will do," he said. "I like it. I like it a lot. We've been waiting for something like this for a long time, so it's been good."

To register your mobile phone or email address for CodeRED alerts, download the free CodeRED app on the app store or follow the links on [mordenmb.com](http://mordenmb.com) for instructions and more information.



# Tornadoes touch down

Emergency sirens sounded out across the region on June 24, as a dangerous storm front moved across south-central Manitoba. Funnel clouds were spotted throughout the Morden-Winkler area, with at least two tornadoes actually touching down near Manitou late in the afternoon. The first was reported about three kilometres east of town at around 4 p.m. Environment Canada rated it as an EF0, the weakest kind of tornado, causing little damage. The second EF0 tornado was reported seven kilometres northwest of Manitou half an hour later.

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# Learning the tools of the trade

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Amidst all the many high school and college graduations taking place in the area last week was one more special ceremony held at GVC TEC in Winkler.

On June 25, 13 adult students received their certificates for the area's first Wood Employment Readiness Curriculum program, headed up by the Wood Manufacturing Council in partnership with Training and Employment Services and Decor Cabinets, Grandeur Housing, and Elias Woodwork and Manufacturing.

The students—all of whom have faced various challenges to finding employment—received 12 weeks of basic woodworking training from GVC TEC instructors, alongside courses in essential skills and life skills.

The goal was to prepare them for a new career in the wood manufacturing sector, says program coordinator Jeremy Ward.

"We're dealing with people who are not employed and have had a significant struggle getting employed over a long period of time," he says. "The end goal here is to train them and get them employed with a production wood job—teach them not just the woodworking skills and essential skills they need, but also what it takes to be a better employee; the right mentality, the right attitude."

That goal was certainly met—12 of the grads are now employed full-time with the participating compa-

nies, who paid their wages as they completed the training.

"These students got paid to come to class so that they could go to a guaranteed job upon graduation," Ward says. "In this area, that's unprecedented . . . the employers really stepped up and I think they should be commended for it."

Decor Cabinets human resources manager Sharon Penner says that when they first heard about WMC's training program they were intrigued.

"It really started out for me on the recruitment side of things because we always think of this as nearly a zero unemployment area," she says.

The prospect of having WMC find students and train them to be the employees the company needed was too good to pass up, Penner says.

"The second part that really interested me was the off-the-job training and what value that would bring to finding more people, yes, but also bringing people into the organization and they're able to get off and running," she says.

After initially meeting with Decor, WMC went on to get Grandeur Housing and Elias Woodwork on board.

"We haven't looked back since," says WMC's Norma Ricker, manager of project development.

"[Employer involvement is] the maker of this program," she says. "These employers gave a lot to this . . . it's a project that's never been delivered before anywhere and these



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Student Carlos Bartsch shows off his project to Decor Cabinet's HR manager Sharon Penner at the graduation ceremony for the first Wood Employment Readiness program held at GVC TEC this spring.

employers bought-in in week four. Every one of these participants were employed in week four and then they sent them all back to us to finish the training, having never put a foot on [the company's] floor."

"They really want people to look at this as a career, not a stop," Ricker adds, stressing the program looked for applicants ready to make a real commitment to a career in wood manufacturing. "We have single parents, we have families, we have people that haven't worked in a long time due to different circumstances, and for them to take the chance and for us to get to watch them blossom . . . I'm so impressed with this group."

## READY FOR THE FUTURE

Student Rachel Fetterman says she's been finding it difficult to re-enter

the workforce after spending the last few years as a stay-at-home mother. The skills she learned in the program helped her to get a foothold on her future, she says.

"It's just such an excellent program. The life skills, the life lessons . . . it's things you may have known before, but this really puts it into perspective for us."

Fetterman says she's eager to get started at work at Elias Woodwork.

"I'm looking forward to being in a place where I can actually work my way up somewhere," she said, noting the employer involvement in the program acted as a great motivator. "They put so much faith and so much hope into us that it's so encouraging."

The program was such a success that Ricker says they hope to hold another session later this year.

For more information, check out the Wood Manufacturing Council online at [www.wmc-cfb.ca](http://www.wmc-cfb.ca).

Thirteen students took part in the Morden-Winkler area's first woodworking employment program designed to give students both practical job training and life skills to equip them for careers with local companies. Students included Reginaldo Andrade, Rachel Fetterman, Lindsay Gray, Alex Fehr, Eddie Fetterman, Nevin Nelson, Megha Prashar, Kenny Peters, Laurie Nelson, Hayden Mills, Glosabel Bobiles, Carlos Bartsch, Bernice Blanco, and Eddie Fetterman, nearly all of whom are now employed full-time.



# The Bunker, Co-op team up to make 'Community Pizza'

By Cori Bezan

A delicious opportunity to purchase local pizza has been cooked up between the Winkler Co-op and The Bunker.

Last week, the duo unveiled their new Community Pizza project, which will bring in a new brand of pizza to local Co-op grocery stores while also giving Winkler youth an opportunity to get some work experience and raise money for The Bunker ministry.

"The way it works is we have a group of young people and volunteers from The Bunker that show up at the Co-op twice a month... and we go in there and we whip up a bunch of pizzas," explained Bunker executive director Kevin Hildebrand.

"We've got the opportunity to work together with the Bunker and help raise funds so that they can run the ministry that they do in the community as a vital part of what they do in the community," said Co-op operations manager Evan Toews. "This gives us opportunity to utilize their people as well as their skills and our facility and our ability to sell the project, and support The Bunker that way."

The ingredients for the pizza are as about as local as you can get, Toews

added. With Manitoba-baked pizza crusts and sauces, Co-op smoked and cut meats, and Manitoba-made Bothwell cheese, it truly is Winkler's own pizza.

"I've just seen the need for another local pizza, but then also wondering how can we involve an important organization in the community into this?" Toews explained. "It all kind of spun off from there."

Hildebrand added that the skills and lessons that the volunteers and Bunker kids will take away from this initiative will be invaluable.

"That's the key to this whole thing," he said. "We love it when we can take the youth from this community, integrate them back into the community in a very positive and useful way. A lot of them feel like they're just kind of a throw-away part of society to begin with, and now we can actually get them integrated into something where they're physically doing something that not only benefits this ministry, and essentially benefits themselves, but benefits the community."

"They're making a great product for the community, it helps the community, and it makes them feel like they're a part of the community," Hildebrand added.

The first pizza-making session was



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From left: The Bunker executive director Kevin Hildebrand with Winkler Co-op's Francis Fehr, Alicia Hildebrand, board member Alex Fedorchuk, and operations manager Evan Toews unveiled Community Pizza, a tasty project designed to bring locally-made pizza to the area while supporting The Bunker's ministry.

a few weeks ago, with the finished products served up at the Winkler Canada Day celebrations this week.

"The kids that were there [making the pizzas], they loved it," Hildebrand said. "They had a great time and they really enjoyed that time of getting to-

gether."

Toews said they hope to see Community Pizza become a popular slice of the community, and he added that they are open to the idea of including more organizations as demand for the pizza increases.

# BTHC Foundation reports on stellar year

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation reported on another stellar year of community support at its annual general meeting last month.

Board chair Debra Enns said 2014-2015 was a banner year for the organization, which raises funds for programs and equipment at the regional hospital.

"I have a really good team behind me," she said. "Between them and myself, I think we had a very successful year."

With over \$365,000 in donations and other revenue coming in over the last 12 months, the foundation was able to do a lot of good in the hospital.

"We can't be more happy with the donations that we get from our community," Enns said. "No matter what

we fundraise for, they are behind us, always. I've said it so many times before: we live in such a generous community."

"The board of directors is committed to ensuring that each dollar donated will be invested wisely, to ensure that the Boundary Trails Health Centre remains one of the best health care facilities in Manitoba," she added.

Highlights of the year for the foundation include the success of the annual summer golf tournament and the fall gala featuring guest speaker Tim Hague of *Amazing Race Canada* fame. These events together brought

in nearly \$100,000 for the hospital.

"Those two events alone nearly cover our commitment to palliative care and spiritual care programs," Enns noted.

"Both of these programs are needs for our area that the provincial government does not fund," she added. "In order for us to have them, we need to fundraise."

The demand for palliative care has grown so much over the years that the foundation recently committed to funding a second palliative care nurse to meet the need.

Also looking to the future, the foundation intends to continuing lobbying in earnest for a major expansion to the BTHC.

"We've been lobbying for this for

awhile now," Enns said. "We've already had studies done on it... we can see the need is certainly there."

"It doesn't take a study to tell us we have a lot of babies being born there and we have a lot of seniors also needing care—those two areas alone, if we were to expand either one of those areas to alleviate the pressure we have right now, it could only be good for the community."

On the fundraising front, the foundation will add a brand new event this fall.

"We'll be hosting a radio-thon in partnership with the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba and Golden West Radio this September," Enns said.

Funds from this event will go towards the purchase of a \$35,000 infant stabilization unit for the hospital.

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## The tragedy that is Shoal Lake

**S**traddling an aqueduct built in 1919 to supply Winnipeg with fresh water sits the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.

There are 570 Ojibwa Canadians living on the reserve that has been under a boil water advisory for 17 years and without a road out since it was relocated a century ago. It is accessible only via barge or ice roads in the winter.

When construction was started in 1919 on the aqueduct that diverts fresh water to Winnipeg, the original Ojibwa Village at the mouth of the Falcon River was relocated to an artificial island and isolated from the mainland.

For decades the residents of Shoal Lake have been lobbying for two things that the rest of us take for granted: clean water and a road.

Can you imagine Morden or Winkler or Winnipeg having to live under a boil water advisory for more than 17 years? Of course you can't because it would never happen. Why would it never happen? Because local, provincial, and federal agencies would

never allow it to happen.

So what is the difference with Shoal Lake 40 First Nation? As far as I can tell the only difference is it is a community made up of aboriginal Canadians.

Imagine if Winkler or Morden were cut off from the rest of the province by some sort of natural disaster that destroyed our surrounding roads. How long do you think that would last? Would it last 100 years? It wouldn't even last one year before a huge amount of resources were mobilized and the problem rectified.

So what's the difference between us and Shoal Lake 40?

The folks at Shoal Lake have even come up with a plan despite lack of action on the part of local, provincial, and federal governments. It is called Freedom Road, a name that reflects how important the road is to them.

According to the First Nation, the Freedom Road would be "a 27 kilometer road from the TransCanada Highway to Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, including approximately nine kilometers on Shoal Lake #40 First Nation reserve land and 18 kilometers on Manitoba Provincial Crown lands with a bridge across a canal to the island."

So for almost two decades we have known this community has had unclean drinking water and for nearly a century has had no road access to the rest of the world. Requests have been made, plans have been developed, and in the century that has trans-

pired what has been done to resolve the road issue? Nothing. In the nearly two decades of unclean water what has been done? Nothing.

Promises do not count as action. Meetings and studies do not count as action. When an entire generation has lived under a boil water advisory while adjacent clean water is shipped south to Winnipeg, studies and words are meaningless. When a community has been isolated for 100 years, words are meaningless. Only action has meaning.

