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Olympian Karen Doell ran the last leg of the relay Thursday as the Roly McLenahan torch came through the area on its journey to Winnipeg for the Canada Games later this month. Doell and 10 other locals were selected to be torchbearers for the relay, which concluded with a community celebration at the Manitoba Hydro offices. For more, see Pg. 2.

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Canada Games torch lights up Morden-Winkler

By Lorne Stelmach

The torch relay leading up to the Canada Games in Winnipeg at the end of the month came to Morden last Thursday.

It may have been a diverse group of 11 people that had family and friends cheering them on as they brought the torch along a section of Hwy. 3, but they all shared a spirit and passion both for sport and the community in some way, noted Games co-chair Mariette Mulaire.

"These are people who have sports somewhere in their hearts, sports is part of their life," Mulaire said at the celebration hosted by relay sponsor Manitoba Hydro following the relay.

"The torch is all about bringing the spirit ... the fire within people ... the fire to be the best," she said. "So when you see the people that decided to either get involved or got nominated, that means that they have some kind of fire inside them."

The Morden-Winkler torch bearers, who were chosen by a local selection committee, included a world Olympian, a Special Olympian, Canada Games alumni, community volunteers, and residents who are passionate about sport.

The Games' Roly McLenahan torch started the relay in the hands of Krista Hildebrand before being passed on to Glenn Lussier, Liz Hildebrand, Michael Olotu-Jacob, Hailey Hunter, Chris Dick, Valerie Delorme, Dale Ready, Julie Kalinowski, Mack Walske, and, for the final leg, Karen Doell.

"I've been fortunate enough to be involved in the Olympics ... this is fantastic as well ... I don't take any of it for granted, it's all just a big honour for me to be here," said Doell. "The Summer Games is a big deal and I hope that people realize that and go out and watch and support the athletes that are going to be competing."

Nominated by his mother for being active in sports as a player, umpire, and coach, Walske was interested to see "all the different kinds of people and what they've accomplished" at the relay run.

"I think it's pretty cool because it's such a big event ... it's all across Canada ... so it's pretty cool to represent part of Canada and get chosen out of so many people."

"I'm just really, really honoured to be able to do this," added Kalinowski, a local teacher.

She noted it was great that the torch bearers came "from all over the area, all different ages, all different backgrounds. It's been fun talking to them."

"It means a lot to me," she added, "especially with this being the 50th anniversary of the Canada Games and Canada's 150th anniversary this year too. We're definitely going to go and see as many of the competitions as we can."

"It's just been a very great time for me," said Ready, noting two brothers were involved in the Games in the past. "It's a neat feeling. It's different than I ever thought it was going to be. It's very emotional at some points."

Mack Walske hands off the torch to Karen Doell for the last leg of the relay down Hwy. 3 last week.

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The Morden relay celebration was one of several that is taking the torch to communities across Manitoba and to Kenora, Ontario June 23 to July 26.

"It's an honour to be among the 11 communities selected to witness this historic relay," said Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe.

"Morden has a long history of athletic achievements ... and we're excited to see how Manitoba's athletes will fare against the rest of Canada. I re-

ally believe Manitoba's athletes will truly make us proud."

Jackie Britton of Manitoba Hydro said it is especially rewarding for them to be involving rural communities across the province as the torch makes its way to Winnipeg.

"We really wanted to bring the games out to the rural communities," she said, noting she was following the relay to nearly all corners of the province. "It has been amazing ... just the way each community has rallied to put on a special event ... every one's got just a little different touch."

"I saw the people getting involved ... what's so fun for me to see is that the community came ... different people from different parts of the society here ... and they got involved," said Mulaire.

She said it is exciting to get to this point after what has been a four year planning process.

"Now it's the excitement, it's the fun, it's the real deal ... now it's for real," she said. "Get involved in the games, it's going to be fantastic."

The Games will bring about 4,000 athletes and coaches to Winnipeg for the July 28 to August 13 competition.



The 11 local torchbearers stopped at the Morden sign before setting out on the relay.

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The Color shares GMA award with community

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler-based band The Color want the community to know just how much their support means to them.

The Christian band won big at the Gospel Music Association's Covenant Awards earlier this year, taking home Pop Song of the Year, Recorded Song of the Year, and Music Video of the Year for their track "What Would I Say To You."

The music video was filmed right here in the Pembina Valley and featured real stories of loss and hope from three local families.

"They shared some of the deepest, darkest moments of their lives. But the whole focus of the project was to focus on hope and the process of

healing that had taken place in their lives," explained lead vocalist Jordan Janzen.

The community really got behind this project, he said, which makes it only fitting that the band share the Music Video of the Year Award in turn.

Last week, Janzen stopped by Winkler's city hall to present Mayor Martin Harder with the award trophy, which will be kept in one of the civic centre's display cases.

"We want to thank the city of Winkler, the community, the surrounding area of the Pembina Valley for being involved and for getting on board and for supporting The Color for all these years," said Janzen. "It's really been tremendous."

The impact of "What Would I Say To You" is rippling out far beyond south-

"THE WHOLE FOCUS OF THE PROJECT WAS TO FOCUS ON HOPE AND THE PROCESS OF HEALING."



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The Color members Jordan Janzen (left) and Larry Abrams (right) presented Winkler Mayor Martin Harder with the Music Video of the Year award they won at the Covenant Awards.

ern Manitoba, Janzen noted.

"It's very exciting to see not only is it making a different here in the community but it's actually affecting people's lives across Canada ... it's

just been really incredible to see the chain reaction of people being willing

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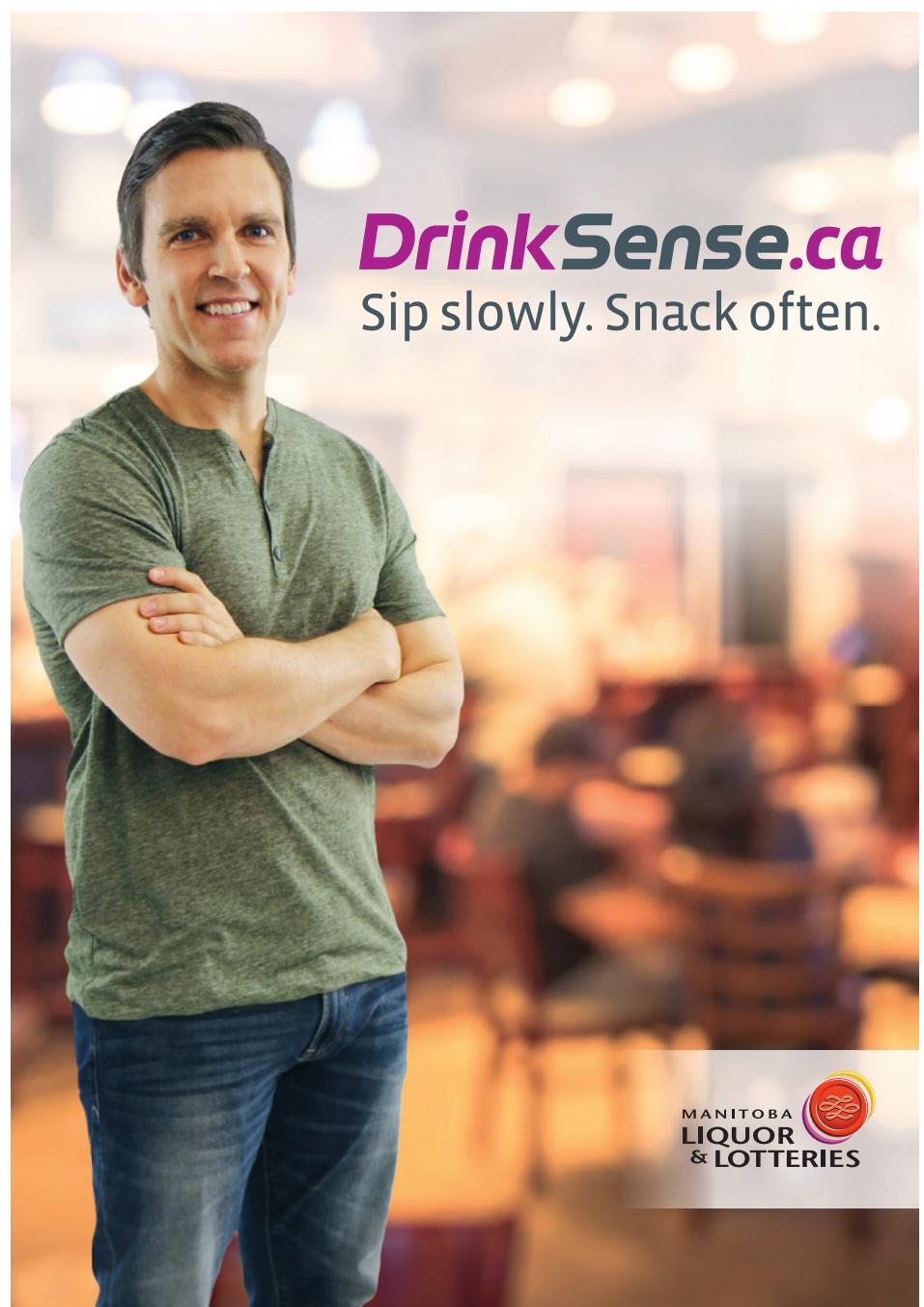
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Salem Home hosting fundraising banquet

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home is certainly no stranger to community fundraising campaigns, but this fall they're trying something a little different.

Salem Foundation is teaming up with the Salem Home Ladies Auxiliary to host the Building for Tomorrow fundraising dinner on Thursday, Nov. 2 at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church.

"We started brainstorming some different fundraising ideas because we typically do the faspa, which is very well attended over the years, but we were thinking how do we attract other people to see what we do as a foundation?" explained foundation chair Arlen Hildebrand. "It's something unique and it's really generated a lot of interest already ... we hope to make it an annual thing."

(Hildebrand noted the popular fall faspa, fellowship, and song evening will still take place—four nights before the banquet, in fact, on Oct. 29.)

In addition to the meal, the banquet will feature as guest speaker Marie Monville, author of *One Light Still Shines: My Life Beyond the Shadow of the Amish Schoolhouse Shooting*.

In 2006, Monville's then husband held an Amish school hostage in Lancaster County, Pa., wounding and killing several schoolchildren.

Auxiliary president Hilda Friesen feels Monville's story of healing will resonate with Salem's supporters.

"When we look at fundraisers we try to make sure that they are in keeping with our mission statement ... speakers that will portray that Christian content," she said, noting that Monville's faith amidst hardship is inspiring. "I was very intrigued by her story of forgiveness and resilience, her faith that moved her forward after a very, very tragic event."

Funds from the banquet will be used to build a new Cottonwood East dining room.

It's a project that has been on the personal care home's to-do list for several years now, explained CEO Sherry Janzen.

The need for a new dining room was identified back in 2010 during a survey of the facility, she said.

"It was just too noisy [in the existing space] and when residents are hard of hearing and there's cutlery clattering and all the extraneous noise of things, they don't eat well, they get frustrat-



PHOTO BY ASLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Salem Home CEO Sherry Janzen, Salem Fdn. chair Arlen Hildebrand, care manager Katharina Bruhn, and auxiliary president Hilda Friesen at the site of the future Cottonwood East dining room.

ed," Janzen said, noting upwards of 50 residents, some in large wheelchairs, fill the existing dining space to the brim. "So now it's becoming a space issue, as well."

Other, more immediately vital needs took precedence over the last few years, though, and it's only now that the care home is able to consider this project once again.

The plan is to build a second Cottonwood dining room on the eastern side of the building. It will ease congestion—and noise—for the entire unit, creating a space for about 20

residents to dine in peace.

Salem expects the expansion could cost upwards of \$400,000 and they're hoping this fall's banquet will take a big bite out of that price tag.

There are 360 tickets available at \$100 each (\$50 tax receipt). Hildebrand anticipates they will go quickly.

"Our goal is to be sold out by the end of July," he said, noting supporters can also book an entire table of eight for \$800 (\$400 tax receipt).

To book your tickets, stop by Salem Home or call 204-325-4316 starting Monday, July 10.

Main Stage slot up for grabs for winning song

Corn & Apple Festival contest looking for songs relating to Morden, festival

By Lorne Stelmach

A song contest is offering a chance for a Main Stage appearance at the Corn and Apple Festival next month.

Dead Horse Entertainment is spearheading the contest that challenges local musicians to come up with either an original song or a cover version of one with only one requirement:

"Record a song that has anything to do with Morden, corn, or apple," said promoter Darren Klassen, who is also serving as entertainment chair for the festival's organizing committee.

"We're keeping it pretty loose with that theme," he added. "It's completely open to anybody ... we're trying not to close any doors with the theme."

They tried the contest for the first

time last year, though, with just one entry received, it wasn't as successful as they had hoped it would be.

"We've already got more than that for this year, so that's great ... we've

still got another month yet before we close things down," said Klassen, who adds that the contest deadline is Aug. 1. Head to deadhorseentertainment.ca for entry information.

The festival entertainment committee will meet in August to decide which artist will get the coveted Main Stage slot.

Klassen said it is a small way for them to encourage and involve local talent.

"We'll be looking for people who would be able to handle a 30 minute set, so there is a level of expectation there ... but we're trying to get artists excited about that possibility."

Council tweaks zoning bylaws

By Lorne Stelmach

City council tweaked its zoning bylaw guiding development in Morden at its June 26 meeting.

A series of other motions also updated a range of bylaws for the city governing everything from traffic, noise, and derelict vehicles to boulevard maintenance, municipal parks, and animal control.

One notable change in the latter includes the bylaw no longer maintaining a ban on any specific breed of dog, while still keeping a number of restrictions particularly on pit bulls.

