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Goofy Canada Day fun

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Greg Wood and a young helper strike a pose in his illusionist act at the Winkler Canada Day festivities in Bethel Heritage Park. For more Canada Day photos from both the Winkler and Morden celebrations, check out Pgs. 12-13.

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Southwood School receives \$30K for playground project

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Co-op threw a big community bash last Wednesday night to celebrate Southwood School being selected as one of 24 Co-op Community Spaces grant recipients.

The Schanzenfeld school's parent advisory council received \$30,000 towards its ongoing playground renovations.

"Every year Federated Co-op has a Community Spaces program and this year they designated \$2 million to give in Western Canada," explained Co-op general manager Evan Toews. "We're fortunate enough to have our second winner in the last number of years in the Southwood School."

Two years ago it was the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre that made the cut for a grant.

"It's always great to have a contribution in the community," Toews said. "After all, that is what we stand for ...

when we can give back in such a way, in big numbers, it's fantastic."

For Southwood School, this donation is a huge jump forward in their fundraising efforts, said playspace committee member Marilyn Hart.

"It makes a huge difference in our plans," she said. "It allows us to make vast changes to our project and our space."

"We're able to replace an aging 30-year-old wooden structure and to put up a brand new structure that is accessible and makes the space more open to people who are a greater range of ages and mobility levels."

Moving the swings to a safer area of the yard and installing the new play structure and softer surfacing is phase two of the project and will take place this summer.

Phase one of the playground overhaul was completed this past year, installing a giant sand pit, log play stations, a willow tree tunnel, and the foundation for an outdoor classroom



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Next summer the school hopes to finish off the outdoor classroom, accessible walking path, and possibly install another outdoor shelter, benches, and giant boulders for kids to climb and sit on.

The entire project will serve not just the school but the community at large, Hart said.

"We have no park in our community," she said. "So it's more than a

school playground—it's a community space where everyone should, eventually, have some way to connect."

In addition to the cheque presentation, the evening's festivities also included a barbecue fundraiser in support of the Winkler Family Resource Centre, inflatable bouncing castles for the kids, local food sampling booths, and store discounts.

Walk for Alzheimer's raises \$34K for local programs

By Lorne Stelmach

This became a banner year for the south central region in raising money for the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba.

The annual Investor's Group Walk for Alzheimer's included nine walks across the region that collectively raised over \$34,000.

That total not only easily beat last year's tally of around \$25,000 but is likely the best total to date.

"This area has been so very supportive of the society," said Kathy Fehr, regional co-ordinator.

"Everything went really well. We had a bigger turnout this year than we have had in the past in all the walks," she said. "It's great to have that awareness for it. Obviously people are more and more aware of the need to help and support the caregivers and the people with the disease."

The Altona walk was tops in the region with over \$19,000 raised. The Morden walk June 9 came in at \$6,650, while Winkler's walk June 13 raised \$1,520.

Other area walks included Darling-

ford, Carman, Rosenort, Cartwright, Morris, and Notre Dame

Fehr noted it was nice to have Morden involved again, as that walk had not happened last year while Tabor Home transitioning to their new facility.

There were anywhere from 100 up to 150 participants at many of the walks, and Fehr said just as important as the fundraising is the aspect of raising awareness and engaging the community—especially with those people who are directly affected and impacted by the disease.

"We've been working really hard to remove the stigma around it," she said. "I think people are starting to realize that when we share with others, people do start rallying around you and start giving you that support."

"I think they just feel that there is power in numbers," Fehr added. "It's allowing people to see that you are also struggling with this disease. Even if you're not the one struggling with it, you're caring for somebody or you know of somebody who is and you want to be there to support your family and your friends."

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Confederation Park murals provide glimpse to the past

By Lorne Stelmach

New war memorial murals were added to Morden's Confederation Park last week as part of what has been a multi-year effort to revamp and add to the space.

The murals designed from wartime photos provided by the Morden Legion further commemorate local soldiers as part of the project that began to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

The latest addition to the park earned the praise of Legion representatives.

"The city has done a great job adding mementos for the different world wars. They have added even more history to that whole park," said president Bob Frost. "When people walk through Confederation Park, they'll see a tribute to our veterans. It helps the younger generation learn more about what veterans have done."

"I think the mural additions to Confederation Park are a great tribute to our veterans and shows how the war affected Morden," agreed Mayor Ken Wiebe, who is also a Legion member.

"It is important to continue to educate the youth and others on the sac-

New murals featuring photos of local men who served in the First and Second World War were installed in Confederation Park in Morden last week.

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rifices of war. The park shows a great deal of history that is important to Morden."

One of the murals installed June 26 by Checker Signs and Block Stone-works features an image of members of the 184th battalion in the spring of 1916 as they waited to depart from the

Morden CPR station.

A second mural features a photo of Morden Legion members posing in Confederation Park in front of a First World War cannon about to be turned in for salvage.

They complement other features in the park, including the memorial

cenotaph and a series of plaques providing war history and local connections.

Additional benches have also been installed and the flower beds refurbished as part of an overall project

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Legion members posing in front of W.W.I cannon in Memorial (Confederation) Park which was about to be "turned in" for war salvage. L-R: Mac Maclean, Alex Lovett, Frank Bond, H.A. Cochlan, Alton Duncan, Reg Law, Percy Kerridge, A.F. Menzies.



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A Rocha Pembina Valley facing an uncertain future

By Lorne Stelmach

What the future holds for the A Rocha Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre is uncertain as the organization comes to grips with financial challenges.

A town hall at the centre June 26 started a public consultation process in the wake of the organization having to let go director Jamie Fox and also contemplate selling its acres of land located next to the Pembina Valley Provincial Park.

"There's been a lot of blood, sweat, and tears put into that ... it's hard to even think about this kind of change," board member Cliff Greenfield said following the meeting, which involved about 20 stakeholders.

"The vision of Christians caring for conservation and connecting people with creation would still be there, but the mission ... where we've created this site, and that's where a lot of it happens ... that would change, unless if we would still have use of the property."

A recent open letter to A Rocha supporters touched on a few

short-term and long-term challenges that have put the centre in a critical situation.

Struggling to pay their bills, it led to the decision to lay off Fox and consider selling the property.

"While we are working hard to avoid this, we are also preparing for this worst-case-scenario," stated the letter.

"During this time, we have also seen some of the people who have consistently supported PVIC over the past several years with large donations decide to discontinue their giving this year. Additionally, some of the contracts that have brought in earned revenue have expired," the letter further explained. "While we have done fairly well with balancing our budget

over the past few years, we have had trouble sustainably meeting a portion of it."

Greenfield said the centre needs to become sustainable on its own and not rely on A Rocha Canada.

"Really, for the last three years, there's been a desire really to create an independent organization," he said.

"For the last three years, our budget has been short and the national organization has filled the gap, but they have basically said they can't do that anymore. They're also under financial constraints.

"PVIC needs to stand on its own feet," Greenfield stressed. "It's really a sobering time because of the financial conflict we're having. We're not able to match the budget to revenue.

"It's sort of come to a tipping point, I guess, where pretty strong decisions have to be made."

The aim of the town hall was to develop a plan on how the agency can move forward.

In order to do that, A Rocha clearly will need people to give financially. It is in the process of getting a chari-

"FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS OUR BUDGET HAS BEEN SHORT ... PVIC NEEDS TO STAND ON ITS OWN FEET."

table number.

However, there are also a number of other areas that need to be addressed, including recruiting more board members, program volunteers, and volunteers to host guests and help care for the property and facilities.

There has also been discussion about developing a paid membership program where supporters would receive benefits such as being able to stay at the guesthouse or use its facilities.

Greenfield said they came away from the meeting hopeful that the organization can find a way to carry on from here.

"It was positive. There's definitely a possibility of the property being sold,



A ROCHA PHOTO

The A Rocha Pembina Valley Interpretive Centre is weighing its options in the face of financial challenges. If things don't turn around, they may have to sell their property overlooking the valley.

and then that would be a pretty major change ... a pretty major refocus time for the organization to move forward without a site.

"There's some ideas on that as well ... but the decision has not been made yet," he said, holding out the chance

that a new owner could potentially allow for continued use of the property.

"It was very encouraging. There was a lot of great ideas ... possibilities as to how a plan can be developed going forward."

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that initially was spurred on in part by Morden teacher and historian Darryl Toews.

While doing research, Toews discovered names were missing from the cenotaph. Those names were added along with a colour march and ceremony honoring the soldiers.

"We have been working on projects in Confederation Park for the last number of years," said Clare Agnew, city community services and events manager.

"It was important to work with the Legion on these projects, as they were able to provide the knowledge and proper protocol,"

she said.

Agnew said it was also meaningful for area students to have been involved along the way with some of the research and work.

"The inclusion of the school was a natural fit ... whenever you can include youth, the project has more energy and creativity.

"I think we have created a park with more meaning and history in our community," she said. "Although it is a nice green space in our downtown, I feel it is also a destination park now. I encourage local residents to visit the park and enjoy all the changes that have been made."