Recently, both Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg announced a commitment to fund part of the cost of the all-weather Freedom Road.

Unfortunately, Natural Resources Minister Greg Rickford would only re-state a federal government commitment to fund a million dollar feasibility study with no commitment for the actual road construction itself, estimated at \$30 million.

What is required here is a little empathy. The Canadian citizens living in the community of Shoal Lake need help. It is shameful that we have entire communities living in such conditions today in our nation.

Fortunately, we live in a region that is so abundant in terms of resources that we often send huge groups of people abroad to assist with all kinds of needs—maybe we should turn our eyes north to Shoal Lake and see what we can do for our brothers and sisters there.



**By Peter Cantelon**

# Letters

## Endo sufferers should consider natural options of treatment

First off, I'd like to applaud Teya Derksen for speaking openly about a disease which often doesn't get talked about, and for Ashleigh Viveiros for writing the article entitled 'Misdiagnosed: the pain of life with endometriosis' in last week's paper.

As someone who has dealt with endometriosis for the past seven or so

years I can understand Teya's pain and frustration. I consider myself extremely fortunate that I always had very supportive doctors and never had doctors tell me it was all in my head.

Western medicine diagnosed my endometriosis via laparoscopy and eased my symptoms with medica-

tion. However, it was only when I saw a naturopath that I began to get my life back. As such, I was a little disappointed that there wasn't any mention of natural methods of managing endometriosis in the article.

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"For me, it's very special," said Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen. "My dad, Abe Bergen, was born in 1920 here in the RM of Stanley. He met my mom about 19, 20 years later when she moved here, they got married here, raised eight kids in Morden right here in the RM. I was born and raised here, I live here now, I'm raising my family here, my granddaughter is here, and I'm very, very proud of the people—not only the people in the past, but the future generation that is coming up through this wonderful place in southern Manitoba."

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen recounted part of the area's history as the land was settled after the railway was constructed, and noted today's residents share the same enterprising spirit as the area's first pioneers.

"Even though the deeds have changed many times and so much has changed from then, it was that same hard work, it was that same determination, it was that same commitment to faith and to each other and to family that those people showed then, and that the good people of the RM of Stanley show today," he said. "We are still that same community."

"What can we accomplish in 125 years if we have an imagination?" asked Winkler Mayor Martin Harder. "You attract settlers from foreign countries that make this their home. That is how this began 125 years ago. People with the desire for a better life, settling in rural Manitoba."

## > BTHC FDN. FROM PG. 5

To fill the radio-thon, the foundation is looking for families willing to share their stories regarding the care their children received at BTHC or the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

Other fundraising events coming up include the golf tournament in Morden next month and the gala banquet in October, which will feature curling star Jennifer Jones as guest speaker.

For more information on the foundation or any of its programs or events, get in touch with them at 204-331-8808 or online at [bthcfoundation.com](http://bthcfoundation.com).

## > LETTERS, FROM PG. 6

Personally I use a combination of Western medicine, naturopathic medicine, diet (something commonly referred to as the Endo Diet), osteopathy and acupuncture.

Natural methods often take a lot longer before they begin to make a noticeable difference, however they are often less invasive than surgery.

There are so many options to try before something as drastic as a hysterectomy, which isn't always a definitive cure.

I would encourage women like Teya to keep talking about endometriosis and raising awareness. I would also encourage women who are suffering to advocate for themselves, do their own research and not give up. What works for one woman, may not work for another. It's all about finding what works best for you.

Breanna Neufeld, Winkler

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# Silent art auction raises over \$4,600

By Cori Bezan

The Art and Food for the Soul silent auction this spring was a great success, raising thousands of dollars for two local non-profit groups.

The Pembina Hills Arts Council and Many Hands Resource Centre teamed up to host the auction in May, featuring work from 12 local artists, including Tammy Hendrickx, Sally Unrau, and Susan Pharaoh.

PHAC executive director Amanda Nicholls said that 46 people attended the reception and participated in some last-minute bidding while enjoying the fine cuisine of the evening.

The fundraiser raised a total of \$4,648, which will be split evenly between the two organizations to support their ongoing programs in the community.

PHAC and Many Hands send out their thanks to the event's many sponsors.

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# ACU members give okay to voting bylaw change

By Cori Bezan

Members of the Access Credit Union gathered in Morden on June 22 to vote on a bylaw change regarding how many voting stations the institution can set up when a decision needs to be made.

"Tonight's vote was in order to amend the by-laws of Access Credit Union in order to allow for voting in a meeting held in remote locations at the same time, connected by electronic media," explained board chair Darryl Loewen. "Our current bylaws only allow for one meeting location."

The need for additional voting stations became apparent after ACU members were asked to cast their votes on an amalgamation agreement between the Access and Assiniboine credit unions in April.

That vote could only be held at a single location, and was therefore held in Winkler, which made for a long journey for members who lived in Carman, Oak Bluff, and beyond.

After the merger was defeated, in large part due to low voter turnout, Loewen said they received a lot of feedback on the voting process itself.

"There's been a lot of feedback since April, and one of the messages that was really broadly heard is for an opportunity to vote closer to home so that members needn't drive 100 kilometres or more to a single location," he explained. "Members were calling for a mechanism. The business of the springtime has taught us some things about what the Credit Union Act will allow if your bylaws are precise. Tonight, we made precise bylaws that can work within the Act."

Before the vote took place on the bylaw change at the meeting, credit union members were able to voice their support and concerns for it.

"There were a few comments that were brief and in support of this direction by the board," Loewen said. "There were a few concerns about this being sort of strategic to get back to merger, and maybe a sense of caution about that."

Members voted 265 in favour of the change, while three members opposed and three abstained.

"With tonight's change, we'll be able to link numerous locations electronically for communication in both directions and thereby expand the



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Access Credit Union members voted in favour of changing the by-laws to allow for multiple voting sites when a major decision needs to be made.

meeting and increase the access to the vote," Loewen said.

"In my mind, this was confirmation of what the members who brought about the petition were looking for," said CEO Larry Davey on the decision, speaking of a petition that was put forth for a revote on the merger. "They wanted to see that there was good activity, good engagement from everybody, and they wanted that process to extend across all of our branches and all of our locations. The

one item that came up the most out of the amalgamation vote was why couldn't we have more locations [to vote]? So, to me, this is a great day for the members. They'll have that ability when we vote."

More research is being done in regards to the communications technology needed to link future meetings, but Loewen said that they predict being comfortable remotely connecting five to eight or more different locations for future votes.

## > DOCTOR'S CORNER

# Why should I see a doctor if I'm not sick?

**D**o I really need to see a family physician?

You may be one of those lucky individuals who have never missed a day of work from sickness in your life. Perhaps you're young and busy with the chaos of raising small chil-

dren. But even if the only time you ever saw a doctor was when your mother took you as a child, you still should consider having a family physician.

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If a time comes when you do become unwell, having someone who knows you and your health can help you get to the bottom of your issue quicker.

Seeing your doctor when you are well allows them to identify when you just aren't yourself. When your health changes, it is easier for someone who knows you to recognize those changes and investigate or treat your condition accordingly.

Although there are shortages in family physicians in our region, your local clinic is working hard to recruit new doctors so you can develop a patient-physician relationship with someone you trust.



By Dr. Kevin Earl, MD, CCFP

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# Filipino community celebrates summer

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

After waiting out the storm, the local Filipino community held their annual summer picnic at Colert Beach last Saturday.

The community came together to celebrate their culture with food, games for the children, and plenty of time to mingle and get to know one another.

"We are all far away from our family in the Philippines," says Jewel White. She explains that events like this is a way for the new families to get to know the local Filipino community and celebrate their traditions, even far from home.

The picnic included Filipino food like pork skewers, mango salad, dinuguan (a traditional pork stew) and ice pudding cake, as well as some North American favourites like pizza and cupcakes.

Organizer Marcos Simpao said that there were over 60 people at the event from Winkler, Morden, and Morris.

Eight years ago there were only a handful of Filipinos in the area. Today there are about 55 families in Winkler and another eight families in Morden, White says.

"It's nice to grow up in a small town community," she says, noting the immigrants came to Canada for better education and a variety of jobs rang-



PHOTO BY EMILY-ANN DOERKSEN/VOICE

Sixty members of the growing Filipino community came to Colert Beach for their bi-annual Filipino community event last Saturday, enjoying a picnic and games. The next celebration will be at Christmas.

ing from the industrial to health care fields.

The next Filipino community event will take place this Christmas.

# Darlingford Memorial Park hosts service Sunday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

For over 90 years, each July the Darlingford Memorial Park has honoured the memory of those who gave their lives in service to their country.

This year is no different, with the park hosting its 94th annual Memorial Service on Sunday, July 5 at 11 a.m.

The July date comes from the anniversary of the park's dedication back in 1921, says committee member Glenn Rasmussen.

"And we've been doing it ever since," he says. "We're really well-supported by the community every year."

"It's a time of remembrance for

young and old," he adds. "A lot of people tell us it's such a peaceful, special place to go to reflect and remember."

Serving as guest speaker at this year's service is Della Morley from East St. Paul, the 2009 Memorial (Silver) Cross Mother.

Morley is the mother of the late Cpl. Keith Morley, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2006 by a suicide bicycle bomber while serving as a member of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Following the service, lunch will be available at the Darlingford School Museum. Cost is by donation, with proceeds going to the museum.

The Darlingford Memorial is the only free-standing memorial building of its kind in Manitoba that honours the war dead.

The park is maintained by a local volunteer committee and community volunteers.



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The Darlingford Memorial Park holds its 94th annual Memorial Service this Sunday, July 5, at 11 a.m. All are welcome to come pay respect to those who gave their lives in service to our country.



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# Morden chamber celebrates 125 years

By Cori Bezan

Chamber members, business owners, and community leaders alike came together last Thursday for a celebratory luncheon at the Minnewasta Golf and Country Club in honour of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce's 125-year history.

"There's only three chambers in Manitoba older than Morden, so I think that's just really a huge accomplishment for Morden," said executive director Candace Olafson. "To be a chamber that is still growing and strong is something to be really proud of."

Looking to the organization's future, board chair Chad Sheldon outlined a three-year strategic plan at the luncheon that has already been put into

effect, outlining their biggest goals.

"The three key areas are to develop some partnerships with organizations that are linked in the same strategic direction as we are, and member engagement, we really want all of our members and the community to know our role and be engaged with the chamber," Olafson explained. "Thirdly, the Manitoba and Canadian chamber do a great job of advocacy on behalf of business. We've dabbled in some of it, but we want to do more, and so we want our members to know that we want to hear what's going on in their business and what issues they're facing so that we can take it up the appropriate levels and help them out."

Olafson said that with the new strategic plan in place, the chamber is working towards creating some new committees to help fulfill that action plan.

One of the newest additions to the Chamber team is the newly-created mascot "Myra Morden", who will connect with the community through social media.

"Myra is a great ambassador for Morden, she is full of community pride, and we



PHOTOS BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Above: Morden chamber president Chad Sheldon outlined the organization's three-year strategic plan at their 125th anniversary luncheon last week. Right: Executive director Candace Olafson (left) and Morden communications coordinator Chaley Voht unveiled "Myra Morden", the city's new social media mascot.



just encourage everyone to follow her Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook, because she's going to be posting about everything that's going on in Morden—cool events, where to eat, where to shop, what promotions might be happening," Olafson said.

