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A competitor in the Morden Triathlon's Half Ironman event Saturday grabs an opportunity for refreshments on Hwy. 3 near Darlingford. For more triathlon coverage, check out Pg. 15.

Big Rigs Big Hearts raises \$8,000

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The sound of 118 semitrucks honking their horns in celebration rang through Winkler last Saturday as the Big Rigs Big Hearts truck rally fundraiser took over the Stanley Ag. Society grounds.

Rain couldn't put a damper on the fourth annual event, which raised \$8,000 to be split between Katie Cares and Donate Love.

The day included kids entertainment, tire relay and lawn mower races, food vendors, and a classic car show in the early after-

When the rain started to pour in earnest late afternoon, organizers gathered to decide what to do about the planned parade of trucks through town and the evening stage performances.

"Everybody was thinking, 'Do we cancel now? What do we do here?" said organizer Karina Bueckert. "But every driver sat there with their thumbs up in the air saying, 'We're here to stay. Let's do this."

And so Winklerites were treated to a blocks-long line of big rigs winding their

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Salem breaks ground on entranceway renos

"THE NEW FRONT

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... THE DIGNITY TO

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home's front entrance is getting a major face lift this summer.

The Winkler personal care home broke ground on its entrance reno-

vation project last Thursday with an eye to having it completed before winter.

The project will transform the entrance into a much safer, welcoming, and more easily accessible space for residents and visitors alike, said Salem Home board chair Raymond Grenier.

"The project is more than just a look, or new bricks and concrete," he said. "It is truly a gift to Salem Home residents of independence and user-friendly access to and from their home.

"The new front entrance will give residents freedom to enjoy the outside and the dignity to go in and out on their own."

The new entrance includes doors

that will automatically open when someone approaches, doing away with the handicap button some mobility challenged residents struggled to activate and get through in time.

The doors will also now face south, keeping residents safely off the driveway loop, and will exit onto a longer, sloping ramp, making it easier for people in wheelchairs to navigate

on their own.

Finally, a staging and sitting area inside the front foyer will give residents a new communal space to wait for family and friends and watch the traf-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Salem Home board chair Raymond Grenier, Salem Foundation vice-chair Henry Froese, and WBS Construction's Harv Thiessen break ground on the care home's front entrance renovations.

fic in front of the building.

These changes have become a necessity in recent years, said CEO Sherry Janzen.

"Our residents have changed" since the entrance was first built in 1986, she pointed out.

"Most of them are now in wheel-chairs ... and a lot of them are not in electric wheelchairs, they're in manual chairs," Janzen said, noting that can make it extremely difficult for a person to navigate the current entrance on their own. "And because we have a large number of younger residents who may go in and out much more frequently than someone who is 90, this gives them that independence to come and go as they choose."

The cost of the renovations is expected to come in upwards of \$400,000.

"We have been blessed that the business community has stepped forward and given us either large donations or in-kind donations so that the project isn't nearly as expensive as we thought it would be originally," said Janzen. "They made it happen."

At the sod-turning ceremony last week, representatives from the Thomas Sill Foundation, WBS Construction, RM of Stanley, RM of Rhineland, and Winkler Co-op were on hand to present their donations to the project. Many other donors have also made this project possible, Grenier said.

"We are blessed and humbled to have this demonstration of care towards the residents," he said.

Salem is still looking to fundraise the final \$125,000 needed to completely cover costs. If you'd like to contribute, contact the care home for more information.

"We would welcome anyone who wants to partner and help us with this," said special projects assistant Nancy Wiebe. "Come speak to any of us. We'd love to show you the plans, what's going on."



Body of missing teen found

The body of a missing 17-year-old from the RM of Rhineland was recovered late Friday night after an exhaustive search.

The boy had been swimming with his brother and a friend in a diversion dam about three miles east of Winkler last Wednesday evening when he went under the water and did not resurface.

RCMP say the water at the time was very fast flowing due to recent heavy rains.

Search crews from the Winkler and Morden fire departments searched the waterway but were unable to find the youth.

The RCMP Underwater Recovery Team and the Search and Rescue Unit were called in to assist but were also unsuccessful in their search.

The boy's body was ultimately found near where he went missing by a diving team brought in by the family.

The RCMP investigation is ongoing.

Karen Dyck steps down after 21 years with Services for Seniors

"IT'S THE MOST

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EVER HAVE."

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Morden 55+ Activity Centre bid farewell to one of their own last week.

Co-workers and friends gathered at the friendship centre last Friday to celebrate the beginning of Karen Dyck's retirement from heading up Services for Seniors.

Over the past 21 years, Dyck says she's been honoured to be able to do what she could to help seniors live independently in their homes longer.

"Touching a life and making a difference in the most smallest ways," she lists as her

highlights. "It's the most rewarding job anybody could ever have."

Basil Agnew, a former member of the senior centre's board of directors, shared that Dyck has been instrumental to the organization's growth over the past two decades.

"Over those 21 years, the growth in activities has been phenomenal ... for example, when Karen arrived we had 13 Life Lines [response systems]. We now have 70."

She also worked tirelessly to keep the congregate meal program within budget even while expanding it,

> Agnew said, and to continually secure grant funding to cover other rising program costs.

> "Karen had a special way of manipulating larger government grants than any other senior centre in this area," he said. "I heard the other senior centres complain, so I know it's true."

Looking back, Dyck's accomplishments on behalf of the senior centre are "too numerous to mention," Agnew said. But the current and past board members all want to "thank her for her dedication, her leadership, and her positive attitude and for



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

The Morden 55+ Activity Centre said goodbye to Services for Seniors coordinator Karen Dyck (second from left) last week with a retirement celebration. Here with Dyck is (from left) senior centre assistant Jacie Barker, executive director Yvonne Kroeker, and new Services for Seniors coordinator Kayla Friesen.

making Services for Seniors such a very easy place for seniors with problems in our area to get help."

Stepping into the large shoes Dyck leaves behind is Kayla Friesen, who started in the program's coordinator role at the end of May.

She comes to the job with a background in social work and an eagerness to work with the local senior community.

"My passion for helping seniors has





Locals Only Club launches in Winkler

Eleven businesses join forces to encourage Winklerites to shop close to home

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THAN WHAT THEY

By Ashleigh Viveiros

A group of Winkler small business owners are trying to provide added incentive for people to shop locally.

The owner and co-owners of White-

cap Coffee and Work: Skate and Lifestyle joined forces this spring to launch the Locals Only Club, a membership club that provides monthly discounts to 11 different Winkler retail stores and restaurants.

"We had done some events together with other local businesses and we wanted to do more and more of that kind of thing," explained Daniel Loewen, co-owner of Work

and 7 Stars Apparel. "We wanted to build a system that could help grow all of our businesses and keep more businesses local for everyone."

A significant amount of local dollars are being spent on shopping trips

outside Winkler, thus benefitting other communities rather than our own, Loewen said.

"We're not far from Winnipeg, we're not far from Grand Forks, and people shop online all the time. But what

people in town I think for the most part just don't realize is that there's a lot more in town than what they think," he said. "So if we can educate them on that and if we can help grow everyone's businesses through this, then I think we've reached our goal."

Right now, the Locals Only Club (which, despite the name, is available to anyone who wants to score

some deals while shopping in Winkler) includes Whitecap Coffee, Work: Skate and Lifestyle, Country Cycle, Dominion Outdoors, Flavours of Mexico, Earth Buds Florist, Charity Faye Spa, Valley Bowl, LA Gold, Muscle Hut, and Heartwood Pastures.



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Work: Life and Skate co-owner David Loewen is one of the founders of the new Locals Only Club, which provides monthly deals and discounts to its members to 11 area businesses.

Members receive an email newsletter each month outlining each businesses' monthly deal, which has ranged from a few dollars off at the till to buy-one-get-one deals to \$50 in free fireworks with a larger purchase.

"It's really cool because the list of businesses is really diverse," said Loewen. Depending on where you shop, the club's \$20 annual membership can pay for itself in just one month. "You really only have to enjoy one or two of them for it to be worth it."

Club cards are available for purchase at any participating business. More information can also be found online at localsonlyclub.ca.

Any small businesses interested in getting involved in the Locals Only Club can contact them through the website, as well.