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Encouraging women to get politically involved

Retiring councillor hosting informal info. session July 11

By Lorne Stelmach

The lone female voice among the 21 members of the three local municipal councils is stepping aside.

Before Heather Francis moves on this fall after two terms on Morden council, though, she is hoping to help get other women involved in politics.

"I want to encourage other people who would be great at the job to step up," said Francis, who will host an informal information session next Wednesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Morden Civic Centre for women who may be interested in running for their local council.

"Anything that I can do to encourage other women is important," she said. "I know that when I ran, lots of people were very supportive ... but there were still a few out there who said things like 'you're a mom, you need to stay at home' ... hopefully I've proven them wrong.

"So I would love to see any women in our neighbouring municipalities who are curious."

Francis will offer some perspective on elections and what is involved in serving on a municipal council and just give women a chance to ask ques-

tions.

She hopes to be able to show that it is possible to fit a council role into your life, even while balancing it with family life and work demands.

"My youngest was just six months old when I ran," said Francis, whose motivation to run eight years ago was because "there wasn't really a lot of diverse representatives on council."

She noted there were a number of considerations that led her to decide to not seek a third term this fall.

"My husband and I have a business that's picking up and requiring more of my time ... but I just kind of felt that after a couple terms, it's time for me to step aside and have new ideas and new people around the table.

Her thought to hold a public meeting here arose after being at a Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual meeting in Halifax where a session focused on women's participation in government.

There have been a range of initiatives at the federal and municipal levels to try to address it, she noted.

"Then I thought what can I do, because I've done two terms now and

I'm not planning to run for a third ... so I would like to see some women in our municipalities consider running for election."

Francis pointed out that the numbers support the need to get more women involved, especially here in Manitoba.

"The statistics are actually quite low," she said. "In Manitoba, I believe, in 2015, 18 per cent of all municipal officials were women ... and that's the lowest percentage among all the provinces."

Locally, of course, Francis is the only female serving on the Winkler, Morden, or Stanley councils.

"When you look at that statistic, that's even worse than Manitoba, so we need to bolster that," she said. "The United Nations has actually determined that 30 per cent should be the bare minimum to have as women representatives in municipal government in order to ensure that women's issues are taken into account. We're quite a bit below that mark."

Francis sees there being a number of factors that come into play in discouraging women from getting involved in government.

"I think it's just been kind of a long

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Morden councillor Heather Francis is hosting an info. session July 11 for women interested in getting involved in politics

standing thing where more men get into politics," she suggested.

"I think a lot of times, women are reluctant to join because maybe the power structure is not necessarily that appealing to women ... which is one reason why I think it's important to have more women around the table. Research has shown that it results in better decisions and just gives a better representation to all parts of our society.

"I think it's time to put in a conscious effort towards working to improve the statistics of women in government."

Headway being made on Meridian Exhibition Centre

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler residents will soon know more about where things are at with the Meridian Exhibition Centre project.

City council heard a presentation last Tuesday morning at its committee meeting from architectural representatives, and Mayor Martin Harder said they now have more information to share with the community.

"They've come up with some concept plans that we are going to be sharing with the public," he said. "We will have a public presentation and consultation to address ... whatever questions they have ... from budget to facilities to purpose."

That informational open house is scheduled to take place July 16 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

"Some drawings will be available," Harder said, stressing they want to provide residents with an opportu-

nity to "see the space, see the complexity of the facilities ... we'll answer whatever questions."

The scope and scale as well as the cost of the project has been uncertain as funding from the federal and provincial levels of government remains up in the air.

Another hurdle, though, was cleared when the city settled their differences with the Stanley Ag Society last year over the expropriation of its Parkland property for the project.

In other council news, councillors last week considered the responses to their request for proposals on waste, compost, and recycling service in Winkler.

Harder said they had looked at a number of proposals for waste management for a five year period starting in 2019.

"That announcement will be made very shortly in regards to who the winner was of that proposal," he said.

"WE WILL HAVE A PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION TO ADDRESS ... WHATEVER QUESTIONS THEY HAVE."

As well, council took the next step in preparing for a referendum this fall on the issue of whether to allow the licensed retail sale of cannabis in Winkler.

The plebiscite question will be posted on the city website for people to start considering leading up to the Oct. 24 municipal election.

"It's simply a yes or no question whether you would allow retail to be located in Winkler or not ... that will be the gist of the plebiscite question," said Harder.

"We'll try to provide whatever information we have available so that

people can make an informed decision," he added, while stressing that the city is remaining impartial on the issue.

"If you want to have a fully democratic opinion from the community you have to be impartial. So as a city, we have chosen not to make a statement one way or another," Harder said.

"Our obligation is to make sure that we have the facts out there and allow the people to make a decision based on facts, not based on rumours, not based on any other reason but the facts."

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What? Another election piece?

Yeah I know, politics is boring (not). Well, it is for some people, but for others it is both an expression of people and power, fear and loathing. Or, in most cases, both.

And you're not supposed to talk about it in polite company ... but I know you and you know me, and so we are both aware that this is not polite company. So let's dive in, shall we?

Recently I wrote about the upcoming elections this fall and the varying ins and outs of voting and running for city council.

It is no secret I have been scouring the near-earth to badger quality people into running for council. Well, one of the people I talked to, a current school board trustee whom I admire for his leadership skills and integrity, reminded me that the role of trustee is critical as well.



By Peter Cantelon

Of course, he is right.

School board trustees are the top of the food chain when it comes to educating our kids. They run the show. They also manage some pretty big budgets.

The Western School Division's annual budget is more than \$21 million, while Garden Valley School Division's 2017 budget was more than \$50 million.

With budgets as big or bigger than the city's and a mandate that is arguably the most important of any elected official (the education and welfare of our children), clearly the position of trustee must be the most hotly contested, driving, passionate interest amongst our citizenry every four years.

Not so much.

In fact, not only does the role of trustee and their election tend to get little to no coverage or mind-share amongst the populace, there have been times when there aren't even enough candidates to fill all the positions.

Prior to the last election there was a conflict in Morden between the trustees debate and the all-candidates debate, both taking place on the same night. Let's hope organizers can get their act together and make it happen this year as either a joint event or at least on separate nights.

The local chambers organize the candidates debate for council. Why are they not organizing one for trustees? A huge portion of a businesses taxes are education-related. Why don't they care?

Why aren't you running? Why don't you care?

The position of trustee is too important to not have enough people running for the role. The position of trustee is entrusted with too much fiscal responsibility to not at least have a contest at the election. Do not allow people to be appointed or acclaimed to these critical roles—run and encourage others to run. Take it seriously.

Find out when school board meetings are happening and attend them before the election. You are allowed. They are public meetings.

You don't have to be a parent to run or care about being a trustee. Anyone can run. You are no less qualified if you have never had children.

Oh, and while I am talking about school boards, a challenge to our city councils and school boards: find a way to ensure your meetings do not conflict with each other so concerned community members have the option of attending both.

You each manage tens of millions of dollars, simple scheduling should not be a challenge.

Letters

How much more does Morden need to grow to get a school?

The MLA for Morden-Winkler, Cameron Friesen, made some statements [in the June 21st edition's Letters to the Editor] that are truly puzzling for the average bloke.

These statements were in regard to the building of a new school in Morden.

1.) "Growth has an impact." Of course it does. This is why we have school trustees, town councillors, and MLAs, so they can deal with

the effects that growth has on our schools.

2.) "An evidence based approach is used for capital investments." Just what exactly does this mean? How much more school and local population is needed? What is the magic number required for building a new school?

3.) He talked about our fiscal mess, but did not mention that the DBRS (a credit rating agency) indicates

that the GDP ratio for Manitoba is stabilizing. Are we now waiting for inflation to eat up monies that could be allotted to a new building?

4.) Short term requirements are being monitored by the government and they are providing portable classrooms where needed, he said. We already have fourteen portables. This is NOT the answer, only a bandaid solution.

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Viterra Championship profits benefit Winkler Flyers

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler is starting to reap the financial benefits of hosting the Viterra Championship last winter.

The host committee last week handed out what it expects to be the first of several donations from the profits of the curling championship.

As thanks for their support of the event, the Winkler Flyers junior hockey team received a cheque for \$4,000.

"The donation to the Flyers is a culmination of the assistance that we got from them," said committee chair Louis Tanguay, explaining that included the team giving up their ice at the Winkler arena for the duration of the competition, having to pay to practise outside the community.

"We want to make sure that they get looked after, that it's not money out of their pocket," he said.

The donation is also a thank you for the manpower the team provided.

"They were big supporters," Tanguay said. "They moved a lot of furniture around for us and helped us set

up the ice ... so it's a little bit of a thank you and we appreciate the work they put in to help us out."

Flyers director of marketing and business operations Matt Friesen said the money is most appreciated.

"We have a lot of expenses that happen throughout the hockey season, from sticks and billets and fuel and just the general operating of a hockey club," he said. "So it will go to help offset some of those things to allow us to run our program."