Council also approved three new subdivision proposals.

One subdivides a parcel of just under one acre in size from a 16-acre parcel off Loren Drive on the east end of Morden for a new commercial de-

velopment.

A second one subdivides a site on the west side of 16th Street north of North Railway into separate lots for the development of two two-unit townhouses.

Finally, a third on the south side of Parkhill west of Mountain will divide the 2.4 acre parcel into lots for multiple family development, with plans for a three story, 24-unit building.

Bookworms sign up for summer reading program

By Lorne Stelmach

With one child having just finished kindergarten and another one ready to start this fall, reading is an important thing in Lavonne Penner's home.

That's why she was at the Morden Library last week to register her three children for the summer reading program for the very first time.

"They're learning how to read, so I thought this would just be a great way to promote reading within our home," said Penner, whose kids were among the 470 who registered with the South Central Regional Library in the first three days of the program last week.

"I thought we should participate. They've done other library programs here and have really enjoyed it. It looks like it's going to be a lot of fun," said Penner, who noted it will be interesting to track their reading time this summer. "Any way to encourage reading within our home I think is a good thing. They love listening to books and looking at books."

The initiative is part of the TD Summer Reading Club, which is Canada's biggest summer reading program for kids of all ages, interests, and abilities.

The free program is co-created and delivered by 2,000 public libraries across Canada, including the four SCRL branches in Winkler, Morden, Miami, and Altona.

It's designed to inspire youth to explore the fun of reading their way to build a lifelong love of reading, and there is a particular emphasis on Canadian authors, illustrators, and stories.

SCRL director of library services Cathy Ching said the program is for children of all ages, but generally involves youth up to about age 13.

As they read through the summer, participants keep a log sheet that shows how long they've read each week. Reading minutes earn them draw tickets for the weekly book prize.

"We have probably at least 65 books to give away in the summer time for children who are participating," said Ching, who noted the children also get "bucks" which they can spend in their library's prize store. Participants can also earn entries for the grand prizes up for grabs at summer's end.

"So that really gets them engaged ... and each of the branches is going to do some sort of programming prob-



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Lavonne Penner (right) registered her three children last Wednesday for the summer reading program for the first time at the Morden branch of the South Central Regional Library.

ably Wednesdays," Ching said.

A new addition this year is a similar reading program for older youth or young adults.

In that program, participants can earn extra prize tickets by answering questions from the Canadian citizenship exam. Prizes will include such things as iTunes gift cards, said Ching.

"It kind of re-engages the people who still want to participate but don't want to do the kids' stuff anymore," she said, noting 115 people have already registered.

The libraries aim to make

reading fun, but in the end the program also plays a serious educational role.

"Kids are busy in the summer doing other activities," said Ching. "Teachers have commented that they can tell who doesn't read in the summer time ... for children who are engaged in the program ... they keep up their reading skills ... improve their reading skills ... so it kind of keeps them from sliding backwards ... the teachers really notice that."

WPD hires first female officers

Council approves hires, greenlights policing review

By Lorne Stelmach

Former Winnipeg police chief Devon Clunis will help give some direction to the City of Winkler for its police department.

Council approved the hiring of Clunis Consulting Group at its June 27 meeting to conduct a policing review here. More information about the review is expected to be released soon through the police board.

The approval came as council also approved the hiring of three more police officers for Winkler.

The trio include the first female police officers for the city in Kendra Derksen and Megan Fal lis, along with the hiring of Travis Krahn.

Two of the hirings follow the recent retirements of two long-time officers. The recruits start their training this month and are expected to be on the job by the end of the year.

Other items of note from council's meeting last week include:

- Community volunteers behind plans for a dog park in Winkler not only got the go-ahead

from council but a surprise bonus as well.

At the suggestion of Mayor Martin Harder, council agreed to have the money brought in through dog licensing fees turned over to the group for the dog park.

"They can enhance the conditions for dogs in the community, and they can use that money," said Harder.

"I think what this group has done is they've elevated the expectations of dog owners in this community, and I believe they also elevated the responsibility of dog owners in this community," he added. "They've done a phenomenal job, and we're very grateful that we actually have, I think, it's over 100 more dogs registered today than we had two years ago."

"I think it's a great idea. It's a bonus. We weren't expecting that, but we're very pleased," project volunteer Martha Olfert said after appearing before council.

She said it is good to know they have the back-

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Driving into the unknown

It is Sunday and that means driving. I suppose what it really means is "I am bored out of my skull. What in the world should I do?"

Perhaps it meant this for others in the past and perhaps those others went for what came to be known as a Sunday Drive.

This is invariably what I end up doing and I try, as much as possible, to convince, trick, and otherwise connive those around me into coming along as well.

The general goal is to pick a random route that has not been tried and simply drive. Drive for the day, drive for the morning or drive for the afternoon—it all depends on how much we want to drive.

In the course of the drive we come to better know our surroundings and stop along the way at various interesting locales. Sometimes there will be abandoned homes, or empty school houses, or derelict churches. Other times the route will be filled with interesting old grave yards; tiny necropoli left behind by ancient Icelanders or Mennonites. Still other

times it is mile after mile of empty, beautiful, windswept prairie.

Depending on the mood we may head south into the United States. For whatever reason, the United States has always held a certain mythology for me. Perhaps that makes me a bad Canadian. Who knows?

Nevertheless, on those days when we cross the border into North Dakota for a drive there is a certain additional level of excitement. What will we find down here that we cannot find in Canada?

I remember the time we drove south one Sunday afternoon past Langdon and we spotted a great concrete pyramid off to the side of the highway.

Not being raised around here and unfamiliar with the regional landmarks, we drove off the highway and a little ways down the gravel road to the gates of what ended up being an honest to goodness abandoned missile complex. The concrete pyramid was a radar bunker designed to keep an eye on those nasty Communists in case of a missile attack over the Arctic.

When we got to the gate, what looked to be an old retired biker pulled up on the other side in a front end loader, got out, and chatted for a bit. He explained the base was not abandoned per se but kept at a very low level of operation by yours truly should it ever need to be activated.

Talking to folks in town you learn of how the base was the hope of the

community. It was built by the Nixon administration with the promise of jobs and growth that come from a military town, but, sadly for them, it never opened.

Once, we stopped at the cemetery in Walhalla to wander a bit. Only in an American cemetery can you find a tombstone from the mid-1800s announcing the occupant had been "Shot by the Sheriff." Still other graves reminded you of an era that we have long left behind: "Mr. & Mrs. Suchandsuch, settlers, killed by the Indians."

We have yet to find monuments to those self-same American Indians who were also slaughtered and driven from their land. Perhaps we were looking in the wrong places.

Other interesting features of the American landscape were the small towns whose entrances are graced with fighter jets, or tanks or attack helicopters. Although, to be fair, Rolla, North Dakota welcomes you with three 10 metre tall wheat stalk sculptures and a giant billboard of the Ten Commandments. Further west in Dunseith you are presented with the wonder of the giant turtle made of semi-truck wheel hubs all welded together.

Without the Sunday drive how would we ever have the experience of encountering such things, such people, and such places north and south of the border? Somehow I feel better for the experience.

By Peter
Cantelon

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ing of council and they're anxious to get to work on the park, which is slated to be located near the city's water treatment plant.

"We have raised enough funds to have the fence built and we thought that was a good starting point," Olfert said, noting they are still raising more funds for finishing touches ranging from benches to trees.

• Council's concerns with the Manitoba Highway Traffic Board continue with the recent appeal decision that again denied the city a speed reduction.

Council had wanted to reduce the limit from 50 to 30 km/hr on Orion Lane, Southgate Drive, and Stonegate Drive.

"We're very frustrated ... we believe that their demands and their conditions are unreasonable," said Harder.

He suggested many other municipalities share their sentiment that the traffic board needs "to be just a commentary agency rather than a control agency."

"Everybody's got the same frustrations. They say why are you worry-

ing about whether our speed limit is 50 or 30? It's really none of your business."

The city, meanwhile, will be attending another hearing in the future with the aim of reducing the limit from 70 to 50 km/hr on a portion of 15th St., and Harder suggested they may need to make more of an impression before the board.

"Quite frankly, I'm tempted to rent a bus and take people to Winnipeg ... now you face the community," he said. "We will continue to raise the issue ... this won't go away."

BTHC Fdn. eager to see hospital grow

By Cori Bezan

The Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation held its annual general meeting on June 26, reflecting on a busy past year.

Board chair Debra Enns said that providing the hospital's rehabilitation program with a dedicated space was one of the biggest highlights for the foundation.

"We moved them into an actual room in the mall in Winkler, and all of the equipment that they have in there now was funded by the foundation," she explained, noting some children's rehab services had previously been done in a hallway at the hospital. "You see things from rolling mats, climbing walls, bouncy balls—things that help with mobility."

"I think every piece of equipment we can actually purchase that enhances what we already do in the hospital is a highlight to us," Enns added.

Some of the most notable increases at the hospital have been in the palliative and cancer care programs, especially in chemotherapy and dialysis treatments, signifying an ongoing need to support these programs going forward.

"With the restrictions of the physical space that we have, we can't offer any

"THE EXPANSION WILL PROBABLY BE OUR MAIN FOCUS NOW BECAUSE IT WILL BE NEEDING THE MOST AMOUNT OF REVENUE."

more programming beyond what we have because there's no more physical space," said Angie Cusson, BTHC director of health care services.

Even though after-surgery and minor procedures can now be handled at the clinics in Winkler and Morden, the hospital is still dealing with a high number of patients on an annual basis.

"We're still very close to 10,000 visits this year, even with 1,000 gone [to the clinics], and that's just in minor procedures," said Cusson. "What it really does is help with wait lists and waiting times, because with the two clinics helping support us, we still have 10,000 people waiting to go through this little tiny six-room clinic."



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Southern Health CEO Jane Curtis, BTHC Foundation chair Debra Enns, and BTHC director of health services Angie Cusson spoke at the foundation's annual general meeting on June 26, highlighting a busy year and looking forward to some lofty expansion goals.

As the foundation looks to the year ahead, Enns explained that they have already started working towards expanding the hospital, which is "bursting at its seams."

"The expansion will probably be our main focus now because it will be needing the most amount of revenue," she explained. "The campaign that will be going forward there will be an extensive one, so we probably will not be working on too many little projects at that time."

A project manager has already been hired to work with the expansion committee, with a formal announcement coming in the fall.

"The approval has come through and we have actually hired somebody," Enns said. "The actual first meeting will only be coming in September...we are in talks with him at this point, and making guidelines as to what we exactly wish him to complete for us in the near future, hopefully."

"What he's going to do is give us a virtual reality of what this building is going to look like, how much space do we need, and who can we move from the hospital into this building and who needs to stay in the hospital."

Pembina Valley Water Co-op looking to the future

By Lorne Stelmach

Recent issues point to the need to ensure the region's water supply is sustainable.

Even aside from events like flooding in Carman, which forced a shutdown of the town's water plant, to a dry period which led to water conservation this spring, the Pembina Valley Water Co-op had already been looking at what is needed to ensure it continues to meet the region's water needs.

"Part of it is just making sure we understand how we can supply water in the future," CEO Greg Archibald said following a recent strategic planning session involving board members from its 14 member municipalities.

They agreed to hire Associated Engineering to conduct a study which Archibald said will focus on three key areas: projected population growth, drought and disaster planning, and

changing regulations.

"It's a good time for us to do this study and kind of figure the whole thing out," he said.

The output from the cooperative's three water treatment plants in Morris, Letellier, and Stephenfield plus the plants operated by the town of Carman and the cities of Winkler and Morden are currently meeting the needs, but the concern is that won't necessarily continue long term with an annual population growth rate of two per cent or more.

In addition, Archibald said extended periods of drought will further tax the water supply system. He stressed the issue right now isn't supply but more about the capacity of the system.

"Sometimes it isn't that we don't have the water, but we don't necessarily have the piping systems in place," he said.

In terms of the three key study ar-

eas, Archibald touched briefly on each one:

- Growth: "We're going to work with the municipalities on the population projections for the next 50 years ... to get a good understanding of the water needs," he said.

- Drought and disaster planning: "What would we do and how would we get water?" he said, are the key concerns that need to be figured out well in advance of emergencies.

- Regulatory changes: "We're always having to make sure we have adequate equipment and we're following the standards," said Archibald. "We're going to do some extra work there to make sure that we understand what might be coming

up in the next five years."

A dry period this spring coupled with farmers' need of water for spraying their crops pushed the co-operative's water treatment capacity to the limit, and residents of the region were asked to reduce water usage for several days.

At their strategic planning session, Archibald said the municipal representatives on the water co-op board spent some time discussing strategies to handle this increased growth and demand for water. Ideas included establishing additional water storage, more interconnecting current distribution piping systems and looking outside the area for new water sources.

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Tara Wyton (right) heads up the teen talk program at the Youth for Christ centre in Morden as part of a partnership with Agassiz Medical Centre that also involves a weekly clinic Tuesday afternoons specifically for teenagers.



Teen clinic starting up in Morden

By Lorne Stelmach

A partnership is more effectively addressing all aspects of health for local teens in Morden.

A teen health clinic started this past month at Agassiz Medical Centre in conjunction with regular teen talks at The Warehouse drop-in centre of Youth for Christ.

"It's been an incredible partnership ... how these worlds collide is really great," said Tara Wyton, who oversees the talks at YFC every other Tuesday. She is joined by Agassiz nurse practitioner Caroline Bitton. "I can't give them all the answers ... so to be able to forge a partnership like this ... it's been a really, really great opportunity."

"We'll talk about a specific topic for about an hour. I like that it's a very like a laidback type of approach," said Bitton, who heads up the teen clinic at Agassiz each Tuesday afternoon and is joined there by Wyton.