"She loves Morden, she knows

what's going on, and she's the finger on the pulse of Morden," Sheldon added.

Myra Morden will be sharing her adventures and news on Facebook and at @myramorden on Twitter and Instagram.

## The Bra Lady Is Coming To Size You Up

Are you tired of feeling saggy, lumpy, pinched or strained? Well you're not alone. As you've probably seen on Oprah or read in women's magazines, over 80 per cent of all women wear the wrong size bra.

Here's where Barb Chapman, the Bra Lady, comes in.

Due to the overwhelming response to the previous clinic, Chapman is coming to **WINKLER AND MORDEN ON THURSDAY, JULY 9** to outfit you with the best possible bra for your body. Chapman said she will be seeing clients on a one-on-one basis, explaining the benefits of good bras and measuring their bodies properly.

"Most women just want to find a good-fitting bra that's not uncomfortable," Chapman says. "What they don't realize is that a good support bra is also important for blood circulation and enhanced lymph drainage."

Chapman has over 200 bra sizes available for ordering, ranging from 30AA to 52KK. It's likely that you'll fit somewhere between those sizes.

She offers these questions for women to ask themselves:

- Do you have a drawer full of bras but none that fit comfortably?
- Does your bust line "bounce" when you walk while wearing your "everyday" bra?
- Do you overflow the cup of your bra?
- Do your bra straps dig into your shoulders leaving red and painful marks?
- Does your bra ride up in the back because you tighten the straps to give you added support?
- Have you ever begun an exercise class only to drop out because your breasts ached from lack of support while jumping or running?

If you answer yes to any of these you are in need of a new bra, and a custom one could be the way to go.

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She doesn't come into town very often so she advises booking as soon as possible. Although Chapman enjoys coming to this area, she is on the look-out for someone to train for the business.

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## 'A Day in the Life of a Pioneer' Mon.

Step back to the past next week with the Pembina Threshermen's Museum's first "A Day in the Life of a Pioneer" event of the summer.

The Hwy. 3 heritage village hosts the first of four "A Day in the Life" days this Monday, July 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional days are scheduled for July 18, July 27, and Aug. 15.

All of the pioneer buildings will be open to explore, several featuring volunteers and demonstrations of pioneer life, says general manager Kim Striemer.

"We'll have someone in the blacksmith shop, corn grinding demos, kids can also try their hand at 'milking' Betsy the cow," she says of the

replica cow they have on site.

Kids can also check out the activity centre for more fun or take part in the scavenger hunt.

Each kid who stops by will get to head into the village donning either a supplied homemade apron or a bandana and suspenders to truly get them into the pioneer spirit, Striemer says.

Admission is \$7.50 for adults and free for kids 12 and under.

Lunch will be available for purchase from 12-1 p.m. in the dining hall.

For more information, go to [www.threshermuseum.com](http://www.threshermuseum.com).



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Red River College's Winkler campus graduated 136 students last week. Right: Co-valedictorian Tiffany Peters addresses the class. She was joined as valedictorian by her mother and aunt, who received their mature student high school diplomas.

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# RRC hands out college, high school diplomas

"IF YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN DO IT, GO FOR IT. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE DONE, AND THAT IS WHY WE'RE ARE HERE TODAY AS GRADUATE STUDENTS."

By Cori Bezan

Red River College's Winkler campus graduated 136 students during a ceremony at the Grace Mennonite Church on June 23.

After congratulatory remarks from local dignitaries, Access Credit Union director of credit Louis Tanguay took to the podium to offer some advice to the grads.

"What I hope for you is that your learning doesn't stop here today," he said. "I tell you now: explore. Never stop learning, whether it's through additional formal education or through life experiences."

"People who know me best know that I'm passionate about community service and having fun," he continued. One of Tanguay's early volunteer gigs was his time spent as a coach, despite not having kids of his own on the team. "I would often get asked, why are you coaching those boys? My response was, why not? If not me, who? They needed help, I had spare time, it worked."

Tanguay's time coaching hockey paved the way for his future in volunteerism, an endeavor that he encouraged the grads to consider in their own futures in the form of a David Letterman-esque "Top 10" list with points such as gaining experience, bringing people together, achieving goals, and promoting personal growth while making a difference in someone else's life.

"I encourage each and every one of you to volunteer. It doesn't take an enormous amount of time to make a difference in someone's life," Tanguay said. "Every little bit helps. Let's not make volunteering that thing that other people do. You do."

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give," he added quoting Winston Churchill.

The valedictory addresses were a family affair this year, as dental assistant graduate Tiffany Peters first took to the stage before her mother and aunt delivered their speech on behalf of the mature student high school diploma graduates.

"Today we can sit here and know that we accomplished something great, and now we get to be recognized for it, and it was something that we earned," Tiffany Peters began. "When you're with the same group of people for eight months

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Graduate Sidney Riddell receives her Early Childhood Education diploma with honours.

# Class of 2015 full of 'passion, perseverance'

By Cori Bezan

It was a day of laughter and tears, joy and triumph as the 27 students at the Morden Adult Education Centre received their diplomas in front of family and friends on June 22.

"For these courageous adults who venture back to the Morden Adult Education Centre, the diploma that they hold at the end of today represents not just their academic struggle, but a unique journey that it took to get to today," said director Kelly Vipond. "Attaining a high school diploma isn't easy . . . to be an adult with a full life, a family, jobs, bills, electing to go back to school can be overwhelming to even fathom, never mind complete."

"The progress that our graduates this year have experienced is not just academic in nature," she continued.

"It's delicate, individual, and distinctly personal. It is often profound and can be soul-altering . . . these kinds of changes and experiences are ones that can only be described as something called transformation, and that is what the little piece of paper you are here for today truly represents. A deep understanding that you can, and have, risen to an incredible challenge, and you conquered it."

Vipond described the class of 2015 as a group of individuals who embodied the very definition of grit.

"Grit is passion and perseverance for long-term goals," she explained. "Grit is sticking with your future, plans, day in, day out, not just for a week, not just for a month, sometimes for years, and working truly hard to make that future a reality. Grit is living life like it's a marathon, not a sprint."

The graduating class selected Victoria Quiring to deliver the valedictory address on their behalf.

"Today's the day we aspired to. It's the reason we came to school every day, asked questions, studied our butts off, and got our homework done, most of the time," Quiring said. "We are prepared to embrace our new experiences with open arms and take everything in that this beautiful world has to offer us."

"After today, we are no longer classmates, but graduates bonded by a year of struggles and success," she said. "The road ahead of us will be

Morden Adult Education Centre class of 2015 valedictorian Victoria Quiring urged her classmates to take the bumps in the road ahead in stride, and "to drive as far as we possibly can go."



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Serena Bergen's tassel is turned to mark her graduation from the Morden Adult Education Centre.

difficult, but with the hard work and dedication we have put to the test this year, I have no doubt that the future is bright for each and every one of us. The bumps in the road that we hit along the way are only as big as we make them . . . now is our time to decide which road we will take, and allow ourselves to finally have the

chance to drive as far as we possibly can go."

A number of students received scholarships for their hard work: the Western Teacher's Association Academic Scholarship and the Morden

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# Manitoba's Passion Play starts this weekend

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Oak Valley Productions brings the story of Jesus Christ to life with its 16th annual performance of Manitoba's Passion Play, running July 4-5 and July 10-12 at the outdoor stage near La Rivière.

"When we started, we never really had any expectations for how long we'd do it," says director Belita Sanders, who has headed up the production since the beginning. "It's beautiful that year after year we have a lot of the same actors coming back, a lot of the same people behind-the-scenes . . . there's such a commitment and a love for this project."

The show gives an account of the suffering of Jesus during the last days of his life. In recent years, the script has been expanded to include a few scenes from earlier in his life, as well.

It's sharing that story that keeps the volunteers coming back year after year, Sanders says.

"I think the source of working as a volunteer with this project in bringing the Gospel to life in a unique way, I think that's a big reason of why people do this," she said. "It's far beyond an acting experience . . . we're really touching people's hearts."

"Also, it's very beautiful that all these different Christian denominations are working together to share this story," she adds. "It's a real beau-



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The Manitoba Passion Play runs for the next two weekends at the Oak Valley Productions stage.

tiful sense of unity that is created."

The show runs nightly this Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. for three shows July 10-12.

Food concessions are available on-site. There is seating available, though

people are also welcome to bring their own lawn chairs.

This Sunday, July 5, a family Praise and Worship will be held starting at 5 p.m. and featuring a youth hike on the Outdoor Mediation Trail at 5:45

p.m.

On Sunday, July 12, an outdoor mass will be led by Archbishop Albert Le-Gatt at 4 p.m.

For more information and tickets, go to [www.passionplay.ca](http://www.passionplay.ca).

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straight, five days a week, you learn very quickly about how everyone works and you especially learned a lot about yourself."

"There were many situations where teamwork and efficiency was needed, where we had to be leaders and take charge," she continued, "and there were situations where we had to be patient of one another. And of course this wasn't always easy, but all I know is that we had a fabulous group of people who learned to work together quickly . . . going through all the ups and downs, we were rewarded with friendships and

relationships that I know I will cherish, because though they may not all last, they will forever be memories to look back on and be thankful for."

"When I started class in September, I was afraid I wasn't ever going to get my grade 12, let alone be standing up here today," said Trudy Peters. "If you believe you can do it, go for it, and

that's what we have done, and that is why we are here today as graduate students."

"Some people dream of success, while others wake up and work hard for it," added Nettie Peters. "Class of 2015, we chose to wake up and work hard, and today we are here to celebrate our success."

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Area Foundation Scholarship were both awarded to Trudy Fehr, the Western School Division Academic Scholarship was awarded to Ma-

donna Cole, and Victoria Quiring received the Morden Adult Education Centre Academic Scholarship.

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## New stove for Services for Seniors

Thanks in part to a \$1,000 donation from the Morden Area Foundation, the Morden Services for Seniors was able to purchase a much-needed new stove.

The project was a joint effort involving MAF's donation as well as donations from local seniors, says Karen Dyck, resource coordinator for Morden Services for Seniors.

"This project was very exciting to see it come together with the help of so many," she says. "This new stove replaces our old stove of 20 years. Hopefully this will last another 20 years."

The stove will help with the huge-

**"THIS PROJECT WAS VERY EXCITING TO SEE COME TOGETHER WITH THE HELP OF SO MANY"**

ly popular congregate meal program, which operates at the Morden Friendship Centre, Legion House 2, and Oak West Estates, providing seniors with a full-course lunch every weekday for a nominal cost.



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Morden Area Foundation executive director Lynda MacLean presents Morden Services for Seniors resource coordinator Karen Dyck with a \$1,000 donation towards a brand new stove for the congregate meal program.