Getting involved in the curling championship was something the team was glad to do, Friesen noted.

"We ask a lot of this community throughout the hockey season and any time we have an opportunity to give back ... we like to do that," he said.

"And it's important as well to get our guys involved in the community and for them to realize how important it can be just getting involved in volunteerism to give back in situations when they're able."

The Viterra host committee is still crunching the numbers to figure out



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From left: Viterra Championship host committee members Dwight Suderman and Louis Tanguay presented the Winkler Flyers' Ken Pearson and Matt Friesen with a \$4,000 donation last Thursday.

exactly what the profit total from the Viterra championship is.

Tanguay said they hope to be able

to hand out a few more donations to other community groups and projects in the weeks ahead.

Chamber director serving at prov'l, national level

By Lorne Stelmach

The executive director of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is also serving at the provincial and federal levels.

Candace Olafson is not only in the second year on the board of the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada, but is also starting a two year

term as chairperson of the Chamber Executives of Manitoba.

Olafson welcomes the opportunity to head up the provincial board, for which she was part of the organizing committee in 2014.

She sees the agencies playing an important role in such areas as professional development, and they also help fill a void that comes from many

chamber executives like herself largely working alone.

"The chamber role is unique because there is only one in each community," said Olafson. "We really do need to connect with each other and learn from each other because it is quite a unique role. There isn't someone next door to you that you can bounce ideas off of."

"I think we really find value in connecting with each other," said Olafson, noting there are annual conferences at both levels.



Candace Olafson, Morden chamber executive director

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5.) He further states that his government is listening and that the Minister of Education has been to Morden several times, including for the grand opening of the division's pipefitting program.

If the budgets are so restrictive, keyboards may have to be turned in in exchange for pencils. Then he may well be out here again for a student pencil sharpening course!

What is most disturbing about all this is that both you, Mr. Friesen, and the premier are former teachers!

Mr. Friesen wants us all to get along, be joyful, happy, and positive.

Sorry, that's a little too much to hope for, Cameron.

The thrust of your government ap-

pears to be one of abandonment and downsizing. Abandon Churchill, abandon poverty issues, deliver healthcare without nurses, provide education without proper classrooms, and the list goes on and on.

With a concerted effort, your government will return our province to its 1870 status of a postage stamp province. That may well be all that your caucus is capable of governing.

It is now time for you, Mr. Cameron Friesen, to set aside your "Sheriff of Nottingham" role on behalf of the premier and begin to genuinely represent the interests of your constituents!

Harold D. Bollenbach,
Morden

Teen killed in crash

A Canada Day accident claimed the life of a Roland teen.

Just before midnight on July 1, RCMP were called to a two-vehicle collision on Hwy. 3 about nine kilometres south of Hwy. 23.

Police say that a northbound vehicle, driven by a 17-year-old male from Rosenfeld with a 17-year-old female passenger from Roland,

collided head-on with a southbound vehicle being driven by a 19-year-old male from Winnipeg.

The female was pronounced dead at the scene. The two drivers were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Alcohol is not a factor in the collision, police say, and seatbelts were in use.

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Kenmor staying on top of a steady stream of improvements

By Lorne Stelmach

Richard Klassen is passionate not only about theatre but also for the venue that is home to Candlewick Productions and Danceworks.

Since taking over the Kenmor Theatre, restoring the historic venue in downtown Morden to its former glory has been an ongoing effort.

"We'll keep taking it all one step at a time," said Klassen, who took ownership of the building at the end of 2012.

"It has that art deco design ... when I drive through some small towns and they have these old theatres from the '50s, it has that look, and there's something special about that particular design look."

Ernie Kendall built the Kenmor in the early 1950s. His son, Ernest Jr., later transformed it into a venue for

film, becoming known throughout the '80s and '90s as Morden Cinema.

Over a decade ago it started to become a venue for live performance once again.

The past six years have seen a steady stream of improvements both inside and out of the facility, each attempting to keep as much of the character of the place intact.

"Over the years, we've been gradually revamping it," Klassen said. "We put in the new chandelier lighting

and the side lights ... and we've been working upstairs in the dance studio to put in a ballet floor.

"There's a few different things that we keep plugging away at. Some of it's noticeable, some of it's not," he continued, noting they repaired and cleaned up the north interior wall and hope to do the same with the south wall next.

Thanks to some recently secured grant money, next on the to-do list is more exterior work, including new windows and a new sign.

"It's going to be a nice traditional theatre style sign," said Klassen.

"There's going to be some painting on the south side as well ... it's not just painting the walls, though, we've also spent some time filling in the cracks," he said, explaining "water can get in there and then it becomes a bigger problem later on."

They are also hoping to improve the stairs as well as have some plumbing work done.

"It's lots of little things like that to take it from being the old theatre to a nicer, more refined venue," Klassen said. "Eventually, we want to get to these seats ... they could use a little TLC."

"For fall, we also want to put in opening and closing curtains, so we've been doing some fundraising on that," he continued. "And we've got lots of repainting and fixing that way



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Richard Klassen of the Kenmor Theatre is proud of the progress that's been made in restoring the nearly 70-year-old entertainment venue in recent years. Lots more improvement projects are planned.

as well ... lots of little things and some big things."

Another project Klassen was glad to have finally completed was cleaning out the downstairs.

"In spring, when we have all the dance recitals happening, we have hundreds of costumes that we have to store somewhere ... so they get stored in all these different locations, and now we've got one place that's nice and clean and redone."

With a passion for the building also born from his own experiences ("One of my first movies that I ever went to

see ... my uncles took me here. This was the first theatre I ever set foot in."), Klassen said his aim is to help provide similar special memories for kids coming to the Kenmor today.

"If we can keep plugging away at creating a nice venue ... we want this to be the playhouse for the community," he said. "The kids themselves, when they get on stage ... and they have the theatre lights and they have the sound ... it may not be Broadway, but it can be a step there, right? It gives them a chance to see what it's like to be on a theatre stage."

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"Really, this is where we get ideas, we share, talk about different events or things that really work well," she said. "It's a great sense of community among us where we want to help each other in whatever way that we can."

Olafson sees these opportunities as also being a benefit to the Morden chamber and the business community.

"When I connect with other chamber executives ... I bring so many great ideas back to our own

chamber," she suggested.

"There are some things that we've implemented ... whether it's board governance ... a particular event ...

the way that we manage our information, different tools that we can use. There are lots of things that we have brought back and implemented at

the Morden Chamber of Commerce that have helped us become successful, and that's from the networking that these organizations provide."

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“Remember that God is always with you”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Mennonite Collegiate Institute celebrated the accomplishments of the class of 2018 at its graduation ceremonies held June 24 in Winkler.

Valedictorian Carter Hildebrand shared a few life lessons he wanted his peers to remember as they embark on their futures.

“The class sitting in front of me today is a very welcoming, loving group of individuals. Every year we have had new people join our class and I have seen all of them find their place, with your guys’ help.”

“I encourage all of you to continue to be welcoming and loving as you find new communities and groups in your life,” Hildebrand said. “Always remember to be welcoming to others and treat others as you would wish to be treated.”

As the grads venture forward into new situations and experiences, Hildebrand encouraged them to always “put yourselves out there like you did at MCI.”

The group shares a common love of God, and Hildebrand urged them to continue to lean on that faith.

“Remember that God is always with

you and that he guides you and protects you,” he said. “I also pray that you can share his love wherever you go with whoever you meet.”

Guest speaker Lester Schellenberg, a teacher at MCI, expressed admiration for his former students.

“These people are awesome,” he exclaimed. “They have been a great group of individuals. Every year the amazing culture of the class did not diminish, but was augmented by new arrivals.

“If this group would be the core of our future, I say bring it on.”

Inspired by the story of Moses and the burning bush, Schellenberg encouraged the grads to never lose their curiosity about the world around them, be cautious and actively conscious of their situation and surroundings, and, once choosing a course of action, be committed to it.

“Be committed with all your hearts,” he said. “Be committed to school, job, marriage, church, children, and most of all to your Christian walk.

“If your life is a tent, your faith in Jesus Christ are the tent pegs. He can help ground you and hold you in place.

“Drive your tent pegs deep into the



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MCI’s graduates toss their caps in celebration at the close of the private school’s graduation June 24. Right: Valedictorian Carter Hildebrand urged his peers to continue to “put yourselves out there.”



word of God to hold you firm through good times and difficult times.”

MCI’s graduating class included students from across southern Manitoba and beyond, including three students from Winkler and Morden: Colton Penner (Morden), Solomon Schlegel (Morden), and Alisha Suderman (Winkler).



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Access Credit Union’s Wesley Ngwenya (third from left) presented (from left) South Central Soccer’s Arni Schott, Thomas Klassen, Phil Unruh, and Melanie Warkentine with a donation of \$1,000 towards jerseys and equipment.

ACU donates \$1K to soccer teams

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Access Credit Union presented representatives of the South Central Soccer Club with a donation of \$1,000 last week.