Bitton, who also works out of Manitou, was hired in January specifically to develop the teen clinic in Morden.

A number of key stakeholders saw a need in the community, she said, noting that a similar clinic has been operating in Winkler for some time.

"Not everybody, especially teenagers, may have access to go to Winkler ... so it was thought something here would be beneficial for them," said Bitton.

"I think the big premise around the teen clinic is so that they do access care. We're finding that they're not

accessing care with the conventional methods of the clinic," she continued. "That may be because it's still kind of a small town, and there's confidentiality ... everything is confidential, but they may not view it that way."

Bitton noted the teen clinic operates in a space assessed from the north doors of Boundary Trail Place so "they don't even have to go through main reception ... then they feel a little bit safer ... nobody's seeing them come in for whatever reason they might want to come in."

In operation for a month now, the clinic is available Tuesdays from 2-5:30 p.m. with no appointments necessary, and Bitton believes it will get busier as more people become aware it is available.

She anticipates a typical time with a patient might be in the range of 15 minutes "depending on what they need ... if it's someone coming in here for mental health reasons ... those take a lot of time. Even the reproductive

health ones take a lot of time."

She anticipates seeing a lot of issues around mental health, whether that involves anxiety, depression, suicide or just everyday stress.

"Also reproductive health is a big issue as well," she said. "And just education. There's lots of education involved, and I find that's what they need."

She sees the clinic filling a void for teens who may not have anywhere else to turn for help.

"I can see teens maybe not knowing where to go if they don't have the right people in their lives," she said. "A lot of kids do come from good families, and they can talk to their families, but some don't ... where do you go from there?"

Wyton said there's a wide range of things that they are dealing with at the teen talks.

"Kids struggle with all kinds of things these days. So to have kind of an advocate ... to give truth to the situ-

ations that they are dealing with ... is important," she said.

The talks so far have covered issues like healthy relationships and cell phone safety.

"We've done different kinds of topics on mental health, which is a huge issue facing our teenagers these days," Wyton said. "Every week, there's a new topic that we talk about to give them information and allow them a place to ask questions."

She sees it as an ideal partnership where, between the two organizations, they can help youth with the many complex issues they may be facing.

"The things that they're feeling, the questions that they have, they are normal questions that we want to answer," said Wyton, noting the teen talks are breaking for the summer months but will return in fall. "You're trying to transition them to make life easier for them and so they have the resources."

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to open up simply from us being willing to share these stories."

Mayor Harder hailed the band as great ambassadors for the city.

"I was captivated by the sense of sorrow and also the sense of darkness that these families have gone through," he said of watching the video. "And yet I'm reminded

again and again in the middle of darkness there's a light. I want to thank you guys for taking the opportunity to shed some light on that darkness."

"We are honoured to be able to receive this award on your behalf, to keep it here for you," Harder said. "We want to treasure that and

we want to make sure that there's more people who are going to see this and say, 'Hey, what's that all about?' and we can tell the story again."

"This is an awesome experience and an awesome opportunity for our community."

WAC Chase the Ace lottery begins Tuesday

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Arts and Culture is kicking off a new fundraiser next week that has the potential to raise a lot of money—both for local arts and a few lucky winners.

On July 11, WAC will hold its first weekly Chase the Ace lottery at its Park St. gallery.

Tickets to the lottery will be on sale every Tuesday from 7-7:45 p.m. for \$10 each.

Each week, right after ticket sales close, a winning ticket will be selected at random and the ticket holder (who must be in attendance) will instantly win 20 per cent of that night's earnings.

Fifty per cent of the evening's earnings goes to WAC, while the remaining 30 per cent goes into the Chase the Ace pool.

The weekly winner will have a chance to win once again that same night by picking a card from a deck.

If they happen to draw the ace of spades, they win the pool money on top of the money they've already won.

That pool will keep growing every week until someone finally pulls the winning card.

"So it's an accumulated pot that builds every week and the longer it runs, the bigger the pot is," says organizer Tomm Penner says, pointing, in example, to a recent Chase the Ace lottery in Pilot Mound that ran for 45 weeks and saw a Carman couple win over \$173,000.

Penner expects the excitement is going to build each week alongside the pot, with people coming from far and wide for a crack at it.

"After a couple of weeks, when word of mouth gets going and the pot starts building ... once it reaches \$10,000, \$50,000, people start driving out for this," he said. "That's going to get attention."

Which is exactly what they're hoping for, above and beyond the money



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Winkler Arts and Culture's Tomm Penner is eager to see excitement build for the organization's first Chase the Ace lottery fundraiser, which begins next Tuesday, July 11, at the Park St. gallery.

raised for the gallery.

"We wanted to help Winkler Arts and Culture and, not only that, but it's just going to bring more people to the building," Penner said. "And it's going to have that community fun as-

pect to it too."

More information is available on the Winkler Arts and Culture website (winklerarts.com) or their Facebook page.

Big Rigs Big Hearts takes to Winkler's streets July 15

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The fifth annual Big Rigs Big Hearts truck rally is on the move this year.

After a few years setting up shop in Winkler's Parkland, the 2017 celebration takes place Saturday, July 15 at

the Main Plaza parking lot on Main St.

"We really liked the Stanley Ag Society grounds, but after last year where we had a lot of rain, it wasn't the best conditions for the trucks," said organizer Rick Wall. "So we decided it was

time to pick a new location where if we had rain on that day we wouldn't have to be so concerned."

The rally gets underway with truck registration at 9 a.m., but the real fun begins closer to noon when several food vendors open up shop, the activities for kids get going (there will be face painting, inflatable bouncers, balloon animals, cotton candy, and other fun and games), and live musical entertainment from local talents like Jayme Giesbrecht, The Committee, the Harvey Allen Band, and the Quonset Boys.

Things wrap up at 8:15 p.m. when the huge convoy of trucks begins to wind its way through the city.

The day is a chance for the trucking community to get together and show off their rigs, enjoy some family-friendly fun, and raise money for local causes, Wall said.

"I think they all really enjoy coming out and mingling with other truck drivers," he said of the participants, who in past years have come from as far away as Mexico to be part of the

day. "It's an exciting day for everyone ... there's nothing else like this in this area."

The event has certainly grown in leaps and bounds since the very first rally took place back in 2013.

That inaugural Big Rigs Big Hearts celebration saw 15 trucks come out to raise funds for an area family in need.

Last year's event, meanwhile, featured 118 trucks and raised upwards of \$8,000 for Katie Cares and Donate Love.

Funds this year will be split between the STARS air ambulance and the family of the late Alexander Sawatzky to help cover expenses connected with his battle with cancer. The six-year-old passed away earlier this month.

"It's one of the toughest decisions for us every year, what we're going to raise funds for, because there's obviously a lot of people in need," said Wall.



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The fifth annual Big Rigs Big Hearts truck rally is moving to Main Plaza this year. An afternoon of family-friendly fun takes place Saturday, July 15, wrapping up with a huge truck rally through Winkler.

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Shoppers Drug Mart's Zahid Zehri and staff presented \$385 to the Eden Foundation's Earl Reimer last week toward the mental health agency's housing and supports programs.

Shoppers gives back

By Lorne Stelmach

Shoppers Drug Mart in Winkler is continuing its support for the work of Eden Health Care Services.

Store management and staff recently donated \$385 in proceeds from its May 5 spring gala event to Eden, and it also announced Eden will again be the beneficiary when the store holds its annual the Shoppers Love You campaign this fall.

"This is the second time that you have done this for us, and we are grateful for that," Earl Reimer, director of development for the Eden Foundation, told store staff.

Reimer expressed his appreciation to manager Zahid Zehri for having a heart for the community and particu-

larly for its health.

"We are looking to use this for the benefit again of our housing and supports program," Reimer noted, "but specifically one of the areas that has been highlighted for us this time around is the fact that there are women and children who live in supports ... but there's really no playground area for the kids."

"This is the seed money that helps that be achieved," he added.

"We have a full fledged campaign with Shoppers coming in September," said Zehri, noting its focus continues to be on women's health issues. "Shoppers always has a focus for the women's health. Their health is very important."

Pioneer Days, Cowgirls & Chaps coming up at PTM

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Threshermen's Museum is gearing up for its two busiest months of the year.

The heritage village located on Hwy. 3 between Morden and Winkler kicks things off with its first of three Pioneer & Picnic Days July 10.

"This is the first Pioneer Days of the summer," says general manager Kim Striemer, who notes the event will also take place July 22 and Aug. 7.

This year the museum is encouraging visitors to bring along a picnic basket on Pioneer Day for a meal outside amidst the historical buildings.

"Why not do an old-fashioned picnic?" says Striemer. "It just works beautifully with Pioneer Days."

All of the museum's buildings will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day, including the General Store, which will have hot dogs, ice cream, and snacks for sale.

The day will also be packed with ac-

tivities pioneer children might have enjoyed, as well as barrel train rides, interactive learning stations, self-guided tours, and a scavenger hunt.

In addition to this event, new to the line-up this summer is PTM's Cowgirls & Chaps celebration, which kicks off July 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then again on Aug. 14.

Visitors are encouraged to come out in their favourite Western gear to enjoy a day filled with tractor-pulled wagon rides, old-fashioned horse stick races, dummy goat tail tying, steer head lassoing, cowboy music, and more.

"It's just going to be quite a lot of fun," says Striemer. "It's something different for us—western instead of pioneer—and so we're really looking forward to changing it up."

More information for these events, including admission prices, are available online at threshermensmuseum.com.

"WHY NOT DO AN OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC?"

Photos need to be submitted by Sept. 30 via email at info@threshermensmuseum.com. The calendars will be printed this fall but are available for pre-purchase now for \$25 by emailing the address above.

Learn more online at www.threshermensmuseum.com or the museum's Facebook page.

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"Obviously Alexander, his story's been very public, everybody knows the struggles his family has been having," he said. "And then STARS, they're out here a lot, helping a lot of people ... we wanted to show our appreciation for what they do for our community."

Wall hopes to see the parking lot

full of not just trucks but the community at large next weekend.

"We just encourage everyone to come out and enjoy," he said.

More information—including, in the days to come, the finalized convoy route—is available online at bigrigsbighearts.com or on the event's Facebook page.

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Pembina Threshermen's Museum staff and volunteers invite you to come check out the heritage village this summer.



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Pembina Threshermen's Museum staff and volunteers invite you to come check out the heritage village this summer.

PHAC seeks community feedback with survey

By Lorne Stelmach

The community is being given a chance to have its say on arts programming in the Morden area.

The Pembina Hills Arts Council is running a survey to help guide it in developing stronger programs.

"It will really help us in moving forward ... and seeing what kind of ways we can grow," said summer assistant Braelyn Koop.

"Community involvement is very important," she added. "The only way we'll know in which areas we need improvement is if the community lets us know how we can better serve them."

Koop said the arts council wants to create a welcoming space for anyone and everyone to come and explore their talents.

"Our hope with this survey is to connect the community and the arts together," Koop said. "It's just to try to be able to provide the best programs for the community ... or just to develop better programs here ... getting

input from people."

She said they have already gotten a bit of feedback on what people would like to see the gallery offer more of.

"It's good to know what they think of the programs that we have now ... whether or not people are actually coming to the gallery and for what reason," Koop said.

"Some of the comments that they're giving are really helpful ... some of them have given us some really good ideas of what kind of programs we can offer. It's been good to hear that people do appreciate what we are doing and that we're trying to get involved."

A bonus for those who complete the survey will be an entry for a chance to win \$65 towards a program or event hosted by the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

To participate in the survey, follow the link at pembinahillsarts.com or through the gallery's Facebook page. Hard copies are also available at the Morden and Manitou libraries.



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Braelyn Koop, a summer assistant at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden, is overseeing a survey that aims to get feedback from the community on the programs and activities of the Pembina Hills Arts Council.

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Distractions, speeding, impaired driving top causes of vehicle deaths

As summer approaches we begin to look forward to camping trips, long weekend visits to provincial parks, and even the odd day trip to our favourite beach.

Of course, as summer gets busy, so do our highways. According to Manitoba Public Insurance there were 96 vehicle-related fatal collisions in Manitoba in 2016, causing the deaths of 107 people.

MPI cites three major behaviours that are most responsible for traffic fatalities: distracted driving, speeding, and impaired driving. Not sur-

prisingly, these three behaviours are all preventable.

There are many distractions drivers face, but the one recently targeted by police could be the most dangerous: the use of hand-held electronic devices such as cellphones. When you are driving, your focus should be on driving. Have your passenger answer your phone when possible or let the call go to voicemail. If you have to make a call or send a text while driving, find a safe place to pull over and stop your car before doing so. If you know you'll be tempted to check your phone, turn it off or silence it and put it somewhere out of reach.



By Dr.
Kevin
Convery

Speed kills! Your speed affects your reaction time and the distance it takes for you to stop in an emergency. Your speed determines the amount of energy transferred to other objects or people during a collision. As MPI says, "The faster you go, the harder you crash."

Adjust your speed accordingly for bad weather or road conditions. Pay attention in school zones and slow down to 30 km/hr. In the summer, when school is out, slow down when passing parks and playgrounds where children may be nearby. Give yourself extra time so you are not rushing to get to your destination.

When we hear impaired driving, we usually think of alcohol intoxication, but there are other sources of impairment we also need to consider. Illicit drugs, prescription and non-prescription drugs, and fatigue can all lead to impairment as well.

You need to be alert and in control at all times while driving. Do not operate a motor vehicle when you are impaired. Call a friend, get a cab or, in the case of fatigue, pull off to a safe spot and get some sleep before continuing.