The club also has a fundraising program for non-profits or community groups, Loewen noted.

"They can sell our membership cards for us and they'll make a good percentage off of the memberships."

Phone scammers pretend to be Winkler Police

Police chief urges residents to spread the word as fraudsters escalate their con

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Winkler Police are warning residents of a phone scam that's gaining steam in the community.

For the last several months, scammers have been phoning people pretending to be the Canada Revenue Agency calling to collect unpaid taxes. The fraudster tells victims they can avoid arrest if they follow instructions to purchase iTunes cards and provide the registration numbers of the cards to the caller.

Recently, these con artists have begun to identify themselves as members of the Winkler Police Service, says Chief Rick Hiebert.

"When they call people they are able to make the call display appear to be our [phone] line," he said. "And I know of one instance where they used the actual name of one of our officers."

There is no way for local police to trace these calls or to collar the people behind them, Hiebert said.

"They link the calls several times. Probably one link will be in Quebec City and then it might go somewhere else and then maybe offshore somewhere" out of Canadian jurisdiction, he said.

Over the past few weeks, the department has averaged 30 complaints

a day about this scam.

One man was scammed out of \$4,000, and police are also aware of several other attempts that were stopped by retailers who recognized the scam for what it was and warned potential victims against purchasing the gift cards.

Police are asking local retailers to inform their staff about this scam and be on the lookout for anyone attempting to purchase large amounts of gift cards, especially iTunes cards.

"The Canadian Revenue Agency does not call individuals to try and collect fees like this," Hiebert stressed. Nor does the Winkler Police Service call people regarding warrants for unpaid taxes. All such phone calls are scammers attempting to defraud you, he said.

"Hang up. Just hang up" if you re-

ceive such a call, the chief said, noting it's not necessary to contact police to report these calls unless you have been victimized.

If you receive a call similar to this and are not sure whether it is a scam, Hiebert advises you to hang up and call police at 204-325-9990 for clarification.

"If you still have a big question mark about it, then, yes, phone our police service yourself."

Hiebert also urges residents to spread the word about this fraud to anyone who may not normally hear about it through social or traditional media outlets.

"We encourage people to, if they're aware of people who don't regularly read news on the internet or in the paper, to inform them, make it a point of conversation."



Young entrepreneurs hawk their wares

"EACH CAMPER

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AND CREATE JOBS."

UNDERSTANDING THAT

By Emily-Ann Doerksen

Six eager young entrepreneurs spent last week learning the ins and outs of business in Community Fu-

Heartland's Kids Biz Camp.

Program Alana ganizer Bolton explained that they hoped to create an environment that inspired the kids into beginning the thinking and dreaming process that fosters a future of entrepreneurship.

"We want to plant a seed in the kids and get their imagination going," she said. "We want them to know that they are never too young."

The participants, all age 9-13, spent the week creating their own product to sell at the Thursday night Morden Farmers' Market.

"They have a \$20 budget to make a project," said Bolton, adding that the ones who spent under that got to

keep the extra cash as profit.

Projects created included wind chimes, decorative sand creations, magnets and home-made dough.

The participants also spent the week learning the difference between revenue/expenses and profit/loss in the business world. "We do business

teaching all morning,

then in the afternoon local activities," said Bolton, who noted that included visits to local businesses and a questionnaire with a couple of business owners who shared the highs and lows of their experiences as entrepre-



PHOTO BY EMILY-ANN DOERKSEN/VOICE

Kids Biz Camp director Alana Bolton with the participants in the program last week. The kids spent the week learning about how the business world works and creating products to sell at the Thursday night farmers' market.

"Each camper leaves with the understanding that entrepreneurs drive innovation and create jobs."

This is the second year that the Kids Biz Camp has been hosted in the Morden area.

"We've had very good reviews," Bolton said.

"Kids have really had fun and love the fact they can create a product, market it, then sell to customers."

Beginner entrepreneur Jared Eurkert said he enjoyed all aspects of his time in the program.

"It's something to do in the summer and you can make money," he said.

Program helps seniors live independently longer

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always kind of been there," she said. "Knowing that you can do those small things in people's lives to change them is really important to me."

Friesen invites people to get in touch with her to learn more about the many programs Services for Seniors offers, which includes congregate meals, home/ yard maintenance, transportation services, medical equipment rentals, foot care, and information on emergency response systems.

"Everything that [Dyck] did is still here," she said. "And I'm slowly trying to offer a few more things."

For example, Friesen hopes to host educational sessions on topics such as elder abuse, dementia, and other related topics in the near future.

Get in touch with Friesen at 204-822-5663 or stop by the Morden 55+ Activity Centre at 306 North Railway St.

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If you have comments or concerns, please write or email perry. plaisier@gov.mb.ca:

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The power of just one person

t is amazing how powerful we are. It is astounding how much pain one person can cause when they put their mind to it.

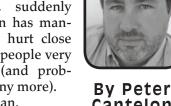
In Nice, France one man managed to kill 84 people (so far) and injured more than 200 others.

One man.

If we assume every person he killed

had an average of 10 people in their lives that they were very close to (family and friends), suddenly one man has managed to hurt close to 1,000 people very deeply (and probably many more).





Cantelon

An entire country is in shock. More than 66 million people in France are reeling by the actions of one man.

The world is aware. More than seven

billion people are all connected to this event in some way. A baby sits on its mother's lap as she watches the news. A son is with his father as he reads the news on the internet. Friends begin to argue about who's fault this is and the blame game begins. People all over the world are now arguing over how this happened, how it can be prevented ... division is being created, conflict. All because of the act of one man.

One man.

Not a nation. Not a religion. Not a culture.

One man.

All it takes is one person to destroy the world; all it takes in one person to save the world. That is how much power you have.

You should be frightened.

Now it is left to us to keep our heads and remember that one man does not speak for you and I. One man does not speak for a nation. One man does not act on behalf of a faith or a culture. One man's actions are his own, no matter who they affect.

Each of us is responsible for the pain we cause and each of us is responsible for the love we bring and the suffering we ease; for the hate we spew or the grace we offer.

Every good or horrible thing starts with one person.

We keep asking ourselves, "How could I have stopped this?" or "What can I do to make keep this from happening again?"

The answer? Do not underestimate who you are and the power of even the smallest of your actions. One kind word, one act of compassion and love, one moment of grace instead of anger can lead to a literal world of change.

Of course, we have to be content to never know the impact we have had. We have to trust that bringing a little light into a neighbour's darkness may have been enough to slay a monster.

This is one of the hardest parts about being human, trusting that we make a difference with the possibility of never knowing how. Resisting the urge to force our desires on the world by knowing that forcing our wills on others can break things.

We have a gut instinct to destroy the

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letters

Morden Triathlon only possible because of your support

On behalf of everyone at 3rdWave Tri Club, I would like to thank each and every one of the people who pitched in to help with Morden Triathlon 2016.

Without our volunteers, Morden Triathlon would not exist. We really do depend on the support of our community, and that support was in full force this weekend.

Whether you helped with setup beforehand, woke up bright and early Saturday morning to get the athletes registered or worked an aid station (without mentioning the many, many other jobs needed for the event), your presence was noted and is appreciated.

The good cheer you presented to the athletes, who came from as far as the Northwest Territories this year, is most definitely noticed. Every year, we receive several post-race comments commending you all on your fantastic work and enthusiasm. You are such wonderful ambassadors for the city of Morden and the greater community.

Alongside individual community members, many local businesses took time out of their weekend to pitch in. Curtis Sheldon's team from Crocus Realty, Kelly Tame from Team Re-Max, the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, and Access Credit Union all hosted aid stations. Thanks to you

our competitors did not go thirsty.

And, of course, to the community at large who came out to cheer, who set up sprinklers for the racers, etc., thank you as well.

Morden Triathlon has been a part of your community for 34 years. It is an essential part of summer in Morden, and with all of your continued support it will continue to be for years to come.

See you next year!

Colin Sibilleau, 3rdWave Tri Club president and Morden Triathlon race director

Next Diveritas session focusing on First Nations

Dennis White Bird to speak in Morden on July 30

By Lorne Stelmach

The organizer of a speaker series in Morden sees the next one as offering a perspective that he felt strongly needs to be heard here.