The funds have been used to put the logo of the financial institution, which is the club’s biggest sponsor, on team uniforms for the Winkler Storm, South Central Hurricanes, and South Central Riot.

It also helped cover the costs of repurposing old Storm uniforms for use by the Riot in their first season as a development team, adding the Riot logo to them.

“We’re starting up a new team, so there’s a lot of extra costs with that,” said the club’s Phil Unruh, noting

this donation is in addition to a \$3,000 cheque Access presented to the club this spring to help with equipment expenses.

Access CU manager of marketing Wesley Ngwenya said they’re happy to be able to support this growing local sport program.

“As a soccer player and soccer fan myself, I can say this is money well spent,” he said. “Soccer is the most unifying sport in the world.

“We hope that the Hurricanes and Riot players will continue to develop their soccer skills on the field as well as friendships off the field,” he added. “This in return builds stronger communities and that’s why Access Credit Union is proud to sponsor the teams.”



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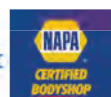
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Katie Cares is the latest beneficiary of the Morden Massage Therapy Centre's 360 Program. Through the initiative, students doing their practical training at the centre donate the proceeds from their treatments go to a non-profit organization. Last week, Ruth Reimer, second from right, received \$1,000 for Katie Cares from Renee Wall, Mat Guenther, Linda Menzies, and Danessa Wiebe (missing was Heather Derksen). Upcoming proceeds will be presented next to Winkler Bible Camp and to WSD's Healthy Minds school breakfast program.

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Old-time radio shows in the park continue

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Flatlands Theatre Company has four more evenings of old-fashioned entertainment lined up for Bethel Heritage Park.

The Winkler theatre troupe's popular Something in the Park performances run Monday nights through to the end of July.

The 2018 season started off with performances from Candlewick Players' youth thespians of *Willy Wonka* and *The Magician's Nephew*.

Flatlands then took over June 18 to kick off seven weeks of radio dramas with a performance of an *Our Miss Brooks* episode. They rounded out June with a *Sam Spade Mystery* and a *Burns and Allen* show June 25 and then hosted a night of radio comedy shows this Monday.

Bringing these slices of 1930s-1950s entertainment to life has been great fun for the FTC actors, says director Jeannette Hoepfner, and they've

been getting a lot of positive feedback from the audience members who come out for a blast from the past each week.

"We have people who tell us they remember sitting around listening to these shows on the radio with their family way back when," she said.

The actors step up to the mikes to perform each show dressed in period attire and backed up with live special effects.

And because it all takes place in the park, it's a good way for families to introduce their kids to live theatre, Hoepfner says.

"It's a great opportunity for young families to come out and the kids can run around," she says. "It's a much more casual atmosphere."

Coming up, FTC performs the *Adventures of Superman* July 9, *Father Knows Best* July 16, the *Adventures of Flash Gordon* July 23, and *Our Miss Brooks* July 30.

The shows start at 6:30 p.m. rain or



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Members of the Flatlands Theatre Company performed a *Sam Spade Mystery* last week as part of Something in the Park, which features radio shows performed live every Monday through to month's end.

shine (the gazebo will be used for shelter in the case of rain). Bring along a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

cause Flatlands is preparing to perform for the first time at the Winkler Harvest Festival & Exhibition.

They'll be putting on a choose your own adventure version of *Hansel and Gretel* for kids as well as skits from *The Carol Burnett Show* during the Aug. 10-12 community celebration.

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Bethel Heritage Park in Winkler and Colert Beach in Morden were the places to be Sunday as the two cities celebrated our nation's 151st birthday. Clockwise from left: Island Breeze provided a lively performance of Polynesian music and dance at the Winkler park; families and friends work together on their entries for the sand castle competition at Lake Minnewasta; Double the Trouble, featuring Rob Wrigley and his sons Luc and Aidan, were joined on a few songs by some traditional dancers as part of Morden's musical lineup; a volunteer gets wet at the Winkler children's carnival dunk tank; the giant bubble station was another popular activity with kids.

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Clockwise from left: 5 Acres perform in Winkler; henna tattoos at one of Morden's Multicultural Day booths; Mordenites were invited to sign their name on a mural celebrating diversity; Prairie Exotics brought some creepy crawlies to Winkler.



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Winkler Farmers' Market begins



The Winkler Farmers' Market settled into its new home on the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre grounds last Tuesday for the first market day of the season.

In addition to vendors selling all manner of produce and other goodies, this year's market will also provide a venue for musicians and artists to showcase their work. Clockwise from below: Michelle Beckstedt enjoys the kid's craft table; Vendor Clare Zhang with some veggies; an artist hard at work; Callie Penner and Skylar Klassen served up cold lemonade. The market runs 4-6 p.m. every Tuesday at the Park St. gallery.



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Fireflies

Fireflies shine a cold light that is produced by a chemical process in their bodies. This is why they are often referred to as "lightning bugs." Both male and females can produce this light. Usually only the male fireflies can fly. Females live mostly on the forest floor. Larvae, sometimes called glow worms, can also produce light. Fireflies are very distasteful and even poisonous to predators.

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Buying locally grown foods

The popularity of organic foods and stores that cater to customers who prefer such foods continues to grow, and that growth has contributed to a growing awareness among shoppers of where the food they eat comes from. Many consumers now recognize the impact that food production has on the environment, and that recognition has spurred interest in locally grown foods.

Locally grown foods are those that are grown within your community or a community nearby. Such foods do not need to be shipped hundreds of miles before they ultimately find their way onto your plate, and many people find that contributes to meals that are more fresh than meals made up of foods shipped from afar. But freshness is not the only benefit to purchasing locally grown foods, which pay various dividends for people and the planet.

- Locally grown foods benefit the environment. The phrase "field to plate" is significant to consumers who prefer locally grown foods. That phrase refers to the distance food travels from the grower to the plate on your dinner table. Estimates vary depending on the source, but advocates of locally grown food suggest that it reduces the field to plate distance by an average of 1,300 miles. That's a significant feather in locally grown foods' cap, as the Council on the Environment of New York City notes that it takes 435 fossil-fuel calories to fly a single five calorie strawberry from California to New York. Buying locally preserves that energy that is used to transport foods from afar.

- Locally grown foods fuel your local economy. In addition to benefitting the environment, locally grown foods stimulate your local economy. Local,

independent farmers have largely fallen by the wayside in the 21st century, as industrial agribusinesses have taken over the produce sections in grocery stores across the country. But local, independent farmers are making a comeback, thanks in large part to consumer demand for organic foods. Supporting such farmers who grow their foods locally means you're putting money back into your own community, a worthwhile effort at a time when so many small communities are struggling economically.

- Buying locally maintains beautiful landscapes. Farmland has been on the decline for decades, as cement and asphalt have made millions of acres of once beautiful farmland disappear. Buying locally helps to maintain the green space your community and surrounding communities have left. That makes for great road trips and even helps to sustain local wildlife populations.

- Locally grown foods can be more nutritious. Fruits and vegetables can rapidly lose nutrients once they are harvested. That's problematic when buying such foods from industrial agribusinesses that need substantial time to get their products from the farm to the shelves at your local grocery chain. But buying from local farmers increases the likelihood that the fruits and vegetables you purchase were just picked and therefore have yet to lose a significant amount of nutrients.

Locally grown foods are growing in popularity, and that popularity can be traced to the freshness of such foods as well as the numerous additional benefits that locally grown foods provide.



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Mohawks crack Whips 10-2

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Mohawks certainly proved why they're number one in the Border Baseball League as they hosted the Whips Friday night.

The Mohawks bolstered their record to 9-1-2 with a 10-2 trouncing of the visiting Winkler team.

Winkler fared much better earlier in the week against Clearwater, taking that Tuesday night game 13-6.