## Riding in style

Some of Parkland Elementary School's top student patrols earned the red carpet treatment last week as the kids got toured around town in a luxurious limousine, courtesy of U-Drive Rentals. The school implemented a point system to enrol more students as patrols for the year, with a limo ride as a top-tier reward. Above: Jeff Reimer, Victoria Krahn, Jessica Enns, Hannah Montgomery, Cadence Penner, Maddi Sundquist, and Mansimer Dhillon go for a spin.

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## New Stanley play structures thanks to Enbridge donation

From left: RM of Stanley Reeve Morris Olafson, Enbridge stakeholder relations advisor Kim Taylor, and RM of Stanley Deputy Reeve Pete Froese at the cheque presentation of \$28,000 from Enbridge. The bulk of the money was used to put two new play structures into Stanley Park, with about \$3,000 going towards the RM of Stanley's 125th anniversary celebration that took place on Saturday (see Pg. 2).

PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

## Battery drop-off diverts 35 kilos

It's been a booming first six months for the Access Event Centre's battery recycling program.

Over 35 kilograms, or about 1,500 alkaline batteries, have been saved from the landfill since Morden first installed one of the Call2Recycle drop-off boxes at the event centre this winter.

"The battery recycle program at the Access Event Centre has been very popular, and we're glad to be able to offer this convenient service to the community," says director of community services Clare Agnew. "Every step we can make in helping the environment is worth it."

The Call2Recycle drop-off bin is located just inside the Access Event Centre lobby.

Residents are invited to drop off their unwanted household or cell-phone batteries anytime the facility is open. There is no fee for drop-offs.

If you'd like to learn more about Call2Recycle, check them out online at call2recycle.ca.



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Morden director of community services' Clare Agnew with the city's Call2Recycle battery drop-off box, located in the Access Event Centre lobby. The box has taken in approximately 1,500 alkaline batteries in the last six months alone.

## Massage therapy students give back



PHOTO BY CORI BEZAN/VOICE

Massage therapy students raised funds through discounted services at Morden Massage Therapy over the last few months and decided to give back to the community, handing over \$874 to the Agassiz Medical Centre Board last Thursday. The students said that they felt honoured to be able to contribute in this way. Back row, from left: Agassiz Medical Centre clinic manager Karen Chezick, Morden Massage Therapy owner Linda Menzies, Agassiz board members Bob Wahl and Henry Penner. Front row: Massage therapy students Annika Wiebe and Rebecca Wolfe.

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# Special O gives back to Katie Cares

Winkler Wizzards Special Olympics athletes Keith, Margaret, and Tamera presented Katie Cares' Ruth Reimer (second from right) with a donation of \$427.85 last week. The Wizzards held a walk-a-thon in May to raise funds for both Winkler Elementary School and Katie Cares. Special O athletes hold a special place in the heart of Katie Cares, as its founder, the late Kaitlyn Reimer, was involved with the program as a coach. Ruth Reimer presented the walk-a-thon's top fund-raisers with Katie Cares t-shirts featuring the new logo in thanks for all their hard work.

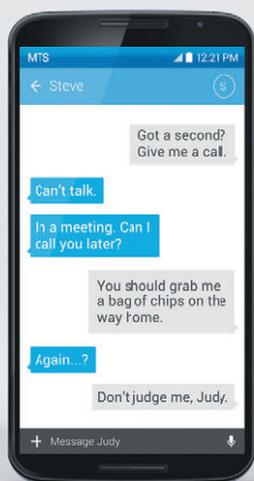
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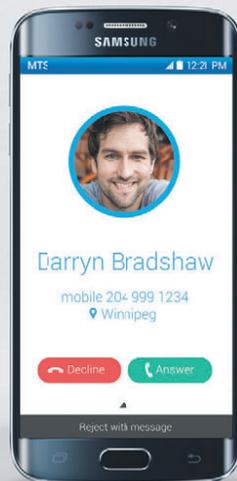
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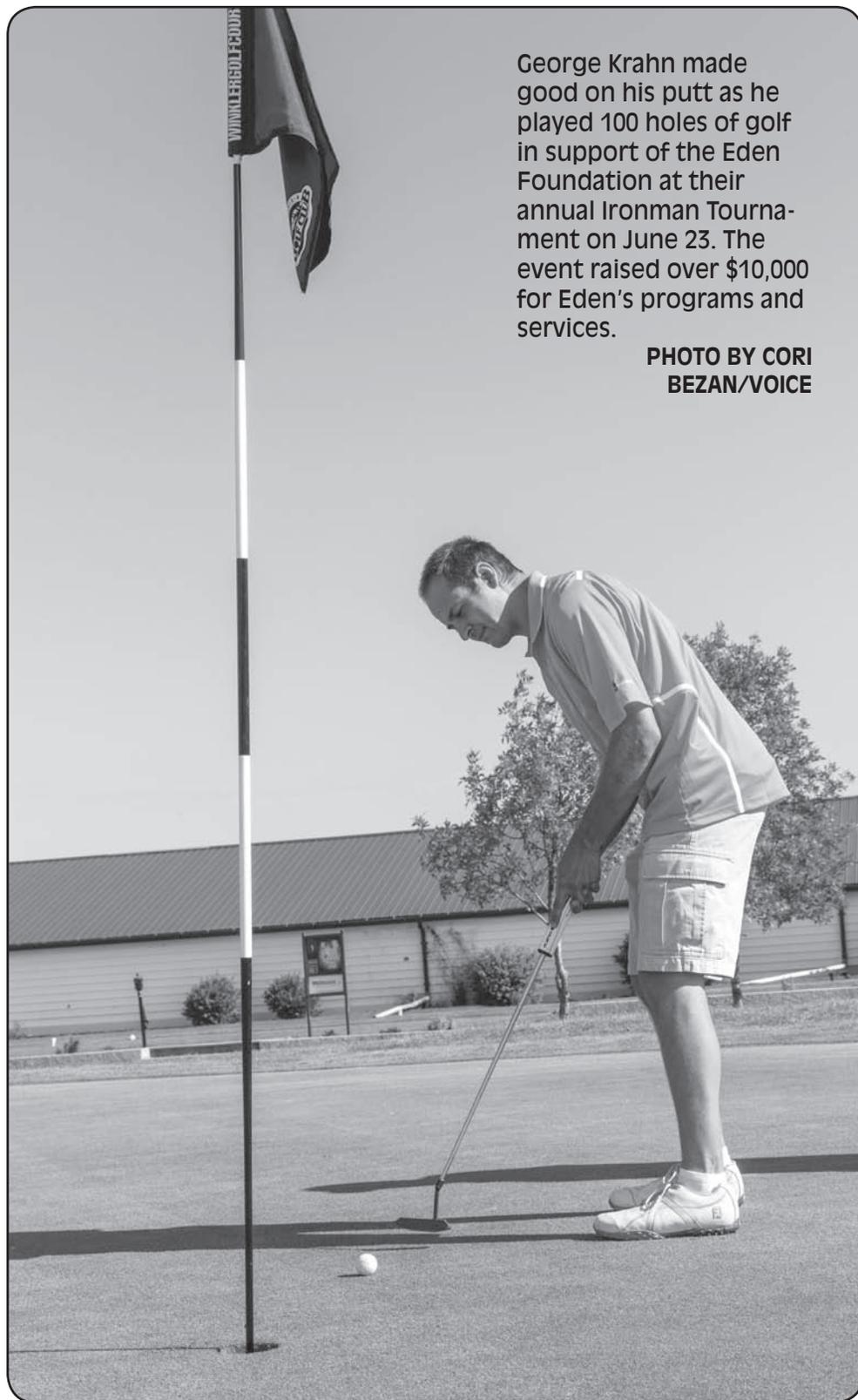
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George Krahn made good on his putt as he played 100 holes of golf in support of the Eden Foundation at their annual Ironman Tournament on June 23. The event raised over \$10,000 for Eden's programs and services.

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## Eden Ironman raises over \$10K

By Cori Bezan

A dozen golfers and caddies made their way around the Winkler Centennial Golf Course on June 23, playing 100 holes of golf to raise money and awareness for the Eden Foundation at the 15th annual Ironman Golf Tournament.

"This is an event that is 100 holes of golf golfed in one day, and it is usually done by a smaller group of people, though we'd love to have more," said foundation director of development Earl Reimer. "It gives participants the sensation of what it's like to be persistent, and it connects in with our mental health stories in that when one thinks that one has reached 80 holes of golf this will never end, it's at that point where one realizes, boy, I can make an extra 20 holes because people who are dealing with issues of mental never have an end in sight."

"It's an awareness of mental health issues, it's commitment to helping an organization that helps people who are dealing with issues of mental health," he added. "I think the golfers need to be applauded for their commitment to this event."

After participating for the first time last year, golfers George Krahn and Peter Krahn returned to the course again this year to continue their support of the Eden Foundation.

"We're doing it first of all because it's a great cause, because we know some family and some friends who struggle with some mental issues now and then, so it hits close to home," said George. "There's always a need. There is funding from the government, but sometimes it's not quite adequate . . . the fundraising events like this, they just put it over the top and everything seems to work out perfectly."

"Plus, golf is fun," Peter added.

The 12 participants helped to raise over \$10,000 for the Eden Foundation, which will go towards Eden Health Care Services' Recovery of Hope, Segue Career Options, and housing and support services programs.

"IT HITS CLOSE TO HOME . . . THERE'S ALWAYS A NEED."

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## Orioles struggle to put one in the win column

By Cori Bezan

The Pembina Valley Orioles had a rough go of it this past week, pulling only one win out of their latest five games in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League.

First up, the Orioles were shut-out in two consecutive games against the

Altona Bisons, playing away June 23 and at home on June 24.

The Tuesday night game saw Altona get six runners across the plate for a 6-0 win, while on Wednesday the final score was 4-0.

The Orioles struggled to shake off the shut-outs as they went up against the Elmwood Giants on Friday. The

Giants still came out ahead 17-5.

On the road for a double-header against the St. Boniface Legionaires, the Orioles finally snapped their losing streak with a 7-5 victory over the Winnipeg team, but were unable to sustain their momentum in game two, which they narrowly lost 2-0.

The scores for Wednesday's double-

header against Winnipeg South were not available at press time.

The Orioles are currently sitting in fifth place in the league, trailing the first-place Bisons, Legionaires, Winnipeg South, and the Giants.

Coming up, the Orioles take on the Sultans on Friday and the St. James A's on Sunday and Wednesday.

# Pembina Valley Panthers check out World Cup

The Pembina Valley Panthers soccer team got a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience World Cup fever first-hand after player Joe Geake won tickets for his entire team to the June 22 Ecuador-Japan match in Winnipeg. The nearly \$6,000 prize package from Kia Canada included box seats, snacks, soccer prize bags, and a chance for 11-year-old Geake to walk the field and even kick the ball around for awhile during half-time alongside the World Cup mascot.

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# Mohawks down Clearwater, crush Pilots

The Morden Mohawks decimated their opponents in Border West Baseball League action last weekend.

The boys had back-to-back away games Sunday afternoon, going up first against Clearwater and walking off the field with a 3-0 win.

They then took on the Pilot Mound Pilots, wiping the plate with them 16-0.