The next Diversitas session July 30 will focus on Canada's First Nations, with former treaty commissioner Dennis White Bird addressing a range of related issues.

"There have been a number of issues over the years ... that show that we need more information about First Nations," suggested organizer Peter Cantelon. "Part of it is the fact that with our demographic locally, there is a tiny population of First Nations people ... in a province that has the largest population of First Nations in

"That alone suggests some need for information, just so that we better understand the world in which we live and the province that we live in ... and maybe ask some questions."

White Bird will make his address at 2 p.m. that Sunday in the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre's theatre room.

The Diversitas series aims to build greater appreciation for the diversity in our society and to encourage dialogue and understanding.

It began with an address by Dr. Idris Elbakri of the Manitoba Islamic Association last November and then featured Jonathan Niemcza of Pride Winnipeg in May.

Cantelon said he has appreciated the respectful dialogue that has taken place thus far and suggested it speaks "to the possibility of differing perspectives and diverse opinions being able to coexist and communicate with one an-

He hopes for more of the same with White Bird and suggested a dialogue is needed because of "the reality that one can hear many outright racist comments that are very comfortably uttered in public about our First Nations neighbours.

"There should be no comfort whatsoever. It's always kind of caught me off guard," he said.

"It's not just here, obviously ... but again it's another reason why I think we need to have education. I find that ignorance about a subject breeds a certain contempt for that subject and for those people."

Cantelon also wondered if the subject of the name of the local Morden Redskins hockey team might come up.

"I think perhaps conversing with someone who is a leader in the community ... we might actually be able to get some opinions on that particular issue as well."

Cantelon suggested that White Bird "clearly has a very strong resume in terms of his leadership within First Nations in Manitoba."

White Bird was not available for an interview for this story, but the biography of this member of the Anishinabae from the Rolling River First Nation reveals a man who has shown a great interest and dedication to the treaty relationship and the education of both First Nation and non-First Nation youth.

He worked as a teacher for seven years before taking a leadership role within his community.

During 18 years as the chief of Rolling River, he successfully negotiated a treaty land entitlement agreement with Canada and Manitoba.

Upon leaving the position, White Bird was elected as regional chief for the Manitoba region within the national Assembly of First Nations. As regional chief, he was appointed executive member in charge of treaties and was involved in the promotion of First Nation languages.

White Bird was elected to the position of Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in August 2000 and as treaty relations commissioner for Manitoba in June 2005.

Looking ahead, the next Diversitas session after this one is planned for fall with a focus on women's issues.

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

thing we think seeks our destruction. It is one of the basest aspects of our nature: survival. In moments like these we want to reach out with hands of fire and burn the world. We want to annihilate the one who hurt us and anyone who reminds us of that person.

We must control these urges. We must quench these fires of vengeance with the waters of forgiveness. If we do not we will obsess about how we can destroy the ones we feel are threatening us.

If we are not careful our desire to destroy will drive us to extreme acts and we could become that one man that destroys the world instead of heals it ... because we have that much power.

One woman has that much power. One child.

Notice of Environment Act Proposal

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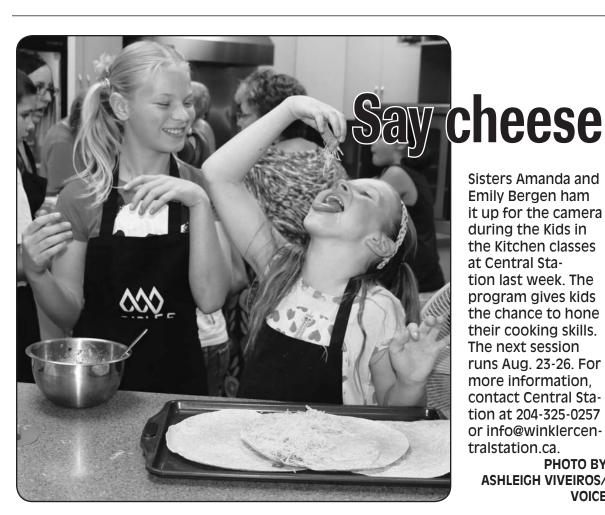
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Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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Sisters Amanda and Emily Bergen ham it up for the camera during the Kids in the Kitchen classes at Central Station last week. The program gives kids the chance to hone their cooking skills. The next session runs Aug. 23-26. For more information, contact Central Station at 204-325-0257 or info@winklercentralstation.ca.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Eric Fehr with his family after helping the Pittsburgh Penguins win the Stanley Cup last month. Fehr has been named as this year's Winkler Harvest Festival and Exhibition parade marshal.

Eric Fehr named Harvest Festival parade marshal

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Hometown hockey hero Eric Fehr will lead this year's Harvest Festival and Exhibition's Saturday morning parade, festival officials announced last week.

Fehr, who was in town Wednesday alongside the Stanley Cup he helped the Pittsburgh Penguins win last month, has been named the 2016 parade marshal.

"Winning the Stanley Cup is, of course, the culmination of anybody's hockey career, and so it's great that we can honour him in this way," said festival director Deb Penner. "This gives people an opportunity to congratulate and holler at him from the sidelines and for him to kind of feel the love and really get a feel for the support from the community."

This won't be Fehr's first time in the role—he previously marshalled the parade in 2005 when he won the WHL's Memorial Trophy during his time with the Brandon Wheat Kings.

"He's probably the first person to ever be given this honour twice," noted Penner.

Group working on bringing natural gas to region

By Lorne Stelmach

A group of municipalities are working together to bring natural gas to south central Manitoba.

Representatives from 10 municipalities have formed the Growth and Prosperity Stakeholders Group to spearhead the construction of the South Central Natural Gas Project.

If successful, the estimated \$54 million venture could provide natural gas access to over 16 communities and 19 Hutterite colonies in the area including rural customers throughout the region.

A big reason for the push for this project now is the upcoming 2017 deadline for the province's ban on petroleum coke and coal heating.

Banning the use of coal for space heating was introduced in 2014 because it is a significant contributor to climate change, as is petroleum coke, which is derived from oil refining, but the province allowed a grace period into 2017.

Natural gas is a low cost and reliable heating source for industrial and commercial uses as well as for public hospitals, schools and recreation facilities, said Jolene Rutter, project manager for the Growth and Prosperity Stakeholders Group.

A number of local communities including many of the colonies in the region have relied on coal up to now, Rutter said.

She added, though, that it is also a matter of the area needing to catch up and keep pace. The south central region is the largest area that still does not have access to natural gas in

southern Manitoba, and they see this as a necessary investment to promote the continued growth of the region and make it desirable for more future development.

"We look to our neighbours to either side of us ... we do find that we're kind of this missing puzzle piece in southern Manitoba without access to natural gas," said Rutter. "When we look to our neighours ... those areas are rapidly developing ... we feel that we would also like to expand the competitive local marketplace and encourage economic development here. Not having access to natural gas, this area can often be overlooked."

The discussions so far have involved

the municipalities and RMs of Norfolk, Treherne, Victoria, Glenboro-South Cypress, Prairie Lakes, Lorne, Argyle, Cartwright-Roblin, Louise, Thompson and Pembina.

Rutter said they are working with Manitoba Hydro on the logistics of bringing natural gas to these communities.

It is estimated the project will cost \$54 million, but the group anticipates annual fuel cost savings of \$2.4 million for the region.

The aim is to have a finalized plan in place by 2017 with construction starting by 2018 and full gas service in the region by 2020. They see the project needing the support of the three lev-

els of government in order for it to go ahead.

"That would be on condition of getting that local funding as well as provincial and federal funding in addition to completing all environmental assessments," said Rutter

Their belief is that the provincial and federal governments will see the level of involvement and commitment as a strong selling point.

"It is a rather large and extensive project," said Rutter. "We're hoping that with that amount of population ... that the province and federal government will see that as valuable and see the need for this project."

Winkler-Morden police blotter

• July 14: There were no injuries as a result of a motor vehicle accident at the corner of Thornhill St. and 7th St. in Morden around 5 p.m. this day.

When police arrived, two vehicles were observed facing westbound on the highway. Fire and paramedics were on scene as well to check on the condition of the occupants.

It was determined that a vehicle travelling westbound on Thornhill St. was following another vehicle and, due to the sun, did not see the brake lights of the vehicle in front and collided with it.