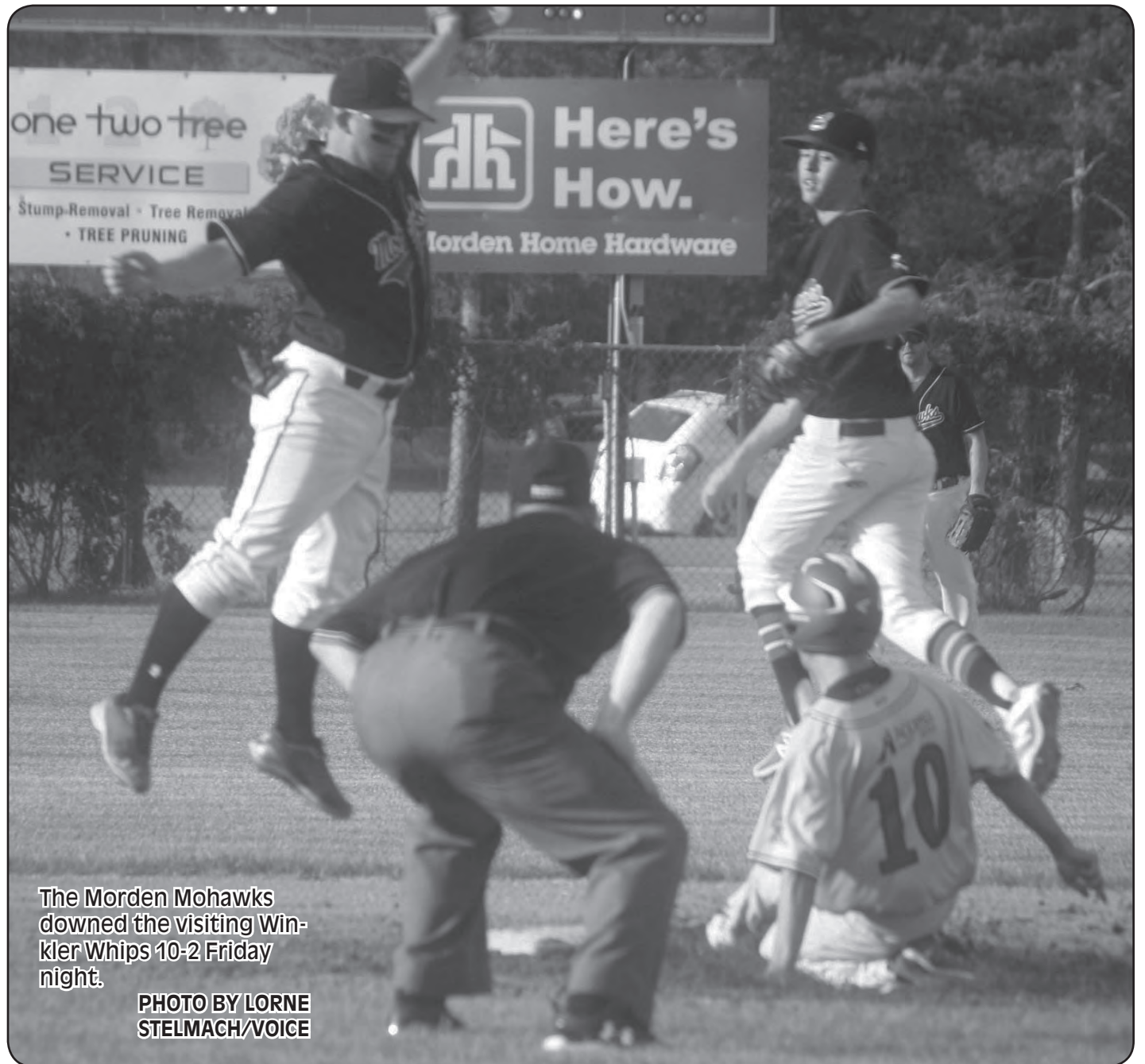
The Whips had a three-run first and five-run fourth inning in the lopsided victory, which saw strong pitching from Marv Quiring (35 batters, nine hits).

The Mohawks, meanwhile, got hit with their first loss of the season that same night, June 26, against Cartwright, losing to the Twins 9-3.

Cartwright scored four runs in the first, one in the third, and four in the sixth en route to victory. Morden got just two in the fifth and one at the top of the sixth. Derek Holenski went the distance on the mound for the Mohawks.

Trailing Morden in the standings are the Baldur Regals in second place (8-4) and Cartright in third (7-4-1). Winkler drops to fifth place with a 5-4-2 record.

This week, Morden and Winkler



The Morden Mohawks downed the visiting Winkler Whips 10-2 Friday night.

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close out the regular season with the Whips hosting Baldur and Carman

Tuesday, July 3 and Friday, July 6 and then traveling to play at Baldur the Mohawks hosting Killarney July 3 July 6.



Winkler martial artists bring home medals

Winkler Ironfist Martial Arts Academy students Dallas Penner (left) and Edwin Thiessen (right), under the guidance of instructor Wolfgang Schaefer (centre), entered a Ju Jitsu competition in Winnipeg June 23 and brought home medals for their hard work. Penner earned a silver and Thiessen earned silver and bronze in the open weight division.

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Pembina Valley Trip Club members with the haul of trophies they won at the Manitoba Junior Provincial Trapshooting Championship last month.

Pembina Trap Club wins big at provincials

Ten young shooters from the Pembina Trap Club represented our community well at the Manitoba Junior Provincial Trapshooting Championship in Portage la Prairie June 24.

For the second straight year, the girls' championship went to Aubrey Widmer of Morden with a score of 82.

The boys' championship went to Zac Neufeld of Winkler with a score of 93. The 14-year-old Neufeld won the title by one bird over 17-year-old competitor Rylan Bower of Brandon.

The team trophy (top score from one shooter in each age group) also went to the Pembina Triangle Trap Club thanks to the shooting skills of Cash

Frank of Darlingford (83 in the 12-13 age group), Zac Neufeld of Winkler (93 in the 14-15 age group), and Alex Wolf of Fannystelle (89 in the 16-18 category).

Other trophy winners included Cash Frank, who won the Open Class 12-13 with 83; Nic Neufeld of Winkler, who won second in the Open Class 12-13 with 81; Alex Wolf of Fannystelle, who tied for second in the Open 16-18 with 89 but lost in a shoot-off and took home third; Micheal Buhler of Reinfeld, who won the Novice Class 16-18 while teammate Sam Peters, also of Reinfeld, took second.

Flyers' Christian earns spot with the Tommies

Winkler Flyers leading scorer Matt Christian has committed to play for the University of St. Thomas next season.

The graduating forward from Grand Forks, North Dakota was third in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League with 81 points last season and recorded 127 points (51 goals, 76 assists) in 118 regular season games played over his two years in Winkler.

"I can't express how much I enjoyed my time in Winkler. The coaching staff, fans, the community, you name it, is second to none," said Christian. "I'm excited to take what I learned, not only as a player but as a person to the next level in my hockey career."

The University of St. Thomas Tommies are based in St. Paul, Minnesota and play in the Minnesota Intercolle-

giate Athletic Conference (MIAC) in NCAA Div III Hockey.

Former Flyers' defenseman Steve

Sorensen also played four years at St. Thomas after graduating from the Flyers after the 2011-2012 season.

Winkler Storm down Cavaliers 3-1

The Winkler Storm were the only local soccer team to take the field this past week, and they certainly made it count.

Winkler headed into Winnipeg June 26 to play the Kildonan Cavaliers. They returned home with a 3-1 win to add to their record.

Scoring honours went to Cornelius Siemens, Goran Kucar, and Kevin

Stein.

The Storm remain in the middle of the pack in the Manitoba Major Soccer League Division 1 standings with a 2-3-3 record

This week, the Storm were scheduled to host Forza WSP Tuesday while the SC Hurricanes women's team hosted Synergy on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Next week the ladies play in Winnipeg against BA United July 11.

The men's teams take the field this weekend, with both the Storm and the SC Riot taking part in the third round of the MMSL Bison Cup

The Storm also host the Britannia Rovers July 10.



Morden Peewee AA off to provincials

The Morden Peewee AA baseball team is off to the provincials after recently capturing the south central title. Morden was third out of four teams in regular season play with a record of 4-6-1. They went on to win the playoff round robin in three games. First place Morden and second place Winkler went to the finals, with Winkler needing to win twice if they wanted to knock Morden out. Winkler won the first game 13-2 but Morden won the title in a back and forth 13-12 win in the eighth inning. They now move on to compete at the provincials at St. James Optimist Park in Winnipeg July 13-15.

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Orioles hosting all-stars game this Saturday

By Lorne Stelmach

Morden is welcoming the best of the Manitoba Junior Baseball League this weekend.

The home of the Pembina Valley Orioles plays host to the MJBL annual all-star game this Saturday at 2 p.m.

"We're pretty excited about it. We've never hosted it before," said assistant coach Sheldon Bergman. "The best part is we were actually asked to host it by the league.

"The league said that they knew that we would do a good job out here of hosting it," he said. "They had it at Shaw Park [in Winnipeg] for years ... they thought that maybe if we try the local communities, maybe we'll get some more fans out. We're averaging 80 to 100 fans just at our home games, so I'm hoping we get a good turnout for this."

The all-star game pits representatives of the St. James A's, Elmwood

Giants, St. Boniface Legionaires, and Carillon Sultans against players from the Brandon Marlins, Interlake Blue Jays, Altona Bisons, and the Orioles.

Bergman will be involved as a coach and five Orioles' players will suit up for the game. Participating along with pitchers Liam Giesbrecht and Seth Staple will be third baseman Mac Hamm, pitcher/catcher/fielder Robbie Lewarne, and Bobby Matuszewski, who can play second base or shortstop.

All those taking part in the game as all-stars are being welcomed to the community by Home Hardware as the game sponsor.

"They have donated a free lunch at Rocks Bar & Grill for all of the all-stars and coaches for the game," said Bergman.

As well, Ronnie's Seeds has donated 200 bags of seeds for the first 200 fans at the gate, where the admission will be \$5 for an individual or \$10 for a

Morden 2 Pee wee unbeaten

A banner undefeated season is continuing for the Morden 2 pee wee A baseball team. They captured the south central title recently after going 11-0 in the regular season and then unbeaten in five in the play-offs. The team is now representing the region in the provincials in Iles de Chênes July 7-8.