The double wins followed on the heels of a 5-4 victory over the Cartwright Twins and a disappointing 13-3 loss to the Killarney Lakers earlier in the week.

The Mohawks currently sit in second place in the league with a 7-4

record, trailing the first-place Baldur Regals, who are 9-2 so far this season.

Rounding out the top three is the Cartwright Twins, who are 4-4 and

have three games in hand over the front-runners.

Morden has three more regular season games to go: they travel to play

the Pilots on July 7, host the Twins on July 10, and then play in Baldur on July 12.

# Flyers announce season schedule

The Winkler Flyers will kick off their 35th season of junior hockey by going up against the Steinbach Pistons on the road on Sept. 25.

The team released its 2015-16 regular season schedule last week. The Flyers will play six of their first 10

games at home, including their home owner on Sept. 26 against the Pistons.

The 60 game schedule in the Major Junior Hockey League will include 29 home games and 29 road games. All 11 league teams will also play two games at the MJHL Showcase event

at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg in October. Winkler will play Dauphin and Neepawa at the event.

For the full schedule, go to [www.winklerflyers.com](http://www.winklerflyers.com).

Season ticket information will be announced soon, the team says.

# Manitou student wins MHSAA scholarship

Manitou's Tara Frisch was one of just four students across the province to receive a 2015 Credit Unions of Manitoba High School Scholar Athlete Award at a ceremony in Winnipeg earlier this month.

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association, with support from Credit Unions of Manitoba, hands out the \$1,000 scholarships to student athletes who maintained a minimum 85 per cent average and compete in at least two interscholastic sports. Other criteria include school, community, volunteer, and citizenship activities.

Frisch, who graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate last month, participated in golf, volleyball, curling, basketball, fastball, track and

field, and cross country.

She was the captain of her volleyball team, skip of NMC's provincial championship-winning curling team, and she achieved the second lowest ladies score at the Zone 6 Golf Tournament.

Frisch maintained a 98 per cent academic average while also getting involved in numerous ways both at school and in her community.

"I have learned lessons that will stay with me for the rest of my life," Frisch said of her involvement in sports. "Future applications of teamwork skills are cooperation with colleagues and knowing one's responsibilities within a workplace."

"I have learned that sportsman-



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Nellie McClung Collegiate graduate Tara Frisch (second from right) was one of just four Manitoba athletes to receive a \$1,000 Credit Unions of Manitoba High School Scholar Award this year.

ship is the key to building friendships with my competitors. This skill will help me to remain humble in my

success and composed in my failures throughout my life."



# Morden U16 on top

The Morden U16 team won the Tiger Hills Fastball playoffs hosted in Morden on June 21. Teams from Morden, Winkler, Altona, Carman, Manitou/Rock Lake, and Bruxelles competed. Morden downed Manitou 9-4 and Winkler 12-2 in the round robin to advance to the semi-finals, where they beat Carman 15-11 and then creamed Altona 9-0 to win the final. The team includes (back row, from left) coach Carolyn Wiebe, Bryn Friesen, Jamie Odlum, Jasmine Street, Alicia Brodie, Kenzie Heide, Cailin Enns, coach Amy Agnew, (front row, from left) coach Clare Agnew, Isabela Dyck, Katia Peters, Zariya Martens, Kelsea Harder, Bryanna Assin, and Erin Doherty.

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## Storm fall, 'Canes win

The Winkler Storm fell to visiting Bonivital 2-1 in Manitoba Major Soccer League action last Sunday night.

Winkler's Roberto Kort scored the Storm's lone goal, while Waldi Friebus and Alvin Rode split keeper duties, giving up the two.

The Storm currently have a firm hold on fourth place in the league with a 4-3 record, trailing the third-place Scotia United.

The team's home-game stretch continues with a game against the Britannia Rovers this Sunday at 6 p.m. They'll also play Sunday home games

against Pescara and FC Internazionale to round out the month of July.

The SC Hurricanes, meanwhile, defeated Maniko 1-0 in Winnipeg on Monday. Jennifer Martens scored the team's winning goal. Alyssa Penner got the shut-out in net.

The ladies are currently tied for third place in the 10-team Winnipeg Womens Soccer League's Division 1 with a record of 3-2-2.

Next week, the 'Canes will travel to play the SE Shooters on Monday. Their next home game is July 12 against Victorious Secret.

## > IRONMAN, FROM PG. 18

"People who are dealing with issues of mental health are in need of a little extra assistance," Reimer said. "If we have the ability to help someone immediately who is in need of mental health care, we can do that. Then, if we can supply a way of living that allows someone to live on their own successfully and be reintegrated back into the community, that's why these programs are important, because that makes that part possible."

"The truth of the matter is, between one in four and one in five people across the country have dealt with, are dealing with, or will be dealing with some level of mental health is-

sue," he added. "We are at the pointy end of that stick to try and help people who are dealing with issues of mental health."

The Eden Foundation's next event will be the eighth annual Visit the Villages Tractor Trek on July 11, where tractor drivers will raise money and ride their tractors around the countryside for the day. Reimer said they hope to see 40 trekkers raise \$60,000 this year.

For more information, you can visit [www.edenhealthcare.ca](http://www.edenhealthcare.ca) under the Upcoming Events tab, or register by calling the Eden Foundation office at 204-325-5355.

## ALH Motor Speedway results

Winners at the ALH Motor Speedway last Sunday included:

- Pure Stock: Brad Wall in first, Nathan Klaasen in second, and Steve Redman in third place.
- Midwest Mods: Austin Hunter, Cody Wall, and Ted Doell.

- Street Stocks: Billy Maruca, Jesse Teunis, Shawn Holden.
  - A-Mods: Lee McRae, Ward Imrie, and Scott Greer.
  - Four-cylinder: Mark Syvert, Dean Miljure, and Terri Burke.
- Next race day is July 12.

## 3rd Wave supports SCCR



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The 3rd Wave Triathlon Club's Leanne Nause recently presented South Central Cancer Resource's Norma Hildebrand with a donation of \$2,500—part of the proceeds from the 2014 Morden Triathlon. Last year's race raised \$4,500, which went to SCCR, Morden Caring and Sharing, and the Many Hands Resource Centre. "The success of our race is largely based on our community. We designate the proceeds to these organizations, as they give so much to our community," says Nause. The groups have also been very supportive to our race over the years and we enjoy working together with them." This year's Morden Triathlon takes place on July 11-12.

The Winkler Morden

# Voice

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# Agriculture

## Hog levels in U.S. back to normal levels

By Harry Siemens

When the United States Department of Agriculture released their quarterly hogs and pigs report last Friday, headlines in farm papers called out loudly saying the U.S. hog and pig inventory is back to pre-PED levels.

On the one hand, its good news for the consumer because shortages shot the pork price up. But it's not such good news for hog producers, especially in Canada, because they're still recovering from their previous losses.

Hog commentator Jim Long says at first glance the June 1 Hogs and Pigs Report is bearish.

"Four million plus million market hogs in inventory is a daunting number compared to last year," he says. "On a 25 week production cycle an average 180,000 more market hogs a week. The current hog cash market is a disappointment. Prices are significantly lower than last year at 48 cents lean a pound lower or about \$100 per head. That is a huge decrease."

He projected last year PED had increased market hogs by \$30-\$40 per head, but admits to being off a bit on that one. Looking at current prices, it was closer to \$100 per head.

"PED was the most profitable single event in our generation. The inelastic supply-demand equation is very real in the hog industry."

There are some positives, according to Long, because it surprised him the U.S. breeding herd dropped from March 1 to June 1. The drop of 56,000 sows is contrary to the belief the U.S. sow herd is increasing. Genesis has been stocking new and empty sow units.

"We thought we were getting proportional part of an expansion compared to our competitors," Long says. "Obviously wrong again, we must be getting a larger percentage of new stockings."

The U.S. sow herd on June 1 is up only 40,000 sows from 2 years ago and Long doesn't expect the numbers to lead to huge production in 2017.

The market hog inventory is up nine per cent from a year ago, but up only three per cent from two years ago.

When Long looks at the whole picture, there are definitely more pigs.

"The real question is why are hogs so much lower today than in 2013 when market numbers were much the same? We can't explain the price difference of 2015 to 2013 of \$50 per head, with a 70,000 hog a week supply difference."

Tyler Fulton, director of risk management with h@ms Marketing Services in Winnipeg, says continuing strong demand for pork and a weak Canadian dollar has helped cushion Canadian pork producers from the effects of increased numbers of U.S. hogs going to slaughter.

Fulton says hog numbers normally start to tighten during the warmer

summer months as demand for pork peaks during barbecue season which corresponds with higher prices, but that hasn't happened this year.

"In the first three weeks of June, the U.S. hog slaughter ran about 7 to 8 per cent larger than 2013 levels," he says. "I really don't think anybody in the industry was really anticipating such a large increase in a relatively short period of time, really over the last six weeks or so. So, in general, demand has played a positive role but not near enough to offset the bearish factors of the surprisingly large hog supply."

Fulton says one of the positive factors influencing demand is beef prices continue to stay at near record high levels and so, from a consumer stand-

point, pork represents really very good value. But, quite simply, they're not consuming enough to completely offset the negative influences of the heavy supply.

He says the Canadian dollar is a positive influence on Canadian pork profitability because it's running at such a deficit to the U.S. dollar.

"Because the Canadian industry uses a U.S. pricing point in almost all of its formula contracts, when there's a weak Canadian dollar it serves to benefit Canadian producers so, if it remains at levels around the 80 to 82 cents that we've been trading at, it's going to favor Canadian producers," says Fulton.

## A little yellowing, but still the best crop growing

By Harry Siemens

There's corn in them thar fields, say farmers in southern Manitoba. In some cases, as June wrapped up, it was thigh or even waist high.

"Rows are basically filled in. Tough to get coverage with chemical right

about now," says Warren McCutcheon of Carman. His farm went through all kinds of weather challenges this summer, especially the May long weekend, but the crop survived and is growing big time.

Growing pains and yellowish leaves are causing some farmers some con-

cern, but nothing that's expected to result in yield loss, says Adam McKnight of Bud McKnight Seeds.

"Really what you are looking at right there is what you'd call rapid growth syndrome," he says. "It most com-

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## Paraguay-bound later this month

> HARRY SIEMENS

**M**any people keep asking about my plans for a trip to Paraguay I wrote about earlier this year.

At that time, I wasn't sure whether it would indeed materialize, but, as I write this week's column, I realize my trip is exactly one month away.

It is more than just another trip—it is more like a cultural exchange of information everyone can use.

My wife, Judith, and I will spend a few days first in Sao Paulo, Brazil before heading to Asuncion and, finally, making the 500 kilometre journey alongside Elmer Kehler to Loma Plata, the headquarters for the Menno Colony in the Chaco.

The Mennonites in Paraguay contribute greatly to the area of food production and are looking for some inspiration and maybe some ideas from the farmers in Canada and the United States.

What really makes things like this stand out, of course, are the people.

We met with Adolf Harder and his wife twice during the month of June before they headed back home.

Adolf, a former high school teach-

er in the Chaco, also spent two and a half years living in Canada some years ago working for Loewen Windows.