Both vehicles sustained extensive damage and required towing.

• July 14: Just before 9 p.m., Winkler Police checked out a van parked at the Winkler Library and noted an odour of fresh marijuana coming from inside.

A search of the van produced six grams of marijuana along with a marijuana grinder.

A 22-year-old occupant of the van claimed ownership to the contraband and relinquished it for destruction. The man was given an adult caution for the offence and advised that a second incident would result in more severe consequences.

• July 16: Just after 2 a.m., Winkler Police responded to a call from a

camper at the Winkler Campground advising of two men who had just broken into a camper.

Officers arrived and learned that two campers were out walking and had just rounded the corner to a friend's camper when an unknown male was seen exiting the door. A second male was observed nearby as the lookout.

A description of the suspects was provided to officers, who, while responding, encountered one male fitting the description riding his bicycle on Main St. at Mountain Ave.

Local author launching new book at Camp Hughes

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By Lorne Stelmach

A little known historic military site in Manitoba comes to life each year with heritage day activities at Camp Hughes.

This year, it is getting a further boost not only with a plaque unveiling but the release of a book about the site.

"The focus is letting people know that this place exists. It's the only site like this in the British Commonwealth today," said local historian and author Bruce Tascona. "Everything was left intact. This is like a snapshot ... the only one of its kind that exists."

Tascona's latest

book Camp Hughes - The War Years is being officially launched in conjunction with the unveiling of a memorial plaque at the Camp Hughes Military Training Site near Carberry July 24.

There will be a variety of commemorative activities as well at what is the only remaining First World War training grounds in Canada.

Along with the unveiling at 11:30 a.m., historians in period uniforms will guide tours of the trench system and even go "over the top" in a simulated trench assault.

Tascona said they want to give "the feeling of what it was like to leave the safety of the trenches and go over the top. I think it's going to be quite elab-

It is an opportunity to get a glimpse

of some of the training Canadian soldiers would have received as they prepared to fight in Europe during the Great

Camp Hughes was an essential training base for Canada's army. Over 48,000 soldiers trained there, making it for a time the second-largest city in Manitoba.

Yet most people are not aware of what was a very

important and significant site in our history.

"It's quite the military training camp. There's 10 kilometres of trenches that still are there. They brought back soldiers who were training these fellows who were coming up through the ranks," said Tascona.

The annual Heritage Day has been going on for about 10 years now and usually attracts 200 to 300 people



SUBMITTED PHOTOS The heritage day festivities at the **Camp Hughes Military Training** Site near Carberry this weekend will include actors dressed in period garb and a look at what the trenches of the First World War would have

been like.



300 people actually take the time to drive there," said Tascona.

Camp Hughes is located 10 km west

"This is an isolated little place ... yet of Carberry. Turn south at the junction of Highway 351 and the Trans-Canada Highway and follow the signs.

Candlewick brings Robin Hood to the stage

Coming of age story runs at the Manitou Opera House the next two weekends

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Robin Hood and his Merry Men are coming to the Manitou Opera House this weekend, though they may not be quite as you remember them—not yet, at least.

Candlewick Players presents Robin Hood: Dark of the Woods as its summer production this year, with shows July 22-24 and July 29-31.

Director and writer Richard Klassen said the show is very much Candlewick's own take on the Robin Hood legend.

"There's so many different Robin Hood stories that are out there," he said. "We decided what we were going to do with this one was sit down

with a blank piece of paper and just ask ... 'Why is the Sheriff the bad guy? What made Robin become the person who he is?'

"It's a coming-of-age adventure" set just before the more traditional tales of the man who robs from the rich to give to the poor.

Bringing the story to life is a cast and crew of over 40 people hailing from all across southern Manitoba.

"This group really well represents the area, right from La Riviere through to Winkler and up to Carman," Klassen said. "So many people have gotten involved. There's a variety of people that are new to the stage with us this year, and we still have some old favourite that are back

The medieval story gives the troupe the chance to add a few new things to their repertoire.

"We've got a few of our acrobat dancers doing some fun stuff with it, and then of course there's the sword fighting choreography," Klassen said, noting they also have a song written by Morden's Alex Klages for the

"The actors were also very involved. They got to contribute to the development of their characters," he added. "That gives them a little bit more ownership than taking a character that's already there. Here they were able to contribute to the process."

This latest Candlewick show is, as always, a family-friendly production, though Klassen stresses this is not Disney's version of the classic tale.

"Of course you can't do Robin Hood without bows and arrows. It's iconic

to the character," he said. "So there is a is a scene or two where someone does get shot [with an arrow] on

They are not graphic scenes, he said, but they do come with some emotional weight to them.

"The idea is Robin loses some people who he holds dear to him ... It's meant to be a drama. It is delving into the characters and their back stories," Klassen said. "We wanted to put it out there to parents that if you've got a three-year-old that really wants to come, it's probably not for them. It's more geared for older youth, teens, and adults."

More detailed show information is available online at candlewick.ca.

Tickets are available by calling 204-825-8406 or stopping by the Pembina Hills Art Gallery in Morden or CJ's Convenience in Manitou.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

The first session of Morden's Park Days camp ran last week, giving kids a place to burn off some of that excess summer energy with crafts, games, and spray park fun in Morden Park. The next session runs daily from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 8-12. Registration is \$10 per day of \$40 for the whole week. To register your child, contact the city at 204-822-5431 or programs@mordenmb.com.

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The man was apprehended without incident and stated he and his friend had just been mistaken at the campground for two guys who had broken into a camper.

By the time officers arrived at the campground, the second suspect had already been caught by several other campers who gave chase. Two coolers belonging to the victims were found a short distance from the campground.

Two youths, aged 15 and 17, will face charges in connection with the incident. Both have been released with a variety of conditions.

• July 16: Winkler officers were called by a resident of Crystal Crescent after he observed a pickup truck being driven recklessly in the back lane area behind his home.

After hearing and seeing the truck, the caller had gone outside and waved at the truck to stop. The occupants responded by reversing the vehicle towards Park St. where they abandoned the truck and fled on foot.

Tire tracks indicated that the truck entered several back yards and gardens adjacent to the back lane area.

The investigation determined that the truck was stolen from Parkview Dr. and that it had sustained substantial damage since being stolen. The incident remains under investigation.

Winkler Police are also investigating several other incidents of vehicles being damaged and broken into overnight this past week. They remind residents to keep their vehicle and building doors locked for the night and to call them if they see any suspicious activity.

• July 17: Morden Police are investigating the theft of a motor vehicle that occurred sometime overnight.

The owner parked his 2008 blue Pontiac G5 in his driveway on 10th St. in Morden around 5:30 p.m. the night before. He went out late the next morning to find his vehicle gone.

The vehicle was recovered later that same day parked on Grandeur St. in Winkler.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Morden Police Service at 204-822-4900.

• July 17: Morden Police are seeking information in connection to a report of a 2002 brown Chrysler Intrepid parked at a residence on Thornhill St. that had been rummaged through sometime overnight. Nothing appears to have been taken from the vehicle.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police.

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way all around the city, followed by music on the Parkland stage from the Harvey Allen Band and The Color.

The number of truckers taking part in the fundraiser has grown exponentially over the last few years, Bueckert said.

"The first year we had 15 trucks come and, really, they brought in a barbecue and they had some hot dogs and that was it," she recalled. "And now we're at 118 trucks, The Color on the Main Stage ... it was just huge and nobody could have planned for it to have grown so fast.

"People are very excited to be able to have this event where they can all come together, it doesn't matter which company you drive for, and be able to just meet up in one place for the greater good."

With 118 participating trucks, the 2016 rally blew the 105-truck record set by last year's event out of the wa-

"I keep saying, 'Guys, we can't keep growing. At some point you've got to stop," said Bueckert. "But [the numbers] keep going up.

"We are so grateful for the support that comes with it. We had so many more sponsors this year," she added. "We had trucking companies calling us and asking how they could sponsor. We didn't need to go ask. It's amazing to see."

The Katie Cares portion of the money raised is earmarked for the Katie's Cottage respite home that recently opened its doors near the Boundary Trails Health Centre. The other half of the funds will go to Donate Love to help out an anonymous family in need.