To err is human. We will all make mistakes behind the wheel. Do your best to drive defensively to do your part to help prevent a collision when someone else makes a mistake on the road.

Please wear your seatbelt. A properly worn seatbelt, added to the many safety features in today's vehicles, can help save your life.

Visit www.mpi.mb.ca and click the heading Road Safety for many other great tips, including sections on child car seats, cycling, and wildlife.

Be safe of the roads and have a great summer!

arts & culture

The art of storytelling

By Lorne Stelmach

Caleb Hamm sees storytelling as a universal art that can transcend all barriers and divides.

It's also through stories that we inherit traditions, beliefs, and values, he stresses, and art which tells a story often can be a connection between any people.

That is his ultimate hope with his own works of art which are being featured through July at the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre.

"Every painting is telling a story," says Hamm, whose opening reception for his show *Storytellers* took place last weekend.

The exhibit will include paintings which cover a variety of themes and subject matter, ranging from multiculturalism and social justice to musical portraits and Canadian land-

"IT'S WHAT CONNECTS US. IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE OLDEST FORMS OF COMMUNICATION."

scapes.

Some of Hamm's paintings wind down various multicultural and historical paths, while others illustrate his own spiritual and geographic journeys. A commonality, though, in much of his current work revolves around storytelling.

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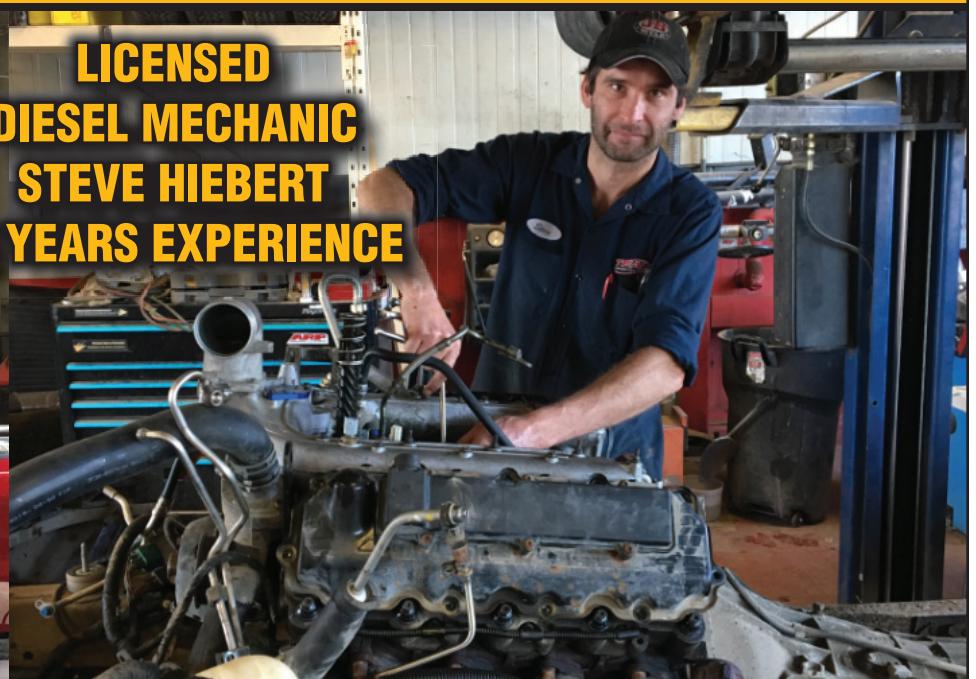
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Artist Caleb Hamm brings his show *Storytellers* to the Winkler Arts and Culture Centre this month.

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Members' show celebrates Canada's 150th

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual summer tradition of the Pembina Hills Gallery, the members' show this year challenged the artists for works with a Canadian theme in conjunction with Canada 150.

The exhibit now on display through July and August features so much more than a few maple leaves.

While it does celebrate our nation, there is also some effort to get past the stereotypes and address the challenges that face our country.

"I just want people to think, not to just glorify us," said Tammy Hendrickx, who has a couple entries among the 60 or so submissions that came in for the show.

"I decided to do the show ... why just show people the fun side of Canada?" she said, noting she almost didn't participate this year, but she then thought it would be a good opportunity for her to explore issues that interest her, like those involving indigenous people.

For example, there is a sketchbook that is dedicated to an aunt who Hendrickx said "really believed in change ... she worked hard for it."

Started in 2007 while in Spain as part of an exchange, it went on to

Tammy Hendrickx with her Canadian flag artwork that is among the 60 pieces submitted for the annual summer members' show at the Pembina Hills Gallery in Morden.

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cover a lot of ground.

"I did lots of collages, and it kind of just built up. It's kind of a story," said Hendrickx.

There is a part reflecting how she was inspired at the time as she listened to the music of Loreena McKennitt, while another features snippets from the book *Seeds Of Change*, but she later added sections delving into the issues raised around the truth and reconcili-

ation commission in Canada.

"I gave people a question at the end ... what are you going to do?" said Hendrickx. "I think we can all do our

part, even if it's little ... helping some-

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Sharing stories, preserving cultural history

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"It's what connects us. It's probably one of the oldest forms of communication," says Hamm.

Some cultures rely solely on story-

telling in order to preserve their history, he adds, so it is a powerful role that oral traditions play in keeping a culture's history alive and relevant.

Our history is a collection of stories that have been told from one generation to the next, he explains.

"It's something that begins to embody not just myths but culture and how we view the world. There's stories that help us relate to one another," says Hamm, noting how we can make personal connections with our own family histories to the recent surge of refugees in the world.

"There's something that creates empathy within us because we have somehow been touched by that experience as well."

As one of the most shared forms of expression, art also carries a significant responsibility in the arena of social awareness, says Hamm, and he sees that being a strong motivation behind much of his work.

"What kind of connects this body of work is kind of the diversity of culture," he says. "Culture is an area that really inspires me. Multiculturalism is something that's been part of my more recent works."

He cites in example a piece done for Regional Connections titled *4 Corners*. It portrays a Canadian collage that captures the melting pot of cultures here through images such as that of a Peruvian Quechuan woman wearing a traditional shawl called a Lliklla.

"What's fun about that piece is I created a map of Canada and then have different groups of people dressed in some of their traditional garb putting colours and a mosaic on the map."

Having been more seriously involved in art since about 2000, Hamm says he likes to work in a very wide range of styles and media.

"With me, it's always been kind of loose that way," he says. "There's a wide range of muses for me. Some of it is very local, some of it's just related to landscapes. Others I think tell a more personal story."

An area which he is particularly interested in exploring further now is the larger scale work of murals.

He was involved with a mural at Elias Woodwork in Morden as well having done the one beside the Royal Bank in Morden and a project at the Cornerstone Church in Winkler.

"That is an area I think is growing and developing ... I would like to see more opportunities for projects like that."

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Here's another interesting fact that you may not be aware of: All strawberries are made up of 90 percent water, regardless of their variety. They are also low in sugar—having only a six- to nine-percent sugar content compared to an average of 10 to 14 percent for all fruit combined.

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Show provides a diversity of perspectives

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one out when there's a stereotype of that person."

Having spent time living abroad in Germany, Hendrickx also reflected on the stereotypes around Canada being such a great place to live.

We have it good here, but it is not perfect, she observed, with one of her other pieces featuring a Canadian flag with a few embellishments including stamps from letters from her mother and her hand print.

"It never even occurred to me ... I think I did the maple leaf first, and then I had to put the stripes on the side ... and it's lopsided ... which totally makes sense though ... because we are not perfect," she said.

"We take pride in what we have become in 150 years, but we aren't acknowledging what was ... and what it could have been and what it could still be if we live together a little happier," said Hendrickx.

It is exactly that kind of diversity of perspectives which organizers hope to have reflected in this summer's show, said PHAC programs and outreach co-ordinator Margie Hildebrand.

"I think it gives them a good outlet for their work," she said, noting some artists may also use it as an opportunity to try out new mediums and styles.

The nationalistic theme seemed to resonate with members, Hildebrand said.

"I think people really picked up on the theme this year ... it's kind of exciting to see," she said. "Some people have created new work on this theme, and other people have work that they have probably shown before ... it's not new work but it fits."

Some of the interesting pieces include one by Susan Pharaoh that is a mobile of small ceramic maple leaves suspended from the ceiling to form the shape of the Canadian flag.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

PHAC's members' show features a variety of work, including a mobile of small ceramic maple leaves that also form the shape of the Canadian flag and a series of 13 paintings featuring the provincial and territorial floral emblems.

Another artist, Marilyn Young, has 13 paintings featuring the provincial and territorial floral emblems.

"It's a variety ... mostly paintings ... but some photography and some ceramic work," said Hil-

debrand of the show as a whole. "I think it's going to be very interesting ... and we have some new members who are coming up with some great work."

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Passion Play kicks off two-week run this weekend



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Bill Tiessen, who plays Jesus, rehearses the last supper scene for Manitoba's Passion Play, which begins this weekend.

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By Angela Lovell

It takes a cast and crew of around 75 people to put on Manitoba's Passion Play at the outdoor, Oak Valley theatre site in the beautiful Pembina Valley at La Riviere, a number that swells into the hundreds for the performances as volunteers operate concessions, direct traffic, and perform all kinds of other vital roles to ensure the play runs smoothly.

The cast rehearses just about every weekend in May, June, and early July, and many of the crew and cast are veterans that come back year after year.

That includes actor Bill Tiessen, who plays the role of Jesus for the tenth time this year, and who has been involved with the show for 17 years.

He estimates that the cast—with 20 rehearsals and performances plus time spent in setup, take down, and grounds-keeping at the site—each commit at least 200 hours to the play every summer.

So what keeps them coming back?

"There is great camaraderie and everybody works as a team and is there for one another," says Tiessen.

"EVERY TIME YOU HEAR THE WORD OF GOD IT IS ALIVE AND ACTIVE ..."

"Although it's a familiar story, there are some changes to the script every few years, and each year, whether you play the same character or not, there are different experiences that mean it's not predictable. Our director is also a big part of it because her enthusiasm and commitment is infectious."

Outdoor theatre can present some challenges, usually with Mother Nature, but Tiessen recalls that these can provide some poignant, unscripted moments.

He remembers one year when they were about to enact the crucifixion scene and a black cloud hovered overhead.

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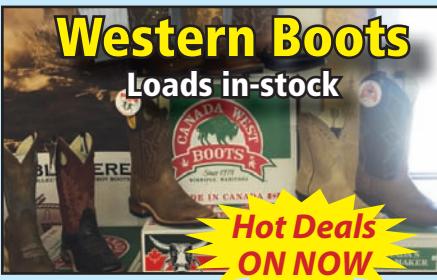
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Getting Down to Business

Morden Home Hardware continues to grow

It's been a great year and a half for David and Elizabeth Janzen since they took over Home Hardware in Morden.

With the Altona store now also under their ownership, the Janzens have a strong commitment to the area and to seeing the businesses continue to grow.

In Morden, they have made a number of changes to the store, including a brand new entrance and an increase in stock.

"In the spring we added the garden centre, which was new for us ... but it's been great," said David. "Morden is a growing city and we need to have good selection and good prices.

"We increased our inventory and added some lines, as we have had room," he added. "We're trying to add more lines ... in our minds, we're not done yet.

"We're going to keep growing, and we're going to keep offering more to the people in the area. That's what our goal is ... to always offer more complete selection."

David added they inherited a great team of staff in both locations (15 employees in Morden and five in Altona) and they hear many positive comments from customers about the service.

He stressed they really appreciate the community's support, as well.

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David and Elizabeth Janzen are the proud owners of Home Hardware in both Morden and Altona.

"The people here and around us have treated us well ... we've had a lot of great response," he said. "I would like to express appreciation to the people here for welcoming us to Morden and helping us to feel at home here."