He assured me the people in the Chaco would be able to understand me quite nicely. You see, the seven presentations I will do there, will all be in Low German, and I'm looking forward to it because it will give me opportunity to expand my vocabulary a little and to connect with those people in a special way.

My goal is to share with them the stories of farmers as it pertains to production, marketing, management, and how the small farmers

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## > CORN, FROM PG. 21

monly occurs at what you call the V5 to V6 growing stage, but you can see it as late as V12. Right now we have the growth at that V8 type staging and we just have some very nice growing conditions right now."

McKnight says corn is growing quickly and what happens is leaves get a little twisted up in the whorl and take a little more time to come out. So they are coming out a little pale, but should green up just fine once the sunlight hits them.

He doesn't think farmers planted as many acres of corn this year as last year because of conditions and lower prices and higher input costs.

While farmers like to talk about their great-looking corn, McKnight says in his position as an agronomist and seed sales company, farmers have more issues than praise.

"With our job we usually get the phone calls about corn issues rather than just look at the good stuff so I took to the air two weeks back to check things out," he says. "When I was in the air, quite surprised at how even things look from that vantage point. In my opinion, it looks fairly decent. Mind you there are pockets

like north of Elm Creek that've had too much rain and some hail events, too. Now we are speaking about Miami/Roseile, too, so there are definite pockets of crop damage out there. If we keep getting the weather we are getting, we could see more of those types of issues."

## > SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 21

are able to exist alongside the bigger ones.

Also with land and input costs rising over there, and more and more banks and credit unions offering financing to farmers, we will spend one evening of offering some advice into how they help decide how to administer the money available to them.

The other side to this equation of doing seven presentations on farming is to interview farmers and processing people to tell their story over here.

As I said at the outset, this will be an exchange of sorts, and we are happy to play a small part in it.

I know there are many people that read this column who are familiar with the people in the Menno Colony and the people in the other colonies

McKnight says most of the corn he's walked through is over knee high already.

"And you know the old farmer rule of thumb: knee high by the first of July . . . I have some corn on my own farm that is more than waist high. I have nothing to complain about the

corn on my own farm that's for sure," he says.

The crops in the Red River Valley probably look as good as anywhere in the world. Many say how advanced they are compared to last year, and how good the moisture conditions are right now.

we want, and build houses and drive cars that many other people in the world can only dream about.

The people who started the Menno Colony in 1926 and 1927 came mostly from Canada because the church leaders felt they were losing those freedoms here in Manitoba.

Those people after suffering great hardships in getting to where they are today, still living in an area where the government continues to give them those freedoms in exchange for helping to feed the rest of the people in the country.

I thank God every day for what we have in this great country and community.

# get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS

## Greek-Style Pizza

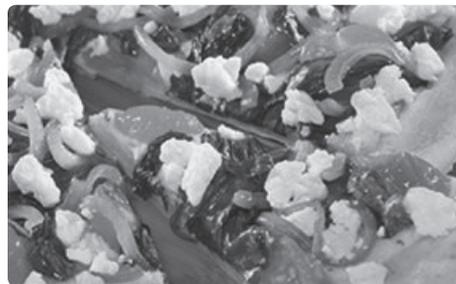
### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise dressing with extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
- 1 (10-inch) pre-baked pizza crust, thin style
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 cups baby spinach leaves
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup feta cheese

### Preparation

Preheat oven to 450°F.

In small bowl, combine mayonnaise dressing, garlic, Parmesan cheese and oregano. On cookie sheet, arrange pizza



crust. Spread with mayonnaise mixture, then top with tomatoes. Bake 12 minutes or until tomatoes are soft.

Top with spinach, onion and feta. Bake an additional 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Preparation Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 17 minutes

6 servings

### Preparation

Stir soup, cheeses, milk and black pepper in 1 1/2-quart casserole. Stir in pasta. Bake at 400°F 20 minutes or until hot.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Bake Time: 20 minutes

Makes 4 servings

Easy Substitution: Use 2 cups of your favorite shredded cheese for the 8-ounce package.

## Speedy Pasta Pie

### Ingredients

- 1 box (375 g) whole wheat spaghetti or macaroni
- 1 lb (500 g) Extra Lean or Lean Ground Beef
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 to 3 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried Italian herb seasoning
- 1 pkg (454 g) light ricotta cheese
- 1 pkg (300 g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) part-skim shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) pepper
- 4 cups (1 L) fat- and sodium-reduced pasta sauce
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) grated light Parmesan-style cheese

### Directions

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and rinse; set aside.

Meanwhile, cook beef, onion, garlic and Italian seasoning in large deep frypan over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is thoroughly cooked and any liquid has evaporated. Remove from heat. Stir in ricotta, spinach, 1 cup (250 mL) of the mozzarella and pepper; combine well. Toss with cooked pasta (don't worry if pasta tears).

Spread 1-1/3 cups (325 mL) pasta sauce into each of two 9-inch (23 cm) deep-dish glass pie plates; layer with pasta mixture. Spread remaining pasta sauce over top of each; sprinkle each with Parmesan and remaining mozzarella. (Can be covered and refrigerated or frozen.) Cover loosely with foil and bake in 350° F (180° C) oven for 30



minutes. Uncover and bake for 5 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before cutting to serve.

Makes 12 servings

Preparation: 15 minutes

Cooking: 45 minutes

*\*This recipe contains higher total fat per serving than is recommended by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. However, the saturated fat serving still meets the Foundation's criteria. Make sure that fat intake for other meals you consume the day you prepare this recipe is lower. The Foundation recommends that women consume 45 g to 75 g of fat a day, and men 60 g to 105 g daily.*

Lasagne-style Pasta Pie: Spread 1-1/3 cups (325 mL) pasta sauce in 13 x 9-inch (3 L) baking dish. Top with pasta mixture and remaining pasta sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan and remaining mozzarella.

Heart-Healthy Makeover: We used lean ground beef and lighter cheeses along with fat and sodium-reduced pasta sauce. This dish is a great way to sneak in some spinach for the spinach adverse.

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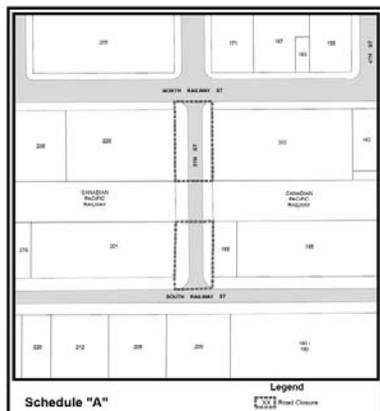
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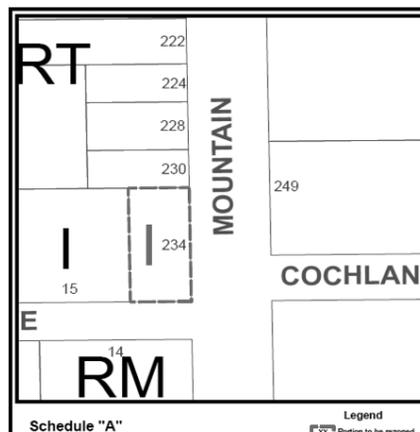
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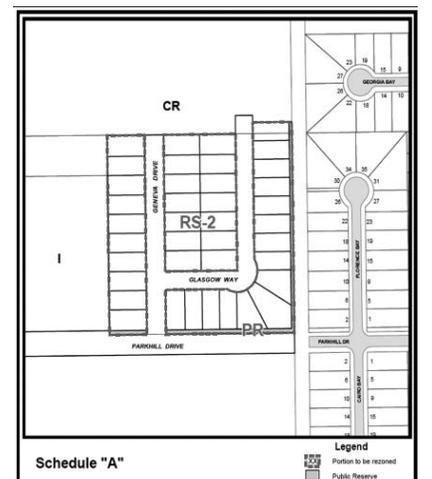
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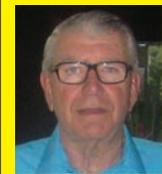


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## OBITUARY



### Abraham Teichroeb 1924 - 2015

On Friday, June 26, 2015 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB, Abraham Teichroeb, aged 91 years formerly of Gnadenthal went to his eternal rest.

He leaves to mourn his passing three daughters, Tina and John Krahn, Agatha and John Harder, Ike and Susan Giesbrecht; five sons, Pete and Anne, John and Mary, Cornie and Susan, Abe and Marie, Jake Teichroeb as well as numerous grandchildren and their families. He was predeceased by his first wife, Helena (nee Kroeker) in 1954; second wife, Katharina (nee Bergen) in 2013 and daughter-in-law, Tina in 2008; five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at the German Old Colony Mennonite Church in Hochfeld with interment at the Church Cemetery.

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

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## OBITUARY



### Hardy Waldner 1950 - 2015

On Monday, June 22, 2015 at 1:48 a.m. and after a lengthy illness, Hardy Waldner, aged 65 years of Winkler, MB went to be with Jesus, who he loved with his whole heart. He was born at the Huron Hutterite Colony, in the RM of Cartier on April 22, 1950 and was baptized on May 25, 1975.

Hardy is survived by his wife, Lorraine (nee Dyck), daughter, Tammy Rempel and her husband, Peter of Winkler, their children, Tom, Jordan and his wife, Tiana, Emily and her husband, Justin and Daniel,

son, Richard Waldner and his wife, Christel of Winkler, their children, Jerrod, Avery and Sydney,

daughter, Pam Fedack and husband, Johnathon of Winkler, their children, Nathaniel, Georgia, Allison, and Savannah, son, David Waldner and his wife, Shirlee of Reinfield, their children, Landon, Jesse and Liam. He is also survived by his mom, Susanna Waldner of Morden, eight sisters and three brothers and their families. He was predeceased by his father, Jacob Waldner and five grandbabies lost through miscarriage.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Hardy's memory to either Union Gospel Mission or Teen Challenge.

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## OBITUARY



### Bernhard (Ben W.) Penner 1932 - 2015

Dad, Bernhard (Ben) W. Penner was born on July 3, 1932 to Peter and Agatha (Wiebe) Penner.

The Penner family moved to the Thornhill District, West of Morden, from the Grimsby School District, South of Plum Coulee in 1938. He received his formal and informal education at the Mountain City School, southwest of Morden. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith in the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church on May 26, 1956 by Bishop John A. Friesen. Dad enjoyed his working career and he often told us stories of his experiences and the people he met. He was employed with the pipeline in Alberta and Saskatchewan, farmers in Southwestern Manitoba, and the Research Station in Morden.

He purchased his first quarter of land in 1959, continuing to farm and to work at the Research Station until 1963. On September 17, 1961, Dad married Tena Reimer of the Blumenfeld village. They settled on the farm known as the "Unrau Farm", southwest of Morden. The farm continued to grow during lean and prosperous years. What began as a farm milking two cows ended 30 years later with a dairy. Not only did the farm grow, as well the orchard in his garden. He enjoyed working with the fruits tree, grafting and pruning. Our parents retired to Winkler in the fall of 1995, Dad continued to help Bill on the farm until 2010. He also enjoyed his coffee time with family and friends and neighbors, meeting people, and enjoying a conversation with anyone. He had the ability to converse with anyone and loved to share his stories and experiences. He was generous and very astute with numbers and figures.