Both these causes resonate deeply with the event's organizers and its many supporters, Bueckert said.

"We're all family people and so all of us can see the need out there that Katie Cares touches," she said. "And



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

A convoy of 118 semitrucks set out from the Stanley Ag. grounds on Grandeur Ave. Saturday to make their way around Winkler in support of Katie Cares and Donate Love. The day also included children's activities, food vendors, a dunk tank (right), classic car show (below), and musical entertainment from the Harvey Allen Band and The Color.

same with Donate Love ... There are hard-working families that just need a break once in a while and that's what we're trying to do. Some people fall through the cracks, and this is an organization that catches them and gives them a little bit of help."

To everyone who took part this year, Bueckert and her fellow organizers send out their gratitude.

"A huge thank-you for sticking through in the rain," she said.





• HEALTH CORNER

Choosing wisely: less is more

By Dr. Leanne Nause

I think I speak for most primary care providers when I say we truly want what's best for our patients.

Whatever the health concern, we try to encompass the patient's goals and expectations while staying on top of the most evidence-based medicine and applying common sense and compassion.

Why might your health care provider be reluctant to order a test or give you a treatment? Many investigations and treatments have possible side effects, as well as costs. Potentially, the results will not alter

the course of your illness.

There is a nation-wide campaign occurring called "Choosing Wisely Canada" whose motto is "Less is More."

This principal is not new, but in the development of technology and treatments we sometimes overdo it.

We should think,"How is a result going to change treatment?' and if it's not, why order it? And if there is a potential to cause grief or harm, then there is reason NOT to order

One example is getting an x-ray of





Blast from the past



The 20th annual Pembina Valley Rendezvous drew the crowds to Stanley Park last week in celebration of the trapper's way of life. The day included food, music, skills competitions, and countless demonstrations. Clockwise from above: Jay Ruston fires his flintlock muzzle loader; a chainsaw artist puts the finishing touches on a wooden owl; a modern frontiersman dresses the part; visitors watch as a blacksmith makes nails from an iron rod.

PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT



Hwy. 32 improvement work starts Monday

Work on Hwy. 32 through Winkler is finally slated to get underway next week.

The first stage of improvements to the PTH. 32 and Pembina Ave. intersection begins on Monday, which means drivers will be detoured around the area while workers install new traffic lights and additional lanes.

Phase one of the project will stretch from South-

view Dr. to Victoria St. and take until September to complete.

During that time, drivers will be diverted to Manitoba Road (by the airport), Pembina Ave East, Eastview Dr., and Cargill Road.

The second stage begins after Labour Day and will shut down Pembina Ave. East from the highway to Manitoba Road for a couple of weeks.

These improvements come with a \$1.3 million price tag, of which Winkler is contributing about 20 per cent, with the provincial government covering the rest.

Project updates and detour maps will be available online at cityofwinkler.ca or on the City of Winkler's Facebook page.



Friday a success

A volunteer serves up a pulled pork meal at The Bunker's booth last Friday during the summer's second Food Truck Festival. Winklerites lined up at Bethel Heritage Park over the lunch hour to enjoy food from The Bunker, Smokin' Haut, Spenst Brothers, and Mr. D23. The vendors will be back for the final Food Truck Friday of the summer on Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Swing for Safety raises \$6K

By Lorne Stelmach

The 13th annual golf tournament fundraiser in support of the Genesis House women's shelter brought in around \$6,000 this year.

There were 34 golfers participating in the Swing For Safety golf tournament July 8 in Miami.

The total is up from \$4,800 last year, with a big part of its success coming from business support.

"It's our sponsors that help us out so much ... that is what brings us the most money," noted Karen Hildebrand, executive assistant for the South Central Committee on Family Violence.

The tournament has become a major and important fundraising event for the organization by helping ensure access to a number of family programs while also raising community awareness.

"It helps us to do the extra stuff with the moms and kids. We don't get extra funding for programs that we want to do ... so this helps us do that with funding," said Hildebrand.

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the lower back. In the initial stages of an episode of back pain, an x-ray very seldom will show any abnormality, and even more likely not going to change the advised treatment options.

Ninety per cent of back pain will resolve by one month. A back x-ray is cited as having 75 times more radiation than a chest x-ray. Your health care provider can determine if there are features of your illness that would indicate further testing is needed.

Many patients prefer to be on as few treatments as possible. So keep in mind the natural ways to keep yourself healthy: exercise, sleep, eat whole foods instead of processed foods, quit smoking, moderate any alcohol intake and, last but not least, go outside for a little sunshine and some fresh air!

Want more information? Check out www.choosingwiselycanada.



Leafy inspirat

Garden lovers got the chance to be inspired last Saturday by the truly amazing yards on this year's Morden Grow Your Roots Art and Garden Tour. After stopping by the Pembina Hills Arts Council to pick up a map, participants on this self-guided tour organized by the council and the

tour organized by the council and the Morden horticultural society made their way to 12 different yards in and around the city. Clockwise from right: Visitors check out the Braun family's yard on Falcon Dr.; Margie Hildebrand paints the scene before her in the gardens beside Quilter's Den; the Bataluk yard on 12th St. is a veritable forest of foliage.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE



Manitoba's credit rating drops

Manitoba's Finance Minister says the new Conservative government has a plan to return fiscal balance to the province's financial outlook.

Last week, S&P Global Ratings downgraded Manitoba's credit rating from a AA to AA-, citing the province's rising debt burden.

The agency said in a release that this negative outlook "reflects our view that the province faces significant medium-term challenges to restoring its fiscal balances."

It also speculated there is a one-inthree chance the province's financial targets will not be met.

Friesen said the downgrade is disappointing, but the provincial government is tackling these financial issues head-on.

"While we are disappointed with the credit downgrade released today, our government is committed to improving the challenging fiscal position that our province finds itself in as a result of the over-spending and missed targets witnessed under the previous administration," he said in a statement.

Friesen said the Manitoba government has "presented a responsible and achievable plan that will return the province to balance within our second term while protecting the front-line services that Manitobans rely upon."

Friesen added that the government's 2016 budget reduces the core deficit by 12 per cent over the 2015-16 projections and maintains annual spending growth at 2.7 per cent—in line with the government's commitment to keeping annual spending growth below three per cent.

"We intend to meet those targets," he said.



Spotside > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN



PHOTOS BY RICK HIEBERT

Above: Competitors take to the water to start the Sprint event at the Morden Triathlon on Saturday. Right: Some of the many volunteers help runners hydrate during the running leg under the July sun.

Morden Triathlon draws over 200 athletes

"IT'S THE

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By Ashleigh Viveiros

The heavy rain held off just long enough on Saturday for all the athletes in the 2016 Morden International Triathlon to cross the finish line.

"The race course closed at three o'clock," said race director and 3rd Wave Tri Club president Colin Sibilleau. "We had one athlete left and she beat the closing time by probably about a minute and two minutes after she crossed the finish line the heavens opened up and we got that huge downpour that lasted two hours."

While lighter showers earlier made for some messy transition areas between the races's swimming, biking, and running legs, all in all organizers

couldn't have hoped for a more perfect weekend, Sibilleau said.

"Transition was a little bit muddy, but other than that it was just perfect. We couldn't have asked for a better day, for a better two days, actually."

In all, 130 athletes came out for Saturday's events, which included Half Ironman, Foilman, Sprint, and Duathlon events starting out from Colert Beach and taking participants in and around Morden.

"Numbers were pretty average for us," said Sibilleau. "A little bit down from last year, but not significantly. We've got a really good solid base of ath-

letes and they come back every year." Another 90 youth athletes came out on Sunday for the Kids of Steel event, along with six adult competitors test-

ing the waters at the Try-a-Tri.

The Morden Triathlon continues to get high marks across the board from its participants, who hailed from all over Manitoba, the U.S., and even the Northwest Territories this year.

"We always get very good feedback," said Sibilleau. "I had long-time triathlete who was in Morden for the first time tell me the Morden Triathlon is by far the most enjoyable triathlon he's been to in a long time.

"To hear that from an experienced triathlete, it means that we're putting on a good show."

None of it would be possible without the community's support, Sibilleau stressed.

"Once again the community came out in full force," he said. "I've got to



And the winners are ...