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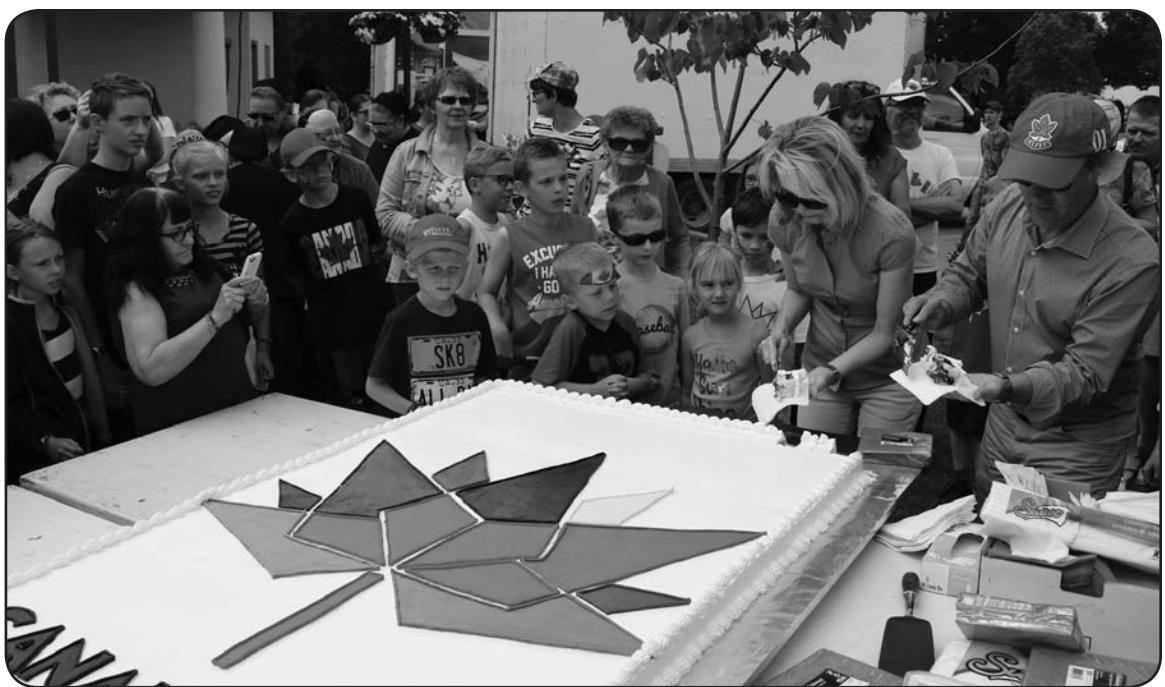
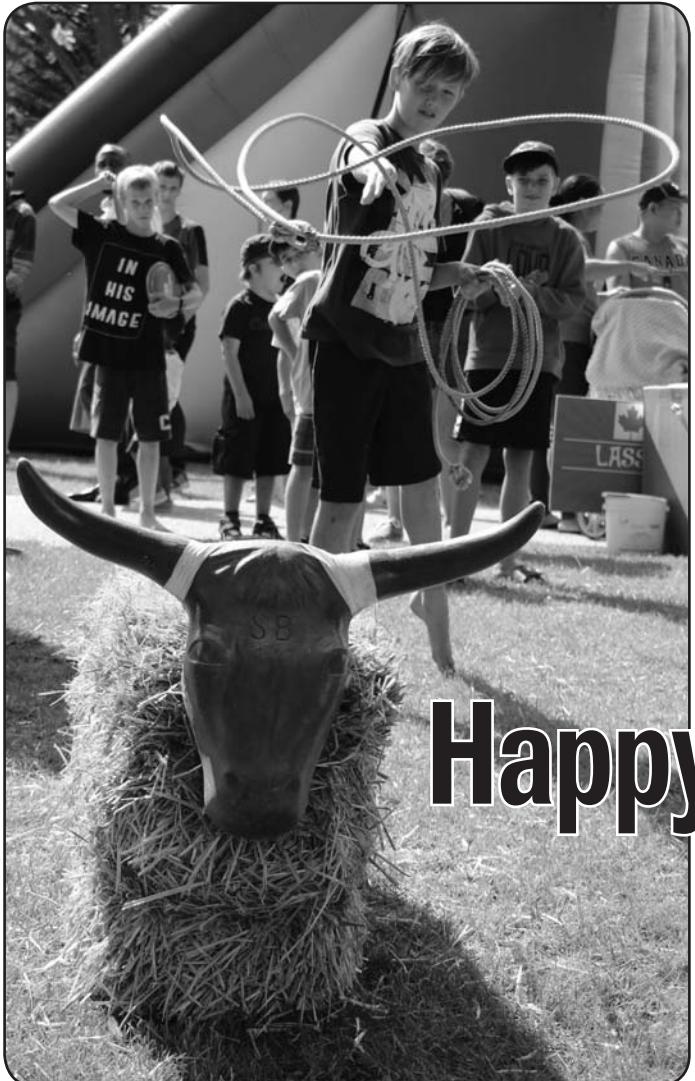


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Happy birthday Canada!

Winkler celebrated Canada's 150th with a party in Bethel Heritage Park that included (clockwise from above, right) a giant birthday cake served to over 1,000 people; dunk tank fun; a chance to get up close and personal with reptiles and other creepy crawlies from Prairie Exotics; the bubble escapades of Captain Bubbles; several musical acts, including Reckless Tram and the Frying Pan; Children's Carnival games that included some tricky steer lassoing.

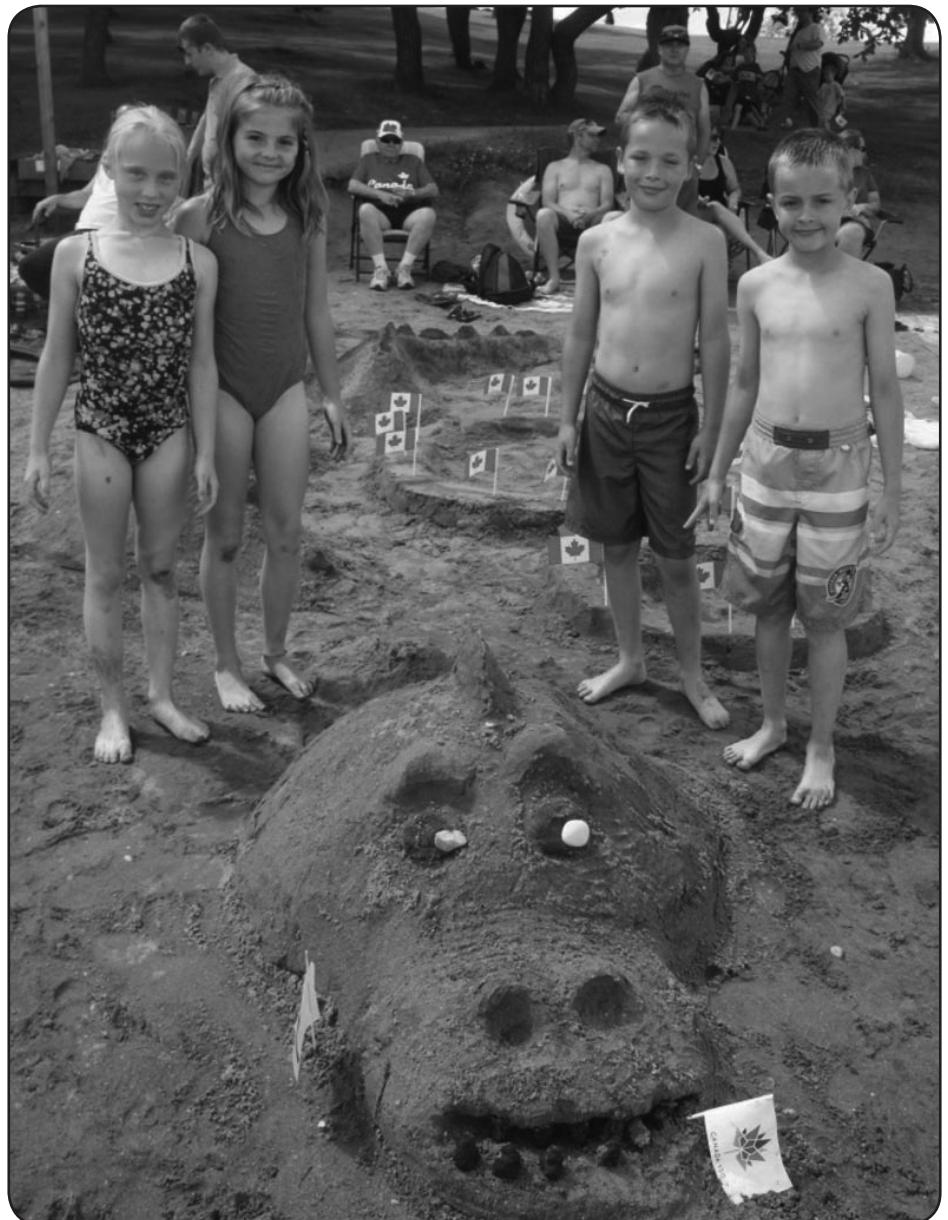
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Morden's Canada Day celebrations took over both Colert Beach and the city's downtown. The afternoon included cultural demonstrations from Aboriginal (above) and Bhangra dance groups (right); beach fun at Lake Minnewasta, including a sand castle contest (right, bottom); a massive 150 Picnic for 150 guests (below, bottom); and musical entertainment from groups such as (below) Jess Reimer and company.

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A tough play at second base for Whips Bill Fehr as Mohawks Ryan Steppeler slides into the path of the ball.

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

Mowhawks down Whips

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden Mohawks came out on top in going up against the rival Winkler Whips last Tuesday night.

The June 27 game saw Morden walk away with a hard-won 4-1 victory.

Winkler and Morden currently have a matching record in the Border West Baseball League standings, sitting at 7-6 behind the 9-5 first place Baldur Regals and the 8-5 second place Pilot Mound Pilots. Nipping at their heals are the 5-6-1 Cartwright Twins.

Winkler had been slated to play a makeup game against Clearwater on June 30, but the game was once again rained out.

They were scheduled to play in Clearwater on Tuesday, as well. Results were not available at press time.

This weekend Winkler hosts Pilot Mound Friday at 8 p.m. and then hosts Cartwright Sunday at 2 p.m.

Morden, meanwhile, hosted Cartwright on Tuesday and plays at Clearwater on Friday. They also play on the Twins' home turf next Tuesday.

Hurricanes wipe the field with visiting United

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Hurricanes sent their opponents packing last week.

On June 28, the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League 2nd Division team trounced the visiting BA United 7-0.

The 'Canes took full advantage of their opponents being short a few players at the game's start due to late-arriving players, scoring three goals.

Even after United was able to field a full team, the 'Canes ran roughshod over them, scoring another four goals and denying every attempt at a response from their opponents.

Coach Jen Martens noted that ending the game early out of mercy wasn't an option, as every goal can count when it comes to the standings.

"A tie in the points standings goes to number of goals scored," she explained. "We actually tied in points last year to a different team, but because they scored more goals than us, they stayed in 1st Division and we dropped down to 2nd. So we are not giving up any opportunity to score goals."

Scoring for the home team was Martens with two and Erica Hepner, Colleen Penner, Emily Hard-

er, Lauren Hildebrandt, and Esther Schwartzkopf with singles.

The win puts the Hurricanes in second place in the division, tied in points with the first place SE Reunited (7-1 record, 21 points), who have a few games in hand over them.

South Central's record for the season thus far is 6-2-3, giving them three points up on the third place Synergy, who are also about four games behind them.

This week the Hurricanes took on CCC United on Wednesday. Results were not available at press time.

Coming up next week, the ladies hit

the road to play the Red Hot Pink Flamingos July 12.

Meanwhile, the local mens team, the Winkler Storm, kicked off July with a 3-1 loss to the Wasps FC Monday evening. Thomas Giesbrecht scored the lone goal for Winkler.

That puts the team's record at 3-5 and has them in eighth place in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's 1st Division.

This weekend the Storm host the Britannia Rovers Sunday at 7 p.m. They get a few weeks off, then, before their next game July 21 against Dunvegan Castle.

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Three of Winkler Minor Ball's teams won big last week.

Winkler 5 (above, at left) clinched the 2017 South Central Mosquito (11U) AA League championship by downing Winkler 1 7-1 on June 26.

There were eight teams that qualified for the 11U AA league final tournament by finishing league play in the top four of their respective pools. All five teams from Winkler made it to the tournament, as well as two teams from Altona and a team from Carman.

Winkler 5 will now represent South Central at the Baseball Manitoba 11U AA provincials taking place in Winnipeg July 14-16.

On the team are (back row, from left) assistant coach Nolan McGuire, head coach Matt Friesen, and players (middle row) Haiden Friesen, Daniel Eva, Jovanni Enns, Jonas Friesen, Jackson Friesen, James Wiebe, Chase Ehnes, (front row) Carter Nikkel, Simon Hiebert, and Kam Thomas.

Also coming in on top was the Winkler 2 team, who bested Rosenort

Winkler teams win titles



11-7 to win the 13U A championship on June 26.

Both teams were 10-0-1 through the regular season and went undefeated in the league playdowns.

In the photo above are (back row) coach John Ireland, Julian Bruhn, Johnny Ireland, Dylan Wiebe, Joshua Wall, coach Vern Wall, head coach Jake Peters, (middle row) Kalden Buhler, Hudson Friesen, Tyrel Unrau, Lane Giesbrecht, Karsten Peters, (front) Jeremy Wiebe, and Kamin Unrau.

Winkler 2 heads to the provincials this weekend.

Also representing our region at provincials is Winkler 1, who on June 26 downed Winkler 2 15-5 to take the 15U A title.

That team is made up of coaches Darren Crane and Ed Penner and players Trent Crent, Trevor Heide, Tyler Heppner, Jackson Rempel, Steffan Dyck, Logan Enns, Brock Macdonald, Trent Penner, James Hollingsworth, and Jayden Santos.

Come out and cheer on Morden Tri athletes

By Lorne Stelmach

It's triathlon weekend in Morden, and organizers say residents have an important role to play.

"We would love to have the community come out and help by cheering on the racers," said Heather Janzen, a member of the organizing committee.

"It can be a really exciting atmosphere ... and we're hoping we get the community out to support the race."

Registrations had reached the 80 mark coming up to the deadline Friday for the 34th edition of the race hosted by the 3rd Wave Triathlon

Club.

One of Manitoba's longest-running races features one key change this year with the half ironman and foilman distances shortened to standard Olympic and sprint distances for both the triathlon (swim, bike, and run) and duathlon (run and bike).

The Olympic race (1,500 m swim, 40 km bike, 10 km run) starts at 8 a.m. followed by the sprint (half the distances of the Olympic) at 9 a.m.

One other difference this summer is the Try-a-Tri short distance race (300 m swim, 10 km bike, 3 km run) moves

to Saturday with a 9:30 a.m. starting time.

The Kids of Steel races remain on Sunday with an 8:30 a.m. starting time.

The best location for watching the full range of the race is at the Colert Beach, where the swimming takes place and participants transition to the biking and running portions, but good vantage points for the running leg can also be enjoyed from the golf course as well as the western part of Alvey Street and Connor Hill from Pembina Drive to Mint Street.

Homeowners along the route are encouraged to have sprinklers going to help cool off athletes, and Janzen again urges everyone to come out and make some noise cheering on the athletes.

"It does all really make a huge difference for the racers," she said. "We mostly just want people to come out and watch ... and to make the atmosphere exciting."