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family.

Bergman encouraged area residents to enjoy the game, as it is not only a showcase for Morden but also of some high quality baseball.

"These are the best ball players from all over Manitoba in the junior system, so we're really excited to have it here."

Access junior golf moves to one-day format

Tournament open to golfers age 9-18

By Lorne Stelmach

Access Credit Union is once again helping promote junior golf in the area this summer, though it is scaling back its annual event.

What has in the past been a junior golf series that toured different courses in the region over two months will this year be a one time tournament.

"The time commitment that is in-

involved with an eight week tour is large for the parents, kids, and the organizers," said Wesley Ngwenya, ACU manager of marketing.

"We wanted to see if there would be more participation by migrating to one event instead," he said. "We also wanted to widen our scope of events and add a few new ones this year."

The Access Junior Golf Tournament will take place Aug. 15 at the Minnewasta golf course in Morden. The cost is \$20, which includes a round of golf, snacks, drinks, a meal, and a prize.

The junior golf tour started in 2013

and routinely attracted upwards of 60 junior golfers from across the region.

Ngwenya hopes they might be able to attract even more this year.

"We are hoping for 80 to 100 participants from all over southern Manitoba because the golfers and parents only have to commit to the one event," he said.

"We hope for all the young golfers out there who may not have the chance to participate in an event of this magnitude," Ngwenya said, noting it's open to golfers of all abilities age nine to 18. "There are a lot of young golfers out there who may never play in any other tournaments.

We wanted to give them a fun, affordable option.

"We hope that it helps them grow as golfers, but also we want them to be meeting new people from different areas and get to know them," he added, saying it fits in well with ACU's mission to be involved in and to give back to their communities.

"It is one of the many ways we are able to get involved with our communities, and the junior golf tournament is especially important because it is a great place to develop upcoming golfers."

For more information and to sign up, head to accessjuniorgolf.ca.

Our mistake

Our June 28 edition of the *Voice* erred in the rankings in the ALH Motor Speedway races for June 24.

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

The correct top three finishers that day included:

- Street stocks: Aaron Blacklance in first place, Bradon Miller in second, and Rod Wolfe in third.

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Agriculture

Crops doing well despite some hiccups

By Harry Siemens

Crops in Manitoba and Saskatchewan continue to progress—in some cases very well and in others not so well depending on germination, moisture amounts, and timing.

Farmer and land developer John Froese of Winkler said crops look quite good in his immediate farming area. He noted that when canola starts to bolt it seems uneven and thin, but once it finishes bolting, as is the case for the earlier seeded canola, it begins to take shape and much looks very promising.

Froese said the corn, if it keeps on growing as it has, should do well too.

On Twitter following the latest rain from Thursday to Friday, farmers' smiles indicated once again how quickly attitudes change when a significant rain event happens.

Pictures of rain gauges showed amounts ranging from 15 mm to 35 mm on crops across Manitoba.

Simon Ellis of Ellis Seeds at Wawanesa, who earlier this year expressed real concerns about the lack of moisture, was certainly pleased.

"We had 8/10 of an inch last night," he said. "[It] will be a huge help and keep us going for another week or so. Crops look quite good."

Daphne Cruise with Saskatchewan Agriculture said about three quarters of the oilseeds and fall and spring cereal crops are at their normal stages of development for this time of year, with the rest of the crops behind normal or, in some cases, ahead of healthy growth.

"Sixty-five per cent of the spring wheat, 57 per cent of the canola, 47 per cent of the lentils, and 54 per cent of the peas are in good condition," she said.

"The condition and development typically get better as we move from the southern parts of the province more toward the northern portions of the province just because they have been getting decent rains and timely rains in the east-central, northwest and northeast parts of the province," said Cruise.

"For the most part, when it comes to crop damage, it's mostly in the southern regions because of dry con-

ditions. Either the crop is not growing as well as it should or it's just a slight crop and some moisture there is going to be needed to help this crop along."

Cruise said not a lot of diseases are causing issues at this point and insects also remain reasonably quiet, except for cutworms focusing on some drier areas.

Manitoba Agriculture, meanwhile, reports that despite irregular rainfall, crop development throughout the province is progressing well.

Anne Kirk with Manitoba Agriculture said due to the dry soil condi-

tions there weren't many delays in planting. Although in some cases people held off planting the small seeded crops such as canola, waiting for more favorable soil moisture conditions, spring planting is now considered to be complete.

"Precipitation, the soil moisture has been quite spotty throughout the province but, in general moisture, conditions are variable," she said. "Crop progress and development has been good so far this year. It is fairly quick, so crops advancing quickly in Manitoba, partly because of the dry conditions throughout the province.

"We are seeing that spring cereals are starting to head and fungicide applications for fusarium head blight control are just starting. Canola is flowering throughout much of the province. Some soybeans are starting to flower as well, and some of the warm seeded crops such as corn are starting to progress quite quickly as well."

There was some hail damage in the southwest and central regions, but some crops are recovering. For others, depending on the severity of the injury and the crop stage, farmers have replanted.



By Harry Siemens

Recently I attended Chick Days at an agricultural and farm establishment in Winkler that also caters to families with acreages.

Chick Days started out at Fehrway Feeds some four or five years ago because they sell baby chicks and a lot of them to families with small children.

Co-owner Nancy Fehr, who runs the business with husband Dave, said it's a way for them to give back to the community.

"A lot of kids come through and they love to see these chicks," she said. "They don't have them at home ... so they can come to see them and experience and hold them."

After a few successful years, the Fehrs bumped the event up a notch.

"We brought in a few more animals and decided to show them what we have on our farm, an awareness, so

they can see how we care for them, what we feed them," Nancy said.

While a business that needs to sell at a profit, it's also important to note they love to create the awareness of where food comes from, she said.

"And we also sell the product to the calving pens, stock tanks, and all the feed. So, yeah, it's win-win for us."

Fehrway sells upwards of 45,000 chicks in a season, all pre-ordered. Many people are into raising their own organic, free range chickens that put good meat in their freezer.

"[It shows] the kids how to slaughter and what it means giving back to the Mother Earth and raising your own and having healthy food for your family," Nancy said.

Many of those chicks are sold to people who come here from other countries.

"They're into it almost more than some of the locals here, hatching their chicks, buying incubators,

fertilizing the eggs, and reproduce their chickens, too," Nancy said. "It's a tradition that's brought from overseas, too. In other countries it's prevalent, but here not as much, but it's becoming more and more."

Being a farm journalist for 47 years, it's always good to see non-agricultural people get a chance to come to a place like this and absolutely enjoy the farm animals that give us the food we so readily eat, and so healthy too. I always maintain that in Canada, in Manitoba, right here in Winkler, farmers produce the safest, the most robust, and the most cost-effective food anywhere in the world.

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Baby chick day at Fehrway Feeds

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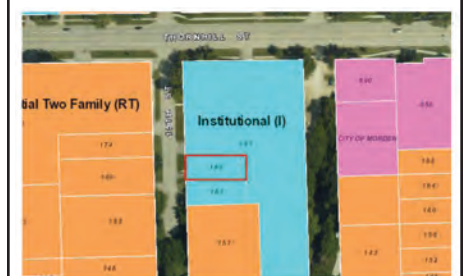
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OBITUARY



Mildred Helen Hodgson (nee Burnett) 1929 – 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mildred Hodgson on Friday, June 22, 2018 at Salem Personal Care Home in Winkler, MB. Mildred passed away with her family by her side. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She was a kind-hearted woman born in the East Selkirk district on February 8, 1929, the daughter of Gordon and Myrtle Burnett. Mildred grew up on the farm there and after her education, she ventured to the little town of Mowbray, MB to teach school. This is when Mildred met the love of her life, George Hodgson. It was not long before they were inseparable. They married April 10, 1947 at the All Saints Anglican Church in Winnipeg and shortly after, they returned to the family farm three miles south of Kaleida. They ran a successful farm until they retired in 1979. Upon retirement, George and Mildred spent 21 years of winter months in southern Texas where they made many friends. Upon leaving the farm, they moved to Manitou and then to Morden. Mildred had many hobbies and interests including gardening, travelling, shopping and their cabin at Pelican Lake.



She was predeceased by her husband, George in 2011; her parents, Gordon and Myrtle Burnett; her sisters, Eileen Tarrant (Johnny), Audrey Marr (Dave); brother-in-law, Ronald (Linda), Russell; sisters-in-law, Mildred (Lloyd), Ruth (Bill) as well as sons-in-law, Ervin Enns and Garry Kestirke.

Mildred will be sadly missed by her six children, Judy Enns, Maxine Friesen (Harvey), Lesley Kestirke-Hooye (Russell), Barb Klassen (Larry), Don Hodgson (Elaine), Gerald Hodgson (Bonnie) as well as 21 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She is survived by her sister, Evelyn Ross and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at St. Andrew's United Church in Manitou with ash interment at the St. Mary's Anglican Church Cemetery in Kaleida.