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say that, really, it's the volunteers that keep this event going. Without the volunteers we would not have a Morden Triathlon."

The winners of the main events included:

- Half-Ironman: Les Friesen took first once again with a time of 4:17:58. He was followed by Charles Kostyk at 4:39:37 and Raymond Avanthay at 4:44:13. The top female finisher was Bernadine Kostyk, who completed the race in 5:31:48.
- Half-Ironman Relay: Team Not Again took first with a time of 6:28:23. Second place went to Team Freckler

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT

A competitor makes the transition to the bike leg in the Half Ironman

with a time of 6:37:53.

- Foilman: Joshua Malenchak took first (2:11:51), Neil Ferguson came in second (2:27:35), and Quinn Dykstra placed third (2:28:38). First female across the finish line was Maria Arlt with a time of 2:50:30.
- Foilman Relay: Team No Diggity took first with their time of 2:53:42. Second went to Team Tipsy (3:06:47).
- Sprint Triathlon: Marc Fournier completed it first (1:06:40), Carson McComb took second (1:09:46), and Kevin Earl came in third (1:10:09).
- Sprint Duathlon: John Tomlinson took first (1:21:14), Janelle McLeod was second (1:40:59), and Kevin Hope was third (1:42:57).

Pilots, Whips finish season tied in wins-losses

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pilot Mound Pilots and newcomers the Winkler Whips both finished the Border West Baseball League regular season with 13-5 records, though the Pilots snagged the number one spot thanks to stronger statistics.

Rounding out the top three is the Baldur Regals, who finished the season at 12-5.

Morden's Redskins, who were in tight competition for first place just a few weeks ago, ended the season in fourth with a 10-8 record.

Morden played their final game of the season against the Pilots July 12, losing 8-1.

The first round of playoffs were slated to get underway this Thursday with the one-game wild card playoffs. Morden hosts the Cartwright Twins at 7 p.m. and the Killarney Lakers

host Baldur.

From there, the best of three semifinals will pit the Whips against the lower seeded wild card winner and the Pilots against the higher seeder winner.

While their teams took a bit of a breather before launching into playoffs, the Border West All-Star team headed to Stonewall last weekend to attempt to defend their Senior AA Provincial Championship.

Border west downed Santa Clara 10-5 in their opening matched, fell to Elmwood 5-0 in game two, and then bested St. Boniface 8-6. They came up short in the three-way tie break and so did not advance to the semi-finals.

Locals on the team were Sam Bryson, Jesse Mutcheson, Chris Moffat, Pearce McDonald, and Derek Holinski from the Mohawks, Anthony Friesen from Pilot Mound, and Josh Ginter from the Whips.

Orioles trounce St. James A's 11-1

Rain washed out their other scheduled games this past week, but the Pembina Valley Orioles made up for it with a 11-1 win over the visiting St. James A's on Monday.

Pembina Valley currently sits in the league's fifth-place spot behind the Brandon Marlins, Winnipeg South, Elmwood Giants, and the Altona Bisons with an 8-10 record.

The final of weeks of the regular season include the Orioles hosting the Altona Bisons on Wednesday, Winnipeg South on Friday at 7 p.m., and the Carillon Sultans Saturday at 4 p.m. Next week they host the Sultans for another make-up game on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Pembina Valley Orioles' Xander Wieler safely steals second base in what was to be a double-header against the Brandon Marlins on Saturday. The teams played eight innings and were tied at 6-6 before the afternoon's downpour forced them to call it quits.



Winkler rugby player off to nationals next month

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Just two months after he first stepped out onto a rugby pitch, Winkler's Reinhart Blignaut is preparing to represent his province at Nationals next month.

The 15-year-old flanker made the cut for the Manitoba U16 rugby team and is now preparing for the National Championship Festival being held in Toronto Aug. 15-21.

"We had to go to one practice a week in Winnipeg ... just full-out rugby and learning a lot of skills," Blignaut said of the try-out process this spring. "And we did some touch games so we could start to get the feel of it."

In addition to competing in the Prairie Regional Championships in Saskatoon July 9-10, the U16 hopefuls had earlier headed to Brandon to compete against another team of

players looking to represent Manitoba at the national level.

"They combined our two teams, all the best players in Manitoba, and that makes up Team Manitoba," Blignaut explained, noting only about 20 guys made the cut from a larger pool of over 30 players.

Now the team has their sights set on competing against the best in their age group in Canada next month.

It's an exciting honour, Blignaut

"I actually just started playing rugby two months ago, so I'm a little inexperienced, but I still made the team. It was a tough tryout," he said. "It's my first time [competing at this level]. It should be a lot of fun."

Blignaut said he was pulled into the sport naturally—he comes from a rugby-loving family.

"My parents are really into it so



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY JOHN WOODS

Winkler's Reinhart Blignaut leaps for the ball in a recent rugby match. The 15-year-old will represent Manitoba at the U16 National Championship Festival being held in Toronto next month.

I've watched a lot," he said. "It's a big thinking game. You're constantly thinking, 'Where do I have to be? What's my purpose. How am I supposed to help out?' It's very complicated. It's kind of like chess, but on a

Back 40 bike race takes to the hills Aug. 14

By Lorne Stelmach

It's a challenging race for cyclists, but with options that make it accessible to varying ages and abilities.

If that isn't enough of a selling point, then there is the fact the Back 40 Mountain Bike race is held on the beautiful trails around Lake Minnewasta

The race, held Aug. 14 this year, represents some of the most fun and flowing single track trails on the prairies, said organizer Peter Loewen of Country Cycle in Winkler.

"Since the race started, people have realized we have some of the best single track trails in Manitoba. The quality of the trails is really good here," Loewen said in advance of the event organized in conjunction with Tinker Creek Cycle.

"A lot of places you'll get big ups and downs. The thing about the Lake Minnewasta trail is it flows ... you do have some of the big ups, but the majority of the time it's just nice and flows. You're still exerting yourself, but it's not just big ups, big downs ... a good flow is what the lake trail is known for," he said.

"To have a trail at that level that is so accessible to everybody ... the fact that we have one right here in our backyard is special."

The event was started by James

Friesen and John Loewen of Tinker Creek Cycle about six years ago; Loewen came on board three years

The race includes two sections of gravel road for a few miles, but it is mostly a roller coaster of single track dirt trail with over a dozen short to medium length bridges on the course.

New this year is a three lap option in addition to the one, two, and five lap categories. The race also offers different categories for all abilities and ages, including the kids.

"We put together a really small little fun course [for the kids]," said Loewen. "There's a mini version of the adults course for the kids who are maybe nine to 15 years of age."

Each lap is just over 16 kilometres, he said, so the five lap race offers a stronger challenge for "people who really thrive on the more endurance level of racing ... that's what they train

"To do it five times takes an incred-

ible amount of energy and endurance," Loewsuggested. "There's a lot of guys who take on the challenge of five laps ... last year I think we had 80 per cent of people dropping

out ... the heat didn't help any ... a select few guys will actually make it and make it in good time."

The race usually attracts between 130 and 150 racers, and they are starting to come from further away every year as word spreads.

"The last two years I've seen more people coming out from Saskatchewan ... we're getting the word out in North Dakota a little bit more too,"

Loewen said. "We're seeing some of the benefits of that ... attracting people who are looking for the challenge," he said, adding they have also been working as well to attract the sponsorship to make it more attrac-

tive to racers.

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"I've been trying to promote the race by getting sponsors, getting the prize money up."

If you're interested in taking part, go to www.countrycycle.ca or look up the race page on Facebook.

Kickers drop Storm, 'Canes fall to Classics

The Winkler Storm lost a close battle to the first-place Hanover Kickers Sunday, falling 3-2.

The loss brings the team's record to three wins, four losses, and three ties in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Division 1. That places them in a tie for seventh place with FC Internazionale.

This weekend Winkler travels to play the Brittania Rovers Friday and then hosts the World Soccer Academy Sunday at 3 p.m. at the 15th St. field.

Also falling this week were the South Central Hurricanes, who lost to the Classics 4-1 in front of a home-

town crowd on Monday. Erica Heppner got Winkler's lone goal.

That brings the ladies' record to 4-6-2 in the Winnipeg Womens Soccer League, keeping them hovering around fifth place.