Proceeds from the race will go toward South Central Cancer Resource, Morden Caring and Sharing and the Many Hands Resource Centre.

Orioles down visiting Jays 15-4

The Pembina Valley Orioles started off their week on a high note Monday, downing the visiting Interlake Blue Jays 15-4.

The makeup game bolstered the team's record to 6-11 in the Manitoba Baseball Junior League standings,

though they still remain at the bottom of the pack.

Also on the schedule this week was another makeup game, this time against the Carillon Sultans Tuesday night, and a regularly scheduled game against the St. James A's

Wednesday night.

The Orioles return to home turf this Sunday for a double-header against the St. Boniface Legionaries. They then hit the road again Monday to play in Altona against the Bisons.

"WE'RE HOPING TO
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Agriculture

Farm deaths showing a downward trend

By Harry Siemens

Glen Blahey, health and safety specialist for the Canadian Agricultural Association, said every so often when he starts talking about safety, someone will push back and say oh, regulations are terrible.

"That's far too much to keep up with, and I don't have the time, etc., etc. It was chewing away at me," said Blahey. "I thought well, okay. How many farmers operate their farms just to get by? Or don't care about their efficiency, they don't care about their yields, they don't care about their productivity, they just farm to get by? How many producers are there like that in Canada?"

Blahey said there used to be some, but today there are none. Occupational Safety and Health legislation and standards are minimum performance criteria these days.

"This is the minimum you should be doing to protect the people that work in your operation, including yourself," Blahey said. "My question to the producers is if you're going to farm and reach maximum productivity, maximum efficiency, why would you only invest a minimum effort to protect the people that are involved in your operation?

"Cost is a factor, but the bottom line on health and safety is making sure that you know what you're working with, and that the people that are working with that piece of equipment, that chemical, that animal, are properly trained and understand how to control the potential hazards to them," said Blahey. "That's the bottom line. Know what you're doing."

From his perspective as a safety geek, it's a matter of looking at things reasonably and responsibly.

"What's the point—rain is coming, so you're gonna bust your butt, and you're gonna try and get out there, and get the maximum amount of crop taken off because you don't want a lower grade on it. If you're dead, or if you're in the hospital with broken bones and missing limbs, what value is that crop in the bin?" Blahey said.

And health and safety standards have been having a clear impact in the last 30 years.

From 1990 to 2012, there were 2,324

agriculture-related fatalities in Canada, an average of 101 deaths each year. During the first 12 years of the surveillance period (1990-2001) on average there were 116 deaths each year. During the last 11 years (2002-2012) the average number of fatalities dropped to 85 each year.

"The ag industry is finally starting to talk about it. They're talking about that elephant in the room, and

they're learning about it, and they're using good business risk management practices for not only improving their productivity and efficiency, but they're using business risk management practices for protecting the people that are working in their industry," said Blahey.

He said it is a matter of balance.

"I was looking at some stats the other day, concerning agricultural fatalities,

and every so often in a given year you see this big peak where the number goes up," he said. "My comment every time is when you see a spike, I bet you that was a very wet fall. When you go back and take a look at the weather records, there's a distinct correlation between injuries, serious injuries, and weather conditions."

Black Sea area production on the rise

By Harry Siemens

Mike Lee, @AgronomyUkraine on Twitter, provides crop reports, updates, and analysis four times a year traveling to the farms and fields in Ukraine and Russia and he has a message for western farmers: beware—the Black Sea area with better genetics could increase production 50 per cent.

In the first week of June Lee returned from his second tour of the

year driving with his team 2,400 km through Russia and Ukraine assessing the condition and harvest prospects for the main commodity crops.

"We also met farmers, traders, and analysts and discussed how the season was progressing and their insight on how harvest 2017 was looking," he said from his home in Okehampton in southern England.

"Last year particularly in Russia we were there for about six days, and we saw the wheat crop, and the winter

barley crop starts to fall over. Last year there had been plenty of rain and it had been cool, but not that cool, and there was nothing to hold the crop back. What we saw last year was lots of very high plants, chest height, which is entirely unusual for Russia," he said. "Then the first gust of wind they started to fall over. Back at this time last year, I said well the yields are not going to be very good. Of course,

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By Harry Siemens

One hundred and fifty years old or should I say young? Looking across the border to the United States at 241 years old, but reflecting on our recent travels to Europe, we sat and walked in houses and churches dating back to the 12th century and more.

We worshiped in one of the last Gothic churches in Switzerland dating back to the 12th century with a beautiful pipe organ, the musician moving between his saxophone, the piano, and the pipe organ.

While proud to be a Canadian, I'm just as proud to be living in Winkler and having the privilege of walking through the Bethel Heritage Park almost every day.

As one reviewer of the park said

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about the park: it's a true heritage experience!

Besides the beautiful fountain, pavilions, and stage, there is a walkway through history with cairns depicting those who gave their lives during the world wars, as well as for those serving as conscientious objectors. Other plaques depict the history of immigrants who first established Winkler and the park even includes an oak tree planted from the original oak in Russia where a lot of the immigrants came from.

While the country Canada provides the framework for the provinces and territories, Winkler afforded our forefathers [and mothers] to set up shop, to give us the impetus to educate and worship, and the wherewithal to earn a living.

Many of those who came before

us as depicted on the plaques as you walk through the park gave their lives, fasted and prayed, and through hard work, sweat, and tears, made it happen.

I'm so thankful for our country Canada, our province of Manitoba, and in the community, we live. Why? Because those who came before us put God first, sacrificed everything in some cases so we can have what we have today: freedom, the ability to work at what we want and can, recreate, and worship in the church of our choosing.

When I look back, growing up on a farm and farming with my father and brother for some years, July 1 was the turning point in several ways.

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Lots of potential in Russia, Ukraine agriculture

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last year was a record year for Russia, so it shows how much I know about predicting crops. Perhaps I should have given more credit for the Russian combine drivers and their ability to pick the crop up off the ground. The quality was down last year, but the yield was high.

Lee said in Ukraine wheat is going to be comparable to last year and the year before when it was achieving record quantities of production.

"Ukraine, Russia producing large volumes of wheat again this year. Nothing short of a tsunami will damage that crop now," he said. "I think what I see in the Russian context as well; there's possibly 10, 11, 12 million tons of wheat still in the store. That won't necessarily come onto the world market but used domestically, and that will allow more new crop wheat for export this year."

Lee said the reasons for the increased production coming from the Black Sea area depends on what you're looking at.

"Of course, if you talk to the agronomist it's them, if you talk to the politicians it's all down to their policy," he said. "It's first and foremost weather patterns, rainfall ... the weather pattern has shifted, there's been cooler springs, more rainfall, frequent rains."

That's not to belittle the quality of farming in the region, which has been steadily improving despite difficulties.

"If you look at Ukraine, the wheat varieties registered is around 300 or something, it's a phenomenal amount of different types," he said. "You talk to anybody in Ukraine who's trying to select varieties, and there is no information on the performance of those varieties. You've got plenty of choices but you have no information about what the disease resistance is, their quality, their standing up, standing ability and so on."

The region needs to start producing "varieties that would suit the Ukrainian condition and produce the yield, and that's something they could do relatively easy," said Lee. "It takes time plant breeding, but the actual concept is relatively straightforward and well proven. For me, one of the things that hold the yield back in Ukraine is weak plant genetics."

With good production happening already, a change in policy could see them bring in external genetics, improve the quality, and see an uplift in

yield.

"Readily 20 per cent, 30 per cent, or even 50 per cent ... and that's pretty much without farmers doing anything else other than just using better quality seed," Lee said. "You've got a 27 million ton crop of wheat to come

out of Ukraine for the third year running. That could be, if not doubled, it certainly could be 50 per cent higher relatively quickly, within the next five years.

"There's a lot more scope within Ukraine and Russia, and this is one of

the things that I try to get out to western farmers is that the Black Sea area is there. It's big, and it's going to get bigger, so you know you need to keep an eye out what's happening there."

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 22

Yes, it is the beginning of the second half of the year, the seventh month and for the most part summer recess for those going to school.

Spraying for weeds was well underway, wheat began heading out, and, of course, the fields turned yellow with the blooming canola fields.

For my brother Jack and myself and the Plum Coulee Braves fastball team, July 1st was also a form of celebration because of the ball tournament in Morden. There was nothing quite like it—a time to get together, play ball, and when finished, watch others play.

It was such a highlight for fastball and baseball players of all ages.

From 1958 to 1968, our fastball team minutes shows that our teams won that tournament five out of ten years. No small feat considering the calibre of the ball of teams coming from Winnipeg, North Dakota, and of course southern Manitoba.

July 1st and the 150th birthday of Canada has come and gone, but celebrations will continue throughout the summer and the year.

I remind you once again that we live in the best country in the world.

Let's not take our freedoms and work ethic for granted. In some cases, our forefathers came from countries and areas where they had taken those same freedoms for granted. Many left with the shirts on their backs, and not nearly all family members were able to come together or even come at all. Some stayed, and others gave their lives so others could go.

Yes, God bless Canada, God bless Manitoba, and God bless our homes as we continue to be faithful to Him.

Supporting reading

The South Central Regional Library recently received a \$500 grant from the Pembina Escarpment Reading Council in support of an upcoming presentation by LIVE History, which offers productions based on local history. At right: Cathy Ching, director of library services, accepts the grant from Darlene Keith for the presentation, which takes place Aug. 28 at the Winkler Library.



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Play set to begin 18th season

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"It was like a moment stopped in time," he says. "The raindrops started falling but it was like they were just standing still. It was an incredible experience."

Many of the backstage crew return every season as well, like Elise Sanders, who helped make some of the original costumes when the production started 18 years ago and has been helping out with the extensive wardrobe ever since.

"Now there are usually just a few repairs," says Sanders, who stores the costumes at her home over the winter. "It's a commitment you make, something you do for the Lord, and every year you meet different people, and it's always fun."

After 18 years of directing Mani-

toba's Passion Play, Belita Sanders' enthusiasm for the show is still apparent.

"It comes from relaying a story that is personal to us," she says. "It's the same play, but every time you hear the word of God it is alive and active, and it's like that—it's something we become inspired to be involved with and continue to do. There are always new people, and it's the love for the story that doesn't let it grow old for us."

This summer's performances are Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, July 14, Saturday, July 15, and Sunday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, including directions to the outdoor stage and ticket prices, head online to www.passionplay.ca.



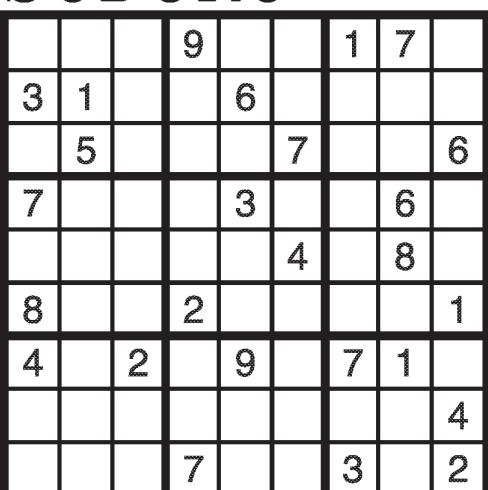
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Long-time volunteer Sheila Tiessen (left) handles make-up while Elise Sanders (right) helps with the costumes back stage at the show.

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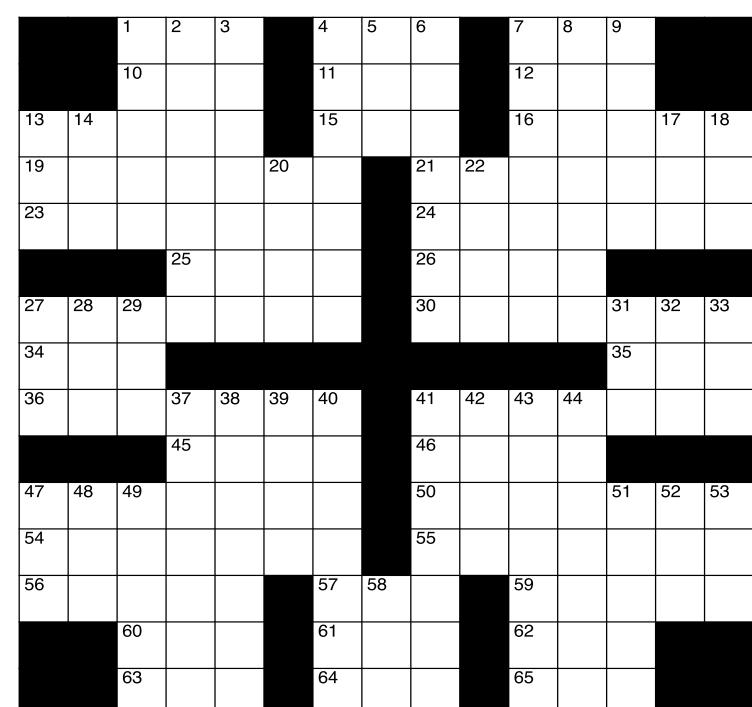
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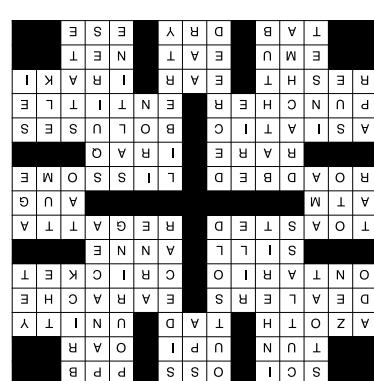
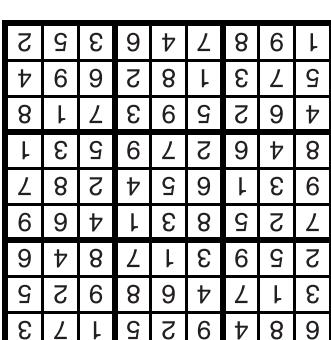
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CLUES ACROSS

1. ___ fi (slang)
4. Former CIA
7. Parts per billion (abbr.)
10. Fermenting vat
11. News organization
12. Paddle
13. Agent in alchemy
15. Small amount
16. Wholeness
19. Suppliers
21. Type of head pain
23. Canadian province
24. Jiminy is one
25. Shelf
26. Diarist Frank
27. Honored
30. Boat race
34. Cash machine
35. Linguistic theory (abbr.)
36. Highway material
41. Gracefully slender
45. Not often found
46. Baghdad is its capital
47. Deriving from Asia
50. Large, veterinary pills
54. Boxer
55. Give the right to
56. Iranian city
57. Body part
59. A citizen of Iraq
60. Australian bird
61. Consume
62. A basketball hoop has one
63. Bar bill
64. Not wet
65. Midway between east and southeast



3. A way to acquire
4. Peddled more
5. Relaxing place
6. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle
7. Decanting
8. For all ills or diseases
9. Building material
13. "Much ___ About Nothing"
14. Type of Buddhism
17. Refers to something unique
18. Thus far
20. Make angry
22. Greek mythological character
27. Used on driveways
28. Relating to the ears
29. Doctors' group
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Stomach
33. A particular period
37. Coin of ancient Greece
38. Place to clean oneself
39. One of the Great Lakes
40. Ruled
41. State of being free
42. Fe
43. Soup cracker
44. Escorts
47. Credit term
48. Institute legal proceedings against
49. Put within
51. New Jersey is one
52. Red deer
53. Type of whale
58. Swiss river



Sudoku Answer

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Closing date for the sale shall be 30 days after the close of tenders, by cash or approved loan proceeds. Any loan advances paid after closing date are subject to payment of interest at loan rate during reasonable delay for registration of security. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all 2017 property taxes and GST or shall self-assess for GST.