The family would like to thank the staff at Salem Home for their wonderful care and understanding towards mom as well as to Marie Funk, compassionate care giver for many years.

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David B Fehr 1925 – 2018

During the wee hours of the morning on Friday, June 22, 2018 at Salem Home in Winkler, MB our dad took his last breath with two daughters by his side and entered peacefully into his heavenly home.

David Fehr was born on February 13, 1925. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith by Bishop Peter Toews in the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church in Rhineland. On October 14, 1956 he was united in marriage to Katherina Elias. Mom and dad were blessed with 49 years, 11 months and eight days together. They made their living farming in the Mason district. Dad was a hard-working man who took great pride in caring for his livestock. In 1985, mom and dad sold the farm and moved to Morden. Later on, in 2001 they moved to Autumnwood Apartment (Winkler) and in 2012, dad moved to Salem Home. He is now relieved of his earthly cares to rest for all eternity.

Dad is survived by two sons, Jake and Betty Fehr and Dave and Laura Fehr; three daughters, Sara and Frank Wiebe, Jessie and Jay Wiebe, Mary and John Martens as well as 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Katherina in 2006 and one granddaughter, Christina.

Funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2018 at the Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church with interment at the Winkler Cemetery.

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

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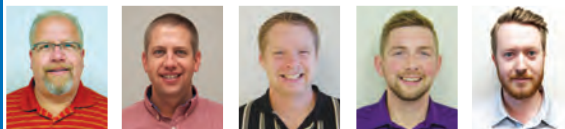
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The class of 2018 at (from left) Morden Collegiate, Garden Valley Collegiate, and Northlands Parkway Collegiate received their hard-won diplomas at ceremonies held in Morden and Winkler last week.

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Garden Valley Collegiate Graduating Class of 2018

“Being a Zodiac is about being a part of a community”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate graduated 173 students in the class of 2018 at its graduation ceremony June 26.

For valedictorian Jennifer Smith, it was a surreal moment.

“Attending high school at GVC and being a Zodiac was the best experience I could have asked for,” she said in her address. “I wouldn’t have traded it for any other education.

“Being a Zodiac is about being a part of a community,” Smith reflected, going on to share memories collected from her classmates about what they’ll miss most.

One common thread quickly emerged.

“The common factor is the people,” Smith said. “The people at GVC are the reason high school was such a good experience.”

To that end, the graduates owe thanks to many on this day of celebration, including school administrative staff, teachers, and, of course, their parents.

All have helped shape them “into the people we are today,” Smith said, thanking them for their support, encouragement, and guidance.



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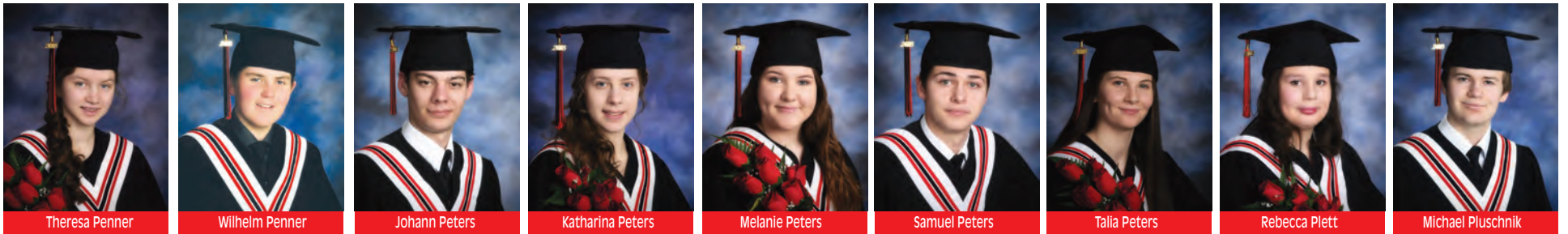
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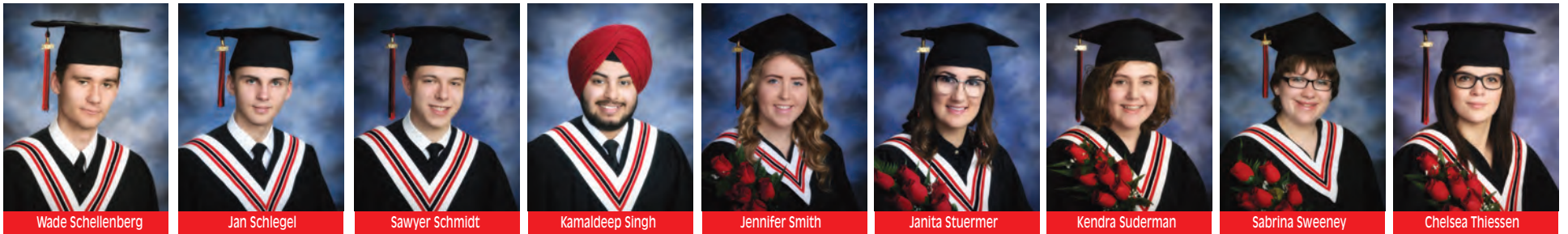
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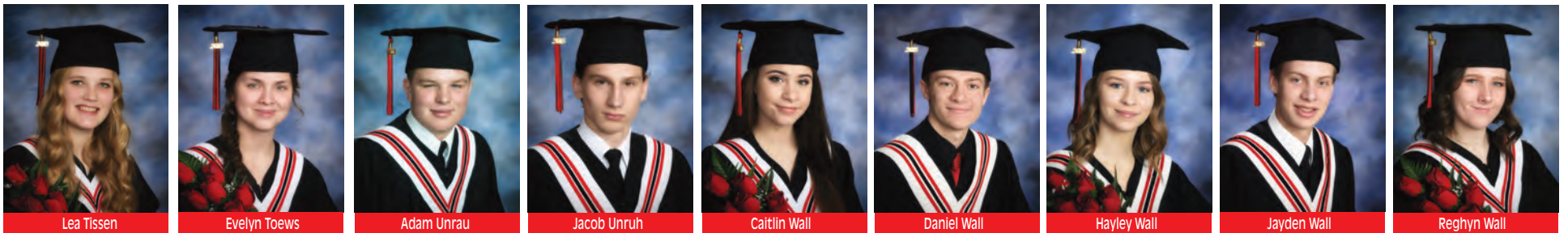
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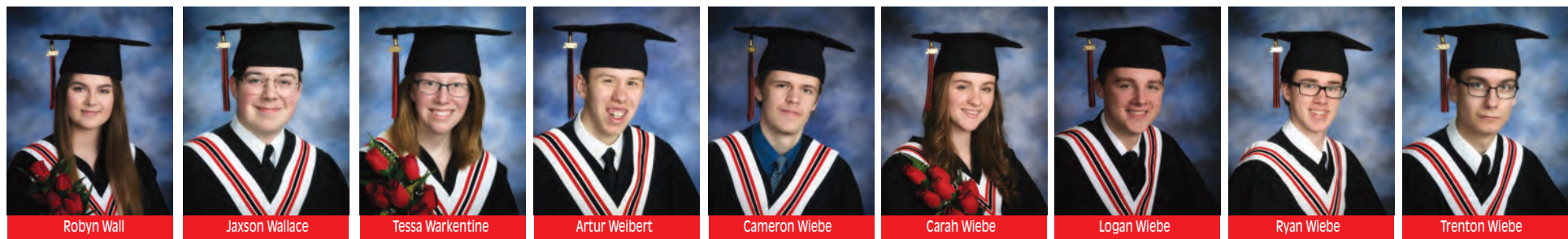
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Northlands Parkway Collegiate **Graduating Class of 2018**

“Sitting before you are a group of world changers”

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Northlands Parkway Collegiate bid farewell to 159 students at its graduation ceremony on June 27.

“Today marks a very important day,” said valedictorian Reinhart Blignaut. “Not only are we graduating from high school, but we are also being thrust wholly into the real world.”

Looking back on the high school experience, the class of 2018 can stand tall in knowing “we survived.”

But they did not do it on their own, Blignaut stressed.

“Your lessons were not confined to curriculum,” he said to the teachers of NPC, thanking them for working hard to impart life lessons and inspire students in a myriad of ways over the years.

The sacrifices of parents also can not be overlooked.

“You shaped us into the people we are today,” Blignaut said, expressing his gratitude to them as lunch makers, cheerleaders, and so much more. “You are the real MVP.”

Looking out at his peers, Blignaut said he can see a bright future for them all.

“Sitting before you today are a group of world changers,” he said, singling out grads as the artists, business tycoons, and scientists of tomorrow.

As they embark on those futures, Blignaut urged the grads to hold onto the friends and memories made during their time at NPC.

“Remember those times, because they are what led to this moment. The moment we’re all waiting for. The mo-



NPC guest speaker Garrett Speers (above) and valedictorian Reinhart Blignaut address the class of 2018.



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ment we are graduates.”