Coming up, the team heads to Winnipeg to face the Titans next Monday.



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Agriculture

KAP to back Brandon's push for soybean processing plant

By Harry Siemens

At its advisory council meeting in Brandon last week, Keystone Agricultural Producers voted to support the Brandon Chamber of Commerce in its efforts to attract a large-scale soybean processing plant to Manitoba.

"The soybean acreage in the province has been steadily increasing as a result of new varieties that are suited to western Canada's shorter growing season," says KAP president Dan Mazier. "Traditionally, this crop was only produced in areas with longer growing seasons."

Manitoba's soybean production has increased from 100,000 acres in 2005 to an estimated 1.7 million in 2016, and is expected to increase further next year.

"There are several smaller facilities in the province that process soybeans, but there is nothing as large as the proposed plant," Mazier says. "As a result, much of our soybean crop is shipped elsewhere for processing.

"An in-province facility of this size would mean lower shipping costs and would help farmers realize a greater profit for their soybeans. In addition, it would create jobs and economic activity here in Manitoba."

Killarney area producer Les Routledge was instrumental in doing the research on getting a soybean crushing plant in Manitoba. He says it is nice to learn that someone actually has responded to the analysis his group did for the City of Brandon.

"I am 100 per cent convinced that there will be a soy plant located in Manitoba," says Routledge. "I also believe the optimum location is migrating west every year as acres expand in southwest Manitoba and southeast Saskatchewan.

"Our team recommended that the lead actor in the process be assigned to the Ag Committee of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce. There are some really dynamic people who make up that committee and they are best positioned to deal with the companies and investors who could make this possible development a reality."

The idea is also backed up by a feasibility study released by the federal and provincial governments last year.

The study determined a crushing facility would be economically viable based on the growth of the province's soybean acreage and the demand for soybean meal in the western Canadian livestock industry. Manitoba cur-

rently produces nearly 20 percent of all soybeans grown in the country.

The study said the benefits of a soybean crushing plant would include an expanded local market for soybean growers; the ability to avoid rail transportation needed to export commodities like soybeans; a new, local protein feed source for livestock farmers; and overall economic benefits estimated at \$190 million per year based on construction and job creation.

Ag Minister Eichler hosts consultation

By Harry Siemens

Ag leaders and farmers are hailing the recent government consultation with agriculture stakeholders as a huge step forward.

Representatives from more than 100 agricultural groups participated at the event in Portage La Prairie to gather input and discuss the development of strategies to help grow the agriculture sector.

Ag Minister Ralph Eichler says agriculture and food production are important economic drivers in Manitoba and the government wants to ensure stakeholders play a key role developing a targeted growth strategy.

"We're trying to get ready for our

federal, provincial, territorial ministerial meeting coming up in July and I want to be able to carry Manitoba's views and their thoughts as we go forward to meet with my counterparts across Canada," he says.

Eichler says two outreaches—the first one in June and the one in Portage last week-gives them lots of feedback and an opportunity to get it

"Manitoba has been a leader and we want to just take it to the next level and make sure we get more information out to our other colleagues who have been actually calling and reaching out saying, 'What are you hearing in Manitoba?' So we're excited about that and have that opportunity," he

says."They want to have the ability to be able to say I talked to the minister about this, yes it's important, yes this is what we need to deliver, and how are we going to do that together?"

Eichler estimates the province will be ready to move forward with a Targeted Growth Strategy for Agriculture within the next six to eight

Andrew Dickson, general manager of Manitoba Pork, says government can best assist farmers by creating a regulatory climate that allows agriculture to access the resources needed to remain competitive in a global

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Let your voice be heard

By Harry Siemens

Some time ago I wrote a column on the cosmetic pesticide ban in Manitoba and how the costs of controlling weeds on yards and public places cost are so much higher under the new legislation.

Chris Goertzen, president of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and mayor of Steinbach, says the organization does not support the cosmetic pesticide ban that became law in this province under the NDP government in 2015.

"Obviously, it is a regulation that is burdensome to municipalities and, yes, we do want to see this government change it," he says. "If we keep the same level of service and use the product we should be using instead of the ones that are approved by

Health Canada, our costs in Steinbach go from \$18,000 a year to well over \$200,000 plus per year. That's just not doable for RMs. That is just one anecdotal evidence, plus they are much less effective."

I'm not in favour of willy-nilly spraying all kinds of chemicals on your lawns and playgrounds, but I do think the new law is ridiculous.

Under the new PC government, things could change, at least if Manitobans let them know they want change. The province is asking Manitobans to share their experiences with the pesticide ban.

"The purpose of the legislation is to reduce the exposure of people and pets to herbicides used in lawn care for non-essential or cosmetic purposes," said Sustainable Development Minister Cathy Cox."We

are committed to finding the right balance between protecting the environment, minimizing the impact, and providing usable, aesthetic green spaces in our communities."

Manitobans can email submissions to pesticide.review.2016@gov.mb.ca or respond through an online survey www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/ envprograms/initiatives/cosmetic_ pesticides/ until Sept. 12.

I like what this new PC government is doing with the consultative process. Here is your chance to weigh in on the issue, especially as it pertains to cost and ineffectiveness of those products that you can use.

Make your comments known to the government and see whether they will listen to you speaking out. If you

> CONSULTATIONS, FROM PG. 19

Dickson says the Portage session provided a chance for organizations to learn about problems in other sectors and find where they can come together to lay out a game plan.

"First is you have to have farmers, you have to have a productive workforce, you have to have a well trained work force, you have to have farmers who are highly educated and understand their farms and the opportunity that the land provides in terms of productive capacity," he says. "You need capital, you need to have competitive rates. Producers will borrow a lot of money to run their business and we need to have access to that through good times and bad."

Dickson says the ag industry needs to focus on trade agreements to make sure that there's competitive access to more export markets.

He also points out the ag industry, particularly farmers, understand the need to reduce their impact on the environment.

"We have to do it in a sustainable way so that there's business opportunities and a lifestyle that can be passed on to the next generation of producers. We need to maintain the confidence of the general public in that we're following good management practices and we're doing the sorts of things on our farms that a rational clear thinking person would support."

Dan Mazier, president of Keystone Agricultural Producers, says it was especially rewarding to see the variety in turnout last week: there were truckers, food processors, farmers, and many others represented.

This first of its kind consultation meeting goes to show Manitoba's new government is walking the talk, he says, adding it was good to see Eichler staying there all day, being interactive in the discussions.

> SIEMENS SAYS, FROM PG. 19

don't, then I guess we just need to pay the higher costs as taxpayers for controlling some of the weeds, but not nearly all of them.

I'm also impressed with our new Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler and the process he and his staff initiated last week in Portage la Prairie.

He invited ag stakeholders across all sectors to come talk about issues related to producing food.

Often ministers open up a confer-

ence like this and then let their staff do the rest. Not so for Eichler. He stayed for the duration and will attend the next provincial ag ministers conference far better prepared than many previous Manitoba ag minis-

In speaking with KAP president Dan Mazier about the Portage conference, he's impressed at the process but also the results. Sitting around a table with representatives from so many groups for Mazier is a definitive plus and a huge step forward.

I'm reminded of what former Manitoba Ag Minister Harry Enns once told me: "It is the government's responsibility to put the infrastructure in place, including workable, common sense regulations, and then get out of the way."

Here's hoping this PC government and the new ag minister has the same ideals.