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Larry Smook Farm Sale Sat, July 15, 10 a.m.

10054 Road 38 E, Vita

Directions from Vita:

1 mile west, 1 mile north, 1 mile west, 1/2 mile north

Terms: Cash or cheque, no buyers fee

Partial listing of items consigned: Equipment: 5th Wheel hitch *like new, 2 5/16 ball & plate, JD 5' buckle, Bale fork, 3 pt hitch bale fork, 2 new ag light kits, Tow cables, Tow chains, Tow straps, 8 bear traps, 400 bu Hopper bottom bin, Road fl aes Livestock Equipment: 6 round bale feeders, 3 Richie cattle waterers, Fence posts, Electric fencers Buildings: 20' x 24' cabin w bathroom, heated & insulated *to be moved, 10' x 14' steel clad shed, heated & insulated *to be moved, 8' x 10' metal storage shed Attachment: 6 1/2 rock fork for loader Tools: Honda motor pressure washer, 200 amp battery charger, Arc welder, Electric heaters, 100ft 220 electric cord, 115 extension cords, HD booster cables, Anvil, Hand tools, Air tools, Grease guns, 2 Jack all jacks, Skill saw, Husqvarna 257 chain saw, Nut & bolt assortment w cupboard, 4 steel saw horses, Nail assortment, Roll 3/8 rope, New rebuilt 12v fuel pump, 2 Tire racks, Set of 2 rise cement steps Household: Desk, Kitchen table & chairs, Too much to mention Antique: Wood cook stove, Ringer washer, Quenelle set of dishes 1969, Horse hitch, Equip manuals Miscellaneous: 3 hydro poles, 30 railway ties, Alum semi rear fenders, Approx 1000 ft 1x4x10 pine boards, 2x4 lumber, 2x6 lumber, 20 sheets plywood, Tee posts, 25 15gal plastic tubs, 2 110L plastic drums, Shovels Used tires & wheels, 5gal plastic & metal jerry cans, 2 outdoor lights

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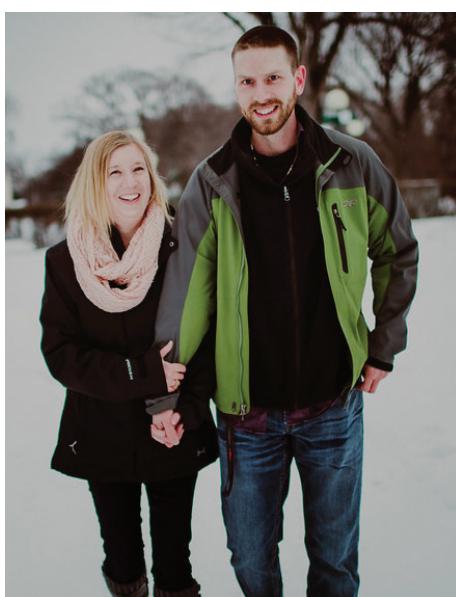
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-Love Mom, Dad, Derek, Grandma Coveney and Jeremy

ENGAGEMENT



Ernie and Esther Driedger of Morden are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer to Kevin Thiessen, son of Ed and Liz Thiessen of Winnipeg. A July wedding is planned. Wishing you God's richest blessings as you begin your marriage.

OBITUARY

Jennifer Marlene Derksen (Penner)

1971 - 2017

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9

Surrounded by many family members, Jennifer Derksen of Morden, MB formerly of Winkler passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the age of 45.

Jennifer will be greatly missed by her parents, Rena Duerksen of Winkler, Neil and Glenda Penner of Steinbach, Kevin Derksen of Morris, the Giesbrecht family as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

In 2002, upon confession of her faith in Jesus Christ, Jennifer was baptized. She loved the Lord and in spite of the many health issues she faced over the years, she held a strong faith in His goodness and love. This gave her the strength and desire to carry on. Jennifer worked in the health care field. Her many interests included hockey (Vancouver Canucks), BC Lions, children, dogs, showing hospitality and planning parties and everything Christmas. Friends and family and getting together with them was very important to her. She had the greatest smile for everyone and her laugh was contagious. Jennifer was a loving, caring, compassionate and out-going person who cherished her relationships with people and above all, God. Family and friends will forever treasure her memory and look forward to being reunited someday in heaven.

Celebration of Jennifer's life took place at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2017 at Christian Life Centre in Morden with interment prior at Westridge Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made in Jennifer's memory to the Kidney Foundation.

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CITY OF WINKLER - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, July 25th, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2184-17, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2184-17, is to zone the land described below, Namely: **Lot 1, Plan No. (Deposit 805/2017) MLTO in the SW 9-3-4 WPM** as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "I" INSTITUTIONAL ZONE
TO: "CH" COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2184-17, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, in the City Office.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 19th day of June, 2017.

Designated Officer
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GVC graduates its 50th class

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate sent 172 graduates out into the world at the school's 50th graduation ceremony June 28.

Guest speaker Terry Friesen kicked off his address with, in his own words, "every graduation cliché in the book."

"Graduates, today is the first day of the rest of your lives. You are standing in the doorway at the threshold of tomorrow. You are the future. Today is not the end of your education, no, but the beginning," he began, continuing in that vein before ending with: "And like the good little Zodiacs you are, reach for the stars."

Once the laughter subsided, Friesen more seriously reflected on how far

the grads had come in their years at GVC.

"When asked to speak at graduation, it caused me to think about the long journey that you as graduates have been on," he said. "That's a lot of class time. A lot of assignments, projects, and tests. And it's a lot of lessons learned inside and outside the classroom.

"It also made me think about the unbelievable amount of people who have been a part of that journey along the way," Friesen said. "It's large enough to fill this room for each one of you. And each has had their own impact on your lives, taught you things that have shaped who you are."



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"Education is more than memorizing the names and dates of significant events in our Canadian history. It's about problem solving, understanding the world we live in, and having the skills to help improve it."

"We want you to find your purpose," he said on behalf of the school's staff. "To take what you have learned and apply it to your lives in a meaningful and purposeful way."

"We're proud of you. We support you. And we can't wait to hear updates on how you are living out your purpose and influencing the world around you."

Brooklyn Stein began her valedictory address by reminding her classmates of the many people on whose shoulders they stood to make it

through 12 years of education.

"Today is such a special day ... not only for us students, but a day for all of us here," she said, gesturing to the packed-full church before her. "Thanks to everyone in this room, we stand here ready to receive our diplomas we have worked so hard to earn."

Stein said her classmates embody the spirit of true Zodiacs.

"We're all ambitious, honest, and proud, amongst so many other great qualities," she said. "Looking ahead, it's obvious that this class will go on to do so many great things, and as this chapter closes we can be confident that the Zodiacs spirit will remain within us forever."

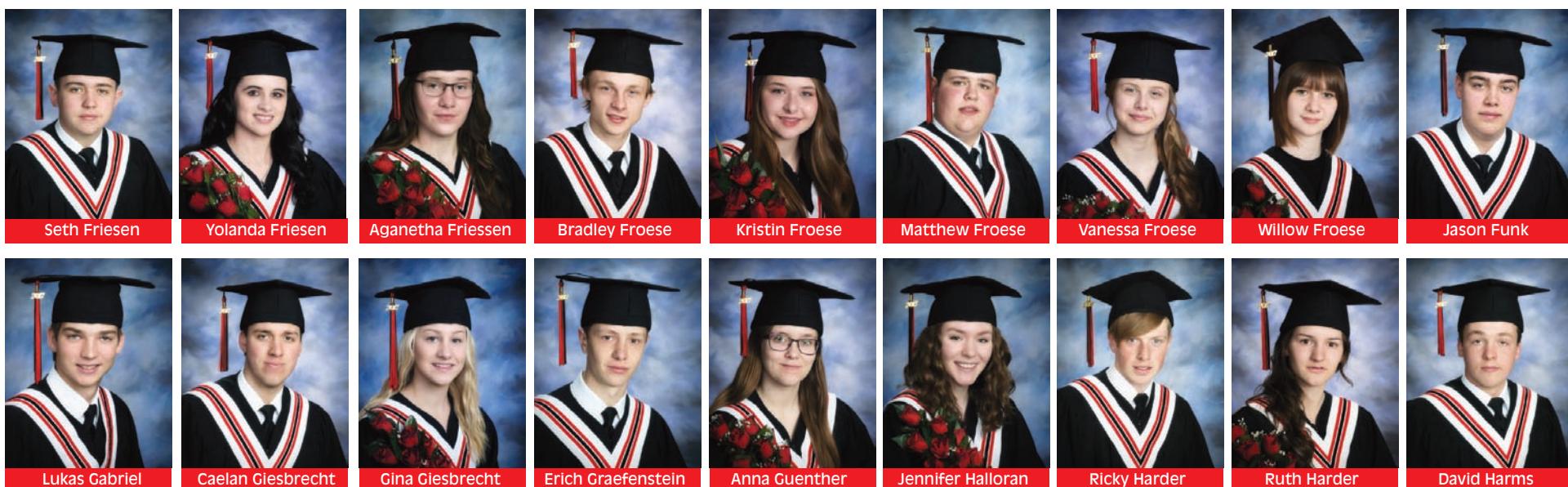
"The next chapter of our lives is one where we choose what our lives will become. The possibilities are endless," Stein said.

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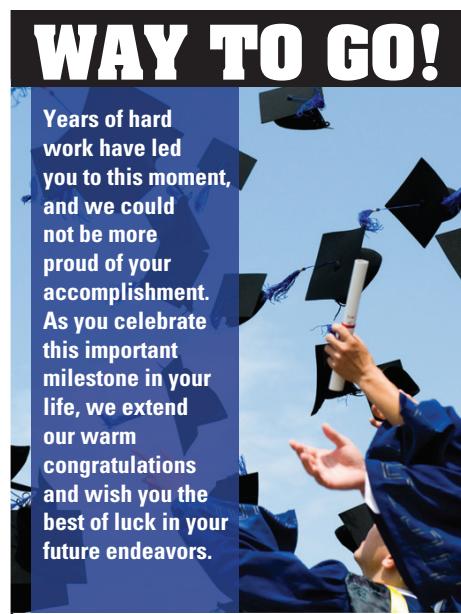
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Teacher Terry Friesen was the guest speaker at the GVC graduation ceremonies. Brooklyn Stein delivered the valedictory address.

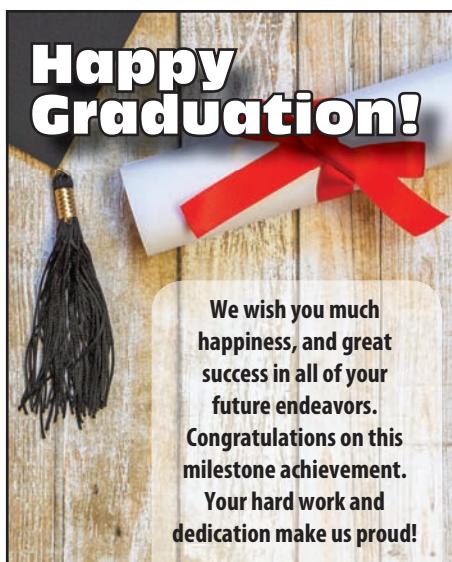


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"We get to make our path, making life whatever we want it to be."

"Don't let high school be the best years of our lives," she urged. "They were four really, really great years, but they shouldn't be the best ... there's so much more for us to experience and enjoy in the years to come, whether it's university, travelling the world, catching up with friends, or starting families of our own."