Dad was relatively healthy and robust man, enjoying good health into his late seventies. On February 13, 2015, Dad was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Center with pneumonia and related issues. He stay in the hospital and had many ups and down, at the end he seemed to be getting stronger. He had informed Mom he was going home for his birthday celebration. Mom had assured him as soon as he would be home they would enjoy his birthday, even if it was in December. Dad passed away Friday morning, June 26, 2015. During his stay at Boundary Trails Health Centre, he appreciated the excellent care he received from the medical team. He enjoyed and appreciated everyone that came to visit.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Tena; daughter, Marge and her two children, Heather and Matthew; son, Peter and Edna and their two children, Chelsea and Derek; son, Bill and Val and their two children, Tiffany and Colton; daughter, Barb and Myron Derksen and their two children, Caleb and Hannah. Dad is also survived by his sisters, Marge Unrau and Tina Hildebrand, and his brother Abe and Susie Penner. He was predeceased by his parents, Peter R. and Agatha Penner and sisters, Mary, Helen, Susan and Ruth, his brothers David, George and John.

Dad we knew you were tired, enjoy your birthday party in heaven. We will miss your smile and bright blue eyes.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at Winkler Mennonite Church with interment at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

If friends so desire, donations may be made in Ben's memory to Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Box 2000 Winkler, MB R6W 1H8.

As a family, we would like to thank the medical team for the excellent care Dad received in the Medical and Rehab ward at Boundary Trails Health Center. Thank you for the visits Dad received at the hospital and the visits, calls, food and prayers we have received during this time of loss. We would like to thank the ministerial and Ladies Aid of the New Hope Mennonite Church for their visits and prayer support during this difficult time.

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## OBITUARY



### Margaretha (Margaret) Wiens (nee Heinrichs) 1931 - 2015

Margaret Wiens of Winkler, MB passed away peacefully at Salem Home on Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 5:31 a.m. at the age of 84.

Margaret was born in Halbstadt, MB on May 18, 1931; daughter to Jacob and Maria Heinrichs (nee Friesen). Margaret was the third youngest in the family and had nine siblings. She attended school in Halbstadt and was baptized at the Sommerfeld Church on June 5, 1949. She married Jacob (Jake) Wiens on September 8, 1957; and they were married for 52 years. They attended Winkler Sommerfeld Church all their married life. Aunt Margaret was a committed Christian. Once when she'd been crying and praying at their kitchen table, she heard a voice in Low German say she needed to get on her knees and pray. She did so; even with the pains in her joints and her prayer was heard. To this day sometimes when I want to quickly say a short prayer and go to sleep, I remember what Aunt Margaret said and I stop, get on my knees and pray. Margaret worked part time at the MCC store in Winkler for many years. Margaret loved the simple pleasures; she enjoyed visiting the elderly; animals and birds; flowers and her garden; cooking and baking; knitting and puzzling. She was known for her "Brownie Deluxe", "Kringel", "Rie-ei" and "waffles with sauce". I wish I could have found out how many mitts, slippers, socks and dish rags she knit in one year; 200? Probably more. Salem's Tuck Shop is full of her knitting projects. In fact, last Thursday night before she became so ill, she'd been seen in her room knitting. And who were the benefactors of her knits and pearls? Her relatives, neighbors and nurses at Salem, the Tuck Shop, MCC and anyone who wanted them. Margaret and Jake never had children of her own; but they poured out their love on nieces, nephews and neighborhood children. Every Halloween Margaret would always prepare baggies filled with all kinds of treats for their excited little visitors. On Mondays "Antie Margie" hosted Danon and myself (Linda) to supper and a visit. This always started with her and Uncle Jake making our favorite meals. She taught me to get on the floor and really play with kids. Even at Salem I had to remind Danon and "Antie Margie" to take it easy, as they play fought with her in the wheelchair! Margaret, you will definitely be remembered and missed!

Margaret was predeceased by her parents and siblings, Peter, Jacob, Tina, Gerhard, Klass, Mary, Anna and Karl. She was also predeceased by her husband, Jacob in March 2010. She leaves to mourn her sister, Sarah (Sadie) and her family and the families of her brother, Karl and sister, Mary as well as the Wiens and Unger extended family members and many friends. Thank you to the Salem staff for their gentle care and to friends and relatives that visited her.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at Winkler Cemetery.

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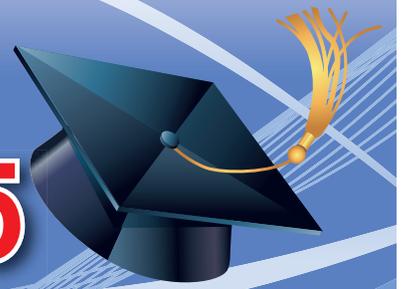
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By Ashleigh Viveiros

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Representing the class of 2015 was valedictorian Annaliese Loepky, who reflected on how the students' years in school has them well-prepared for the future.

Though the finer details of advanced mathematics or the minutiae of historical events may not be something they will all need in their careers, the real lessons of school were much deeper, she said.

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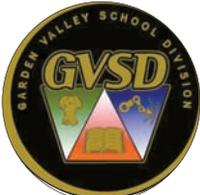
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Above: GVC grads were all smiles after receiving their diplomas. Left: Valedictorian Annaliese Loepky thanked parents and teachers for all the life lessons they taught the students over the years.



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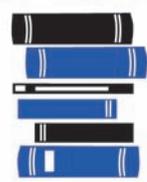


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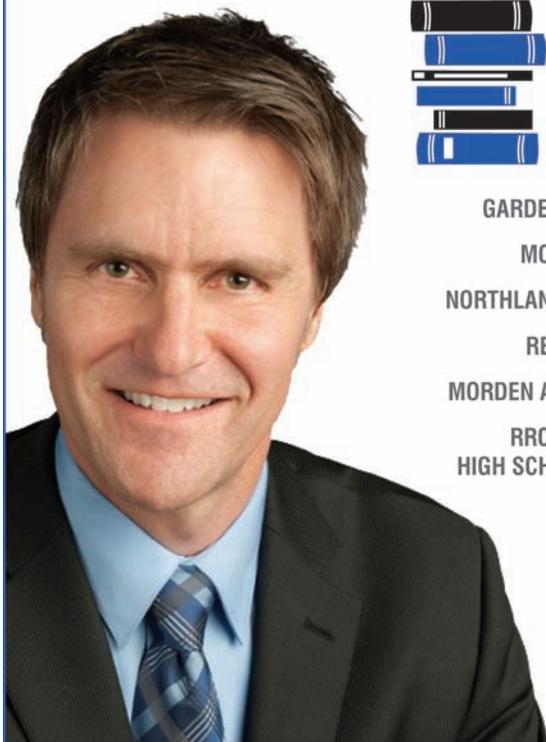
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Loeppky also pointed out that every single grad there owed the day's success to

the support of their parents.

"Not only have you sheltered us from the real world so far, but you taught us more about it than we've ever known," she said. "We've watched you show up at every game, performance, and important life event, even though we shrugged it off as no big deal. Through that you taught us dedication."

"Most importantly, you taught us unconditional love. Through every dirty diaper, every runny nose, every broken bone or broken heart, every meltdown, every rebellious thing we've tried and every mistake we've made, you've loved us through all of it."



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The Grad Choir sang the popular song 'Home' to mark the day.

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## NPC grads 'second to none'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate graduated its "second to none" class of 2015 on June 25.

Speaking on behalf of the new school's second graduating class—177 students strong—was valedictorian Eric Richter.

"This diploma is much more than a fancy piece of paper," he began. "Behind every single diploma handed out today there is a story of determination, perseverance, and hard work."

"Behind every diploma received today, there are very special people who are a huge part of our success, of our story," Richter said, going on to thank the parents in the audience for their unwavering support. "You believed in us even when we didn't believe in ourselves... when we were on the ground saying we can't, you picked us up and told us we can."

Richter also thanked the NPC teaching and support staff—who he admitted can sometimes "be pretty

cool"—for putting so much of themselves into creating the community of the school.

"The class of 2015 was an interesting, maybe sometimes difficult group to handle, but we are all very thankful you put up with us all these years."

Finally, Richter addressed his fellow graduates.

"Dear class: we actually did it. We actually survived high school," he said, reflecting on how far they had come from those first days as nervous, insecure Gr. 9 students. "Today we're like a family."

"We are a group of young adults that I believe can do absolutely anything," Richter said. "We are unique, we are diverse, we are Nighthawks. Saying good-bye isn't the hard part—it's what we have to leave behind that's hard."

As they move forward to the next stage of their lives, guest speaker Garrett Speers cautioned his former students against making the pursuit of wealth their primary goal.



"We are unique, we are diverse, we are Nighthawks," said NPC valedictorian Eric Richter

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"The best advice I can give you is do something you have a passion for. Do something you will love doing every single day," he said. "If your primary goal is to make money, you'll never love what you do. If you don't love what you do, you will never truly be satisfied with your life."

Continuing the money theme, Speers held up a crisp \$20 bill, asking

graduates how many of them would want it.

After most held up their hands (and one student started to make a run for the stage), he crumbled it up and dropped it on the floor.

"Who still wants it?"

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The answer, of course, was still just about everyone.

"To all of you, it's the same value that it had before," Speers said. "You guys need to know that life has its ups and downs . . . things don't always work out the way you want. Many times in life you will be crumbled, crushed, dirtied by decisions we make and circumstances that come our way."

"We may have reached a point where we feel we are worthless—this is not true. To your family and your friends, you will never lose your value. The worth of our lives comes not from what we do or who we know or what we have, but by who we are."

"What will matter [at the end of your life] will be people, your family and your friends. If relationships matter most then, make sure that they matter most now."

Wrapping up the ceremony was the presentation of several major awards.



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Above: Guest speaker Garrett Speers. Right: Esther Schwarzkopf receives the Grad of the Year Award.

Winners included Eric Giesbrecht, who won the GVTA Award; Sofia Hildebrand, who received the Reach Award; Davy Zacharias, Proficiency Award; Esther Schwarzkopf, Grad of the Year Award; Gabriel Penner, Chown Centennial Scholarship; and Cameron Wiens, Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal.



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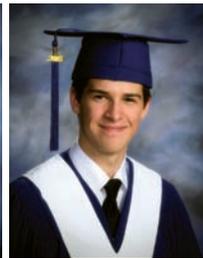
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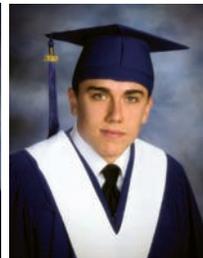
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# Graduating Class of 2015

## 'Influence the world'

By Cori Bezan

Morden Collegiate honoured its 2015 graduating class on Friday, handing out 110 diplomas at a ceremony at the Access Event Centre.

Valedictorian Steven Baker stood up to speak on behalf of his class.

"It's an overwhelming concept to consider the growth that we've endured in our short lives," he began. "Yes, we have changed. We have grown ... we have matured—some of us, anyway—and now we are ready for what

life has in store."