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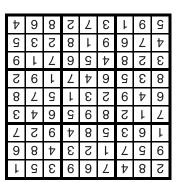
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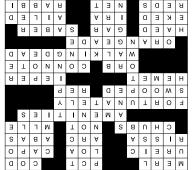
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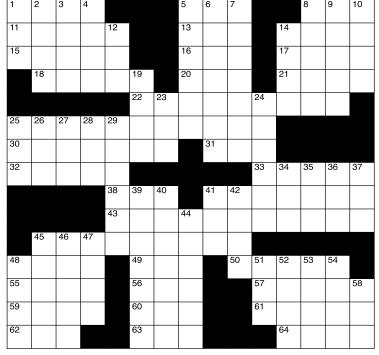
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Blackbird (Scot.)
- 5. Part of (abbr.)
- 8. Large fish
- 11. Of urea
- 13. Mauna , Hawaiian volcano
- 14. Organized crime head
- 15. Bird genus
- 16. Curve
- 17. Greek sophist
- 18. Thick river fish
- 20. Negative
- 21. Young woman (French)
- 22. Extra features
- 25. Luckily
- 30. Pounced
- 31. Congressman
- 32. 92543
- 33. Flemish names of Ypres
- 38. Spherical body
- 41. Imply
- 43. Popular zombie TV show
- 45. Drink
- 48. Used to have (Scottish)
- 49. Former hoopster Heard
- 50. California graffiti artist
- 55. Managed
- 56. Irish military organization
- 57. Felt ill
- 59. Larkin, Rose, Bench
- 60. Used to catch fish
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- **62. Andahuaylas Airport**
- 63. Google development expert
- 64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Central European river
- 2. Actor Bana
- 3. 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet



- 4. Southeast Asian ethnic group
- 5. Celestial body
- 6. Investigator
- 7. Tangible
- 8. Type of television
- 9. Opaque gems
- 10. Portion
- 12. Carriage
- 14. Women's undergarment
- 19. Of sound mind
- 23. Mentally ill
- 24. Office skill
- 25. Follicle-stimulating hormone
- 26. An obligation to repay
- 27. Read-only memory
- 28. The lower end
- 29. Billy knew a girl from here
- 34. Not the beginning

- 35. He wrote "The Raven" 36. When you'll get there
- **37. Celtics legend Auerbach**
- 39. Making fun of
- 40. Made dim
- 41. Heston character El ___
- 42. Small integers
- 44. Unarmed combat
- 45. Made of wood
- 46. Rex and Sorenson to name two
- 47. Affixes
- 48. Wife of Zeus
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- 54. Runnin' __: UNLV nickname
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OBITUARY

Ruth Lydia Ching (nee Brenner) 1929 - 2016

Died peacefully at Boundary Trails Health Centre on May 25, 2016. Predeceased by her parents Carl Brenner and Elizabeth (Ulmer) Brenner, sister Emily (Ulmer) Horning, husband Gordon Robert Ching, daughter Beverley (Ching) Martens, and sons-inlaw Cyril Connors and Darryl Martens. Survived by daughters Kathleen Connors Pouch Cove, NL, Sandra (Kent) Hamilton Glenboro, MB, granddaughter Kara Connors (Robin Vaters) Pouch Cove NL, great-granddaughters Kyleigh and Gracie Vaters. Ruth's life was also filled with the love and support of a number of nephews and nieces, close neighbours and friends.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service and ash interment will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2016 at St. Paul's United Church with ash interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Floral arrangements gratefully declined. Friends if they desire, may donate in Ruth's memory to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care or a charity of their choice.

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OBITUARY

William Lyall Dickinson 1938 - 2016

Lyall passed away July 15 at the Health Science Centre at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife Antonette, son Garry (Sharon), daughter Donna. Brother-in-law Ross Bell. Nephews Ryan Bell (Tracie) Spencer and Hudson. Kevin Bell (Kelsie) Kayleigh and Sydney.

He was predeceased by his parents Elmer and Kitty Dickinson and sister Margot Bell.

Lvall loved life, lived it to the fullest and touched many lives.

The family would like to thank the staff at HSC for their care and compassion. Thank-you to our community and families at Pye's Landing for your love and support.

Memorial service will be held on July 20, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Roland United Church with a private interment prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Doyle's Funeral Home in care of arrangements www.doylesfuneralchapel.com



OBITUARY



Gerhard (Jerry) Hildebrand 1929 - 2016

Gerhard "Jerry" Hildebrand, 87, of Winkler, Manitoba died on July 12, 2016 at Boundary Trails Health Centre. He suffered a stroke on Friday, July 9 and was immediately taken to the hospital. Deep appreciation goes to the doctors, nurses and staff at Boundary Trails Health Centre for their professional and compassionate care.

Jerry was born on January 10, 1929 in Friedensruh, near Winkler, to Bernhard and Helena (Reimer) Hildebrand. At age 15 he accepted the love and lordship of Jesus Christ, whom he followed faithfully for the rest of his days. Throughout his life, Jerry had great respect and reverence for God's Word and read through the Bible many times. Jerry was a studious person and memorized Scripture and poetry. He spoke English, German, Low German and Portuguese,

and also was an avid student of New Testament Greek. He graduated from Winkler Collegiate in 1948. There he met his sweetheart, Marjorie (Wiebe) and they were married on August 21, 1952. He was a practical man who enjoyed building projects and yard work, making things straight, level, square and firm. He was careful with his money and enjoyed being generous, especially to missions and to persons in need. Jerry greeted all with enthusiasm and always enjoyed a good laugh; he was honest, trustworthy and faithful. After high school, Jerry was a teacher for a year before attending Tuxedo Normal School where he graduated as valedictorian in 1951. After teaching for a few years, he decided to deepen his theological education in preparation for ministry by completing a Bachelor of Theology degree at Mennonite Brethren Bible College. He was ordained as an Evangelical Mennonite Missions Conference (EMMC) minister on June 26, 1955 and taught at Winkler Bible School. In 1961, he and Marjorie and three of their children, headed off for three terms of service, totaling 16 years, as missionaries to Brazil with the West Indies Mission (now World Team). Their ministry included language study, evangelism, church planting, radio ministry and teaching. Even overseas he continued to study by distance learning and in 1966 received a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Manitoba. In 1976, the family moved back and settled in Winkler where Jerry served as the Missions director for the EMMC until 1985. A lifelong learner and consummate student, Jerry decided to pursue post graduate studies, securing a Master of Arts degree from Wheaton College Graduate School and a Doctorate of Missiology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. They returned to Manitoba where he served as a professor at Steinbach Bible College from 1987-97. Jerry was also a writer. After finishing his dissertation in 1997, he wrote a history of Steinbach Bible College, the history of the EMMC, and Exploring the Word: A Self-Help Manual of 21 Lessons on Bible Doctrine. He was a much loved speaker and teacher. After his teaching career, Jerry and Marjorie served as volunteers with Mennonite Central Committee in Aylmer, Ontario working with Low German Mennonites from Mexico. They returned to Winkler where Jerry served as associate pastor at the EMMC church. After his retirement in 2003, he continued to teach Bible classes and studies, worked with the Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship and with Mariorie at the Winkler Heritage Society.

Jerry was predeceased by his parents, his siblings, Helen Churchill, Esther Krahn and Dan Hildebrand as well as one infant grandson, Micah Joel Lavallée. He leaves behind his beloved life companion, Marjorie; his children, Bruce (Ruth Rennie) Hildebrand of Winnipeg, MB, Lloyd Hildebrand of Oklahoma City, OK, Rebecca (Gilbert) Lavallée of Abu Dhabi, UAE, Mark (Rita) Hildebrand of St. Catharines, ON and James (Minda) Hildebrand of Cambridge, ON, as well as 13 grandchildren: Kate (Steve) Kinard of Houston, TX, Benjamin Lavallée of Ottawa, ON, John Hildebrand of Cedar City, UT, Andrew (Emma) Hildebrand of St. Catharines, ON, Emilie Lavallée of Oxford, England, Jeff Hildebrand of Winnipeg, MB, David (Taylor) Hildebrand on their honeymoon, Olivia Lavallée of Victoria, BC, Jazlynn Hildebrand of St. Catharines, ON, Victoria Lavallée studying in Hamilton, ON, Walker Hildebrand of Winnipeg, MB, Ryan Hildebrand of Ottawa, ON, Simon Lavallée of Abu Dhabi, UAE and one great grandchild, Zoe Grace Hildebrand of St. Catharines, ON. His surviving siblings are: Elizabeth Calyn of Winnipeg, MB, Teenie (Sieg) Wall of Winnipeg, MB, Anne Winter of Kitchener, ON, Agnes Pauls of St. Catharines, ON, Mary Dyck of St. Albert, AB, Martha (Jack) Pauls of Calgary, AB and Phyllis (George) Pauls of St Catharines, ON.

Memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2016 at the Winkler EMMC Church with interment prior at Winkler Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, if you so desire, donations may be made in Jerry's memory to Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship You may also donate online at canadahelps.org.

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