In his address, guest speaker Garrett Speers, a teacher at NPC, shared a few life lessons with the class.

Chief among them: use sunscreen. “Always, always wear sunscreen—it

may save your life.”

More seriously, Speers encouraged the grads to keep working toward their goals, even if challenges arise.

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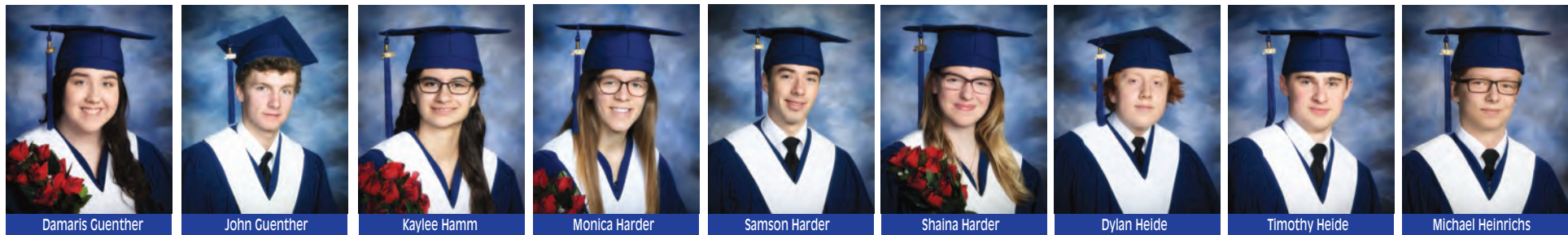


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“Who do you want to be?”

By Lorne Stelmach

Celebrated as a confident, positive, and diverse group, the 114 students in the Morden Collegiate class of 2018 officially graduated on June 27.

The ceremony also honoured long-time teacher Joyce McCallum, who plans to move on after two decades here, but she got to address the students one last time as the guest speaker.

“Hopefully the work you do helps you move forward to what you consider success,” she said. “On this path, there are times where you may fail ... understand that failure is not a bad thing.

“Life is about taking chances, taking some shots that may or may not be successful, and trying to do what you love ... keep going and do what you love to do.”

McCallum offered praise for the students she has had the pleasure to teach.

“The one thing that continued to make this job worthwhile doing was you, the students ... watching you guys learn and grow made it worth it,” she said.

She encouraged the graduates to ask themselves two questions.

“Who do you want to be?” she said.

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Morden Collegiate vice-principal Tania Sigurdson presents a member of the class of 2018 with her diploma at the school's graduation ceremony June 27.

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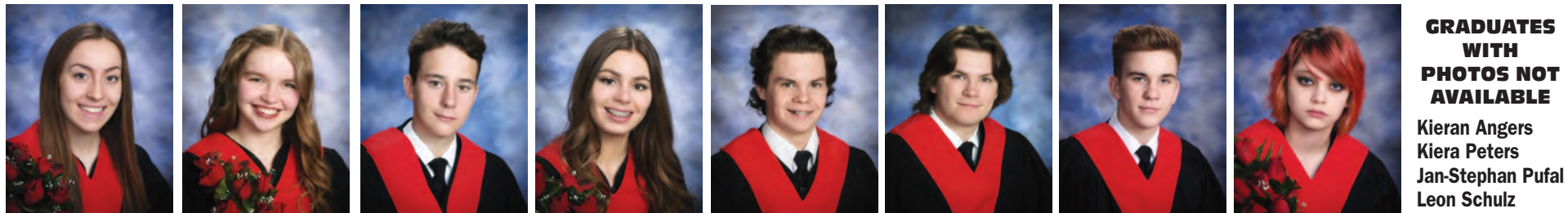
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Graduating Class of 2018

“The confidence to conquer the world”

By Lorne Stelmach

Nellie McClung Collegiate honoured the 21 members of its graduating class of 2018 June 22.

Speakers celebrated the talents, personalities, and quirks of the graduates, with guest speaker Marla Andon reflecting on having had many of them way back in her Gr. 4 class.

“Even back then I could see your talents starting to emerge,” she said. “For those of you up here that I did not get the pleasure to teach, I can only imagine the fun you’ve had with this group of fine people.”

She encouraged the students to “cherish these friendships, but don’t be afraid to go out and create new ones.

“With this new chapter in your life, get out there and meet new people, try new things. And if they don’t work out, doors close for a reason; another adventure will present itself.

“It may take years for your path to be clear. The great thing is the jour-

ney can be very exciting, full of highs and lows and things you can’t even imagine,” Andon said. “Follow your intuition ... when you get that feeling, listen to it.”

Class valedictorians Carlee Henderson and Allister McNabb called it a tremendous honour to represent their class, but also acknowledged the challenge it posed.

“How can we possibly condense the last 13 years in one short speech?” Henderson said.

“We had a class that is full of some characters ... all have pretty distinctive personalities,” said Henderson, as she and McNabb went on to describe their classmates. It ranged from Stephanie Cassels being “the feistiest girl in our class” to Harley Charles having “established himself as the badass of the class when he got his first tattoo at 16.”

Expressing their thanks, they couldn’t resist a loving little jab at their teachers with the comment that “Nellie McClung Collegiate is home



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Decked out in their finery, Nellie McClung Collegiate’s graduating class toss their caps at the school’s ceremony June 22.

to the most sarcastic teaching corp on the entire planet ... we could not have asked for better teachers to guide us.”

They went on to express their gratitude to their classmates as they reflected on what the future holds.

“A few of the relationships we have made throughout the past 13 years will follow us into our next chapter,” Henderson said. “Years from now, we shall glance into the past and be re-

minded of those who helped us get here.”

“Every one of you graduates played an important role in this journey ... thank you for making it the success it has become,” added McNabb.

“Go on forth into your future with the confidence to conquer the world,” concluded Henderson. “When writing the story of your life, never let anyone else hold the pen.”



Carmelle Baker

Wyatt Baloun

Ty Bannister

Stephanie Cassels

Harley Charles

Quentin Cobb

Owen Fijala

Brianna Friesen

Josh Friesen

Ethan Froese

Lucas Harder

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To her peers, Smith shared that her hope for each of them is that they all figure out what they want to do with their lives, establish their own thoughts and values, and find happiness.

"People say high school is the best four years of your life, but your life is whatever you make it," she said. "You're in control of everything from here on out. And as scary as that seems, it's also a very exciting and liberating thought."

GVC teacher and guest speaker Terry Friesen, whose speech was sprinkled with inspirational quotes from Disney movies, used the famous "wax on, wax off" scene from *The Karate Kid* to illustrate the importance of recognizing the potential "learning behind the learning."

He thanked his former students for putting their trust in their teachers,

even if they didn't always immediately understand the real world applications behind certain assignments.

"Occasionally I've been heard to say: 'This is about more than just the assignment' or 'This is about more than just marks.' We as teachers love to see when you get that. When the life lessons in what we do start to shine through."

Friesen urged the graduates to strive to be lifelong learners.

"We want you to find meaning in everything that you do in your lives," he said. "We want you to take what you have learned and apply it to your lives in a meaningful and a purposeful way."

He closed with a quote from Winnie the Pooh's Christopher Robin:

"You are braver than you believe, you're stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."



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GVC valedictorian Jennifer Smith was named the Grad of the Year, presented here by principal Scott Jantzen.



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"If you had to make a list of things that you want people to remember about you, what would be on that list? I challenge you to make that list ... look at it from time to time ... focus on who you want to be.

"The second question I want you to ask is what inspires you?" said McCallum, who went on to encourage them to not just settle and to always trust themselves.

"Don't be a passive victim of circumstance. Be the action hero of

your own life ... love every day and, most important, love yourself."

Class valedictorian Owen Domitruk spoke on the class being at a gateway to limitless possibilities. Their time in school had them "learning and preparing us to take on the world."

He also touched on their broad range of talents and interests as well as where they have all come from to get here.

"In a way, we reflect Canada in our diversity. We come from many differ-

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"Challenges are what make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful," he noted, pointing out that successful people are those who never give up on their goals, though they may adapt and set new ones.

As they find their path in life, Speers encouraged his former students to "try to make the world a better place." Be kind, respectful, treat everyone with dignity, he said, and you'll inspire others to do the same.

Principal Tammy MacDonald reminded the graduates that change

may be embraced or feared, but it is always inevitable.

"Don't be afraid to fail," she said, pointing to those who failed but then went on to greatness, including author J.K. Rowling, basketball star Michael Jordan, and even Walt Disney.

"I'm not saying go out and purposefully fail," she added. "The lesson is do your best all the time."

But if you should still stumble, MacDonald continued, go back to the drawing board and use the lessons learned to try again and again until you find success.

ent backgrounds, and we've all been a little bit different. It's our differences that bring us closer together.

"We're all headed in a vast amount of different directions in life," Domitruk said, going on to touch on ideas about success.

"It's an ever-changing concept that means different things to different people ... the bottom line is that you get to decide where you go from here."



Valedictorian Owen Domitruk

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