After recounting many memories of the class from kindergarten through middle school to high school, Baker listed the lessons that his years of education had taught him outside of the classroom.

"Strength and growth only come from continuous effort and struggle," he said. "Our teachers were examples of this very idea. I remember at the medieval feast, watching our Gr. 8 teachers battle it out on the balance beams with jousting sticks."

"Although in fun, a lesson was learned: we have to persevere to do what we can do to battle the challenges."

Baker said those memories and challenges are what made the class of 2015 who they are today, shaping them for the future.

"Many memories have been compiled throughout high school ... but in this final year, however, I noticed another mark of growth in our class," Baker continued. "We became the most supportive and inclusive group that I can remember being a part of. I will never forget our camaraderie and determination in and outside the classroom."

"Although we have grown a ton, I want my graduation class to realize the growing never ceases," he added. "Today is just another building block in our lives. No matter what you're



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Above: The Morden Collegiate class of 2015 celebrates with a traditional cap toss. Left: Valedictorian Steven Baker urged his fellow graduates to "reach high" and "always strive for the maximum."



doing . . . I encourage all of you to influence the world in a positive light."

"So go for it. Reach high. Don't stand for being content. Always strive for the maximum. Discover what makes you come alive and go out and truly live ... the only real failure is the failure to try."

The graduates chose educational assistant Denise Enns as their guest speaker this year.

"I had the privilege of getting to know most of you even before you came into high school," she said. "I'm so very proud of all of you. I think I'm speaking for all the staff at MCI

when I say this, but you guys have made our jobs easier and more enjoyable for the past four years."

"You all have so many talents, and I'm not just talking about sports, academics, and arts," she added. "Your many talents are guided by the strong values and principles you hold."

Enns posed a few challenging questions to the graduates to keep them thinking about the bigger things in life.

"How do you see yourself? How do

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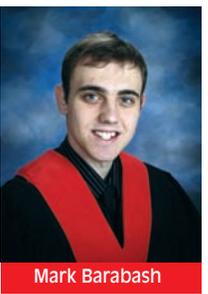
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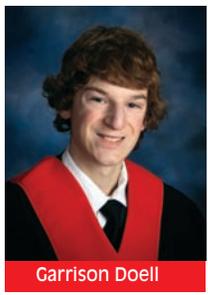
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# Nellie McClung Collegiate Graduating Class of 2015

## 'We came, we saw' we conquered'

By Ashleigh Viveiros

"We Came, We Saw, We Conquered" was the theme of the day as Nellie McClung Collegiate's class of 2015 received their diplomas on June 20.

Guest speakers teacher Caitlin Cranmer and Andrew Pruden urged the 25 graduates to take the theme they'd chosen and adapt it to their futures.

"As you sit here today, one has to think that maybe your next theme for life should be: 'I will go, I will see, I will conquer.'"

"Today . . . we are gathering to celebrate the completion of one plan and the beginning of hundreds of others," they said, noting that plans, though, often change in one's life, and the graduates need to be ready to roll with the punches. "The important thing is what you do when those plans change—for some, it is the end and that time was nothing but a waste. For successful people, it's a challenge and an opportunity to learn and try something new, perhaps



something you were truly made to do or experience."

Griffen McLean and Chelsea Kostal jointly gave the valedictory address, sharing fond memories of each of their classmates and thanking parents and teachers for their support over the years.

"We cannot forget to thank the people who are the sole reason we are up here today: the teachers. Each and every single one of you have helped us to get to where we are today, and we cannot be

thankful enough for all of your help and support throughout the years."

"Lastly, we have to give our sincere thanks to the parents themselves for packing our lunches, nagging us through homework, taking away our cellphones or Xbox's . . . and making us go through technology withdrawal when worst came to worst. Thank you for encouraging us to do bigger and better things than we knew we were all capable of."

In closing, the duo urged their classmates to stay positive.

"As you start out your life, remember to always think on the positive side of life, and learn from mistakes rather than dwell on them."

The former students joined their NMC classmates on June 29 to find out the recipients of this year's scholastic awards.

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# Mennonite Collegiate Institute Graduating Class of 2015

## 'Our potential to give is limitless'

By Cori Bezan

Mennonite Collegiate Institute celebrated the graduation of 28 students at a ceremony held June 21 at the Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church.

Valedictorian Elyse Loewen confessed that the private school wasn't her first choice.

"I have a confession to make today: I never wanted to come to MCI," she said. "I was home-schooled from kindergarten to Gr. 10, and when I was 14 I decided it was time to go to a real school, and I wanted to go to public school . . . MCI was my parents' choice, not mine, and as such I was predisposed to dislike it."

Loewen said that though she planned to strive for good grades, she expected to stay on the fringes and avoid getting involved at the school.

"Well, some of my expectations were met. I did work hard and get good grades, for the most part, but those weren't the important or defining parts of my MCI experience. No, the exceptional parts of my three years at MCI were the many times my expectations were completely shattered."

"They say you get out of things what you put into them, but I brought a bad attitude into MCI and MCI gave me three years of great teachers, friends, and memories," Loewen said. "There's a famous saying often attributed to Gandhi: 'An eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind.' If we go through the world only giving back what we get, we discount our potential for extraordinary things . . . we can always control how much we give. Our potential to give is almost limitless."

"MCI has taught our class a lot of lessons, some in the curriculum and some not. But the most important one for me is the importance of going beyond, of giving more than is required," Loewen concluded. "So, class of 2015, if we forget everything else we've learned in high school, let's remember this: do more than expected, be a little kinder, smile a little more, and be more vulnerable than necessary."

Guest speaker and teacher Carianne Peters spoke of courage in her address to the class.

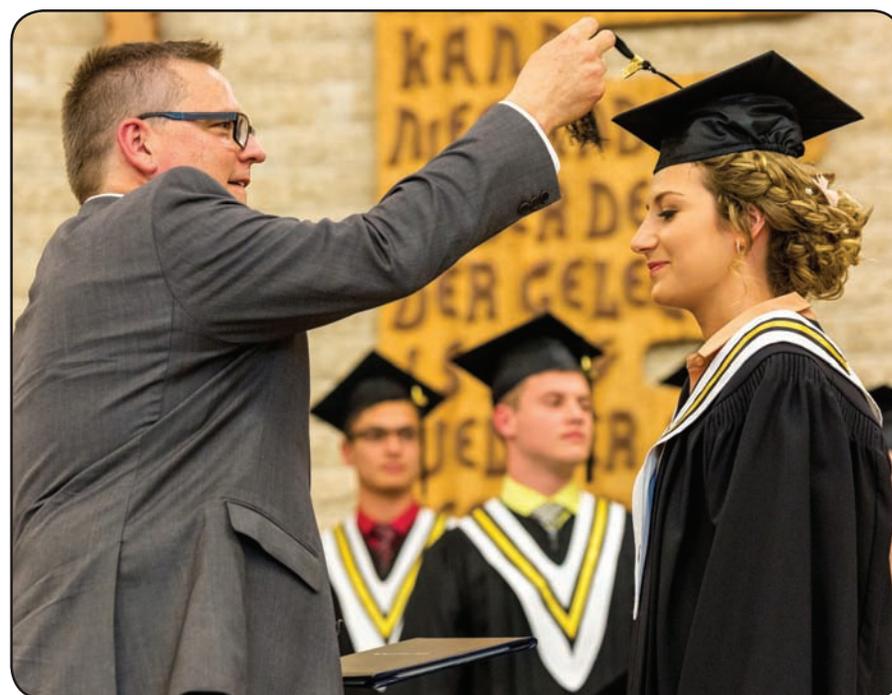
"You engaged, you opened up your perspective, you tried new things and you laughed at yourself. You worked hard and, in so doing, you allowed me to teach," she said. "That takes incredible courage . . . at different points and in different ways throughout these years you have shown me that same

courage and that willingness to jump in with both feet."

"May you step out from this place and have the courage to let yourself be seen. May you be the kind of person who makes other people able to be themselves. May you find joy in your process, and may you celebrate your tiny steps forward. May you have the courage to share your gifts, regardless of how they measure up to others, and may you face your fear of failure and toss out comparison."

Principal Darryl Loewen turns the tassel of valedictorian Elyse Loewen

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"This is the lesson that prepares us for the world the most: to love unconditionally."

Though it may be hard to let them go, Loepky urged those in attendance to take comfort in knowing the grads are indeed ready for life after high school.

"We may actually be better off in the real world than you might think. We've already taken some of your lessons and used them in our lives. We're a class of game-changers . . . the class of 2015 is finally ready for the real world."

Bringing a few words of wisdom to the graduating class was guest speaker and teacher Don Bergen,

who shared his "A Graduate's Guide to Greatness."

Bergen urged the youth not to take the easy route, not to be average, but, rather, to live courageously.

"Don't allow yourself to shuffle along with the crowd, even for a moment. Always remember that there's a difference between surviving and thriving. To thrive you must strive. Strive to live by what you value most. Surviving, or being average, may seem easier, but it will never replace thriving. Remember your vast reserves of courage."

"I challenge you to continue to embellish your talents—you have so many," Bergen said. "Expand them

to unbelievable levels and live to expand your wisdom, your giftedness, but retain your gentle spirits."

After the presentation of the diplomas, a number of graduates were honoured with major awards, including Annaliese Loepky, who took home the Valedictory, Grad of the Year, and Proficiency awards, as well as the prestigious national Loran Scholar Award; Melvick Pakingan, who won the Chown Centennial Scholarship; Amy Bartsch, GVTA Award; Shaiya Hiebert, Reach Award; Joanna Dueck, Governor General medal; and Jessica Russell and Tim Hildebrandt, Leadership awards.

### > MORDEN COLLEGIATE, FROM PG. 11

you want others to see you? Do you treat people the same way when you're one on one as you do when you're in a group? Please don't sacrifice who you are and what you stand for to please people."

"Learning how to think for yourself really means learning how to exercise some control over how and what you think," Enns added. "It means being conscious and aware enough to choose what you pay at-

tention to and to choose how you construct meaning from experience. We are in control of how we think about the world and the attitude we choose to live by."

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life," she concluded. "Don't be tracked by dogma . . . don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice, and, most importantly, have the courage to follow your

heart and intuition."

Among the many awards handed out to graduates this year was the General Proficiency Award, which went to Evelyn Domitruk, the Governor General Bronze Medal, won by Yekaterina Yezhova, the WSD Leadership Award, presented to Natasha Mauws, and the Mike Mutcherson Memorial Award, won by Kelsey Sagert.

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Major winners included Cassandra Serle, who took home the Otto and Florence Mueller General Proficiency Scholarship, scholarships from the Access Credit Union and Morden and District United Way, the Chown Centennial Scholarship,

an entrance scholarship to the University of Manitoba, and a Scurfield Family Scholarship; Tara Frisch, who won a bursary from the Manitou Legion, the Denise Morrow Memory Fund award, the MacCharles Scholarship, the G. Fredrick Hulme

Scholarship, and scholarships from the U of M and Canola Growers; and Sam Plante, who won a NMC student council bursary, a Manitou Legion bursary, and the Devon Kochka Memorial Scholarship.