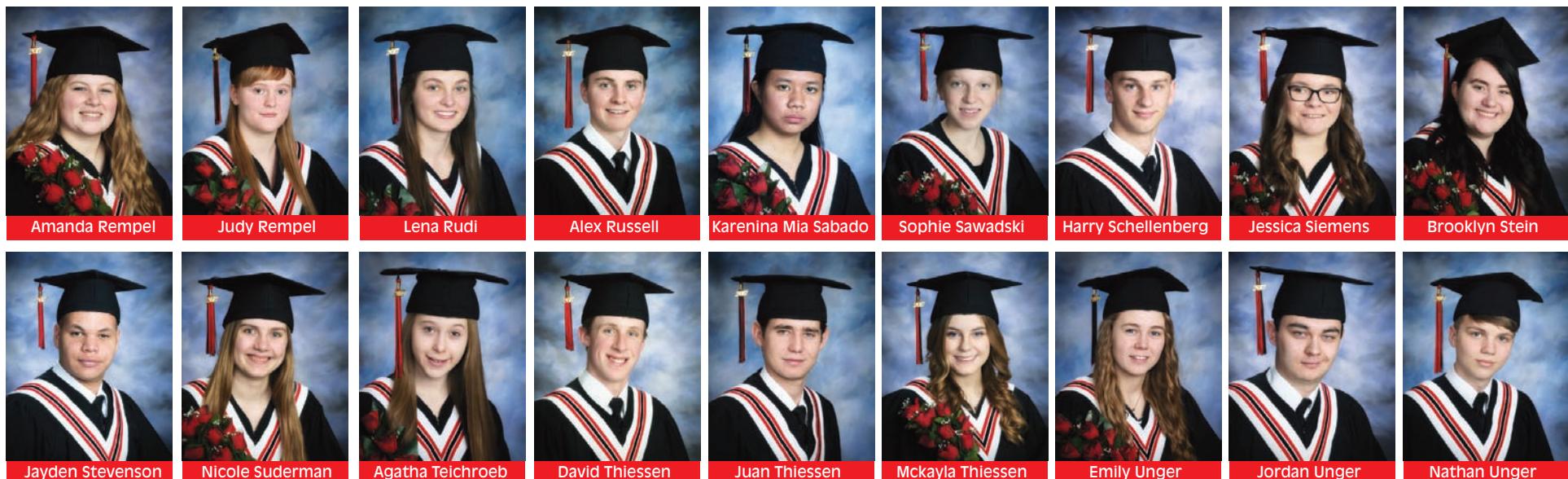
"Today the next journey of our lives begins. Receiving our diplomas signifies not only how far we've come, but how far that we have left to go."

"Our lives are simply biographies that have not been written yet ... my last piece of advice to you is to write your own unique story and to make it a good one."

After the presentation of the diplomas a number of graduates were honoured with major awards, including, to name just a few, Nicole Dyck, who was named Grad of the Year; Migabo Ntangano, who received the Reach Award; Calissa Penner, who took home the Proficiency Award; and Mackenzie Friesen, who earned the Governor General Award.

Nicole Dyck received both the Grad of the Year Award and the Garden Valley Teachers' Association Education Award.

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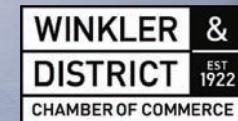
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Nighthawks fly high

By Ashleigh Viveiros

In the gym that was the site of so many victories and celebrations over the past four years, 120 Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks stepped up to receive their high school diplomas June 27.

It may not always be smooth sailing, but principal Tammy MacDonald said she has faith that the class of 2017 are going to do great things with their lives.

"Your success is not guaranteed by being a graduate. Indeed, it's far from it," she said. "We live in a fast-paced world where you will only be as good as your last job. This changing world offers you unparalleled opportunities and some very difficult challenges."

With that in mind, MacDonald shared some advice for the youth as they embark on their futures.

"We believe you can learn anything," she began. "Follow your passion, because the effort you put forth is better placed onto something that you love.

"Believe in yourselves, and please

don't be afraid of change," MacDonald continued. "Finally, you can survive for five minutes without your cell phone. Trust me."

Valedictorian Caitlyn Haney also has no doubt her classmates are going to leave their mark on the world.

"I know for a fact that all of you in this class will do great things," she said.

They couldn't have made it without the unfailing support of their parents, Haney stressed.

"You're our biggest supporters," she said, adding lightheartedly: "I can't imagine how any one of us would have made it through without your constant nagging. You're the most important people in our lives, and we'll try to remember that when some of us are intoxicated with first semester freedom next year."

"And teachers, although you were never the ones to make our lunch or yell at us to clean our rooms ... you taught us valuable life lessons," she said, thanking them for all the extra hours they put in to make sure



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NPC graduates line up for their diplomas. The Winkler school graduated 120 Nighthawks on June 27.

the graduates had an amazing high school experience.

NPC teacher Joey Elias had one final lesson for the former students in his guest speaker address.

"Society will tell you that your career is the most important thing in your life. To put your job and yourself first and you will find fulfilment.

That's a lie.

"The workplace is not the place to look for fulfilment. It is up to me to fulfil my job, not the other way around," Elias said, going on to explain that even when you have a dream job, as

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he considers his to be, true fulfillment can only be found in the relationships you have with others. "It is the other things in life, the kinds of people you surround yourself with and the relationships you have, that really matter.

"So what will you do after you graduate? That's not the most important decision you're going to make. And it's not a permanent decision." Elias said. "If you have something you're passionate about, go after it. By all means, chase your dreams. Otherwise, pick something and give it your best shot."

Whatever path they might find

themselves on in the years ahead, Elias urged the graduates to "not lose sight of what is most important, which is to show love to the people around you."

In addition to their hard-earned diplomas, NPC graduates walked away with dozens of awards and scholarships. A few of the major award winners included Andrew Lane, who won the Nighthawk Award; Dylan Peters, GVTA Award; Vivien Renner, Proficiency Award; Caitlyn Haney, Grad of the Year; Matthew Hunt, Chown Centennial Scholarship and the Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal.



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Above: NPC valedictorian Caitlyn Haney receives the Grad of the Year Award. Right: guest speaker Joey Elias, a teacher at the school, urged the grads to seek fulfillment in life through relationships. Left: graduate Aganetha Peters receives her diploma.



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Morden class of 2017 a diverse group

By Lorne Stelmach

Diversity emerged as a common theme as Morden gathered to honour its class of 2017.

A number of speakers at the ceremony June 28 at the Access Event Centre honoured the 105 graduates of Morden Collegiate for all that they bring to the table.

"Our class is such a diverse group of individuals," said valedictorian Finley Wheeler, who had no doubt they "will do great things and make a difference

in this world."

Wheeler thanked everyone for the guidance, help, and encouragement that made it possible for the students to get to graduation.

"It is hard work, persistence and dedication," he said, noting that this milestone is not just the end of one part of life but the start of another.

"Graduation is new beginnings," said Wheeler, who also paused to reflect on his classmates.

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Morden grads were all smiles heading into last week's ceremony.



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"We grew as individuals," he said, adding that "our time here has taught us so much more than just Shakespeare and the periodic table."

"Morden Collegiate has provided us with the opportunity to explore a variety of activities ... our teachers have taught us many valuable life lessons."

Wherever life now takes his classmates, Wheeler reminded them that "it's your call."

"I find myself realizing that no matter where we are in life, no matter the situation, we always have a voice. Remember to use yours ... to make your call."

Guest speaker Brent Menzies offered the graduates "some pointers on how to get the most out of this thing called life after high school."

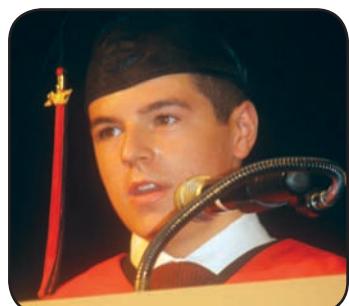
Menzies began with the thought that there are no guarantees in life and that life is not always fair. There are lessons

that come from both the successes and failures, he said.

He then encouraged the graduates to never stop learning.

"Life is full of learning lessons ... take the opportunity to learn as much as you can."

Menzies' next advice was that "you are no better than anyone else ... remember



Valedictorian Finley Wheeler

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Nellie McClung Collegiate

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Manitou grads look back

By Lorne Stelmach

Sound advice mixed with laughter as Manitou celebrated its class of 2017 at the Nellie McClung Collegiate graduation ceremony June 24.

The 30 students heard encouraging words from guest speaker Ryan Steppeler, while valedictorians Abby Jago and Liam Klassen paid tribute to each of their classmates.

"We know that we were the most talked about class in the staff room, and that wasn't for our outstanding manners and model behaviour ... trust me," joked Klassen, who joined Jago in reflecting on memories made over their school years together.

"I don't think any of us knew we were making memories, all we knew is we were having fun," said Klassen.

"Sometimes you don't know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory ... so cherish the memories ... and appreciate every moment that

life gives you going forward," added Jago.

The duo saluted all of their classmates, such as Aleasha Coleman, who you knew "was in the school because you could hear her laugh echo endlessly through the hallways ... it caused us some panic, though, because with her laugh, you never know if she's being attacked or she just told a very funny joke," said Klassen.

Salomon Hamraev was "the most feared in gym class," said Jago, recalling how when he "came at you with a dodgeball, you screamed and ran for your life."

Cody Nichol, meanwhile, "actually has the ability to get kicked out of detention," she said.

Klassen thanked all of their parents for "raising us to be the people that we are today."

Jago thanked "all the teachers for putting up with us. Our first year in kindergarten, we were a teacher's



worst nightmare ... but we hear that our teachers are all still sane, so congrats."

For his part, Steppeler encouraged the grads to realize education is an ongoing thing in life.

"Try to always keep the attitude of a student ... the world is constantly changing, and you're not done learning," he said. "I see too often that people work at careers or jobs because that's what they've always done or

that is what they went to school for ... so that is what I must do.

"I'm not saying this is easy, but if you're not happy ... life is too short to continue to do it."

He also encouraged the former students to be true to themselves.

"You can only really harm yourself when you're trying to be something you're not ... don't rely on others to tell you what and who you are."



Mennonite Collegiate Institute Graduating Class of 2017

MCI grads look to pay it forward

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Mennonite Collegiate Institute's graduating class of 2017 were urged to pay it forward as the school held its graduation ceremonies in Winkler June 25.

Valedictorian Griffin Kehler pointed out that none of the 35 grads on the stage that day got there on their own.

"Finishing the truly enormous task of finishing Gr. 12 is no small feat. A

feat that cannot and was not completed without the help and support from all those around us," he said, thanking MCI's teachers, his fellow graduates, and the audience filled with parents and other family members who walked alongside them.

Kehler urged his classmates to follow the lead of those who supported them.

"We will remember all the people in our lives who have looked out for

us lo these many 18 years. We will try our very best to take on their generosity as a challenge. To be that life-changer to someone else in our lives," he said. "For if the community here at Mennonite Collegiate Institute hadn't reached out to me, I would still be that small Gr. 9 who came home crying, scared he would never make friends at this school which I now call my home."

"The last four years have been the best of my life," Kehler said. "Thank you."

In his address to the graduates, teacher Dan Tessmann asked them to redefine their idea of what a hero is.

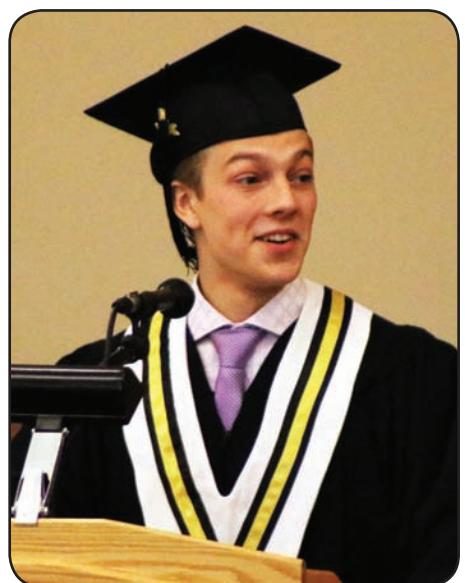
"Rather than believe that we need to be the hero who perseveres, endures, conquers, and defeats, maybe ... we need to take a look at some different stories and some different examples of heroes," he said, pointing to the heroes of faith depicted in the Bible.

"These heroes did not all face their obstacles flawlessly, with strength and courage. Rather, these individuals found themselves in imperfect situations and they faced them imperfectly ... they didn't always flip a switch from fear to courage. Instead, they chose to let go of their own control and allow God to walk with them on the path they were on."

Find strength in those stories, Tessmann urged.

"As you move on from MCI, read your Bible so that God can implant a story into your life when you need it," he said. "As you leave MCI, go into the places that you enter with the full understanding that God made you, He loves you dearly, He will walk beside you ... God will give you the strength you require, if only you will let go."

Morden-Winkler students receiving their diplomas from the Gretna private school included Preston Berg-



MCI valedictorian Griffin Kehler thanked everyone—teachers, friends, family—who stood behind the graduates.

man (Morden), Liam Epp (Winkler), Bryn Friesen (Morden), Griffin Kehler (Winkler), Jocelyn Penner (Morden), Gina Peters (Winkler), Stephanie Schulz (Morden), and Emily Wiebe (Winkler).

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everyone around you is just as important ... you're all just as important as the person sitting next to you and you always will be."

Menzies went on to emphasize the idea of paying it forward each and every day.

"Become involved ... give back to your community ... it improves the opportunities in your community for everybody," he said.

He also stressed the importance of family.

"I can assure you friends will change throughout your life ... family will be the

most important support group you will ever have. ... they'll always be there for you in your victories and defeats."

Finally, Menzies encouraged the graduates to have a voice, but one that considers others.

"Each of you has developed into an individual ... you'll continue to grow into your own life story," he said. "Today is your day ... make your mark on this world and change it for the better."



A Morden grad receives her hard-won diploma.

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